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Re: Clark vs Evans - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:43:54 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:17:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Young

>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 19:48:01 EDT
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 15:38:36 +0100
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

<snip>

>I think there is some confusion of terminology here. The term
>"UFO" is used rather loosely to mean both "Unexplained UFO"
>cases which remain unexplained after a technically competent
>investigation (as Hynek defined it in 1972 in The UFO
>Experience), and "Uninvestigated UFO" cases which remain in a
>holding pattern of indeterminate status until they are
>adequately investigated. Most cases fall into the latter
>category as I will argue below.

<snip>

>Thus we cannot say that "the majority of UFO cases have been
>turned into IFOs." The majority of UFO cases have never been
>turned into anything and remain in an indeterminate IFO/UFO
>status. Given the difficulties in carrying out large numbers of
>UFO investigations globally, it is likely that most UFO cases
>are still uninvestigated.

Hi, Brad:

In general, I agree with your reasoning. Could it be said,
then, that the majority of UFO sighting reports which have been
investigated have turned out to be IFOs?

Since there have been so many separate databases, how would one
approach the use of any statistics from any one or them?

Clear skies,

Bob

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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:23:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:19:41 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Young

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 08:43:13 +0200
>Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 13:05:53 -0400
>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>Some time ago, a casual glance at the book 'The Hynek UFO
>Report' lead me to a puzzling finding about Hynek's research on
>the Elmoor Park (Illinois) case of Nov. 4th, 1957 - see "The
>Squad Car and the Glowing Sphere" in Chapter 8.

>Hynek stated that "according to the men the moon was out that
>night, but to the _East_, whereas the object at that same time
>was toward the _West_" (emphasis added). Nothing more is said
>about this specific point. In fact, it can be verified that the
>moon was indeed to the _West_ near the horizon!

>This could be a good explanation of the sighting, provided that
>the observers had a _clear_westerly_view. Can anyone check
>this?

Dear Manuel Borraz, List:

You may be right.

The time given for the incident in Hynek's book (p. 172) is 3:00 A.M. and the location was Elmwood Park, Ill. The witnesses said that, "The object slowly descended and hovered a few feet off the ground" to the West.

I went to the U. S. Naval Observatory website, "Sun and Moon for a Day", at:

http://riemann.usno.navy.mil/AA/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html#forma

and found that the waxing gibous, 92% illuminated Moon set at 3:32 A.M. It would have been perhaps 5 degrees or so above a true horizon thirty-two minutes before setting, and depending upon horizon obstructions could have appeared nearly at ground level.

This reminds me of an incident that I investigated, here near Harrisburg, a couple years ago. The witness swore that the Moon was in the East and that he saw an object toward the West, on either side of a cloud in a bank of mammaform clouds which filled the sky. I asked him repeatedly about the directions and he was certain that the Moon was to the East because it was illuminating the clouds in that direction.

Of course the Moon would be illuminating the clouds all over the sky. It was also exactly in the direction that the witness said that he saw an object, which set soon after. It boggled my mind, but was just a matter of being confused that it was not the moon because he was mistaken about the moonlight. The witness also said that his sister had seen the same thing in a nearby city. The mammaform cloud formation was also over that place and the lighting would have been the same.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:40:55 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:21:42 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Young

>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 15:24:57 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 08:43:13 +0200

Hi Larry, Manuel:

>Thank you for the opportunity to show off my neat database
>software.

Seems pretty cool.

>The simple fact is there were TWO object seen at about the same
>time, in opposite sides of the sky. Hynek found that
>interesting enough to put an account into his good little book.

The second object thought was seen left and behind when they had turned around in a u-turn and were headed East. They then turned around and headed West again chasing the object. There were sightings of two object, but they could have been the same one.

Clear skies,

Bob

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:28:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>Hi All,

>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>family of five, two adults and three children.

>Any help would be appreciated.

>Regards,

>Roy..

>Check out the UFO noise via Real Audio:

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/Articles.htm>

Hello Roy:

The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

The events supposedly took place 27 OCT 1974 starting around 22:20 hrs in or about Aveley, Essex, England.

The car conked out (presumed EME), and the radio not smoked (or got smoked as I might say.)

The story goes that at least two people in the car were beamed up to some UFO. I have this pigeon-holed as a Saucer or roundish craft. Inside, they were examined by batlike figures and possibly pseudo-humans. There was also some sort of telepathic communication.

My two sources, with all the Halloween details are:

FSR Volume 24 #1, and
Randles, Jenny: Alien Abductions -- The Mystery Solved. Page 29.

I vaguely recall a message from Jenny indicating that this rather unlikely title, at least the last part, was foisted on her by the publishers.

In this particular listing of mine, I have marked the HOX attribute indicating (to me at least) the possibility of some sort of hoax... not proof by any means, just suspicion.

This and 63 other "attributes" enables me to sift and sort cases all sorts of ways for obvious reasons, and for purposes yet unforeseen.

Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:09:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:30:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Hatch

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:52:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Young
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Fate: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:31:34 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO

>>I was searching for some background information on the NAZI
>>German jet fighter, Messerschmitt 262 which saw action in WWII
>>(one of these may still be preserved in a dried up swamp a few
>>kilometers southeast of York University in Toronto, but that's
>>another story) when I came across this NAZI German drawing of a
>>saucer shaped aircraft dated 7 November 1943 (see URL below)
>>which also resembles both the George Adamski and Townsend Brown
>>saucers but predates them.

>><http://www.net.yu/~djordjen/Nazi2.gif>

>Nick:

>Where did you find this page?

>Bob Young

Hello Bob:

Taking a wild stab, I cut off the end of the URL yielding an ISP
of sorts in Yugoslavia (Serbia really, Beograd which we call
Belgrade.)

<http://www.net.yu/>

As for the image presented, anyone with an old typewriter could
have faked that gem up, quite possibly somebody with a name like
Djorjen.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:31:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:33:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 11:23:08 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Kingston, Ontario, Canada

>Hi All:

>I am trying to replace the records that I had up to a few years ago, regarding UFO related incidents in the Quinte Area (Oshawa to Brockville including all of Lake Ontario).

>If anyone has any records of sighting reports in this region, >could you please forward them to me at:

>sliddle@chalktv.com

>Thanks.

>If I ever catch up with the boob who took my files and never >returned them, 'Bam, Boom, Zoom to da moon!' (and if you want to >know the name of this weasel, or why QAPRA folded, contact me >privately via email and I'll let you know).

>Sean Liddle
>President
>Kingston Aerial Phenomenon Research Association (KAPRA)
>Kingston, Ontario
>Canada

Hello Sean:

This may not help much, but I might have a few references to original sources of sightings in your area, i.e. books and journals with page or issue numbers, and a very brief synopsis.

To do this however, I would need a time frame (which years) and some geographical limits, say an eastern and western limit in degrees, and same for North and South.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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da La Rete

From: **Alfredo Lissoni - CUN** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 10:41:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:35:09 -0500
Subject: da La Rete

E' on line - it's on line

La Rete 291

<http://web.tiscalinet.it/lareteufo/rete291.htm>

UFO a Lecce ed in Valdichiana - Congresso a Milano - Padre Pio - USO

e-and

La Rete 282

<http://web.tiscalinet.it/lareteufo/rete292.htm>

Acqua su Marte - Playstation e UFO - USO in Adriatico - Archivi

Italian tongue

Saluti - Best wishes

Alfredo Lissoni

Italy's Nationali UFO Center

Centro Ufologico Nazionale

<http://www.cun-italia.net>

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Re: NICAP Site - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 02:34:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:37:03 -0500
Subject: Re: NICAP Site - Hatch

>From: Adam Lowe <nicap@freechariot.co.uk>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: NICAP Site
>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 12:41:12 -0000

>Hi Everyone,

>I would like to inform the list that the NICAP site has moved
>to:

><http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk>

>We had been experiencing server problem for the last few weeks
>so we have moved the whole site.

>My previous email address of:

>adam@nicap.co.uk

>is now dead and my new one is:

>nicap@freechariot.co.uk

>The Coyne case report is now at:

><http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/coyne.htm>

Hello Adam:

Thanks for the notice. I have changed the link on the *U*
Database website:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/index.html>

... to the new URL for the NICAP site on this links page:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/ULINKS.html>

I tested the new NICAP URL and in came in fine.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 08:03:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:39:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:18:16 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>What you snipped out of my message was your earlier comment
>about how "the hoax suggestion is clearly a front runner." To
>which I pointed out that was nothing new and incredible, for
>those of us who have been around. Personally I don't have any
>problems with it being trotted out. Years ago we were assured it
>was absolutely a pie pan. Now its mirrors. Who knows, perhaps in
>five or so years the next theory that will be trotted out is a
>combination of pie pan and mirrors.

Nope. Pelicans and mirrors all the way!

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News Agency Looking For UFO Stories

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 14:13:26 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:42:20 -0500
Subject: News Agency Looking For UFO Stories

Today I received a call from National News, a UK news agency. They are looking for UFO stories that have not featured in the national press. I agreed to pass on their particulars to possible interested parties. I have no dealings with them in the past so I cannot tell you what they are like or how they treat the subject.

If you are interested in contacting them you can telephone Lisa Bingham on: 0207 6843000. Or e-mail her at:

lisa_j_bingham@hotmail.com

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Philip Mantle,
1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, England, WF17 7SW.
Tele: 01924 444049. E-mail: pmquest@dial.pipex.com
www.beyondroswell.com

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Horizons Webcast 10-30-00 Archived

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 08:14:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:44:34 -0500
Subject: Horizons Webcast 10-30-00 Archived

UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

Horizons Radio webcast from October 30, 2000, is now available in archive online. You can listen to the archive at <http://www.oklahomasky.com>

If it could go wrong, it went wrong in this broadcast but, we prevailed and brought to you Miss Bobbie 'Jilain' Felder who spoke on Alien Abductees, and the mind set needed by the research field to produce real evidence of these events that plague so many people who sit in silent suffering.

Scott A. Roberts, General Manager of Three Horizons Broadcasting, provided us new insight and format structure for future shows and outlined the mission of Horizons in this special appearance.

Lan 'BladeRunR' Lamphere comments of space bacteria and the ISS crew men who are blazing a new path to space. We should all be very proud of our species as we take on more step toward the stars. Also, Lan speaks on the threat of bacteria possibly found in space rocks. What threat would they pose to us as new technology awaken life forms nonexhistant for millions of years. That and more in this special addition of Horizons!

Horizons Radio and webcast is a production of Three Horizons Broadcasting.

Bobbie "Jilain" Felder

<http://www.oklahomasky.com>

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Secrecy News -- 10/31/00

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 09:04:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 01:49:56 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/31/00

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
October 31, 2000

FUROR OVER "LEAK" STATUTE ESCALATES

As opposition mounts against the new legislation that would make it a felony to disclose classified information, pressure is building on the White House to veto the Intelligence Authorization Act containing the "leak" statute between now and November 4.

In a revealing front page story today, the New York Times reported that "There is now strong opposition to the bill inside and outside the White House."

"It's potentially disastrous for a government spokesman," Kenneth H. Bacon, assistant secretary of defense for public information, told the Times. "It's disastrous for journalists. It's disastrous for any official who deals with the press in national security, whether at State, the N.S.C. or the Pentagon." See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/10/31/politics/31INTE.html>

In an October 27 letter to the White House, Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) asked President Clinton to veto the bill. Otherwise, "this bill ... will have profound effects on the ability of an informed citizenry to keep our government honest." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/10/schumer.html>

In an October 25 letter to the House Appropriations Committee, House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde and Ranking Minority Member John Conyers reiterated their opposition to the bill and asked the appropriators to adopt a legislative rider that would defer the effective date of the leak statute for a year. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/10/hyde2.html>

On October 27, Senators Leahy, Grassley and Schumer wrote to the Senate Appropriations Committee seeking a similar deferral on the Senate side. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/10/leahy.html>

"Because leaks to the media have always provided the most reliable warnings of executive branch misconduct, the new legislation would tend to diminish Congress's own oversight capacity where it is most needed," wrote Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists in a letter to the editor of the Washington Post today:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A45155-2000Oct30.html>

Meanwhile, the Drudge Report boasts that in a new book Bill Gertz of the Washington Times "is preparing to unleash top classified reports that detail Communist China's vast efforts to undermine and destroy the United States." According to Drudge, "sources close to Gertz fear" -- that is to say, they wish -- "he could ignite the first investigation after new legislation criminalizing leaks of all 'properly classified' government information is signed into law." See:

<http://www.drudgereport.com/china.htm>

Finally, in what is only the latest of dozens of editorials from around the country opposing the leak statute, the St. Petersburg Times today says, "Veto it, Mr. Clinton." See:

http://www.sptimes.com/News/103100/Opinion/Over_classifying.shtm

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Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:31:17 -0500
Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

Listfolk:

Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma physicist John Lowke:

"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

How pathetically laughable. This poor soul clearly knows nothing of the insights that pelican science has now afforded us, namely that

(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet liars

(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox phenomenon

and

(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

Can you imagine that any reputable scientist would argue that a phenomenon exists simply because people claim to have seen it on many occasions? Pelican science reveals to us that millions of years of evolution in perceptual mechanisms - the very organs on which physical survival depends - have come to nothing. A pelicanist on this list even has shown that multiple and independent witnesses who reported seeing a hovering submarine-shaped, metallic structure with flashing search light -- over a 300-second period of observation - were only observing a fireball. Given what pelican science has told us, we should all appreciate what a miracle it is that we can even cross a street without getting flattened by a truck - or that somebody could even negotiate the driving of a truck to start with.

In the words quoted above, Lowke is trying to sell us on his belief in a nonexistent phenomenon called by the credulous "ball lightning." Consider this preposterous anecdotal testimony by British scientist Alexander Russell in *Nature* (November 23, 1930):

"Many years ago" - we can safely disregard the sighting at once, since pelican science tells us that memory of what happened minutes or even seconds ago is unreliable - "I saw two globes of lightning." Of course we know that even scientists are unreliable observers, and some are even liars. "They were reddish-yellow in color and appeared to be rotating." Given how our perceptual apparatus so often fails us, this description is none we need take seriously. "One of them struck a building and burst with a loud report" - probably caused by a firecracker,

not some absurd, undocumented phenomenon such as this obviously dubious character wants us to believe. "As there was no trace of anything the [building's inhabitants] looked bewildered." As why shouldn't they, since nothing happened outside the fertile imagination/lying tongue/failed perceptual mechanisms of this unreliable alleged scientist? "The other drifted slowly away." What "drifted slowly away" was no doubt a cloud with sunlight reflecting off it. "Globular lightning makes a slight noise ... compared with the purring of a cat." So deluded is this unreliable witness that he couldn't even discern that what he was hearing was the "purring of a cat," which in his ignorance of pelicanist principles he was led to associate with the aerial phenomenon he mistakenly thought he was seeing.

Thank you, pelican science, for your many contributions to human enlightenment. We can now remain confident that everything that could be known is known and that all claims to the contrary can be easily disposed of. You have shown that no rational human being, on being made aware of the principles of pelican science, could possibly believe in what occultists disguised as scientists call "ball lightning."

Jerry Clark

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:33:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 22:59:27 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>However, instead of playing silly little games and wasting a
>lot of time, here is my response.

I agree, we are sort of just going round and round about this,
now.

<snip>

Unidentified Flying Object = UFO. This means that an object is
in the air, flying or stationary and is not readily identifiable
such as an airplane, bird or conventional object. Nor is it
identifiable through astronomical means. I really could go on
and on with a definition, but we'll just stick with common sense
and common language. Unidentified means just that.

OK, I can go with this definition. I would have said that this
would better be described as a "UFO report", but OK.

>Also, UFO, even though pop-culture deems it so, does not
>translate into aliens, space brothers or anything
>extraterrestrial. The existence of UFOs does not prove the
>existence of extraterrestrials.

Agreed, again. (Hey, we might end up in agreement on something)

>Bob, would you like me to send you all the video I have and all
>the literature regarding the subject? Of course you wouldn't.
>You expect me to give you an answer in an e-mail.

Well I probably had hoped that maybe you could have boiled down
you evidence to an e-mail, just one good proven case would do.

>I have a tape of something I recorded from my backyard.
>Though it is not as dramatic as some UFO (Unidentified Flying
>Object) video, it is indeed an Unidentified Flying Object. Let me
>try this one more time: its in the air, its flying and it isn't
>identifiable as a conventional object. I actually have two UFO
>videos that I took, the first I already mentioned and the second
>is of a set of three lights flying silently at low altitude in the sky.
>Again this is an unidentified flying object, UFO.

Actually, I would be very interested in seeing your video and
your explanation as to why you think these things are
unidentifiable. Is there any chance you could copy the two video
segments on a tape and send it to me. I'll be happy to reimburse
you for the postage and the tape. I can report to the List about
my review of the tape. The address is PO Box 371, Harrisburg PA
17108-0371.

<snip>

>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>ergo a UFO.

UFO, here, does not necessarily mean unknowable. You accept the statement of the Government, here, but doubt the Government when it doesn't support your wish for unknowns. This is really inconsistent. Did it occur to you that glitches in radar are something most air forces are not about to talk about? Do you have a citation for these two government reports? There were a lot of sightings during the flap in those years.

>How about the Iran UFO encounter in 1976. This is where Iran's
>topgun and another pilot went up in F-4 Phantoms against a UFO.
>When the pilots went to red to engage the object both the jets'
>weapons malfunctioned. The object sent out a smaller object to
>engage the jets and this smaller object literally flew circles
>around one jet while it was performing an evasive dive. This was
>seen by people in the air, on the ground and was recorded on
>radar. By the way, this information is from a U.S. government
>report - the last people who want to admit anything about UFOs -
unidentified flying objects.

And what is your opinion about the investigation of this incident conducted by avionics expert Philip J. Klass, who tracked down an American technician responsible for maintenance of the aircraft? This is the principal skeptical investigation of that incident. While you and I are unlikely to be able to personally investigate such an incident on the spot, we should at least consider the information provided by those who have.

>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.

Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to "unknowns", though. At least in this case.

>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays behind the trees, and practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

>I will also be the first to say that most UFO reports do have
>conventional explanations such as stars or misidentified aircraft.
>I would be the last to say that no one has ever misidentified
>Venus or another heavenly body for a UFO.

OK, well we're on the same track here.

>What about Dr. Sturrock and his panel of _scientists_ that stated
>UFOs were real in a press conference last year?

No skeptical input was provided. The whole thing was loaded for a pro-UFO result. Some participants, by the way, were unhappy with the report and how it was handled.

>Have you even taken the time to read his book, The UFO Enigma,
>in which he presents the _scientific_ findings of his committee?

I've read the on-line report.

>How about the Condon Report?

Read it long ago, and refer to it often. I now have my third dog-eared copy. It's on-line now, by the way.

<snip>

>UFOs do indeed exist.

Yes, but since only a tiny minority of UFO reports have been competently examined by anybody, they will continue to exist, I guess.

>Maybe you're just shocked that I'm not claiming UFOs and
>aliens are the same thing.

Nothing would shock me when it comes to this fascinating subject.

>Your turn to do some work. I can present all the data to you
>through this e-mail, but if you fail to actually follow up on
>any of it, then your right to argue is forfeit by your own
>unwillingness.

Which tidbit do you want me to leave out? All of Condon, maybe, or just Case 27, the Great Harrisburg UFO Flap, in which the investigators had all-sky cameras operating continuously for 17 days during which 100 UFO reports came in but no UFOs showed up on the pictures. Our local astronomy club also manned three observing spots at the Colorado researchers' request. They didn't see anything, either. I discovered the explanation for many of the sightings, oh, two or three minutes after looking at a topographic map of the area.

>You can choose whether or not to follow up and
>actually do some work by analyzing the data.

Well, we could start by you sending me your two videos which you've looking into and the results of your investigation, and I'll provide a report of my investigation into the 1967 Harrisburg flap, which was one of the cases in Condon.

Clear skies,

Bob

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Re: The Cydonian Imperative - 10-30-00 - Bara

From: Mike Bara <mbara@uswest.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 14:25:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:40:10 -0500
Subject: Re: The Cydonian Imperative - 10-30-00 - Bara

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 16:59:12 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <machbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: The Cydonian Imperative - 10-30-00

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>The Cydonian Imperative

>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

>Predictions for New High-Resolution Cydonia Images

>by Mac Tonnies (machbot@yahoo.com)

<snip>

>Other Cydonian features suggesting artificiality include the
>southwestern landform in the City, which is topped with
>several intriguing morphologies invisible at Viking's
>resolution. The "City Square," while not as impressive as
>expected by some, contains at least two small formations
>worth a careful look, including what appears to be a collapsed
>geometric structure of some kind. And of the "Mounds"
>brought to >attention by Dr. Stanley McDaniel and Dr. Horace
>Crater, both "P" and "E" exhibit internal and contextual
>detail possibly best explained in architectural terms.

<snip>

It was Hoagland, not McDaniel and Crater, who first noted the mounds.

Mike

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:42:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 14:48:56 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 11:05:13 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I noticed that you did not list the skeptical investigation of
>>the incident by Philip J. Klass reported in two of his books,
>>UFOs Explained, 1974, pp. 333-346, and two chapters in UFOs: The
>>Public Deceived, pp. 135-160.

>First, again, it's Jennie Zeidman, not Jennie Zeiden, suggesting
>that you are as unfamiliar with the case as I suspected. Zeidman
>went to some considerable lengths to address Klass's often
>strange assertions about the sighting.

Sorry, it has to do with AOL's spell checker, get it wrong the first time and it's wrong until the end.

>If you want references to her thorough debunking of Klass's
>allegations, I will happily provide you with references.

I would appreciate it.

>Somehow, though, given your track record, I suspect you won't be
>interested.

>Second, for the record, I do cite all of Klass's "skeptical"
>writings on the case. See the bibliography on page 257 of The
>UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed. My word. I guess not knowing what
>you're talking about doesn't stop you from having an opinion
>cast in concrete.

Sorry if I don't have your encyclopedia here at my fingertips. I got one set through interlibrary loan, I had hoped that you'd have mentioned Klass' stuff here on the List for everyone.

<snip>

>Hmm, Phil Klass as Santa Klaus? Well, I don't believe it.

Ha, the spell-checker. Sorry, my finger was just spasmodic at that point.

>Zeidman devoted considerable energy and a vast amount of print
>to refutations of Klass's claims. I'm afraid there isn't much
>left of them after her debunking.

Yikes. You hang with debunkers?

>It's Zeidman, not Zeiden, and it's Coyne, not Cony. I had it
>right, and you actually changed my spelling. My word. Why are
>you even addressing this matter if you can't get the simplest
>details right, or make your critic look as ill-informed as you
>are?

Hey, well I don't get paid for this stuff.

>>If Zeiden is accurate about the object being visible for five
>>minutes, it would appear to rule out a fireball. The problem is
>>that the story got better with the retelling. Only three days
>>afterwards, pilot Cony was quoted by his second cousin,
>>Cleveland Plain Dealer reporter John P. Cony, as saying that
>>"seconds" after first seeing a red light they thought it was
>>moving towards them. Then the object hovered over them only a
>>few seconds, and then seconds later the object disappeared.

>Interesting that you should take a secondhand newspaper account
>over the witnesses' direct testimony to the contrary. You
>clearly aren't familiar with Zeidman's painstaking attempt to
>get the time line of the sighting as right as humanly possible.

Oh, and Zeidman's written report is not just a second-hand as
the reporter's, or Uncle Phil's, for that matter? Yours and mine
would even be third hand, or maybe even fourth.

<snip>

>>Hardly enough evidence to place this incident among those that
>>prove the visitation of alien spaceships in our skies.

>Uh, now who exactly has mention "visitation of alien spaceships
>in our skies" in this conversation -- besides you, I mean? I
>thought we were talking about an unidentified flying object. Or
>maybe you just want to change the subject.

True, but what's the point? Everybody knows that if we were only
talking about meteors, mystery planes or mirages, nobody would
care.

How do you stand on the ETH?

>>Clear skies,

>Apparently not in the atmosphere of the planet you live on.

Bob

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bbc@fc.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:09:27 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:43:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Cuthbertson

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

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Well, in a similar vein, do you consider continuing SETI a
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Re: Military Abductions? - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 17:12:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:45:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Salvaille

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 15:47:55 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>From: Thiago Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Oct 30 2000 08:07 +0100

>>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 15:34:45 -0400
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

Hello John, Thiago and List

>Ignoring the lack of substantiation, I don't think that
>something as 'large scale' as this abduction phenomena can be
>pulled off worldwide *successfully (*keyword) without some
>major league evidence of it appearing long before now. The sheer
>number of personnel and expenditure of resources required to
>pull it off would have -insured- that we'd all have known/heard
>about it before now. Anything this big leaves a trail.

What is exactly the 'scale' of the abduction phenomena?

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
To: updates@sympatico.ca
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
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Re: Clark vs Evans - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 18:10:09 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:48:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Sparks

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 00:26:01 -0400
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Andy Roberts <<AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Wright
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 11:20:43 +0100

>In response to the following...

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>explanations.

There is no "eventual transition from UFO to IFO" as if it is some established and inexorable pattern or phenomenon of UFO research - point me to some solid global statistical studies if you can. First off, most "UFO" cases are never given what J. Allen Hynek called a technically competent investigation. They remain as "UFO's" in name only, but neither are they IFO's, they are indeterminate in status. Better terminology is needed for these pending status uninvestigated and partially investigated cases, maybe call them Pending UFO (PUFO).

Of the cases that are investigated the percentages vary greatly. At certain times USAF Project Blue Book claimed "Unknowns" exceeded 20%, but later they diluted the statistics with PUFO's, dishonestly treating them as IFO's, to get the percentage of Unknowns down.

The Condon Committee deliberately suppressed statistics on its investigations (don't tell me a dozen Ph.D.'s were incapable of thinking of the idea). Fortunately the Index to the Condon Report gave it away by compiling a list of all of the "Sightings, Unexplained." I tallied up the statistics, I don't have them in front of me, but it was something like 40 out of about 90, or more than 40%.

Secondly, there are increasing numbers of cases of IFO's "transitioning" back to UFO's as long-standing skeptical landmarks on such major cases as the RB-47 radar-visual-electronic intelligence 1957 case, Bentwaters radar-visual 1956 (I exclude the Lakenheath phase), and Rendlesham 1980 get demolished with further research.

Finally, there are quite a few UFO photographic cases that have not been conventionally explained after extensive technically competent investigation, such as Bruce Maccabee's outstanding work on the New Zealand radar-visual-photographic case which got published in an established refereed scientific journal (Applied Optics 18:2527, 19:1745), the Skylab 3 astronaut case of Aug 26, 1973, the White Sands phototheodolite tracking of April 27, 1950, and yes the Trent / McMinnville case which remains unexplained after decades of investigation by Maccabee, me and others.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 19:29:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:52:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 17:15:26 -0000

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:18:16 EST
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Robert wrote:

>>I would point out that probably anybody could hook up a pie pan
>>or a mirror, shoot a picture of it, and make the claim its a
>>replication of the Trent photos. Just like a modern painter can
>>copy an old master and claim its a replication. Bottom line is
>>its not the original, nor will it correctly represent the
>>original circumstances and conditions that the original came
>>about in. Nor does the "replication" mean the original painter
>>was a fraud/hoaxer etc etc.

>I agree Robert. But if the hoax hypothesis is to be taken
>seriously replication is the first step. At least then it would
>be known how easy/difficult it was to replicate. Just saying
>'wow', unexplained, how super - which is about all I've seen on
>this list on the pro side - is rather pathetic and answers
>nothing at all.

And the above is a, shall I say, pathetic or at least uninformed
comment? It's not as if the hoax hypothesis, with some idea of
how the photos might have been created, has never been
discussed.

I pointed out a way to replicate the photos years ago... with
a paper model. Now it is claimed that some object just lying
around, presumably, would be sufficient, although we don't know
if said object (truck mirror) was just lying around. The
assumption of availability adds another factor to the
"probability equation" discussed below.

The truck mirror adds one thing that a pie pan doesn't have,
namely a post or tilttable support on the back. On the _center_
of the back, by the way. ON the other hand, "pot lid" was
another earlier suggestion... and there are small knobs on small
pot lids.

But what is really being argued here is the relationship between
'difficulty' and 'probability'. The skeptical formula is:
Probability of a hoax varies inversely as the difficulty of the
hoax. This means the probability is _higher_ if Trent could grab
some object that was lying around (bottle cap, pie pan, truck
mirror with the back support attached), tie a string to it,
throw the string over the power wire and stand back and take two
photos from one location than it _would_be_ if Trent had to make
an object, select a thread to match the sky background, create a
special suspension means that did not mean hanging the object
directly under the wires and then take two photos from two
different positions.

Unfortunately this formula is more like a ratio for which the actual values of probability are not known, only that one is "more probable" than the other.

Similar analyses have been applied to other cases involving photos. One from England that I was involved with was the series of Peter Beard photos back in August(?) of 1987. Oddly enough I was providing the analysis that was used as "proof" of a hoax for this case at the same time I was being criticized for accepting the Ed Walters photos, even though I was applying similar criteria to both: the more difficult the photo, the less probable it was a hoax.

In Beard's case I determined that the object could well have been a paper cutout on the window and all motion ascribed to the object was actually due to Beard photographing from different locations.

This was accepted as "proof" the photos were a hoax. However, I did not prove they were a hoax. I did show that it would have been "easy" to create such a series of photos, however.

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It is reasonable to suggest... which is similar to the
suggestion that all sightings can be explained.

Just don't go the debunker route for which "suggestion" is
tantamount to proof: 95% can be explained, therefore 100% can be
explained, QED, that's all she wrote and good night (and don't
"knock me up" in the morning)

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Rendlesham Book Update

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 02:05:01 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:58:21 -0500
Subject: Rendlesham Book Update

YOU CAN'T TELL THE PEOPLE
The Definitive Account of the Rendlesham Forest Mystery

By Georgina Bruni
With Foreword by Nick Pope

'UFOs? You must get your facts right, and you can't tell the people.' Margaret Thatcher to Georgina Bruni 21st May 1997

THE INCIDENT

This December marks the 20th Anniversary of the Rendlesham Forest mystery. In the height of the Cold War, RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge in Suffolk, England, was leased to the United States Air Force (USAF), serving as a twin NATO military installation.

During Christmas week 1980 the Woodbridge base was visited by several UFOs, two of which landed on the perimeter of the base in Rendlesham Forest. Numerous air force personnel witnessed these events, which were so extraordinary that it prompted the British liaison officer to instruct the deputy base commander to write an official memorandum to the Ministry of Defence.

At the same time a similar incident was taking place less than 30 miles away, at RAF Watton, home to the Royal Air Force.

THE AFTERMATH

Trees in Rendlesham Forest were quickly felled at the site of the landings and the area burnt. Local witnesses were asked not to talk to anyone and the surrounding area was blocked off to the public by USAF patrols.

Local prisons were put on alert and for days following the incident the American bases used "Flash" calls, which are only ever used in emergencies.

Photographs and video film taken at the scene were swiftly transported to Ramstein Air Base, the USAFE headquarters in Germany.

THE COVER-UP

Witnesses claim they were interrogated by special agents and threatened into silence. For years the witnesses suffered terrible nightmares and were under surveillance by the Air force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI), an agency that polices the USAF.

For three years the USAF and MOD denied the incident, but in 1983 an American research group managed to obtain a memorandum (composed by the deputy base commander, Lt Colonel Charles Halt) which detailed the incidents. However, the USAF and the MOD continue to claim that the incident was of "no defence significance" and there was not enough evidence to prove there was a case.

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Some of the information contained in the book.....

1.A letter written by an RAF squadron leader and addressed to the MOD, which is titled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOS)". This is supported with an exclusive interview.

2.Documents that claim to be official witness statements. The author interviewed witnesses who claim they did not type these statements, which appear to be disinformation mixed with facts.

3. USAF photographs taken the morning after the initial incident which show a British police officer and a USAF officer examining three ground indentations, each with a marker. Enlargements of the photographs depict indentations of what appear to be the UFO's landing marks as well as a scuffed up area, which was reported twenty years ago by witness Lt Colonel Charles Halt.

4.A transcript of the master copy of an original audio tape recording of the second major event that involved Lt Colonel Halt. A bad copy of this tape was leaked to researchers in 1984. The tape reveals vital new information.

5.An interview with a former NCO who was in charge of the telecommunications at the time of the incident.

6.A compelling interview with a former NCO who claims to have been interrogated by special agents and forced to admit that the UFO was the beam from the local lighthouse.

7.A testimony from a former NCO who claims he was interrogated by special agents who used drug-induced hypnosis to silence him.

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Re: The Chris Arnold Interview - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 21:31:40 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:05:06 -0500
Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview - Randle

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 15:08:29 -0800

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 10:32:26 EST
>>Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 10:13:19 -0800

>>>I find it interesting that you've supplied us with this
>>>interview, without explaining why you chose to believe Chris and
>>>not Larry Warren. Larry says he and others saw and were within a
>>>few feet of a UFO, on Dec. 29 (1980) around 1:30 A.M. in
>>>Rendlesham forest:

>>Good Morning all -

>>How about the fact that Larry Warren said that he wasn't there
>>for the first two days of activity because he was on assignment
>>to Germany. It was then that he invented the third day so that
>>he could plug himself into the case.

>>I'm not familiar with that information. Can you fill us in? All
>>I know about Rendlesham comes from reading 'Left At East Gate'
>>and from the many interesting posts on Updates.

I outlined it all, at length in 'Project Moondust'. Russ Estes had a copy of the interview that was taped on February 16, 1993. Halt, Warren and Robins had apparently met to discuss the case, with, I suppose, Warren and Robins looking for additional information for the book they would write.

Halt told Warren, "You're aware that the story you've told or the stories you've told through the years don't fit in with what I recollect and other witnesses recollect..."

Warren agreed, but they said he had talked to others and it was like a traffic accident in which the various witnesses remember the events differently.

Halt then asked if Warren had taken a polygraph. Warren said, "No," but that he had taken a Voice Stress given by Larry Fawcett. Well, as I was listening to the tape of Warren, I realized that I could call Larry Fawcett. He said that he had never given Warren a VSA. So, we have a major crack in the tale right there.

Russ Estes also interviewed Warren on video tape. The very first thing that Warren told Estes was that he hadn't been in Bentwaters on the first two nights. He had only been there for the third. Halt disputed that, suggesting that Warren had the chronology all screwed up.

As I say, all of this is outlined, at length, in the book.

>It's a very
>complicated incident. That's why I asked Peter and Larry if Mike
>could do a voice stress analysis on some of their tapes. They
>agreed and sent Mike the tapes and he did an analysis on their
>conversations. The quality was poor, but what Mike was able to
>analyze seemed free of deception. If a person were lying, it
>seems to me that the last thing they would want is their lies
>analyzed by someone they were convinced could separate truth
>from lies, as Mike is able to do

Except that it seems that people often believe that they can beat the machine. They often agree to these sorts of exams, only to be surprised when the results come back in the negative. Next time you have a chance watch one of the talk shows where they're using the lie detector and listen to the reactions of the people as they're caught.

>>How about Warren telling Col. Halt, in a taped interview that he
>>thought that everything he knew might be an invention and that
>>there was no physical reality for his participation.

>I don't know, for sure, which interview you're referring to but
>I'd be glad to check it out if you'll let me know where to find
>it. Is it in 'Left At East Gate'?

As I say, it is in PROJECT MOONDUST.

>>How about Halt, on the same tape, repeatedly telling Warren that
>>his memory of the events was faulty, inaccurate and untrue?

>Yes I know that Halt disputes Larry. I would like to VSA the
>entire cast of characters.

>>This is just a few reasons for questioning the statements made
>>by Warren.

>Yes I understand your concern. But Jacques Vallee felt Larry was
>credible and Larry had enough belief in himself to submit to
>VSA.

Unfortunately on this point Dr. Vallee is in error. Warren is not reliable.

And I think you hit the nail on the head. Warren thought enough of himself to believe that he could beat the machine.

I find the Bentwaters case much easier to understand when Warren is removed from it.

KRandle

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 21:50:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:07:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Salvaille

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:19:16 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 15:30:50 -0400

Hello Bob and List,

<snip>

>Thanks for clearing this up. Since I've never made one nickel as
>the result of my 30 years of investigating UFO reports, and
>never did any on company time, I'm glad that I couldn't possibly
>be considered one of the two mysterious loony career debunkers
>of whom you write.

<snip>

Now you are telling me that in 30 years you have not seen a
single UFO case that didn't turn out to be an IFO case.

You thus assume that all the witnesses you have encountered
during those 30 years fall in one or many of the following
categories:

Loony, stupid, hallucinating, liar, misperceiving, mentally ill,
unreliable, hoaxer, incompetent, joking, deceiving, mistaking,
dishonest, etc.

You may have never encountered a true UFO case. But, since 1947,
a few other good and honest investigators have, and your broad
perception of their work and the witnesses they contacted thus
fall in one or many of the following categories:

[copy and paste please]

You're probably Mr. Nice Guy and you never said that. OK. You
just inferred it.

In the name of what please?

<snip>

>Nothing here about intellectual honesty, is there? No opinions
>allowed from people who have done years of research unless they
>are the accepted answers you're looking for?

<snip>

Before I drop a tear on your feelings being hurt because your
intellectual honesty is in question, allow me a minute of silence
for all the witnesses of all the UFO cases since 1947 who have
been directly and/or indirectly qualified as:

[copy and paste please]

, sometimes laughed at, by people like you who, obviously, cannot accept the idea that a honest to goodness human being can report something that is, in his view, and in anybody's view who would have been in his place, out of this world.

<snip>

>I only mention this because it almost seemed that the difference >between a "researcher bringing a different point of view to the >subject" and a Loony career debunker might only be based upon >nothing more that what one or the other says they believe about >UFOs.

<snip>

In a debunker's view, UFOs cannot exist, and nothing can oppose this belief, your belief, a belief, especially not the witnesses who can only oppose their knowledge of what they saw to your certitude that they cannot have seen it.

The 'matter of opinion' is only on your side.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 22:55:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:10:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Friedman

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:39:44 -0000

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:06:24 -0300

>Stanton wrote:

>>Nothing like another proclamation. I take it, Andy, you believe
>>that the Vancouver Island, Yungay, Heflin, Trinidad, Salt Lake
>>City, Cluj, Hawaii, etc photos have all been explained by
>>careful investigation and shown to be normal terrestrial or
>>astronomical phenomena.

>Nowhere have I said that Stanton - perhaps you could provide the
>quote which even hints at that. Do you know what they?

What Andy conveniently snipped was his claim Oct. 29:

"When applied to UFO photographs there has not yet been one
which has been resolved to anything but "normal" terrestrial or
astronomical phenomena".

>>I suppose one might consider
>>intelligently controlled ET spacecraft "normal phenomena" since
>>they are observed so often,

>!
>?

>Where is your evidence and proof that: 'intelligently controlled
>ET spacecraft' are seen at all, never mind 'often'

>Really Stanton - you don't read the on-going arguments correctly
>and then you have the bottle to make such ludicrous statements
>as the above. I'll repeat - where is your evidence and proof?

Did I misquote Andy? Seems he said... Not one photograph is
anything but normal terrestrial or astronomical phenomena.
Where is there any evidence that any of the photos I noted are
either. And if there is no evidence, his statement is false.

>>but presumably that isn't what was
>>meant. I might add that in normal rich gold ore, 99.99% isn't
>>gold either. But given a choice, I would take the gold and you
>>can have the dross.

>Fine by me but what's that analogy got to do with your
>contention that:

>'intelligently controlled ET spacecraft' are observed 'often'?

>Really!

The fact that many photos may be explainable as normal

terrestrial or astronomical phenomena, does not mean all can be. Some such as the ones I noted may be gold.

How convenient to ignore the total lack of basis for his extraordinary claim about photographs. I cited several. Are they normal terrestrial or astronomical phenomena???

People have often seen manufactured objects, (based on their appearance), behaving in ways that the airborne vehicles made on earth (especially many years ago) cannot duplicate. Hence they were manufactured somewhere else.. doesn't say where, why, how. Only not made on Earth. If they had been, earthlings would no longer be building F-16,17,18, Mig 29, Mirage 6 etc.

>Happy Trails

>Andy

Tell us about your (or anybody else's) evaluation of the noted photographs, Andy. You make it sound as though if I can't produce an alien spacecraft for you complete with alien pilot, that means there are none here. How absurd.

Stan Friedman

By the way what does "having the bottle to make such statements" mean in English.

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Re: I Feel Much Better Now That I've Given Up -

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 21:56:51 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:12:54 -0500
Subject: Re: I Feel Much Better Now That I've Given Up -

>From: Minna Laajala - UFO-Finland" <ufofinland@saunalahti.fi>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: I Feel Much Better Now That I've Given Up - Laajala
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 21:51:34 +0200

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 18:47:13 EDT
>>Subject: I Feel Much Better Now That I've Given Up
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>There are large numbers reading UpDates posts. There are very
>>few actually making submissions. This mail is addressed to you.
>>Are you here to learn? Most likely. But in every learning
>>experience I've ever encountered, there was the need to ask
>>questions.

>>Why then, are so many of you non-participants? Have you no
>>questions of the experts on this venue? Is there nothing you
>>wish to ask the experts here?

>Dear Jim, Dear List, Dear EBK!

>Regards from soon snowing Finland! Yess, snowballs, yess... ;-D

>Jim grabbed to a phenomenon, that I think appears on almost
>every posting-group, although I hope I'm wrong. But I wouldn't
>be able to read all the mail I got from 10 groups, if they would
>send even "only" ten mails/group. My blessing is, that in every
>group there seems to be a few (= I mean really few!) active
>writers, and God-only-knows-how-many "listeners".

Dear Minna, bListers and EBK,

Thankfully, there is just this one list for me. Say, what's a
sweetheart like you - doin' in a dump like this? (From a Bob
Dylan song, don't no one get upset). If as with you, I had ten
to go thru, I would have to consider suicide. And whilst I am at
it, haven't we met somewhere before? Don't answer that. I
already know where we met. And I am happy to meet you here.

>On the other hand, I must agree with Jim; sometimes I also feel
>bad, that in the Finnish ufo-discussion-group I'm helping my
>husband to moderate, seems to have only the same "faces" on
>loud, even the discussions are many times very interesting.

It's like that almost everywhere. Just a few make all the noise,
or do all the work, or otherwise drink all the Gripple. My
purpose was to invite greater participation, mostly because I
believe there may actually be greater wisdom out there, in the
minds and memories of experiencers than in the paradigms of
researachers.

>So Jim, I dare boldly to say I guess I know how you feel...

Thank you. And I am serious.

>From my point of you, all susbcribers of to UFO UpDates are
>"innocent" to my silence. Here are the reasons that keeps me
>often quiet:

>1) Language.

>Even my English would sound perfect (= he he very funny...) my
>mails are often written with hours of work. If I want you folks
>to understand what I'm trying to say, I usually have to spend a
>long time with my mail. But I'm stubborn; when I really want to
>say, I'll do it - somehow. And when I'm finally ready, someone
>faster has already said the same - with better english!

There is nothing wrong with your English. Nor is there anything
wrong with your being understood. I think it fair to say that
some of us could take lessons from you. I can only half imagine
the mess I would make on a German, French or Italian list. Some
of you think I embarrass myself sufficiently in English. Little
do you know.

>2) I'm not alone.

>The more information I want to include to my mails, the more
>I'll collect "sitting-hours". And there's some queue to our
>computer, I can't sit by it all by myself, not minding my
>furious family...;-)

The heck with 'em if they can't take a joke. Just kidding.

>3) Time and efforts.

>I am a working lady, I work by standing. When I'll get home at
>19 pm my feets yell peace and rest, my stomach something to fill
>it with, and I'm too tired to read all my mails every day.

Me too. I went back to work last month. Retirement isn't my cup
of tea. Now, I do everything else, shop, clean the house, cook,
do my work, write a book and make a stink on UpDates whenever I
can. I understand Minna. Quite well. And I like to chuckle when
I hear of some guys out there who are married, come home to a
home cooked meal, a clean house and fresh sheets. Poor babies. I
now know how working mothers with families feel. But it suits me
better than merely being a housefrau.

>4) Chickening?

>I'm not afraid to say what I need to say. But in a big group
you >very often find out, that the thing you planned to say, is
said >by one or ten other persons. So why bother to say it
again?

Because you say it uniquely. As do I. As do each of us. Our
opinions and comments are born in a special language which is
unique to our individuality. From my part, whilst many of us
have the same thing to say, many of us say it in such a manner
as to bare greater (or lessor) meaning along with the words.
Does that make sense to you?

>5) Different opinions.

>When I'm on balance with myself about my opinions, I don't
>always have a need to comment other's opinions. I've noticed
>it's even better not to comment every mail.

But it is best to comment when one has something to add. Or
to subtract. Some people detract from the sum total of human
knowledge whenever they speak.

>6) Many subjects.

>As UFO UpDates is very active List, we readers get more subjects
>to read, than time for them (= at least some of us). Many
>subjects are richness, but for me impossible to be interested in
>every subject. Sometimes I'm interested enough to read if
>someone has some new thoughts to offer, but don't feel a need to
>reply them "Yes, I agree... Yes, I agree...".

True

>7) Fighting.

>I must admit I have burned my sleeves too time to time too, but
>when I'm not involved in any fight, or if I'm attacked with no
>reasonable cause, I'll stop writing. I have learned though, that

>where is people and their opinions, there`s fighting time to
>time. The more someone "yells", the less I feel intress to
>irritate myself with trying to discuss with someone, who
>obviously won`t be able to "listen".

You are wise. However, defense of self is tantamount to defense of truth. For your truth is paramount and when someone attacks you, they attack you truth. Such must always be defended.

Having spent sufficient time here, I now have the answer to the question asked by the Shadow. I now know what evil lurks, in the hearts of some men.

>Minna L from Finland

Jim from hunger.

PS: I do believe that a man named Carlson, champion rally driver for SAAB in the early days, was from Finland. If so, this is yet another reason to appreciate hearing from that country. If not, well, he shoulda been, as only a Finlander can drive a three cylinder, two stroke engine with only 850cc the way Carlson did.

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Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:15:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:15:03 -0500
Subject: Posting Protocol

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>Date: 13 Feb 99 00:00:01 EST
>From: Genghis@mukluk.com <Bobb Grunge>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Grays are Grey Area
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Again - it's at the beginning of the 'body' of the message you are responding to and below the UpDates headers.

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Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Mundy

From: **Brian Mundy** <mundy-b@home.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 23:48:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:19:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Mundy

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 11:23:08 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Kingston, Ontario, Canada

>Hi All:

>I am trying to replace the records that I had up to a few years ago, regarding UFO related incidents in the Quinte Area (Oshawa to Brockville including all of Lake Ontario).

>If anyone has any records of sighting reports in this region, >could you please forward them to me at:

>sliddle@chalktv.com

>Thanks.

>If I ever catch up with the boob who took my files and never >returned them, 'Bam, Boom, Zoom to da moon!' (and if you want to >know the name of this weasel, or why QAPRA folded, contact me >privately via email and I'll let you know).

I don't know where Quinte is, but Monday night a friend and I were about halfway to Ottawa, coming from Brockville, when we saw 4 bright stationary lights high in the air.

It was twilight, and one of the lights, a slightly smaller one, turned out to be a plane.

They were to the left of the highway and as we passed the plane flew over us, but these other 3 never moved.

They were way too big for stars and too high up for a microwave tower, or such. It was still light enough to have seen any structures, anyway.

Looking back, there were only 2 of them, just before we lost sight of them. (We never stopped driving, just kept craning our heads around as we passed them.)

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 00:10:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:22:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 23:39:50 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 15:34:45 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>It is purely speculative on my part but, (if) the gubbamint
>>was aware of the alien presence here, and their apparent
>>involvement with ordinary citizens, it makes sense to me
>>that they would conduct a clandestine 'monitoring' of some
>>select individuals in order to gather intelligence. Just a guess.

>>Regards,

>>John Velez

Gary responded:

>John,

>Having had several cases where government activity was claimed
>to be present, it seems that in addition to monitoring, some
>gov't. entity moves to carefully contain other activity within
>active sightings and anomaly areas.

That one declaration from you raises ten questions!

Which "government entity" are you referring to Gary? And what
are the activities that they are containing? What do you mean
by; "carefully contain other activity within active sightings
and anomaly areas." How does one "contain" an "active sighting?"
Maybe you just worded that poorly.

>Abductees are assumed to be around each of the few hotspot areas
>we know of

Who has made that "assumption" Gary?

>plus there is other strange activity, strange animals
>for example, that the gov't. attempts to hide in addition to
>monitoring through certain individuals.

The government is "hiding strange animals?" What kind of
"animals" are you referring to? What is the connection to the
"government?"

>The monitoring is for recovery of individual experiences and
>possible contact with the "other" activity so that it can be
>contained.

How do you know this Gary?

>Abductees in these types of situations are usually
>only partially aware of the scope of the monitoring.

And just what is the "scope" of this government monitoring?

>This type of case is rare but the most significant of all cases.

More significant than a case reporting contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life forms?

Look forward to hearing your replies to my inquiries. Thank you for taking the time.

John Velez, Student of Life

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Upcoming UFO Webcast - Richard Dolan - Author

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 06:48:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:25:04 -0500
Subject: Upcoming UFO Webcast - Richard Dolan - Author

Forwarded from 'alt.ufo.reports'.

Stig

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Upcoming UFO Webcast - Richard Dolan - Author
Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 06:51:28 GMT
From: "George Smith" <george.smith@home.com>
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports

Richard Dolan, Author of UFOs and the National Security State:
An Unclassified History. Volume One: 1941 to 1973.

He will be on my webcast Friday, November 3rd at 10:00pm EST.
The format is interactive allowing listeners to participate in
the debate by live post or toll free phone line. I invite you
to participate in this very current, serious debate about the
history, current state, evidence and lore of UFO's.

The URL is

<http://www.essentialtalk.com>

My name is George Smith and I am the host of "The Big Brain
Show" which is the tech/sci-fi show on the network running
weekdays at 10:00pm EST.

Tune in and have fun!

bigbrain@essentialtalk.com

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Re: UFO UpDate: UFO Stats - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 00:44:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:27:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO Stats - Hatch

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 19:24:02 -0000
>Subject: UFO Stats

>Y'all,

>Last week someone, can't recall who, queried the suggestion that
>the majority of UFO cases were easily resolved. This led to a
>brief interchange about what sources of information would be
>acceptable to demonstrate this.

>Unlike most of the list I'm always happy to do my homework and
>to that end contacted BUFORA for their 'clear-up rates.

>Their Director of Investigations, Gloria Dixon, sent me the
>following reply (and let's not forget that although I think
>BUFORA are a waste of time and space they have been in the
>saucer business for 30+years).

>This is a brief excerpt from what Gloria said.....

>>My Response.....

>>A bit of a difficult question this one, as it depends
>>on several factors.

>>About 70-80% of perceived unidentified aerial
>>phenomena can be explained by BUFORA investigators
>>and about 90% plus can be explained when
>>they are reported quickly (within a couple of
>>days) and followed up immediately

>Form that I think we can safely say that 'most' UFO cases are
>resolved into IFOs and the quicker they are investigated the
>faster this process is achieved.

Hello Andy:

If there is/was some disagreement, it might simply be confusion
over which population of UFO reports is being referred to.

If we are talking about raw unfiltered UFO sightings as called
in to a UFO group, or emailed to some website, then yes. The
figures given by BUFORA seem quite reasonable, at least to me.

Far and away the majority of "sightings" emailed to me as a
result of my website sound quite mundane on the face of it. Not
every witness wants to hear this naturally, and I refer the USA
cases to the NUFORC in Seattle, and let them deal with it.

[I hasten to add that I do not operate any sort of UFO reporting
center, but cases still come in.]

A well filtered database of sightings should have a smaller
proportion of easily identifiable (mundane) causes by
definition. How much smaller is arguable.

I've pondered long and deep about how much of my data is junk, and cannot begin to give you numbers. The best I can offer is my assurances that I throw out junk listings when and where possible. The hard work of unsung heroes in the field makes this possible at times.

Nevertheless, everything hinges on which set(s) of data we are trying to triage.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 03:44:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:29:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Velez

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>>Hi All,

>>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>>family of five, two adults and three children.

>>Any help would be appreciated.

>>Regards,

>>Roy..

<snip>

>Hello Roy:

>The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and
>rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

<snip>

>This and 63 other "attributes" enables me to sift and sort cases
>all sorts of ways for obvious reasons, and for purposes yet
>unforeseen.

Hey Laroo,

Is your list of "attributes" posted anywhere? If not, (and you have it in a form that can be converted for posting) would you post it to the List? It would be educational. I'm really interested in learning about what criteria would be most useful/helpful in sorting through some of the stuff I have on hand. Strictly for archival purposes.

If it's not too big a hassle to post, I for one would appreciate seeing it. If it turns out to be a goodun' I'm planning to 'lift it' (rip you off) wholesale and use it myself! :) <LOL>

Thanx in advance,

John Velez, Inquiring minds want to know! ;)

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Re: Whitley on Coat to Coast AM - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 00:54:09 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 10:31:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Whitley on Coat to Coast AM - Hatch

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Whitley on Coat to Coast AM
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 12:07:48 -0800

>I listened to Whitley Strieber on Coast to Coast AM the other
>night talking about a bull that had been mutilated a few years
>ago in California. Some unusual findings of this case were
>several small, rounded black droplets found on the body of the
>animal. These droplets were later determined to be pure
>hemoglobin.

>The only reason I am bringing this up is that Whitley stated the
>bull had no blood left in its body at all. This is simply not
>>true as I was the field investigator on this case and discovered
>the black droplets. This goes back to more miscommunication in
>the field and furthering the weird factor in mutilation cases.
>Not every animal encountered in a mutilation case is completely
>drained of blood. The animals I have examined have all had blood
>in them. This isn't to say that this is so with all cases, just
>the ones I've seen...

Hello Royce:

This is one good instance (there are plenty of others) of
Strieber, and most especially the (former) Art Bell show
providing entertainment in place of valid information.

Even I will tune in on the way home from work if the regular
news channel gets dull.

I was tempted to fax in a question:

"Dear Mr. Siegel: Isn't it soul destroying to constantly pretend
you agree with all those obvious BS artists? "

I thought better of it, and I don't have a real fax machine
anyhow.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: 1 Nov 2000 08:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 11:20:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 13:48:39 EST
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>It seems to me that we have to be very cautious before jumping
>to any conclusion.

>There are several hypotheses to consider.

>A major one could be military surveillance of alien
>abductions. That makes sense to me.

>If there are alien abductions at all, it should be a very
>important goal for military and intelligence forces to try learn
>as much as possible about them.

>And perhaps to prevent them. Isn't their job to protect
>citizens?

>The idea of some sort of cooperation with some alien groups is
>much more hypothetical. However, there are some hints of that in
>certain books. For instance the book of Karla Turner "Taken",
>presents cases of that sort. She wrote (pages 244 and 245):

>"..seven of the women saw other apparently human people in their
>encounters, working with the aliens aboard craft as well as in
>the terrestrial facilities. And in six cases, the humans were
>perceived as military personnel".

>In one case, a female alien tells the abductee that she is
>member of an alien dissident group which disapproves of what is
>being done, and they work with humans to help them!

>However, there is yet another hypothesis, the one of hybrid
>humans, or apparently human beings who may not be of terrestrial
>origin! This idea has been proposed by David Jacobs.

>So, the question is very complicated.

Hello Gildas,

Very interesting points.

I will make a little research about MILABs and then write to
everybody. About the hybrids, yes, it is a possibility, but why
they would be dressed like militaries?

I agree that the military's job is to protect us, but if they
are present in the moment of the abduction and are seeing the
pain and the horror in the eyes of the victim, why they didn't
do nothing? To find a way out is really necessary all that pain?

Let's see.

Best regards,

Thiago Ticchetti

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Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Weds, 1 Nov 2000 08:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 11:27:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 15:47:55 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>Hola Thiago,

>Greer first made that absurd claim about five years ago. Because
>of my personal interest in the subject UFO/abductions I called
>Dr. Greer to ask him 'where' he got those numbers from, and what
>'evidence' (if any) he had that such a thing was actually going
>on.

>(The whole exchange was published on UpDates sometime in 1995 or
>96. It triggered a thread that brought Greer and CSETI under
>scrutiny of the List members at that time. If I recall it was a
>hum dinger of a thread. Lots of strong emotions on both sides of
>the CSETI issue.)

>I never got a straight answer out of Greer. In fact, he gave me
>a 'song and dance' routine that was right out of a Rogers &
>Hammerstien musical!

>I'm a simple, blunt, direct, but completely honest man. I'm
>sorry but I just don't trust people that can't look you dead in
>the eye when they're talking to you and give a straight, simple
>answer to a straight, simple question. Greer was incapable of
>it.

>To date, no one (Greer or other) has provided anything
>substantial that will validate or justify the outrageous claim
>that 98% of all reported abductions (and presumably unreported
>as well) can be laid at the doorstep of the US military/
>Intelligence community.

>Ignoring the lack of substantiation, I don't think that
>something as 'large scale' as this abduction phenomena can be
>pulled off worldwide *successfully (*keyword) without some
>major league evidence of it appearing long before now. The sheer
>number of personnel and expenditure of resources required to
>pull it off would have -insured- that we'd all have known/heard
>about it before now. Anything this big leaves a trail.

>Also, I now have many hundreds of individual reports (sent to
>me privately) that have been collected over five + years from
>abduction experiencers all over the Globe. You name the country
>and I have letters from someone who is a native to that land. In
>all that time I have only received -2- count em, (two) reports
>that had a military anything, 'component' (where soldiers or
>other "official" appearing or uniformed humans were allegedly
>present or participating -during- the encounter.)

>Not to cast aspersions, but; the two reports I did receive were
>accompanied by a host of "government conspiracy" theories and
>banter, (in one case ALA: "Cooper" YIKES!) which
>suggests/indicates that the person reporting has already arrived
>at a set of conclusions/beliefs regarding the nature of their
>own experiences. And that they attribute them to the covert
>activities being conducted by agencies of our own government.

>Ok, fine, now show me the same evidence that convinced you that
>this is true. Nobody has. (Currently) nobody can!

>I already said in one of my last postings that it's not hard for
>me to imagine that; (If) the government is aware of the alien
>presence here, it is not too far fetched a concept that they
>would choose some (well suited to their purposes) individuals
>and try to 'monitor' them for the purpose of gathering
>"intelligence" as to what the "Aliens" are up to.

>That they, (government agents) are responsible for 98% of all
>abductions is just an as yet unsubstantiated absurdity. As I
>mentioned, I have letters from folks all over the planet; in the
>Netherlands, South America, Canada, UK, Japan, you name it. Now
>try to sell me the idea that Americans are kidnapping Swedish
>citizens in the middle of the night. Or inside the borders of
>_any_ of the other countries I mentioned.

<snip>

>Cuidate mi hermano, y nunca dejes de peliar la lucha buena. No
>creas _nada_ que te dicen hasta que te ofrecen una buena
>prueba! ;)

>John Velez, Good Soldier, not; El Bobo de la lluca! <LOL>

Si mi amigo, nosotros tenemos mucho a aprender para poder
concluir alguna cosa con respeto a las abducciones.

I never known, as you, where some researchers got those numbers.
What I believe is that something is happening. People are being
abducted by aliens but we have no conclusions about that.
Indeed, we have great researchers doing their jobs to try to
find an answer, but is just speculation to say that more than 6
million people have been abducted.

Thiago Ticchetti

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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 02:33:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 11:32:33 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Hatch

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:23:50 EST
>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 08:43:13 +0200
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 13:05:53 -0400
>>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>Some time ago, a casual glance at the book 'The Hynek UFO
>>Report' lead me to a puzzling finding about Hynek's research on
>>the Elmood Park (Illinois) case of Nov. 4th, 1957 - see "The
>>Squad Car and the Glowing Sphere" in Chapter 8.

>>Hynek stated that "according to the men the moon was out that
>>night, but to the _East_, whereas the object at that same time
>>was toward the _West_" (emphasis added). Nothing more is said
>>about this specific point. In fact, it can be verified that the
>>moon was indeed to the _West_ near the horizon!

>>This could be a good explanation of the sighting, provided that
>>the observers had a _clear_westerly_view. Can anyone check
>>this?

>Dear Manuel Borraz, List:

>You may be right.

>The time given for the incident in Hynek's book (p. 172) is 3:00
>A.M. and the location was Elmwood Park, Ill. The witnesses said
>that, "The object slowly descended and hovered a few feet off the
>ground" to the West.

>I went to the U. S. Naval Observatory website, "Sun and Moon for
>a Day", at:

>http://riemann.usno.navy.mil/AA/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html#forma

>and found that the waxing gibous, 92% illuminated Moon
>set at 3:32 A.M. It would have been perhaps 5 degrees or so
>above a true horizon thirty-two minutes before setting, and
>depending upon horizon obstructions could have appeared
>nearly at ground level.

>This reminds me of an incident that I investigated, here near
>Harrisburg, a couple years ago. The witness swore that the Moon
>was in the East and that he saw an object toward the West, on
>either side of a cloud in a bank of mammaform clouds which
>filled the sky. I asked him repeatedly about the directions and
>he was certain that the Moon was to the East because it was
>illuminating the clouds in that direction.

>Of course the Moon would be illuminating the clouds all over the
>sky. It was also exactly in the direction that the witness said
>that he saw an object, which set soon after. It boggled my mind,
>but was just a matter of being confused that it was not the moon
>because he was mistaken about the moonlight. The witness also
>said that his sister had seen the same thing in a nearby city.

>The mammaform cloud formation was also over that place and the
>lighting would have been the same.

Hello all:

1) The Naval Observatory link above looks highly useful.
Hopefully, discrepancies between this and my algorithms will be
small.

2) The Reference and page number is also useful; The Hynek UFO
Report, 1977 J.A. Hynek pg. 172.

Here I read that there were two cops and a fireman for
witnesses. The object "moved down the alley - but above it of
course - and the patrol car spotlight dimmed lower than a candle
so that they had to use a flashlight to investigate a suspicious
open window on some business place there.

"The object descended and hovered just a few feet off the
ground"... only to re-ascend very fast, "50 or 60 MPH " when one
policeman turned on his high beams.....

[...]

"The object cavorted from curb to curb, {again above I presume
-LH} back and forth "as if playing with them."

[...]

Having lost the object, they made a U-turn. Now headed East on
Belmont Street, the object reappeared on their left - emphasis
mine, the object now came from the North! - and passed right
over the squad car.

There are more details in the book, and its a nice case to pull
out and read again.

The moon was out, and to the West. I don't think the policemen's
description matches the moon however.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 11:51:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:33:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Randles

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>>Hi All,

>>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>>family of five, two adults and three children.

>Hello Roy:

>The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and
>rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

>The events supposedly took place 27 OCT 1974 starting around
>22:20 hrs in or about Aveley, Essex, England.

>The car conked out (presumed EME), and the radio not smoked (or
>got smoked as I might say.)

>The story goes that at least two people in the car were beamed
>up to some UFO. I have this pigeon-holed as a Saucer or roundish
>craft. Inside, they were examined by batlike figures and
>possibly pseudo-humans. There was also some sort of telepathic
>communication.

>My two sources, with all the Halloween details are:

>FSR Volume 24 #1, _and_
>Randles, Jenny: Alien Abductions -- The Mystery
>Solved. Page 29.

>I vaguely recall a message from Jenny indicating that this
>rather unlikely title, at least the last part, was foisted on
>her by the publishers.

Hi,

Yes, the case was investigated in great depth by the original UFOIN and appears across two issues (taking up many pages) of FSR. The investigators were Andy Collins and Barry King - both still around. Andy is now a leading light in the 'ancient mysteries' writing school - a close colleague of the likes of Hancock and co - and has written numerous books - his most recent being 'Gateway to Atlantis'. Barry King edits the weird conspiratorial journal 'The Voice' and claims to have had involvement in a covert UK project.

The case is indeed described in my book. The title you quote is the US one that was foisted onto it by the US publisher.

The original UK version of the book (and the title it had in its paperback and several foreign language translations) was 'Abduction'. This was - BTW - five years before John Mack used that title. I believe the US publishers felt that 'Abduction' was too understated and might have implied criminal acts to US readers - not aliens. In the UK we are quite happy with modest titles!

(The same thing happened last year - with the same UK publisher Robert Hale. My UK title for this book about pilot encounters is 'Something in the Air' - but the US publisher insisted on renaming it to the highly subtle 'UFO danger in the air')

I reckon this says a lot about the difference between the US and UK UFO communities. Rather like the excellent 1960s UK movie that first clearly presents the abduction theme - called here 'The Night Caller'. Needless to say the US film industry felt such a title too understated and renamed it quite hilariously - 'Blood beast from outer space'.

Its one of the best social commentaries on UFOs and culture that I know, but mirrored by these two books.

Anyhow, back to the Aveyley case. I met the witnesses and also attended one of the hypnosis sessions that occurred between late 1978 and early 1979. It was in fact instructive and first made me wary of this technique. The two adults were both regressed. The children were not.

I very much doubt this case was a hoax. The consciously recalled testimony was shared by all five of them. It featured a light in the sky, a bank of green mist into which they drove suddenly, the EM effects on the car and suddenly being dropped back down onto the road some distance down the way and - as they later discovered - some time ahead of their last recall.

This scenario is a classic of the literature. There are dozens almost exactly like it. However, there is also an enormous assumption applied to them. That is that there was a period of missing time during which something happened that the witnesses have forgotten. Ergo the regression is used to coax out this recall. Often too - as here - this is complicated by months or years or nightmares in which the mind plays on the story and also seeks to plug the gap. Here there were dreams of ugly monsters and tall Nordic type entities (no greys) - but also some clear suggestions that the then popular Sci Fi series 'Dr Who' was a trigger for some of these images.

The regression exacerbated this and produced a semi coherent story of an on board trip (in an out of body state) - but with the two adults telling different versions of what happened because they were supposedly separated. The 'abduction' story that emerged was not like your typical case. They were given a guided tour, shown the engine room, given a history lesson in alien pollution control and told that we were their long term experiments! But there were few of the trappings of an abduction as you will find reported today - such as implants or medical exams.

Also noteworthy were the major lifestyle changes on this family. The father went off to make pots and they all became early environmentalists. Indeed this case parallels the NDE phenomenon in a number of crucial ways - featuring as there a car 'accident', out of body states, seeing vague forms in some 'other place' and recovering with a very different outlook on life that brings about major changes of behaviour. Substitute alien for dead relative in this case and it would be hard to tell what kind of case it was.

My opinion is that this is a genuine 'paranormal' experience but that it wasn't an alien abduction. And by paranormal I mean only a phenomenon not yet scientifically identified but certainly amenable to some resolution in terms of the laws of physics.

I think it is a type of case that is far more common than ufologists will admit where a recognisably consistent experience has occurred - the road encounter with the electrical mist - and where distortions of time and space follow as a natural physical consequence. But that everything beyond that - the nightmares, tale of the alien contact fostered by the hypnosis, and the

belief in this as an abduction is effectively a mutual delusion between us all. Myself included - because I saw it this way too for years.

This is not to argue there are never any abductions. There may, or may not, be. But it is to argue that many cases assumed to be abductions are in reality something else entirely IMO. A fascinating and real experience. Just nothing to do with ETs.

I have been researching what they might instead be (not not NDEs - as I think some NDEs - like some abductions - are also this 'third way') . Exactly what I mean here will become clear soon when I am ready to risk the undoubted backlash.

Stay tuned.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 08:05:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:37:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 14:48:56 -0600

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 11:05:13 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Bob,

>>Interesting that you should take a secondhand newspaper account
>>over the witnesses' direct testimony to the contrary. You
>>clearly aren't familiar with Zeidman's painstaking attempt to
>>get the time line of the sighting as right as humanly possible.

>Oh, and Zeidman's written report is not just a second-hand as
>the reporter's, or Uncle Phil's, for that matter? Yours and mine
>would even be third hand, or maybe even fourth.

You take a single newspaper quote over an investigation which
took years to complete (and about which you obviously know
somewhere between little and nothing). I suggest that you
familiarize yourself with the evidence at issue before you make
sweeping pronouncements based on Klass's paltry inquiry and
highly misleading claims about this crucial case.

>>>Hardly enough evidence to place this incident among those that
>>>prove the visitation of alien spaceships in our skies.

>>Uh, now who exactly has mention "visitation of alien spaceships
>>in our skies" in this conversation -- besides you, I mean? I
>>thought we were talking about an unidentified flying object. Or
>>maybe you just want to change the subject.

>True, but what's the point? Everybody knows that if we were only
>talking about meteors, mystery planes or mirages, nobody would
>care.

I have no idea how one would "prove" - whatever you mean by that
very pliable verb - from the Coyne case that UFOs are
extraterrestrial spacecraft. As you, of course, know well, which
is why you raise this irrelevant point. The real issue is
whether the event in question was anomalous, and to all
available evidence and no contrary evidence, it was.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:06:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:42:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Evans

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:31:17 -0500
>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

Previously, Jerome wrote:

>Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs
>in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted
>pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific
>sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma
>physicist John Lowke:

>"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel
>that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six
>eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable
>doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore,
>the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features
>with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

>How pathetically laughable. This poor soul clearly knows nothing
>of the insights that pelican science has now afforded us, namely
>that

>(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet
>liars

>(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely
>disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox
>phenomenon

>and

>(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

Hellooo, Jerry!

For all I know "hot plasma" is a holiday drink for vampires. I
take no stand one way or the other about the subject. However,
your insights into what you deem "pelicanism" are off the mark.

You wrote:

>(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet
>liars

No one has said that they are "likely" to be closet liars.
However, as you just pointed out, they are only "thought" to be
honest. Without validation, there is no proof that they are
telling the truth or not. Do you prefer to "assume" they are
telling the truth every time they open their mouths, no matter
how fantastic their claims, and cast aside anything resembling
an unbiased, objective view?

You wrote:

>(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely
>disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox

>phenomenon

On the contrary, eyewitness testimony has incredible value once it has been validated. Without validation, however, testimony is indistinguishable from a bold faced lie. Do you have a special insight that tells you who is telling the truth and who isn't without proof? Or do you prefer to "assume" they are telling the truth every time they open their mouths, no matter how fantastic their claims, and cast aside anything resembling an unbiased, objective view?

You wrote:

>(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

Do you define a "credible or reliable" observer as someone whose word does not have to withstand validation? If so, then please point to a specific UFO case where you can stake your reputation that you are 100% sure what the "credible observer" saw was an ET craft. Or do you prefer to "assume" they are telling the truth every time they open their mouths, no matter how fantastic their claims, and cast aside anything resembling an unbiased, objective view?

If being a "pelicanist" means asking hard questions about things that you prefer to assume are true without validation, then I guess I must be the king of the pelicanists.

King Roger

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 11:19:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:44:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Salvaille

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 14:48:56 -0600

Bob, Jerome and List,

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>the reporter's, or Uncle Phil's, for that matter? Yours and mine
>would even be third hand, or maybe even fourth.

Sorry to jump in. I would have liked to start a new thread
titled "Pain in the a**", but EBK would surely have edited it.

The complete Zeidman report (117 pages) is online at:

http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Zeidman/toc.html

[GREAT job from the Journal of Scientific Exploration site]

BTW, let's talk about intellectual honesty and the temptation
never resisted by debunkers to ultimately attack the messenger -
in this case Zeidman.

Another thing. What is your assessment of Klass' explanation of
the case?

An rigorous mind like yours will surely be unable to dodge the
last question.

Dissipating fog,

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived -

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 09:55:10 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:46:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

>Listfolk:

>Thank you, pelican science, for your many contributions to human
>enlightenment. We can now remain confident that everything that
>could be known is known and that all claims to the contrary can
>be easily disposed of. You have shown that no rational human
>being, on being made aware of the principles of pelican science,
>could possibly believe in what occultists disguised as
>scientists call "ball lightning."

>Jerry Clark

Listfolk,

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- 2) For the skeptic, no evidence exists to convince them.

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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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 11:59:28 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:48:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Sparks

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 22:59:27 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

><snip>

>Unidentified Flying Object = UFO. This means that an object is
>in the air, flying or stationary and is not readily identifiable
>such as an airplane, bird or conventional object. Nor is it
>identifiable through astronomical means. I really could go on
>and on with a definition, but we'll just stick with common sense
>and common language. Unidentified means just that.

>OK, I can go with this definition. I would have said that this
>would better be described as a "UFO report", but OK.

Bob, you are quite correct that this is merely the definition of a UFO "report." As Hynek explains it, Condon mistakenly used this as his definition of a UFO and as a result wasted time and resources investigating worthless cases - because it allowed witnesses alone to define a scientific issue and decide what was "unidentified." As Hynek pointed out in 1972 the proper definition of a UFO must be a case that remains unexplained after a technically competent investigation. Most witnesses are not capable of carrying out a technically competent investigation of their own sightings.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Aveley Encounter - Anthony

From: **Gar Anthony** <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 17:54:58 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:56:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter - Anthony

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 09:31:51 -0500
>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

Hi All + Roy,

Roy wrote:

>Hi All,

>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>family of five, two adults and three children.

>Any help would be appreciated.

>Regards,

>Roy..

This case has been done to death Roy. It is mentioned in numerous UFO books in the United Kingdom, two recent ones which spring to mind are Jenny Randles' 'The Complete Book of Aliens and Abductions' (p40), also Philip Mantle gives a brief rundown of the case in his book 'Without Consent'.

It was investigated by Andy Collins and Barry King. Currently I am trying to locate their original case file and report (mail me back in a few months and I will try to elaborate further for you, if I can find a copy of this report).

All best regards

Gary Anthony

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 12:00:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 23:16:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

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And the rest of us are left with the daunting task of weighing all evidence, pro and con, as objectively as we can as fallible humans. The believers and the debunkers have it easy.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 18:05:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 23:38:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:09:27 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

Brian wrote, in response to one of my rants....

>Well, in a similar vein, do you consider continuing SETI a
>worthless endeavor just because they haven't found one
>intelligent signal yet in the millions of megabytes of data
>they've already examined?

Well, yes, I do consider SETI a complete waste of time, full stop. The vast sums of money wasted on this endeavor could be far better spent on improving life on earth. I've never really understood the excitement space, and the things which may or may not dwell there, seems to trigger in people. IMNSHO it's pure escapism and there are far more interesting mysteries on earth than any suggested by space.

(Cue tirade by lots of people.....)

>All it takes is one valid signal, or photograph, to prove the
>case. So would you have us simply disregard all existing and
>future photographic evidence because its probably mundane? If
>so, that's ridiculous. If not, what's the point of your comment?
>I don't really see one.

Not at all. Whilst I think SETI is a waste of time and money I think ufology is a worthwhile pursuit because of what it tells us about humans and human belief and perception, both now and in the past.

And if people had read any of my posts correctly they would have seen (are you listening Stanton, Bruce & Jerry) that all I am saying is that:

- * given the pattern we have seen so far (ie since 1947) most UFO photo cases are resolvable
- * therefore it is reasonable to suggest that process will continue because it appears to be a pattern

And again, had you been paying attention, you would have read my post about UFOIN having an interesting 'UFO' video case under investigation even as we speak. I think each and every case and photo should be examined to the best of our abilities.

The thrust of this thread (which started with Trent) was that there are clearly a great number of highly educated people on this list who are driven by their belief that genuine solid craft from another place or time (as per Bruce M's quote) are visiting earth.

When faced with reasonable questions by a few sceptics, based on

what we know (not what we imagine, or would like, Bruce, Stanton & Jerry) these believers have resorted to:

- * Persistently ignoring questions
- * Distorting the known facts
- * Making silly asides because they are unable to prove their belief

Just banging on about a few photos or cases which cannot be resolved 'at this time' means nothing. At least the sceptics are making reasonable suggestions, based on experience and fact, and actually trying to _solve_ UFO cases rather than being engaged in some bizarre sci-fi fantasy which should have been left behind in childhood.

This happens time and time again on this list, any attempt at sceptical discussion doomed to attract the (blind) faithful who will rant and rave as to why perfectly reasonable queries, based on know facts and resolved cases, have no bearing on their beloved true UFOs, or whatever the current phrase is. Whilst this is highly entertaining for the sceptics it doesn't really do many of the ufologists on this list - especially the 'big' names who make a portion or all of their living from the subject- any good at all.

Happy Trails

Andy
off to see a rock'n'roll band for some reality

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 23:41:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 17:12:12 -0500

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>>From: Thiago Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Oct 30 2000 08:07 +0100

>>>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 15:34:45 -0400
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>Hello John, Thiago and List

>>Ignoring the lack of substantiation, I don't think that
>>something as 'large scale' as this abduction phenomena can be
>>pulled off _worldwide_ *successfully* (*keyword) without some
>>major league evidence of it appearing long before now. The sheer
>>number of personnel and expenditure of resources required to
>>pull it off would have -insured- that we'd all have known/heard
>>about it before now. Anything this big leaves a trail.

>What is exactly the 'scale' of the abduction phenomena?

>Regards,

>Serge Salvaille

I meant "worldwide" Serge. The people who perpetrate the government conspiracy theories regarding military involvement in abductions always neglect to explain 'who' is conducting the abductions in other countries. That was the point.

Lets say for arguments sake that the American military or intelligence community _is_ responsible for what people recall as abductions. Are they also responsible for the phenomenon in other countries? That's what I meant by; I don't think that they could 'pull off' (physically) such a large scale operation as the abduction phenomenon appears to be. I already mentioned that I have letters from abductees from just about any country you can think of. The numbers of personnel that would be have to be involved, the hardware, resources, and planning are just way beyond anything that the government could get away with without somebody having 'leaked' something long before now.

There must be plenty of aging, retired, maybe even disgruntled former government abductors out there collecting a pension by now. It's just implausible that something as 'worldwide' in scale like this, and considering how many people, and how much \$ would have to be involved, would have escaped detection completely all this time.

Regards,

John Velez

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jvif@spacelab.net
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:07:41 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 23:44:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Young

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 18:10:09 EST
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

>There is no "eventual transition from UFO to IFO" as if it is
>some established and inexorable pattern or phenomenon of UFO
>research - point me to some solid _global_ statistical studies
>if you can. First off, most "UFO" cases are never given what J.
>Allen Hynek called a technically competent investigation. They
>remain as "UFO's" in name only, but neither are they IFO's, they
>are indeterminate in status. Better terminology is needed for
>these pending status uninvestigated and partially investigated
>cases, maybe call them Pending UFO (PUFO).

Brad, Andy, this is an important point. But, shouldn't PUFO
maybe be reserved to uninvestigated and partially investigated
incidents which have received Publicity, as in Publicized,
partially investigated UFO?

>Of the cases that _are_ investigated the percentages vary
>greatly. At certain times USAF Project Blue Book claimed
>"Unknowns" exceeded 20%, but later they diluted the statistics
>with PUFO's, dishonestly treating them as IFO's, to get the
>percentage of Unknowns down.

>The Condon Committee deliberately suppressed statistics on its
>investigations (don't tell me a dozen Ph.D.'s were incapable of
>thinking of the idea). Fortunately the Index to the Condon
>Report gave it away by compiling a list of all of the
>"Sightings, Unexplained." I tallied up the statistics, I don't
>have them in front of me, but it was something like 40 out of
>about 90, or more than 40%.

It cuts both ways. Case #27, the Harrisburg UFO flap, actually
involved 100 sightings, none of which turned out to be
important. This, alone, would bring the Condon total to 40 out
of about 190, or about 21%.

>Secondly, there are increasing numbers of cases of IFO's
>"transitioning" back to UFO's as long-standing skeptical
>landmarks on such major cases as the RB-47
>radar-visual-electronic intelligence 1957 case, Bentwaters
>radar-visual 1956 (I exclude the Lakenheath phase), and
>Rendlesham 1980 get demolished with further research.

Then, of course, there are those that go the other way.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Yet More Insights From Pelican Science

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 12:27:57 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:06:22 -0500
Subject: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science

Listfolk:

Recent developments in pelican science have opened up whole new vistas to UFO research. Through its insights we are able to look at old cases with new eyes.

Take, for example, the story told by LeRoy, Kansas, rancher Alex Hamilton, who famously claimed that on the evening of April 19, 1897, he, his son, and a cowboy in his employ witnessed the rustling of a calf by the otherworldly crew of a mysterious airship.

In 1976 I investigated the case and secured the testimony of a very old woman in a nursing home. She claimed that she had been in the Hamilton household the day the elder Hamilton came home and boasted to his wife about a story he and his friends had made up concerning interplanetary livestock theft. I also learned of an article in a 1943 issue of an obscure Kansas weekly newspaper, in which the man who'd edited the paper in which Hamilton's story first appeared claimed it was a joke concocted by locals, who in the subsequent printed account, and in the tradition of frontier tall-tale humor (of which 1897 newspapers provide many other examples), pretended to endorse the claim.

If there is one thing we have learned from our pelicanist colleagues, it's that memory - even if measured in minutes, even seconds - cannot be replied upon. Yet here we are being asked to credit testimony offered 46 and 79 years after the fact as something we ought to believe. We are also being asked to believe that persons who know a witness have anything worthwhile to tell us about that individual's honesty, and pelicanists have already demonstrated that they don't.

Therefore, I am sorry to have to report that when I published my findings, which rushed to the clearly unjustified conclusion that the story was a hoax, nearly all of my colleagues agreed that Hamilton's story could no longer be taken seriously.

It is clear that a great injustice has been done. Outside this anecdotal testimony - and pelicanists have let us know just how worthless that is - there is no reason to listen to undocumented claims from old people testifying to an alleged event that occurred many years earlier. Besides memory problems, pelicanists have assured us that people lie all the time, and for no reason. Therefore, it is entirely possible that these latterday informants were not so much confused as consciously dishonest.

Our pelicanist friends, who are nothing if not consistent and even-handed, will, I am certain, join me in agreeing that the Hamilton story is now very much an open question.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:34:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:09:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>From: Thiago Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Weds, 1 Nov 2000 08:26 +0100

>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 15:47:55 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Hola Thiago,

>>Greer first made that absurd claim about five years ago. Because
>>of my personal interest in the subject UFO/abductions I called
>>Dr. Greer to ask him 'where' he got those numbers from, and what
>>'evidence' (if any) he had that such a thing was actually going
>>on.

>>(The whole exchange was published on UpDates sometime in 1995 or
>>96. It triggered a thread that brought Greer and CSETI under
>>scrutiny of the List members at that time. If I recall it was a
>>hum dinger of a thread. Lots of strong emotions on both sides of
>>the CSETI issue.)

>>I never got a straight answer out of Greer. In fact, he gave me
>>a 'song and dance' routine that was right out of a Rogers &
>>Hammerstien musical!

>>I'm a simple, blunt, direct, but completely honest man. I'm
>>sorry but I just don't trust people that can't look you dead in
>>the eye when they're talking to you and give a straight, simple
>>answer to a straight, simple question. Greer was incapable of
>>it.

>>To date, no one (Greer or other) has provided anything
>>substantial that will validate or justify the outrageous claim
>>that 98% of all reported abductions (and presumably unreported
>>as well) can be laid at the doorstep of the US military/
>>Intelligence community.

>>Ignoring the lack of substantiation, I don't think that
>>something as 'large scale' as this abduction phenomena can be
>>pulled off _worldwide_ *successfully (*keyword) without some
>>major league evidence of it appearing long before now. The sheer
>>number of personnel and expenditure of resources required to
>>pull it off would have -insured- that we'd all have known/heard
>>about it before now. Anything this big leaves a trail.

>>Also, I now have many _hundreds_ of individual reports (sent to
>>me privately) that have been collected over five + years from
>>abduction experiencers all over the Globe. You name the country
>>and I have letters from someone who is a native to that land. In
>>all that time I have only received -2- count em, (two) reports
>>that had a military anything, 'component' (where soldiers or
>>other "official" appearing or uniformed humans were allegedly
>>present or participating -during- the encounter.)

>>Not to cast aspersions, but; the two reports I did receive were
>>accompanied by a host of "government conspiracy" theories and

>>banter, (in one case ALA: "Cooper" YIKES!) which
>>suggests/indicates that the person reporting has already arrived
>>at a set of conclusions/beliefs regarding the nature of their
>>own experiences. And that they attribute them to the covert
>>activities being conducted by agencies of our own government.
>>Ok, fine, now show me the same evidence that convinced you that
>>this is true. Nobody has. (Currently) nobody can!

>>I already said in one of my last postings that it's not hard for
>>me to imagine that; (If) the government is aware of the alien
>>presence here, it is not too far fetched a concept that they
>>would choose some (well suited to their purposes) individuals
>>and try to 'monitor' them for the purpose of gathering
>>"intelligence" as to what the "Aliens" are up to.

>>That they, (government agents) are responsible for 98% of all
>>abductions is just an as yet unsubstantiated absurdity. As I
>>mentioned, I have letters from folks all over the planet; in the
>>Netherlands, South America, Canada, UK, Japan, you name it. Now
>>try to sell me the idea that Americans are kidnapping Swedish
>>citizens in the middle of the night. Or inside the borders of
>>_any_ of the other countries I mentioned.

><snip>

>>Cuidate mi hermano, y nunca dejes de peliar la lucha buena. No
>>creas nada que te dicen hasta que te ofrecen una buena
>>prueba! ;)

>>John Velez, Good Soldier, not; El Bobo de la lluca! <LOL>

Thiago responded:

>Si mi amigo, nosotros tenemos mucho a aprender para poder
>concluir alguna cosa con respeto a las abducciones.

*For non-spanish speaking Listmembers; Thiago said that he
agrees with me that there is still much to learn about
abductions before we can arrive at any firm conclusions.

I am in complete harmony with that.

>I never known, as you, where some researchers got those numbers.

(Se lo sacan del aire!) Apparently 'some of them' are pulling
their figures out of the air! :)

>What I believe is that something is happening. People are being
>abducted by aliens but we have no conclusions about that.
>Indeed, we have great researchers doing their jobs to try to
>find an answer, but is just speculation to say that more than 6
>million people have been abducted.

I assume that you are using the 'Roper Poll' numbers for your
estimate of six million. The validity of that poll has been
argued so much (and convincingly from both sides!) that I don't
know if it's possible to use its results/findings with any
degree of certainty or reliability.

I have no idea 'how many' people are being abducted. I do know
it's a lot! By myself, over five or six years, I have
accumulated hundreds of letters from people all over the
planet that are reporting UFO/alien abduction. Budd must easily
have ten or twenty times that number. Add that to what other
equally visible people such as; Jacobs, Mack, Fowler etc. must
have and you start to get into some significant numbers just
from those who have already reported to somebody.

I don't know about "millions" but easily thousands. Maybe tens
of thousands if you consider the ones who have not reported. It
is still an impressive enough number of people that you'd think
it would not be ignored by the mainstream research community the
way that it has.

Jerry Clark once said that (I paraphrase) in the future, the
lack of interest and response from modern science to the UFO
phenomenon would be viewed as one of its biggest
failures/shortcomings.

I agree.

Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

Un placer conocerte mi hermano. Es un placer tenerte como un miembro the este grupo. ;)

Siceramente,

John Velez

*For Thiago and any other Spanish speaking List members:

Ay un borracho parado en una esquina meando. Viene la policia y le dice, "Que lindo ah?" El borracho le contesta: "Verdad que parece una munequita!"

<LOL> JV ;)

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

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:41:07 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:11:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:31:17 -0500
>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

>Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs
>in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted
>pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific
>sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma
>physicist John Lowke:

>"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel
>that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six
>eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable
>doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore,
>the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features
>with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

Jerry:

Are you suggesting that the Coyne helicopter incident involved
ball lightning? Hm, never thought about that.

<snip>

>A pelicanist on this list even has shown that multiple and
>independent witnesses who reported seeing a hovering
>submarine-shaped, metallic structure with flashing search light
>-- over a 300-second period of observation

Can you name any members of the helicopter crew who said that
they observed the object for five minutes? If you know of such
a claim, what is its date?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 14:32:35 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:13:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 08:05:28 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:37:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>You take a single newspaper quote over an investigation which
>took years to complete (and about which you obviously know
>somewhere between little and nothing). I suggest that you
>familiarize yourself with the evidence at issue before you make
>sweeping pronouncements based on Klass's paltry inquiry and
>highly misleading claims about this crucial case.

Two weeks later, November 1, 1973, on the Dick Cavett TV show
Coyne said that the whole incident took place "in about a
minute's time."

When the co-pilot was interviewed in 1977 he estimated that the
he watched the object for 30 second to a minute. A third crew
member gave the longest time estimate when he said that he had
watched the light for a minute before reported it coming toward
them. The object was only "over" the helicopter for a few
seconds and then disappeared seconds later, according to their
accounts.

I would like to track down Zeidman's reply to Klass' book
chapter and see if the two competing sets of claims can be
reconciled, if you have a reference.

Thanks,

Bob Young

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Re: Aveley Encounter - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:53:36 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:15:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter - Randles

>From: Gar Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 17:54:58 -0000

>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 09:31:51 -0500
>>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>Hi All + Roy,

>Roy wrote:

>This case has been done to death Roy. It is mentioned in
>numerous UFO books in the United Kingdom, two recent ones which
>spring to mind are Jenny Randles' 'The Complete Book of Aliens
>and Abductions' (p40), also Philip Mantle gives a brief rundown
>of the case in his book 'Without Consent'.

>It was investigated by Andy Collins and Barry King. Currently I
>am trying to locate their original case file and report (mail me
>back in a few months and I will try to elaborate further for
>you, if I can find a copy of this report).

Hi,

Gary if you get the two FSR issues in which the case appears (it
dominates both issues) you will have the case report as this is
reproduced virtually in its entirety in these two 1979 FSR
issues - along with additional photos and sketches.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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UpDates Posters Using AOL Version 6.0 - Don't!

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 15:13:34 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:20:59 -0500
Subject: UpDates Posters Using AOL Version 6.0 - Don't!

As a courtesy to those who have recently begun using AOL 6.0 and who like to post here on UpDates, I would issue a caveat or two. As one of those who were assisting with the Beta analysis of this new AOL, I can tell you that you should not use it at this time, despite AOL releasing it to the public. There are still some bugs in it which preclude installation in some machines and some terribly silly lapses in brainpower by some of us. We forgot to remind AOL about things because frankly, we imagined that they would have thought of it themselves. And the cheque is in the mail.

First, you cannot strictly follow the posting rules on Errol's UpDates with AOL ver. 6.0. You cannot use Internet style quoting at this moment without great difficulty, and an hour on the phone with AOL technical customer service.

This is a caveat, a warning. Wait until they straighten out what we Beta Testers forgot to tell them. Don't blame AOL. Blame me. I was then on mood altering Gripple and unable to comprehend write from erase and friend from jackass. It was a terrible time for me. But like all terrible times, I learnt from it. I can honestly say that now, I know who my friend is.

My mommy.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 18:58:46 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:24:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Ledger

>From: Brian Mundy <mundy-b@home.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 23:48:57 -0800

>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 11:23:08 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>>Subject: Kingston, Ontario, Canada

>>Hi All:

>>I am trying to replace the records that I had up to a few years
>>ago, regarding UFO related incidents in the Quinte Area (Oshawa
>>to Brockville including all of Lake Ontario).

>>If anyone has any records of sighting reports in this region,
>>could you please forward them to me at:

>>sliddle@chalktv.com

>>Thanks.

>>If I ever catch up with the boob who took my files and never
>>returned them, 'Bam, Boom, Zoom to da moon!' (and if you want to
>>know the name of this weasel, or why QAPRA folded, contact me
>>privately via email and I'll let you know).

>I don't know where Quinte is, but Monday night a friend and I
>were about halfway to Ottawa, coming from Brockville, when we saw
>4 bright stationary lights high in the air.

>It was twilight, and one of the lights, a slightly smaller one,
>turned out to be a plane.

>They were to the left of the highway and as we passed the plane
>flew over us, but these other 3 never moved.

>They were way too big for stars and too high up for a microwave
>tower, or such. It was still light enough to have seen any
>structures, anyway.

>Looking back, there were only 2 of them, just before we lost
>sight of them. (We never stopped driving, just kept craning our
>heads around as we passed them.)

Hi Brian,

Be advised that sometimes you will see aircraft that are on
"long final" for an airport, [in this case, perhaps, Ottawa]
with their landing lights on.

They might begin this approach with lights 50 or 100 miles back
from the AP. When they are sliding down the glideslope, they
appear to be fixed in the sky.

Some of these heavies are displaying half million candle power
lights, as much for high visibility in congested control zones
as for landing. I've witnessed more than a few of these myself.

It seems to take forever for them to get to you. When you are in the air with them they are quite brilliant but much more evident as to their identity. The brilliance of the landing lights quite often will blank out their red, green and white navigation lights/strobes.

Any chance that this is what you saw?

You have not provided much in the way of details. Colour of lights, approx. distance, direction, duration of sighting etc. I note that one of the lights turned out to be an aircraft, the one which seemed to be fixed for a time in the sky then you saw that it was a plane.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Chris Arnold Interview - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 17:15:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:27:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview - Gehrman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 21:31:40 EST
>Subject: Re: The Chris Arnold Interview
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>>I'm not familiar with that information. Can you fill us in? All
>>I know about Rendlesham comes from reading 'Left At East Gate'
>>and from the many interesting posts on Updates.

>I outlined it all, at length in 'Project Moondust'. Russ Estes
>had a copy of the interview that was taped on February 16, 1993
>Halt, Warren and Robins had apparently met to discuss the case,
>with, I suppose, Warren and Robins looking for additional
>information for the book they would write.

>Halt told Warren, "You're aware that the story you've told or
>the stories you've told through the years don't fit in with what
>I recollect and other witnesses recollect..."

Yes, I've found that interview, pgs. 351-366, 'Left At East Gate'.
Right after that quote, Larry explains that he has evidence -
records that refute Halts claims

>Warren agreed, but they said he had talked to others and it was
>like a traffic accident in which the various witnesses remember
>the events differently.

Yes, that's understandable. Everyone has part of the truth in
situations like this. If everyone who was there could be
interviewed, we could put all the parts together and come up
with a collective solution. Since that's apparently not
possible, we might listen carefully to those witnesses who are
willing to talk. Larry's testimony is important.

>Halt then asked if Warren had taken a polygraph. Warren said,
>"No," but that he had taken a Voice Stress given by Larry
>Fawcett. Well, as I was listening to the tape of Warren, I
>realized that I could call Larry Fawcett. He said that he had
>never given Warren a VSA. So, we have a major crack in the tale
>right there.

Larry then says, in a response to Halt's asking if he has taken a
polygraph:

"Not a lie detector test. I took a VSA through Fawcett, three
times, through the Connecticut State Police, actually."

Since he readily agreed to take one again, with Mike Kemp, I
don't know what to think about Fawcett's claim.

>Russ Estes also interviewed Warren on video tape. The very first
>thing that Warren told Estes was that he hadn't been in
>Bentwaters on the first two nights. He had only been there for
>the third.

Yes, that's what Larry claims; so what? That's what happened. He
wasn't there for the first two nights, but he was there for the

third night. But he had been in the area, not in Germany. He wasn't on duty the first two nights.

>Halt disputed that, suggesting that Warren had the
>chronology all screwed up.

Halt needs to take a VSA since his so-called facts about Larry have proven to be false. Why believe Halt? He's a government man! Why would anyone believe anything that he says? He might be telling the truth but then again he might not. His testimony certainly can't be used as a beacon in this discussion.

>Except that it seems that people often believe that they can
>beat the machine. They often agree to these sorts of exams, only
>to be surprised when the results come back in the negative. Next
>time you have a change watch one of the talk shows where they're
>using the lie detector and listen to the reactions of the people
>as they're caught.

I wouldn't take the time. Yes, some might believe that they might be able to beat a polygraph or VSA; but not anyone with any brains and not after reading Mike Kemp's VSA analysis of Col. Corso. Would you like to try? I have some questions that I'd like to ask.

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Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 21:31:44 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:29:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Balaskas

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:09:43 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:52:18 EST
>>Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO - Young
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Fate: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:31:34 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Re-investigating The Adamski UFO

<snip>

>>><http://www.net.yu/~djordjen/Nazi2.gif>

<snip>

>>Where did you find this page?

<snip>

>As for the image presented, anyone with an old typewriter could
>have faked that gem up, quite possibly somebody with a name like
>Djorjen.

Hi Larry.

The owner of this web site, 14 year old (1998) Djordje Nikolic, got the drawing of the Brown/Adamski looking flying saucer found in his NAZI UFO's (sic) page from his friends Dan and Dirk.

I was able to find identical drawings of this Haunebu II flying saucer in several other different web sites (many in German which I cannot read) but with no additional information on the origins of this alleged 1943 NAZI German flying saucer document. In a past post to UFO UpDates post, Tim Matthews considers accounts of the Haunebu flying saucers to be lies based on fake documents. Kevin McClure's Internet article 'More Lies Than Secrets', which was also reproduced on UFO UpDates by a friend, also seems to agree that the Haunebu flying saucers came from the realm of science fiction.

I do not think Djordje faked this document himself (I am waiting for his reply to my e-mail asking for further details). If this 1943 NAZI German flying saucer document is not real, then I would still like to know when and by whom it was created. Why risk dismissing something which could turn out to be of great value in our understanding of UFOs based simply on gut feelings or on our suspicions that Haunebu flying saucer stories are all fictitious accounts. If this document is a fake, does it predate Brown's nearly identical flying saucer model and Adamski's photos of his similar looking flying saucer or was it possibly inspired by these?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Meiners

From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:38:28 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:34:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Meiners

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

>Listfolk:

>Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs
>in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted
>pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific
>sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma
>physicist John Lowke:

>"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel
>that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six
>eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable
>doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore,
>the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features
>with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

<snip>

>"Many years ago" - we can safely disregard the sighting at once,
>since pelican science tells us that memory of what happened
>minutes or even seconds ago is unreliable - "I saw two globes of
>lightning." Of course we know that even scientists are
>unreliable observers, and some are even liars. "They were
>reddish-yellow in color and appeared to be rotating." Given how
>our perceptual apparatus so often fails us, this description is
>none we need take seriously. "One of them struck a building and
>burst with a loud report" - probably caused by a firecracker,
>not some absurd, undocumented phenomenon such as this obviously
>dubious character wants us to believe. "As there was no trace of
>anything the [building's inhabitants] looked bewildered." As why
>shouldn't they, since nothing happened outside the fertile
>imagination/lying tongue/failed perceptual mechanisms of this
>unreliable alleged scientist? "The other drifted slowly away."
>What "drifted slowly away" was no doubt a cloud with sunlight
>reflecting off it. "Globular lightning makes a slight noise ...
>compared with the purring of a cat." So deluded is this
>unreliable witness that he couldn't even discern that what he
>was hearing was the "purring of a cat," which in his ignorance
>of pelicanist principles he was led to associate with the aerial
>phenomenon he mistakenly thought he was seeing.

<snip>

>Thank you, pelican science, for your many contributions to human
>enlightenment. We can now remain confident that everything that
>could be known is known and that all claims to the contrary can
>be easily disposed of. You have shown that no rational human
>being, on being made aware of the principles of pelican science,
>could possibly believe in what occultists disguised as
>scientists call "ball lightning."

>Jerry Clark

Any takers on this outlook? This should light some fires under

some people!

Personally, in Montana, ball lightning happens quite a bit.
Been there, seen it, and I do not make a habit of lying.

In the summer, August 10, 1967, ball lightning went down the
middle of our street and took out a University of Southern
California vehicle. No problem. Several people saw it and we all
agreed on the perception. It was quite a thing to see.

Any others?

Jean or G'ma whichever you prefer

Oh, yes. Been called a liar before, so it don't really bother
me, been around too long.

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 03:39:47 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:40:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 02:05:01 -0000

>YOU CAN'T TELL THE PEOPLE

[...]

>THE AFTERMATH

>Trees in Rendlesham Forest were quickly felled at the site of
>the landings and the area burnt.

There was constant logging activity in the sizeable forest - weren't there three saw-mills concerned with the forestry management and wasn't the area surrounding our 'UFO landing' already earmarked for tree felling?

>Local prisons were put on alert and for days following the
>incident the American bases used "Flash" calls, which are only
>ever used in emergencies.

The 'High Point prison', in Suffolk, 'alert' was a story told by George Wild, who lived locally and was statedly a 'UFO enthusiast'. His claim, as reported by Tony Dodd, was that on 27th December, 'High Point' staff had been told they may have to evacuate the prison due to an anticipated 'incident' later that night.

There was never any verification of the claim, no known connection with 'UFOs', as if there would be, and no rationale why it might be thus connected.

Do you have any evidence to make a proven association with 'UFOs'? If so, why would only local prisons be alerted? Do you have any evidence of a more realistic, widespread concern?

This contemporary 'flash traffic' was first revealed in the newsletter I published in April, 1999:

Staff Sergeant William A. Kirk Jr., was "NCOIC of the Telecommunications Facility located next to the Commanders hut".

Also published for the first time is his account as told to me of the apparent high-level communications traffic after the 'UFO' incident. He wasn't sure which of the two incidents this followed, however, it was recalled:

"At the time, I was posted on temporary duty to RAF Bentwaters from RAF Martlesham Heath.

When I showed for duty, communications was running at a peak, and stayed that way. Many users complained because of busy signals or being 'bumped'.

Radio traffic between RAF Bentwaters and RAF Martlesham Heath was full. Switch Techs at Martlesham complained to me of a great deal of 'Flash' traffic.

Radio Communications Techs at Bentwaters complained about the amount of traffic. Bentwaters Switchboard Operators remarked about how 'busy' it was.

I noted increased personnel traffic into the commanders office. I naturally assumed that an alert or recall was possible or starting. NATO seemed to have a great deal of them over the previous year. Whatever the reason, it was a very busy day for telecommunications traffic".

I asked William he could clarify the nature of 'flash traffic' and he helpfully obliged:

"American military telephone traffic (AUTOVON = automatic voice network) has some small differences to regular telephone communications. The telephone set is push button (long before the general public had push buttons). 4 extra buttons are located to the left of the 1 - 4 - 7 - * buttons. They are labelled P, I, F, FO (P = priority, and is located next to 1), (I = immediate, located next to 4), (F = flash, located next to 7), (FO = flash override, next to *). VERY few people had access to autovon phones and usually there was about one to two per office area. Usually they were contained at a desk with a person of higher rank. EVEN fewer were given the power to use the buttons. Just because you had them did not mean you could use them. The more important you were, the higher power you had to 'bump'.

If you were talking on a normal telephone call, just like if you were to pick up the telephone right now and call a friend, and I called you, I would hear a busy tone. Well... if I had the power, I would hang up, push the P button, touch in the number again, and BANG, you were disconnected from your friend, you would get a special ring, and there I would be. Your friend would be high and dry.... HOWEVER if your friend had the power to call on an Immediate precedence, he could "bump" me. If I had flash.... well you get the point by now. Few people had an autovon telephone, fewer had the use of the P button, even fewer had the use of the I button, less the F (usually commanders), and only the President and such had use of the FO button". [END]

Wasn't the Bentwaters/Woodbridge complex, a major NATO base, on an alert status because of the 'Solidarity' situation in Poland? Also, this was amidst the soon to be resolved Iran hostage crisis.

William was unaware of any direct connection to a 'UFO' crisis!

Do you have any evidence otherwise? I note you don't mention it.

>Photographs and video film taken at the scene were swiftly
>transported to Ramstein Air Base, the USAFE headquarters in
>Germany.

Col. Halt is adamant there was no video footage, as he told respected journalist Salley Rayl:

'Despite rumors, "No video or motion picture film was taken," says Halt.

And from a separate, online interview/conference:

RAYL: Okay. We have already gotten questions in, even before we went on the air tonight, about rumors that there was video and film taken that night. So, I'd like you to address that question now, as long as we're talking about evidence...

HALT: There was no video. There was no film taken that night to my knowledge. Now, it is possible that one of the young airman, back at a distance because they weren't allowed to approach close we're talking about the group that was back at the light-alls... Somebody may have had a camera back there, but I don't believe so because they were on duty and they would have had to go through guardmount. Somebody could have snuck a small, 35mm or Instamatic or something in their pocket. It's possible somebody may have had something, but there was no obvious overt

video filming, etc., done that night. None.

RAYL: There was no official video or film taken.

HALT: None. No, nothing official. No.

[END]

>You Can't Tell The People presents vital new evidence which
>proves that the incident should have been of major concern to
>Britain's defence agencies & evidence that the MOD must have &
>or should have been aware of twenty years ago.

What does Nick Pope have to say about this? I'll tell you in a moment!

>Some of the information contained in the book...

>1.A letter written by an RAF squadron leader and addressed to
>the MOD, which is titled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOS)".
>This is supported with an exclusive interview.

Which doesn't add any meaningful substance - correct?

>2.Documents that claim to be official witness statements. The
>author interviewed witnesses who claim they did not type these
>statements, which appear to be disinformation mixed with facts.

A quite extraordinary accusation.

There are five testimonies, which were requested within a week of the events by then Lt. Col. [subsequently Col.] Charles Halt.

Do all five participants claim their testimonies were 'altered', as part of a supposed and quite ridiculous 'cover up'?

I'm sure the answer is 'no, actually they don't'...

Isn't it?

The issue here is that those inaugural statements were requested by Halt and if they had been 'doctored', then only Halt could have been responsible.

Nonsense, of course, yet you have previously proclaimed that Halt isn't trustworthy. However, you have declared these statements to be genuine, as you said on the public, CompuServe 'UFO' forum -

16 September, 1988:

"The witness statements which have been quoted so often are merely watered down versions and although genuine, they are not official Air Force documents".

Do you believe they're genuine or not?

Disparaging Halt's credibility, you also wrote on that forum -

20 September, 1998:

"I know what he maintains, but due to my research findings I'm afraid I cannot agree. Over the years Charles has been a naughty boy - he has made numerous statements regarding the case and the witnesses - these have not always been correct".

Again, on the same day you implied those statements were in fact trustworthy:

"I spoke to Barry Greenwood several weeks ago and he assured me that the statements were indeed genuine but were not official Air Force documents. Apparently, from what I gather the statements were written for the then Lt Colonel Charles Halt, at his request. These were/are 'private property' and that's probably why Halt was up-tight when I told him they were in the public domain. Well at least one of them has been placed on the Internet [without Halt's comments]. Halt wrote hand written comments on these statements which included his concern that he felt one of the witnesses was not revealing all. There is probably no conspiracy involved in why these statements were not

published sooner, suffice to say that they were personal. By the time these were written, the witnesses had already been debriefed by 'Intelligence' and advised by their superiors to play down the incident. The statements are important in the case inasmuch as they are proof that the witnesses were under pressure to play it down. Witness, Jim Penniston informed me that what they saw was nothing to do with any lighthouse. I believe the guys are going to get together to explain those statements themselves - and when they do it will surely knock down the sceptic's theories once and for all.

Another prime witness has informed me that they were interrogated and threatened. He was forced to admit that what he saw was 'a lighthouse beam' when in fact he saw a landed craft of unknown origin. I have spent much time talking with him and I believe this witness is credible.

I've met Charles Halt personally, and have communicated with him via phone and e-mail and I find him a charming and intelligent person. However, due to my investigation of this case I have every reason to believe that he is suppressing vital information. He is also protecting the names of certain people who were involved. Whilst this is an honourable thing to do, one must also be aware that should he disclose their names, he must then disclose his own involvement. From what I understand that involves much more than the sighting of a few lights in the sky. Halt told a source of mine that he hopes his forthcoming book will put the lid on the case once and for all', I doubt it. I don't believe he will reveal the names of those he's been protecting and I don't think he'll tell the whole story of his role in all of this.

I am waiting for Halt's book before publishing my research findings. What he doesn't tell - we will."
[END]

Presumably you couldn't wait any longer for Halt's first-hand account, reportedly due in December.

>3. USAF photographs taken the morning after the initial incident
>which show a British police officer and a USAF officer examining
>three ground indentations, each with a marker. Enlargements of
>the photographs depict indentations of what appear to be the
>UFO's landing marks as well as a scuffed up area, which was
>reported twenty years ago by witness Lt Colonel Charles Halt.

Published in last Sunday's 'News of the World' - see:

<http://www.newsoftheworld.co.uk/news/4084862>

the interesting photo of our purported 'landing site' reveals significant new evidence, which, I trust permissible under 'fair extract' rules, can be seen in an enhanced version on my website at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/site2.jpg>

A mainstay of Staff Sgt Jim Penniston's later tales - contrary to the fact he originally testified never being closer than 50 meters to the source of 'anomalous' lights perceived, a somewhat momentous, documented, discrepancy - told of the 'UFO':

"It was triangular in shape, like a pyramid, about 9 feet, by 9 feet, by 9 feet, approximately 6, 7 feet tall."

[...]

And related to Salley Rayl, from the published 'Into the Night' article:

"The craft moved up off the ground, about three feet, still with absolutely no sound. It started to move slowly, weaving back through the trees at a very slow pace, maybe a half a foot per second. It took about a couple of minutes for it to manoeuvre itself back to a distance of about 100 to 150 feet, then it rose up just over the trees, about 200 feet high. There was a momentary pause -- and then literally with the blink of an eye it was gone. All with no sound. That still boggles my mind".

As can be evidence from this photograph of the subsequently

determined 'landing marks', which both the local forester and police determined to be the work of rabbits - there were apparently rabbit droppings therein - isn't it evidently impossible for any object, which was the size clearly indicated, to have moved through the trees as Penniston claims?

Aside from that, the 'object' must have demonstrably been much larger than Penniston alleges. He should have at least got that much right, latterly telling a story of how he spent some 20 minutes examining it:

"I observed the craft probably for about 15 minutes, 20 minutes on the ground. I was checking it out, encircling it".

Where were Burroughs and Cabansag during this time and why, given this exceptional opportunity to examine a purported 'alien craft, did neither Burroughs or Cabansag see it!

As I confirmed in 'Rendlesham Unravalled':

"We asked Burroughs to describe the UFO with more detail and he responded that it looked like "a bank of lights, differently colored lights that threw off an image of like a craft. I never saw anything metallic or anything hard."

Source: 'Bentwaters, Part III: The Testimony of John Burroughs', by Antonio Huneeus, Fate 46, No 9, September 1993, pp 70-71.

And subsequently in 'Resolving Rendlesham':

Another indication that neither Burroughs, Cabansag nor even Penniston ever witnessed a 'nut's n' bolts' object comes from the archives of 'ParaNet', a computer 'bulletin board' and messaging system.

On 12 Aug 91, Jim Speiser, a respected researcher and frequent ParaNet contributor wrote of the then forthcoming 'Unsolved Mysteries' coverage:

"Another witness, John Burroughs, will also be featured. Burroughs lay low for many years after the sighting, but came forward to me back in 1989. He has since spoken to several researchers, and together we are spearheading an effort to re-focus public attention to the case".

"Burroughs has agreed to be interviewed for an exclusive ParaNet release".

On 20 September, 1991, Speiser published on ParaNet the transcript of a brief series of questions which Burroughs had answered. Amongst these was the following dialogue regarding the 'Unsolved Mysteries' broadcast :

[John Powell]: "Regarding one of the last clips shown, which depicted one or two airmen prone as a very nearby and clearly craft-like object rose from a landing position and took off, do you know if there were any ground traces of this?"

[Burroughs]: "First of all, we did not see a structured 'craft' as was depicted. All we saw were lights that seemed to imply a structure of some kind. Later inspection showed three round depressions at that spot, forming an equilateral triangle. The British Police explained these as 'rabbit holes'".
[END]

>'Halt at first said Bustinza wasn't with him, but I later came >across a tape with Bustinza's voice on it.'

Sgt. Adrian Bustinza wasn't a member of Halt's 'assembled team of [UFO] specialists' in the forest that second night, as recorded on the 'Halt tape'.

Which tape are you therefore referring to?

[...]

>8. A local civilian witness speaks out about his encounter with >one of the UFOs and tells how four of his USAF friends were >called back to the base on a "Red Alert". The witness also >described what one of his friends had told him about the

>incident in the forest, which involved alien entities repairing
>a space ship.

The actual, documented participants refute encountering 'aliens repairing a spaceship' - presumably this relates to the 'second night' and where Halt acknowledges:

"I never saw anything as far as an alien being or anything that could be considered human, humanoid, or anything of that nature, although I had a distinct feeling, in fact I'm permanently convinced, the objects we saw were under some type of intelligent control".

Than again, you indicate Halt is not to be trusted.

>9.A former MOD secretary reveals that there was a cover-up and
>witnesses were given new identities and there were those who
>simply disappeared.

Good grief... we'd better tell Nick Pope!

Clearly this mere secretary knows more than our media promoted 'man at the UFO desk' did. After all, wasn't it Pope who confirmed:

Interview dated 5 May 1996
Conducted by Mark Ian Birdsall and Vivienne Olbison [for 'UFO Magazine - possibly the first, 'virgin' interview given]:

UFO: In 1980 one of the most extraordinary incidents involving a UFO occurred in Suffolk, just a few hundred yards from the joint USAF/RAF bases at Bentwaters and Woodbridge. DS8 was the name of the MoD's UFO department at that time who handled the case. Your thoughts on this one?

Nick Pope: Rendlesham is the 'Holy Grail' of British Ufology isn't it?

UFO: It was bigger than DS8 could handle - isn't that true?

Nick Pope: I believe Rendlesham has an extraterrestrial explanation. I am convinced on the first night of the activity a small remote craft was seen by the guard patrol. As we all know, trace evidence was found. Colonel Halt wrote his memorandum to Whitehall...

UFO: On this insistence of a British officer?

Nick Pope: Yes, but on each joint USAF/RAF base there is an RAF Commander; but it's really only a nominal title; these facilities are basically USAF bases. I believe for legal reasons they must have an RAF Commander who acts as the conduit between the USAF and the Ministry of Defence. My best assessment of what happened next is - absolutely nothing! The report was written on the 13th January and when it arrived at Whitehall, whoever was doing the job didn't have the faintest idea what to do with it, probably took one look at it and said, what am I supposed to do? I am afraid to say it simply ended up in a file.

[...]

UFO: Does this not indicate that DS8 wasn't even a minor player in the events that followed next. Bentwaters was on full alert anyway due to the problems in Europe?

Nick Pope: I believe we had just had the situation in Poland with the trade union Solidarity, and this heightened international tension.

[...]

UFO: Was there a cover-up?

Nick Pope: No. Not in the MoD - I think the MoD's response was just ineffective.

UFO: That's a very big statement?

Nick Pope: Yes, but if something of that magnitude was reported and simply placed on file, then what else can you say?

[END]

Oh... I don't know... you could always write the forward for a book which asserts the entire scientific world and just about everyone else should 'wake up' to 'reality'. As proclaimed by proponents who stately believe 'crop circles' are also made by 'aliens'.

>Margaret Thatcher, who was the Prime Minister at the time of the
>events, told the author in 1997, that she can't tell the people
>about UFOs

I understand we should read your book and what Thatcher actually said, rather than your 'interpretation', our your publishers' marketing and that the farcical contention our government is 'covering up' evidence of 'alien contact' is then duly exposed, as logically expected.

>At last the truth can be told...

'ufology' incarnate...

James Easton.

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Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll [was: Clark vs. Evans]

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Subject: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll [was: Clark vs. Evans]

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
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>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
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>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:09:27 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
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>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans

>>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

Andy,

I had concluded some days ago that responding to you is only encouraging you, so I beg the indulgence of all patient and gentle listfolk. Something that you imply about a friend of mine has set me off, and that's the only reason for this post.

>Just banging on about a few photos or cases which cannot be
>resolved 'at this time' means nothing. At least the sceptics are
>making reasonable suggestions, based on experience and fact, and
>actually trying to solve UFO cases rather than being engaged
>in some bizarre sci-fi fantasy which should have been left
>behind in childhood.

>This happens time and time again on this list, any attempt at
>sceptical discussion doomed to attract the (blind) faithful who
>will rant and rave as to why perfectly reasonable queries,

"Rant and rave," of course, being a pelicanist's synonym for dissent from pelicanist doctrine. Your faith is as touching as your polemics are repellent.

>based
>on know facts and resolved cases,

"Know" (sic) by whom? You and everybody who agrees absolutely with you?

>have no bearing on their
>beloved true UFOs,

What is a "beloved" true UFO? Does this phrase have any meaning at all? Or is the adjective here as meaningless in Andy-speak as "radical" is when placed in front of "misperception"?

>or whatever the current phrase is. Whilst
>this is highly entertaining for the sceptics

though not nearly so amusing as you pelicanists are to us more open-minded souls, who actually think truth is no simple issue to be defined and declared by fiat.

>it doesn't really
>do many of the ufologists on this list - especially the 'big'
>names who make a portion or all of their living from the
>subject - any good at all.

And here is where, at last, you take us straight to the bottom of the barrel. Exactly what do you mean by this last statement?

Or is this the sort of dreary ad hominem someone who is losing an argument - and yes, unlike you, I do not hesitate to name names, yours in this instance - are relegated to? Do those "ufologists on this List -- especially the 'big' [why the scare quotes, by the way?] names [-] who make a portion of their living from the subject" and who do no "good at all" include your co-author Jenny Randles?

Is your point that because Jenny, for whom the more rational and restrained among us have great respect, has made money on UFO books (not all that much, I can tell you from personal experience in the UFO book-writing business; in comparison, authors of midlist literary novels are millionaires), she has done us no good and deserves no respect?

Let me be blunt about it: your remark is despicable. Jenny is among the most honorable and worthy individuals I have ever known in this field, and her contributions to this field exceed just about anybody's (I include here both yours and mine) in the long history of this subject. And few have sacrificed as much as she has in the interest of digging out the difficult and elusive truths of this extraordinarily complex and elusive phenomenon.

>off to see a rock'n'roll band for some reality

Oh, brother.

If you still think "rock 'n' roll" still exists (in fact it was essentially a product of the mid-50s to early 60s; I grew up with it, recall it vividly, and know far more about it now than I did then) and if you think that the posturing, soulless pop music (rejected even by my kids) that you're hearing these days is "rock 'n' roll", I think we know how seriously to take your definition of "reality" - about as seriously, to be specific, as your definition of "radical misperception."

As a ufologist, I fear, you're not even a good music critic. As I always say, there's no accounting for no taste.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO Stats - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 05:47:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 10:04:59 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Stats - Hale

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 19:24:02 -0000
>Subject: UFO Stats

>Form that I think we can safely say that 'most' UFO cases are
>resolved into IFOs and the quicker they are investigated the
>faster this process is achieved.

Andy,

I think you have just done Allaster Campbell out of a job, best
ring the PM' editing like the above may serve well in the next
election!

Roy..

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Re: Credible Witnesses Get It Wrong Again - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 06:11:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 10:07:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Credible Witnesses Get It Wrong Again - Hale

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Credible Witnesses Get It Wrong Again
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 19:17:45 -0000

>However, before I go and watch Coronation Street some problems
>immediately spring to mind, with at least two of these cases,
>which should set your brain cell alight with thought.

Andy,

Let me answer before I sit down and watch Eastenders.
You may have that half cell enlightened!

>Steve Michalak - It's unexplained to this day but not without
>its problems.

Thank you. The next Case was:

>Templeton Case - (will post exact details if you like).

Please do.

Roy..

Keep Smiling... <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>

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La Rete - Italian Webzine

From: **Alfredo Lissoni - CUN** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 09:33:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 15:54:15 -0500
Subject: La Rete - Italian Webzine

Only in Italian:

E' on line - c'est on line
The following are on line

La Rete 293

<http://web.tiscalinet.it/lareteufo/rete293.htm>

Speciale cerchi nel grano (sur les circles dans la blé)
About Italian crop circles

La Rete 294

<http://web.tiscalinet.it/lareteufo/rete294.htm>

Ancora UFO nei cieli italiani - Nuovi pianeti - Conferenze - Siti

OVNI dans les ciels d'Italie - Nouvelles planètes - Congrès - Web Pages
UFOs over Italian skies - New planets - Meetings - Web Pases (Halloween,
USAC, CISU about Figuet, Teleragna)

Best wishes

Alfredo Lissoni
National UFO Center, Italy

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 02:42:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 15:56:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 03:44:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>>>Hi All,

>>>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>>>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>>>family of five, two adults and three children.

>>>Any help would be appreciated.

>>>Regards,

>>>Roy..

><snip>

>>The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and
>>rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

><snip>

>>This and 63 other "attributes" enables me to sift and sort cases
>>all sorts of ways for obvious reasons, and for purposes yet
>>unforeseen.

>Hey Laroo,

>Is your list of "attributes" posted anywhere? If not, (and you
>have it in a form that can be converted for posting) would you
>post it to the List? It would be educational. I'm really
>interested in learning about what criteria would be most
>useful/helpful in sorting through some of the stuff I have on
>hand. Strictly for archival purposes.

>If it's not too big a hassle to post, I for one would appreciate
>seeing it. If it turns out to be a goodun' I'm planning to 'lift
>it' (rip you off) wholesale and use it myself! :) <LOL>

>Thanx in advance,

>John Velez, Inquiring minds want to know! ;)

Hello John!

Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

I have responded offlist. The two pages it would take are too long and wide for list posting here.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 02:11:26 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:00:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 11:51:48 -0000

>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>>>Hi All,

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>>Hello Roy:

>>The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and
>>rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

>>The events supposedly took place 27 OCT 1974 starting around
>>22:20 hrs in or about Aveley, Essex, England.

>>The car conked out (presumed EME), and the radio not smoked (or
>>got smoked as I might say.)

>>The story goes that at least two people in the car were beamed
>>up to some UFO. [snip] Inside, they were examined by batlike
>>figures and possibly pseudo-humans.
>>There was also some sort of telepathic communication.

>>My two sources, with all the Halloween details are:

>>FSR Volume 24 #1, _and_
>>Randles, Jenny: Alien Abductions -- The Mystery
>>Solved. Page 29.

>>I vaguely recall a message from Jenny indicating that this
>>rather unlikely title, at least the last part, was foisted on
>>her by the publishers.

>Hi,

>Yes, the case was investigated in great depth by the original
>UFOIN and appears across two issues (taking up many pages) of
>FSR. The investigators were Andy Collins and Barry King - both
>still around. Andy is now a leading light in the 'ancient
>mysteries' writing school - a close colleague of the likes of
>Hancock and co - and has written numerous books - his most
>recent being 'Gateway to Atlantis'. Barry King edits the weird
>conspiratorial journal 'The Voice' and claims to have had

>involvement in a covert UK project.

>The case is indeed described in my book. The title you quote is
>the US one that was foisted onto it by the US publisher.

<snip>

Hello Jenny!

Yes, American publishers do like to shout out their wares from the book racks. I suppose the public is partially to blame, they reward all this by buying the loudest titles.

It makes me wonder how British publishers promote their books. Are they dipped in chocolate or something?

With all the study, effort and quality ink devoted to the Aveley case, I could not simply ignore it.

Nevertheless, and for my purposes as a compiler of strictly UFO cases, this was truly a messy one.

I do not catalog NDEs, religious phenomena, forteana, crypto-biology (chupacabras etc.) and so forth unless there is a direct UFO connection. Even abductions make me squirm a bit.

Hopefully, this will partially explain why I assigned a low credibility rating to the matter.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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'Chupacabra' Skull Subjected To Scientific Scrutiny

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:19:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:03:48 -0500
Subject: 'Chupacabra' Skull Subjected To Scientific Scrutiny

SOURCE: www.terra.com
DATE: November 1, 2000, 17:56 hrs

ALLEGED CHUPACABRAS SKULL SUBJECTED TO SCIENTIFIC SCRUTINY

** The animal was hunted by a peasant who preseved its skull as a trophy. The skull subsequently fell into the hands of researchers **

October 30, 2000 (Terra). Scientists of the Universidad Austral de Chile are dumbfounded by an enigmatic animal skull, since they are at a loss to ascertain to what animal or species it belongs. The animal was apparently last January in the Arique Sector of Antihue (Tenth Region) by a farmer who had reported the strange deaths of a large number of birds, particularly geese. Last May, the same farmer reported that he had killed a strange creature.

The hunter preserved the only the head as a trophy and cast the rest of the body into a river. He later reported that since that day, he hears the sound of distant howling in the evening. It is his belief that [the source of the howling] is the lonely female that accompanied the animal and continues prowling the region in search of her mate.

The skull was ultimately delivered to Universidad Austral. However, after four months of intense research, in which DNA samples were connected, it now turns out that the skull has left scientists dumbfounded, as they have been unable to determine the exact nature of the beast in question.

The discovery of this species has been qualified as "very interesting" by the scientific community itself, because "we are dealing with a medium-sized animal which would have gone unnoticed by science for approximately one century."

SEE IT FOR YOURSELVES:
http://www.terra.cl/especial/ovni_2000/ovni_noticias.cfm

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:49:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:08:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>However, instead of playing silly little games and wasting a
>lot of time, here is my response.

I agree, we are sort of just going round and round about this,
now.

>>How about the Iran UFO encounter in 1976. This is where Iran's
>>topgun and another pilot went up in F-4 Phantoms against a UFO.
>>When the pilots went to red to engage the object both the jets'
>>weapons malfunctioned. The object sent out a smaller object to
>>engage the jets and this smaller object literally flew circles
>>around one jet while it was performing an evasive dive. This was
>>seen by people in the air, on the ground and was recorded on
>>radar. By the way, this information is from a U.S. government
>>report - the last people who want to admit anything about UFOs -
>>_unidentified_ flying objects.

>And what is your opinion about the investigation of this
>incident conducted by avionics expert Philip J. Klass, who
>tracked down an American technician responsible for maintenance
>of the aircraft? This is the principal skeptical investigation
>of that incident. While you and I are unlikely to be able to
>personally investigate such an incident on the spot, we should
>at least consider the information provided by those who have.>

I talked to the same guys that Klass talked to. His explanation
was temporary failure of the radar combined with
misidentification of Jupiter, as I recall. There is no way
Jupiter could have accounted for the initial sighting by the
radar controller of an object hovering low over Tehran. One of
the pilot's didn't chase Jupiter at a high speed toward
Afghanistan. The radar guy I talked to indicated that the radar
sets were OK after the incident Hence a "rare" (we hope)
incidence of self-repair of the radar. Klass did not address the
loss of communication within the jets. Nor the ejection of a
bright object by the main object, etc.

One of the UFO TV shows (Sightings, Encounters, whatever) had a
good report on it maybe 5 years ago, featuring several of the
principle witnesses (who escaped from Iran after the Ayatollah
took over)

>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles

>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.>

>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

At Malmstrom Air Force Base an object that was seen hovering over
a missile silo caused jets to be scrambled. Sabotage alert teams
phoned in the report of the object and said it went dark as the
jets approached. Then it rose straight upwards and was tracked
by radar that lost it at 200,000 ft. As I recall the official
NORAD log called this an "unknown" (See 'Clear Intent' or other
references)

>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays behind the trees, and
>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
f>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

I spoke to one of the guards many man years ago. He said the
object that he saw an orange glowing object over the base. In
the official documentation it was called a "helicopter" for lack
of a better term. Hahaha. The guy did not seem to be crazy as a
loon.

>>I will also be the first to say that most UFO reports do have
>>conventional explanations such as stars or misidentified aircraft.
>>I would be the last to say that no one has ever misidentified
>>Venus or another heavenly body for a UFO.

>OK, well we're on the same track here.

>>What about Dr. Sturrock and his panel of _scientists_ that stated
>>UFOs were real in a press conference last year?

>No skeptical input was provided. The whole thing was loaded for
>a pro-UFO result. Some participants, by the way, were unhappy
>with the report and how it was handled.

Actually the evaluating committee indicated that everything
could have been explained one way or another, but that it was
worth examining UFO sightings to find out if new phenomena were
being seen. So far as I know, I was the only person to write a
rebuttal to the evaluating team led by Von Eschleman. (See
"Atmosphere or UFOs" at the web site of the Journal of Scientific
Exploration, www.jse.com)

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:26:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:11:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:41:07 EST
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:31:17 -0500
>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

Bob,

>Are you suggesting that the Coyne helicopter incident involved
>ball lightning? Hm, never thought about that.

It's interesting that over the years assorted pelicanists (including Philip J. Klass, who proposed a particularly extraordinary form of it and was severely criticized by the Condon Committee for the resulting pseudoscience) have tried to "explain" UFOs as ball lightning, with - of course - no sense of irony or shame whatever. Am I right in assuming that as a believer in pelicanist principles, you reject the existence of ball lightning?

>>A pelicanist on this list even has shown that multiple and
>>independent witnesses who reported seeing a hovering
>>submarine-shaped, metallic structure with flashing search light
>>-- over a 300-second period of observation

Please study the details of the sighting, which involved the approach of a moving light until it appeared in front of the helicopter, where it was observed as a submarine-shaped structure. The entire sighting, from the appearance of the light to its close approach to the helicopter to its disappearance, occurred over a period of approximately 300 seconds. The same submarine-shaped UFO in close proximity to the Ohio National Guard helicopter was observed by ground witnesses.

You're playing lawyer games here, Bob.

Jerry Clark

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:46:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:12:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 14:32:35 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 08:05:28 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:37:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Bob,

>>You take a single newspaper quote over an investigation which
>>took years to complete (and about which you obviously know
>>somewhere between little and nothing). I suggest that you
>>familiarize yourself with the evidence at issue before you make
>>sweeping pronouncements based on Klass's paltry inquiry and
>>highly misleading claims about this crucial case.

>Two weeks later, November 1, 1973, on the Dick Cavett TV show
>Coyne said that the whole incident took place "in about a
>minute's time."

Extremely misleading quote. Coyne is referring to the close-encounter phase of the incident. The entire incident, as Zeidman documents and as Coyne and other crew members agree, took place in something like 300 seconds, from the appearance of an anomalous approaching light to the disappearance of the submarine-shaped UFO. As Klass did not, Zeidman interviewed the entire crew - each one separately - and meticulously reconstructed the time line. She and Coyne together reenacted the incident, counting the seconds as they did so. Klass, up to his usual ax-grinding, has nothing of interest to say about this case. Zeidman, the only one to conduct a real investigation, is the authority here

>I would like to track down Zeidman's reply to Klass' book
>chapter and see if the two competing sets of claims can be
>reconciled, if you have a reference.

A full bibliography of documents relating to the case, including Klass/Zeidman's early debate in Fate, appears on page 257 of the second edition of my encyclopedia. Zeidman's final statement, after years of work on the case, appears in the 1989 MUFON symposium proceedings.

Interestingly, the crew rejected Klass's strained effort to explain their sighting. (As I recall, one quaintly said Klass was "full of beans," an amazingly polite putdown under the circumstances.) In typical Klass fashion, that's when the character assassination started. He began to intimate that they were shading the truth - get this - out of a desire to preserve their status as "UFO celebrities," though there is no evidence

that the crew either sought such a dubious honor or exploited it and no one except Klass has ever accused them of dishonesty. As we have observed on this list, mere dissent from pelicanist doctrine is seen as sufficient reason to cast aspersions on the dissenter's character, motives, and honesty. Some things, alas, never change.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 07:58:23 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 16:39:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

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>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 22:59:27 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Unidentified Flying Object = UFO. This means that an object is
>in the air, flying or stationary and is not readily identifiable
>such as an airplane, bird or conventional object. Nor is it
>identifiable through astronomical means. I really could go on
>and on with a definition, but we'll just stick with common sense
>and common language. Unidentified means just that.

>OK, I can go with this definition. I would have said that this
>would better be described as a "UFO report", but OK.

I don't think this qualifies as a UFO report per say. Let's add something to it such as "may or may not display unconventional aerial movement(s)." By the way Bob, all of this agreeing or coming close to agreeing between us is scaring me. ;-)

>Actually, I would be very interested in seeing your video and
>your explanation as to why you think these things are
>unidentifiable. Is there any chance you could copy the two video
>segments on a tape and send it to me. I'll be happy to reimburse
>you for the postage and the tape. I can report to the List about
>my review of the tape. The address is PO Box 371, Harrisburg PA
>17108-0371.

Let me whirl off a copy and get it to you. Maybe you'll have some insight into what's on the tape.

>>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>>ergo a UFO.

>UFO, here, does not necessarily mean unknowable. You accept the
>statement of the Government, here, but doubt the Government when
>it doesn't support your wish for unknowns. This is really
>inconsistent.

I never accused the government of anything nor have I at anytime during this thread. This your assumption that since I am of the opinion that UFOs exist that I must also believe the government is hiding all knowledge of the entire universe in some secret room or secret base. This goes back to the cultural assumption

that UFO equals aliens. Not everyone who believes in UFOs believes there's a conspiracy.

>Did it occur to you that glitches in radar are
>something most air forces are not about to talk about? Do you
>have a citation for these two government reports? There were a
>lot of sightings during the flap in those years.

There was obvious no radar glitches here considering the radar clearly shows to object dropping and there are records from the jets of this incident as well. The Belgian military to this day, and to my knowledge, still do not know what the object was. This would then make it unidentified. Also, I don't think the pilots chased a radar glitch for over, what, 40 minutes?

>>How about the Iran UFO encounter in 1976. This is where Iran's
>>topgun and another pilot went up in F-4 Phantoms against a UFO.
>>When the pilots went to red to engage the object both the jets'
>>weapons malfunctioned. The object sent out a smaller object to
>>engage the jets and this smaller object literally flew circles
>>around one jet while it was performing an evasive dive. This was
>>seen by people in the air, on the ground and was recorded on
>>radar. By the way, this information is from a U.S. government
>>report - the last people who want to admit anything about UFOs -
>_unidentified_ flying objects.

>And what is your opinion about the investigation of this
>incident conducted by avionics expert Philip J. Klass, who
>tracked down an American technician responsible for maintenance
>of the aircraft? This is the principal skeptical investigation
>of that incident. While you and I are unlikely to be able to
>personally investigate such an incident on the spot, we should
>at least consider the information provided by those who have.

I agree that all info should be evaluated. But did Klass ever fully explain what the pilots encountered? I don't think so. Also, Klass is the guy who fell asleep during the MUFON symposium in Seattle. Not too credible with me for a guy who says there are no UFOs but can't stay awake long enough to hear what someone has to say about them.... Again, this is another unidentified craft. The Iran report from the U.S. came out of GSW and CAUS' lawsuit for the CIA to release all its documents on UFOs.

>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.

>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays behind the trees, and
>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

This is why the U.S. military deemed the objects as "unknown entities." Again, unidentified. Why would the military send up fighters to intercept Venus - I have a hard time believing that Venus would cause all of this...

Also, not to question your friend's integrity, but it didn't happen at one base and a number of guys that were at these bases have gone on record in the past about this event.

>>What about Dr. Sturrock and his panel of scientists that stated

>>UFOs were real in a press confernece last year?

>No skeptical input was provided. The whole thing was loaded for
>a pro-UFO result. Some participants, by the way, were unhappy
>with the report and how it was handled.

If no skeptical input was involved with the review, then why were several UFO cases that were presented to the panel rejected? Why would Robert Bigelow waste thousands and thousands of his dollars if there's nothing to the information. Bigelow's a business man and wouldn't waste a dime on anything without it having merit.

>>Have you even taken the time to read his book, The UFO Enigma,
>>in which he presents the _scientific_ findings of his committee?

>I've read the on-line report.

>>How about the Condon Report?

>Read it long ago, and refer to it often. I now have my third
>dog-eared copy. It's on-line now, by the way.

So then, the committee was wrong about McMinnville all these years along with the rest of us suckers?

>>UFOs do indeed exist.

>Yes, but since only a tiny minority of UFO reports have been
>competently examined by anybody, they will continue to exist, I
>guess.

Then UFOs exist, period. And what exactly defines a competent examination. It's just like the crop circle phenomena, everyone wants to blame Doug and Dave but no one wants to look at the evidence. While many may be hoaxed, there are several that are not.

>>Your turn to do some work. I can present all the data to you
>>through this e-mail, but if you fail to actually follow up on
>>any of it, then your right to argue is forfeit by your own
>>unwillingness.

>Which tidbit do you want me to leave out? All of Condon, maybe,
>or just Case 27, the Great Harrisburg UFO Flap, in which the
>investigators had all-sky cameras operating continuously for 17
>days during which 100 UFO reports came in but no UFOs showed up
>on the pictures. Our local astronomy club also manned three
>observing spots at the Colorado researchers' request. They
>didn't see anything, either. I discovered the explanation for
>many of the sightings, oh, two or three minutes after looking at
>a topographic map of the area.

I'm not saying all UFO reports are anomalous, but there are those that indeed are unidentified. I feel that I have proven my case to you. Simply being able to turn a UFO into an IFO doesn't make all UFOs IFOs. And someone simply not seeing a UFO for 17 days doesn't prove anything at all. UFOs aren't like meteor showers, there's no time table for when they'll show up. Perhaps the problem here for 'science' is that they do not readily have access to one in a laboratory setting for study at their convenience. But what got lost in all of this was my original thought; How many UFO investigations had Jill Tarter completed before drawing her conclusion about UFOs?

>>You can choose whether or not to follow up and
>>actually do some work by analyzing the data.

>Well, we could start by you sending me your two videos which
>you've looking into and the results of your investigation, and
>I'll provide a report of my investigation into the 1967
>Harrisburg flap, which was one of the cases in Condon.

I'll send you the videos. I'll pass on your report, thanks for the offer anyway.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."

eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>

Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(beCAUS you demanded it...again! UFO Dirtbag of the Month)

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

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>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 23:27:50 -0600

[Note Jerry's _original_ header above, Andy - _not_ the
UpDates --ebk]

Jerry wrote at some length.....

>I had concluded some days ago that responding to you is only
>encouraging you, so I beg the indulgence of all patient and
>gentle listfolk. Something that you imply about a friend of
>mine has set me off, and that's the only reason for this
>post.

<snip>

>And here is where, at last, you take us straight to the bottom
>of the barrel. Exactly what do you mean by this last statement?

I meant exactly what I said. Which, if you'd like it put in a
different order, is that... anyone who sells UFO books and/or
makes money out of ufology has a duty not to sell unrpoven
delusions and nonsense to the public, I would have thought.

The 'big' (not scare quotes Jerry) names on this list have on
many occasions done just that. The touching belief held by -
certainly Stanton and Bruce M, (and I suspect yourself if you
could be honest and less evasive) that real, solid craft from
elsewhere or elsewhen (cf Bruce's email) are visitng earth
('often' according to Stanton) - is a baseless delusion. Yet
they have made money out of spreading that illusion.

>Or is this the sort of dreary ad hominem someone who is losing
>an argument

But Jerry, unlike the majority of your posts, which always seem
to include the 'key' phrases I listed several days ago - I am
not arguing. Responding to questions and giving my opnions is
not 'arguing'.

>Is your point that because Jenny, for whom the more rational and
>restrained among us have great respect, has made money on UFO
>books (not all that much, I can tell you from personal
>experience in the UFO book-writing business; in comparison,
>authors of midlist literary novels are millionaires), she has
>done us no good and deserves no respect?
>Let me be blunt about it: your remark is despicable.

Yes, yes Jerry. I'm sure Jenny would be the first to agree that
she has, on occasion, published some right old tripe in her
books. I'm sure also that Jenny would agree that she has
published and added to the 'mysteriousness' of cases which have
subsequently been or are being resolved. I will happily provide
chapter and verse if you wish. Just because I have written a
book with Jenny and because I consider her a friend doesn't mean
she, like you, me or anyone else in the subject, is above
criticism.

>among the most honorable and worthy individuals I have ever
>known in this field, and her contributions to this field exceed
>just about anybody's (I include here both yours and mine) in the
>long history of this subject. And few have sacrificed as much as
>she has in the interest of digging out the difficult and elusive
>truths of this extraordinarily complex and elusive phenomenon.

Hope you've got oxygen for this trip up the moral high ground
Jerry!

>If you still think "rock 'n' roll" still exists (in fact it was
>essentially a product of the mid-50s to early 60s; I grew up
>with it, recall it vividly, and know far more about it now than
>I did then) and if you think that the posturing, soulless pop
>music (rejected even by my kids) that you're hearing these days
>is "rock 'n' roll", I think we know how seriously to take your
>definition of "reality" - about as seriously, to be specific, as
>your definition of "radical misperception."

Ho and indeed ho Jerry. If listers may allow me some further
indulgence I'd like to point out that the term rock'n'roll is
commonly used (certainly in the UK) by music afficianados to
describe particularly hot rock music. Having actually been a
music journalist and co-owner of a small record label, promoter
of gigs by 'famous people' and manager of bands, I think I can
lay some claim to knowing what I'm talking about here Jerry.
Again chapter and verse if you wish. In point of fact the band I
went to see play music written by the writers connected to
Grateful Dead sphere of music and are the very epitome of
rock'n'roll Jerry. And they rocked last night.

Happy Trails

Andy

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GIANT UFO ABDUCTS TWO
PEOPLE IN NORTHERN CHILE

On Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 7 p.m., teacher Joan Rojas Moffett was chatting with some colleagues in a second-floor classroom at the Escuela San Francisco (school) in Chiu-Chiu, village in northern Chile about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Calama, when he saw a bright light in the dark sky.

"It appeared in the northeast, split in two and then lost itself in the south," Rojas said, "I thought, What the hell!? but didn't comment on it to anyone until later in the evening when everyone saw the object and heard the noise."

That was the beginning.

Three hours later, at 10 p.m., 35 adults, members of the local branch of the General Center of Parents and Attorneys (a kind of Chilean PTA--J.T.), were holding a meeting at the school. Twenty children were playing in the schoolyard, waiting for the meeting to end. They heard a weird sound, and then the UFO appeared.

"Students Rene Calpa Carranza and Walter Anza Vilca stated that the object, which was predominantly white in color with blue, red and yellow flashing lights" hovered above the schoolyard. "A number of the children also recalled 'a burning odor.'"

As the UFO hovered overhead, a panel slid open on the underside of the craft, and a dazzling light beam stabbed downward, bathing two people in its unearthly glow.

Struck by the beam were Sra. Fresia Vega, the school custodian, and student Valentina Rojas Espinoza, age 8. The pair instantly vanished.

"According to Monica Espinoza Fernandez (the girl's mother--J.T.), 'the children were outdoors and were the witnesses, although not in the same way as Fresia and Valentina, and they (the other children) called for the meeting to end and the parents to come outside and see for themselves what was taking place. However, at this precise moment, we heard an enormous blast, much louder than the shattering of glass. It was not an earthquake or explosives or anything like that. The meeting went was ended, and everyone went outside for a look.'"

The stunned adults saw "a spaceship that was hovering no higher than 'a four-story building' (40 feet or 6 meters above the schoolyard--J.T.)" The eye-dazzling beam then switched off, and the UFO zoomed away "to the south and disappeared as it reached the Chiu-Chiu cemetery."

Fresia Vega and Valentina Espinoza were found, dazed and shivering, a short distance away.

In an interview with the newspaper El Mercurio de Calama, Fresia Vega said, "It was a very large ship, about the size of a soccer field, surrounded by lights of every imaginable color. In the middle of it there was a door from which there came a light that blinded me and left me paralyzed. I felt myself being sucked in through the door, and I felt a tingling sensation all over my body. Voices became far, far away, and I froze. That's when I realized I must have passed out because I remember nothing at all. I then felt the door was being shut with a sound like that of iron, and the shop looked like it was surrounded by light. Twenty-four hours have gone by, and I still haven't recovered from it."

"Much like the custodian," Valentina Rojas Espinoza said, "I felt cold, and my blood froze. I was very scared, and I hid behind Fresia, but then I looked up and everything was clear, as when day breaks. I would speak to Sra. Fresia but she didn't answer me. She couldn't speak, and it was as if she had gone away. I was very scared."

There is an intriguing time discrepancy in the accounts of the eyewitnesses. Both Fresia and Valentina reported being "in the light for two or three minutes." But the children in the schoolyard said they were "gone for two or three seconds."

Monica Espinoza Fernandez, who was still inside the school, reported, "I felt nothing, but my daughter (Valentina) who was with the children and suddenly came in to tell me. I paid her no mind until I saw that Fresia was frightened."

UFO reports poured into the regional office of the Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.) from all over El Loa province, also known as the Second Region.

"Parmedic Enrique Alvarez said, 'My colleagues in Ayquina and Caspana also saw the object.'"

Earlier, at 7 p.m., "a veritable flood of sightings took place in the towns of El Loa province, particularly in Calama, Chuquicamata and the towns bordering Argentina," such as San Pablo de Atacama.

"In Calama and Chuquicamata, there was a single sighting at 10 p.m. of a spacecraft the size of a soccer field that filled the area with light and turned night into day."

"In Caspana, in the foothills of the Cordillera, a witness suffered a nervous breakdown after seeing the craft."

"Eyewitness accounts forced the Carabineros to open an investigation which is being conducted with great secrecy. But there are police officers who were in the middle of their rounds who had seen the lights." (See the Chilean newspapers El Mercurio of Valparaiso for October 22, 2000, "UFO causes commotion in the northern region;" El Mercurio de Calama for October 21, 2000, "School custodian beamed up by a huge spaceship;" and La Estrella del Loa for October 21, 2000, "Massive UFO sightings on the Loa River." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, a y tambien a Dr. Virgilio Sanchez Ojedo y Lilliana Torres para esos articulos de diario.) (Editor's Note: Calama is where three Chupacabras were reportedly captured by the Chilean army earlier this year. See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 23, "Chileans say NASA took custody of captured Chupacabras," page 1.)

UK TEACHER TRAINEE SPOTS TEARDROP-SHAPED UFO

On Tuesday, October 24, 2000, teacher trainee Jenny Cook, 18, of Osbourne Road, Hartlepool, UK "looked out her car window and watched as an object made of metal fell from the sky."

"The Hartlepool teenager was an eyewitness to a drama yesterday (October 24) when a five-foot (1.6 meter) piece of silver metal was spotted plunging to earth."

"Jenny was waiting in her car for a friend yesterday morning when the mystery object fell to ground near houses in Sunderland."

"Sunderland University student Jenny said, 'I was just looking out my car window, not staring into space, and I saw what looked like a teardrop-shaped piece of silver metal falling from the sky.'"

"The 18-year-old teacher trainee added, 'It almost looked like a piece of blown glass, but it was about the size of a small car. I thought it might have been a small model plane, but it was larger than that.'"

"It was coming down from the sky to the left of me really, really fast and was burning white-hot at the tip. I seemed to be watching it for four or five seconds before it disappeared behind the building. This was not an aeroplane or anything like that."

"Jenny added, "I think it might have been something that had fallen from an aeroplane or something like that, but I really don't know what it was.'"

"Inspector Pat MacDonald of the Hartlepool Police said they were investigating the report of an object falling from the sky in the Hendon area."

Inspector MacDonald said, "Officers were sent out to make enquiries and to make a search of the area, but nothing was found. The investigation is continuing." (See the Hartlepool Mail for October 25, 2000, "Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a UFO!" Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

KANSAS FARMER FINDS ROCKET DEBRIS IN FIELD

"Locals report mysterious sightings, streaks of bright lights and plumes of smoke zooming through the sky."

"A central Kansas farmer finds flattened and charred chunks of debris."

"This isn't science fiction."

"Paul Wereb, an adjunct faculty member at Butler and Cowley Community College says Rush County farmer Craig Nixon found fragments of a Russian rocket."

On Friday, October 13, 2000, a spectacular fireball was seen by thousands of people in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. There were initially reports of "a UFO crash" in Hammond, Oklahoma. But last week NASA said the fireball was caused by a Russian Proton rocket burning up on re-entry.

"Wereb, who is also a space science educator, at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson," a city on Highway 50 about 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of Wichita, "was called on to identify the space junk."

"Nixon said he saw the pieces in the sky but didn't have any idea where they fell until days later."

"I was out fixing fence and stumbled across it," he said, "It was in a place you couldn't drive with the pickup."

"Nixon said the charred fragments caught his attention because they looked so unusual."

"It didn't look like it should be there," he said, "I thought it might have been part of what flew over. That was the first thing that crossed my mind."

"Nixon called Rush County Sheriff Jack Mendenhall, who had seen the sky light up (October 13) while at a high school football game in LaCrosse (population 1,450)."

"Everybody in the stadium saw it," Mendenhall said of the phenomenon that lit up the sky. "Pieces of it flared off the sides like a Roman candle."

"Mendenhall thought it was an aircraft dropping flares, but as it passed overhead, he saw a big smoke trail."

"After Mendenhall got Nixon's call, he shipped the sample to Wereb, who had identified many meteorites, and to astronomy teacher Rob Kuhn, director of the McConnell Air Force Base branch of Butler and Cowley County Community College."

"Wereb said the largest piece measured a foot and a half (18 inches or 45 centimeters--J.T.) and eight inches (20 centimeters) wide. A second piece was 10 inches (25 centimeters) long and six inches (15 centimeters) wide. Numerous small fragments were scattered on the ground." (See the New York Daily News for October 25, 2000, "Farmer finds space junk." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. and George A. Filer for this newspaper article.)

CHENEY MAKES SURPRISE RETURN TO ROSWELL

"It was probably inevitable that Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney would have a close encounter of the strange kind during a campaign stop

in Roswell," New Mexico.

The city of Roswell is "the legendary site where some say a spaceship crashed in (July) 1947. So when he arrived at the Chaves County courthouse for a rally Wednesday," October 25, 2000, "he was greeted by a sign that depicted a little green man with a heart and the name 'Cheney'--as in 'Space Aliens Love Cheney.'"

"UFO cultists revere Roswell as the place where they say a spaceship with a crew of five aliens crashed, killing all the extraterrestrials. The Army is said to have covered up the event for all these years. The TV series The X-Files often has dealt with 'the Roswell incident.'"

"(USA) Defense Department Area 51, a secret base, is near Roswell. Conspiracy theorists have long said that the military has projects there relating to human-alien relations."

"Cheney, as Defense Secretary from 1989 to 1993, was privy to Area 51's secrets, but he didn't reveal them to the (Republican) partisan crowd of 2,500." (See USA Today for October 26, 2000, "Cheney woods 'alienated' voters in Roswell," page 4A.) (Editor's Comment: I find it very interesting that Cheney flew into Roswell just a day after the mysterious mass death of 24 cattle in that community. Was he on some kind of clandestine mission for the Pentagon? Fore more on the mysterious cattle deaths, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 43 for October 26, 2000, "Mysterious mass death of cattle in New Mexico," page 3.),

HOVERING UFO SEEN BY FIVE NEAR SEDONA, ARIZONA

On Friday, October 6, 2000, the male witness and his family arrived at a cabin near Sedona, Arizona for a week's vacation. He reported, "As soon as I arrived, at about 7:15 p.m., I was at my (car) trunk, removing luggage, and looked to my right (west) and saw something very bright in the sky, which got real large and small again and repeated."

"My brother, Mom, and her two friends also saw this. It looked like it could be a plane but was two or three times brighter and was low on the horizon."

Until the family left on Friday, October 13, 2000, "each night we looked for it, and while we were looking at it, it was as if someone had flipped the switch to off, but it would reappear in another location."

"Through binoculars it appeared to be red on the underside but didn't look like a craft."

"When I got back, I was listening to the Whitley Streiber show and some guy called and described the same incident in Phoenix. He said the same thing--that he couldn't tell if it was a craft. Did you hear anything about this?" (Many thanks to George A. Filer of MUFON for this report.)

UFO PACES COUPLE'S CAR ACROSS EASTERN TEXAS

On Friday night, October 27, 2000, Awais M. reports, "My girlfriend was driving to San Antonio to pick me up when this unidentified object flew towards her car. At first the thing might have looked like a plane, but after closer inspection, it seemed otherwise, and she could not decipher (identify--J.T.) the object."

"The unidentified object hovered and it came very near her car. It seemed like it was targeting her for several seconds. She wanted a closer look at it, but driving made things difficult. She also saw a white light and red flashes along the side."

"While we were coming back to Corpus Christi, she saw it again and pointed the object out to me."

He described the UFO as "stagnant (stationary--J.T.) and hovering perfectly. The object seemed to follow us back to Corpus, and before heading to my house I saw it up high."

"The next day (October 28, 2000), I saw it again and wondered what the origin was. So I called the naval station (U.S. Navy base in Corpus Christi--J.T.) and not surprisingly, they had no idea what it was."

(Email Form Report)

MICHIGAN BOWHUNTER SEES
A FAST-MOVING UFO

On Saturday, October 7, 2000, during the early morning hours, the witness, a 16-year-old male student at Howell High School, climbed into his hunting blind in the woods off Layton Road between Howell and Fowlersville, Michigan. He had his bowhunting permit, his compound bow and waited for the first whitetail deer of the season to come into range.

But while sitting quietly in the blind, located on a platform about "15 to 20 feet above ground," the young man "fell asleep in his blind. Then something occurred just after 4 a.m. When he awoke, it was still dark. The weather was cold and overcast."

"Suddenly, he became aware that a bright red light of some size approached his position from the northwest, heading in a southeasterly direction at a very high speed. He estimated that the object was 75 yards (225 feet or 70 meters--J.T.) away from his location and was moving just above treetop level (60 feet or 18 meters) and traveling at incredible speed. He said the object covered his entire field of view in less than one second."

"In estimating the size, he said the object appeared to be the size of a half-dollar (USA 50-cent coin--J.T.) at arm's length. The object itself had a bright red light in the center, and the light seemed to diffuse to the edges of the object, as though it was a translucent sphere of some kind." (Many thanks to Doug Parrish for this report.)

SCIENTISTS FIND FOUR NEW
MOONS ORBITING SATURN

"Four new moons have been discovered in orbit around Saturn, giving the giant planet a total of 22 moons, a group of astronomers announced Thursday, October 26, 2000.

"A telescope device which amplifies light helped the astronomers spot faint pinpoints of light in orbit off Saturn," a gas giant with bright orbiting rings located two billion miles (3.2 billion kilometers) from Earth, "that is the second largest planet in our solar system."

"If the discovery is confirmed by others, it will mean that Saturn has one more moon than the 21 known to orbit Uranus, the third largest planet in the solar system." (Editor's Note: Sunlight reaching Uranus is so dim that standing on the planet's equator at high noon on Midsummer Day, you would get as much light as standing in a pitch-dark room with only a lit match for illumination.)

"The astronomers estimate that the new moons, based on the amount of light they reflect (also known as albedo--J.T.), are six to 30 miles (9 to 48 kilometers) in diameter. They are seen only as faint dots of light moving around the planet."

"The discovery team included Joseph Burns and Philip Nicoison of Cornell University; Brett Gladman of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in France; Jean-Marie Petit and Hans Scholl of the Observatoire de la Cote d'Azur in France; J.J. Kavelaars of McMaster University in Canada and Brian Marsden of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA." (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this news release.)

IBIBATE: A MYSTERIOUS
PYRAMID IN BOLIVIA

In the southeastern corner of Bolivia, a land-locked nation in the middle of South America, lie vast tracts of jungle called La Selva. For years, archaeologists have ignored the region, preferring to concentrate their efforts in the Andes. However, recent developments have persuaded them to take a second look, particularly at the region known as the llanos de Mojo (Plains of Mojo).

Instead of "just oppressive jungle, biting bugs

and primitive tribes," scientists now believe that "much of scientific significance" lies "hidden under the lush greenery."

"We are now learning that some of these Amazon (Basin) peoples were extraordinary earthmovers. Having little stone to work with, they matched the achievements of the Incas in the (Andes) mountains just to the west with many miles of earthen causeways. Canals just as long were dedicated to fish-farming. Huge mounds rising above the floodplains supported villages."

"Even the mounds hold mysteries. One of them, named Ibibate, has been described by anthropologist W. Baiee as being, 'as close to a Mayan pyramid as you'll see in South America...Beneath the forest cover is a 60-foot (18-meter) human-made artefact.'"

"Ibivate is only one of many such mounds in the Bolivian Amazon. Called 'lomas,' they are obviously quite distinct from any Mayan pyramid we know of. Rather, the lomas are enormous islands of pottery shards mixed with black soil. Hundreds of these mounds prove that a large population once occupied this region of Bolivia called the Llanos de Mojos."

"Anthropologist C.L. Erickson and a team from the University of Pennsylvania have discovered that the Llanos de Mojos once supported a Precolumbian complex of societies linked together by networks of communication, trade and alliances."

"Erickson asserts that these cultures erected 'thousands of linear kilometers of artificial earthen causeways and canals...large urban settlements and intensive farming systems.'"

"Indeed, aerial photographs of this immense region show patterns of canals and causeways that stretch from horizon to horizon. This is truly a remarkable, if virtually unexplored region of ancient human endeavour." (See Science Frontiers #132 for November-December 2000, "Earthmovers of the Amazon," page 1. Many thanks to William R. Corliss for this news story.)

from the UFO Files...

1886: LUMINOUS UFO APPEARS IN VENEZUELA

One of the strangest UFO incidents of the Nineteenth Century--a true Close Encounter of the Second Kind--took place on the shores of Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela back in October of 1886.

Here is the text of the actual report Warner Cowgill, USA Consul in Maracaibo, to the magazine Scientific American.

"During the night of the 24th of October last (1886), which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house."

"The occupants, completely terror-stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips."

"It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell."

"The next morning (October 25, 1886) the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day (November 1, 1886_ when the skin peeled off and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores."

"The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the phenomenon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured."

"The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all the doors and windows being closed at the time."

"No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned."

"Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the house."

"This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms."

"I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove fatal."

(See Scientific American volume 55, page 389 for 1886, "Curious Phenomenon in Venezuela" by Warner Cowgill. Reprinted in Strange Phenomena, Volume I by William R. Corliss, The Sourcebook Project, Glen Arm, Maryland, 1974.)

(Editor's Comment: We know a lot more about radiation today than we did in 1886. It almost sounds like a miniature neutron bomb, doesn't it?)

Readers in the USA, don't forget to vote in the election next Tuesday. At stake is the big prize--the Oval Office itself. It's the Republicans versus the Democrats...Texas governor George W. Bush versus USA Vice President Al Gore...or, as some put, "The Texecutioner" versus "The Great Prevaricator."

Join us again next week 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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Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 17:57:16 -0500
Subject: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

From: SHnSASSY1@aol.com
Mailing-List: list RealUFOs@egroups.com
Subject: [RealUFOs] Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_102803.html

Alien abduction hypnotisers deny planting subliminal ads

A US firm that promises to hypnotise people to make them think they have been abducted by aliens has been accused of planting subliminal adverts in their customer's minds at the same time.

Alien Abductions Inc promises to provide "personalised, realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been waiting for your entire life".

But its team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant technicians" have been accused of implanting paid-for adverts for companies.

Abductees are then said to be magnetically drawn to use the advertised products thanks to the subliminal messages implanted in their brains.

Adverts implanted are said to include two for firms who sponsor AAI's website.

The company is denying "advertising implantation" for profit but admits it has implanted certain ads that "increase the effectiveness" of the experience.

"We have implanted customers with the desire to visit the Bug Jar (in Rochester, NY) not because of any monetary arrangement, but because as "Your Bar on Earth," the atmosphere at the Bug Jar works to enhance the Abduction Experience," the firm says on its website.

"Likewise, the compulsion to seek out and promote the work of certain design firms, such as Bullet Graphics (also of Rochester), is implanted because these firms incorporate special "trigger images" into their work."

AAI offers personally customized abductions, including "interspecies breeding," medical experimentation and alien sex fantasies.

A statement from the company says: "Making people believe that they've been abducted by aliens is more than just a business to us ... it's our way of giving something back to the world."

It says: "Thousands of individuals are abducted by extraterrestrial beings each year" and goes on to add: "So why wait?"

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Bobbie "Jilain" Felder

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Credible Witnesses/Investigators?

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:23:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 18:01:10 -0500
Subject: Credible Witnesses/Investigators?

Hi,

Further to the on-going, if distasteful to some, discussion about witness and/or investigator credibility, I'd like to give information culled from an article in Wednesday's Independent (UK newspaper).

The article, titled:

Lie Detector Test To Uncover False Rape Allegations

dealt with the somewhat-more-serious-than-saucers subject of rape. And it made three very significant points all of which have implications for ufology.

* Between 10 and 41 percent of rape allegations are made up by the victim

* The research indicated that '...police officers who rely on their detective skills and intuition when examining a statement made by an alleged rape victim are no better than a member of the public at identifying a genuine complainant from a false one.'

* A new interviewing technique, know as Statement Validity Analysis has increased the success rate in identifying genuine rape cases to between 72 and 100 percent.

Forget for a moment the emotive subject the article deals with and reflect on what it says about witnesses and investigators.

Police departments go to far greater lengths to investigate rape cases and to catch rapists, than ufologists do to investigate UFOs. If they are coming up against a large body of fabricated complaints and (if this research is genuine) their usual detective skills are far from adequate - what does that tell us about UFO witnesses and UFO investigators?

The research was drawn from an article in the Legal and Criminological Psychology Journal, which may be worth checking out. Of the new interview technique the study notes:

'SVA is not intended to replace the detective but it can be used as a significant aid in the assessment of complex and emotional victim and witness testimony.'

Sounds as though it should be in every ufologists' tool box and I'll be trying to track it down.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

From: **Georgina Bruni** <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:26:58 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 18:03:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 03:39:47 -0000

James Easton

I haven't read all what you have written but advise you to take that picture off your website immediately. Anything on the NOTW's pages is copyright and that picture is in the book which has not yet been published. You have no right to lift things and publish them on your site without permission, for which you would not get.

I shall inform my publishers immediately

The old material you have quoted (cut and pasted) is very outdated and before I began researching the case in earnest, so it's old news.

Best thing for you to do is read the book, you might learn something.

Meanwhile, please remove that picture without delay.

Georgina Bruni

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Jeff Rense on Mr. Wiesenthal's 'Hate List'

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 10:36:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 08:56:10 -0500
Subject: Jeff Rense on Mr. Wiesenthal's 'Hate List'

Regarding: <http://www.sightings.com/general5/wies.htm>

As regards this unfortunate, ill advised, and ignorant turn of events, Mr. Rense, I would assume that this is an error on an honored Mr. Wiesenthal's part, that he's acting on some bad advice, or that he has not taken time to familiarize himself with your total content.

You regularly publish (from both sides of the aisle, as I can personally attest) dicey stories that are not heard anywhere else. Don't be wounded by this unfortunate splatter of otherwise useful paint. I'm sure it is a tragic mistake; you have a balance that you are not being given credit for. You are a credible venue in an incredible field of twitchy subject matter, and should not have to bear this kind of accusation.

I'll bet that your site is soon removed from that list, but have written Mr. Wiesenthal, regardless, to precipitate that eventuality.

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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Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Strickland

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 09:21:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 08:58:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Strickland

>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 01:45:49 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation'

Dear Listers, Fran and Gary,

Fran wrote:

>How could an abductee or someone who has perceived himself to
>be one, assimilate the events into their everyday lives without
>assistance?

I read that and thought to myself, "Well, how do you do it? How well do you think you've fared through the years, Sue?" About average, maybe a little above.

First of all, Fran and Gary, the events and experiences become like so many jars of canned food on the back shelves of your mind. So, you only think about those "cans" when and if something triggers the memories. That's how I've managed to function on an everyday basis. It's not terribly effective, and I would have liked to have been able to pull some of those jars off the shelf with the help of an competent, dedicated hypnotherapist, psychologist or psychiatrist.

When I have ventured into the "storeroom" with either a psychologist or psychiatrist (3 different docs), they seem to be so overwhelmed, their own minds can't fathom the enormity of what they see in those "cans." So, like most "normal" people, they distance themselves quickly, rationalize that I have somehow drawn them into a psychotic episode, or some such nonsense, and begin to laugh at themselves for being so easily manipulated. Meanwhile, I'm still back in the storeroom and feel and sometimes hear the barely-controlled laughter of the so-called professional standing outside, while I'm still standing looking at what's in those "cans." I feel more alone than ever. If that's the only kind of help MHPs can offer, thanks but no thanks! I can almost hear y'all..."Been there, done that!" in agreement.

It's easy to be glib about what and how MHPs should act and respond. Put them even close to the experiences and they can't handle it. They remain curious, but hope to find some mentally anomalous link to which they can logically and rationally explain away what they have just heard and secondarily experienced, both for their client and for themselves. And, they are noticeably relieved when they ask the client in the following session if they've had any more "visits," and the client lies and responds, "No." Then the MHP wonders why after a few more sessions, the client suddenly decides to end the "therapy."

We are really tired of such people, Fran and Gary. Really tired. None of us have the answers, so why do we expect the MHPs to have any? We don't. We just want someone to listen and not laugh. Is that too much to ask?

I, for one, manage to cope on an everyday basis pretty well. Not much scares us either anymore, at least not in this dimension.

Sincerely,

Sue

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Secrecy News -- 11/02/00

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 10:11:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:00:56 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/02/00

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 2, 2000

CONTROVERSY OVER "LEAK" STATUTE APPROACHES A CLIMAX

Opposition to the anti-"leak" statute -- and support for a veto -- are mounting, as the November 4 deadline for a Presidential decision approaches. The pending legislation, approved by Congress on October 12, would make it a felony to disclose any information that the executive branch says is properly classified.

Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) urged his colleagues to support a veto at a press briefing yesterday. "This bill attempts to protect our national security in such broad and vague terms, and without regard for the potential of rampant overclassification of government information, that it will have profound effects on the ability of an informed citizenry to keep our government honest," he said. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/schumer.html>

The Chicago Tribune editorial board added its voice to the national chorus this morning: "Making this measure law clearly threatens to protect government errors and misdeeds by keeping the public ignorant. It deserves a veto." See:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/article/0,2669,SAV-0011020252,FF.html>

"This is a bizarre moment," writes Lars Erik Nelson in the New York Daily News. "Ten years after the end of the Cold War, we are about to enact Sovietstyle secrecy laws. What is worse, we are doing it with Sovietstyle legislation, drafted in secret, with no public hearings." See:

http://www.nydailynews.com/2000-11-01/News_and_Views/Opinion/a-86679.asp

The CIA should henceforth be known as the C.Y.A. (as in "cover your ass"), writes columnist William Safire in the New York Times. The new law, he writes, is an "assault on free speech under the phony cover of national security." See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/02/opinion/02SAFI.html>

Independent-minded former director of central intelligence R. James Woolsey spoke out against the leak statute in an interview with Jonathan Landay of Knight-Ridder News Service. "It seems to me that it sweeps overly broadly," he said. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/kr110200.html>

Ironically, Republican congressmen spoke out yesterday in praise of the media's ability to report on classified activities in the executive branch. The topic was the dubious allegation that the

Vice President had secretly and improperly acquiesced in Russian arms sales to Iran.

"While the Congress was working in good faith to stop proliferation of technology to Iran, Vice President Al Gore was allowing that technology to flow to Iran and never told the Congress," complained Rep. Curt Weldon, somewhat inaccurately. But he went on to add: "Thank goodness we have a media that is willing to stand up and expose this kind of action."

"We only found out about it 5 years later because a New York Times writer got a copy of this memo and spread the story out on the front page of the New York Times."

Under the new law, Rep. Weldon's remarks might be interpreted as incitement to commit a felony. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2000/h110100.html>

Washington Post cartoonist Herblock weighed in with an editorial cartoon on the new secrecy bill, which should eventually be posted here (look for the November 2 cartoon):

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/herblock/herblock.htm>

Walter Pincus and Vernon Loeb of the Washington Post reported that the leak statute will be the subject of a White House meeting today. See:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A60549-2000Nov1.html>

The Post also alluded to an alternative proposal supported by House Intelligence Committee chairman Porter Goss that would only criminalize disclosures of "sensitive compartmented information" (i.e. intelligence information) rather than all "classified information."

While this proposal would be much narrower in scope and effect, it contains the same essential flaw as the present legislation: It would endow the executive branch with unilateral authority to define the boundaries of what information is protected by law.

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 12:58:35 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:03:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:38:28 -0700

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

<snip>

>>Thank you, pelican science, for your many contributions to human
>>enlightenment. We can now remain confident that everything that
>>could be known is known and that all claims to the contrary can
>>be easily disposed of. You have shown that no rational human
>>being, on being made aware of the principles of pelican science,
>>could possibly believe in what occultists disguised as
>>scientists call "ball lightning."

>Personally, in Montana, ball lightening happens quite a bit.
>Been there, seen it, and I do not make a habit of lying.

>In the summer, August 10, 1967, ball lightening went down the
>middle of our street and took out a University of Southern
>California vehicle. No problem. Several people saw it and we all
>agreed on the perception. It was quite a thing to see.

>Any others?

Jean, List:

My wife's uncle once described something similar to me. Lightning had struck a power pole in front of his house and a ball of light had bounced down the street. I once spoke to an airline pilot who told me that after lightning had apparently struck the nose of his aircraft, ball lightning had flouted back down the isle and into the passenger area, where it disappeared.

The thing about ball lightning is that there are pictures of it and there has been lots of work done on plasmas, which are the best bet, I gather, for an explanation. Science has moved forward on the matter of ball lightning in the last 50 years.

The other thing is that I don't recall anybody on this list suggesting that witnesses of ball lightning are liars, other than Jerry. I think that he may be worried that the matter of the changing stories of the Coyne helicopter incident are now out of control so he has decided to create a straw man to draw our attention away, and has put words into its mouth.

Of course, this is all headed toward his nemesis, Philip J. Klaus, who's first book on the subject, UFOs Identified, focused on the ball lightning explanation. I think that old uncle Phil started out like many of us when we first got into this subject: we were naive about witness accuracy (not to say truthfulness) and also often thought that we had found the one explanation for the UFO mystery. Most UFO investigators still think they've found The One answer: ETH.

Of course, back in the late 60s the alleged connection of UFO reports with power lines, etc. (remember the power blackouts?) was a hot topic. He mentioned the oft-repeated tale of UFOs being reported above power lines. Of course, these UFOs, including some astronomical objects, were seen in the skies, and distant power lines tend to be close to the horizon.

Klass's later books take a much more realistic view of witness reliability, due most likely to his later experiences, I imagine, investigating UFOs. Anybody who has investigated real UFO sightings develops as healthy respect for the vagaries of witness accounts.

To get back to the subject of fireballs, as in th Coyne case: Astronomer Frank Drake tried to track down reports of fireballs to try to recover meteorites back in the early 60s when he was at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia. He wrote of this in his paper, "On the Abilities and Limitations of Witnesses of UFO's and Similar Phenomena", in UFO's A Scientific Debate, Edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, Norton, 1972, p. 254.

He reported, "The first fact we learned was that a witness's memory of such exotic events fades very quickly. After one day, about half the reports are clearly erroneous; after two days, about three quarters are clearly erroneous; after four days, only ten percent are good; after five days, people report more imagination than truth."

Doesn't mean that people are necessarily lying, only that they are human, like the rest of us.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 13:45:59 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:06:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Balaskas

>Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 18:58:46 -0300
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada

>>From: Brian Mundy <mundy-b@home.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Kingston, Ontario, Canada
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 23:48:57 -0800

<snip>

>>I don't know where Quinte is, but Monday night a friend and I
>>were about halfway to Ottawa, coming from Brockville, when we saw
>>4 bright stationary lights high in the air.

>>It was twilight, and one of the lights, a slightly smaller one,
>>turned out to be a plane.

<snip>

>Be advised that sometimes you will see aircraft that are on
>"long final" for an airport, [in this case, perhaps, Ottawa]
>with their landing lights on.

>They might begin this approach with lights 50 or 100 miles back
>from the AP. When they are sliding down the glideslope, they
>appear to be fixed in the sky.

>Some of these heavies are displaying half million candle power
>lights, as much for high visibility in congested control zones
>as for landing. I've witnessed more than a few of these myself.

>It seems to take forever for them to get to you. When you are in
>the air with them they are quite brilliant but much more evident
>as to their identity. The brilliance of the landing lights quite
>often will blank out their red, green and white navigation
>lights/strobes.

>Any chance that this is what you saw?

>You have not provided much in the way of details. Colour of
>lights, approx. distance, direction, duration of sighting etc.
>I note that one of the lights turned out to be an aircraft, the
>one which seemed to be fixed for a time in the sky then you saw
>that it was a plane.

<snip>

Hi Don and Brian.

I agree with Don that distant aircraft approaching towards you at night can be extremely bright and appear to be stationary too, but this may not apply in this case since Brian said these UFOs were "... stationary lights high in the air...". I also agree with Don that unless more information is provided by Brian, it may be impossible to come up with a likely prosaic explanation and thus these unexplained lights will continue to be thought of as UFOs.

A large number of the brightest stars are visible in this season and at that time of Brian's UFO sighting so he may have simply noticed a few of these very bright stars (some which are more closely grouped together in one part of the sky than others). Since Brian also said the lights were "... too big for stars...", my guess would be that the lights he saw were the exceptionally brighter planets Jupiter and Saturn which are also now present in the sky. These planets, near some of these brightest stars, combined with the curvatures of the highway (Hwys 401 and 416?) in the Brockville to Ottawa area, may have been responsible for this UFO report. Of course we will not know for sure unless Brian can provide us with more information. Completing one of our MUFON Ontario UFO sighting forms would be a good start.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science -

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 2 Nov 2000 10:52:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:09:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 12:27:57 -0600

>Listfolk:

>Recent developments in pelican science have opened up whole new
>vistas to UFO research. Through its insights we are able to look
>at old cases with new eyes.

>Take, for example, the story told by LeRoy, Kansas, rancher Alex
>Hamilton, who famously claimed that on the evening of April 19,
>1897, he, his son, and a cowboy in his employ witnessed the
>rustling of a calf by the otherworldly crew of a mysterious
>airship.

>In 1976 I investigated the case and secured the testimony of
>a very old woman in a nursing home. She claimed that she
>had been in the Hamilton household the day the elder Hamilton
>came home and boasted to his wife about a story he and his
>friends had made up concerning interplanetary livestock theft.
>I also learned of an article in a 1943 issue of an obscure
>Kansas weekly newspaper, in which the man who'd edited
>the paper in which Hamilton's story first appeared claimed it
>was a joke concocted by locals, who in the subsequent
>printed account, and in the tradition of frontier tall-tale humor
>(of which 1897 newspapers provide many other examples),
>pretended to endorse the claim.

>If there is one thing we have learned from our pelicanist
>colleagues, it's that memory - even if measured in minutes,
>even seconds - cannot be relied upon. Yet here we are being
>asked to credit testimony offered 46 and 79 years after the fact
>as something we ought to believe. We are also being asked to
>believe that persons who know a witness have anything worthwhile
>to tell us about that individual's honesty, and pelicanists have
>already demonstrated that they don't.

Seriously (somber mood injected), witness memory is a problem. Recognition memory seems to fair better than recall. When one sees a face again, it stimulates recognition, but to recall the details of your friend's face has its problems. Try to imagine a friend or relative's face and write down details: hair color, eye color, shape of nose, distinguishing marks and then compare it to your real world view. Accuracy of recall will vary from one individual to another so I am sure we can devise a short test for short-term and long-term recall and then better judge the testimony when taken. The higher percentage scored on such a test would be weigh testimony higher and more reliable. Psychological testing of this sort is already being done and may be adapted for use by UFO investigators.

>Therefore, I am sorry to have to report that when I published my
>findings, which rushed to the clearly unjustified conclusion
>that the story was a hoax, nearly all of my colleagues agreed
>that Hamilton's story could no longer be taken seriously.

Seriously again, should we take Hamilton's story seriously? No,

I think what you originally found is the true case. Not my ancestor.

>It is clear that a great injustice has been done. Outside this
>anecdotal testimony - and pelicanists have let us know just how
>worthless that is - there is no reason to listen to undocumented
>claims from old people testifying to an alleged event that
>occurred many years earlier. Besides memory problems,
>pelicanists have assured us that people lie all the time, and
>for no reason. Therefore, it is entirely possible that these
>latterday informants were not so much confused as consciously
>dishonest.

>Our pelicanist friends, who are nothing if not consistent and
>even-handed, will, I am certain, join me in agreeing that the
>Hamilton story is now very much an open question.

Are the pelicanists in flight yet?

Have you added this term to the Ufologist glossary?

Bill Hamilton
(returning to the list after 3 years)

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Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 21:04:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:14:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 12:27:57 -0600

>Listfolk:

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>even-handed, will, I am certain, join me in agreeing that the
>Hamilton story is now very much an open question.

>Jerry Clark

Jerry, perhaps if you lay down in a dark room for a few hours it
would help. These increasingly febrile rants are getting me
worried.

--

John Rimmer
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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:16:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 15:54:35 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll [was: Clark vs. Evans]
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 23:27:50 -0600

>[Note Jerry's original header above, Andy - not the
> UpDates --ebk]

>Jerry wrote at some length.....

>>I had concluded some days ago that responding to you is only
>>encouraging you, so I beg the indulgence of all patient and
>>gentle listfolk. Something that you imply about a friend of
>>mine has set me off, and that's the only reason for this
>>post.

><snip>

>>And here is where, at last, you take us straight to the bottom
>>of the barrel. Exactly what do you mean by this last statement?

>I meant exactly what I said. Which, if you'd like it put in a
>different order, is that... anyone who sells UFO books and/or
>makes money out of ufology has a duty not to sell unproven
>delusions and nonsense to the public, I would have thought.

>The 'big' (not scare quotes Jerry) names on this list have on
>many occasions done just that. The touching belief held by -
>certainly Stanton and Bruce M, (and I suspect yourself if you
>could be honest and less evasive) that real, solid craft from
>elsewhere or elsewhen (cf Bruce's email) are visitng earth
>('often' according to Stanton) - is a baseless delusion. Yet
>they have made money out of spreading that illusion.

I hope that you feel better now. Apparently, your view is that everybody who doesn't share your views is delusional and greedy. A harsher critic than I might find this evidence of narcissism. Being more charitable my nature, I'll just call it the sort of extremism that makes you unable to imagine that somebody could disagree with you and yet be rational and honest. I have no question about your own honesty. Beyond that, the opinions you express above are neither original nor interesting.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 00:19:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:24:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Goldstein

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:46:24 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 14:32:35 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 08:05:28 -0600
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:37:03 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Bob,

<snip>

>>Two weeks later, November 1, 1973, on the Dick Cavett TV show
>>Coyne said that the whole incident took place "in about a
>>minute's time."

<snip>

>Jerry Clark

Hello Jerry, Bob, and List subscribers,

I don't want to jump in the middle of this thread that started regarding Jill Tarter's ignorance of UFO evidence. That led into a further thread concerning Bob Young's claims regarding a low percentage of UFO cases that have not been resolved into IFOs. I do want to throw in my comments regarding a couple of cases that were mentioned and throw in an additional case. I have always had a particular interest in the Coyne case, as at one time I used to fly the same type of helicopter in the Army and I could easily imagine myself in his position. All I can say is that in every helicopter when the collective stick is up the helicopter goes up, and when it is down the helicopter goes down. I don't think Coyne was mistaken about the helicopter acting against that principle. That is like forgetting that your car turns left when the steering wheel turns left. Some other force was acting on the helicopter to cause it to act against that principle of pitch in the rotor blades. Bob, do you think Coyne was mistaken?

The Michalak case was also discussed. I'd like to know what irregularities in the case have been proposed elsewhere. Other than his sole testimony, I would like to hear how a debunker can explain his burns. Bob, what do you think? Were they self inflicted? How?

Another case that I am rather passionate about is the Cash - Landrum incident. To my knowledge it has never been resolved and

is still a UFO, whether possibly from our military or anyone else. That is a case not often mentioned on this list and was not included in the recent 10 best cases. Bob, do you want to propose any irregularities in that case? How do you propose they received their horrible injuries?

I don't want to get myself involved in defending the above cases. I would like to hear any evidence, not conjecture, that would answer my questions.

Thanks,

Josh Goldstein

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:03:47 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:26:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:49:28 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>>>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.>

>>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

>At Malmstrom Air Force Base an object that was seenhovering ove
>a missile silo caused jets to be scrambled. Sabotage alert teams
>phoned in the report of the objet and said it went dark as the
>jets approached. Then it rose straight upwards and was tracked
>by radar that lost it at 200,000 ft. As I recall the official
>NORAD log called this an "unknown" (See 'Clear Intent' or other
>references)

>>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays begird the trees, and
>>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
>>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

>I spoke to one of the guards many man years ago. He said the
>object that he saw an orange glowing object over the base. In
>the official documentation it was called a "helicopter" for lack
>of a better term. Hahaha. The guy did not seem to be crazy as a
>loon.

Hi, Bruce:

There were many sightings at Loring. Klass claimed that a

helicopter was being used in the area and that may have accounted for some of the sightings.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:18:21 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:11:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:26:08 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:41:07 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>It's interesting that over the years assorted pelicanists
>(including Philip J. Klass, who proposed a particularly
>extraordinary form of it and was severely criticized by the
>Condon Committee for the resulting pseudoscience) have tried to
>"explain" UFOs as ball lightning, with - of course - no sense
>of irony or shame whatever. Am I right in assuming that as a
>believer in pelicanist principles, you reject the existence of
>ball lightning?

Nope.

>You're playing lawyer games here, Bob.

I didn't tell my cousin, a newspaper reporter, three days later
that the thing was seen for seconds, and then Dick Cavett, on
national TV two weeks later, that the entire incident lasted
about a minute, Jerry.

The pilot did that.

There does seem to be a distinct difference, here. I would be
very much interested in trying to reconcile the views of the pro
and con investigators of the incident, if it's possible.

Clear skies,

Bob

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Re: Military Abductions? - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 19:19:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:15:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Hart

>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 00:10:13 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>Which "government entity" are you referring to Gary? And what
>are the activities that they are containing? What do you mean
>by; "carefully contain other activity within active sightings
>and anomaly areas." How does one "contain" an "active sighting?"
>Maybe you just worded that poorly.

John,

Based on my own research: the agents' association is unknown.
All vehicles are unmarked, all agents have no obvious
identifying emblems but they do operate in historically cyclical
sightings areas.

Area activities seen by witnesses include sightings of craft or
craft/entity contact with area residents or other physical
objects. In other words, if entities are seen walking around,
agents go in to attempt to stop it.

>>Abductees are assumed to be around each of the few hotspot
>>areas we know of

>Who has made that "assumption" Gary?

I have. It stands up in all the cases I actively work with. And
yes, it is strange. It often seems as if certain persons are
moved by the ETs to occupy anomaly areas where sightings are
commonly seen. Seems to be a clear strategic action on the part
of both ETs and group surveilling them.

>>plus there is other strange activity, strange animals
>>for example, that the gov't. attempts to hide in addition to
>>monitoring through certain individuals.

>The government is "hiding strange animals?" What kind of
>"animals" are you referring to? What is the connection to the
>"government?"

"Hiding" by shutting down activity by electronic means.

Monkeys, huge worms, bug-like creatures, large cat/dog
combinations are some examples. The agents try to stop activity
perhaps by closing dimensional doorways that can be keyed-open,
though I admit this is only educated supposition based on
observations of a range of unusual phenomena that is similar,
the same really, at each location.

>>The monitoring is for recovery of individual experiences and
>>possible contact with the "other" activity so that it can be
>>contained.

>How do you know this Gary?

The stated logic fits the observed conditions.

>>Abductees in these types of situations are usually
>>only partially aware of the scope of the monitoring.

>And just what is the "scope" of this government monitoring?

Witnesses are not familiar with concepts of electromagnetic monitoring of areas so when they see helicopters they just see helicopters but I assume that monitoring of area activity is taking place if helicopters are seen with extended booms, for instance, or that anomalous fields are being produced by the helicopter itself if a person takes a picture of it and light is bent to instead make a picture of the person's feet.

>>This type of case is rare but the most significant of all cases.

>More significant than a case reporting contact with intelligent
>extraterrestrial life forms?

>John Velez, Student of Life

These are all start as UFO cases of a particular type. All life forms we are studying are either extraterrestrial or inter-dimensional though we do not know where to draw a line to separate one from the other.

Gary

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 01:23:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:20:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Randles

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 15:54:35 -0000

>Yes, yes Jerry. I'm sure Jenny would be the first to agree that
>she has, on occasion, published some right old tripe in her
>books. I'm sure also that Jenny would agree that she has
>published and added to the 'mysteriousness' of cases which have
>subsequently been or are being resolved. I will happily provide
>chapter and verse if you wish. Just because I have written a
>book with Jenny and because I consider her a friend doesn't mean
>she, like you, me or anyone else in the subject, is above
>criticism.

Hi,

Oooh, bet you knew I'd jump in here!

Seriously, I'd probably quibble with the word tripe - but I guess its a question of one Yorkshireman's tripe is a Bury black pudding across the other side of the Pennines (don't worry if you didn't understand that - 99% of British Listers who live 'down south' won't either - just think 'war of the roses' and realise Andy is from Yorkshire and I was born in Lancashire).

Yes, there are undoubtedly various things in 46 books where I have speculated a bit wildly and some things where I got facts wrong. I recall in 'Pennine UFO mystery' for instance doing a simple sum wrong and spending a couple of pages twittering on about some daft idea I created around George Adamski based on that.

If that's what Andy means he's right, of course. As to 'adding to the mysteriousness of cases' - what I guess he means here is that I consider some cases less solved than he does.

And, of course, its inevitably true that some cases get resolved as time goes by and once we might have thought that they would not become IFOs. The trick is to own up when they do and move on accordingly. Ufology is after all about solving cases. That's what most cases are in the long run - solved (or on the way to being solved - even if that process takes anything from five minutes to 50 years).

The difference of opinion comes as and when you argue that because many cases have been resolved - even some that looked for a long time very promising - all cases must thus fall in due course if one offers greater expenditure of effort. Or if on the other hand, as I do, you legitimately argue that some UFOs may not fall because they represent real anomalies.

Andy's debate about misperception and the trend visible in the evidence right now for seemingly high quality cases to be diminishing in value is indeed relevant. It should not be run away from. But there are also good grounds to believe that there is a difference between solved cases and some of the unsolved cases that infer there is a real UFO mystery.

Research such as the work by Battelle comparing solved and unsolved cases parameter for parameter (indicating clear statistical differences) and the GEPAN study of how IFOs increase as atmospheric clarity decreases, whereas UFOs increase as atmospheric clarity increases are keys to this IMO since they do not support the null UFOs / all IFOs theory.

But, again, yes, there are instances where cases that I once took seriously and wrote about (like Willamette Pass) have since been found wanting and you learn from this and try to apply the lessons to the next case.

But whilst you do not fail to consider the consequences (and one of these is - of course - the possibility that all cases may one day fail) - I don't think it is irresponsible to work on the premise that the UFO mystery is thus defeated.

You certainly must accept that no case - no matter how grand it seems - is unimpeachable. All may potentially fall, even if right now they seem rock solid UFOs. But I think you have to temper that with a realistic expectation that some cases may never fall because they are genuine anomalies.

After all to think that we know everything about the universe, or even our own environment, is a brand of arrogance to which skeptics are uniquely prone. Science teaches that we often think we have no surprises to come - usually the day before the next big surprise comes knocking at your door. In that respect, I often think, it is more objective to suspect that Ufology may hide new anomalies than it is to assume it reflects nothing.

I don't think any writer on a subject as complex and contentious as Ufology is ever going to be right even most of the time (and that applies to skeptics too!) - but the test is really whether they 'try' to get it right and if - when they do get it wrong - they own up, tell their public and move onto the next level as a better ufologist having had this experience.

I would say Andy's comments properly apply to any UFO writers - if he thinks there are some - who wilfully misrepresent the facts, knowing that they are wrong and yet believing that to present them in a more sensational manner will win the kudos and dollars.

Is he implying there are some of those on this list?

But that's a whole different matter to any UFO writer who honestly presents the facts as they understand them, legitimately argues around ideas they consider plausible and are worth debating and does not try to impose bogus realities or manipulate their audience with in effect a deception.

We can all have different perspectives on the evidence and attack cases in whatever way we chose. Ufology is the richer from our not being a choir of unified voices all singing the same note - for we learn more by assessing such tones of opinion.

However, whilst I guess it is possible that some people are in this field for suspect reasons and use it as a stepping stone to fame and fortune despite knowing that the sermons they preach are bogus, I have to say in my experience most ufologists are not like that. Many are misguided. Quite a few are in my view wrong to believe what they do. But most are sincere. And that's the only thing we can reasonably expect of our colleagues... Along, of course, with some modicum of desire to investigate with the quest for answers (even unpalatable ones that differ with their personal beliefs) uppermost in mind.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:24:09 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:21:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:46:24 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 14:32:35 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 08:05:28 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 12:37:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Clark

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:58:32 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Bob,

<snip>

>A full bibliography of documents relating to the case, including
>Klass/Zeidman's early debate in Fate, appears on page 257 of the
>second edition of my encyclopedia. Zeidman's final statement,
>after years of work on the case, appears in the 1989 MUFON
>symposium proceedings.

Jerry:

Thanks for this info. I'll see if I can locate this stuff.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Sawyer

From: Tom Sawyer <ThSawyer@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:47:15 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:24:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Sawyer

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Credible Witnesses/Investigators?
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:23:26 -0000

Regarding Statement Validity Analysis, Andy Roberts wrote, in part:

>Sounds as though it should be in every ufologists' tool box and
>I'll be trying to track it down.

Well, Kevin Randle discusses it on his web site, in "The Randle Report," in the course of an essay discussing the Jim Ragsdale "testimony" in the Roswell case. In the same essay, he mentions a technique called "Fact Pattern Analysis."

Tom Sawyer

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 02:11:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:27:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:26:58 -0000

>I haven't read all what you have written but advise you to take
>that picture off your website immediately.

Tizzy not...

As you know, on receipt of a personal copy of your request, the
'offending' item was unavailable.

It's a pity you would object to research material being shared.

If I hadn't made know the existence of those fundamental,
original witness testimonies - documenting the inaugural 'UFO'
excitement and subsequent pursuit of a "lighthouse" - then
obviously, we would never had realised what truly occurred, or
understood this 'UFO' case. And what would have become of your
book...

When the contents of those documents were revealed, I
intentionally excluded Halt's hand-written comments, which I
realised were obviously personal and also as they were not
entirely complimentary assessments of those involved that first
night.

Ufological banter is one thing, inherent to the subject and its
adherence to beliefs in all manner of nonsense being evidence
that ET is here, demonstrably masquerading as birds or driving
large rear-view mirrors, etc. However, this should duly 'halt'
when more earthly and practical issues are encountered, for
example, Halt noting on one of the statements that the person
had a 'drink problem'.

I certainly wouldn't want to be responsible for publicising
something like this, especially in a book, and dread to think
what the person in question and his family might resultantly
endure if I did.

And all justified because a 'UFO' tale was supposedly proof of
an absurd 'cover up'?

That's grim.

As you have published the witness statements inclusive of Halt's
personal comments, were either Halt, or the UFO group which
provided you with copies, in accordance with this?

You did ask...?

Incidentally, I would have thought any 'copyright' concerns
should be more about additional material published in your book.

>Best thing for you to do is read the book, you might learn
>something.

If I wasn't aware of the contents, I wouldn't have commented on your extraordinary, bizarre and contradictory claims.

Suffice to say that contrary to proclamations, notably from Nick 'what cover up?' Pope, there is absolutely nothing contained in your book which alters the fact those original statements confirm the abortive lighthouse chase.

Nor is there any refutation that Burroughs subsequently explained how only 'strange lights' were seen and indisputably not a 'craft', which is also, significantly, what Halt confirms.

The 'real proof' you claim exists, you acknowledge being unable to obtain and realistically, given the facts which had already been unravelled about 'Rendlesham', there was little, if any, possibility you would be able to find some meaningful evidence otherwise.

However, well done on locating Ed Cabansag, although it's disappointing that given his potentially pivotal contribution, so many obvious questions still remain unanswered, or perhaps weren't asked.

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Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 22:13:50 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:30:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Randle

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Credible Witnesses/Investigators?
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:23:26 -0000

Good Evening -

>SVA is not intended to replace the detective but it can be used
>as a significant aid in the assessment of complex and emotional
>victim and witness testimony.'

>Sounds as though it should be in every ufologists' tool box and
>I'll be trying to track it down.

Ah, at last something that I can use to promote 'The Roswell Encyclopedia'. I have an entry about it in the book.

And now, to prove that I have lousy marketing sense, here is the entry:

SVA is an established method in forensic psychology for evaluating the credibility of witness reports. It is a systematic procedure for assessing the credibility of memory reports and has been used for decades in Germany. SVA consists of a criteria-based content analysis (CBCA). An analysis is made of the verbal report. Nineteen CBCA criteria have been proposed to reflect the qualitative and quantitative differences between credible reports and fabrications.

Tests of CBCA have produced positive results. In a study in which forty child abuse statements were analyzed, twenty confirmed by admissions of guilt or corroborating physical evidence and twenty considered doubtful, CBCA differentiated between the two groups. The results of the test have been challenged by some, suggesting the single-rater method precludes any firm conclusions about the validity. The psychological literature does provide limited support for the SVA technique in analyzing the credibility of verbal reports.

I will note here that the SVA and CBCA methods have been applied to a single Roswell witness, Jim Ragsdale. Specifically it was used to evaluate the second of the Ragsdale stories, that is, the one told to Max Littell of the International UFO Museum. According to the results of the tests, and a fact pattern analysis, Ragsdale's second story was either a fabrication or a false memory.

I will also note, in case it is not clear that I am not endorsing SVA or the other methods, merely reporting on what the psychological literature contains, and what the results were when the Ragsdale tale was tested.

I will note that the first Ragsdale story was also tested, but the original interview was so disjointed and confused, including too much dialogue from the investigator, that no conclusion could be drawn.

Hope this helps.

KRandle

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The Great Harrisburg UFO Wave

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 22:40:50 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:34:57 -0500
Subject: The Great Harrisburg UFO Wave

The Great Harrisburg UFO Wave (Condon Report Case 27)
By Robert R. Young

Adapted from Stardust, the newsletter of the Astronomical
Society of Harrisburg, Pa., Inc., May, 1997

The summer of 1967 saw The Great Harrisburg UFO Wave, enshrined in local UFOlore by being included as Case #27 in the report of the University of Colorado Project (the "Condon Report") which ended United States Air Force involvement in UFO investigations (The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, E. U. Condon, et. al., Bantam edition, 1969, pp. 23, 46, 60, 332).

After widespread publicity, which included more than 2,000 radio news reports and 14 detailed visitations recounted in the paper, thousands of excited residents were often lining roads and high spots around town at night throughout that hot summer. One of our two newspapers sprinkled UFO stories among news of space launches, race riots, burning U.S. cities and GIs fighting off human wave attacks overseas. People saw things.

In 1967 the two Harrisburg newspapers, The Evening News and The Patriot, had the same owner but separate editorial staffs. Curiously, The Patriot printed almost nothing on UFOs during the flap.

As described in the Colorado report, a Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory all-sky meteor camera on the roof of Holy Spirit Hospital took thousands of pictures over 17 days while 100 reports were received by a phone hotline at Olmstead AFB in Middletown. Experienced observers from ASH responded to a request by Colorado scientists by manning three observing stations, including a society member's observatory overlooking the sighting hotbed at nearby Summerdale, nicknamed "UFO Hill".

What happened? Not much, really. ASH observers never saw anything of interest. Just the sky and air traffic, including nightly "UFO patrols" by small planes. On cloudy nights there were almost never UFOs reported. Most turned out to be stars. Only two "interesting" photo images were taken during the 100 sightings reported to Colorado Project researchers. One probably was a plane and the other a meteor.

At least two "landings" were reported that summer. One suspiciously close to "UFO Hill" was a hoax. A newspaper reporter (who along with the members of a local flying saucer club was largely responsible for stimulating the "flap") reported stumbling over an electric extension cord in the woods when investigating strange lights. Returning back later along the path he noticed that the cable was mysteriously gone.

Years later I encountered a man who told me about how he, his brother and friends, all in junior high or high school, had created a fake landing with lights and power cords. They had been caught by the cops, but since they had done nothing illegal, they were just sent home with a warning.

Another landing, the so-called "Manor Hill" or "Hall Manor" incident, was probably a mistaken star or aircraft seen by residents of a public housing project. After local saucer "investigators" trampled the nearby woods with flashlights for hours, they returned in the morning to find a flattened, swirled area of grass. A reported "high" radiation reading was never confirmed or repeated, nor is it clear what this meant. This incident became a classic "Close Encounter of the Second Kind" (physical trace) case.

A compilation (notice that I didn't write "investigative report") which lists this among hundreds of others has been cited by ufologists, including the late astronomer and Air Force UFO consultant J. Allen Hynek, as impressive evidence that something important was going on (Ted Phillips, 1975, Physical Traces Association With UFO Sightings, Center for UFO Studies). The sole source Phillips cited for including the Manor Hill landing was an article in a flying saucer magazine ("The Remarkable Skies of Harrisburg", Flying Saucers UFO Reports, Dell, No. 4, 1967, pp. 50-53). Even though the New York City-based magazine had sent a reporter here, it inexplicably illustrated the article with a photo taken by two boys 65 miles away in Shamokin!

North of the city, near Elizabethville, UFOs were said to have been in the air almost nightly, causing more than 60 reports. These, in turn, launched "saucer patrols" by pilots of small planes, which, of course, caused more sightings. Finally, after so much nonsensical "research" by adults, some resourceful teenagers with a car followed and recovered a prank plastic laundry bag-balloon lighted by candles, blowing off the lid.

Many reports of UFOs that summer had them buzzing downtown telephone microwave antennas. A quick check of a map shows that from the popular "UFO Hill" viewing site the downtown Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania headquarters, with its large, then newly installed microwave horn antennae, lies in a direction which puts it just between then Olmstead Air Force Base at Middletown and the old Harrisburg airport at New Cumberland.

From "UFO Hill" the building was also directly in a line with Olmstead's landing and takeoff path.

It seems that the explanation also owes a lot to an absurd and typically costly bit of American war-making. Through the pork barrel-rolling efforts of powerful U.S. Senator Hugh Scott, major overhauls of the military's Chinook twin-rotor choppers were performed at New Cumberland Army Supply Depot, adjacent to the public airport. Not only were they brought from Europe but also shot-up choppers were flown all the way from Viet Nam to Harrisburg in large military transports. Then they were lifted across the river to New Cumberland (I kid thee not) by giant Sky Crane helicopter's, based at Olmstead just for the purpose. At the time rumors had it that this was done only at night to hide it from the eyes of war protesters, and taxpayers, but actually it was done day and night for years. It's no wonder the Vietnam War nearly bankrupted us and doomed further manned space efforts.

These were the "UFOs" buzzing Bell Telephone. I suppose that in today's paranoid parlance they would be called "black helicopters". If this all strikes you as a hard-to-believe explanation dredged up just to debunk the '67 sightings, consider the alternative.

That is, that over a period of weeks dozens of alien spaceships hovered over Second and Pine Streets in downtown Harrisburg, and except for an enterprising Evening News reporter, local saucer investigators, and crowds of wannabees on a hill five miles away, nobody noticed.

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

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Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 23:10:07 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:37:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 08:03:07 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:18:16 EST
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>What you snipped out of my message was your earlier comment
>>about how "the hoax suggestion is clearly a front runner." To
>>which I pointed out that was nothing new and incredible, for
>>those of us who have been around. Personally I don't have any
>>problems with it being trotted out. Years ago we were assured it
>>was absolutely a pie pan. Now its mirrors. Who knows, perhaps in
>>five or so years the next theory that will be trotted out is a
>>combination of pie pan and mirrors.

>Nope. Pelicans and mirrors all the way!

Hmm (brainstorming here) What about pelican droppings, as they were falling, a mirror on the ground was reflecting sun light on them, causing a poor witness on the ground to think they saw ET space craft. The pelicanologist's and mirrorologist's may not be enamored with this one..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 23:40:28 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:40:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Gates

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:26:58 -0000

>>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 03:39:47 -0000

>James Easton

>I haven't read all what you have written but advise you to take
>that picture off your website immediately. Anything on the
>NOTW's pages is copyright and that picture is in the book which
>has not yet been published. You have no right to lift things and
>publish them on your site without permission, for which you
>would not get.

>I shall inform my publishers immediately

>The old material you have quoted (cut and pasted) is very
>outdated and before I began researching the case in earnest, so
>it's old news.

>Best thing for you to do is read the book, you might learn
>something.

>Meanwhile, please remove that picture without delay.

Gee, could it be said that James "Pelicanized" the picture.....

Hmm, the shoe fits..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 00:21:22 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:44:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Gates

>Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:06:41 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:31:17 -0500
>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

>Previously, Jerome wrote:

>>Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs
>>in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted
>>pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific
>>sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma
>>physicist John Lowke:

>>"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel
>>that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six
>>eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable
>>doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore,
>>the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features
>>with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

>>How pathetically laughable. This poor soul clearly knows nothing
>>of the insights that pelican science has now afforded us, namely
>>that

>>(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet
>>liars

>>(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely
>>disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox
>>phenomenon

>>and

>>(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

>Hellooo, Jerry!

>For all I know "hot plasma" is a holiday drink for vampires. I
>take no stand one way or the other about the subject. However,
>your insights into what you deem "pelicanism" are off the mark.

>You wrote:

>>(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet
>>liars

>No one has said that they are "likely" to be closet liars.
>However, as you just pointed out, they are only "thought" to be
>honest. Without validation, there is no proof that they are
>telling the truth or not. Do you prefer to "assume" they are
>telling the truth every time they open their mouths, no matter
>how fantastic their claims, and cast aside anything resembling
>an unbiased, objective view?

I see what you are saying. We are just assuming that Roger Evans is honest, but we have no validation as to whether he is telling the truth or not. Perhaps we should assume for sake of discussion that Roger is not honest and has all sorts of ulterior motives to say and do the things he does.

Lets take it a step further. Can we even prove that a dude name Roger Evans exists?

What about a drivers license? Well they can be hoaxed (i.e. counterfit)

What about a birth certificate? IF the certificate is real, it doesn't mean that the Roger Evans mentioned on the birt certificate is the same Roger Evans of today.

Well what about bank accounts, utility bills etc? Doesn't mean a thing. What about fingerprints? Only if he happens to have been finger printed in the past and that still doesn't guarantee that some dude claiming to be Roger Evans got fingerprinted years back.

Gosh, since we can reasonably/rationaly explain away everything, the only thing left is the testimony of others, i.e. his parents and or neighbors he grew up with. Ooops, sorry, the testimony of others really doesn't mean anything, especially if you are attempting to prove the existance of Roger Evans only on the technical evidence.

>You wrote:

>>(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely
>>disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox
>>phenomenon

>On the contrary, eyewitness testimony has incredible value once
>it has been validated. Without validation, however, testimony is
>indistinguishable from a bold faced lie. Do you have a special
>insight that tells you who is telling the truth and who isn't
>without proof? Or do you prefer to "assume" they are telling the
>truth every time they open their mouths, no matter how fantastic
>their claims, and cast aside anything resembling an unbiased,
>objective view?

How do we validate the testimony of a rape victim, if their is no camera that conviently photographed the attack and no DNA evidence? All that left is the testimony of the witness, her friends and family, those that knew her and any others who might have seen her just after it happened.

>You wrote:

>>(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

>Do you define a "credible or reliable" observer as someone whose
>word does not have to withstand validation? If so, then please

Tell us what your criteria is for 'validation' of the existance or non existance of UFOs. For example if the criteria is a UFO landing during half time at the super bowl, that only validates the existance of *one* UFO that has visited the earth. It would not validate the existance of any other alleged events. The skeptics would instantly claim and rationalize away the landing as some kind of grand deception and or secret govt craft, and or mass dellusion and or hoax and or practical joke on a grand scale.

The point being is that even if you have absolute proof in your hands, the skeptics can rationalize away absolutly anything and sound rather scientific and convincing while they are doing it.

Or, said in another way, can you personally prove the existance of the 1966 Cobra? Whatever photos you come up can be explained away as hoax, whatever testimony you can come up with can be explained away as unreliable, and even if you come up with a real, functioning car, a true pelicanist can explain that away as some kind of modern hoax, they just can't quite prove how it was done. Alas, when you make the claim that all the evidence (photos, testimony and actual working model) all point to the existance of said car, the pelicanist can rationalize it all

away as being meaningless because a true pelicanist knows the principle 'it can't be so therefor it isn't.'

Cheers,

Robert

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:49:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Gates

>From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:38:28 -0700

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>>Loyal readers of this list will be aware of recent breakthroughs
>>in the scientific discipline known as pelicanism. Noted
>>pelicanists have devastatingly exposed pseudoscientific
>>sentiments such as those expressed by Australian plasma
>>physicist John Lowke:

>>"Though... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel
>>that there is no question that [it] exists I have talked to six
>>eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable
>>doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore,
>>the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features
>>with hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

><snip>

>>"Many years ago" - we can safely disregard the sighting at once,
>>since pelican science tells us that memory of what happened
>>minutes or even seconds ago is unreliable - "I saw two globes of
>>lightning." Of course we know that even scientists are
>>unreliable observers, and some are even liars. "They were
>>reddish-yellow in color and appeared to be rotating." Given how
>>our perceptual apparatus so often fails us, this description is
>>none we need take seriously. "One of them struck a building and
>>burst with a loud report" - probably caused by a firecracker,
>>not some absurd, undocumented phenomenon such as this obviously
>>dubious character wants us to believe. "As there was no trace of
>>anything the [building's inhabitants] looked bewildered." As why
>>shouldn't they, since nothing happened outside the fertile
>>imagination/lying tongue/failed perceptual mechanisms of this
>>unreliable alleged scientist? "The other drifted slowly away."
>>What "drifted slowly away" was no doubt a cloud with sunlight
>>reflecting off it. "Globular lightning makes a slight noise ...
>>compared with the purring of a cat." So deluded is this
>>unreliable witness that he couldn't even discern that what he
>>was hearing was the "purring of a cat," which in his ignorance
>>of pelicanist principles he was led to associate with the aerial
>>phenomenon he mistakenly thought he was seeing.

><snip>

>>Thank you, pelican science, for your many contributions to human
>>enlightenment. We can now remain confident that everything that
>>could be known is known and that all claims to the contrary can
>>be easily disposed of. You have shown that no rational human
>>being, on being made aware of the principles of pelican science,
>>could possibly believe in what occultists disguised as
>>scientists call "ball lightning."

>>Jerry Clark

>Any takers on this outlook? This should light some fires under
>some people!

>Personally, in Montana, ball lightening happens quite a bit.
>Been there, seen it, and I do not make a habit of lying.

>In the summer, August 10, 1967, ball lightening went down the
>middle of our street and took out a University of Southern
>California vehicle. No problem. Several people saw it and we all
>agreed on the perception. It was quite a thing to see.

Hi Jean,

Using the theories of pelicanism, they would first claim that
just because you thought you saw ball lightning, doesn't mean
that you actually saw it.

Then it would be said, this has to be proved on the technical
evidence (i.e. analysis of a small particle of said ball
lightning) Since you weren't able to get a sample, that would be
suggestive of hoax.

Next the pelicanists would then make the claim that any/all
witness testimony is unreliable because you need more evidence,
and since no further evidence is available.

Lastly if you produced a photo you happened to take, it would be
argued that you hoaxed it.

You see, in Pelican science, absolutely any and all evidence
points to 'it can't be so therefore it isn't.'

>Any others?

>Jean or G'ma whichever you prefer

>Oh, yes. Been called a liar before, so it don't really bother
>me, been around too long.

Since Pelicanists tend to disbelieve and doubt witness testimony,
I am sure the Pelicanists would likely be claiming that you saw
something extraordinary, other than what you said you saw.

Cheers,

Robert

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Change At Roswell UFO Museum & Research Center?

From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 22:40:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:54:41 -0500
Subject: Change At Roswell UFO Museum & Research Center?

I am a member of the International UFO Museum & Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico. Although it is not yet online, I recently received my November 2000 IUFOMRC Newsletter. The IUFOMRC is apparently undergoing some interesting changes I want to share with this list.

Carol Syska has apparently been replaced as the Director of the museum. The November 2000 IUFOMRC Newsletter states:

"As of October 11, 2000, the Executive Committee of the IUFOMRC appointed Julie Shuster as interim director, subject to the Board of Directors decision at their October 26, 2000 Meeting. Julie is Walter Hauts' daughter."

For updated information, you may want to monitor the IUFOMRC website at:

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

I have sent e-mail to the museum requesting information regarding the results of the October 26, 2000 meeting.

Perhaps more tellingly, the Newsletter states the lecture for January 13, 2001 (entitled "What Part does the FOIA Play in UFO Research") will be given by Dennis Balthaser. As many of you may recall, Dennis is a former member of the museum's Board of Directors, was the museum's Operations Manager, and most recently its UFO Investigator. He was fired by Glenn Dennis on October 28, 1998, and told he "was not to be affiliated with the Museum anymore." See:

<http://ufoinfo.com/news/balthaser.html>

(Subj: FIRED FROM THE MUSEUM
Date: 98-10-29 10:17:31)

Dennis' website, Truth Seeker at Roswell, is located at:

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

The aforementioned changes appear to confirm information I learned during September, when I attended a MUFON Orange County meeting. The speaker was Donald R. Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt is an Advisor to the IUFOMRC's Board of Directors. I was thinking of sharing with the List a review of his presentation (as well as other presentations, in case anyone is interested), but was holding off until I could purchase a videotape (which is not yet available) so that I could double check my facts.

However, I do want to share with you what Mr. Schmitt said about the museum.

The following is my best recollection, but I do plan on purchasing the videotape of the event as soon as it is available (which will probably be mid-November).

During the question and answer period, I told Mr. Schmitt about my recent visit to the museum, and that I: (a) was worried about the museum's intellectual integrity; and (b) found certain exhibits to be very troubling in that they omitted any mention of

inconsistent or contradictory evidence.

The examples I gave, in detail (and relying on the work done by Kevin Randle), concerned the museum's uncritical acceptance and presentation of both the Ragsdale crash site story and the Glenn Dennis story about the nurse, without presenting any of the conflicting and contradictory evidence.

I asked Mr. Schmitt what he felt about that as an Advisor to IUFOMRC's Board of Directors, and what, if anything he could do about it.

Mr. Schmitt responded that he was glad I asked the question, he agreed with me regarding both examples, and that changes were going to be made at the museum. He indicated the museum's management was going to be changed.

He also stated that he was scheduled to go through the museum (I believe it was during November 2000, but it may have been during January 2001), and essentially audit (my word, not his) the exhibits stating what should stay, what should be changed, and what should go. He made it clear that he was going to make sure the museum exhibits fairly present all of the available evidence on all sides of the relevant issues.

I think we may be seeing evidence of change at the museum.

"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: Aveley Encounter? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 02:14:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 10:58:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Velez

>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 02:42:29 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 03:44:45 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 00:56:48 -0800
>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 18:34:52 +0000
>>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Aveley Encounter?

>>>>Hi All,

>>>>Can anyone throw any info on the following case my way?

>>>>The Aveley Abduction October 1974. I believe that it involved a
>>>>family of five, two adults and three children.

>>>>Any help would be appreciated.

>>>>Regards,

>>>>Roy..

>><snip>

>>>The *U* Database has that case listed with high strangeness and
>>>rather low credibility for the number of witnesses/experiencers.

>><snip>

>>>This and 63 other "attributes" enables me to sift and sort cases
>>>all sorts of ways for obvious reasons, and for purposes yet
>>>unforeseen.

>>Hey Laroo,

>>Is your list of "attributes" posted anywhere? If not, (and you
>>have it in a form that can be converted for posting) would you
>>post it to the List? It would be educational. I'm really
>>interested in learning about what criteria would be most
>>useful/helpful in sorting through some of the stuff I have on
>>hand. Strictly for archival purposes.

>>If it's not too big a hassle to post, I for one would appreciate
>>seeing it. If it turns out to be a goodun' I'm planning to 'lift
>>it' (rip you off) wholesale and use it myself! :) <LOL>

>>Thanx in advance,

>>John Velez, Inquiring minds want to know! ;)
>Hello John!
>I have responded offlist. The two pages it would take are too
>long and wide for list posting here.
>Best!
>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry,

Got em! Thank you for the info and the speedy response. ;)

I haven't had a chance to crack em open yet (just got them today) but it's on my priority list. Without realizing it I have acquired a 'archive' worth of material over the years that has never been properly catalogued. (Something I used to get on Budd's case about and here I am doing the same thing!) I plan to make it a 'spare time' project until I get it all whipped into decent shape. I'll use as many of your criteria as I am able to apply to what is strictly a 'abduction' related pile of raw data. It's a heap of stuff.

One other bit that you might be able to advise me on; I plan on using a piece of HTML authoring software that allows me to create (and access easily) any archive that I create. I also have "Sherlock II" which I can use in conjunction with it. (I'm on a Mac. Sherlock II is a fast and powerful search engine.)

Sherlock will be used as the 'search engine' once all the data on the hard drive has been properly catalogued. If you are aware of a good stand alone piece of software that will do both jobs for me (archival and search functions) that is available for the Mac OS/platform, please let me know.

It'll be nice to find things easily (or even in the same day) for a change! <LOL>

Thanx again Mssr. Hatch. You're a gentleman.

John Velez
Have computer, will travel ;)

A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm
jvif@spacelab.net
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 02:13:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 11:02:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@digidezign.com>
>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

>From: SHnSASSY1@aol.com
>Mailing-List: list RealUFOs@egroups.com
>Subject: [RealUFOs] Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_102803.html

>Alien abduction hypnotisers deny planting subliminal ads

>A US firm that promises to hypnotise people to make them think
>they have been abducted by aliens has been accused of planting
>subliminal adverts in their customer's minds at the same time.

>Alien Abductions Inc promises to provide "personalised,
>realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been
>waiting for your entire life".

>But its team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant
>technicians" have been accused of implanting paid-for adverts
>for companies.

>Abductees are then said to be magnetically drawn to use the
>advertised products thanks to the subliminal messages implanted
>in their brains.

>Adverts implanted are said to include two for firms who sponsor
>AAI's website.

>The company is denying "advertising implantation" for profit but
>admits it has implanted certain ads that "increase the
>effectiveness" of the experience.

<snip>

Hello Bobbie:

Well, this is a new twist! I went to the website you gave, and that referred me (with no mention of subliminal ads of course) to the original AAI website:

<http://www.alienabductions.com>

Apparently, it is their belief that they can make a profit from people who would like to be abducted but haven't yet, and feel left out.

For the AAI company at least, there seem to be enough people like this to make up a market for a business.

Maybe this be a put-on by some skeptical group. I suppose its simple enough to call their bluff in that case.

If this in an actual for-profit enterprise, it must tell us

something about their (AAI) perception of the abduction scene regardless.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: The "implants" were apparently some sort of post-hypnotic suggestion, rather than any physical object like a chip or whatever. At least one of them was for an interesting sounding pub.

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 08:45:18 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 11:52:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 07:58:23 -0800

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>Unidentified Flying Object = UFO. This means that an object is
>>>in the air, flying or stationary and is not readily identifiable
>>>such as an airplane, bird or conventional object. Nor is it
>>>identifiable through astronomical means. I really could go on
>>>and on with a definition, but we'll just stick with common sense
>>>and common language. Unidentified means just that.

>>OK, I can go with this definition. I would have said that this
>>would better be described as a "UFO report", but OK.

>>I don't think this qualifies as a UFO report per say. Let's add
>>something to it such as "may or may not display unconventional
>>aerial movement(s)." By the way Bob, all of this agreeing or
>>coming close to agreeing between us is scaring me. ;-)

Royce,

OK.

>>Actually, I would be very interested in seeing your video and
>>your explanation as to why you think these things are
>>unidentifiable. Is there any chance you could copy the two video
>>segments on a tape and send it to me. I'll be happy to reimburse
>>you for the postage and the tape. I can report to the List about
>>my review of the tape. The address is PO Box 371, Harrisburg PA
>>17108-0371.

>>Let me whirl off a copy and get it to you. Maybe you'll have
>>some insight into what's on the tape.

>>>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>>>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>>>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>>>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>>>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>>>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>>>ergo a UFO.

>>Did it occur to you that glitches in radar are
>>something most air forces are not about to talk about? Do you
>>have a citation for these two government reports? There were a
>>lot of sightings during the flap in those years.

>>There was obvious no radar glitches here considering the radar

>clearly shows to object dropping and there are records from the
>jets of this incident as well. The Belgian military to this day,
>and to my knowledge, still do not know what the object was. This
>would then make it unidentified. Also, I don't think the pilots
>chased a radar glitch for over, what, 40 minutes?

Depends, since we have to take the Governments' words for it.
But my point was that there could be lots of reasons for either
Government to not tell the entire truth, and they could be
legitimate and not related to UFOs at all.

>>>How about the Iran UFO encounter in 1976.

>I agree that all info should be evaluated. But did Klass ever
>fully explain what the pilots encountered? I don't think so.
>Also, Klass is the guy who fell asleep during the MUFON
>symposium in Seattle. Not too credible with me for a guy who
>says there are no UFOs but can't stay awake long enough to
>hear what someone has to say about them.....

You mean an 80 year-old You mean an 80 year-old skeptic can't
ever sleep? Man, you're tough. Maybe he found the MUFON meeting
boring. And, anyway, what does this have to do with the Iran
incident?

>>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>>records (hey. its the government again...), objects described as
>>>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>>>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.

>>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

>>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays behind the trees, and
>>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
>>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

>This is why the U.S. military deemed the objects as "unknown
>entities." Again, unidentified. Why would the military send up
>fighters to intercept Venus were responding to information from
>the airbase security?

>I have a hard time believing that Venus would cause all of this...

Then, you don't know much about the history of the UFO
phenomenon. Just check out another post today, UFO Round Up, Vol
5, Number 44. The hovering UFO seen by five in the West over
Sedona, Arizona, and the object "pacing" a couple's car in Texas
(but always seen to the west) are so obviously Venus, now
brilliant in the Western evening sky, that it's a joke. This
stuff is just posted raw reports.

>Also, not to question your friend's integrity, but it didn't
>happen at one base and a number of guys that were at these bases
>have gone on record in the past about this event.

He was at Loring, in Maine, and just because somebody goes on
record doesn't mean that they can't be wrong.

>If no skeptical input was involved with the review, then why
>were several UFO cases that were presented to the panel
>rejected? Why would Robert Bigelow waste thousands and thousands
>of his dollars if there's nothing to the information. Bigelow's
>a business man and wouldn't waste a dime on anything without it
>having merit.

What does this prove? You knock Klass for dozing but assume that there must be something there just because a "business man" spends some money on a subject in which he is interested?

>So then, the [Condon] committee was wrong about McMinnville
>all these years along with the rest of us suckers?

Their investigator, William Hartmann, agreed that he was probably wrong on this one many years ago.

>>>UFOs do indeed exist.

>>Yes, but since only a tiny minority of UFO reports have been
>>competently examined by anybody, they will continue to exist, I
>>guess.

>Then UFOs exist, period. And what exactly defines a competent
>examination. It's just like the crop circle phenomena, everyone
>>wants to blame Doug and Dave but no one wants to look at the
>evidence. While many may be hoaxed, there are several that are
>not.

The problem is, one can never prove a negative, that several are not hoaxed. One can prove a positive, by explaining how they were made. Now that would be a discovery. As far as I know only Dave and Doug have demonstrated this.

>I'm not saying all UFO reports are anomalous, but there are
>those that indeed are unidentified.

I agree.

<snip>

>Simply being able to turn a UFO into an IFO doesn't
>make all UFOs IFOs.

That's also true.

>And someone simply not seeing a UFO for 17 days doesn't
>prove anything at all.

What Case 27 in Condon demonstrated was that all-sky meteor cameras did not record any mysterious anomalous objects brighter than 4th magnitude, other than meteors and airplanes, during 100 UFO sightings, and that visual observers who were familiar with the local sky also did not see anything unusual during some of this time.

This was, indeed, something very useful to learn. Again, one cannot prove a negative, that is that UFOs did not appear to the witnesses, but this largely unknown study was quite interesting in what it showed about a "UFO flap."

>UFOs aren't like meteor showers, there's no time table for
>when they'll show up.

Please check Larry Hatch's excellent *U*UFO database for information about when UFO sighting reports are more likely to be made. Some of these patterns have been apparent for decades. Also check Allen Hynek's book, The Hynek UFO Report.

>But what got lost in all of this was my original
>thought; How many UFO investigations had Jill Tarter completed
>before drawing her conclusion about UFOs?

Who knows? Did you ever ask her before you called her a moron? To be technical, that is what SETI does: investigate anomalous radio signals.

>I'll send you the videos. I'll pass on your report, thanks for
>the offer anyway.

For the amusement of the List (although a few may not be amused), I am going to post an article which described my look into the 1967 Harrisburg flap, which is Case #27 in Condon. Incidentally for anyone interested, the Condon Report is on the web at - <http://www.ncas.org/condon/>

Looking forward to getting your video.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 14:34:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:05:10 -0500
Subject: Links

Hi All,

A quaint gathering of web Site Links.

Roy..

<http://www.forteantimes.com/artic/88/rockin.html>

<http://www.mindbodyspirit.org/lapisufo/>

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/jan/m19-013.shtml>

<http://www.planetarymysteries.com/debunkery.html>

<http://watarts.uwaterloo.ca/~acheyne/LeHorla.html>

<http://www.anomalist.com/commentaries/pseudo.html>

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_II/dubious.html

<http://www.jse.com/haisch/ufo.html>

<http://www.hedweb.com/markp/ufofilm.htm>

<http://www.aspsky.org/education/pseudobib.html>

<http://www.skeptics.com.au/journal/skepindx.htm>

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Leeds Conference 16th September 2000?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 14:40:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:40:23 -0500
Subject: Leeds Conference 16th September 2000?

Can Rory Lushman & Terry Rhodes please post their reviews of the Chris Martin Lecture, given at the Leeds Conference 16th September 2000?

Regards,

Roy..

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'Winked Out' - UFOs Or High Tech Camouflage?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:46:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:46:15 -0500
Subject: 'Winked Out' - UFOs Or High Tech Camouflage?

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Source: Rense.com

<http://sightings.com/general5/wink.htm>

'Winked Out' - UFOs Or High Tech Camouflage?
By Brenda Livingston

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Camouflage of aircraft has been the ongoing focus of the military since the discovery of human flight. Hiding from the enemy, protects pilot lives, military secrets and provides the ability for sudden and highly effective strikes on targets. As the number of sightings of "disappearing" aircraft and objects increase, lines are becoming blurred as we attempt to delineate between our true technological capabilities what may be a common capability of the UFO (unidentified aerial device/vehicle). Star-field and cloud/haze camouflage are now frequently reported in addition to blending into the sky, using various techniques and devices.

Increasing, UFO Researchers are witnessing what appears to be aircraft at various altitudes suddenly and inexplicably vanish from sight. George Filer in Filers Files relayed a report of two MUFON members returning from the MUFON Symposium 2000 watching as an apparent aircraft "winked out" before them. George Filer also told of such an experience along the Eastern seaboard. Other researchers and the public continue to relate to Living-Tracer Enterprises similar sightings.

These sightings are so unusual that they have provoked the consideration of two possible explanations: the common use of ultra high tech military and civilian aircraft camouflage or UFOs camouflaging as aircraft.

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Human Made High Technology Explanation

One must consider both prosaic explanations and exotic Defense R&D before concluding what some report seeing is taken as conclusive evidence of alien technology. Electrochromatic panels (tiny video sensors) on the skin of aircraft is one such exotic technology which could explain as least some of the sightings reported.

It might be enlightening to visit the Project Chameleo/Richard N. Schowengerdt's website which presents papers, videos and drawings explaining some of the more recent research projects

conducted by research scientist and the Air Force...

<http://members.aol.com/rschowel73/chameleo.html>

While the following patent does not prove the current use of this technology, it does show interest and research into the development of it:

Cloaking Using Electro-Optical Camouflage Patent No. 5,307,162 issued 26 April 1994 Patent Renewed in 1997
- Next Maintenance Fee Due 26 April 2001

An interesting report from Australia from Harry Mason points to get another possible high tech explanation for disappearing or "limited sight" aircraft (though it is not clear whether the "object" seen by observers was indeed an 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

Living-Tracers has received reports from reliable witnesses sighting similar V-shaped "airwave" streams having no accompanying sound or color-- with one astounding difference. These "objects" were only a few hundred feet away and much smaller -- having a basketball sized rounded "shape" in front of the stream.

These reports indicate that the "airwaves" were similar to seeing a small wake in a lake moving quickly by...only in the air. Might these be the small spherical objects reported by so many all over the world entering another state dimension?

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Who Are 'They' ... And Who Are They Hiding From?

While it is possible that many experimental missions and varying atmospheric conditions are occurring in our atmosphere and that stealth tech/camouflage undoubtedly is being developed, one must ask the following question:

What would be the purpose of using such stealth tech (if economically and technologically feasible) in non-combat situations in the skies above populated areas? If it is feasible, why would it be necessary? Who are they hiding from?

Perhaps one explanation for my sighting of a blinking out "craft" is the experimentation of 'emissions cloaking' along with aircraft camouflage. Much R&D is taking place in radar jamming and emissions control...but why would our military be testing or using such cloaking devices over a populated area in mid day?

Who are they hiding from?

The sudden and inexplicable disappearance, I personally witnessed in December of 1999 was in a clear blue sky was stunning. While I was intensely watching an oblong pinkish

object (which I at first assumed to be an aircraft) with a long "dashing" persistent contrail the object along with the miles long persistent contrail "winked out". I searched the clear blue sky for a possible reappearance of the strange object or aircraft and saw nothing but blue skies

While I have seen various "camouflaging" effects of aircraft - white aircraft becoming darker in different lighting conditions, aircraft moving through a thin haze becoming white then blue and back again, even shadows bouncing in front of aircraft. this sighting seemed to defy plausible common explanations.

What purpose would it serve for a military aircraft flying over a populated area to be visible then suddenly become invisible (in supposedly non-combat, non-experimental situations)? From whom are they hiding?

Disappearances And Contrails

An interesting sighting report by George A. Filer (Eastern Director of MUFON) in Filers Files #31, August 7, 2000 asks the same probing question:

"The last few months the search for Unidentified Flying Objects has taken on a new phase with dozens of reports of aircraft disappearing in front of numerous eye witnesses. Sometimes the craft appear to change color prior to disappearing, we have reports of white, gray, red, and patchy blue or white aircraft. In World War II, camouflage techniques lit up allied anti-sub aircraft using soft lights to conceal them from Nazi submariners.

I personally have 5000 flying hours. On July 3, I saw an aircraft making heavy dark looking contrails that appeared quite different from standard. They may have powder or impurities in them that may come from the new jet fuels. The most amazing thing that occurred is that when the spraying stopped the aircraft disappeared. I searched the clear blue sky with binoculars but no craft could be observed. An aircraft simply does not vanish from a clear blue sky unless it has active camouflage or crashes.

One possible way for an aircraft to vanish would be to use a liquid screen similar to one used on a typical lap top computer. If hundreds of liquid screens were mounted on the underside of aircraft it could be made to seem to vanish by videotaping the sky above the aircraft and applying this same color to the liquid screens covering the aircraft. To the naked eye the craft would disappear. [but] why would these aircraft want to vanish?"

Report Of Disappearing Aircraft By MUFON Members "Excerpted From Filers Files #30 July 31, 2000:

Driving home from the MUFON conference the Georgia State MUFON director [Tom Sheets] who is a retired Chief of Police and other witnesses observed a aircraft "wink out" suddenly. George Filer: " These are high quality witnesses, they are not mistaken. I've learned from other contrails experts this has happened before. To my knowledge humans do not possess aircraft that can disappear. The spraying is real, therefore I suspect that UFOs are involved. I want to know what they are spraying and why" (see <http://tracers.8m.com/filer31.htm> for similar reports)

Consider also the following reports:

Mark Cashmere MUFON CT. State Director reports that, "On December 13, 1999, four witnesses observed two anomalous phenomena at 3:30 PM." The observations lasted for a total of 40 minutes. The witnesses were two adult business owners 49 (Y) and 51 (F), and his son 12, and a woman business associate (W), 80. The observations are broken into two phases.

Observation of an estimated five contrails in sequence descending toward a ridge to the west. These contrails became visible in each case after a bright star-like light appeared and were the width of the light, and once reaching a specific length retained that length without change. Each contrail displayed a "puff" about halfway to the hill that acted as the horizon. The witnesses also thought there was an orange flash as each light

passed below the tree-line. One contrail split into two. The witnesses believed it was possible that the lights crashed on the hill, though they heard no sound. The contrails dissolved, including the puffs.

They observed two solid objects, gray in color, one "bullet-shaped" with smoothly faired fins, and one spherical with no seams or protrusions. One witness observed an apparent seam on the bullet-shaped object. The objects, of large angular size (3 inches at two feet), passed the witnesses at a relatively close distance, and as they moved to the north vanished in full view. The location of the second phase was about thirty feet to the east of the first at 41.81120 (Lat.), -72.92348 (Long).

A third "phase" was the observation of a number of aircraft identified as commercial Short Skyvans believed looking or what they had just observed. The two adult men seemed credible and articulate but perplexed by the event. The child offered a reasonable level of corroboration. A more detailed analysis can be found at mcashman@temporaldoorway.com: Thanks to: Mark Cashman.

Very visible -- then very invisible. What were possible explanations of this activity if these were experimental aircraft? Were these missiles gone astray? If so--what is a plausible explanation for their location and the bright light in front of the trails?

Consider a report with some similarities from Texas. Could a light-producing propulsion system account for the appearing and disappearing of this apparent UFO ?:

"On January 10, 1999 near Lewisville Texas -- I witnessed the unexplainable... I was back out at my sighting post on the lake just at sunset scanning the western skies when I suddenly caught sight of a very strange orange trail on the horizon..zig-zagging very low to the ground. Whatever was creating this trail was moving toward the southeast -- moving toward me at an angle. I kept my eyes on it as it proceeded closer and I still could not make out a definitive shape in front of it -- though I thought I saw something small and dark there a couple of times.

As it reached past I-35 (which is a major thoroughfare running north and south through the Dallas area) -- I could see that something was creating short bursts of contrail in a zig-zag fashion. It was low-flying -- seeming to be between 500-700 feet above ground.

Suddenly a bright light appeared several hundred feet in front of a burst of orange trail. Then both the light and the trail would disappear. The light would appear again and then the short trail -- and both would disappear again. This pattern continued for a few minutes until the light appeared without a contrail and disappeared. The light repeated this behavior a few more times before disappearing for the final time." (Living-Tracer Enterprises)

If one takes into consideration that some rather odd-shaped "aircraft" (eg. oval, teardrop, spherical, oblong) and unusual fireballs and projectile-appearing objects (see NUFORC report of two pilots sightings of an missile shaped object flying between them) are reportedly flying through our atmosphere in proximity to aircraft some creating persistent contrails themselves this may provide a very good explanation for the sudden necessity for both aircraft and UFOs to make a sudden "disappearance" for stealth or protection. (also see <http://tracers.8m.com/aircraft.htm>)

We just may be witnessing aircraft and UFOs and their projectiles, using some high and higher tech camouflage in the open skies.

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:48:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 00:19:30 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>Hello Jerry, Bob, and List subscribers,

>I don't want to jump in the middle of this thread that started
>regarding Jill Tarter's ignorance of UFO evidence. That led into
>a further thread concerning Bob Young's claims regarding a low
>percentage of UFO cases that have not been resolved into IFOs. I
>do want to throw in my comments regarding a couple of cases that
>were mentioned and throw in an additional case. I have always
>had a particular interest in the Coyne case, as at one time I
>used to fly the same type of helicopter in the Army and I could
>easily imagine myself in his position. All I can say is that in
>every helicopter when the collective stick is up the helicopter
>goes up, and when it is down the helicopter goes down. I don't
>think Coyne was mistaken about the helicopter acting against
>that principle. That is like forgetting that your car turns left
>when the steering wheel turns left. Some other force was acting
>on the helicopter to cause it to act against that principle of
>pitch in the rotor blades. Bob, do you think Coyne was mistaken?

Hi, Josh:

It's good to get your insight as a helicopter pilot. I think the issue is that Phil Klass suggests that Coyne just didn't remember pulling up on the controls, afterwards, but had just done it automatically. Doesn't sound so unreasonable to me.

>The Michalak case was also discussed. I'd like to know what
>irregularities in the case have been proposed elsewhere. Other
>than his sole testimony, I would like to hear how a debunker can
>explain his burns. Bob, what do you think? Were they self
>inflicted? How?

Don't know. Have you ever seen a medical report on his injuries?

>Another case that I am rather passionate about is the Cash -
>Landrum incident. To my knowledge it has never been resolved and
>is still a UFO, whether possibly from our military or anyone
>else. That is a case not often mentioned on this list and was
>not included in the recent 10 best cases. Bob, do you want to
>propose any irregularities in that case? How do you propose they
>received their horrible injuries?

Regarding their horrible injuries, I know that Betty Cash had cancer. I believe that she sued the U.S. Government. Has there ever been a medical report available on any of their "injuries"?

>I don't want to get myself involved in defending the above
>cases. I would like to hear any evidence, not conjecture, that
>would answer my questions.

So would I. I'm not a doctor and it would be worth while to get some medical evidence or reports before commenting.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Crop Circles 'Amaze' NASA Space Station Project

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<http://sightings.com/general5/crop.htm>

Crop Pictograms In The United Kingdom
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11-2-00

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NASA's International Space Station: This article does not
necessarily reflect the views of NASA and are the sole views of
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In July of this year (2000) I had the opportunity to visit the
United Kingdom for a couple weeks. The primary purpose for my
trip was to spend some time with my companion Hildi who lives in
Glastonbury, England. Since I knew the timing of my visit would
allow me to see and hopefully visit some "crop circles" I did a
little exploration of web sites before I left.

I was absolutely amazed at the patterns which I saw, and was
wondering why these developments hadn't surfaced in the general
press in the U.S. After my visit and discussions with various
people in the UK, it is now clear to me that crop "circles" or
pictograms have suffered the same fate that UFOs and other
phenomena have which do not fit the current paradigm.

Upon arriving in London on July 20, I was picked up by my
companion and a friend and on the way back to Glastonbury we
stopped at the Barge Inn. The Barge Inn is located along one of
the many canals crisscrossing England, and is a meeting place
and informal headquarters for crop "circle" researchers and
visitors. Photos of the latest crop "circles" are tacked up on a
bulletin board.

Outside looking toward nearby hills a simple crop "circle" could
be seen. After getting something to eat, we went up to the
circle and entered it. The plants on the floor of the circle
were woven into a basket like pattern. Unlike the few hoaxed or
manmade "circles", the stalks of the plants were not broken but
looked like they had suddenly decided to bend down and grow in a
horizontal direction. My assessment after visiting several crop
pictograms, is that the man-made "circles" are relatively few,
which are composed of simple forms having very poor geometric
precision compared to the amazing pictograms.

There are other factors which clearly delineate a man-made
circle from the absolutely amazing pictograms, which can be
learned from the web sites, and several books. I would recommend
the book "Crop Circles: The Greatest Mystery of Modern Times" by

Lucy Pringle, 1999, Harper Collins Publishers, ISBN 07225 3855 3, \$27.00. I had an opportunity to talk with Lucy at the Glastonbury Crop Circle Conference held in July 28 -30 during my visit. She personally flies out over the fields and takes photos.

Since I have for many years used enhanced intuitive capabilities to pick up additional information, I did sit in the crop circle near the Barge Inn and picked up some interesting impressions pertaining to the future. In addition, I put out the thought, somewhat as a test but really a request, that I would like to see a crop pictogram appear which could provide me some insight into the direction I should pursue in my advanced transport/field physics research activities.

We then went on to Glastonbury, to London, and then back to Glastonbury. Eight days later, we went back out into crop circle country and again visited the Barge Inn. On the bulletin board, was an astounding new pictogram (see the web sites:

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/aveburytrusloe/aveburytrusloe2000a.html> and <http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/2000.html>). The pictogram was shaped like a bar magnet, with magnetic field lines coming out of the north and south poles. The pictogram had appeared on July 22 two days after my arrival in the England (and my first visit to the Barge Inn). We determined its location, visited the pattern and spent a lot of time exploring it.

The precision and intricacy of the pattern was stunning. Even the farmer whose field the pattern had appeared in was overwhelmed by this pictogram. He indicated that there had been other patterns in his field before, but he had still harbored some doubts concerning who or what had made them. But with the appearance of this pictogram, he knows now that this is a true mystery. From his perspective there is NO possibility that this was made by humans or our technology, and I agree with him.

While in the pattern, I recalled the thought which I had sent out for a pictogram to appear which could provide some direction for my research activities. I have to conclude that whatever intelligence is responsible for these patterns, it has connections with or links with our human consciousness.

There is truly an astounding phenomena unfolding in England and elsewhere in the world. Its very unfortunate that the unscientific thinking, and perhaps deliberate disinformation, of a few individuals have been picked up and accepted by a naive press world-wide. As a result millions of people have been deprived of the opportunity to experience a consciousness expanding phenomena. It is our civilization's loss; but fortunately the apparently successful attempt to ridicule or "debunk" crop circles will do nothing stop what may be a major transformation ahead for humanity.

From my perspective, there is also a warning or "be prepared" message coming through the crop pictograms as well. We have not been very good stewards of the planet on which we are living. We have recklessly depleted resources; contaminated water, air and Earth; threatened the foundation of Earth's viability with the use and testing of nuclear weapons (and perhaps other exotic technology) and continue to waste at least one-half of what we produce (especially here in the U.S.). The Earth can compensate for some of our mistakes, but it too goes through transformations. If our care of our planet is not dramatically improved soon, we may not have many more years to enjoy the beauty and nurturing environment which even now the Earth still provides (the year 2012 could be a turning point).

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For further updates please see:

<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary Of The Birds.htm>

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>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:03:47 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:49:28 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

<snip>

>Hi, Bruce:

>There were many sightings at Loring. Klass claimed that a
>helicopter was being used in the area and that may have
>accounted for some of the sightings.

Did Klass conclusively prove it was a helicopter or did he just
assume this? Did or may have are completely two different
things. Just wondering...

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: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 15:54:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:56:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@digidezign.com>
>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

>From: SHnSASSY1@aol.com
>Mailing-List: list RealUFOs@egroups.com
>Subject: [RealUFOs] Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_102803.html

>Alien abduction hypnotisers deny planting subliminal ads

>A US firm that promises to hypnotise people to make them think
>they have been abducted by aliens has been accused of planting
>subliminal adverts in their customer's minds at the same time.

>Alien Abductions Inc promises to provide "personalised,
>realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been
>waiting for your entire life".

<snip>

>AAI offers personally customized abductions, including
>"interspecies breeding," medical experimentation and alien sex
>fantasies.

>A statement from the company says: "Making people believe that
>they've been abducted by aliens is more than just a business to
>us ... it's our way of giving something back to the world."

>It says: "Thousands of individuals are abducted by
>extraterrestrial beings each year" and goes on to add: "So why
>wait?"

>
>Last updated: 15:46 Wednesday 1st November 2000.

>Bobbie "Jilain" Felder

Hello "Jilain",

I read your post and asked myself what the H*** is this? I looked up the Alien Abductions, Inc. website and saw that it was an obvious prank. It ranks down there with the American Computer Company in the stupid pranks book. I imagine people who really feel they were abducted (whatever the cause) won't find it very funny.

At times when this list gets too testy with anger between participants I throw in my own screwball humor. It is so silly that I don't expect anyone on the List to take it seriously. Even my pet cats don't find it funny but I am sure there are some list members who have as twisted a sense of humor as I do. Unlike Jim Mortellaro I don't drink Gripple to alter my senses. I'm just plain weird.

Josh Goldstein

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The Real X-Files, November 2000

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 12:59:25 -0500
Subject: The Real X-Files, November 2000

Hello and welcome to the November 2000 issue of the Real X-Files
Hot Gossip UK www.hotgossip.co.uk

October was a busy month for two of the UK'S most well-known
researcher/authors; both Nick Pope and Tim Good had books
published.

TIM GOOD'S BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Tim invited friends to his book launch at his agent's London
home. Andrew Lownie is also agent to Nick Pope, Nick Redfern and
little old me. I have to say that he's one of the best agents in
London, really gets things done. Anyway, it was a pleasant
get-together and I met Graham Sheppard, a former civilian pilot
and friend of Tim's. It was interesting to hear about Graham's
strange experience with a UFO, which is covered in Tim's latest
book UNEARTHLY DISCLOSURE. I will be reviewing it very soon.

ABDUCTION IN MY LIFE: A NOVEL OF ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

Dr. Bruce Maccabee who recently published a good book on the FBI
UFO files is soon to be publishing a novel; well it is based on
fact. Bruce's book tells the story of Joseph and his friend who
experienced an encounter with a UFO and a weird grey alien, only
to find that they had probably been abducted. Keep a look out
for the book that is expected to be published early Next year.

BIG BROTHER IN CYBERSPACE

According to latest reports the British government is going to
be able to tap into our on-line activities. A new legislation
(the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill) will grant the
right of authorised persons to read private e-mail without
having to obtain a warrant. Now that is scary stuff!

SPOOKY STORIES

Nick Pope and I were recently invited to tell spooky stories at
a Kensington Arts Club function in London, which took place on
Friday 13th. According to Nick, the audience jumped when I
clapped my hands in front of the microphone to give the effect
of a big bang. A few days earlier I had received a call from
Louise Robey of FRIDAY 13th film fame, it appears she's about to
record a new album with her band. Louise is married to the Earl
of Burford, so that makes her a countess (has to be the
trendiest one I know). The time we had Louise on our front cover
we were bogged down with fan mail, it seems she has a cult
following after her performance in Friday 13th.

OPERATION LIGHTNING STRIKE

I don't usually read fiction but this book is very good, and
very well written. Nick bases the story on what could be a
factual event which takes place in the near future, when alien
spaceships invade the UK. While the government tries desperately
to strike up some kind of agreement with the intruders, a shadow
group known as the Enterprise (shades of MJ12) set out to
destroy the aliens, which causes major problems, not least
because they have more powerful technology than we have. It is

an exciting story, filled with important details, even covering the evacuation of the Prime Minister and Royal family. But where will they go?

What I found interesting was a piece on page 50, where the books, 'The Day After Roswell' and 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' are alleged to have been part of a project initiated by the Enterprise to inform the public to an extraterrestrial reality. The shocked CDI then points out: 'Wait a minute, you're bringing one of our people into this now' So, is our friend Nick Pope, author of Open Skies, Closed Minds, a member of the Enterprise? Now that would be a story! Operation Lightning Strike published by Simon & Schuster.

YOU CAN'T TELL THE PEOPLE

This month sees the publication of my own book on the famed Rendlesham UFO Forest case. You Can't Tell The People produces a mass of new information which has never been published before. Sidgwick & Jackson Available in all UK bookshops and on www.amazon.co.uk

Until next month

Georgina Bruni

London November 2000

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Nick Pope'S Weird World - November 2000

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:01:59 -0500
Subject: Nick Pope'S Weird World - November 2000

NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD
www.hotgossip.co.uk

Welcome to the November round-up of news, views and gossip from the weird and wonderful world of UFOs and the paranormal.

Mussolini UFO Revelation

Italian researchers Roberto Pinotti and Alfredo Lisoni have uncovered papers from the Italian government, revealing that Mussolini took an active interest in the UFO phenomenon, following a series of sightings in the Thirties (including a case from 1936 where a cigar-shaped UFO was seen over an air base at Mestre, and another case where an object described as an "air torpedo", with windows, flew over another military establishment. Mussolini ordered a covert investigation into these matters and intelligence analysts said that the incidents seemed genuine. Mussolini was concerned at the possibility that the UFOs were secret British or French aircraft, in which case his entire air force would have been rendered obsolete. The fact that he later threw in his lot with Hitler suggests he concluded that the UFOs weren't operated by the air forces of his enemies. Check out www.cun-italia.net for more details. These revelations came just months after the Italian Air Force gave a presentation at the San Marino UFO conference organised by Roberto Pinotti, and held on 3 - 4 June this year (see my July column and my article in the July/August issue of UFO Magazine for further details). It just goes to show what can happen when ufologists forge a relationship with government and military officials, instead of demonising them as the bad guys of ufology, up to their eyes in cover-ups and conspiracies.

Roswell High

It sounded as if it was going to be tacky nonsense: three American high school kids in Roswell, who happen to be aliens in human form. Surprisingly, Roswell High is actually a pretty good series, and handles in an entertaining and at times poignant way the aliens' quest to discover their own identity, whilst trying to stay one step ahead of the authorities. Teen angst meets ufology, and yes, there 's some romance thrown in too. It's worth a look, as are the books that accompany the series, and would make a good Christmas present for ufologists and sci-fi fans alike. There are five books available, each costing £5.99, published by Pocket Books.

UFO Magazine

The November/December edition of UFO Magazine went on sale at the end of October, and should be in the shops now. It contains the usual fascinating mixture of features, interviews, reviews and photographs, including a full report on the 19th Leeds International UFO Conference, where the speakers included Larry Warren, Peter Robbins, Martyn Stubbs, Dr Steven Greer, Dr Rob Wood, Ryan Wood and L. L. Wille. Check out their website at www.ufomag.co.uk for further details.

Near Earth Objects Task Force Report

In my last column I commented on the publication of the Near Earth Objects Task Force report, which gives a scientific assessment of the threat posed to the Earth by comets and asteroids, and makes detailed recommendations for action. The issue was raised formally in Parliament on 28 September, by means of a Written Question in the House of Lords. Lord Grenfell asked "What progress there has been on the report of the Near Earth Objects Task Force, which was appointed in January by the Minister for Science". The Minister for Science, Lord Sainsbury of Turville, replied as follows: "The report was published on 18 September. It is a valuable contribution to the debate on this important issue. I am considering its recommendations carefully before coming to a view on what action to take. I will inform the House when I have done so. Copies of the report have been placed in the Libraries of both Houses".

This is taken from Hansard, which records the details of parliamentary proceedings.

If you want to see the report, check it out for yourself at www.nearearthobjects.co.uk.

British Government UFO Files To Be Made Public?

Talking of parliament, now the summer recess is over, politicians will continue the process of getting a UK Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) onto the statute books.

This has excited ufologists, who are hoping that this will open the floodgates and lead to many more UFO files being released. Under the terms of the two Public Record Acts around 30 UFO files are currently open to scrutiny at the Public Record Office.

But there are around 240 files in total, so what the public have seen is just the tip of the iceberg. The unseen files - dubbed by some "the real X-Files" - are the ones that I worked on from 1991 to 1994, when I carried out my official Ministry of Defence research and investigation into the UFO phenomenon and other potentially related mysteries. Some of the files open to the public contained papers classified at the secret level, together with reports from military personnel, and cases where UFOs were tracked on radar and where jets were scrambled in unsuccessful attempts to intercept craft which turned out to be capable of speeds and manoeuvres way ahead of anything in our own inventory. But to coin a phrase, "you ain't seen nothing yet". If, once we get our FOIA, the rest of the files are made public, you'll see what turned me from a sceptic to a believer.

As far as the files are concerned, the truth is in there.

Scientific Evidence For Life After Death?

Dr Peter Fenwick from the Institute of Psychiatry and Dr Sam Parnia from Southampton Hospital have just published the results of their experiments into near death experiences.

Interviews were conducted with 63 survivors of heart attacks. 56 had no recollection of what happened while they were unconscious, and of the seven that did, four had been declared clinically dead. These people claimed that they could recall a sensation of peace and joy, coupled with a bizarre sensation that time was somehow speeded up. They also reported the bright light that has often been reported by those who have had near death experiences. Dr Fenwick said "If the mind and brain can be independent, then this raises questions about the continuation of consciousness after death". This story broke just as I was putting the finishing touches to this column, so I don't have any further details, but try an Internet search for Peter Fenwick. Those with an interest in this should also check out the book *The Scoble Experiment* by Grant and Jane Solomon, published by Piatkus. Check out their website at www.piatkus.co.uk for details of this book and other titles on the paranormal.

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.

Nick Pope

London
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Secrecy News -- 11/03/00

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:03:14 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/03/00

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 3, 2000

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WAITING FOR A DECISION ON THE "LEAK" STATUTE

Senior Administration officials failed to reach a consensus yesterday concerning the legislation to criminalize disclosures of classified information that is awaiting a Presidential signature or veto by tomorrow.

The status of the issue and some of the confusion over what the bill actually means were described by Walter Pincus in the Washington Post today:

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A4284-2000Nov2.html>

"This is an Official Secrets Act," Senator Daniel P. Moynihan told the New York Times. "It is my expectation that the president will say no," he added optimistically. A veto of the Intelligence Authorization Act, which contains the leak statute, would also block adoption of the Public Interest Declassification Act, a provision sponsored by Moynihan which he has sought for years. See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/03/politics/03SECR.html>

The New York Times editorial board blasted the leak statute and urged a Presidential veto for the third time in about three weeks, helping immensely to raise the stakes and to clarify the national importance of the issue. See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/03/opinion/03FRI3.html>

While the congressional intelligence committees serve as proxies for the CIA, former Director of Central Intelligence R. James Woolsey is opposing their determined efforts to increase the power of the executive branch. Woolsey incisively critiques the leak statute in today's Wall Street Journal and argues for a veto. "President Clinton is concerned about his legacy. He has, here, an opportunity to enhance it substantially in the minds of all those who care about civil liberties."

Daniel Ellsberg, the prototypical public interest leaker writing in Salon magazine yesterday, asks "Would Clinton Ban Release of the Pentagon Papers?" Ellsberg urges a veto, but adds: "If the bill is approved by Clinton, I hope that other people will violate the law under the same circumstances that I did." See:

<http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2000/11/02/ellsberg/index.html>

(Weirdly, a filing cabinet from the office of Ellsberg's

psychiatrist that was burgled at President Nixon's behest will be on display at an exhibit on The American Presidency at the National Museum of American History that opens November 15.)

Attorney General Janet Reno defended the leak statute, somewhat anemically, at her weekly press briefing yesterday. Significantly, she admitted that the new law "would not result in a dramatically increased number of prosecutions" because the law did not even address the government's real problem with leaks, which is "the ability to determine who leaked the information." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/reno110200.html>

POLYGRAPH TESTING AND THE DOE NATIONAL LABS

When President Clinton signed the Defense Authorization Act on Monday, he blasted the Congress for surreptitiously inserting language that will impose polygraph tests on thousands of additional personnel in the Department of Energy nuclear weapons complex.

"I am deeply disappointed that the Congress has taken upon itself to set greatly increased polygraph requirements that are unrealistic in scope, impractical in execution, and that would be strongly counterproductive in their impact on our national security," the President stated. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/default.html>

"The Congressional requirement for polygraph testing has arguably diminished both science and security," writes Steven Aftergood in an essay on "Polygraph Testing and the DOE National Laboratories" in the November 3 issue of Science magazine, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. See:

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/290/5493/939>

SYMPOSIUM ON GOVERNMENT SECRECY SCHEDULED

"Government Secrecy in a New Administration and a New Century" is the topic of a day-long symposium to be held in Washington on Tuesday, December 5.

Speakers and panelists include outgoing White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, former Director of Central Intelligence R. James Woolsey, Newsweek Managing Editor Evan Thomas, Washington Times reporter Bill Gertz, and more.

The event is jointly sponsored by the federal Information Security Oversight Office and the nonprofit James Madison Project. A brochure and registration form (300k in PDF format) may be downloaded here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/symposium.pdf>

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

From: **Georgina Bruni** <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 16:28:39 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:14:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 02:11:19 -0000

To James Easton

You have not read the book because it is not published yet. So, obviously you have been told certain things from someone who had a review copy, which this person should not have shared with you because it was embargoed until publishing date.

Try as you will to debunk it, the facts will speak for themselves.

Now, please stop trying to write yourself into the story. Your bitterness shows through.

The statements you go on about are but a small section of the book, which is a total of 450 pages, and your suggestion that you had any part to play in my research is absolutely nonsense. Really!! For your information Halt had denied he wrote the notes, so much for knowing so much!

I have not used anything from your ramblings, you can be sure of that.

I am really too busy to respond to your posts, but felt the record should be set straight here.

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

From: **Georgina Bruni** <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 16:28:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:16:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 23:40:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Gee, could it be said that James "Pelicanized" the picture.....

Yes, he certainly did, Robert. Enhanced it, made it to suit his beliefs.....

All the pictures and everything else will be gladly shared after publication date.

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:21:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:34:32 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>I assume that you are using the 'Roper Poll' numbers for your
>estimate of six million. The validity of that poll has been
>argued so much (and convincingly from both sides!) that I don't
>know if it's possible to use its results/findings with any
>degree of certainty or reliability.

>I have no idea 'how many' people are being abducted. I do know
>it's a lot! By myself, over five or six years, I have
>accumulated hundreds of letters from people all over the
>planet that are reporting UFO/alien abduction. Budd must easily
>have ten or twenty times that number. Add that to what other
>equally visible people such as; Jacobs, Mack, Fowler etc. must
>have and you start to get into some significant numbers just
>from those who have already reported to somebody.

>I don't know about "millions" but easily thousands. Maybe tens
>of thousands if you consider the ones who have not reported. It
>is still an impressive enough number of people that you'd think
>it would not be ignored by the mainstream research community the
>way that it has.

>Jerry Clark once said that (I paraphrase) in the future, the
>lack of interest and response from modern science to the UFO
>phenomenon would be viewed as one of its biggest
>failures/shortcomings.

<snip>

Hello John,

Yes, I was talking about the 'Roper Poll'. It's amazing wonder
that over '6 million' people have been abducted, and the
authorites do nothing, or better, they tell us so.

The abduction enigma is a world problem. We can check around the
world that people have that experiences, wich have the same
proceeding and also others actions in common.

It's very difficult to try to fake such subject.

I read the book called 'The Abduction Enigma', by Kevin Randle.
An amazing book. I think that is very important to understand
the subject. We know several opinions about it. Some things in
the book I agree with, others I don't. I told that to Kevin.

I never studied a case of abduction. I'm first learning all I
could about the phenomenon, and they I will start to do my
researchers.

The abduction phenomenon is the most interesting subject in
ufology.

That's it.

Re: Military Abductions? - Ticchetti

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

El placer es todo mio. Nosotros podriamos cambiar muchas otras informaciones sobre el fenomeno.

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Re: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers... - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 10:52:53 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:22:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers... - Cuthbertson

>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@digidezign.com>
>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

>From: SHnSASSY1@aol.com
>Mailing-List: list RealUFOs@egroups.com
>Subject: [RealUFOs] Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_102803.html

>Alien abduction hypnotisers deny planting subliminal ads

>A US firm that promises to hypnotise people to make them think
>they have been abducted by aliens has been accused of planting
>subliminal adverts in their customer's minds at the same time.

>Alien Abductions Inc promises to provide "personalised,
>realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been
>waiting for your entire life".

>But its team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant
>technicians" have been accused of implanting paid-for adverts
>for companies.

>Abductees are then said to be magnetically drawn to use the
>advertised products thanks to the subliminal messages implanted
>in their brains.

Perversity piled on perversity. One only hopes that researchers like Hopkins, Mack, and other serious workers don't get swamped with pseudo-abductees resulting from such craziness. Hopefully such folks would be few and far between, and easily filterable.

Since this is all so laughable anyway, may I suggest the following abduction memory implant option:

The wannabe abductee recalls being lifted into a saucer and examined by aliens in the presence of Phil Klass, who warns the victim that nobody will believe him if he remembers and tries to tell his story. And a subliminal Gripple advert is implanted before release.

-Brian C.

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Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 12:07:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:24:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Credible Witnesses/Investigators? - Sandow

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Credible Witnesses/Investigators?
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:23:26 -0000

>Hi,

>Further to the on-going, if distasteful to some, discussion
>about witness and/or investigator credibility, I'd like to give
>information culled from an article in Wednesday's Independent
>(UK newspaper).

>The article, titled:

>Lie Detector Test To Uncover False Rape Allegations

>dealt with the somewhat-more-serious-than-saucers subject of
>rape. And it made three very significant points all of which
>have implications for ufology.

>* Between 10 and 41 percent of rape allegations are made up by
>the victim

>* The research indicated that '...police officers who rely on
>their detective skills and intuition when examining a statement
>made by an alleged rape victim are no better than a member of
>the public at identifying a genuine complainant from a false
>one.'

<snip>

>Police departments go to far greater lengths to investigate rape
>cases and to catch rapists, than ufologists do to investigate
>UFOs. If they are coming up against a large body of fabricated
>complaints and (if this research is genuine) their usual
>detective skills are far from adequate - what does that tell us
>about UFO witnesses and UFO investigators?

Very little. Rape is a highly charged area, to make a great understatement, and charges of rape have their own psychological and sociological profile. I'd be very cautious in drawing any lessons or any parallels, to ufology or anything else. What would be more relevant, in my non-professional opinion, would be a figure for all complaints to police. How many of all complaints are fabricated?

And even then we're not guaranteed a parallel to UFO reports. How many bird watchers lie in their reports? How many alleged witnesses to ball lightning? How many amateur astronomers? How many scientists, for that matter?

I stressed that my opinion here is non-professional because all of us are straying here into areas we aren't qualified to say much about. Social scientists deal with these questions professionally. To discuss them without reference to social science research is kid stuff, no matter which side of the UFO debate any of us take.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:27:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600

As Jerry persists in replying, although with less and less to say, I'm pleased to do him the service of explaining myself to him.

>I hope that you feel better now. Apparently, your view is that
>everybody who doesn't share your views is delusional and greedy.

As usual Jerry you have failed to actually read and understand my posts and instead have chosen to interpret them in your own unique way. I didn't say the above, nor do I think it.

I did, however, say that I believe UFO authors have a duty not to publish material in their books which imply we are being visited by 'aliens' (use your own choice of word here) in 'craft' (ditto), when the evidence for this is non-existent. It may make money but it's unethical. Simple as that. When you or any of the others have some cast iron proof then, go for it. Until then you must expect all the scepticism which can be mustered.

>A harsher critic than I might find this evidence of narcissism.

I didn't realise you were critical Jerry!

>Being more charitable my nature, I'll just call it the sort of
>extremism that makes you unable to imagine that somebody could
>disagree with you and yet be rational and honest. I have no
>question about your own honesty. Beyond that, the opinions you
>express above are neither original nor interesting.

If that's what you choose to think, that's fine. But it really says very little about what we have been trying to discuss. A discussion of which your friend Jenny said:

>Andy's debate about misperception and the trend visible in the
>evidence right now for seemingly high quality cases to be
>diminishing in value is indeed relevant. It should not be run
>away from.

And your constantly evasive replies suggest to me that you are 'running' Jerry. Very fast indeed.

I believe that the last couple of weeks' debate on this List has made it abundantly clear that you, Jerry, and various others who clearly (whether overtly stated or subtly implied) believe that 'aliens' (or whatever) are visiting earth have absolutely nothing to offer in the way of arguable evidence.

Indeed, the reasonable debate about witness testimony, investigator testimony, the UFO to IFO resolution, has only served to demonstrate this fact.

I must here quote again from Jenny's post:

>Ufology is after all about solving cases. That's
>what most cases are in the long run - solved (or on the way to
>being solved - even if that process takes anything from five
>minutes to 50 years).

That's what I have been saying all along. With addition that if that is the case then it is reasonable to suggest that all UFO cases will be resolved to IFO.

Not just asserting this, but demonstrating by reasoned argument and the provision of cases which prove that even most complicated 'UFO' event can be resolved. Not to mention offering serious studies of witness perception conducted outwith the tiny area which we occupy in ufology.

And much more.

And will continue to do so as long as I hear tripe about craft coming 'often' (Friedman) from 'elsewhen' (Macabee) or the like.

And yet Jerry, all you and your cohorts have been able to muster against this wealth of sceptical argument are some rather weak jokes about pelicanism (it's a great term, thanks for giving it to us, we use it all the time now), some 'ad hominem' attack (despite the fact you constantly accuse everyone else of it) and the bald stating of case names in some bizarre litany as though they have been pulled from a medieval grimoire and the mere repetition of their names will cause sceptics to fall silent.

Which they won't.

So it's all rather unimpressive. This list is a very good list for ufologists.

We have some hot debates. It's a pity that in this instance the heavy guns of the Kings Own ETH Brigade have proved somewhat rusty in the face of sceptical research into what I still consider to be the greatest mystery going.

So, as John Rimmer sagely suggested, have a lie down. Listen to some Emmy Lou, and come back when you have something which genuinely counters any of the points raised by myself and others sceptics over the past couple of weeks.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 12:20:09 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 13:30:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Young

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 01:23:49 -0000

<snip>

>Research such as the work by Battelle comparing solved and
>unsolved cases parameter for parameter (indicating clear
>statistical differences) and the GEPAN study of how IFOs
>increase as atmospheric clarity decreases, whereas UFOs increase
>as atmospheric clarity increases are keys to this IMO since they
>do not support the null UFOs/all IFOs theory.

<snip>

Hi, Jenny:

This is an interesting statistical tidbit. Suggests that there may be some astronomical IFO awaiting ID among the UFO residuals.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:16:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 14:49:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 19:19:43 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 00:10:13 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Which "government entity" are you referring to Gary? And what
>>are the activities that they are containing? What do you mean
>>by; "carefully contain other activity within active sightings
>>and anomaly areas." How does one "contain" an "active sighting?"
>>Maybe you just worded that poorly.

>John,

Hi Gary,

You respond:

>Based on my own research: the agents' association is unknown.
>All vehicles are unmarked, all agents have no obvious
>identifying emblems but they do operate in historically cyclical
>sightings areas.

Oh Gary, you give me so much to work with I hardly know where to begin to tell you what is wrong with this mouthful you have laid on us. Your response illustrates how 'rumor' can morph into accepted, albeit unquestioned/unexamined, 'fact.' And then eventually into firmly held belief. All without offering one shred of supportive anything.

Gary, other than this personal research that you refer to; (which you do BTW without elucidating as to 'what' that research was or 'how' it was conducted) - how do you know that 'they' (whomever the "they" is that you are referring to) are "agents" at all? In your private research did you have occasion to interview one of these "agents"? What kind of proof did he/she provide to convince you that they were in fact a "agent" and working for the government undercover?

You imply that: Government agents are driving around UFO hot spots in unmarked cars chasing away the aliens and any UFO investigators in the vicinity.

Honest to Hossanah Gary, I'm not saying that such a thing isn't possible, it's just that every time I ask somebody who is pitching the old Government Conspiracy theory to share their 'evidence' for such activity, all I ever get are more rumors, unchained speculations and pure hearsay.

That, is what I perceive to be one of the major glitches with ufology in general. The 'noise level' is so high that some of the voices we could be listening to get drowned out in the din.

Serious individuals that would otherwise lend their knowledge, experience and talents are repelled by the storm of

unsubstantiated claims and just plain rumors that are a 'constant' with this subject. Who can blame them.

It's the preponderance of 'rumors' that makes ufologists as a group, seem like indiscriminating whacko's to the uninitiated.

When we make claims that we are unable or unwilling to back up, we hurt the field (ufology) not help it. We, maybe more than others need to apply solid, rational, thinking to our chosen subject and be very careful that what we are collectively putting 'out there' is what we think we know and can prove. As you are well aware, there isn't a whole lot of that. The few truths we are in possession of are buried so far under a heap of Internet propagated dung that few are willing to dig deep enough to find it.

That's no excuse to 'fill in the gaps' with pure speculation, conspiracy theories, and the like. You have proof? Lay it on the table brother. Most of us here brought our open minds. But please,... don't spread even more unfounded rumors.

Gary I'm just going to let you re-read your own responses to me. I hope that now that there's a little distance between your writing of it and this reading, it will allow you to see it a bit more objectively. Just listen to the kinds of things that you are putting 'out-there'. Mind you, if you had accompanied the remarks with good solid supportive evidence, I'd be listening, not talking.

You tell me, are the following contributions from you helping or hurting us as a group that wishes to be taken seriously? I'll leave it to you.

I know that you are a sincere guy, Gary. That your motives are honest and that you genuinely wish to make a contribution to ufology. All that comes through loud and clear. What I would like for you to focus on for a moment is 'how' you are going about it. You could be an effective 'agent' for ufology one day. Believe it or not, I'm trying to be helpful - to aid that metamorphosis. This is meant to be educational for you, not a put down. ;)

Here are your own words/claims:

Take deep breath here and just listen to yourself. Ruminating about how another may be interpreting/evaluating/perceiving your remarks:

>Area activities seen by witnesses include sightings of craft or
>craft/entity contact with area residents or other physical
>objects. In other words, if entities are seen walking around,
>agents go in to attempt to stop it.

you go on.....

>>>Abductees are assumed to be around each of the few hot spot
>>>areas we know of

I asked: Who has made that "assumption" Gary?

You respond:

>I have. It stands up in all the cases I actively work with. And
>yes, it is strange. It often seems as if certain persons are
>moved by the ETs to occupy anomaly areas where sightings are
>commonly seen. Seems to be a clear strategic action on the part
>of both ETs and group surveilling them.

You continue with:

>>>plus there is other strange activity, strange animals
>>>for example, that the gov't. attempts to hide in addition to
>>>monitoring through certain individuals.

I asked: The government is "hiding strange animals"? What kind of "animals" are you referring to? What is the connection to the "government"?

You respond:

>"Hiding" by shutting down activity by electronic means.

[Are you implying that "government agents" are employing something like a Klingon cloaking device in order to hide UFO activity?]

>Monkeys, huge worms, bug-like creatures, large cat/dog
>combinations are some examples.

Ok. Not much I can say to that one that everyone reading this isn't already mumbling to themselves. ;)

>The agents try to stop activity perhaps by closing dimensional
>doorways that can be keyed-open,

Check please!

Keerist Gary, can't you see what gobbledy-gook all these claims of "government agents" keying in/opening and closing "dimensional doorways" in order to keep a few MUFON investigator trainees in the dark, is simply laughable. And unless 'some kind' of evidence is proffered, it stands as a purely ridiculous and outrageous claim.

You say the following as if it was a well known and proven fact:

>>>The monitoring (government of abductees) is for recovery
>>>of individual experiences and possible contact with the
>>>"other" activity so that it can be contained.

I asked: How do you know this Gary?

>The stated logic fits the observed conditions.

Gary, there is no "logic" to any of this. You don't make it any easier or clearer when you respond to requests for evidence with more outrageous rumors and speculation. None of which you are able to justify in any measure at all. Not even a little. You do not make a convincing or even a good argument for your self.

Again, if you have anything that will induce any interested third party that; government agents are running around in the corn fields of the great American mid-west zapping open and then closing dimensional doorways (while simultaneously hiding the whole operation with a Klingon cloaking device) I'm all eyes and ears.

We all are.

Gary, proving any one of the claims that you've made would ensure your place in the history books!

Just share with us this "research" that you conducted that has convinced you that what you have claimed above is true. You're dealing with an open-minded crowd here. You won't find a better or more attentive audience anywhere. If you have anything solid, I for one (and I'm sure I speak for others), will take the time to give it and you serious consideration and thought.

If not.....

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 14:57:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600

Andy,

>As usual Jerry you have failed to actually read and understand
>my posts and instead have chosen to interpret them in your own
>unique way. I didn't say the above, nor do I think it.

As usual, you take a lot of space to express your contempt for all who are not wise enough to agree absolutely with you. And in Andy-speak, failure "to actually read and understand" your posts translates as failure to agree with them. I do admire your touching belief, though, that to understand Andy is to concur with him utterly. I wish I had that same faith in my own wisdom. Or, on second thought, I'm glad I don't. The beginning of wisdom is the knowledge that one could be wrong. So far as I can see, where wisdom is concerned you have not begun.

>I did, however, say that I believe UFO authors have a duty not
>to publish material in their books which imply we are being
>visited by 'aliens' (use your own choice of word here) in
>'craft' (ditto), when the evidence for this is non-existent. It
>may make money but it's unethical. Simple as that. When you or
>any of the others have some cast iron proof then, go for it.
>Until then you must expect all the scepticism which can be
>mustered.

Of course "skeptics" are under no obligation to write responsible books, are they? And they have certainly demonstrated that lack of responsibility over the years, haven't they? Even the Condon Committee (more specifically, a panel of plasma physicists it assembled) condemned a Klass book as an exercise in absurd pseudoscience, and James McDonald did the same with Menzel's works. We may rest assured that you, in common with other active pelicanists, have never breathed a word of criticism Klass's and Menzel's way. One standard for your side, another for ours. So what else is new?

The evidence for alien visitation is "nonexistent" only in your dreams, Andy. Reasonable people may disagree about the strength of that evidence, but only in the sloppy polemical sense that characterizes so much of your discourse is it absent. You don't believe it yourself; otherwise, you wouldn't be debating us, and we'd deem you the sort of fool who actually felt compelled to argue against something for which there really is no evidence, such as the existence of Santa Klaus.

People a lot smarter than you or me - Clyde Tombaugh, Allen Hynek, James McDonald, Peter Sturrock, and a whole host of others - came to the conclusion that alien visitation is a

reasonable interpretation of the UFO phenomenon, and they have raised questions even Andy Roberts is incapable of answering - except, of course, by the sort of chest-thumping bombast we see above and elsewhere.

All writers, pro or con, should endeavor to get things right. I know I have. That doesn't mean that I feel any obligation whatever, however, to write only those books that you agree with. My books have won a number of scholarly awards, so apparently those who aren't rabid partisans in the Andy Roberts mold think I am doing something right.

>But it really
>says very little about what we have been trying to discuss. A
>discussion of which your friend Jenny said:

>>Andy's debate about misperception and the trend visible in the
>>evidence right now for seemingly high quality cases to be
>>diminishing in value is indeed relevant. It should not be run
>>away from.

One could write a book based simply on these two sentences above. I respect my friend Jenny's opinion, but I doubt that most experienced ufologists would accept her assertion as unquestioningly as you do. I follow things fairly closely. So do my esteemed colleagues at CUFOS, with whom I spent last Saturday, and none of them has noted such a trend. I suspect that she's extrapolating from some rather limited evidence.

>And your constantly evasive replies suggest to me that you are
>'running' Jerry. Very fast indeed.

Running from what? The body of UFO evidence that you choose to declare, by fiat, nonexistent? No, Andy, I'm standing in place. I won't move until you learn to restrain the rhetoric, acknowledge that you no more know all the answers than any of the rest of us do, and start acting like a colleague instead of a self-glorifying, self-righteous streetcorner preacher.

>I believe that the last couple of weeks' debate on this List has
>made it abundantly clear that you, Jerry, and various others who
>clearly (whether overtly stated or subtly implied) believe that
>'aliens' (or whatever) are visiting earth have absolutely
>nothing to offer in the way of arguable evidence.

In your dreams, guy. Remember, you're the man who has been consistently unable to demonstrate your extraordinary claims about the frequency of radical misperception. And I'll bet you anything that you're a true believer in ball lightning. One stand for your side, another for ours, right?

>Indeed, the reasonable debate about witness testimony,
>investigator testimony, the UFO to IFO resolution, has only
>served to demonstrate this fact.

See my earlier posting on ball lightning. And again, let me recommend David J. Hufford's *The Terror That Comes in the Night*, a book I am sure you will never seek out because it so effectively undercuts just about every article of faith on which you operate. Hufford is very tough on guys who think like you, with some pretty horrifying and instructive examples.

>I must here quote again from Jenny's post:

>>Ufology is after all about solving cases. That's
>>what most cases are in the long run - solved (or on the way to
>>being solved - even if that process takes anything from five
>>minutes to 50 years).

>That's what I have been saying all along. With addition that if
>that is the case then it is reasonable to suggest that all UFO
>cases will be resolved to IFO.

Why? What's your evidence? Hilariously, the same argument could be used against ball lightning and may have been so used, for all I know. One of the world's leading BL authorities, physicist James Dale Barry, noted in a classic book on the subject that the majority of ostensible BL cases can be explained conventionally. He went on to observe that most alleged photos of the phenomenon are known or suspected hoaxes. He did not then go on, as you do, to argue that because most sightings and

photos are explainable, it follows that the rest are, too. Only in pelican science is this sort of "reasoning" applied. In science the signal-to-noise issue is the subject of a vast literature, and only to pelicanists are ufologists' views in this area unreasonable or unique.

>Not just asserting this, but demonstrating by reasoned argument
>and the provision of cases which prove that even most
>complicated 'UFO' event can be resolved. Not to mention offering
>serious studies of witness perception conducted outwith the tiny
>area which we occupy in ufology.

David Hufford's devastating debunking of claims about witness misperception is one of those serious studies you should be reading, Andy, even if it tells you a whole lot of things you can't stand to think about.

I'm sure that in person you are a perfectly nice guy, but in your postings you come across as someone whom it is difficult to take seriously. You have opinions set in concrete, hold those who disagree in contempt, and are free with unflattering adjectives and adverbs, not so good with reasoned argument or intellectual restraint. In other words, a more or less typical self-described skeptic. I am not impressed. James McDonald impresses me. Andy Roberts does not.

>And yet Jerry, all you and your cohorts have been able to muster
>against this wealth of sceptical argument are some rather weak
>jokes about pelicanism (it's a great term, thanks for giving it
>to us, we use it all the time now),

Good to hear it. So do we. It's pleasing to know that one has placed at least one phrase or word into the common discourse. Actually, I've had two. The other one, which I coined to characterize Bill Cooper-style paranoia and conspiracy theory, is "Dark Side". I see that all the time now. It pleases me mightily that both pelicanists and anti-pelicanists are using my more recent word. Please feel free to continue to do so.

>So, as John Rimmer sagely suggested, have a lie down.

What is a "lie down"? Is this some form of Britspeak?

>Listen to
>some Emmy Lou,

I would if I were familiar with her work. Or are you referring to somebody who spells her first name Emmylou? Ah well, always fun to pick a nit.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:27:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 15:00:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Velez

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: 2 Nov 2000 10:52:55 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
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>>at old cases with new eyes.
>Are the pelicanists in flight yet?

>Have you added this term to the Ufologist glossary?

>Bill Hamilton
>(returning to the list after 3 years)

Hi Bill!

Just want to take the op to warmly welcome back an old friend.
Mr Bill, what's the latest and the greatest with the Phoenix
"triangle craft" sighting from 1997?

Was Ms. Barwood ever elected to office?

Good to see your name at the bottom of a post again. ;)

Warm regards, say hi to Tommy King for me if you see him! Tell
him I lost his e-mail address.

John Velez
Still in there, swinging away. ;)

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:57:06 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:20:26 -0500
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>As Jerry persists in replying, although with less and less to
>say, I'm pleased to do him the service of explaining myself to
>him.

>>I hope that you feel better now. Apparently, your view is that
>>everybody who doesn't share your views is delusional and greedy.

>As usual Jerry you have failed to actually read and understand
>my posts and instead have chosen to interpret them in your own
>unique way. I didn't say the above, nor do I think it.

>I did, however, say that I believe UFO authors have a duty not
>to publish material in their books which imply we are being
>visited by 'aliens' (use your own choice of word here) in
>'craft' (ditto), when the evidence for this is non-existent.

Non-existent evidence: some recent cited list examples ...

- * Barney & Betty Hill
- * Travis Walton
- * Iranian air force UFO encounter (1976)
- * Cash Landrum sighting and subsequent severe radiation injury.
- * Filer's Files (years' worth of list postings; ever read it?)
- * UFO Roundup (ditto)

Controversial?

Sure.

Open to analysis & debate?

Always. (which tends to result in books, you know)

Non-existent?

Ridiculous. Get real.

Learn to distinguish between "evidence" and "proof". There is a
difference. You apparently confuse the two. Or maybe you just
like to stir up mud. Or both.

-Brian C.

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Read all about it soon when my book on the Phoenix Lights is launched
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>Was Ms. Barwood ever elected to office?

No, she was not elected. She subsequently moved nearer to Prescott.

>Good to see your name at the bottom of a post again. ;)

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>him I lost his e-mail address.

I don't see Tom much anymore since I moved back to Palmdale,
Calif.

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 14:42:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:27:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Evans

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 00:21:22 EST
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Gates

>>Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 08:06:41 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

This could get complicated, there are so many players here. But I'll try to be brief.

Previously, Jerome Clark had written:

>>>(1) even people thought to be honest are likely to be closet
>>>liars

I replied:

>>No one has said that they are "likely" to be closet liars.
>>However, as you just pointed out, they are only "thought" to be
>>honest. Without validation, there is no proof that they are
>>telling the truth or not. Do you prefer to "assume" they are
>>telling the truth every time they open their mouths, no matter
>>how fantastic their claims, and cast aside anything resembling
>>an unbiased, objective view?

Robert says:

>I see what you are saying. We are just assuming that Roger Evans
>is honest, but we have no validation as to whether he is telling
>the truth or not. Perhaps we should assume for sake of
>discussion that Roger is not honest and has all sorts of
>alterior motives to say and do the things he does.

>
>Lets take it a step further. Can we even prove that a dude name
>Roger Evans exists?

>What about a drivers license? Well they can be hoaxed (i.e.
>counterfit)

>What about a birth certificate? IF the certificate is real, it
>doesn't mean that the Roger Evans mentioned on the birt
>certificate is the same Roger Evans of today.

>Well what about bank accounts, utility bills etc? Doesn't mean a
>thing. What about fingerprints? Only if he happens to have been
>finger printed in the past and that still doesn't guarantee that
>some dude claiming to be Roger Evans got fingerprinted years
>back.

>Gosh, since we can reasonably/rationaly explain away everything,
>the only thing left is the testimony of others, i.e. his parents
>and or neighbors he grew up with. Ooops, sorry, the testimony of
>others really doesn't mean anything, especially if you are
>attempting to prove the existance of Roger Evans only on the
>technical evidence.

Robert, I haven't got a clue what your point is with the above diatribe. All I pointed out is that perceptions about other people are only just that; "perceptions". A person is honest until they are not. A car part is good until it fails. A balloon floats until it doesn't. Things change. Even a person that you are 100% SURE is 100% honest is totally capable of telling a falsehood under the right circumstances. There is nothing to prevent it. If there was, then courtrooms would not have full dockets as we could rely on such a mechanism to give us straight answers to complicated issues.

As far as my existence or honesty goes, assume what you wish. I could care less.

Continuing, Jerry has written:

>>>(2) eyewitness testimony means nothing and can be safely
>>>disregarded if it attests to the sighting of an unorthodox
>>>phenomenon

I replied:

>>On the contrary, eyewitness testimony has incredible value once
>>it has been validated. Without validation, however, testimony is
>>indistinguishable from a bold faced lie. Do you have a special
>>insight that tells you who is telling the truth and who isn't
>>without proof? Or do you prefer to "assume" they are telling the
>>truth every time they open their mouths, no matter how fantastic
>>their claims, and cast aside anything resembling an unbiased,
>>objective view?

Robert writes:

>How do we validate the testimony of a rape victim, if their is
>no camera that conveniently photographed the attack and no DNA
>evidence? All that left is the testimony of the witness, her
>friends and family, those that knew her and any others who might
>have seen her just after it happened.

You are quite right. Thanks for validating my position that "perceptions" are only that; they are not proof. And, by the way, don't think for a second that false rapes or other crimes aren't reported. Not wanting to trivialize the issue of rape or any other violent crime, but I can't think of anything more dangerous than someone being believed, without validation, when they accuse someone else of such a hideous act. Believe me, there are many forms of 'rape' in society, and not all of them are sexual in nature. I believe if you want to pursue this logic further, you need to get off the subject of rape. It doesn't even compare to the issues at hand.

Continuing, Jerry wrote:

>>>(3) there is no such thing as a credible or reliable observer.

I responded:

>>Do you define a "credible or reliable" observer as someone whose
>>word does not have to withstand validation? If so, then please

Robert says:

>Tell us what your criteria is for 'validation' of the existance
>or non existance of UFOs. For example if the criteria is a UFO
>landing during half time at the super bowl, that only validates
>the existance of *one* UFO that has visited the earth. It would
>not validate the existance of any other alleged events. The
>skeptics would instantly claim and rationalize away the landing
>as some kind of grand deception and or secret govt craft, and or
>mass dellusion and or hoax and or practical joke on a grand
>scale.

>The point being is that even if you have absolute proof in
>your hands, the skeptics can rationalize away absolutly anything
>and sound rather scientific and convincing while they are doing
>it.

>Or, said in another way, can you personally prove the existance
>of the 1966 Cobra? Whatever photos you come up can be explained
>away as hoax, whatever testimony you can come up with can be
>explained away as unreliable, and even if you come up with a

>real, functioning car, a true pelicanist can explain that away
>as some kind of modern hoax, they just can't quite prove how it
>was done. Alas, when you make the claim that all the evidence
>(photos, testimony and actual working model) all point to the
>existence of said car, the pelicanist can rationalize it all
>away as being meaningless because a true pelicanist knows the
>principle 'it can't be so therefor it isn't.'

Again, Robert, I don't have a clue what your point is as it relates to my position regarding validation. I don't set the standards for what constitutes validation. On the other hand, overzealous UFO proponents don't really care if any exists at all. I do not consider myself a skeptic. I believe in the existence of UFO's and ET life forms. The fact that I happen to ask some of the same questions as a skeptic has maybe confused you a bit.

So, if you've been debating with me from the standpoint that I am a skeptic because I happen to talk like one, then that proves my point to the bone. You can't trust "perceptions".

King Roger

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 15:36:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:29:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Clark

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 12:58:35 EST
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:38:28 -0700

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

Bob,

>My wife's uncle once described something similar to me. Lighting
>had struck a power pole in front of his house and a ball of
>light had bounced down the street. I once spoke to an airline
>pilot who told me that after lightning had apparently struck the
>nose of his aircraft, ball lightning had flouted back down the
>isle and into the passenger area, where it disappeared.

Ah, yes, anecdotal testimony from persons who, pelicanists would tell us if they truly had the courage and consistency of their stated convictions, were probably fooled by some conventional stimulus; if not that, they were probably making the stories up. Misperceptions and hoaxes abound in alleged BL sightings, as even true believers in its reality concede.

>The thing about ball lightning is that there are pictures of it

Just as there are pictures of UFOs. And, according to James Dale Barry (author of the classic Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning), the overwhelming majority of pictures of BL are fakes. What is your point -- other than, of course, the obvious one: that you hold people you agree with to one standard, the rest of us to another?

>and there has been lots of work done on plasmas, which are the
>best bet, I gather, for an explanation. Science has moved
>forward on the matter of ball lightning in the last 50 years.

Nope. Various theories have been offered, and all have been judged unsatisfactory for one reason or another. One important reason some scientists still deny that BL exists. In the end, scientists interested in and sympathetic to BL point to sightings -- you know, anecdotal testimony -- as the reason for their belief in the phenomenon. The quote I used earlier, from Australian plasma physicist John Lowke, was in direct response to a question from Scientific American on why he thinks BL is real. As listfolk may recall better than Bob does, Lowke said he believes in it because people he judges credible claim to have seen it.

>Of course, this is all headed toward his nemesis, Philip J.
>Klaus, who's first book on the subject, UFOs Identified,

>focused on the ball lightning explanation.

Klaus? Again? Well, I recently misspelled Santa's last name the same way, so I guess I'll give you a pass on Klass's last name. I think you're getting us both confused.

That aside, your pelicanist credentials are well in order, I see. UFOs Identified, the book you alluded to here, was exposed as an exercise in ludicrous pseudoscience by both James McDonald and the Condon Committee*. And you are actually citing it as if it's something we ought to be taking seriously? One standard for your side, another for ours. Could anything be more predictable?

Jerry Clark

*Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, Bantam edition, 748-50.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:31:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600

>See my earlier posting on ball lightning. And again, let me
>recommend David J. Hufford's The Terror That Comes in the Night,
>a book I am sure you will never seek out because it so
>effectively undercuts just about every article of faith on which
>you operate. Hufford is very tough on guys who think like you,
>with some pretty horrifying and instructive examples.

Jerry, you are constantly referring to a book called "The Terror that Comes in the Night" by someone called David Hufford, in the apparent belief that this demolishes what you term the 'pelicanist' approach to ufology. Now I have read a book with the identical title, by someone, coincidentally, also called David Hufford which seems to be saying something rather different to the book you have read. Perhaps you could give me the full bibliographical details for your version, and I will have my team of highly-trained uber-librarians track it down.

OK, joke over, we're talking about the same book. You may remember that I reviewed it very favourably in Magonia (or was it even in MUFOB days?) shortly after it came out. In my reading of the book Hufford is critical of people who have looked at phenomena such as the "Old Hag" and have treated them as 'legends', 'stories', mere 'folktales' and so on; and have indeed conducted a form of literary criticism on them. The value of Hufford's book is that he demonstrates that the Old Hag is an actual experienced phenomenon, and information about it can be gleaned from listening to the people who have personally experienced it.

What Hufford is definitely not saying is that there is an actual physical being called the Old Hag which sneaks into people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they sleep and tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in his approach which does not also apply to the type of sceptical, psychosocial approach of our beloved pelicans.

No critical ufologists is saying that people do not experience UFO events or, despite what you seem to think in your recent laboured fantasies, that accounts of individuals personal experiences do not tell us important things about the UFO experience. There is no determined effort to ignore everything that witnesses say, only a realisation that individual testimony is not the only source of data for UFO accounts. Surely any competent investigator will check witnesses' own accounts with such basic information as weather reports, a survey of the environment where the experience occurred, a check on relevant astronomical data, and so forth. Doing this does not imply that from the start that you are doubting the witness's account or suggesting they are a liar. But if the additional data you uncover in your investigations starts to contradict the witness, the time will surely come when you must start to doubt at least part of that original testimony.

I don't really see what the relevance of Hufford is to all this,

except that he confirms that anomalous experiences, such as UFOs, such as abductions, such as the Old Hag, _do_ happen to ordinary people in circumstances which also appear to be ordinary; and that these are descriptions of real experiences, not literary constructs or folktales. Hufford doesn't think the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman who creeps into windows. Do you? I don't think that UFOs are real extraterrestrial spaceships. Do you?

>Why? What's your evidence? Hilariously, the same argument could
>be used against ball lightning and may have been so used, for
>all I know.

I think you are being a little too sanguine about the level of scientific acceptance of ball lightning. It is still a controversial subject. Personally I feel that James Dale Barry's comments on ball lightning (which you describe below) make quite a good case _against_ it being a real phenomenon rather than a collection of different things which have been given a convenient, catch-all, name.

>One of the world's leading BL authorities, physicist
>James Dale Barry, noted in a classic book on the subject that
>the majority of ostensible BL cases can be explained
>conventionally. He went on to observe that most alleged photos
>of the phenomenon are known or suspected hoaxes. He did not then
>go on, as you do, to argue that because most sightings and
>photos are explainable, it follows that the rest are, too. Only
>in pelican science is this sort of "reasoning" applied. In
>science the signal-to-noise issue is the subject of a vast
>literature, and only to pelicanists are ufologists' views in
>this area unreasonable or unique.

>David Hufford's devastating debunking of claims about witness
>misperception is one of those serious studies you should be
>reading, Andy, even if it tells you a whole lot of things you
>can't stand to think about.

I don't know if Andy's read it or not, but I have and I found little to disagree with in it.

>I'm sure that in person you are a perfectly nice guy,

No he isn't, he's a right Yorkshire bastard!

> >So, as John Rimmer sagely suggested, have a lie down.

>What is a "lie down"? Is this some form of Britspeak?

Sometimes, Jerry, as Sigmund Freud so wisely observed, a cigar is just a cigar, and a lie down is just a lie down. Go into a dark room, lie down quietly (none of that nasty rock'n'roll playing, maybe just a quiet Chopin nocturne), perhaps a damp cloth to cool your fevered brow, and in an hour or two you'll feel a lot better.

>Cheers,

>Jerry Clark

Lots of love

--

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 00:02:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:33:20 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Borraz

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 02:33:12 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 01:23:50 EST
>>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 08:43:13 +0200
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 13:05:53 -0400
>>>Subject: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>>Some time ago, a casual glance at the book 'The Hynek
>>>UFO Report' lead me to a puzzling finding about Hynek's
>>>research on the Elmood Park (Illinois) case of Nov. 4th,
>>>1957 - see "The Squad Car and the Glowing Sphere" in
>>>Chapter 8.

<snip>

>>>In fact, it can be verified that the
>>>moon was indeed to the _West_ near the horizon!

>>>This could be a good explanation of the sighting, provided
>>>that the observers had a _clear_westerly_view. Can anyone
>>>check this?

>>Dear Manuel Borraz, List:

>>You may be right.

>>The time given for the incident in Hynek's book (p. 172) is 3:00
>>A.M. and the location was Elmwood Park, Ill. The witnesses said
>>that, "The object slowly decended and hovered a few feet off the
>>ground" to the West.

>>I went to the U. S. Naval Observatory website, "Sun and Moon for
>>a Day", at:

>>http://riemann.usno.navy.mil/AA/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html#forma

>>and found that the waxing gibous, 92% illuminated Moon
>>set at 3:32 A.M. It would have been perhaps 5 degrees or so
>>above a true horizon thirty-two minutes before setting, and
>>depending upon horizon obstructions could have appeared
>>nearly at ground level.

<snip>

>Hello all:

>1) The Naval Observatory link above looks highly useful.
>Hopefully, discrepancies between this and my algorithms
>will be small.

>2) The Reference and page number is also useful; The Hynek

>UFO Report, 1977 J.A. Hynek pg. 172.

<snip>

>The moon was out, and to the West. I don't think the
>policemen's description matches the moon however.

Hello Larry,

I see that the lunar explanation didn't convince you. I'll take a little time to elaborate further on, hoping this could help.

The witnesses described the object as:

"a bright spherical object"

"like an iridescent orange beach ball except much larger"

"the color and brightness never changed throughout the entire episode"

"bright but not hard on the eyes, and very beautiful"

"It seemed to glow and its color was compared by both men to the color of a setting sun, but not as bright"

All of this apply quite well to the Moon's disk near the horizon. If you aren't convinced yet, read the following!

"... they agreed that if I [Hynek] brought in a balloon painted bright orange and of a size of about an ordinary moon, and held it in the sky, that it would look very much like the object they remembered"

By the way, the object didn't remain circular all the time. For a moment, it "lost its circular shape and took on a cigar shape surrounded by a fogginess which seemed to emanate from the object itself". Afterwards, it "resumed its circular shape, and sucked up the fogginess around it". I've seen a similar display myself when observing the Moon playing with clouds.

Now you can be tempted to think: OK, the object resembled the Moon, but it moved in strange ways all the time, so it's clear that it couldn't be the Moon.

I think this would be to miss the core of the problem. In fact:

-The object resembled the Moon.

-It was most (if not all) of the time to the west, where the Moon was (this latter being unnoticed there...!!).

-It disappeared around the time at which the Moon did set.

-And it disappeared just as the Moon would do ("the object disappeared as though a person pulled a black shade up from the bottom, or as though one were filling the spherical object with a black ink").

Hence it seems reasonable to admit that the three men probably saw the Moon indeed, despite the apparent strangeness of the reported movements.

These latter should be carefully analyzed from this point of view. In the same way that the description of the object's look is not imaginative, I think that the account of the movements isn't imaginative either, and could be traced back to some perceptive illusions. Of course, there could also be some inaccuracies (in fact, we know for sure that the witnesses were in error when placing the Moon to the East).

So the Moon seems to cast a new light on a case with many peculiar features: multiple and "reliable" witnesses, the endorsement by an experienced ufologist (Hynek), apparent "EM effects" (dimming of the spotlight and the headlights), its occurrence the day after the Levelland case.....

And it could be also the day that the police shot the Moon, close to a cemetery! (One of the agents "wanted to shoot at it,

but was cautioned by Officer _____ not to shoot until he knew more about it").

Manuel Borraz

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 18:17:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:35:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>From: Thiago Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:50 +0100

>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 13:34:32 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>I assume that you are using the 'Roper Poll' numbers for your
>>estimate of six million. The validity of that poll has been
>>argued so much (and convincingly from both sides!) that I don't
>>know if it's possible to use its results/findings with any
>>degree of certainty or reliability.

>>I have no idea 'how many' people are being abducted. I do know
>>it's a lot! By myself, over five or six years, I have
>>accumulated hundreds of letters from people all over the
>>planet that are reporting UFO/alien abduction. Budd must easily
>>have ten or twenty times that number. Add that to what other
>>equally visible people such as; Jacobs, Mack, Fowler etc. must
>>have and you start to get into some significant numbers just
>>from those who have already reported to somebody.

>>I don't know about "millions" but easily thousands. Maybe tens
>>of thousands if you consider the ones who have not reported. It
>>is still an impressive enough number of people that you'd think
>>it would not be ignored by the mainstream research community the
>>way that it has.

>>Jerry Clark once said that (I paraphrase) in the future, the
>>lack of interest and response from modern science to the UFO
>>phenomenon would be viewed as one of its biggest
>>failures/shortcomings.

><snip>

>Hello John,

>Yes, I was talking about the 'Roper Poll'. It's amazing wonder
>that over '6 million' people have been abducted, and the
>authorites do nothing, or better, they tell us so.

Whether it's 6 million or 6 thousand the "authorities" as you
call them should have gotten involved. I would have much
preferred reporting my abduction to the FBI rather than Budd
Hopkins. The difference between the two is; Budd wouldn't have
laughed me off the telephone or had me committed for
observation! About the only thing I think the feds would do is
start a new 'whacko' file. ;)

>The abduction enigma is a world problem. We can check around the
>world that people have that experiences, wich have the same
>proceeding and also others actions in common.

Yes Thiago. The fact that so many of the reports contain the
same details and sequences of events is (IMHO) significant. If
it was any other subject it would be referred to as

"corroborative testimony" from independent witnesses. Because we are talking about reports of UFO abduction, rather than significant testimony it is labelled; the result of mass media contamination and suggestion from the UFO/ET protagonists.

These are the two extremes of opinion that have precipitated from the single source of abduction reports. I suspect (like just about everything else) that the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

>It's very difficult to try to fake such subject.

Tell that to the people who insist (without taking the time to get to know us,) that we are not only 'fakers', but liars, and worse.

I often wonder how well many of them would take to being dismissed out of hand and considered mentally deficient, or a needy liar, and without a fair hearing?

That's what we have to endure if we want to speak out about what is happening to us. I'm not going to live out my life hiding in fear of ridicule, or in miserable and lonely isolation with this "monster" because it makes a few folks squeemish. As abductees it is every bit as challenging and uncomfortable for us to have to deal with them, as it is for them to have to contend with/deal with us.

Tough cookies all around!

>I read the book called 'The Abduction Enigma', by Kevin Randle.
>An amazing book. I think that is very important to understand
>the subject. We know several opinions about it. Some things in
>the book I agree with, others I don't. I told that to Kevin.

Yeah, I've read it. I have several "opinions" about it too, but we won't open that can of worms here. :)

>I never studied a case of abduction. I'm first learning all I
>could about the phenomenon, and they I will start to do my
>researchers.

Let me know where you are located Thiago. If anyone from your area should contact me, I'll ask them if they will speak with you. If the person is amenable to it, you can start from there.

>The abduction phenomenon is the most interesting subject in
>ufology.

I guess to the uninitiated it could be viewed as "interesting." To witnesses/experiencers it can be terrifying, disturbing, and very disruptive to the course of one's life.

>El placer es todo mio. Nosotros podriamos cambiar muchas otras
>informaciones sobre el fenomeno.

Si lo puedo hacer en Ingles! Yo puedo leer y escribir en espanol un poco para defenderme. Pero Ingles es el idioma que me viene mas facil, y donde tengo facilidad. ;)

Warm regards,

John Velez

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

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Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Walton

From: Fran Walton <LWalton55@cs.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 18:47:32 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:37:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Walton

>From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation'
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 09:21:55 -0700

Hi Sue, Errol, and List

>Fran wrote:

>>How could an abductee or someone who has perceived himself to
>>be one, assimilate the events into their everyday lives without
>>assistance?

If I have offended you, I apologize. My comment was not meant to be addressed to all abductees as such. I am sure that many do go on living healthy, productive, lives without any professional assistance.

My concerns center around the scenario as you painted it. I am appalled at the number of people who believe they are either qualified at all or so totally qualified to treat people, who have no clue as to what the client/patient is talking about. For a MHP to dismiss the possibility, out of hand, is deplorable.

Yes, I have no doubts that there are many suggestable individuals who have identified with these experiences enough to take them as their own. That is not blanket license for the smugness and arrogance of some MHPs.

All the more reason, in my humble albeit inexperienced opinion, that there is such a desperate need for the participation of ufology educated professionals for those who have no, and have not in the past, had somewhere safe to turn.

Equally as important, again, in my opinion, if not even more important, is the need for a Universal Code of Ethics amongst all researchers and counsellors of any type in the field of UFOlogy.

>It's easy to be glib about what and how MHPs should act and
>respond. Put them even close to the experiences and they can't
>handle it.

I'm sorry if you interpreted my remarks or position as glib. They were in no way intended that way. Your expression of feelings are reinforcement for the rights and well being of abductees to be the first and foremost concern of any nonabductee individual attempting to ascertain information.

>We are really tired of such people, Fran and Gary. Really
>tired. None of us have the answers, so why do we expect the
>MHPs to have any? We don't. We just want someone to listen
>and not laugh. Is that too much to ask?

Not at all, Sue. Not at all.

Sincerely,

Fran

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Ledger

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 23:58:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:44:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Ledger

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:03:47 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:49:28 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>>>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>>>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>>>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>>>>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.>

>>>>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>>>>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>>>>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>>>>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>>>>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>>>>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

>>At Malmstrom Air Force Base an object that was seenhovering ove
>>a missile silo caused jets to be scrambled. Sabotage alert teams
>>phoned in the report of the objet and said it went dark as the
>>jets approached. Then it rose straight upwards and was tracked
>>by radar that lost it at 200,000 ft. As I recall the official
>>NORAD log called this an "unknown" (See 'Clear Intent' or other
>>references)

>>>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>>>>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays begird the trees, and
>>>>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
>>>>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>>>>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

>>I spoke to one of the guards many man years ago. He said the
>>object that he saw an orange glowing object over the base. In
>>the official documentation it was called a "helicopter" for lack
>>of a better term. Hahaha. The guy did not seem to be crazy as a

>>loon.

>Hi, Bruce:

>There were many sightings at Loring. Klass claimed that a
>helicopter was being used in the area and that may have
>accounted for some of the sightings.

No kidding? Helicopters around the largest AF base in
northeastern US. Now there's a revelation.

You gotta give it to Phil. No lack of technical acumen there.
Master of the snooty putdown though.

Did he mention B-52s as well?

The anomaly would have been if there were no helicopters around
Loring. I'll bet you even money that the locals [those preceived
hicks in Phil's mind] were better at spotting the choppers than
Phil was in his office at AW, and could tell you the model by
the rotor noise. They probably didn't even have to look up.

best

Don

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The Cydonian Imperative: The 'Cliff' - What We'll

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 20:17:49 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:46:53 -0500
Subject: The Cydonian Imperative: The 'Cliff' - What We'll

11-3-00

The Cydonian Imperative

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The "Cliff": Predictions for Future High-Resolution
Images

by Mac Tonnies

(For linked, illustrated version, please visit

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

and select #9 from the Journal section.)

If the Cydonian feature dubbed "the Cliff" is an artificial construction, as suggested by the Artificiality Hypothesis (AH), then certain deductions on its appearance at high-resolution should be capable of being forecasted with an appreciable degree of accuracy. This is the attractive aspect of forming a hypothesis: testability. The Artificiality Hypothesis is no exception.

In the previous essay I outlined the difficulties involved when dealing with potential artifacts left by a civilization about which we know nothing. Nevertheless, scientific verification of secondary features on the Face demonstrates that making such predictions isn't impossible and that Cydonia falls within the arena of scientific methodology.

[image]

The Cliff seen in context with "splash" crater.

1.) Context

The "Cliff" is actually an approximately two-mile long tapered wedge that rests on the surface of a "splash"-style crater. Numerous investigators have observed that if the Cliff feature had been present prior to the meteor impact that produced the crater, it would have been destroyed, effectively buried under a shockwave of mud. No known geological mechanism exists that could explain how such an isolated, clearly defined formation could have emerged from the debris apron surrounding the crater. The Cliff certainly doesn't appear to be "ripple" in the ejecta blanket.

(Not only does the Cliff defy geological explanation in its clear-cut appearance, but its axis of symmetry is set at a geologically implausible ninety degrees to the crater. In this writer's opinion, the Cliff constitutes one of the most glaring anomalies in Cydonia, equal to or surpassing the Face. Curiously, it remains one of only three primary candidate formations (others being the D&M Pyramid and Rounded Formation) not photographed by the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS).

[image]

Close-up of the Cliff. Note apparent facial features.

2.) Morphology

Daniel Drasin was the first to note that the Cliff's unusual, bisymmetric shape appears intriguingly face-like, with apparent lidded eyes, mouth, and elongated cheeks; the overall affect is similar to that of an African ritual mask. And as mentioned in the article about the Tholus (see previous page), viewing the Cliff from an elevated southern perspective would have the effect of "compressing" the facial features into more anthropomorphic proportion.

Thus, the Cliff seems to represent a second Cydonian Face. If it's artificial, then new photos taken at resolutions comparable to that of the MGS should show stylized detail consistent with the anthropomorphism evidenced by the Viking data. Specifically, will the eye-like features, "nose" and "mouth" remain present when seen in MGS-quality resolution, or will they vanish upon close inspection? If they are indeed actual features, can they be explained in geological terms?

It should be stressed that the Cliff's apparent humanoid characteristics appear decidedly abstract. But ignoring it because it doesn't strictly correspond to human anatomy could amount to a major investigative error. After all, we humans create all sorts of facial sculptures that don't conform to anatomical reality; are we really prepared to assert that "Martians" would necessarily differ from us in this respect? Even if the candidate facial features were absent, the Cliff's geomorphology and proximity to the "splash" crater demand a closer examination, if only to ascertain how Martian geology--thought to be comparable to Earth's--could produce it.

3.) Summary: What to Expect

By applying the Artificiality Hypothesis, it can be logically argued that the following features will be verified or discovered:

a.) Stylized facial motif, possibly but not necessarily including heightened detail corresponding to "mouth," "eyes," "chin," etc.

b.) Reasonable bisymmetry. Even if the Cliff itself proves somewhat less than symmetrical, the facial features, if that is indeed what they are, should appear along a common axis of symmetry.

c.) Possible evidence of construction. Already, the "plowed" terrain visible to the immediate right of the Cliff and extending to the crater rim suggests a possible mining operation. Faintly visible directly below the Cliff is a bright, ruler-straight line that appears to descend the crater's ejecta blanket to the desert floor. If this is a real feature, then we might expect it to constitute a ramp of some sort, either emplaced to assist in the Cliff's construction and/or for a cultural purpose. The Cliff's conspicuous relationship with the Tholus adds weight to the theory that that Cliff was designed for aesthetic reasons.

In summary, a properly enhanced, high sun-angle image of the Cliff is especially desirable in the continuing effort to discern potential artifacts on the Martian surface. Should the MGS have a chance to reimage Cydonia before concluding its mapping mission, I hope the Cliff is made a high-priority target and is released to the public in a forthright manner.

Note: In this essay have deliberately excluded detailed speculation on the Cliff's precise function. Richard Hoagland, for example, has proposed that the Cliff might have served as a backdrop for the Face when viewed from the City area.

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Big Story On Crop Circles

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 00:49:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:49:41 -0500
Subject: Big Story On Crop Circles

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat-4nov2000-50.htm>

British man arrested for faking crop circles
Sat, 4 Nov 2000
ABC [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] News

A 29-year-old British man has been arrested after being photographed creating crop circles, the intricate patterns which appear in fields overnight and are seen by some as evidence of alien life.

Matthew Williams, from Wiltshire in western England, has been charged with causing criminal damage, becoming the first person in Britain to be arrested for creating crop circles.

He was picked up after pictures of him and an accomplice flattening a field of wheat were passed on to police.

The arrest provides evidence the crop circles, which have fascinated fans of the paranormal for years, are nothing but an intricate hoax.

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 01:35:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:51:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 09:50:21 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 00:19:30 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>Hello Jerry, Bob, and List subscribers,

>>I don't want to jump in the middle of this thread that started
>>regarding Jill Tarter's ignorance of UFO evidence. That led into
>>a further thread concerning Bob Young's claims regarding a low
>>percentage of UFO cases that have not been resolved into IFOs. I
>>do want to throw in my comments regarding a couple of cases that
>>were mentioned and throw in an additional case. I have always
>>had a particular interest in the Coyne case, as at one time I
>>used to fly the same type of helicopter in the Army and I could
>>easily imagine myself in his position. All I can say is that in
>>every helicopter when the collective stick is up the helicopter
>>goes up, and when it is down the helicopter goes down. I don't
>>think Coyne was mistaken about the helicopter acting against
>>that principle. That is like forgetting that your car turns left
>>when the steering wheel turns left. Some other force was acting
>>on the helicopter to cause it to act against that principle of
>>pitch in the rotor blades. Bob, do you think Coyne was mistaken?

>Hi, Josh:

>It's good to get your insight as a helicopter pilot. I think the
>issue is that Phil Klass suggests that Coyne just didn't
>remember pulling up on the controls, afterwards, but had just
>done it automatically. Doesn't sound so unreasonable to me.

>>The Michalak case was also discussed. I'd like to know what
>>irregularities in the case have been proposed elsewhere. Other
>>than his sole testimony, I would like to hear how a debunker can
>>explain his burns. Bob, what do you think? Were they self
>>inflicted? How?

>Don't know. Have you ever seen a medical report on his injuries?

>>Another case that I am rather passionate about is the Cash -
>>Landrum incident. To my knowledge it has never been resolved and
>>is still a UFO, whether possibly from our military or anyone
>>else. That is a case not often mentioned on this list and was
>>not included in the recent 10 best cases. Bob, do you want to
>>propose any irregularities in that case? How do you propose they
>>received their horrible injuries?

>Regarding their horrible injuries, I know that Betty Cash had
>cancer. I believe that she sued the U.S. Government. Has there
>ever been a medical report available on any of their "injuries"?

>>I don't want to get myself involved in defending the above
>>cases. I would like to hear any evidence, not conjecture, that
>>would answer my questions.

>So would I. I'm not a doctor and it would be worth while to get
>some medical evidence or reports before commenting.

Hi Bob, Josh,

Just a note. Betty Cash passed away earlier this year. I believe her death was directly related to the (radiation induced?) illness she had been fighting since the sighting. Do either of you know anything about the condition of the grandson or the other female witness that was in the car? Were either of them ever affected? Also, I know Betty had litigation pending against the government. She was sueing them for her medical expenses. Does anybody know what the outcome of that case was? Just curious.

It is sad about Betty though. :(

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Military Abductions - Hammond

From: Elizabeth Hammondlizzz@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 02:13:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:54:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions - Hammond

>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 19:19:43 -0600
>To: UFO Updates - Torontoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hartgeehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

Gary, you stated:

>Abductees are assumed to be around each of the few hot spot
>areas we know of

You go on:

>I have (made the assumption). It stands up in all the cases I
>actively work with. And yes, it is strange. It often seems as
>if certain persons are moved by the ETs to occupy anomaly areas
>were sightings are commonly seen. Seems to be a clear strategic
>action on the part of both ETs and group surveilling them.

Gary, how many times have you seen this, and actively worked with any of it? Have you photographed any of this? Or at least, do you recognize any of the "Abductees" involved? Or the type of "ET"? As an Abductee, this is frightening stuff your talking about. ET involvement as well as humans in unmarked cars. What is it the "Abductees do during all this, and when are they returned?

Have you ever actually seen this happen? If so, where, and what type of Alien was it?

>Area activities seen by witnesses include sightings
>of craft or craft/entity contact with area residents or
>other physical objects. In other words, if entities
>are seen walking around, agents go in to attempt to
>stop it.

It's hard to believe that these "Witnesses" are not coming forward about this. I know if I saw an "Alien" get out of his craft and start walking around my yard I'd be on the phone in a second! First to the police, second to the newspapers, third, every Abductee I know close enough to get to my place quickly!

What exactly are these Agents going in to stop, by the way, and how do they actually stop it? Who are they? Government Agents, I'm presuming from what you write. But how do you know this? You seem to state everything as emphatic fact, yet you seem to have nothing with which to back up your claims.

You know I'm not a skeptic, Gary, but I also don't believe everything someone throws at me just because its "Abductee Related"

Looking forward to your answers, Gary,

Yours,

Liz

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - González Manso

From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 09:32:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 02:57:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - González Manso

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600

Mr. Clark said:

>People a lot smarter than you or me - Clyde Tombaugh, Allen
>Hynek, James McDonald, Peter Sturrock, and a whole host of
>others - came to the conclusion that alien visitation is a
>reasonable interpretation of the UFO phenomenon.

I know about the others, but can you provide a reference fro Mr. Tombaugh? I know that he did see a UFO, and maybe pointed to an ET possibility, but I would like to know his arguments for it.

Luis R. González Manso

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Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 02:41:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:01:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter? - Hatch

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>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 02:14:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Aveley Encounter?

>Hi Larry,

>Got em! Thank you for the info and the speedy response. ;)

>I haven't had a chance to crack em open yet (just got them
>today) but it's on my priority list. Without realizing it I have
>acquired a 'archive' worth of material over the years that has
>never been properly catalogued. (Something I used to get on
>Budd's case about and here I am doing the same thing!) I plan to
>make it a 'spare time' project until I get it all whipped into
>decent shape. I'll use as many of your criteria as I am able to
>apply to what is strictly a 'abduction' related pile of raw
>data. It's a heap of stuff.

>One other bit that you might be able to advise me on; I plan on
>using a piece of HTML authoring software that allows me to
>create (and access easily) any archive that I create. I also
>have "Sherlock II" which I can use in conjunction with it. (I'm
>on a Mac. Sherlock II is a fast and powerful search engine.)

>Sherlock will be used as the 'search engine' once all the data
>on the hard drive has been properly catalogued. If you are aware
>of a good stand alone piece of software that will do both jobs
>for me (archival and search functions) that is available for the
>Mac OS/platform, please let me know.

>It'll be nice to find things easily (or even in the same day)
>for a change! <LOL>

>Thanx again Mssr. Hatch. You're a gentleman.

Hi John:

Part of this may interest others, so its on-list.

When I started the *U* database (early 1980s) I wanted to save certain bits of info in as efficiently as possible. After three languages, and as many platforms (computers) it finally turned into an exercise in C-language programming, as much as any ufological project.

In short, I used no off-the-shelf database software at all, but built a file-structure, compiled data, and hacked away at the program to interpret, map and crunch the data as best I could.

All of this was done from scratch. The benefit is that info is quickly retrievable via some 90-odd search paths, including the 64 attributes. There are other benefits of course, especially the highly efficient use of memory. My whole product fits on a single 1.44 MB 90cm (3.5-inch) diskette!

These diskettes are almost bursting at the seams, and that is

why I am inclined to pass on junk sightings, or even delist them if something better comes to light.

The downside is that nothing but the *U* software can read the *U* database main data file!

As it turns out, I know next to nothing about Apple, MacIntosh and the software for those machines. Furthermore, I have never bought nor used a commercial database application, so I cannot help you there either!

The best person to ask those sorts of questions would be Mark Cashman, a most knowledgeable and accomplished programmer. He might be on this list, he is on the P-47 list.

The MacIntosh matter may be a stumbling block. I don't know if Mark uses them, I sort of doubt it somehow, I could be wrong.

Hope this helps!

- Larry Hatch

PS: Those who haven't done so already, please see some *U* Database maps and statistical screens at this URL. Allow time for a good browse if possible.

Screens are fast loading, no junk or advertisements.

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/index.html>

An interesting part of Mark Cashman's website is here:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/catalog/>

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Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 03:09:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:04:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 15:54:03 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@digidezign.com>
>>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>Hello "Jilain",

>I read your post and asked myself what the H*** is this? I looked
>up the Alien Abductions, Inc. website and saw that it was an
>obvious prank. It ranks down there with the American Computer
>Company in the stupid pranks book. I imagine people who really
>feel they were abducted (whatever the cause) won't find it very
>funny.

>At times when this list gets too testy with anger between
>participants I throw in my own screwball humor. It is so silly
>that I don't expect anyone on the List to take it seriously.
>Even my pet cats don't find it funny but I am sure there are
>some list members who have as twisted a sense of humor as I do.
>Unlike Jim Mortellaro I don't drink Gripple to alter my senses.
>I'm just plain weird.

>Josh Goldstein

Hello Josh!

On closer inspection, I'm inclined to agree with you that the
AAI website is a complete put-on.

The most telling thing is that they provide no telephone number
or address for their prospective customers! Any real biz will
all but tattoo their toll free 800 phone number on your forehead
and/or jam their address up your nose.

Where is the link you can click on to "find out more" i.e.
provide a sales lead?

None of that shows, and it speaks volumes.

All in all, its a hilarious website. Well done really, for those
who can take a joke.

I certainly understand why some of us might not find it amusing
at all. I hope they will understand why I think its a scream.

Here's a question for you cyber sleuths:

Who put it up?

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Secrecy News -- 11/03/00

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 04:05:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:07:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 11/03/00

>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:17:05 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/03/00

>SECRECY NEWS
>from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
>November 3, 2000

>** WAITING FOR A DECISION ON THE "LEAK" STATUTE
>** POLYGRAPH TESTING AND THE DOE NATIONAL LABS
>** SYMPOSIUM ON GOVERNMENT SECRECY SCHEDULED

Thank you Steven for these timely and disturbing links.

For what little it may matter, I am strongly opposed to any such legislation. This whole matter sounds pi radians opposed to the freedom of information act, and the very spirit of the principles behind such legislation.

Sadly, a similar bill is under consideration in Britain, where I hope it is soundly defeated as well.

With the exception of special cases; highly sensitive technical information of a military nature - read atomic secrets etc. - it is less secrecy needed, not more.

Unless I misunderstand, this bill is so broadly worded that Monica Lewinski could be liable for opening her mouth - the second time.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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1st International Conference - Milan

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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:11:07 -0500
Subject: 1st International Conference - Milan

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09.30-09.45 Ivette Rocco opens the programme - Michelle Chote
(Maori) sings

09.50-11.25 Alan Stuttle, Mary Staddon (UK) "Contact with the
Spirit World"

11.30-12.30 Alfredo Lissoni (Italian UFO writer) "UFO the best
evidence" with documentation & films

12.40-13.30 Marjorie Tomkins (USA) "UFO - Crop circles"

13.30-14.30 break

14.30-15.20 Gary Schwartz (Rumania) "UFO science - Contacts"

15.30-16.20 Massimo Frisari (Italy) "Radionic healing from the
Future"

16.20-16.40 break

16.40-17.30 Franz Winkler (Switzerland) "Mèrkaba (body of
light)"

17.40-18.30 Giuditta Dembech (Italy) "Angels"

18.40-19.00 Korinna Mueller (Germany) and Ananda (Philippines) -
"The Vortexijah"

19-20 break

20.00-22.30 Alan Stuttle, Mary Staddon (UK) "Contact with the
Spirit World"

During the day, practitioners will be available privately:

11-22 Past lives and karma - American medium Patty Pellicciotti
(During the breaks, Patty will be available to autograph her
latest book about Tibetan Aura "Convivere con L'aura")

14-19 Tibetan Geshe Losang Pende and Geshe Wanghiel

14-19 Medium Alan Stuttle (UK)

14-19 Medium Mary Staddon (UK)

14-19 Auric Photo with explanation - Rosella Acerbi (Italy)

14-19 Auric and Kirlian photography - Giuseppe Zanella (Italy)

14-19 Medium and ESP sensitive Renato Minozzi (Italy)

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 13:03:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:12:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600

Hi Jerry,

As you appear to be repeating yourself over and over again, with no content other than your obvious hatred of sceptics, I'll leave you to it. With just one or two comments.....

I've made my point, giving examples where necessary. And as I've said, when you have some counter evidence worthy of countering the sceptical argument, I'd love to see it. Oh, yes, along with all those papers written by scientists you're always banging on about (although I realise that's 'in the future' - ie never).

>See my earlier posting on ball lightning. And again, let me recommend David J. Hufford's The Terror That Comes in the Night,

Are you on commission?

>James McDonald impresses me.

I've noticed you're quite keen on McDonald. That's interesting, because in a few weeks I'll be presenting evidence about a case McDonald commented on - and got hopelessly wrong. It will be yet another example of a 'big' case crumbling to nothing. UFO to IFO Jerry, as they all do.

>What is a "lie down"? Is this some form of Britspeak?

Do people not lie down in the Americas?

Happy Trails

Andy

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Crop Circle Hoaxer Revealed

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 13:09:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:15:52 -0500
Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer Revealed

Y'all,

Fans of hoaxes, crop circles and general ufological madness may be interested in the following which is in many UK papers today. These are extracts from the Independent:

Police Make First Arrest Over Crop Circles

A 29 year old Wiltshire Man last night became what is believed to be the first person in Britain to be accused of the novel crime of raiding a field and creating patterns out of flattened wheat.

Matthew Williams... was arrested after photographs allegedly showing him working with another man were sent anonymously to detectives. He will appear before Devizes magistrates on Monday charged with causing criminal damage to an unspecified area of pasture near Marlborough in July this year.

There's more, but you get the idea. When all this unravels - as it surely will - it will be interesting to see which circles Williams has hoaxed and what level of belief has been invested in them and by whom.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Change At Roswell UFO Museum & Research

From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 06:04:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:20:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Change At Roswell UFO Museum & Research

>From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Change At Roswell UFO Museum & Research Center?
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 22:40:31 -0800

I received email from Julie Haut Shuster. She informed me of the following. She will be in the Museum Manager position until the end of January. At that time the Board will make a decision on how to proceed. Ms. Shuster has been given specific jobs to complete by that time, as well as the day to day operation of the museum. The museum is in the process of changing some of the displays, general fixing up, and getting ready for the opening of a display on the 509th from Walker Air Force Base.

I also received email from Dennis Balthaser. Dennis informs me that his January 13, 2001 IUFOMRC lecture is actually entitled, "UFO Research: Sharing the Frustrations and Gratifications with the Public."

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Webcast Archive: Bill Hamilton & John Greenewald,

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 10:15:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:24:14 -0500
Subject: Webcast Archive: Bill Hamilton & John Greenewald,

Horizons Radio Archive
Webcast 11/3/00

The archive of last night's webcast is now online. Lan Lamphere, Horizons host, interviewed Bill Hamilton, Executive Director of Skywatch International, and John Greenewald, Jr., of BlackVault and co-host of Millenium Mysteries Radio show.

You can access the archive by clicking on the link from the Horizons homepage at:

<http://www.oklahomasky.com>

Bill Hamilton discussed the Phoenix Lights sighting of March 13, 1997, and gave his thoughts on the history of ufology, including the Adamski photos. He and Lan also discussed the Skywatch Interntional Organization and the direction is it taking now. An informative interview that no one should miss!

John Greenewald, Jr, the 19 year old "whiz kid" of the UFO field gave another incredible interview. He and Lan talked about the Freedom of Information Act, government coverup of UFO information, and even discussed the DoD and a possible link to the "mysterious chemtrails" that so many are talking about. As always, an excellent discussion with one of the UFO field's most knowledgeable and respected researchers.

Horizons also announced the move of our live radio show to KOMA in Oklahoma. Horizons will be coming at you live with 50,000 watts of broadcasting power behind it. The ink is dry on the contracts, and Lan gives an update on the expanding growth at Horizons.

Our thanks to Bill Hamilton and John Greenewald, Jr, for a great show!

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A Truthseeker's View Of The Crop Circle Arrest

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Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 21:16:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:28:51 -0500
Subject: A Truthseeker's View Of The Crop Circle Arrest

From: Jimmie L. Holman [mailto:holman@holman.net]
Sent: 04 November 2000 21:04
Subject: [UFOinfo] A TRUTHSEEKER'S VIEW OF THE CROPCIRCLE ARREST

A TRUTHSEEKER'S VIEW OF THE CROPCIRCLE ARREST

News of the arrest of 'circle maker' Matthew Williams (also known as 'TruthSeeker'), came as no surprise. In recent days, Matthew had expressed great concern and indicated much turmoil within some 'sects' of the circlemaker community. Only a day before his arrest, Matthew in private phone conversation, had expressed in no uncertain terms that certain other divisions of the 'crop circle community' were 'out to get him' personally in any manner possible.

Over the last year or so I have been privileged to have had many in-depth conversations with Matthew concerning the crop circle and other issues. Remarkably these conversations came as a direct result of Mr. Williams telling me that I probably didn't understand what crop circles were all about. (I am a member of a paranormal research group which meets in Dallas and although we do not make formations, the purpose for meeting was much the same as that of at least those he is closely associated with. More on that later) With-in an hour it became quite clear that I did indeed understand the issue and reasoning behind at least some of the formations. During ALL this time, great concern was expressed by Matthew Williams for what was becoming an important distraction.

Matthew was always conscious and wary, even critical, of the 'hoaxers'. He was also very conscious of the 'commercial aspects (i.e. bus tours etc, and souviener sellers). He repeatedly stated he wanted nothing to do with, and did not consider himself a part of either. He did what he could to distance himself from those as well. He was also conscious of those alledged and well-known researchers who he had been in close contact and attempted repeatedly to convey the real meaning and purpose of the cropcircles. In fact I'm sure few would be suprised to know the prominent names of persons participating and personally involved in demonstrations.

More surprising might be however that the 'truthseeker', Matthew, was these last many months, attempting to responsibly reveal the underlying 'reasoning and purpose' behind the construction of the crop circles and articulate the paranormal events that often seem to accompany their creation. It was this that has apparently led to the recent events. An analogy on this might be compared to a witch publishing the grimoire of their coven. In fact ... the complexities of the issues are probably in a way much the same but the threat caused was from those more distant who maintain monitary motives and affiliations. Interestingly, I have been informed that on at least one occasion, the farmer was compensated in cash prior to the construction of one of these 'circles'.

I find some points of this arrest very suspicious on the part of the police. It has been reported that the event for which Mr. Williams was arrested took place in July. During that time period I happen to know Mr. Williams had repeated expressed that

the Wiltshire police were being heavily pressured to make at least one arrest on this crop circle issue. Evidently they had been funded and received extensive night-vision, infrared, similar equipped helicopter equipment specifically for the purpose of monitoring crop circle activity. The fact that activity continued virtually unheeded even in the potential 'infrared light' of all this technology was very likely a major embarrassment to the police and those demanding the funding for such. Most suspicious though is the timeline of events considering the action for which he is supposedly being arrested is many months old. One must wonder and ask, 'Who's agenda is being fulfilled?'

Matthew Williams and associate Paul Damon, have been well known for their 'Truthseekers Review' online magazine (www.ufon.org/truthseekers/) and their investigating of various UFO, paranormal, and conspiracy issues over the years. Is it just possible that there are at least 'some' who don't want the full 'truth' to come out?

I sincerely hope over the immediate coming months we will have ample opportunity to hear directly from Mr. Williams regarding the full story and personal observations behind not only the arrest but the issues and recent events within the circle maker community. I know UFOon will welcome and gladly provide him that avenue without reservation. I know at least some of us wish Matthew well !

Jimmie Holman

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Kilsyth, Australia UFO Researchers?

From: **Ken Kelly** <elprospero@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 13:18:47 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:30:20 -0500
Subject: Kilsyth, Australia UFO Researchers?

Would anyone refer me to an Australian UFO researcher, enthusiast, or other warm body in Kilsyth, Australia? This person doesn't have to be on-line, just in or near Kilsyth (a suburb of Melbourne), and willing to briefly correspond about a UFO sighting that occurred there in 1998.

Thank you for any help you may offer.

Ken Kelly

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Captain Edward J. Ruppelt Book Update

From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@email.msn.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 14:55:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 03:37:37 -0500
Subject: Captain Edward J. Ruppelt Book Update

A new book, 'Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer Of The Saucers -1952' by Wendy A. Connors and Michael D. Hall, is now available.

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CPR-Canada News: 1st Crop Circle Arrests Reported

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:14:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:14:58 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: 1st Crop Circle Arrests Reported

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

November 4, 2000

CPR-Canada News is the e-news service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada, an affiliate of Circles Phenomenon Research International, providing periodic e-mail updates with the latest news and reports on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada and around the world, as well as information on CPR-Canada-related projects and events. CPR-Canada News is available free by subscription (see below).

FIRST CROP CIRCLE RELATED ARRESTS REPORTED IN ENGLAND

Following is a report from Colin Andrews and a newspaper article from The Independent in the UK. Thanks to Colin Andrews, Carol Pedersen and Sheila Nethersole for forwarding this information.

Paul Anderson

TWO MEN ARRESTED AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED. ONE CHARGED OF MAKING CROP CIRCLE - OTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY.

I received a telephone call from a British Journalist early this morning to inform me of a newspaper article in today's "Western Daily Press" regarding the arrest of two men under suspicion of making a crop circle at West Overton (that which was allegedly made by Matthew William's for Whitley Strieber and touted on his radio program, "Dreamland").

I have spoken with Wiltshire Police who confirm that Matthew William's has been arrested with another man who also lives at the same address. Equipment and a computer have been seized by police who will apply for William's to be remanded at a court hearing set for Devezes Court on Monday 6th November. The police told me that "it is likely other cases will be pursued but at this moment he has been charged only with making the one intricate crop circle construction at West Overton" (for Whitley Strieber). According to police, they have been given photographic evidence and are looking at a great deal of other information.

I am considering flying over for the full court hearing when that date is known. Monday's hearing will be adjourned after the

application for a remand is heard.

I believe that this is a significant development and one which will lead to other arrests soon. The impact upon the events in the fields will be seen next year and will probably prove the extent to which people have been involved, (i.e. - my own findings at least 80%).

I should make it clear, that these arrests came as a surprise to me this morning and I am in no way involved with the police in this matter. My job is research.

I thought you would appreciate knowing about this.

Best wishes

Colin

Police Make First Arrest Over Crop Circles

By Cahal Milmo

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/UK/Environment/2000-11/cropcircle041100.shtml>

11-4-00

They have been a source of mystery and amusement to students of the bizarre for years, but yesterday crop circles attracted the attention of a new audience - the long arm of the law.

A 29-year-old Wiltshire man last night became what is believed to be the first person in Britain to be accused of the novel crime of raiding a field and creating patterns out of flattened wheat.

Matthew Williams, of Bishops Cannings, near Devizes, was arrested after photographs allegedly showing him working with another man were sent anonymously to detectives.

He will appear before Devizes magistrates on Monday charged with causing criminal damage to an unspecified area of pasture near Marlborough in July this year.

The case threatens to blow the lid on what has long been believed to be the prime cause of crop circles well-equipped and highly adept hoaxers.

For years, fans of the paranormal had sought to explain the weird and wonderful patterns of interlinked circles, squares and diamonds as the work of aliens or freak weather conditions. But some crop circle creators have recently come forward to confess to their activities, carried out under cover of darkness using an array of ladders, tethered barrels and ropes to work "magic".

Police arrested Williams earlier this week after searching his home and recovering pieces of equipment allegedly used to sculpt circles. A second man was also detained but later released without charge.

News of the prosecution was welcomed by farmers in the rolling countryside of Wiltshire - prime territory for crop circles, with dozens appearing every summer.

Tim Carson, chairman of the National Farmers Union in the county, said: "It's no different if someone comes into your garden and causes damage. You spend a lot of time and effort planting crops and then someone comes along and destroys them, it's very annoying."

Andrew Naughton, who farms near Devizes, added: "Imagine you had a green car and someone came along and sprayed pretty patterns on the roof with white paint. That's the only way I can describe it."

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Cash Landrum [Was: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe]

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 01:44:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:18:48 -0500
Subject: Cash Landrum [Was: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe]

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 09:50:21 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 00:19:30 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>I don't want to jump in the middle of this thread that started
>>regarding Jill Tarter's ignorance of UFO evidence. That led into
>>a further thread concerning Bob Young's claims regarding a low
>>percentage of UFO cases that have not been resolved into IFOs. I
>>do want to throw in my comments regarding a couple of cases that
>>were mentioned and throw in an additional case. I have always
>>had a particular interest in the Coyne case, as at one time I
>>used to fly the same type of helicopter in the Army and I could
>>easily imagine myself in his position. All I can say is that in
>>every helicopter when the collective stick is up the helicopter
>>goes up, and when it is down the helicopter goes down. I don't
>>think Coyne was mistaken about the helicopter acting against
>>that principle. That is like forgetting that your car turns left
>>when the steering wheel turns left. Some other force was acting
>>on the helicopter to cause it to act against that principle of
>>pitch in the rotor blades. Bob, do you think Coyne was mistaken?

>>It's good to get your insight as a helicopter pilot. I think the
>>issue is that Phil Klass suggests that Coyne just didn't
>>remember pulling up on the controls, afterwards, but had just
>>done it automatically. Doesn't sound so unreasonable to me.

>>The Michalak case was also discussed. I'd like to know what
>>irregularities in the case have been proposed elsewhere. Other
>>than his sole testimony, I would like to hear how a debunker can
>>explain his burns. Bob, what do you think? Were they self
>>inflicted? How?

>Don't know. Have you ever seen a medical report on his injuries?

>>Another case that I am rather passionate about is the Cash -
>>Landrum incident. To my knowledge it has never been resolved and
>>is still a UFO, whether possibly from our military or anyone
>>else. That is a case not often mentioned on this list and was
>>not included in the recent 10 best cases. Bob, do you want to
>>propose any irregularities in that case? How do you propose they
>>received their horrible injuries?

>Regarding their horrible injuries, I know that Betty Cash had
> cancer. I believe that she sued the U.S. Government. Has there
> ever been a medical report available on any of their "injuries"?

>>I don't want to get myself involved in defending the above
>>cases. I would like to hear any evidence, not conjecture, that
>>would answer my questions.

>So would I. I'm not a doctor and it would be worth while to get
> some medical evidence or reports before commenting.

Hi Bob,

I suggest rthat you read Dr. John Scheusler's book on the Cash - Landrum incident. He has been the primary investigator.

Josh

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Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 11-4-00

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* OUTSTANDING GUEST *

Dr. Ernest Martin author of THE TEMPLES THAT JERUSALEM FORGOT will be on the "Jeff Rense" radio show for three (3) hours this Sunday evening November 5, 2000.

His discovery was that the Temples of Solomon and Herod were ACTUALLY LOCATED some 1000 feet south of the Haram esh-Sharif, were completely destroyed down to bedrock (as prophesied), and that the Haram today is the remains of non-Jewish territory that belonged to the Romans in Herod's day (similar to embassy property, not part of the city, hence it survived destruction).

His proofs are entirely based on historical evidence of eyewitnesses through 1500 years---not speculation, not guesswork, not mysticism.

[In fact mysticism was the major reason the temple(s) of the Jews were "forgotten" by all the three major religions. The dreams and visions appealed to people more than what the archivists and historians of their own traditions told them.]

This means that Jews and Muslims and Christians are continuing a controversy over the wrong site. It also means that the Jews could GIVE BACK the Haram completely to the Muslims, WITH THEIR BLESSING and attempt to build their temple at another site, without political opposition---very likely with Muslim assistance.

The information in this book can cut the Gordian Knot regarding "Temple Mount" ownership and sovereignty, and assist in reconciliation regarding the status of Jerusalem.

Probably the major losers from this knowledge coming out would be orthodox religious leaders and so-called prophets who promote the current site for their own political benefit. After all, who would listen to them and their teachings if it was discovered (as Martin proves) that they "lost" their temple because of "mystical" revelations, when the historical evidence is dumb-obvious once recognized and brought to light. In this vein, none of the three major religious traditions are faultless.

Dr. Ernest Martin has posted additional material since publication of the book. His webpage specific to the Temple is: <http://askelm.com/temple.htm>

Thank you,

--
David Sielaff

p.s. It has taken some 20 years for one of Dr. Martin's other discoveries to be accepted by biblical academics, although astronomers quickly understood his theory of the Bethlehem star scenario, which included a correction of the date of Herod the Great's death. Planetariums began using his discovery in their holiday season presentations to the extent that some 600 planetariums (including the prestigious Griffith Planetarium in L.A.) have changed to Dr. Martin's Christmas star scenario.

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* ON THE LIGHTER SIDE *

ADVICE FOR IDIOTS

An actual tip from page 16 of the HP "Environmental, Health & Safety Handbook for Employees: "Blink your eyelids periodically to lubricate your eyes."

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: Many deer were being hit by cars and he no longer wanted them to cross there.

IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the individual behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

IDIOT SIGHTINGS Sighting #1:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I said, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask."

Sighting #2:

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it is safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine, when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals to blind people when the light is red. She responded, appalled, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

Sighting #3:

At a good-bye lunch for an old and dear coworker who is leaving the company due to "downsizing," our manager spoke up and said, "this is fun. We should have lunch like this more often." Not another word was spoken. We just looked at each other like deer staring into the headlights of an approaching truck.

Sighting #4:

I worked with an Individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her could not understand why her system would not turn on.

Sighting #5:

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" "I know," answered the young man.- "I already got that side."

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* READER'S CORNER *

Quotes from you:

From: Art

America is the only country in history to go from barbarism to decadence without the normal intervening period of civilization.

- Clemenceau

The young know everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, and the elderly believe everything - Oscar Wilde

Man is the only animal who knows shame, or needs to - Mark Twain

You can lead a horse to water, but a pencil must be lead. - Stan Laurel

From: Russ Emrich
"A speech is like a wheel -- the longer the spoke, the greater the tire."
- Source Unknown

From: D'Andrea Alford
He who laughs last thinks the slowest.

From: danny davison
My mother was an invention of necessity. - Danny J. Davison

From: R. F. Dickey
The early bird gets the worm,
The second mouse gets the cheese.

From: C. E. Whitaker
This is not exactly a quote but, it is how I try to live my life.
"Take a little, leave a little".

From: Ellen Anderhalden
"I want to leave this world the same way I got it naked and angry."
- Arnold Anderhalden

From: Fritz Kron
There is no knowledge without research and investigation.
Knowledge can never be achieved as long as man lives in an environment influenced by ignorance and fear of the unknown.
- Fritz Kron

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Just a few of last week's most intriguing!
<http://rense.com>

- * Police Make First Arrest Over Crop Circles
- * Leading Doctors' Group Votes To Oppose Mandatory Vaccinations
- * The Black Hole Of Al Gore's Soul
- * Russians Open ICBM Silos - Implications For US Election
- * VoteScam - So Easy As To Be Laughable
- * China Awakens To Massive HIV/AIDS Nightmare
- * Contamination At Russian Nuke Weapons Plant 'Staggering'
- * Global Net Cops Crack Down On Top 10 'DOT.CONS'
- * Uri Geller Sues Nintendo Over Pokemon Character "Yun Geller"
- * Gore & Clinton Early Careers Said Funded By Communist Money
- * British Masons And US Fundis Launch Israeli Apocalypse
- * Mexican Army Shoots At US Border Patrol Agents - Again
- * Wiesenenthal.com Lists Sightings.com As 'Hate Site'!
- * Clinton Amnesty For 4 Million Illegals - End Of Sovereign America?
- * Lawsuit Claiming US Government Created AIDS Moves Ahead
- * Chile's Loa River Area Alarmed By Overflight Of Multicolored

UFOs

- * School Suspends Girl For Casting Spell - Makes Teacher Ill
- * Kursk Men 'Survived Three Days'
- * AOL Fires Employee Gun Owners!
- * Car Powered By Air Unveiled In South Africa
- * Emerging Fungal/Mold Diseases - Resistant, Resilient, & Not So Rare
- * FAA Officials Investigate Case Of Flying Pig
- * GAO Reveals Government Websites Use Cookies
- * Herpes Vaccine Protects Brain Cancer Victims
- * UK Scientist Says Every British Person Has 'Eaten 50 BSE Meals'
- * Brits Dump Huge Amounts Of Potential Mad Cow Feed On Third World
- * Water Treatment Chemicals Add To Arsenic Levels In Drinking Water
- * Scientists Discover Cure For Arthritis
- * Jeff Calls For New Dental/Medical BSE/Mad Cow Sterilization Policies
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Antony Sutton books

America's Secret Establishment
 The Best Enemy Money Can Buy; Two Faces Of George Bush
<http://www.hiddenmysteries.com/redirect/index36.html>

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* THIS WEEK'S GUESTS *
 11-5-00 thru 11-10-00

(Please note Jeff's Guest schedule can
 change due to late breaking stories, etc).

- SUN 11-5
Dr. Ernest Martin: Temple Mount Location Wrong?
- MON 11-6
Carl Limbacher: www.NewsMax.com
John Hogue: Election Prophecy
- TUE 11-7
George Filer: UFO Report
pending
- WED 11-8
Lonnie Wolfe: How Did We Get To This Point?
pending
- THU 11-9
Al Martin: October Surprise revisited
pending
- FRI 11-10
Brad Steiger: A Paranormal Evening

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Hollow Planets - a well kept secret
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Re: Russian Ufology Research Center - Persky

From: Alex Persky <alexvi@mail.ru>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 04:38:47 +0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:23:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Russian Ufology Research Center - Persky

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 14:05:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Russian Ufology Research Center - Velez
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Is there a version of
>the webpages available in English? I'm a New York Puerto Rican
>(which means I can handle English and Spanish) not Russian. :)
>If there is an English version could you please post the URL. I
>am especially interested in learning about Russian abduction
>reports/research (if any.)

Hi John,

The UFOS (The Ufological Society) website was opened recently,
and I think they'll make an English version of it. As far as I
know there is no translated into English webpages or websites
about abductions in Russia anywhere, but you can still refer to
the GUFOA (Georgia Ufological Association) website at
<http://www.gufoa.kheta.ge/iii-d.html> -- they have put some some
cases there.

Sincerely,
Alex Persky
Vitebsk, Byelorussia

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 17:52:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:27:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 08:45:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 07:58:23 -0800

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 15:15:13 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>>>>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>>>>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>>>>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>>>>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>>>>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>>>>ergo a UFO.

>>>Did it occur to you that glitches in radar are
>>>something most air forces are not about to talk about? Do you
>>>have a citation for these two government reports? There were a
>>>lot of sightings during the flap in those years.

>>There was obvious no radar glitches here considering the radar
>>clearly shows to object dropping and there are records from the
>>jets of this incident as well. The Belgian military to this day,
>>and to my knowledge, still do not know what the object was. This
>>would then make it unidentified. Also, I don't think the pilots
>>chased a radar glitch for over, what, 40 minutes?

>Depends, since we have to take the Governments' words for it.
>But my point was that there could be lots of reasons for either
>Government to not tell the entire truth, and they could be
>legitimate and not related to UFOs at all.

I'm aware that you can't take every word the U.S. government offers at face value. However, when two or more governments are reporting encounters with UFOs, it doesn't make any sense for them to do so in order to lie. This is edging into conspiracy realms, which I don't travel in.

>>>>How about the Iran UFO encounter in 1976.

>>I agree that all info should be evaluated. But did Klass ever
>>fully explain what the pilots encountered? I don't think so.
>>Also, Klass is the guy who fell asleep during the MUFON
>>symposium in Seattle. Not too credible with me for a guy who
>>says there are no UFOs but can't stay awake long enough to
>>hear what someone has to say about them.....

>You mean an 80 year-old You mean an 80 year-old skeptic can't
>ever sleep? Man, you're tough. Maybe he found the MUFON meeting
>boring. And, anyway, what does this have to do with the Iran
>incident?

I have a good friend who is much older than me. This guy used to be a fighter pilot in WWII and flew in Vietnam. I went to investigate a cattle mutilation in California where we had to hike 2 miles through rough terrain - not to mention the 12 hour round trip drive we had to take. My buddy, who was 75 at the time, had more energy than I did and I was 25. As for a MUFON meeting being boring, I wouldn't know. Falling asleep means you're not paying attention.

>>>>Another goodie that you may not know about: For two-weeks in
>>>>1975 several nuclear weapons installations were visited by UFOs
>>>>(I believe the story ran in The Washington Post and other major
>>>>U.S. papers). According to Air Force and Defense Department
>>>>records (hey, its the government again...), objects described as
>>>>_unknown_ (by the way, Bob, this is the same thing as
>>>>unidentified) entities and brightly lighted fast moving vehicles
>>>>violated security areas and evaded pursuit by military fighter
>>>>jets. UFOs penetrating restricted nuclear weapons facilities, is
>>>>this a serious matter? Do you think the government would be
>>>>concerned about the security of its nuclear installations?
>>>>Wonder why they didn't identify the intruders.

>>>Depends upon who "they" are. A friend of mine was present at one
>>>of the bases, assigned to the security unit. He was there during
>>>many sightings and said, in his opinion, they were reporting
>>>astronomical objects and aircraft. Of course the military were
>>>concerned, and they should have been. Doesn't add up to
>>>"unkowns", though. At least in this case.

>>>>Maybe it was Venus flying in a restricted nuclear facility.

>>>Actually it was Jupiter, auroral rays behind the trees, and
>>>practically everything else they say in the sky, according to my
>>>friend, who is a lifelong astronomy enthusiast. He thinks the
>>>Loring AFB episode is little more than a joke. He was there.

I'm always amazed at how every single astronomical phenomenon happens to occur all at once during a UFO sighting.

>>This is why the U.S. military deemed the objects as "unknown
>>entities." Again, unidentified. Why would the military send up
>>fighters to intercept Venus were responding to information from
>>the airbase security?

>>I have a hard time believing that Venus would cause all of this...

>Then, you don't know much about the history of the UFO
>phenomenon. Just check out another post today, UFO Round Up, Vol
>5, Number 44. The hovering UFO seen by five in the West over
>Sedona, Arizona, and the object "pacing" a couple's car in Texas
>(but always seen to the west) are so obviously Venus, now
>brilliant in the Western evening sky, that it's a joke. This
>stuff is just posted raw reports.

Again, Bob, you make assumptions. Neither of us were there and have no idea what the people making the report actually saw. This goes back to my comment about arm-chair investigating and the mentality of the toilet-seat UFO investigator.

>>If no skeptical input was involved with the review, then why
>>were several UFO cases that were presented to the panel
>>rejected? Why would Robert Bigelow waste thousands and thousands
>>of his dollars if there's nothing to the information. Bigelow's
>>a business man and wouldn't waste a dime on anything without it
>>having merit.

>What does this prove? You knock Klass for dozing but assume that
>there must be something there just because a "business man"
>spends some money on a subject in which he is interested?

Do you even read half of my posts, Bob? It isn't just because a business man is involved. You must have been taking a nap with Klass when you read my previous posts. There was something about a couple of scientists, a book, a review of UFO cases...

>>>Yes, but since only a tiny minority of UFO reports have been
>>>competently examined by anybody, they will continue to exist, I
>>>guess.

>>Then UFOs exist, period. And what exactly defines a competent
>>examination. It's just like the crop circle phenomena, everyone
>>wants to blame Doug and Dave but no one wants to look at the
>>evidence. While many may be hoaxed, there are several that are
>>not.

>The problem is, one can never prove a negative, that several are
>not hoaxed. One can prove a positive, by explaining how they
>were made. Now that would be a discovery. As far as I know
>only Dave and Doug have demonstrated this.

Have you read either of the peer-reviewed scientific papers
regarding crop formations? How many of these instances have you
investigated? That's right - Doug and Dave were out making every
single circle even though there are reports and pictures that
predate anything Doug and Dave claimed to have done. I'm sure
these two old guys are madly running around the UK making
circles and altering the physiology of the vegetation in the
fields - all with Klass there napping under a full moon.

>>I'm not saying all UFO reports are anomalous, but there are
>>those that indeed are unidentified.

>I agree.

Then UFOs exist, your words not mine. There we go, agreeing with
each other again. This is a phenomenon all in itself.

>>Simply being able to turn a UFO into an IFO doesn't
>>make all UFOs IFOs.

>That's also true.

Same as above...

>>And someone simply not seeing a UFO for 17 days doesn't
>>prove anything at all.

>What Case 27 in Condon demonstrated was that all-sky meteor
>cameras did not record any mysterious anomalous objects brighter
>than 4th magnitude, other than meteors and airplanes, during
>100 UFO sightings, and that visual observers who were familiar
>with the local sky also did not see anything unusual during some
>of this time.

>This was, indeed, something very useful to learn. Again, one
>cannot prove a negative, that is that UFOs did not appear to the
>witnesses, but this largely unknown study was quite interesting
>in what it showed about a "UFO flap."

Simply because the cameras and the observers at the cameras
didn't see anything does not mean the witnesses didn't see UFOs
and it doesn't prove that the UFOs weren't there. We can sit
here and overlap logic, semantics and conjecture all day long.
Simply because one case may not have provided you with a
positive UFO sightings doesn't mean there are no UFOs. Again, I
believe that you're looking for the scientific equivalent of
99.998% proof here. The only way for you to achieve that is for
science to have a UFO contained in a laboratory setting for
examination - not likely to happen any time soon.

>>But what got lost in all of this was my original
>>thought; How many UFO investigations had Jill Tarter completed
>>before drawing her conclusion about UFOs?

>Who knows? Did you ever ask her before you called her a
>moron? To be technical, that is what SETI does: investigate
>anomalous radio signals.

Actually I did send an e-mail to SETI since no specific e-mail
address was listed for Jill. No response - mmm, I just must be
another one of those UFO nuts... Again, my original point: Jill
made all her comments without having done what a scientist does:
investigate, experiment and evaluate based on facts. Jill, as
I've already said, has done nothing close to that yet chose to
stick her foot in her mouth.

Royce J. Myers III

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CAUS Fund Raiser Number 2?

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 18:09:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:32:30 -0500
Subject: CAUS Fund Raiser Number 2?

The following is a message from Gersten at CAUS. Apparently the government is wanting to charge him for furthering a search relating to his last litigation/vacation deal. Gersten states that now he may be asking CAUS members for MORE money in order to pay for the search. What happened to the \$10,000 that CAUS members already put out? Are we going to see yet another CAUS fund raiser?

CAUS in COURT: Department of Defense Responds to 33 Keywords

On October 10, 2000 CAUS sent an FOIA request to the Department of Defense (DoD) as well as 8 other governmental agencies requesting information on 33 keywords.
(<http://caus.org/cr101000.htm>)

On November 3rd, CAUS received the DoD's response. The relevant portion of the response states: "Unfortunately, your request is extremely broad in nature and it appears you request a search of every computer within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff. Document's responsive to some of these items (i.e., SPAWAR and NAVAIR) could constitute thousands of pages of information, and to process your request as worded would likely result in a significant accumulation of FOIA fees".

The DoD then cites various fees for search time: "Established DoD fees are: "clerical search, \$12 per hour; professional search, \$25 per hour; executive search, \$45 per hour; computer search, varies according to the system used, billed per minute...".

The DoD's response continues: "Pursuant to the FOIA, we have placed you in the 'other' fee category. 'Other' category requesters receive the first two hours search time and 100 pages of documents at no charge". And the DoD concludes: "Since your request is so broad, we are unable to authorize additional processing with your fee limit of \$50.00".

Several weeks ago CAUS received a response from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). It stated that the NRO had "accepted" the CAUS request and would be processing it. There was no mention that the 33 keywords were "so broad".

In the CAUS lawsuit against the DoD for information on the triangular aerial objects, the DoD used specific keywords during its computerized search of the Joint Staff. Those keywords included such broad terms as: "alien craft", "UFO", "unidentified flying objects", and "flying saucer". What is interesting is that at no time did the DoD request search fees in its attempt to locate information about the Flying Triangles. Could that fact be further evidence of a lack of any search, let alone a reasonable one? Also I wonder what the difference between "professional" and "executive" search is?

The 33 keywords submitted to the 9 agencies were supplied by several CAUS members subsequent to the dismissal of the CAUS lawsuit against the DoD. It appears that at least two, SPAWAR

and NAVAIR, relate to very generalized categories of information, even more generalized than "UFO". I am certain that several CAUS members know the meaning of these two terms (as well as the other 31 keywords) and I would appreciate being informed on the subject.

In the next few days I will be requesting a waiver of any and all additional search fees since the information received from the DoD will be freely shared with the public. But in the event that the DoD denies the request, I am interested in learning whether CAUS members are willing to contribute to the fees necessary to obtain these documents. I have no idea what any of the keywords refer to or whether they are authentic. But we now know that at least two are authentic and relate to actual subjects within the Office of Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff. Whether those subjects have anything to do with our enigmatic flying triangles will only be learned if we obtain the documents.

Peter A. Gersten

Director

Royce J. Myers III

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On Your Open Mind...or the fact that you like to give money to
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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:05:35 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:34:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Rudiak

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 12:58:35 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:03:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>To get back to the subject of fireballs, as in th Coyne case:
>Astronomer Frank Drake tried to track down reports of fireballs
>to try to recover meteorites back in the early 60s when he was
>at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia. He
>wrote of this in his paper, "On the Abilities and Limitations of
>Witnesses of UFO's and Similar Phenomena", in UFO's A Scientific
>Debate, Edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, Norton, 1972, p.
>254.

>He reported, "The first fact we learned was that a witness's
>memory of such exotic events fades very quickly. After one day,
>about half the reports are clearly erroneous; after two days,
>about three quarters are clearly erroneous; after four days,
>only ten percent are good; after five days, people report more
>imagination than truth."

>Doesn't mean that people are necessarily lying, only that they
>are human, like the rest of us.

I wrote a rather extensive commentary on Drake's "Scientific Debate" article on Updates some time back. Here's another go at it. Debunkers like Bob Young love to quote Drake's remark on witness memory as if it were scientific gospel, which it is not. In fact, Drake starts to contradict his own statement in the very next paragraph.

First he notes that witness estimates of fireball duration or the time to arrival of the sonic boom are remarkably good and consistent. How can this be if "after five days, people report more imagination than truth?"

He goes on to state that reported colors for fireballs tend to be all over the map. Is this the failure of witness memory? No, even Drake acknowledges that physical factors not involving the witnesses might be involved. "Fireballs ... can vary in color depending on what materials are in them and the circumstances under which they are seen." Under the circumstances under which they are seen he might have added the vantage points of the observers, the periods of observation, and atmospheric conditions, all of which could have an effect on the perceived spectrum.

Drake also mentions the physiological factor of the degree of dark adaptation of the observers, which is quite correct. He could also have added ambient lighting conditions or whether or not the observers have a color anomaly. He might have mentioned the effect of witness age (the lens of the eye yellows with age absorbing blue light and causing shifts in perceived color toward the opposite end of the spectrum.)

Are the physiological color shifts inherent problem with witness reliability and memory? No, these are problems with color calibration of the visual system. Even mechanical devices like

color cameras, videos, and scanners have this problem. Ever walked into a large consumer electronics store with 100 TV's playing at once and noticed that none of them seem to have the same colors?

Going on Drake states absolutely that "observers always estimate their ability to establish the geometric position of the object in the sky; they are sure that they can recall where the object was and how fast it was moving." But then he again contradicts himself. He notes that this only seems to be true if the observer's have no clear geometric reference points. If on the other hand there are clear reference points, then the data can be very good. Again, this seems to belie his earlier statement that "after five days, people report more imagination than truth."

Throughout all this, Drake supplies zero data to back up his statement. How varied were the witness accounts of color? How inaccurate were their estimates of speed or position? Were their clear trends in the data? What was the statistical spread in the data?

Drake presents none of this so that an independent person might make their own judgment about actual witness reliability. Instead we are left with nothing more than Drake's say-so.

Drake is a scientist and should know very well that even very objective measurements made with instruments suffer from errors due to noise in the data. Scientists have to deal with this every day and apply various statistical techniques to extract useful information. They don't throw their hands up in air and start berating instrument reliability.

Drake (or the equally over-opinionated Bob Young) also doesn't seem to take into account that witness reliability and consistency also has a great deal to do with the experience and competency of the questioner. Drake is primarily a radio astronomer, not a meteor hunter. How did Drake question the witnesses? How much time did he spend with them? In short, what were Drake's interviewing methods?

One meteor expert who figured prominently in UFO history of the late 1940's and early 1950's was Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. LaPaz had quite a reputation for his ability to recover meteorites by going out and interviewing fireball witnesses in the field. Rather than disparaging eyewitness testimony as Drake did (or Bob Young), LaPaz found it invaluable.

Drake claimed that witness statements about direction and position of fireballs tended to be unreliable. But the far more experienced LaPaz through careful questioning of witnesses got highly consistent results, enabling him to accurately plot trajectories of fireballs from triangulation of elevations and azimuths provided by the witnesses. That was the secret of his success in recovering the meteorites.

Did LaPaz think he had to question the witnesses within in few days or the data was completely worthless, as Drake claimed? Apparently not. In one case that I'm familiar with, LaPaz questioned witnesses months after the event and still extracted very consistent data. This case was a bolide that blew up over Kansas on Feb. 18, 1948. LaPaz was working with Army and Air Force intelligence at the time on their flying saucer investigations in New Mexico, and this bolide was initially treated by them as a possible exploded flying saucer. LaPaz received his initial reports on the event from the Army CIC and AFOSI.

But to go on, it soon became clear that this was a garden variety bolide. LaPaz eventually got out to Kansas months later and interviewed the local yokels. I have one of his papers on this event in which he plots the relative positions of the relative fireball from the various witness vantage points. He also marks where witnesses reported seeing explosions of the fireball. It is truly remarkable to see the consistency in this data from about 2 or 3 dozen witnesses. The various explosions are natural time markers in the fireball's trajectory. In each case, the directions given by several witnesses intersect at common points where the explosions occurred.

LaPaz got a very accurate trajectory from this data, went out

with some others and immediately started recovering meteorite fragments from the predicted impact point. This turned out to be the largest carbonaceous meteorite recovery of all time.

On Jan. 30, 1949, a giant green fireball was seen over most of northern New Mexico and on into Texas. This was part of the infamous green fireball phenomenon that started over northern New Mexico in December 1948. LaPaz in cooperation with the CIC, OSI, and FBI interviewed hundreds of witnesses. Again, military intelligence was treating this as a possible crashed UFO (they weren't in the business of hunting meteorites, were they?). There are even some documents to that effect.

In a special secret conference on the green fireballs in Los Alamos Feb. 14, 1949, LaPaz reported his findings based on the witness interviews. There's a lot to this story, but I only want to mention that LaPaz stated that the green fireballs were completely silent, whereas normal large fireballs very frequently trigger witness reports of hearing sizzling sounds. LaPaz also noted that normal fireballs frequently freak out animals even when they are indoors where they can't see the fireball, and attributed it to the anomalous meteor sounds. He couldn't explain these sounds, but stated that the reports were so consistent and extended back in the meteor literature for a long time, so the phenomenon was undoubtedly real.

So LaPaz clearly recognized that a consistently reported phenomenon, no matter how strange or difficult to explain, should be treated very seriously. I want to contrast this now with Drake's comments on exactly the same phenomenon in his "Scientific Debate" article because it clearly points out the failings of the debunking mentality.

Drake starts out with the following comments: "The most curious thing we encountered was that a large percentage of the witnesses ... reported hearing a loud noise at the same time that they saw the fireball. Remarkably, the sound was always described as that of frying bacon, despite the fact that the witnesses had no contact with one another. There was even one man who claimed - and this has been reported with other meteors - that he was inside the house and heard the sizzling sound; wondering what was going on, he went outside and saw the fireball."

Furthermore, "...in the old meteor literature, with almost every fireball recorded, something like 14 per cent of the eyewitnesses report the simultaneous crackling sound, which should be physically impossible. How does the sound get there as fast as light?"

Now what do we have here? We have an anomalous phenomenon reported with high consistency from numerous people from all over the world and over long periods of time. (Sound familiar?) LaPaz was wise enough to realize that the phenomenon must be physically real, even though he didn't understand it.

But not Drake. Drake didn't understand how it was physically possible, therefore it couldn't be. It had to be a problem with the perception of the witnesses. That's the essence of the pelicanist mentality: it can't be, therefore it isn't.

I might add here, that in 1980 a theory finally emerged explaining how large meteors could indeed physically generate these sounds. They have since been recorded in the field. Theory and experiment finally caught up with a large body of highly consistent witness testimony stretching back in the scientific literature over two centuries.

But since Drake can't understand how it could be back in 1972, he goes on to propose a completely asinine "explanation." "One feels that this is a psychological phenomenon, a crossing of waves in the brain. Something like it is occasionally reported by drug users, although the fireball observers were almost certainly not drug users. I suspect under these unusual circumstances, with the mind not prepared for a stimulus but suddenly given an intense stimulus in one sense organ, there may be feed-through into other perceptive centers in the brain. Some will then not only see light but hear sound and perhaps even smell something."

Notice that Drake proposes this nonsensical psychological

"explanation" immediately after acknowledging that there are many reports of people hearing these sounds even when they are indoors. How exactly do these people get that "intense stimulus" when they can't even see it?

There is nothing in the scientific literature then or now to support Drake's theory. Have you ever heard anybody reporting sizzling sounds when somebody pop's a flashbulb in their face or emerges into bright sunlight from a dark movie theater? Drake's theory predicts that, but it never happens.'

The title of Drake's article is "On the Abilities and Limitations of Witnesses of UFO's and Similar Phenomena." Drake makes a number of sweeping and unsupported statements about the general unreliability of witness testimony about meteor fireballs. He is obviously trying to extrapolate this to UFO reports in order to debunk them.

Along the way he contradicts himself a number of times and also fails to consider the possibility that the so-called unreliability of the witnesses may also reflect in part his own inexperience as a field investigator. At the end he tries to dismiss as a "psychological phenomenon" a well-established anomalous phenomenon reported by many fireball witnesses. He steps well outside of his own field of expertise as he does this, and his "explanation" borders on the absurd. He would be hooted off the stage if he proposed this nonsense at a convention of perceptual psychologists.

Yet pelicanists like Bob Young will continue to quote Drake's unsupported, anecdotal statement about witness reliability and we are supposed to treat it as if it were a show-stopper. In reality it flies in the face of common experience. If it were true then absolutely everyone, including Frank Drake, would be reporting "more imagination than truth" five days after anything.

Everyone on the planet would be delusional and suffering from amnesia.

David Rudiak

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:21:44 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:37:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Rudiak

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 00:26:01 -0400
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Andy Roberts <<AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Wright
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 11:20:43 +0100

>In response to the following...

>>>When applied to UFO photographs there has not yet been one which
>>>has been resolved to anything but 'normal' terrestrial or
>>>astronomical phenomena.

<Bruce wrote:

>>If by this you mean of the photos that have been
>>resolved/explained, all the explanations have been conventional,
>>I would agree. However, there are photos and films that remain
>>unexplained.

>There are but as I have repeatedly pointed out, based on what we
>know about the eventual (so far) transition from UFO to IFO it
>is reasonable to suggest that all UFO photographs will be
>resolved with conventional, if occasionally unusual,
>explanations.

Other Robertisms we can expect in other fields of knowledge:

Medicine:

"Based on what we know about the nature of headaches and stomachaches, at least 99% are benign. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that all headaches and stomach-aches will prove to be benign, and are not symptoms of brain tumors or impending strokes."

"Based on what we know about sexual encounters, in at least 99% of the encounters the people never get AIDS. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that AIDS is not a sexually transmitted disease."

"Based on what we know about sexual encounters, in at least 99% of such encounters there is no subsequent pregnancy. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that pregnancy has nothing to do with sex."

"At least 99% of people report no serious side effects from taking aspirin. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that aspirin never causes any serious side effects

Crime:

"Based on what we know about the nature of car alarms, at least 99% of the triggered alarms signal nothing of significance. No doubt with further investigation, we will discover that all are false alarms and cars are never broken into or stolen."

Safety:

"Statistically, at least 99% of airline passengers report arriving safely at their destinations. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that in the future it will be shown that there are never any plane crashes."

etc., etc.

David Rudiak

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Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 04:24:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:40:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal

>Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 03:09:51 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>>Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 15:54:03 +0100
>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@digidezign.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 09:17:35 -0600
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Alien Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>>Hello "Jilain",

>>I read your post and asked myself what the H*** is this? I looked
>>up the Alien Abductions, Inc. website and saw that it was an
>>obvious prank. It ranks down there with the American Computer
>>Company in the stupid pranks book. I imagine people who really
>>feel they were abducted (whatever the cause) won't find it very
>>funny.

<snip>

>Hello Josh!

>On closer inspection, I'm inclined to agree with you that the
>AAI website is a complete put-on.

<snip>

>Here's a question for you cyber sleuths:

>Who put it up?

Hi Larry,

"Who" indeed!

As for funny, go to,

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

Check out the 'Mullet Classification' section!

The website has nothing to do with UFOs... unless you consider
mulletheads space people. ;)

Enjoy,

John Velez

A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm

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

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Crop Circle Hoaxer Or Something More?

From: Mark Haywood <mark.haywood@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 09:28:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:41:28 -0500
Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer Or Something More?

As the police have apparently taken Matthew Williams computer and the crop circle season ended months ago, why has it taken so long to bring him to task?

Or are they more interested in what other data he has in his computer?

Not that I'm trying to start a conspiracy you understand!

Mark Haywood
Cosmic Horizons
<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~mark.haywood/Cosmic>

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:04:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:48:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

Y'all,

Brian wrote:

>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:57:06 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>Non-existent evidence: some recent cited list examples ...

>* Barney & Betty Hill
>* Travis Walton
>* Iranian air force UFO encounter (1976)
>* Cash Landrum sighting and subsequent severe radiation injury.
>* Filer's Files (years' worth of list postings; ever read it?)
>* UFO Roundup (ditto)

>Controversial?

>Sure.

>Open to analysis & debate?

>Always. (which tends to result in books, you know)

Yes Brian, well spotted. the above cases are indeed 'evidence'.
But they are most certainly not 'evidence' of contact with ET.
Do you believe those cases are?

They are evidence of unusual human experiences in the same way
that a thousand and one other areas of anomalous experience are
- including Jerry's beloved 'old hag' study done by Hufford.

>Learn to distinguish between "evidence" and "proof". There is a
>difference. You apparently confuse the two. Or maybe you just
>like to stir up mud. Or both.

I have.
I agree.
I don't.
Only when necessary.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:22:01 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:51:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>OK, joke over, we're talking about the same book. You may
>remember that I reviewed it very favourably in Magonia (or was
>it even in MUFOB days?) shortly after it came out. In my reading
>of the book Hufford is critical of people who have looked at
>phenomena such as the "Old Hag" and have treated them as
>'legends'. 'stories', mere 'folktales' and so on; and have
>indeed conducted a form of literary criticism on them. The value
>of Hufford's book is that he demonstrates that the Old Hag is an
>actual experienced phenomenon, and information about it can be
>gleaned from listening to the people who have personally
>experienced it.

>What Hufford is definitely not saying is that there is an
>actual physical being called the Old Hag which sneaks into
>people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they sleep and
>tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in his approach
>which does not also apply to the type of sceptical, psychosocial
>approach of our beloved pelicans.

This is most intriguing. Jerry C. raises Hufford's book on an almost weekly basis as evidence that Jerry C. is correct because Hufford agrees with what Jerry C thinks (circular logic - but that's the way this list goes sometimes).

But if Clark J and J Rimmer - both well versed in strange phenomena and its analyses, both quite capable of understanding what a book is saying - can't agree on what Hufford is saying, then what hope for any serious discussion of UFO cases here?

Can someone not contact Hufford and ask him to state - simply - for the pelicanists here - what he does think?

Perhaps a question on the lines of:

Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman (or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

And while we're here, and to save further confusion, perhaps Jerry could answer John's question - simply, so the pelicanists won't get confused

>Does Jerry think that any UFOs are real extraterrestrial craft?

And also whilst we're here I'd like to add another phrase to Jerry Clark bingo (as he's used it three times this year that I can recall), this time in reference to me:

>I'm sure that in person you are a perfectly nice guy,

Classic stuff. To which John commented:

>No he isn't, he's a right Yorkshire bastard!

I shall, of course, sue immediately. I'm sure Harry Harris would

be glad of the work.

But the bottom line is, if two heavyweights of the subject and the literature can't agree over the meaning of a book, then all Jerry's blustering about UFOs isn't worth squat.

I rest my valise.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Kilsyth, Australia UFO Researchers? - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison Director AUFORN <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 00:25:26 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:53:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Kilsyth, Australia UFO Researchers? - Harrison

Hi Ken

>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 13:18:47 -0800 (PST)
>From: Ken Kelly <elprospero@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Kilsyth, Australia UFO Researchers?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Would anyone refer me to an Australian UFO researcher,
>enthusiast, or other warm body in Kilsyth, Australia?

Now I don't mind putting you in touch with a UFO researcher but
when you say (or other warm body) do you mean a live one LOL!
..... thats a strange phrase :>)

AUFORN Victoria George Simpson Astrotypejim@aol.com
he may be able to help you out :>)

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Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
Co Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
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EDITORIAL

Recently, a complaint by Dr Jill Tarter, of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute, to a web site which headlined a contribution from her describing SETI's work as "searching for UFOs", was brought to the attention of the Internet UFO forum, UFO UpDates. Tarter wrote that "SETI is scientific and credible, and UFO claims and studies are not". This caused much foaming at the mouth and chewing of carpets among the list's mainly American, mainly ETH, subscribers. Bob Young defended Tarter against the attacks and was in turn attacked by Jerome Clark for writing a favourable review of Curtis Peebles's "dishonest and even plagiaristic book" (Watch the Skies!). Some ETHers got even more bad-tempered. One wrote: "Welcome to the UFO Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes and Morons, Jill . . . "

Of course, Jill Tarter is right. If she reads a UFO book or attends a UFO conference she is almost certain to encounter the ravings of the ETH-obsessed and the lecture-circuit liars. In an article written some years ago Tarter described searching for ETI signals as being like looking for a needle in a haystack. The same analogy could be applied to an outsider seeking genuinely scientific ufologists.

ENTIRELY DISPOSED

Martin S. Kottmeyer

Ten years ago, January 1990, an essay of mine titled "Entirely Unprejudiced" was published in Magonia. It brought together three claims by ufologists that UFO and abduction case material was without cultural provenance. No ready psychosocial explanations existed for such things as the shape of flying saucers, the nature of the Greys, or the Hill abduction case; they felt. This meant extraterrestrials newly came to our world in 1947. These claims provided a dialectical opportunity to showcase material I had run across in my enjoyment of science fiction and discoveries I made in correspondence with fellow UFO buffs. The discoveries were largely serendipitous things, the outcome of eclectic recreational consumption of both science fiction and UFO literature rather than concerted research. As many SF buffs hold ufology to be beneath notice and UFO buffs tend to obsess on their subject to the exclusion of SF, I was in a rare position to be aware of enough of both fields to see the overlap that existed between them.

"Entirely Unprejudiced" was well regarded and it is one of my more widely cited articles. It has prompted praise and has led to the flattery that I am an expert in science fiction. I didn't care to disabuse people of that notion though I knew that hundreds of SF buffs consumed far more and were more intensely involved in the subject. That I had only scratched the surface would be apparent to everyone these days if it wasn't for the

fact that Michel Meurger's book *Scientifictions* no. 1/1 (Encrage, 1995) is available only in French and his "Surgeons from Outside" English piece is trapped in the expensive Fortean Studies No. 3. More than I, Meurger has shown the massive foreshadowing of UFO mythology in pulp science fiction and cultural tradition. His work is to mine as a miner's long day is to a pleasant stroll down the lane.

There has been some recent criticism of my essay that I wish to comment on here. Anthony R. Brown, in the latest issue of *Magonia* (October 2000), refers to the part of the essay dealing with observations by me suggesting that *Invaders from Mars* was one of the influences on Betty Hill's nightmare. He asserts I went "to extraordinary lengths to claim that a specific film was the origin of their experience. There are two important points that are never addressed in such assertions. The first is that there is not a single case from the decades of sleep and dream research where a film has been partially duplicated by subsequent dreaming . . . dream imagery and story are always different from the film. The emotional tone might be virtually identical in both film and subsequent dream, but never the imagery and story."

Brown offers no sources for this claim but I know it is false from personal experience. I've had movie imagery reflected in my dreams on more than one occasion. Once, after seeing *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, I had a surreal dream of pods identical from the film being fired like artillery shells in a war. Army trucks were also present like near the end of that film. I also know it is false from reading Robert L. van de Castle's *Our Dreaming Mind* (Ballantine, 1994, p. 241). He describes two studies by D. Foulkes of individuals being shown a pair of films and determining their effect on content. The first study indicated it was extremely obvious to judges in 5 per cent of the dreams whether a western or neutral romantic comedy had been seen. In the second study, Foulkes is reported as saying 8 per cent of the dreams incorporated elements from the pre-sleep film. Never say never.

I also recommend Kelly Bulkeley's *The Wilderness of Dreams* (State U. of NY Press, 1994, pp. 188-9) for that author's discussion of a dream of being dissected by an evil alien. The influence of the film *Excalibur*, recently seen, was evident in the presence of knights in the early part of the nightmare. Bulkeley also indicated having had heart-pounding dreams of being chased by Darth Vader, whose source in movie imagery is beyond doubt. Brown's claim was scarcely believable from the standpoint of observations that have existed for over a century noting that dreams incorporate imagery from memory in distorted form (Freud, Sigmund, *The Interpretation of Dreams*, Avon, 1965, pp. 44-55). Given that films do enter our memories, how could they be immune from use by dreams?

Brown's use of the phrase "partially duplicated" seems to indicate he thinks my assertion of influence involves a precise replay of the film in Betty's dream, but let me quote "Entirely Unprejudiced" to refresh his memory. "The match between *Invaders from Mars* and Betty Hill's nightmares is imperfect and obviously has none of the rigour of a mathematical equation. Dreams and nightmares by their nature are almost never veridical memories. Even if Betty Hill was really abducted it would be unusual for her nightmares to be a photographic replay of her trauma. The felt emotions would resurface, but it would bear only a metaphoric similarity in its dramatic content. The most one would generally expect is snatches of unique imagery to help in the piecing together of the sources the dream spun off of. It is something of a wonder that enough elements exist of this character . . . to make an identification that can be called convincing."

It should also be noticed, contra Brown, that I don't assert the film is the origin of Betty's nightmares. I note that Keyhoe's book is also a source in that article. More recently I have spoken of the incorporation of her fears of radiation contamination as a source of some of the medical imagery (*Magonia Monthly Supplement* No. 12, February 1999). There are numerous origins - emphasis on the plural - to her experience.

Greg Sandow, in his essay "The Abduction Conundrum" (*Anomalist* No. 7, Winter 98/99, and Sandow's personal web site) offers another sort of criticism. He indicates I am "completely unaware

of how silly" I sound when I point out some of the elements of abduction stories appeared in earlier science fiction. He grants that anybody could "cherry pick" old issues of *Amazing Stories* and emerge with elements of the abduction story. His complaint is that I don't explain how they come together in the current storyline of abductions being taken throughout a person's life and using us sexually without explaining their designs upon us. I'm engaged in "vulgar" Gotcha-type thinking, he proposes. "Kottmeyer doesn't make predictions from his theory, doesn't give us any way to separate abduction tales that might be influenced by media from those that wouldn't be. Besides . . . the science fiction details could be veiled abduction memories."

The concession that one can find the abduction elements in earlier culture forgets that it was the Hopkins claim that one could not find those elements in earlier culture that was being disproven. One doesn't need to have a theory, amateur or professional, to prove such a point. Sandow takes no notice that if he alleges early science fiction stories are veiled abduction memories, he is undercutting the framework of interpretation that Jacobs, Hopkins, and Bullard were using, i.e. the aliens arrived in 1947 or thereabouts and nothing in earlier culture existed because they were elsewhere. Strike out that assumption and their claims of novelty have no point, let alone force.

In speaking of my not providing an explanation of the present storyline, particularly the part about the abductors not explaining themselves, Sandow is clearly parroting an argument made by Jacobs in his book *Secret Life* (Fireside, 1992, p. 297). Sandow is saying I should have addressed in a 1990 essay an argument that did not even exist till two years later. Subsequent to reading Jacobs's book I did point out that some of this new argument was demonstrably false. There are film aliens that never explain themselves and many films have aliens interested in the subject of procreation. This was discussed in my May 1994 essay "Spawn of Inseminoid" (REALL News, 2, 5). The storyline about abductees being taken throughout their lives is one I have not addressed largely because I was unaware anyone thought it truly a matter of interest. Indeed I was under the impression that this business of abductees being followed throughout their lives was an embarrassment because it is so clearly a new storyline that did not exist prior to Hopkins. It is inconsistent with the body of abductions that existed before he came on the scene.

Sandow wants a way to separate abductions influenced by media and those that are not. Easy. Have the abductees persuade the aliens to visit Seth Shostak and Stephen Jay Gould. Persuade the aliens to give them copies of their mission records, a universal translator, and a library of a hundred books dealing in depth with such matters as alien zoology, alien palaeontology, alien biochemistry, a medical text, art history, antique guides to show they are up and up on being from an alien civilization. If the mission records back the abduction claims then we will know which accounts were real and beyond influence. Failing that, there are always things like FBI room-sweeps for alien skin cells or scales, mass witnessing of crafts, instrumental records like videotaped intrusions that pass muster upon scrutiny by non-believers.

Sandow wants predictions. Jacobs's alien takeover by big bug aliens will not happen. The apocalypses seen by abductees and supported by Mack will not happen. Mainstream science will not enter ufology en masse and become convinced of the existence of aliens who are spying on humanity or using us as part of a hybrid programme. The general UFO culture will continue to manifest all manner of paranoid themes. The government, being unable to prove to ufologists they are not engaged in a massive cover-up, will provide no confessions. On the matter of the general proposition that psychosocial theorists do not offer testable propositions, a position held by both Sandow and Brown, I remind critics here that my article "Abduction: The Boundary-Deficit Hypothesis" (Magonia No. 32) predicted "the final population of abduction claimants would be biased in favour of a high proportion of boundary-deficit personalities". I subsequently pointed out that there is a test instrument developed by Ernest Hartmann that reliably discriminates between people with thin boundaries and those who have thick or normal boundaries (Kottmeyer, Martin, "Testing the Boundaries", *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience*, 5, 4, August 1994). Low scores would falsify the hypothesis. David Ritchey subsequently gave

the Boundary Questionnaire to 14 abductees. The average score was 305 ("Elephantology - The Science of Limiting Perception to a Single Aspect of a Large Object, Parts II & III", Bulletin of Anomalous Experience, 5, 6, December 1994, pp. 11-16). This was nicely in the range defined as thin-boundaried (Hartmann, Ernest, Boundaries of the Mind, Basic, 1991, p. 254).

Brown avers that "hysteria is the foundation stone upon which the whole Psychosocial model is built". This is untrue in regard to my thinking. Anyone who has followed my writings would more properly tend to regard as central my argument that paranoia underlies and shapes much of UFO belief. This would be solidly falsified if the ETH could be solidly verified in the ways mentioned above. Less definitively, it could be undermined in many theorists' eyes if tests like the MMPI were given to believers and the scores on the Pa (Paranoia) scale came out low. A look at studies of abductees - presumably UFO believers - however tend to show the Pa score above average. Sprinkle and Parnell gave two standard psychological tests to 225 people who reported UFO experiences. Both tests found moderately elevated scores on the Pa scale and those with communication experiences were significantly more elevated (Parnell, June O. and Sprinkle, R. Leo, "Personality Characteristics of Persons who Claim UFO Experiences", Journal of UFO Studies, n.s. 2 (1990), pp. 45-58). Rodeghier, Goodpaster, and Blatterbauer got a Pa score consistent within less than a point to Parnell and Sprinkle when they gave the MMPI to 27 abductees (Rodeghier, Mark, Goodpaster, Jeff and Blatterbauer, Sandra, "Psychosocial Characteristics of Abductees: Results from the CUFOS Abduction Project", Journal of UFO Studies, n.s. 3 (1991), pp. 59-90). Those who adopt the ETH position of course shrug this off with an interpretation along the lines of - I admit this is caricature - "Well, you'd be paranoid too if aliens were coming repeatedly in the night, sticking needles up your nose, and stealing your sperm, ova, or embryo to make hybrids to save their dying race." How does one argue against that?

Obviously, you don't. Instead you move on to do a history of the Greys and show their origins in discarded theories of evolution and pulp science fiction. Brown tells us that this teaches us nothing people did not already know. Well, I contend it has! - if I may borrow his exclamation mark for a moment. Hopkins, Jacobs, Mack, indeed no abduction researcher has offered a history of the Grey concept in their writings so this is new knowledge no matter how deep in denial Brown chooses to be. The fact that Hufford, whom Brown suggests we should emulate, was interested in clinical details like sleep paralysis rather than the origins and inconsistencies of the surface content of Old Hag experiences only tells us Hufford was already satisfied that nobody would challenge the axiom that Old Hags were obviously not physically sitting on people's chests. Being able to say that Greys are almost certainly fictional rather than real is clearly relevant in deciding if the paranoia is of the aliens-are-truly-victimizing-me sort or distrust-skews-how-I-interpret-weird-things sort. I don't know that this makes any difference to clinicians. I'm not a doctor nor do I pretend to be. Clearly, though, many people watching this phenomenon are still curious to know whether abduction experiences signify something that we should be worried about as a real threat to humanity or whether they are a tragically false belief we should hope people will eventually wake up from.

I do not plan to offer any grand unifying theories of abduction experiences in the near future of the sort that will solve all the things Sandow demands and will demand of psychosocial theory. Such is impossible without compelling grand unifying theories of dreams and nightmares to build on, or compelling grand unifying theories of mythology, or compelling grand unifying theories of cultural obsessions. I do know a thing or two, however, about recognising false beliefs and fallacious arguments. My curiosity indicated certain directions for explaining these errors of belief and I continue to believe my contributions to psychosocial thought have merit. That some readers reject and malign these ideas is unfortunate, but life is diverse and universal agreement on anything does not happen even among the angels (Jeffrey Burton Russell, Lucifer, Cornell, 1984, pp. 36, 44. Angels and humans, unlike aliens, occasionally tire of being servants, or so I'm told). I continue to hope thoughtful people will catch on that this phenomenon will likely continue to have no happy resolution for all concerned. If you have a need to be of service to humanity, pick a pursuit more

certain to serve good like life-guarding, fire fighting, medicine, engineering, auto manufacture, farming, et cetera. Keep your options open if you must, but diversify your interests to include things that will ultimately be less a waste of your time, money, and emotional investment.

Time will not only tell who is right in these matters; to a large extent it already has.

"Keep your eyes a little wide and blank" - Dr Miles Bennell's instructions on how to look like a pod person, Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956)

LITERARY CRITICISM

Timothy Good. Uearthly Disclosure: Conflicting Interests in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, Century, London, 2000. £16.99

As usual, Timothy Good regales us with some interesting UFO yarns. His technique must now be familiar to most readers. Take some sensational reports, then select accounts of investigations by the more credulous researchers. The work of more sceptical and probing investigators is ignored or brushed aside. Of course Good takes the trouble to make contact with many witnesses and investigators and - surprise, surprise - most of them tell him what he wants to hear.

Even Good's boundless credulity is strained on occasion, though. He devotes three chapters to the absurd stories told by the contactee Enrique Castillo Rincon about his encounters with Nordics from the Pleiades, admits that they are unbelievable, but concludes somewhat lamely: "Most probably his narrative is a mixture of truth and fiction. Whatever the case, he has provided us with a fascinating story and one which I believe contains important new insights." He doesn't give us any indication of what these insights might be, of course, and such remarks are typical of his incisive analysis of UFO narratives. But perhaps he is reluctant to indulge in "literary criticism".

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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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Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Prokic

From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@pobox.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 08:11:49 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 14:01:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science - Prokic

>Date: 3 Nov 2000 12:54:23 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:27:34 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science

>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>>Date: 2 Nov 2000 10:52:55 -0800
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Yet More Insights From Pelican Science
>>>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 12:27:57 -0600

>>>>Listfolk:

>>>>Recent developments in pelican science have opened up whole new
>>>>vistas to UFO research. Through its insights we are able to look
>>>>at old cases with new eyes.
>>>>Are the pelicanists in flight yet?

>>>Have you added this term to the Ufologist glossary?

>>Just want to take the op to warmly welcome back an old friend.
>>Mr Bill, what's the latest and the greatest with the Phoenix
>>"triangle craft" sighting from 1997?

>Read all about it soon when my book on the Phoenix Lights is launched
>as an e-book. Will let you know.

I'll buy your e-book as long as you don't tell me the Phoenix
Lights were really Pelican Droppings after the Pelicans ate
weeds from the Swamp Gas - causing the Pelican Droppings to
appear as if they were Military Flares.

No Pelican poop, please! :-)

Roger

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 12:22:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 14:03:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Salvaille

>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:57:06 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600

<snip>

>>As usual Jerry you have failed to actually read and understand
>>my posts and instead have chosen to interpret them in your own
>>unique way. I didn't say the above, nor do I think it.

>>I did, however, say that I believe UFO authors have a duty not
>>to publish material in their books which imply we are being
>>visited by 'aliens' (use your own choice of word here) in
>>'craft' (ditto), when the evidence for this is non-existent.

>Non-existent evidence: some recent cited list examples ...

- >* Barney & Betty Hill
- >* Travis Walton
- >* Iranian air force UFO encounter (1976)
- >* Cash Landrum sighting and subsequent severe radiation injury.
- >* Filer's Files (years' worth of list postings; ever read it?)
- >* UFO Roundup (ditto)

>Controversial?

>Sure.

>Open to analysis & debate?

>Always. (which tends to result in books, you know)

>Non-existent?

>Ridiculous. Get real.

>Learn to distinguish between "evidence" and "proof". There is a
>difference. You apparently confuse the two. Or maybe you just
>like to stir up mud. Or both.

Hello Brian, Jerry and List,

[can't include Andy, as he never responds ;)]

Lost cause Brian.

Asking a debunker to consider facts is like talking respect with
some punk writing graffiti on mountains.

If a debunker had any talent for analysis and a background of intellectual honesty, would he be debunking?

Is it possible to seek any truth with someone who suffers from selective short term (10 seconds) amnesia and long term realophobia?

Cheers, clear skies and whatever,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Meiners

From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 10:29:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:04:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Meiners

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 15:36:06 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 12:58:35 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 19:38:28 -0700

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>>>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0600

>Bob,

>>My wife's uncle once described something similar to me. Lighting
>>had struck a power pole in front of his house and a ball of
>>light had bounced down the street. I once spoke to an airline
>>pilot who told me that after lighting had apparently struck the
>>nose of his aircraft, ball lightning had flouted back down the
>>isle and into the passenger area, where it disappeared.

>Ah, yes, anecdotal testimony from persons who, pelicanists would
>tell us if they truly had the courage and consistency of their
>stated convictions, were probably fooled by some conventional
>stimulus; if not that, they were probably making the stories up.
>Misperceptions and hoaxes abound in alleged BL sightings, as
>even true believers in its reality concede.

>>The thing about ball lightning is that there are pictures of it

>Just as there are pictures of UFOs. And, according to James Dale
>Barry (author of the classic Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning),
>the overwhelming majority of pictures of BL are fakes. What is
>your point -- other than, of course, the obvious one: that you
>hold people you agree with to one standard, the rest of us to
>another?

>>and there has been lots of work done on plasmas, which are the
>>best bet, I gather, for an explanation. Science has moved
>>forward on the matter of ball lightning in the last 50 years.

>Nope. Various theories have been offered, and all have been
>judged unsatisfactory for one reason or another. One important
>reason some scientists still deny that BL exists. In the end,
>scientists interested in and sympathetic to BL point to
>sightings -- you know, anecdotal testimony -- as the reason for
>their belief in the phenomenon. The quote I used earlier, from
>Australian plasma physicist John Lowke, was in direct response
>to a question from Scientific American on why he thinks BL is

>real. As listfolk may recall better than Bob does, Lowke said he
>believes in it because people he judges credible claim to have
>seen it.

>>Of course, this is all headed toward his nemesis, Philip J.
>>Klaus, who's first book on the subject, UFOs Identified,
>>focused on the ball lightning explanation.

>Klaus? Again? Well, I recently misspelled Santa's last name the
>same way, so I guess I'll give you a pass on Klass's last name.
>I think you're getting us both confused.

>That aside, your pelicanist credentials are well in order, I
>see. UFOs Identified, the book you alluded to here, was exposed
>as an exercise in ludicrous pseudoscience by both James
>McDonald and the Condon Committee*. And you are actually citing
>it as if it's something we ought to be taking seriously? One
>standard for your side, another for ours. Could anything be more
>predictable?

>Jerry Clark

>*Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, Bantam
>edition, 748-50.

These are my thoughts on "pelicanism", for what it is worth:

If we were totally governed, bad enough, partially, by
pelicanism, then we would never have gotten out of the ameba
stage, because we would not have been able to determined truth
from lies, reality from whatever, because we would always assume
that what is - isn't and if it appears to be - don't trust it. I
sincerely hope and pray to whatever deity exists in the
universe, that pelicanism is a definite minority.

G'ma

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Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 12:46:16 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:07:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Mortellaro

>From: Fran Walton <FWalton55@cs.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 18:47:32 EST
>Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation'
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 09:21:55 -0700

>Hi Sue, Errol, and List

>>Fran wrote:

>>>How could an abductee or someone who has perceived himself to
>>>be one, assimilate the events into their everyday lives without
>>>assistance?

>If I have offended you, I apologize. My comment was not meant
>to be addressed to all abductees as such. I am sure that many
>do go on living healthy, productive, lives without any
>_professional_ assistance.

>Snip

>Equally as important, again, in my opinion, if not even _more_
>important, is the need for a Universal Code of Ethics amongst
>all researchers and counsellors of any type in the field of
>ufology.

<snip>

Interesting statement of fact. That it is fact is telling. If mainstream science were to embrace this phenom, such a Code would not be necessary. Since mainstream science stays away from the phenom like the plague, those who are _not_ scientists or physicians become the standard bearer for them. And everyone knows these are nothing more than amateurs. Some of the world's most important science has come from amateurs. Some of the world's greatest stupidity has come from amateurs. Boy are we in trouble.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Captain Edward J. Ruppelt Book Update - Klotz

From: Jim Klotz <jklotz77@foxinternet.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 10:05:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:10:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Captain Edward J. Ruppelt Book Update - Klotz

>From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Captain Edward J. Ruppelt Book Update
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 14:55:45 -0700

>A new book, 'Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer Of The Saucers
>-1952' by Wendy A. Connors and Michael D. Hall, is now
>available.

>ISBN: 0-9705055-0-7, 304 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 Perfect Bound, it
>contains extensive notes, bibliography, appendicies and full
>index. Profusely illustrated.

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>of Captain Ruppelt and the rise of Project Blue Book ever
>written. Containing new photographs of Capt. Ruppelt and the
>people behind the military investigation of flying saucers. You
>are taken in to the secret intrigue and drama behind the scenes
>of the great Flying Saucer Wave of 1952, how Blue Book began and
>how the CIA neutralized it forever. You'll learn what really
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Wendy and List:

My opinion:

Being a regular customer of Bob Girard's Arcturus Books, I pre-ordered your (and Mr. Hall's) Ruppelt 'Summer of the Saucers' book and, although I have just started it, can see that it is obviously a major addition to the "historical" ufology literature. I believe that one must study history thoroughly to even begin to understand where (and why) things are as they are today.

Folks, order a copy of this ASAP; you'll be glad you did, and Mr. Girard will appreciate your business as well.

(end unsolicited opinion)

Jim Klotz
CUFON SYSOP

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Re: CAUS Fund Raiser Number 2? - Lamphere

From: **Lan Lamphere** <lan@oklahomasky.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 14:43:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:13:37 -0500
Subject: Re: CAUS Fund Raiser Number 2? - Lamphere

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: CAUS Fund Raiser Number 2?
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 18:09:12 -0800

>The following is a message form Gersten at CAUS. Apparently the
>government is wanting to charge him for furthering a search
>relating to his last litigation/vacation deal. Gersten states
>that now he may be asking CAUS members for MORE money in order
>to pay for the search. What happened to the \$10,000 that CAUS
>members already put out? Are we going to see yet another CAUS
>fund raiser?

Hello All!

Where can I find more information about Gerstien and these
alligations made toward his spending of CAUS funds? I would
like to do a show on this subject.

Lan Lamphere

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Astrophysicists & Star Fleet Captains

From: Diana Botsford <diana@oznet.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 15:06:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:15:05 -0500
Subject: Astrophysicists & Star Fleet Captains

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"To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought . . .
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."
Tennyson's Ulysses

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Mussolini's UFO Files

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** - CUN <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:50:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:18:17 -0500
Subject: Mussolini's UFO Files

Mussolini's UFO files case on line at:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/fasfile/immagini.htm>

(many pictures, including Nordung Model, German flying saucer of 1930);

History of Fascist UFO files (in Italian) at:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/fasfile/fafil.htm>

with many pictures of the real documents (thanks to Vladimiro Bibolotti, Italy's National UFO Center secretary).

Best wishes,

Alfredo Lissoni

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Re: Military Abductions? - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 16:32:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:25:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Hart

>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:16:41 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

<snip>

>>>>The monitoring (government of abductees) is for recovery
>>>>of individual experiences and possible contact with the
>>>>"other" activity so that it can be contained.

>I asked: How do you know this Gary?

>>The stated logic fits the observed conditions.

>Gary, there is no "logic" to any of this. You don't make it any
>easier or clearer when you respond to requests for evidence with
>more outrageous rumors and speculation. None of which you are
>able to justify in any measure at all. Not even a little. You do
>not make a convincing or even a good argument for your self.

>Again, if you have anything that will induce any interested
>third party that; government agents are running around in the
>corn fields of the great American mid-west zapping open and then
>closing dimensional doorways (while simultaneously hiding the
>whole operation with a Klingon cloaking device) I'm all eyes and
>ears.

>We all are.

>Gary, proving any one of the claims that you've made would
>ensure your place in the history books!

>Just share with us this "research" that you conducted that has
>convinced you that what you have claimed above is true. You're
>dealing with an open-minded crowd here. You won't find a better
>or more attentive audience anywhere. If you have anything
>solid, I for one (and I'm sure I speak for others), will take
>the time to give it and you serious consideration and thought.

>If not.....

Brother Velez,

I don't wish to say more. My work is to get proof as we all wish to see. My resources are pointed in this direction. Take what I say however you wish. Unfortunately I can't discuss how I am proceeding because MUFON & NIDS would get information they don't deserve. I could talk by phone but not in more detail on this List.

Clues are present in everything I post. We are moving forward but the phenomena doesn't perform on command and any unmarked response is yet a very small subset of all observed activity so it is difficult to get proof even if you look for it. Saying there is no acceptable proof and taking the next step to develop a strategy to find it are understandably two different things.

All my statements come from several witnesses in several

families in almost every case so the information is corroborated within each situation enough to cause me to generate a specific strategy to follow activity through extended cycles. Collected data shows this strategy to work.

I am always as specific as the data allows, therefore, I do not call "unmarked" activity military. I do not know who it is but it is someone with resources and military-style vehicles when necessary.

Does some anomalous activity generate a patterned response from persons unknown? Yes, in my opinion. I'm "in the trenches" when it comes to research but cannot be more open and may never be so because of the meaning of the data collected.

The Italian and Norwegian groups that are/have done work at Hessdalen are much like what I and colleagues are doing here in the states at different locations. Can anyone else say they are collecting data this way? Not that I'm aware of.

If you protest, then I don't have to mention anything I'm doing. Rest assured the methods we are using are, from a technical standpoint, several steps above anything we have heard about to-date.

Gary

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:07:55 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:29:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:21:44 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 18:32:15 -0000

>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 00:26:01 -0400
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>From: Andy Roberts <<AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Wright
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 11:20:43 +0100

>>In response to the following...

>>>>When applied to UFO photographs there has not yet been one which
>>>>has been resolved to anything but 'normal' terrestrial or
>>>>astronomical phenomena.

><Bruce wrote:

>>>>If by this you mean of the photos that have been
>>>>resolved/explained, all the explanations have been conventional,
>>>>I would agree. However, there are photos and films that remain
>>>>unexplained.

>>There are but as I have repeatedly pointed out, based on what we
>>know about the eventual (so far) transition from UFO to IFO it
>>is reasonable to suggest that all UFO photographs will be
>>resolved with conventional, if occasionally unusual,
>>explanations.

>Other Robertisms we can expect in other fields of knowledge:

>Medicine:

>"Based on what we know about the nature of headaches and
>stomachaches, at least 99% are benign. Therefore it is
>reasonable to suggest that all headaches and stomach-aches will
>prove to be benign, and are not symptoms of brain tumors or
>impending strokes."

>"Based on what we know about sexual encounters, in at least 99%
>of the encounters the people never get AIDS. Therefore it is
>reasonable to suggest that AIDS is not a sexually transmitted
>disease."

>"Based on what we know about sexual encounters, in at least 99%
>of such encounters there is no subsequent pregnancy. Therefore
>it is reasonable to suggest that pregnancy has nothing to do
>with sex."

>"At least 99% of people report no serious side effects from
>taking aspirin. Therefore it is reasonable to suggest that
>aspirin never causes any serious side effects

>Crime:

>"Based on what we know about the nature of car alarms, at least
>99% of the triggered alarms signal nothing of significance. No
>doubt with further investigation, we will discover that all are
>>false alarms and cars are never broken into or stolen."

>Safety:

>"Statistically, at least 99% of airline passengers report
>arriving safely at their destinations. Therefore it is
>reasonable to suggest that in the future it will be shown that
>there are never any plane crashes."

Andys logic trail just got drilled, deluxe. I can't wait for the
response, probably something along the lines of 'it only applys
if you are dealing with alleged UFO events.....' or some other
story.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:16:15 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:32:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Roberts

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:04:49 -0000

>Y'all,

>Brian wrote:

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:57:06 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>Non-existent evidence: some recent cited list examples ...

>>* Barney & Betty Hill
>>* Travis Walton
>>* Iranian air force UFO encounter (1976)
>>* Cash Landrum sighting and subsequent severe radiation injury.
>>* Filer's Files (years' worth of list postings; ever read it?)
>>* UFO Roundup (ditto)

>>Controversial?

>

>>Sure.

>>Open to analysis & debate?

>>Always. (which tends to result in books, you know)

>Yes Brian, well spotted. the above cases are indeed 'evidence'.
>But they are most certainly not 'evidence' of contact with ET.
>Do you believe those cases are?

>They are evidence of unusual human experiences in the same way
>that a thousand and one other areas of anomalous experience are
>- including Jerry's beloved 'old hag' study done by Hufford.

Hmm, using Andys logic about how these cases are "evidence of unusual human experiences" you could say a rape or mugging is not evidence of criminals and crime, it is merely evidence of unusual human experiences.

>>Learn to distinguish between "evidence" and "proof". There is a
>>difference. You apparently confuse the two. Or maybe you just
>>like to stir up mud. Or both.

>I have.

From your writings I can't see that you have been able to distinguish between evidence and proof. The evidence further suggests that you subscribe to the theory 'it can't be so therefore it isn't and all evidence no matter what is presented points to it can't be.

Cheers, Robert

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:18:42 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 20:34:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Gates

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:22:01 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>>OK, joke over, we're talking about the same book. You may
>>remember that I reviewed it very favourably in Magonia (or was
>>it even in MUFOB days?) shortly after it came out. In my reading
>>of the book Hufford is critical of people who have looked at
>>phenomena such as the "Old Hag" and have treated them as
>>'legends'. 'stories', mere 'folktales' and so on; and have
>>indeed conducted a form of literary criticism on them. The value
>>of Hufford's book is that he demonstrates that the Old Hag is an
>>actual_experienced_phenomenon, and information about it can be
>>gleaned from listening to the people who have personally
>>experienced it.

>>What Hufford is definitely_not_saying is that there is an
>>actual physical being called the Old Hag which sneaks into
>>people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they sleep and
>>tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in his approach
>>which does not also apply to the type of sceptical, psychosocial
>>approach of our beloved pelicans.

>This is most intriguing. Jerry C. raises Hufford's book on an
>almost weekly basis as evidence that Jerry C. is correct because
>Hufford agrees with what Jerry C thinks (circular logic - but
>that's the way this list goes sometimes).

>But if Clark J and J Rimmer - both well versed in strange
>phenomena and its analyses, both quite capable of understanding
>what a book is saying - can't agree on what Hufford_is_saying,
>then what hope for any serious discussion of UFO cases here?

>Can someone not contact Hufford and ask him to state - simply -
>for the pelicanists here - what he does think?

>Perhaps a question on the lines of:

>Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman
>(or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

>And while we're here, and to save further confusion, perhaps
>Jerry could answer John's question - simply, so the pelicanists
>won't get confused

>>Does Jerry think that any UFOs are real extraterrestrial craft?

>And also whilst we're here I'd like to add another phrase to
>Jerry Clark bingo (as he's used it three times this year that
>I can recall), this time in reference to me:

>>I'm sure that in person you are a perfectly nice guy,

>Classic stuff. To which John commented:

>>No he isn't, he's a right Yorkshire bastard!

>I shall, of course, sue immediately. I'm sure Harry Harris would
>be glad of the work.

>But the bottom line is, if two heavyweights of the subject and
>the literature can't agree over the meaning of a book, then all
>Jerry's blustering about UFOs isn't worth squat.

Likewise, if skeptics can't agree whether Trent (or any other
UFO witness for that matter) used a pie pan, mirror,
photographic trick, then all of their blustering about UFOs
isn't worth squat either.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Military Abductions - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 17:17:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:37:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions - Hart

>From: Elizabeth Hammondliuzz@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 02:13:19 -0500

>Gary, you stated:

>>Abductees are assumed to be around each of the few hot spot
>>areas we know of

>You go on:

>>I have (made the assumption). It stands up in all the cases I
>>actively work with. And yes, it is strange. It often seems as
>>if certain persons are moved by the ETs to occupy anomaly areas
>>where sightings are commonly seen. Seems to be a clear strategic
>>action on the part of both ETs and group surveilling them.

>Gary, how many times have you seen this, and actively worked
>with any of it? Have you photographed any of this? Or at least,
>do you recognize any of the "Abductees" involved? Or the type of
>"ET"?

I am working with abductees at several locations where this type of activity has occurred. ETs were greys, four-foot bug-like creatures, insectoid, perhaps several other types.

After answering J Velez, I can add that these cases I have either heard of or work with are the ones that are not public for the very reasons you next suggest. Very few cases are like this but there are some. I've worked actively in this field and know of eight cases to some degree like these. When Colm Kelleher made an exaggerated statement in late July deriding my belief govt. entities may be actively involved I laughed uproariously. He knows little in the grand scheme of things.

>As an Abductee, this is frightening stuff your talking
>about. ET involvement as well as humans in unmarked cars. What
>is it the "Abductees do during all this, and when are they
>returned?

The human involvement isn't within the abductions as far as is currently apparent. It looks more like area monitoring.

>Have you ever actually seen this happen? If so, where, and what
>type of Alien was it?

No. Data matches from one area to another though which itself is very odd. See above for alien type.

>>Area activities seen by witnesses include sightings
>>of craft or craft/entity contact with area residents or
>>other physical objects. In other words, if entities
>>are seen walking around, agents go in to attempt to
>>stop it.

>It's hard to believe that these "Witnesses" are not coming
>forward about this. I know if I saw an "Alien" get out of his
>craft and start walking around my yard I'd be on the phone in a

>second! First to the police, second to the newspapers, third,
>every Abductee I know close enough to get to my place quickly!

The third happens but it is easy to see why the first and second items don't happen. These types of case are generally not ever discussed openly and no one, no other researcher knows of them and recognizes their research potential. The investigation and research has to be done respectfully, truthfully, responsibly and within the psychological comfort restrictions the abductees set. I am doing this. Publicity is not a necessary feature of these investigations. High quality documentation is. I choose not to rehash old UFO cases but to work with ongoing activity situations.

>What exactly are these Agents going in to stop, by the way, and
>how do they actually stop it? Who are they? Government Agents,
>I'm presuming from what you write. But how do you know this? You
>seem to state everything as emphatic fact, yet you seem to have
>nothing with which to back up your claims.

This is a conversational style to make others aware of particular situations. I don't know who "they" are. "They" are careful not to be identified. Multiple witnesses claim seeing unusual technology used to make humans invisible to most but not all present a few feet away. Witnesses have seen a laser-like device used for an unknown purpose.

>Looking forward to your answers, Gary,

>Liz

I encourage everyone to take this with a grain of salt but if you have ever noticed things like this, get in touch with me and we can talk in confidence because I have some expertise in working in these areas.

Gary

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On What is Known

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:40:15 -0500
Subject: On What is Known

I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research? Personally, I know of nothing which has been discovered. Does anyone?

Books have been written. Stories told. Studies run, conferences held, TV and radio programs aired, movies made ... etc., etc.

Nothing. Nothing is revealed. If this sounds like an indictment, it is. But whom or what is to be indicted? Maybe the UFO phenom is nothing at all. Maybe those who've investigated have not done an adequate job. Maybe the skeptics are right. Maybe all of my own memories are wrong.

I love to read those who know everything and tell us that, maybe in not so many words. But give one man a negative response and he bites off your head. Why is that? Paranoid? Crazy? Or merely too damned focused? Maybe not.

Some people have one opinion one day and another the next. Just to sell a book? Or to have a go at their three minutes of fame? Or just because, sadly, they are really nuts after all.

I've been reading UpDates for about three years. I enjoy doing so. Once in a while, there is a little gem of knowledge and information which pops up literally out of nowhere. Sometimes it entertains, sometimes it informs, sometimes, in fact most of the time, it's just plain nonsense. Sometimes it is hateful, hurtful, heavy handed lack of empathy. Sometimes it is self serving.

Generally, people are trying, in their own ways, to say something. Unfortunately, that which is said all too often revolves around the individual saying it. Whatever is being said. A lot like our politicians do. Make the people think you are saying something which relates to them. It really doesn't. Just as long as it sounds like it.

Some people misunderstand humor for the satire it really is. A sort of modern take on the Brobdignag virus. Those who see it for what it is are surprised on recognizing the sense it makes. Those who see only the words, think it's just nonsense. Usually, the degree of intellect is directly proportional to the level of comprehension. Which is as it should be.

So... as I started to say, Dylan never asked "What is revealed?" He said, "Nothing is revealed!"

So what are you researchers waiting for? Discover something! Say something sensible. Not just Trent and Bent(waters) and stuff what's been upped and downed and gone round and round... over and over again. Not only with no firm answers but no hope of any.

Uh, disregard that last one. If it were so, then no one would have anything to post here. (sigh)

Jim

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PRG Programming Announcement - 11/5/00

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:38:29 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:42:44 -0500
Subject: PRG Programming Announcement - 11/5/00

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Stephen Bassett, consultant, lobbyist, columnist & executive director of X-PPAC, will appear on the following programs to discuss the Politics of UFOs/Disclosure and other topics:

When: Sunday, November 5, 9 pm EST
Where: www.DestinationSpace.net
What: Regular monthly Internet chat (1st Sunday of the month)
Chat software on site or use MSChat
Host: Mark Hall (England)

When: Tuesday (Monday night), November 6, 2 am EST
Where: George Noory Show, St Louis - KTRS AM 550
Netcast at: www.550ktrs.com/pages/listenonline.htm
What: Radio Talk Show
Host: George Noory

When: Tuesday, November 7, 10 pm PST
Where: Coast to Coast AM - www.coasttocoastam.com
What: Ensemble show focusing on election results
Host: Mike Siegel

When: Wednesday, November 8, 10 pm EST
Where: Tucson - KRVL FM 94.3
Netcast at: www.nightsearch.net/indexmain.html
What: Radio/Internet Talk Show
Host: Eddie Middleton

When: Wednesday, November 22, 10 pm PST
Where: Coast to Coast AM
Netcast at: www.coasttocoastam.com
What: Radio Talk Show - joined by author Richard Dolan
Host: Mike Siegel

When: Every Wednesday
Where: Alien Zoo - www.alienzoo.com
What: Column: The Politics of UFOs

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 20:31:47 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:44:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 01:35:46 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>Hi Bob, Josh,

>Just a note. Betty Cash passed away earlier this year. I believe
>her death was directly related to the (radiation induced?)
>illness she had been fighting since the sighting. Do either of
>you know anything about the condition of the grandson or the
>other female witness that was in the car? Were either of them
>ever affected? Also, I know Betty had litigation pending against
>the government. She was sueing them for her medical expenses.
>Does anybody know what the outcome of that case was? Just
>curious.

John, Josh, List:

I don't know, to all of the above questions. It would be interesting to find out.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 18:15:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:55:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Hatch

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 00:02:31 +0100

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Wed, 01 Nov 2000 02:33:12 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

<snip>

>>The moon was out, and to the West. I don't think the
>>policemen's description matches the moon however.

>Hello Larry,

>I see that the lunar explanation didn't convince you. I'll take
>a little time to elaborate further on, hoping this could help.

>The witnesses described the object as:

>"a bright spherical object"

>"like an iridescent orange beach ball except much larger"

>"the color and brightness never changed throughout the
>entire episode"

>"bright but not hard on the eyes, and very beautiful"

>"It seemed to glow and its color was compared by both
>men to the color of a setting sun, but not as bright"

>All of this apply quite well to the Moon's disk near the horizon.
>If you aren't convinced yet, read the following!

>"... they agreed that if I [Hynek] brought in a balloon painted
>bright orange and of a size of about an ordinary moon, and held
>it in the sky, that it would look very much like the object they
>remembered"

>By the way, the object didn't remain circular all the time. For
>a moment, it "lost its circular shape and took on a cigar shape
>surrounded by a foginess which seemed to emanate from the
>object itself". Afterwards, it "resumed its circular shape, and
>sucked up the foginess around it". I've seen a similar display
>myself when observing the Moon playing with clouds.

>Now you can be tempted to think: OK, the object resembled the
>Moon, but it moved in strange ways all the time, so it's clear
>that it couldn't be the Moon.

>I think this would be to miss the core of the problem.
>In fact:

>-The object resembled the Moon.

>-It was most (if not all) of the time to the west, where the

>Moon was (this latter being unnoticed there...!!).

>-It disappeared around the time at which the Moon did set.

>-And it disappeared just as the Moon would do ("the object
>disappeared as though a person pulled a black shade up from the
>bottom, or as though one were filling the spherical object with
>a black ink").

>Hence it seems reasonable to admit that the three men probably
>saw the Moon indeed, despite the apparent strangeness of the
>reported movements.

>These latter should be carefully analyzed from this point of
>view. In the same way that the description of the object's look
>is not imaginative, I think that the account of the movements
>isn't imaginative either, and could be traced back to some
>perceptive illusions. Of course, there could also be some
>inaccuracies (in fact, we know for sure that the witnesses were
>in error when placing the Moon to the East).

>So the Moon seems to cast a new light on a case with many
>peculiar features: multiple and "reliable" witnesses, the
>endorsement by an experienced ufologist (Hynek), apparent "EM
>effects" (dimming of the spotlight and the headlights), its
>occurrence the day after the Levelland case.....

>And it could be also the day that the police shot the Moon,
>close to a cemetery! (One of the agents "wanted to shoot at it,
>but was cautioned by Officer _____ not to shoot until he knew
>more about it").

Hello Manuel:

I agree that the object was seen right where the moon was, and
the witnesses failed to notes that they saw it in addition to
the moon. They should have seen and mentioned both.

One or the witnesses, the fireman, disagreed with the others
(police). The fireman said that the object had always kept "a
respectable distance" while the two cops thought it approached
and receded.

Hynek commented "It is unfortunate that the incident did not
occur to witnesses better trained as observers, and more
articulate ones. "

If that was all there was to the case, I would have to agree
with you. The dolts misidentified the moon. Similar cases are in
the literature, amazing as that may seem.

But, the details to the contrary were snipped, so now I have to
type them back in.

* "Just then (having stopped to inspect an open store window)
the spotlight and car headlights went dim .. so dim a match
would have been brighter."

* "As the object moved down the alley, but above the alley, the
car lights came back on."

That could be coincidence of course.

The men "followed" the object down the alley, a good half mile
to a cemetery where they turned off their lights. The object
slowly descended (as the moon would).

* Here officer _____ "kicked on his brights" (high beams) and the
object "ascended very rapidly... maybe 50-60 MPH " It also took
off Westward.

The officers jogged right for a quarter of a block (to get past
the cemetery I presume) and chased the object down Belmont
Street. Previously they were going down an alley.

* "The object cavorted from curb to curb, back and forth as if
playing games with them. "

One might argue that Belmont Street is curvy... in which case
the Moon would "waver back and forth." Perhaps a local map is in

order!

But more to the point: The officers lost sight of the object and turned around, headed back East toward the town center.

* "... as they approached Elmwood Park, the object reappeared to their _left_ (i.e. from the North) from behind a stand of trees, and passed over them to the rear.

* A second U-turn and another chase to the West, ensued; for a moon which should have set already!

I don't have much invested in this particular sighting, for all I know a second object, a shooting star perhaps, came from the North. Hynek himself was clearly less than pleased with the witnesses.

All I'm saying is that all the details must be examined, not just those that favor one particular interpretation or another.

Some further details.

I used Mapblaster to find Elmwood Park almost due west of central Chicago. Streets running North and South are well into the 70s, presumably from central Chicago, not too far away.

There is no Belmont Street, nor should there be. Avenues run East and West there, and sure enough there is a long Belmont _Avenue_, most especially West Belmont Avenue.

There are a couple of dog-leg bends, but for the most part it looks straight as an arrow. Presumably these bends could explain the object "moving from curb to curb" (but above of course).

If I read correctly, the officers did not know about the Levelland, TX flap at the time of the sighting, but read all about it after the sighting, and before they made their report. Levelland may have provided the stimulus to _report_ the sighting, a convenient precedent, which might have alleviated fears of ridicule.

Again, I would not take this case to court!

This case is still listed in my database, but I am going to light up the MID (misidentification) attribute, a possible CE with the Moon! .. if I have not done so already. I have to agree that I would not take a case like this to court.

Thanks for bringing it up.

Hynek adds: "Meteorological conditions should be checked..." He doesn't say a word about the position of the Moon. I would have expected that at the very least, a glaring omission. Where was the object with respect to the moon? Just above/below it? .. off to one side maybe?

The full account is in The Hynek UFO Report; Dell Publishing (PB) 1977, J. Allen Hynek pp 172-176. ISBN 0-440-19201-3 First printing December, 1977.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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World's First 3D Walking Tour(TM) of Area 51

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Subject: World's First 3D Walking Tour(TM) of Area 51

Source: PRNewswire.

Stig.

3dvillage.com Unlocks One of America's Greatest Mysteries;
World's First 3D Walking Tour(TM) of Area 51 Unveiled!

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CARY, N.C., Oct. 31 /PRNewswire/ -- One of America's best-kept secrets is today a mystery no more. 3dvillage.com, an emerging Internet marketing company and provider of web-based 3D content, today unlocked the virtual gates to "Area 51," an expanse of desert tundra 90 miles North of Las Vegas that has long been believed by many Americans to be the Federal government's lead facility for conducting alien and extraterrestrial research.

Photo:

<http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20001031/PHTU024>

From the comfort and security of the home or office, PC users can visit Area 51 by logging on to 3dvillage's Website (via Internet Explorer) at:

<http://www.3dvillage.com>

Once there, they can experience the world's first exclusive, online, interactive 3D Walking Tour (TM) of this top-secret military base. The North Carolina-based company developed the Area 51 tour to showcase its technology, which brings city guides, universities, sports arenas, theme parks, travel destinations, tourist attractions and premier real estate properties from all over the world to PC desktops in interactive, real-time 3D.

In developing the tour of Area 51, the 3dvillage.com team used 2-meter resolution imagery captured by the Russian Lometa Satellite on March 15, 1998. With this imagery serving as the basic building blocks for the tour, 3dvillage utilized its proprietary software technology to create the factual, interactive and real-time 3D Walking Tour. To view the site, all that is needed is a 3D player that can be easily downloaded from the company's Web site.

Included in the tour is a detailed look at the Groom Lake Air Force Base, the Papoose Dry Lake Area with its hidden underground facility entrance, several unidentified research facilities and airfields, "ground zero" where six decades of nuclear testing has left its mark, and countless roads that seem to lead nowhere in particular.

For decades, the 60-square mile government compound has been the focal point of numerous rumors and endless debate regarding unexplained activities and occurrences. Unofficially, the U.S.

Government has been slow to even confirm the existence of this highly restricted military installation. However, during an April Pentagon briefing following the public release of the Soviet satellite images, Kenneth Bacon, Assistant Secretary of Defense, acknowledged that Area 51 does exist. Mr. Bacon declined to elaborate on the specific activities at the base, noting only that the U.S. has the right and responsibility to develop weapons and that "sometimes these weapons are developed in classified locations." He did reiterate the government's claim that Area 51 "is not a center for UFO or alien activity."

Although maps, photos and sketches of Area 51 have been disseminated sporadically over the years, the 3dvillage.com Walking Tour transports PC users beyond such existing flat, two-dimensional content. In short, the Area 51 Walking Tour gives viewers an entirely new perspective of the site that is engaging, entertaining and informative. Included is the ability to glide over the hundreds of miles of terrain in the same way a pilot would scout the landscape from the windshield of a private aircraft.

The 3dvillage tour allows users to drop down to the desert floor to take a closer look or wander the grounds -- invisible to prying eyes and undetected by sophisticated surveillance equipment. Users can carefully approach a handful of installations that are randomly scattered throughout the compound or quietly sneak inside some of the base's larger facilities.

In addition to the Walking Tour of Area 51, 3dvillage.com has recently developed other significant Tours including The Citadel and Darlington Raceway in South Carolina. The company also has developed 3D content featuring some of today's most desirable travel and tourist destinations in the heart of the Dixie. These include Chapel Hill, NC and Myrtle Beach, Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina.

Earlier this year the company revealed plans to complete 3D Tours of 25 U.S. cities and five international destinations by year-end. At their current pace, the 3dvillage.com is on track to deliver more than 100 web-based 3D Tours by the end of next year.

About 3dvillage.com

Unlike conventional 'virtual tours' or 'virtual reality' companies that deliver passive content in the form of movies, 'canned animation' or still-images, 3dvillage.com's 3D Walking Tours(TM) enable visitors to Walk the World(TM) in a rich, active 3D environment that is engaging, entertaining and extremely informative.

3dvillage.com was launched earlier this year by Virtus Entertainment, Inc., a North Carolina-based firm whose family of next generation digital entertainment and media companies have included such high-profile gaming companies as Tom Clancy's Red Storm Entertainment and Michael Crichton's TimeLine Computer Entertainment Corporation.

With content developed by 3dvillage.com, users can explore everything a location has to offer, book or upgrade a hotel room, make dinner reservations or truly immerse themselves in local sites and attractions. Realistic, street-level 3D Walking Tours give city guide content providers, travel and tour operators, sports and entertainment companies, real estate companies and economic development leaders an unparalleled, competitive advantage in attracting new customers or enhancing relationships with existing customers.

Located at 114 MacKenan Drive, Suite 100 in Cary, North Carolina, 3dvillage.com is headquartered about 18 miles Southeast of the world-renowned Research Triangle Park, NC. For additional information on 3dvillage.com, please see:

<http://www.3dvillage.com>.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 21:59:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:59:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Salvaille

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:22:01 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

<snip>

>>OK, joke over, we're talking about the same book. You may
>>remember that I reviewed it very favourably in Magonia (or was
>>it even in MUFOB days?) shortly after it came out. In my reading
>>of the book Hufford is critical of people who have looked at
>>phenomena such as the "Old Hag" and have treated them as
>>'legends', 'stories', mere 'folktales' and so on; and have
>>indeed conducted a form of literary criticism on them. The value
>>of Hufford's book is that he demonstrates that the Old Hag is an
>>actual_experienced_phenomenon, and information about it can be
>>gleaned from listening to the people who have personally
>>experienced it.

>>What Hufford is definitely_not_saying is that there is an
>>actual physical being called the Old Hag which sneaks into
>>people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they sleep and
>>tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in his approach
>>which does not also apply to the type of sceptical, psychosocial
>>approach of our beloved pelicans.

>>This is most intriguing. Jerry C. raises Hufford's book on an
>>almost weekly basis as evidence that Jerry C. is correct because
>>Hufford agrees with what Jerry C thinks (circular logic - but
>>that's the way this list goes sometimes).

>>But if Clark J and J Rimmer - both well versed in strange
>>phenomena and its analyses, both quite capable of understanding
>>what a book is saying - can't agree on what Hufford_is_saying,
>>then what hope for any serious discussion of UFO cases here?

>>Can someone not contact Hufford and ask him to state - simply -
>>for the pelicanists here - what he does think?

>>Perhaps a question on the lines of:

>>Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman
>>(or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

>>And while we're here, and to save further confusion, perhaps
>>Jerry could answer John's question - simply, so the pelicanists
>>won't get confused

<snip>

Sorry, I can't help myself. I found this about Hufford in a
Google cache. The site isn't up anymore, but just so that
pelicanists don't get confused.

I wonder though... hmm... ain't confusion for a pelicanist the same as water to the fish, air to the bird, oxygen to living beings? Anyway...

<http://www.google.com/search?q=cache:www.myna.com/~davidck/hufford.htm+DAVID+HUFFORD+Hag&hl=en>

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David Hufford

[Begin extract]

SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE OUT OF ALL OF THIS?

I'll tell you what to believe, Peter, believe that human experience is much much more diverse and complicated than the modern, academic view of normal human experience, much more. That that diversity has within it patterns, that you can discriminate that must be meaningful they must be some kind of signal they are not all noise and they are clearly not all the product of cultural programming, that much is for sure. So diverse, broad, meaningful, not currently explained or understood and when you hear debunking of these things recognize that most debunkers do not, they themselves have such a narrow empirical filter that they're not generally speaking familiar with most of the useful and interesting evidence so that there is a lot that's unknown. There's always been a lot that's unknown and a culture's values as they shift new kinds of things start to be known things that used to be known tend to get lost we're in that process now but I can't give you guidance on which ones you ought to take as personally real.

[End extract]

Cheers, clear skies, murky waters and whatever,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 19:28:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:17:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting

>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 04:24:29 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>>Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 03:09:51 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypnotisers Deny Planting Subliminal Ads

>Hi Larry,

>"Who" indeed!

>As for funny, go to,

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

>Check out the 'Mullet Classification' section!

>The website has nothing to do with UFOs... unless you consider
>mulletheads space people. ;)

>Enjoy,

>John Velez

Hi John!

I could barely read the material. Its all small print, dark red
against a black background. That and spelling errors make for
awfully difficult reading.

Sorry!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 19:40:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:19:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 00:49:45 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Big Story On Crop Circles

>Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

><http://www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat-4nov2000-50.htm>

>British man arrested for faking crop circles
>Sat, 4 Nov 2000
>ABC [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] News

>A 29-year-old British man has been arrested after being
>photographed creating crop circles, the intricate patterns which
>appear in fields overnight and are seen by some as evidence of
>alien life.

>Matthew Williams, from Wiltshire in western England, has been
>charged with causing criminal damage, becoming the first person
>in Britain to be arrested for creating crop circles.

>He was picked up after pictures of him and an accomplice
>flattening a field of wheat were passed on to police.

>The arrest provides evidence the crop circles, which have
>fascinated fans of the paranormal for years, are nothing but an
>intricate hoax.

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> U F O R e s e a r c h
> <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

Hello Kenny:

Thanks for the news, it will be very interesting to see how this
all plays out. I don't quite understand the delay from July
until November, maybe that's due to legal technicalities.

While not really UFO related (in my opinion anyhow) there should
be something to learn for all of us.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 04:04:01 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:23:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 16:28:39 -0000

Georgina wrote:

>To James Easton

>You have not read the book because it is not published yet. So,
>obviously you have been told certain things from someone who had
>a review copy, which this person should not have shared with you
>because it was embargoed until publishing date.

Georgina,

Besides the contents being revealed in that 'News of the World'
article, it's actually not difficult to obtain review copies of
your book. One only has to ask.

>Try as you will to debunk it, the facts will speak for
>themselves.

Yes, the facts will be evident and, absolutely, claims can only
be debunked if they're bunk in the first place!

>Now, please stop trying to write yourself into the story.

Please, forgive all of our conceited effrontery otherwise.
Thankfully, in your book, you've entirely whitewashed any
meagre, peasant contributions either myself or Jenny Randles
have made over the years. I agree, she's contributed nuthin',
except all that 'UFO nonsense' stuff.

I'm sure others can appreciate the intrinsic perspective for
themselves.

>Your bitterness shows through.

Is it really me who's bitter, sweetie? :)

>For your information Halt had denied he wrote the notes, so much
>for knowing so much!

Well... I do know you're wrong.

Indeed, these facts agreeably being important, you previously
said so yourself - see:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/apr/m30-008.shtml>

You wrote:

When I alerted Colonel (Ret) Charles Halt to the fact that
Easton had been provided with these statements, he was most
alarmed and replied.

"How did he get them, I'm the only one who has those statements."

So who leaked these statements out? Charles Halt may have the answer to that because Easton apparently has stated that they contain Halt's hand written notes. The originals did indeed contain a hand written note on one of the statements, namely Cabansag's, in which Halt writes: that he doesn't think that he (Cabansag) is telling the full story.

Why has Easton failed to mention this vital piece of information?
[End]

As explained, I didn't publicly disclose any of Halt's personal comments because I considered that unethical - see:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/apr/m30-008.shtml>

I clarified:

>The originals did indeed contain a hand written note on one of
>the statements, namely Cabansag's...

This is incorrect. Four of the five statements in fact contain Halt's brief, hand written notes.

>...in which Halt writes: that he doesn't think that he
>(Cabansag) is telling the full story.

>Why has Easton failed to mention this vital piece of
>information?

Why would Halt's opinion, as opposed to the detailed, documented account from Cabansag himself, be comparatively vital?

I have in private correspondence with several people mentioned these notes and the problem they posed.

Coincidentally, I did so in that same letter to Peter Brookesmith and referring to Chris Arnold's published recollections, which come up again in a moment, stated:

"As you will see from the published testimony, he [Arnold] claims Burroughs was prone to overreacting, which is exactly what Halt has noted on the copy of Burroughs' statement. I excluded Halt's hand-written notes from any photocopies or scans of that statement I made available. I would have to consider them too personal for publication".

[...]

Halt's opinions or character assessments were either of no relative importance in view of other developments or were considered too personal to publish in public without his express permission. He is more than welcome to confirm what his notes contain, although infinitely more appreciated would of course be his response to the many questions raised by the original witness affidavits he holds.

Incidentally, thank you for helping to further corroborate that these documents originated from Halt.
[END]

Also, having revealed the unbelievable existence of those statements and that they had been known about by some 'UFO researchers' for years, I was treading thin ice already!

See the full story at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v15.txt>

Disclosing these founding witness testimonies did exist, I obviously realised simply had to be had done and whatever the displeasure, no way was I prepared to see Jenny Randles and other researchers [up to that point myself included] pursue blind alleys when these pivotal documents were available.

Do you think you would have uncovered them? If so, how?

Remember, I came across them by chance and effectively no-one, not even myself, knew where they could be found.

You now declare that Halt didn't write those notes, to recap:

"For your information Halt had denied he wrote the notes, so much for knowing so much!".

Plus, you now allege:

"Documents that claim to be official witness statements. The author interviewed witnesses who claim they did not type these statements, which appear to be misinformation mixed with facts".

As posted in a previous response, first you claim, "The witness statements which have been quoted so often are merely watered down versions and although genuine...", then you say they're not.

You originally proclaimed, "The originals did indeed contain a hand written note on one of the statements, namely Cabansag's, in which Halt writes...", but now you charge, "For your information Halt had denied he wrote the notes, so much for knowing so much!".

If I might clarify the publicised confusion: those five original statements are the ones which Halt confirmed requesting, they are absolutely genuine and the comments therein, on four of the statements, were written by Halt.

Simple as that and if you dispute the obvious, please provide some evidence, from Halt, otherwise.

How you further rationalise a UK 'cover up' re 'Rendlesham' being an 'alien landing' and more besides, whilst Nick Pope, our 'man in the know' avows of the same premise, "No. Not in the MoD", seems to require some justification.

Expanding further on this, in an interview with 'UFO Sweden', Pope confirmed:

"I'm convinced there is no cover-up. I mean, of course, many people say - But you couldn't have known!. And that there would be some secret unit that I wouldn't be aware of. It's possible, but I'm 99% sure that it wasn't the case because I think in three years I would have gotten too close, and I think these people would have wanted to cover everything, tap my phone etc. But I never had that".

Or, as he related in a 'CNI News' interview:

"I found no evidence to support a cover-up in Britain. I think, without trying to sound too arrogant, that I would have gotten a few hints in three years if there had been someone doing my job but on a covert basis...".

It would perhaps help if you could address the many obvious problems noted, even before publication.

However, can we safely assume, contrary, and fundamentally so, to contentions ET knowingly 'at a higher level' frequents the UK, that it evidently shouldn't concern mainstream science and the media, or, that it maybe should and, all that time, Nick Pope was clueless?

Personally, I'm happy to leave it there.

With, as UK subscribers will appreciate, Summer seemingly bypassing Autumn and going straight into Winter, it's dark, stormy and cold outside.

Seems fitting somehow.

"It's she that makes it always winter. Always winter and never Christmas; think of that!".

Sorry, I was just thinking of another book [I hope you know which one and will smile...].

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 23:34:01 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:27:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 17:52:06 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:27:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 07:58:23 -0800

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>>>>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>>>>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>>>>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>>>>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>>>>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>>>>ergo a UFO.

>>There was obvious no radar glitches here considering the radar
>>clearly shows to object dropping and there are records from the
>>jets of this incident as well. The Belgian military to this day,
>>and to my knowledge, still do not know what the object was. This
>>would then make it unidentified. Also, I don't think the pilots
>>chased a radar glitch for over, what, 40 minutes?

Royce:

Non-UFO explanations have long been known for these early
1990s sightings.

A very interesting page devoted to the Belgium sightings is on
Tim Printy's page at - <http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/Belg.html>

One Auguste Meessen examined the reports and data for the
reported radar sightings and concluded that all contacts were
explainable by non-UFO phenomena. He found that warm air
convection cells could account for the "UFO" returns from both
the f-16's and the ground stations. The high speeds attributed
to the returns he concluded were caused by problems with the
dopler radar interpreting the aircrafts own speeds. In some
cases involving radar lock-ons the radar tapes showed the
contacts were at a negative altitude. Meessen wrote, "It was
evidently impossible that an object could penetrate the ground,
but it was possible that the ground could act as a mirror."

>I'm always amazed at how every single astronomical phenomenon
>happens to occur all at once during a UFO sighting.

These explanations by my friend, an experienced amateur
astronomer who was present during the Loring incidents, related
to many different episodes. Yes, when people start "seeing" UFOs
during a flap like this, everything in the sky is a saucer.

>Have you read either of the peer-reviewed scientific papers

>regarding crop formations? How many of these instances have you
>investigated?

Nah, I've never paid much attention to crop circles. It's hard to see any connection to UFOs, other than coincidental. They've gotten more elaborate with time, suggesting that the people who've been making them have been learning as they've gone along. There are known hoaxers, even claims that groups of hoaxers compete against each other for attention. Another guy has just been arrested in Britain.

Only two scientific papers in, what, 20 years? It's a waste of time. You're entitled to your own opinion, of course. For me, life's too short. Nap time's more important.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: ET evidence - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:29:49 -0500
Subject: Re: ET evidence - Cuthbertson

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 13:04:49 -0000

>Y'all,

>Brian wrote:

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:57:06 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>Non-existent evidence: some recent cited list examples ...

>>* Barney & Betty Hill
>>* Travis Walton
>>* Iranian air force UFO encounter (1976)
>>* Cash Landrum sighting and subsequent severe radiation injury.
>>* Filer's Files (years' worth of list postings; ever read it?)
>>* UFO Roundup (ditto)

>>Controversial?

>>Sure.

>>Open to analysis & debate?

>>Always. (which tends to result in books, you know)

>Yes Brian, well spotted. the above cases are indeed 'evidence'.
>But they are most certainly not 'evidence' of contact with ET.
>Do you believe those cases are?

Huh? Do you know the details of the Hill & Walton cases, for instance? Are you aware, for example, of the starmap Betty says she was shown?.

And you don't consider that ET-contact evidence? Then your filter for ET-contact evidence, whatever it is, is so narrow its well-nigh worthless.

>They are evidence of unusual human experiences in the same way
>that a thousand and one other areas of anomalous experience are
>- including Jerry's beloved 'old hag' study done by Hufford.

Yes, so?

ET contact is obviously a subset of "unusual human experience". But it still has its own distinguishing attributes. Like those of the above cases, in fact.

Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours), signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

-Brian C.

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ABC News To Release 'Very Convincing' Footage Of

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 05:50:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:31:08 -0500
Subject: ABC News To Release 'Very Convincing' Footage Of

Forwarded from 'alt.paranet.ufo',

Stig

From: gimme_some_truth@my-deja.com
Organization: DeJa.com - Before you buy.
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo

A friend of mine tells me that ABCNews.com has in its possession some very convincing new footage of UFOs show in New York. I have not seen it, but they're going to put it on the web site at Chris Wallace's webshow:

<http://www.internetexpose.com>

on Nov. 13. I have heard that it is very good. I'll be tuning in.

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:02:16 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:33:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 19:29:11 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 17:15:26 -0000

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 17:18:16 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Robert wrote:

>>>I would point out that probably anybody could hook up a pie pan
>>>or a mirror, shoot a picture of it, and make the claim its a
>>>replication of the Trent photos. Just like a modern painter can
>>>copy an old master and claim its a replication. Bottom line is
>>>its not the original, nor will it correctly represent the
>>>original circumstances and conditions that the original came
>>>about in. Nor does the "replication" mean the original painter
>>>was a fraud/hoaxer etc etc.

>>I agree Robert. But if the hoax hypothesis is to be taken
>>seriously replication is the first step. At least then it would
>>be known how easy/difficult it was to replicate. Just saying
>>'wow', unexplained, how super - which is about all I've seen on
>>this list on the pro side - is rather pathetic and answers
>>nothing at all.

>And the above is a, shall I say, pathetic or at least uninformed
>comment? It's not as if the hoax hypothesis, with some idea of
>how the photos might have been created, has never been
>discussed.

>I pointed out a way to replicate the photos years ago... with
>a paper model. Now it is claimed that some object just lying
>around, presumably, would be sufficient, although we don't know
>if said object (truck mirror) was just lying around. The
>assumption of availability adds another factor to the
>"probability equation" discussed below.

>The truck mirror adds one thing that a pie pan doesn't have,
>namely a post or tiltable support on the back. On the center
>of the back, by the way. ON the other hand, "pot lid" was
>another earlier suggestion... and there are small knobs on small
>pot lids.

>But what is really being argued here is the relationship between
>'difficulty' and 'probability'. The skeptical formula is:
>Probability of a hoax varies inversely as the difficulty of the
>hoax. This means the probability is higher if Trent could grab
>some object that was lying around (bottle cap, pie pan, truck
>mirror with the back support attached), tie a string to it,
>throw the string over the power wire and stand back and take two
>photos from one location than it would be if Trent had to make

>an object, select a thread to match the sky background, create a
>special suspension means that did not mean hanging the object
>directly under the wires and then take two photos from two
>different positions.

>Unfortunately this formula is more like a ratio for which the
>actual values of probability are not known, only that one is
>"more probable" than the other.

>Similar analyses have been applied to other cases involving
>photos. One from England that I was involved with was the series
>of Peter Beard photos back in August(?) of 1987. Oddly enough I
>was providing the analysis that was used as "proof" of a hoax
>for this case at the same time I was being criticized for
>accepting the Ed Walters photos, even though I was applying
>similar criteria to both: the more difficult the photo, the less
>probable it was a hoax.

It is indeed interesting to watch the cronies from the skeptical tank. On one hand, if you come up with evidence that the photo could/was hoaxed, they will tout your analysis, and even quote from it. BUT if your analysis suggests that it is likely to be something real, they foam and froth. I notice in the current discussion that the skeptics rarely if ever quote from your papers, nor do they bother to quote from the Condon committee who pissed on Phil Klases theories as bogus science.

As has been previously observed, if a witness stepped forward and told a skeptic that he saw a UFO, they will fall all over themselves to suggest anything from Venus, pelicans, weather balloon, hoax to explain away the case.

If a witness stepped forward and said they saw a giant bolide etc etc, these same skeptics wouldn't question the witnesses observation of the event, they would never suggest Venus, pelicans, weather balloons, or a hoax, and would accept the meteor explanation at total face value.

Gee, they can't seem apply the same principle twice.... :)
Cheers,
Robert

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:04:28 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:36:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:05:35 EST
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 12:58:35 EST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2000 09:03:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>>To get back to the subject of fireballs, as in th Coyne case:
>>Astronomer Frank Drake tried to track down reports of fireballs
>>to try to recover meteorites back in the early 60s when he was
>>at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia. He
>>wrote of this in his paper, "On the Abilities and Limitations of
>>Witnesses of UFO's and Similar Phenomena", in UFO's A Scientific
>>Debate, Edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, Norton, 1972, p.
>>254.

>>He reported, "The first fact we learned was that a witness's
>>memory of such exotic events fades very quickly. After one day,
>>about half the reports are clearly erroneous; after two days,
>>about three quarters are clearly erroneous; after four days,
>>only ten percent are good; after five days, people report more
>>imagination than truth."

<snip>

>In fact, Drake starts to contradict his own statement in the
>very next paragraph.

No, he provided an example of something which is reliable. In
the following paragraph, he begins discussing things which
aren't.

<snip>

>Drake (or the equally over-opinionated Bob Young) also doesn't
>seem to take into account that witness reliability and
>consistency also has a great deal to do with the experience and
>competency of the questioner.

Agreed.

<snip>

>One meteor expert who figured prominently in UFO history of the
>late 1940's and early 1950's was Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. LaPaz had
>quite a reputation for his ability to recover meteorites by
>going out and interviewing fireball witnesses in the field.
>Rather than disparaging eyewitness testimony as Drake did (or
>Bob Young), LaPaz found it invaluable.

>Drake claimed that witness statements about direction and
>position of fireballs tended to be unreliable. But the far more
>experienced LaPaz through careful questioning of witnesses got
>highly consistent results, enabling him to accurately plot
>trajectories of fireballs from triangulation of elevations and
>azimuths provided by the witnesses. That was the secret of his

>success in recovering the meteorites.

A big part of his success was that he searched for fallen meteorites in the desert Southwest and in places like Kansas. Anybody who has tried to find a fall in the rugged, wooded often snow-covered mountains of West Virginia or Pennsylvania will never have the same sort of luck. You are right about LaPaz's long experience, which obviously helped him, too.

>On Jan. 30, 1949, a giant green fireball was seen over most of >northern New Mexico and on into Texas. This was part of the >infamous green fireball phenomenon that started over northern >New Mexico in December 1948.

<snip>

>In a special secret conference on the green fireballs in Los >Alamos Feb. 14, 1949, LaPaz reported his findings based on the >witness interviews. There's a lot to this story, but I only >want to mention that LaPaz stated that the green fireballs were >completely silent, whereas normal large fireballs very >frequently trigger witness reports of hearing sizzling sounds.

Most "normal" fireballs are not accompanied by "sizzling" sounds, but what is even more important, only a small fraction of the witnesses of bright fireballs report these sort of sounds. I have been with a group which witnessed a bright, shadow-casting fireball and one person in the groups said that she heard a swishing sound, no one else, including me, heard it.

LaPaz operated with the scientific knowledge of his day. The so-called "Green Fireballs" are a perfect example. See Richard Haines' book, *Observing UFOs*, for a discussion of how intensely bright light sources are quickly seen as green. As the objects dim, it's appearance can then return to red. Some fireballs, and reentering space debris, do contain minerals which can be seen as green, but this intense color is often due to chemical saturation of the eye's color perceiving mechanism.

During thousands of hours of observing the night sky since 1956, and many of them making meteor counts, I have seen four intensely bright fireballs green which cast shadows. Two of these were a very bright, beautiful green, but bright as a welder's arc.

<snip>

>Furthermore, "â€|in the old meteor literature, with almost every >fireball recorded, something like 14 per cent of the >eyewitnesses report the simultaneous crackling sound, which >should be physically impossible. How does the sound get there >as fast as light?"

I wouldn't know. It's a controversial topic.

>Now what do we have here? We have an anomalous phenomenon >reported with high consistency from numerous people from all >over the world and over long periods of time. (Sound familiar?)

<snip>

What is it that makes Drake's proposed explanation "assinine"? Internal noise in the system was, in fact, a leading speculative explanation of meteor noises in those days, wasn't it, Greg?

Of course, all of this is leading to your favorite subject: ETH. Because knowledge has advanced in one particular field, you believe that it must also have advanced in your favorite field of interest.

Well, just because every circus has a clown, it doesn't mean that every clown deserves to be in a circus.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Element 115 And Saucers

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Source: 'alt.alien.visitors'.

Stig

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Element 115 and saucers
Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 06:33:51 GMT
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Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors

Heard saucer engines are powered by eka-bismuth (element 115) which decays to 114 by ejecting two anti-protons and a gravity-A wave.

But it can't be.

Um, eka-bismuth decays by releasing an alpha particle (He nuclus) No other form of decay for it is known at present. Only one (very rare) isotope of Xenon decays anywhere like that - emitting a proton pair. So, if 115 spits out two anti-protons, wouldn't it become element 117 (proton count +2 now) instead of 114 (and how did they get 115 - 2 = 114 ?) No nucleonic reaction can make an anti-proton from only protons and neutrons - think of charge conservation!

Also, gravity wave-A (frame-dragging field) never "pulses". Only wave-B does that. And how do you make a wave-guide for it?

Truly, Earth stands no chance against a race so sophisticated that it can read text books.

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

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Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:23:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:39:13 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

>Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 14:55:48 +0000
>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

>MAGONIA Monthly Supplement
>Editor: John Harney
>No. 32 October 2000

Hello All,

I just wanted to respond to one line from the MMS #32.

> The apocalypses seen by abductees and supported by Mack
> will not happen.

My stars man, you can witness the detailed fulfillment of those abductee reports ('apocalyptic doings') _everyday_ on the six o'clock news!

I was shown visions of "fires, floods, and storms," by little non-human grey men. If you read the papers or watch the newscasts you'll see -fires- (almost a third of the USA burned away this year and that's not counting _major fires_ in other countries as well. The fires consumed whole states here.

In Europe, China, Mexico, Africa, Japan, (and in many other countries) "floods" have washed away the homes, land, and lively hoods of countless people.

Due to the global warming effect the intensity and number of destructive "storms" is now increasing. Insurance companies are quaking in their boots over predictions by experts that the ferocity of storms will become increasingly worse over the short term. Ergo an increase in the amount of property damage and loss of human life that is to be expected from them - which the insurance outfits will have to pay off on.

We're just a few bullets, or one more major incident involving a significant loss of life on either side, away from a full blown conflagration (Armageddon?) in the middle-east. Add to that the recent genocides, (750,000 during one three month period in Africa alone,) and all the news of, "war and threats of war" and we're looking at a situation that fits many folks definition of apocalyptic scale events.

Just what were you expecting? It seems to me that all of the "abductee based reports of apocalyptic events" are being played out right before our very (collective) eyes.

How much property and life has to be lost before you consider something to be apocalyptic? The size/scale of the fires, floods, and storms we are witnessing is so large already that I shudder to think what it is that you deem 'properly' apocalyptic.

You seem to think that everything is hunky-dory. I find the events that are unfolding in the news everyday to be disturbingly reminiscent of the very things I was shown by the

"bugs" in the 1970's. The 'planetary scale' of the changes in climate, weather, and environment that are happening (as we speak) -are- "apocalyptic" both in scope and effect. As I mentioned, the loss of human life and property has been tremendous in a -very short- span of historical time.

Need "empirical proof" that what I'm saying is absolutely true in every detail? Crack a newspaper tomorrow morning and acquaint yourself with what is (has been) going on all around you.

"None is so blind as he who will not see!"

John Velez, Abductee

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

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Re: Military Abductions - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 01:05:22 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:43:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions - Hart

>From: Elizabeth Hammondlizzz@worldnet.att.net
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto "updates@sympatico.ca"
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 02:13:19 -0500

>Gary, how many times have you seen this, and actively worked
>with any of it? Have you photographed any of this? Or at least,
>do you recognize any of the "Abductees" involved?

Liz,

The times when I was involved provided enough corroborating information to convince me the witnesses were credible. Thinking back, I have taken still pictures that are unusual at one Arizona location; saw odd lights on a couple occasions there also; saw a UFO in a hotspot town I was studying for a week; have gotten some strange meter readings in some areas; took some video of what I can only describe as zipping lights at another location, and, I've gotten some strange but more subjective effects in several other areas. So, yes, I have interacted with phenomena though not entities at several locations from CT to UT.

As noted, my experiences cause me to focus observations at those same spots over a number of years. Did any of you see the World's Scariest Ghosts show on 28 Oct.? I was the intermediary (not the video source) for the Colorado footage that showed the lights moving outside and the large BOL moving inside a house. First time on TV. Other footage of so-called orbs were dust particles and you could see these were not where the speakers said they were by looking closely. The other footage, a good eighty percent of the show, simply proved my point as to the dust being illuminated by the camera and being very close, not far away.

I also turned them on to the source of the footage for the Greencastle house where the ghost-in-the-window pictures were taken. Both these spots have been odd for a long time. One has alleged abductees associated with it.

Gary

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Whatever It Is, It May Hit The Earth In 2030

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Whatever it is, it may hit the Earth in 2030

Space object could be asteroid or old rocket section

Saturday, November 4, 2000

By David L. Chandler

The Boston Globe

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OK, folks, this one is for real: A small, recently discovered asteroid is on a path that gives it a 1-in-500 chance of striking the Earth in the year 2030 -- far higher odds than for any object ever discovered before. However, there is a slight chance the object might turn out to be an old rocket stage rather than an asteroid.

Whatever it is, this is a very small object, probably no more than 100 to 200 feet across, but it could still cause some damage. The International Astronomical Union estimates its impact would be 100 times that of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Fortunately, the vast majority of Earth's surface consists of oceans or sparsely-populated areas.

"I do think it's worth keeping an eye on," said NASA astronomer David Morrison, chairman of the astronomical union's working group for near-Earth objects.

This marks the first time that any object in space has had a high enough likelihood of striking the Earth to clearly merit a ranking greater than zero on the proposed Torino scale for asteroid impact probabilities. However, if it is on the small end of the possible size range, the object might be so small that it would burn up in the atmosphere without even striking the ground.

With 30 years to study the possibility, there is plenty of time to plan for attempts to nudge it away from that course, if necessary. Many ideas have been proposed for such measures, including sending nuclear warheads to explode near the object and change its path, or even intense laser beams focused on its surface to melt its rock and ice, producing a jet-like effect.

But unlike some past warnings from astronomers of objects that might turn out to be on a collision course, this one is small enough that, even in the worst case, its effects would be on a relatively small, local scale, comparable to other more-frequent

natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanos or hurricanes.

Much larger objects, those more than a half-mile across, could produce worldwide damage if they were to strike the Earth, and therefore most efforts to search the skies for possibly threatening objects have concentrated on trying to find these larger asteroids.

Still, such an impact would not be trivial. If this object, called asteroid 2000 SG344, were to hit the Earth, it could produce an impact equivalent to about one-tenth the Tunguska blast that flattened trees in Siberia in 1908 -- the most recent known arrival of a sizable extraterrestrial object onto this planet.

Astronomers had once before, in 1998, publicly announced the possibility that an asteroid might strike the Earth, referring to an asteroid called 1997 XF11. The discovery of earlier photographs a day later allowed them to refine the calculations and prove the object was not a threat after all.

As a result, there have been intense discussions among astronomers ever since about how best to handle the public announcement of such possibly-threatening discoveries.

The asteroid was first seen on Sept. 29 by astronomers David Tholen and Robert Whitely, using the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope in Hawaii, and was first reported as a possible Near-Earth Asteroid on Oct. 24. The first calculations that showed there was a possibility of an impact on Earth by 2000 SG344 were carried out last Monday night, and reported to other astronomers the next morning.

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Crop Circle Hoaxer

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Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer

This is article as it appears on "Sightings": Police Make First Arrest Over Crop Circles By Cahal Milmo
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/UK/Environment/2000-11/cropcircles041100.shtml>

11-4-00

They have been a source of mystery and amusement to students of the bizarre for years, but yesterday crop circles attracted the attention of a new audience - the long arm of the law.

A 29-year-old Wiltshire man last night became what is believed to be the first person in Britain to be accused of the novel crime of raiding a field and creating patterns out of flattened wheat.

Matthew Williams, of Bishops Cannings, near Devizes, was arrested after photographs allegedly showing him working with another man were sent anonymously to detectives.

He will appear before Devizes magistrates on Monday charged with causing criminal damage to an unspecified area of pasture near Marlborough in July this year.

The case threatens to blow the lid on what has long been believed to be the prime cause of crop circles well-equipped and highly adept hoaxers.

For years, fans of the paranormal had sought to explain the weird and wonderful patterns of interlinked circles, squares and diamonds as the work of aliens or freak weather conditions. But some crop circle creators have recently come forward to confess to their activities, carried out under cover of darkness using an array of ladders, tethered barrels and ropes to work "magic".

Police arrested Williams earlier this week after searching his home and recovering pieces of equipment allegedly used to sculpt circles. A second man was also detained but later released without charge.

News of the prosecution was welcomed by farmers in the rolling countryside of Wiltshire - prime territory for crop circles, with dozens appearing every summer.

Tim Carson, chairman of the National Farmers Union in the county, said: "It's no different if someone comes into your garden and causes damage. You spend a lot of time and effort planting crops and then someone comes along and destroys them, it's very annoying."

Andrew Naughton, who farms near Devizes, added: "Imagine you had a green car and someone came along and sprayed pretty patterns on the roof with white paint. That's the only way I can describe it."

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:04:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:21:44 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Y'all,

David Rudiak must have been having a difficult Sunday and has far too much spare time on his hands.

As I noted last week, when 'believers' can no longer offer coherent argument for their case they resort to childishness, of which Rudiak's example was a spectacularly good one.

But I'd hate not to have to deal with his nonsense, so, very briefly:

>Headaches
>AIDS
>Sex
>Asprin
>Air crashes

But David, all the above subject, effects and their causes are well known about and documented.

We are not dealing with the unknown here in the same way we are with 'UFOs'.

The end result in the above is an accepted and documented scientific 'fact'. Your analogy was ludicrous, to put it mildly.

My point about UFO cases and UFO photos is that there is no proof or evidence of 'alien craft' (as per Stanton, Macabbee and Clark's witterings), therefore, based on what we know so far all UFO cases/photos will be resolved into IFOs of mundane origin.

When you find one which *is* resolved and of which the outcome is not some form of terrestrial, astronomical or meteorological phenomena, please let us know.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Secrecy News -- 11/06/00

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/06/00

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 6, 2000

** PRESIDENT CLINTON VETOES THE "LEAK" STATUTE
** THE WASHINGTON TIMES AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

PRESIDENT CLINTON VETOES THE "LEAK" STATUTE

In a dramatic victory over the government secrecy bureaucracy, President Clinton overruled several members of his own national security team and vetoed the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2001 "because of one badly flawed provision that would have made a felony of unauthorized disclosures of classified information."

"As President, ... it is my obligation to protect not only our Government's vital information from improper disclosure, but also to protect the rights of citizens to receive the information necessary for democracy to work. Furthering these goals requires a careful balancing," the President said in a veto statement on November 4. "This legislation does not achieve the proper balance... There is a serious risk that this legislation would tend to have a chilling effect on those who engage in legitimate activities...."

In a rebuke to the congressional intelligence committees, the President noted that "The problem is compounded because this provision was passed without benefit of public hearings."

The whole effort to criminalize disclosures of classified information is an embarrassment, above all, to the Senate and House intelligence committees, which sought to advance the perceived interests of the intelligence community without any consideration of larger national interests.

The Presidential veto also signifies a reversal of the traditional roles of the legislative and executive branches. Students of intelligence oversight will puzzle over the fact that the congressional intelligence committees acted on behalf of the agencies they oversee -- to the exclusion of the public voices they supposedly represent -- while the President intervened to block their attempt to grant broad new legal authority to the executive branch.

The President's veto statement is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/wh110400.html>

THE WASHINGTON TIMES AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The controversy over unauthorized disclosures of classified information is not over.

The controversy is inflamed, and opposing positions are hardened, by the remarkably brazen publication practices of the Washington Times. The Times, more than any other party outside

of government, is proximately responsible for the legislative hysteria that produced the now-vetoed "leak" statute.

In a front page story in the Washington Times today, Bill Gertz reports the not quite startling news that Russian merchant ships monitor U.S. nuclear submarines in the Pacific Northwest. But he then goes on to quote from classified CIA and NSA documents which reveal that a specific Russian ship had sent certain specific messages to Russian intelligence officials in Vladivostok.

By describing the specific contents of these messages, The Washington Times is announcing to the world that U.S. intelligence has the capability to intercept and presumably decrypt a certain specified form of Russian communications. It is reasonable to suppose that this will trigger an immediate upgrade in Russian communications security -- and a probable loss of information for U.S. intelligence in the future. It is hard to identify any countervailing public interest in the reported details that would justify the accompanying loss to U.S. intelligence.

There is a school of thought that says one should always expose any government secrets that come to hand, as an appropriate response to the government's tendency to withhold too much. "Authority always errs on the side of concealment, requiring subjects to strike a balance by erring on the side of revelation," wrote columnist William Safire in his book on the Book of Job entitled "The First Dissident" (p. 205).

But to argue that indiscriminate secrecy justifies indiscriminate publication of secrets is to give up any hope of reforming secrecy policy through remedial measures, and to invite punitive steps like the congressional leak statute.

The Government can hardly criticize the Washington Times, since to do so might smack of censorship or political vendetta. Other news organizations, which compete with the Washington Times, cannot criticize the paper because that would seem disingenuous and self-serving.

So no one publicly criticizes the Washington Times' practice of indiscriminate publication of classified information. But it stinks.

The Washington Times story, "Russian merchant ships used in spying," appears here:

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/default-200011622921.htm>

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:09:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 13:03:42 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600

>>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 16:01:57 -0600

Andy,

>As you appear to be repeating yourself over and over again, with
>no content other than your obvious hatred of sceptics, I'll
>leave you to it. With just one or two comments....

Now, how could I harbor "hatred of s[k]leptics"? You guys are too funny to be hateful. I confess, however, to impatience -- not the same as hatred, guy -- with bogus arguments, especially ones delivered smugly, and I'm afraid that's where you come in.

>I've made my point, giving examples where necessary. And as I've
>said, when you have some counter evidence worthy of countering
>the sceptical argument, I'd love to see it. Oh, yes, along with
>all those papers written by scientists you're always banging on
>about (although I realise that's 'in the future' - ie never).

Er, what exactly are you talking about? Or is this more pelican wing-flapping? This whole exchange, I hate to remind you, began when you delivered sweeping pronouncements about the ubiquity of radical misperceptions; yet the examples you cited of supposed RMs undercut your own argument. They actually made the more sober argument, offered by us less than enthusiastic partisans, that in most cases witnesses describe what they saw more or less accurately; where they go wrong is in their interpretation of what they saw. It's what David Hufford, whom I know you despise unread, calls the difference between folk experience and folk explanation.

>>See my earlier posting on ball lightning. And again, let me
>>recommend David J. Hufford's *The Terror That Comes in the Night*,

>Are you on commission?

That's your answer? I'm afraid, then, that I've won the argument. Let me urge you not to read Hufford's book. You have too much invested in your beliefs, and having to change one's mind about them is always difficult, sometimes -- for advanced

cases -- traumatic.

>>James McDonald impresses me.

>I've noticed you're quite keen on McDonald. That's interesting,
>because in a few weeks I'll be presenting evidence about a case
>McDonald commented on - and got hopelessly wrong. It will be
>yet another example of a 'big' case crumbling to nothing. UFO to
>IFO Jerry, as they all do.

I'll certainly read what you have to say, but you have given me no reason to judge your reasoning or logic in these matters. So you will have to pardon my skepticism coming out of the gate. Given what McDonald, about whom I know far more than you (having a good portion of his private correspondence in my files) did to his critics while he was still living, you should consider yourself fortunate that he is not around to defend himself.

Pelicanists love to boast about how they're bringing down a big case. When the dust has cleared, of course, it almost always turns out that it's the big case that's still standing. In pelican science, as we all know all too well by now, the mere putting forth of a supposedly conventional explanation, even one riddled with problems, is sufficient to declare a case "solved."

Still, it gets a little confusing, because pelicanists like to propose a variety of such explanations for a single case, on the theory, I gather, that if enough mud is hurled, some of it will stick to the wall. Menzel proposed no fewer than five explanations for the Arnold sighting alone. Sadly for him, none of the mud stuck.

(Note that Andy, in good pelicanist fashion, has not a word of his criticism for the many documented excesses of pelicanist idols such as Menzel and Klass. And I'll bet Andy even believes in ball lightning, even with all those mistaken sightings and fake photos. As always, one standard for the pelicanist side, another for ours.)

To the rest of us, who care about such things as obviously Andy doesn't, McDonald personally conducted an extraordinary number of investigations of UFO cases and took extensive notes of interviews, search for back-up data and possible prosaic explanations, and the like. Relatively little of this made it into print, sadly; McDonald died before he got a chance to write the book he talked about. You really need to go through the McDonald collection (housed at the University of Arizona) to appreciate what the man was up to. What's impressive about McDonald is that where UFOs were concerned, he acted like a scientist, which is more than can be said of his critics.

Jerry Clark

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>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

Pelican guys,

>>OK, joke over, we're talking about the same book. You may
>>remember that I reviewed it very favourably in Magonia (or was
>>it even in MUFOB days?) shortly after it came out. In my reading
>>of the book Hufford is critical of people who have looked at
>>phenomena such as the "Old Hag" and have treated them as
>>'legends'. 'stories', mere 'folktales' and so on; and have
>>indeed conducted a form of literary criticism on them. The value
>>of Hufford's book is that he demonstrates that the Old Hag is an
>>actual experienced phenomenon, and information about it can be
>>gleaned from listening to the people who have personally
>>experienced it.

Not really. Yes, folklorists tended to treat them as "legends"
and "stories," which they certainly are - though that's not
all they are. Far worse were the psychosocial theorists (Freud
biographer Ernest Jones being a particularly grotesque example)
who got hold of witness testimony and discredited and distorted
it freely, on the grounds that the experients couldn't
possibly have undergone what they claimed to have undergone.
We know know it was the witnesses, not the explainers, who had
it right. Jones and his ilk demonstrate the failure, not the
success, of psychosociological approaches to certain anomalous
questions. . >What Hufford is definitely not saying is that
there is an >>actual physical being called the Old Hag which
sneaks into >>people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they
sleep and >>tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in
his approach >>which does not also apply to the type of
sceptical, psychosocial >>approach of our beloved pelicans.

And that is precisely the sort of reading that drives Hufford up
the wall, and it is exactly why he praised my reading of his
book. It's not as if we have to choose between belief in witch
attacks or rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon, a
point Hufford makes repeatedly and which Rimmer seems to have
missed.

In fact, Hufford very specifically states that while much of the
Old Hag experience can be explained through the findings of
sleep research, much - perhaps the most interesting part -
remains unaccounted for.* Hufford also goes on to state that
the mishandling of the Old Hag phenomenon exactly parallels
debunkers' mishandling of other anomalous phenomena, including
UFO reportss, cryptozoological matters, and more.

Rimmer's reading tells us what John Rimmer thinks, but not what
David Hufford thinks. In fact, Hufford's approach is exactly the

opposite of the one Rimmer and Magonia take. With his own blinkers on, Rimmer did not read the book Hufford wrote. See in particular the chapter on "The Psychological Dis-Interpretation of the Old Hag." Also, read my review of the book (April 1983 Fate), which I posted on this list a few months ago and which Hufford praised as the one that really caught his meaning. (Hufford and I are mutual admirers, I add immodestly. See his generous remarks about me on the back cover of the second edition of my encyclopedia.) It's also worth noting that Hufford has influenced other folklorists working with anomalies, including Bill Ellis and Linda Milligan, both of whom contacted me on Hufford's recommendation and with whom I have shared information and ideas.

A larger argument Hufford makes is that culturally determined but empirically dubious "traditions of disbelief" - such as those Roberts and Rimmer manifest proudly and naively - distort our understandings of anomalous experience. We immediately assume that they arise from error, superstition, hoax, radical misinterpretation, or otherwise dismissible causes. That's why we turn ourselves into knots either rejecting testimony or twisting it and reinventing it so that we can "explain" it.

Other Hufford writings worth reading, probably unread by Rimmer, certainly by Roberts:

"Humanoids and Anomalous Lights: Taxonomic and Epistemological Problems." *Fabula* 18,3&4 (1977): 34-41.

"Traditions of Disbelief." *New York Folklore Quarterly* 8,3&4 (Winter 1982): 47-55.

"The Supernatural and the Sociology of Knowledge: Explaining Academic Belief." *New York Folklore* 9 (1983), 1&2, 21-29.

Hufford participated in the 1992 MIT abduction studies conference and contributed a fascinating paper to its proceedings, taking issue with both debunkers and proponents for loose thinking about a phenomenon that he freely acknowledges is most puzzling. He cites a case he learned of through a physician associate, noting that there were multiple witnesses and physiological evidence associated with it. Hufford remarks, "I know of no non-abduction explanation for these events.... To simply say this must ... be a case of folie a deux is to merely state that no amount of evidence will count in such cases."

>Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman
>(or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

No. Hufford thinks that the Old Hag is a very strange phenomenon, poorly and even absurdly explained by pelicanists, part of which we now understand, but some of the most baffling aspects of which remain unaccounted for.

>>Does Jerry think that any UFOs are real extraterrestrial craft?

In my own writings and public statements, I have refrained from making statements like these, which are surely premature and irrelevant. Basically I think the ETH is a reasonable provisional interpretation - maybe suspicion is a better word - but it is unproved. Better to concentrate on investigation and analysis before getting caught up in webs of theory - advice that I wish pelicanists would heed as well.

>But the bottom line is, if two heavyweights of the subject and
>the literature can't agree over the meaning of a book, then all
>Jerry's blustering about UFOs isn't worth squat.

And Andy, who confesses - or boasts, in the fashion of the all-knowing pelicanist who in reality is largely clueless - that he hasn't bothered to acquaint himself with Hufford's seminal work (arguably the best academic work ever written on anomalies and science), has even less claim to being taken seriously.

Jerry Clark

*"These conclusions allow reasonable give and take between science and tradition. No favors are being granted that are not also returned. Where does this leave our analysis of the Old Hag? Can we say that sleep research has 'explained' the Old Hag?"

No, we cannot. We cannot because what has been gained has been a description of physiological events that seem to account for the production of the state, that is, paralysis in wakefulness, preceding or following sleep, during which a complex and frightening experience may take place. The specific contents of the experience, however, have not been explained. They seem if anything more odd than they did before. If they are related to ordinary dreams by the presence of REM physiology, why is their content so consistently the same without apparent regard for culture?" - The Terror That Comes in the Night, p. 169

"What I do remember is B.'s comment that he disagreed with you - and therefore with me - that the [Old Hag] phenomenon cannot be adequately explained by current knowledge. Either he didn't read the case material carefully, or his criterion for what counts as an adequate explanation is deficient. I grant that much of what I published, including some of my theoretical statements, seem to move in the direction of a conventional explanation.. So much so that a lot of conventional readers have said - even in reviews - that I have done a good job of showing yet again the inevitable triumph of materialistic reductionism. However, if all of the substantial difficulties represented in the data - from cases like the Western Kentucky haunting to the universality of a highly specific phenomenal pattern - you can only be reductively satisfied if you close with [in B.'s words]: 'And I am sure that eventually we will find that the persisting problems are not what they appear, and that new discoveries in neurophysiology will provide the additional mechanisms needed to finish off our physicalist explanation.' This is, of course, just the old positivist statement of faith, and could have been (in fact was) made without benefit of my research. Oh, well, what counts as an explanation is a crucial element in all of this ideological rhetoric both on behalf, of and against scientism."

- from a letter by Hufford to Jerome Clark, January 26, 1987

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>From: Paul Anderson
>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 14:25:59 -0700
>Subject: CPR-Canada News: 1st Crop Circle Arrests Reported in England
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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

>FIRST CROP CIRCLE RELATED ARRESTS REPORTED IN >ENGLAND

>Following is a report from Colin Andrews and a newspaper article
>from The Independent in the UK. Thanks to Colin Andrews, Carol
>Pedersen and Sheila Nethersole for forwarding this information.

>Paul Anderson

>_____

>TWO MEN ARRESTED AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED. ONE CHARGED >OF
>MAKING CROP CIRCLE - OTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY.

>I received a telephone call from a British Journalist early this
>morning to inform me of a newspaper article in today's "Western
>Daily Press" regarding the arrest of two men under suspicion of
>making a crop circle at West Overton (that which was allegedly
>made by Matthew William's for Whitley Strieber and touted on his
>radio program, "Dreamland").

>I have spoken with Wiltshire Police who confirm that Matthew
>William's has been arrested with another man who also lives at
>the same address. Equipment and a computer have been seized by
>police who will apply for William's to be remanded at a court
>hearing set for Devizes Court on Monday 6th November. The police
>told me that "it is likely other cases will be pursued but at
>this moment he has been charged only with making the one
>intricate crop circle construction at West Overton" (for Whitley
>Strieber). According to police, they have been given
>photographic evidence and are looking at a great deal of other
>information.

>I am considering flying over for the full court hearing when
>that date is known. Monday's hearing will be adjourned after the
>application for a remand is heard.

>I believe that this is a significant development and one which
>will lead to other arrests soon. The impact upon the events in
>the fields will be seen next year and will probably prove the
>extent to which people have been involved, (i.e. - my own
>findings at least 80%).

>I should make it clear, that these arrests came as a surprise to
>me this morn

At last, something possitive may be done, now that a perpitrator of these stupid hoaxes has been caught. I have, for sooooo long, wondered how they have been able to get away with it... I think the law should make an example of these idiots, then maybe some real work in the field (if you'll pardon the pun) can go on.

Tony Downing

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Crop Circle Maker Fined

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 14:24:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:29:23 -0500
Subject: Crop Circle Maker Fined

Hello:

Here is a short and rather simplistic account from the ABC news wire web-page.

"DEVIZES, England (AP)

A self-described researcher in the paranormal told a court Monday precisely how a crop circle appeared in a field in western England. He did it himself. Matthew Williams, 29, said he and a friend made an intricate crop circle to prove to a competing researcher that the patterns may not be the work of space aliens.

However, his seven-pointed design angered a farmer, who told the court it caused \$300 in damage to his crops. The court fined Williams \$150. Thousands of circles have cropped up _ mostly in Britain and the United States _ since 1980. UFO groups say they are proof of extraterrestrial visitors, or some unexplained natural force. Skeptics say they are obvious hoaxes that can quickly and easily be produced with simple tools. "

Sadly, there are no details of the actual production or tools here.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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TMP News: Weekly Briefing 11.6.00

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 19:13:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:56:59 -0500
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 11.6.00

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11.6.00

- * Europa's Lifelines
- * Microbe Travel Aboard Meteorites Possible, Study Says
- * Crew Sets Up Shop on Space Station 'Alpha'
- * Venezuela Hopes to Offer Vacations on the Moon
- * Hubble Records Fireworks When Galaxies Collide
- * Alleged Chupacabras Skull Subjected to Scientific Scrutiny
- * First Crop Circle Related Arrests Reported in England
- * "Winked Out": UFOs or High-Tech Camouflage?
- * The Cydonian Imperative: Predictions for New High-Resolution Cydonia Images
- * Digital Angel: Internet Devices Coming that Reveal Your Location
- * Scope of Biotech Corn Product Revealed
- * Ancient Ship Found Well-Preserved in Black Sea

EUROPA'S LIFELINES

The cracks in Europa's icy crust are where life is most likely to be found on the Jovian moon, the conference heard last week. This means it might be possible to find life without having to drill down to the ocean far beneath the ice. It also means that any terrestrial stowaways on a space probe could easily contaminate Europa. The cracks would provide an ideal home for life, says Richard Greenberg of the University of Arizona in Tucson. Tides caused by Jupiter's strong gravitational pull make warm water flow up and down the cracks, creating a rich chemistry along the fissures. "That makes Europa extremely habitable," says Greenberg...

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns226331>

MICROBE TRAVEL ABOARD METEORITES POSSIBLE, STUDY SAYS

For two centuries, scientists have suspected that life might be able to travel between planets via meteorites, and even suggested that life on Earth may have originated elsewhere in the solar system. But there's been one problem. All meteorites are generated by explosive impacts on their home planets. Could any living organism survive the massive shock and heat of such a blast? Now, a team led by three Caltech scientists says that any contents in the rocks could indeed survive. Conducting an extremely precise magnetic analysis of a Martian meteorite, the group found that the core of the meteorite did not reach more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit--far below the sterilization temperature of 230 degrees...

<http://www.latimes.com/news/science/science/20001027/t000102695.html>

CREW SETS UP SHOP ON SPACE STATION 'ALPHA'

Before going to sleep for the first time in their new home, the inaugural residents of the International Space Station decided to give it a new name, Alpha. The crew of three arrived at the \$60 billion orbiting outpost Thursday, beginning what NASA hopes is the permanent habitation of space...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/11/02/space.docking.03/index.html>

VENEZUELA HOPES TO OFFER VACATIONS ON THE MOON

Venezuela's president hopes a new space project in the South American country will offer tourists vacations on the moon. Former paratrooper Hugo Chavez said he met a group of U.S. businessmen last week who proposed building a space shuttle and launch pad in the huge southern plains bordering the river Orinoco...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/11/03/space.chavez.reut/index.html>

HUBBLE RECORDS FIREWORKS WHEN GALAXIES COLLIDE

NASA's flagship space observatory has captured a brilliant light display ignited by a violent encounter between two galaxies, scientists said Thursday. Bright blue and white streaks along the top and right edge of the large spiral galaxy in the central part of the Hubble Space Telescope image mark the path taken by a passing smaller galaxy. The tip of the latter appears in the lower right corner of a more detailed picture, which can be viewed by clicking on the "larger" icon...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/11/02/hubble.galaxy.collision/index.html>

ALLEGED CHUPACABRAS SKULL SUBJECTED TO SCIENTIFIC SCRUTINY

October 30, 2000 (Terra). Scientists of the Universidad Austral de Chile are dumbfounded by an enigmatic animal skull, since they are at a loss to ascertain to what animal or species it belongs. The animal was apparently last January in the Arique Sector of Antihue (Tenth Region) by a farmer who had reported the strange deaths of a large number of birds, particularly geese. Last May, the same farmer reported that he had killed a strange creature...

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

FIRST CROP CIRCLE RELATED ARRESTS REPORTED IN ENGLAND

The first case of the arrest of suspected crop circle hoaxers was reported this week in British media, which will intensify the debate regarding what is already one of the most controversial issues and phenomena of our time...

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

"WINKED OUT": UFOs OR HIGH-TECH CAMOUFLAGE?

Camouflage of aircraft has been the ongoing focus of the

military since the discovery of human flight. 'Hiding from the enemy protects pilot lives, military secrets and provides the ability for sudden and highly effective strikes on targets. As the number of sightings of "disappearing" aircraft and objects increase, lines are becoming blurred as we attempt to delineate between our true technological capabilities and what may be a common capability of the UFO (unidentified aerial device/vehicle). Star-field and cloud/haze camouflage are now frequently reported in addition to blending into the sky using various techniques and devices...

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

THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE: PREDICTIONS FOR NEW HIGH-RESOLUTION CYDONIA IMAGES

Before the "Face" was reimaged in 1998, predictions on what would be seen if the Face was artificial were included in the book "The Case for the Face," a collection of science essays and editorials by members of Scientists for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR). One of the authors, hypothesizing that the Face might be an intentional representation, addressed secondary facial features not visible on the Viking photos. Most, if not all, of his predictions were vindicated once properly processed images of the Face were made available...

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

DIGITAL ANGEL: INTERNET DEVICES COMING THAT REVEAL YOUR LOCATION

Imagine walking by a Starbucks in an unfamiliar city. Your cell phone rings, and a coupon for coffee pops up on its screen, good only at that location. Consider a technology to be unveiled Monday. Called Digital Angel, a microchip worn close to the body promises to record a person's biological parameters and send distress signals during medical emergencies. But misused, these types of capabilities could amount to virtual stalking...

http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/computing/10/30/wireless_tracking.ap/index.html

SCOPE OF BIOTECH CORN PRODUCT RECALL REVEALED

Nearly 300 varieties of tacos, tortillas, tostadas, and chips made with the genetically engineered corn StarLink have been recalled from restaurants and grocery stores, according to the Food and Drug Administration. "We had no idea of the scope of this," said Matt Rand, a spokesman for the Genetically Engineered Food Alert, a coalition of green groups. "This shows how widespread the StarLink problem is"...

<http://CNN.com/2000/FOOD/news/11/01/biotech.corn.recall/index.html>

ANCIENT SHIP FOUND WELL-PRESERVED IN BLACK SEA

Famed explorer Robert Ballard says he's still numb after discovering an almost perfectly preserved wreck of a ship that sank 1,500 years ago in the Black Sea off the coast of Turkey. The ship is about 1000 feet (300 meters) down in water where there's no oxygen, a situation that's fatal to the wood boring organisms that would normally devour a wooden shipwreck...

http://CNN.com/2000/NATURE/11/02/ancient_shipwreck/index.html

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 22:44:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:59:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 20:03:47 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 08:49:28 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>I spoke to one of the guards many man years ago. He said the
>>object that he saw an orange glowing object over the base. In
>>the official documentation it was called a "helicopter" for lack
>>of a better term. Hahaha. The guy did not seem to be crazy as a
>>loon.

>Hi, Bruce:

>There were many sightings at Loring. Klass claimed that a
>helicopter was being used in the area and that may have
>accounted for some of the sightings.

Yes, there were helicopters. At least one was used to chase the
intruding "helicopter" across the Canadian border (the US
helicopter did not follow).

One would hope that te security guard would know the difference
between an orange glowing object (roughly football shaped, I
think he said.) and a "normal or real" helicopter.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 22:44:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:01:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Maccabee

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 15:54:35 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll [was: Clark vs. Evans]
>>Date: Wed, 1 Nov 2000 23:27:50 -0600

>[Note Jerry's original header above, Andy - not the
> UpDates --ebk]

>The 'big' (not scare quotes Jerry) names on this list have on
>many occasions done just that. The touching belief held by -
>certainly Stanton and Bruce M, (and I suspect yourself if you
>could be honest and less evasive) that real, solid craft from
>elsewhere or elsewhen (cf Bruce's email) are visitng earth
>('often' according to Stanton) - is a baseless delusion. Yet
>they have made money out of spreading that illusion.

Since I have been directly addressed here I suppose I should at least comment on this rant. If I suffer delusion, then at least I have plenty of good company that includes witnesses of many different levels of capability, talents, social stature, etc. You accuse me of making money by spreading an illusion. I presume you really meant to write that I was speading my delusion.

I hope no one publishes a book which includes the pelican explanation for Arnold, for then said person will be making money by spreading a delusion. And Friendly Phil Klass in his book UFOs The Public Deceived, deceived the public by spreading his "delusions" about several UFO reports which he claimed to have explained (Val Johnson, Warren Minnesota, Aug 1980, New Zealand sightings, for example). So I guess "delusions" have generated money for both sides.

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Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 15:06:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:04:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Hale

>Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 00:49:45 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Big Story On Crop Circles

>Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

><http://www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat-4nov2000-50.htm>

>British man arrested for faking crop circles
>Sat, 4 Nov 2000
>ABC [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] News

>A 29-year-old British man has been arrested after being
>photographed creating crop circles, the intricate patterns which
>appear in fields overnight and are seen by some as evidence of
>alien life.

>The arrest provides evidence the crop circles, which have
>fascinated fans of the paranormal for years, are nothing but an
>intricate hoax.

Hi,

Ooh some big statements coming out here.

Q: Why do you think the police never arrested the very much
public and infamous Doug & Dave for destroying farmers crops?

Perhaps if someone in the near future is arrested for faking UFO
photos and videos' we can all walk away from this dearly beloved
subject, as surely it would mean all UFO data was hoaxed! (Much
to the delight of some)

It gets sadder by the day.....

Maybe I should do a mock up in Photoshop 6, of Snoopy in a Crop
Circle just to give the hoax that extra bit of notoriety!

Roy.....

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Filer's Files #44 -- 2000

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 22:56:41 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:08:41 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #44 -- 2000

Filer's Files #44 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
November 6, 2000, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Webmaster
C. Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>. - Majorstar@aol.com.

NEW EVIDENCE OBTAINED TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF UFOs -- The BLT Research Team has provided new evidence of hemoglobin at bovine mutilation sights. There is also exciting new evidence from the message held in General Ramey's hand that a disk crashed at Roswell.

TWENTY UFO SIGHTINGS OVER TEXAS. Twenty sightings of triangles, cylinders, fireballs and discs in the last several weeks indicate an Alien interest in Texas. Perhaps they wish to help us remember the tragedy at Waco and the deaths of some 60 women and children who died when government tanks spitting gas attacked the Branch Davidian Church. Five percent of our total US sightings are over Texas.

NEW EVIDENCE ON ROSWELL CRASH

Tom Carey writes that a correction should be made on the message held in General Ramey's hand in and photographed by J. Bond Johnson on July 8, 1947. Dave Rudiak's line #4 which is a key line to the message should read:

" **** S*S IN THE "DISK" THEY WILL SHIP FOR A1-8TH ARMY AF**"

The key phrase here is "in the disk" referring to something that was inside as well as to where it was being shipped to General Ramey who is the A-1 at Ft. Worth. What kind of balloon or radar target carries something inside?

Dave Rudiak is "absolutely certain" that the memo was addressed to Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg at the Pentagon who at the time was deputy chief of the Army Air Force. With the new scan, Rudiak was able to make out several letters in Vandenberg's name above Ramey's thumb which protrudes into the text of the memo. This ties in neatly with the following statement on page 57 of "THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL" by Randle and Schmitt concerning General Vandenberg: "The Associated Press reported that Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Deputy chief of the Army Air Forces (AAF), hurried to AAF press section in Washington to take active charge of the news about the find in New Mexico." The message is addressed To: Vandenburg

- 1) *****NEAR OPERATION AT THE
- 2) **RAN)CH AND THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO THE
- 3) ***T)EAM AT FORT WORTH, TEX.
- 4) ****S*S IN THE "DISK" THEY WILL SHIP FOR A1-8TH ARMYAF**
- 5) BY B29-ST OR C47. WRIGHT AF ASSIST FLIGHTS AT ROSWELL. ASSURE
- 6) THAT CIC-TEAM SAID THIS MISTAKEN MEANING OF STORY AND THINK
- 7) LATE TODAY NEXT SENT OUT PR OF WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD WORK
- 8) BETTER IF THEY ADD LAND DEMO RAWIN CREWS.

Signed Ramey

EDITORS NOTE: Again I wish to thank those research groups, Dave Rudiak, Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, Don Burluson, Neil Morris and

the Roswell Photo Interpretation Team that are making new evidence available to us. Vandenberg was Deputy Commander, US Army Air Forces in 1947. Later he became Chief of Staff, United States Air Force. A review of his official daily activities calendar revealed he returned from Wichita Falls, Texas on July 5, 1947, less than a hundred miles from Ft. Worth, Texas.

On Monday, July 7, General Vandenberg's Dairy is full of UFO reports, and he spends most of the day taking care of a flying saucer recovery in Houston, TEXAS, an incident that he later claims was a hoax. One entry sticks out. He asked General Van what he thought the flying discs were and General Van was quite noncommittal. General Van said that "Some National Guard planes were put on duty on their own volition to search for the discs, but no planes have been put on duty from Hq. AAF." It is possible this was a simple code to remind him of the exact date for Roswell and where it was being shipped.

On Tuesday, July 8, Col. Blanchard announces to the world press a flying saucer has been captured near Roswell, NM. Late afternoon J. Bond Johnson takes General Ramey's photograph in Fort Worth with a copy of the message apparently just sent to Vandenberg in his hand. Vandenberg's Dairy reports he returned from Congressman Wolverton's office at 5:07 PM and went immediately to Secretary of the Army Air Force Mr Symington's Office with reference to personnel for the President's Air Board. At 6:20 PM went to Mr. Leo's office and then home. It is not known what the President's Air Board means and may refer to UFOs. He should have received Ramey's message by then or first thing Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday, July 9, General Vandenberg's Dairy reports he talked with General Doolittle on the phone and told him to come in at 10:30 AM. He met with Mr. Symington apparently with Doolittle at 10:30. At 10:50 he met with General Eisenhower Army Chief of Staff, and General Norstad Psychological Operations. At 12:15 he met again with Mr. Symington. At 12:15 Vandenberg is called by the White House and told to be there the next day. His diary also says at 2:15 PM: Vandenberg returned from JCS (Joint Chief of Staffs) and met again with Symington. At 3:40 he met with General Gardner, General Power and Col. Peterson. He does not mention handling the UFO situation but, General Doolittle is known to have investigated UFO sightings in Sweden. General Vandenberg's Dairy indicates he meets with virtually all key military personnel in Washington DC and something very important was happening. It should be noted that Vandenberg is concerned that the Air Force was becoming a separate service in a few weeks and he was attempting to obtain funding for 70 Groups. Congress appeared to cutting the Air Force to only 55 groups. Publicizing the new possible threat from UFOs could help increase Air Force funding. The message stating that there were both victims of the wreck and shipping a disk speaks volumes.

CONNECTICUT DIAMOND SHAPED UFO

SOUTHINGTON - On Tuesday, October 31, 2000, Hazel A. Eisenberg reports a very bright UFO with a diamond shape at one end was spotted at 7:30 PM. Seven of my friends were watching the UFO as I got out of the car and pointed it out to me. It moved very quickly and then suddenly stopped on a dime. It then hovered and then changed altitude very quickly At first I dismissed it as a jet, but upon watching it for fifteen minutes, we realized it was very strange. We all dismissed it and went on with our plans. I didn't give it a second thought until I read about the sighting in Middletown, and it was exactly what we saw. I think this is very cool. Thanks to Larry Clark nymufon@nycap.rr.com

OHIO EGG SHAPED CRAFT

CYGNET -- NUFORC reports it has received several reports from several states in the Midwest about this October 31, 2000, incident. An egg shaped ship crossed the sky, stopped shot up about a half mile, hovered for a while and changed to a multitude of colors and departed. At 7:15 PM the witness a teacher says, "We were heading north on I-75 just south of Cygnet when we saw a meteor coming across the horizon from the east and out of space." It crossed over I-75 heading west, when an explosion or emission of some kind illuminated the craft. This event, looked not like an explosion proper, but rather orange, yellow and a sparkling gold bolt of lighting with many branches! It came to a quick stop. We grabbed the video camera,

but the battery was dead. We pulled out binoculars and saw a flash of white light, and then the ship moved up half mile. That is where it stayed until we got to the Cygnet Road exit. The object was hovering a hundred feet above the trees so we pulled over and stopped. A woman stopped her car in front of us and asked us if we saw the UFO? We exchanged names and agreed to meet later. The UFO was dimming, getting brighter and then turning a multitude of colors, including red, blue, green, white, magenta and yellow. We moved closer and it became an intense red, and that's when we decided to leave. "I don't like the way that this is looking!" The lights on the jeep started to dim and brighten and then dim again and we drove away as fast as we could. "We kept an eye on it and went back to meet up with the woman witness." Later both men developed a pain in their abdominal region right below the rib cage. The abdomen was inflamed and red. Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, Director National UFO Reporting Center <http://www.UFOcenter.com>

TEXAS UFO PACES COUPLE'S CAR, ALSO SHIMMERING CHEVRON

WOODLANDS -- On October 26, 2000, with rows of lights on the underside of each leg traveling silently and at fantastic speed. It is a clear, cold night and I was outside with my telescope facing ESE at Orion. I looked up from the telescope when at about my 11:00 position I spotted a V-shaped formation of circular diffuse white lights on the underside of a 'solid' V-shaped 'fuselage' which was transparent (could see star field behind it) and shimmered like a mirage. From 4 to 6 closely spaced lights down each leg of V and 1 at point. Their diameter was nearly the width of each leg. They pulsed slowly at one-second intervals and simultaneously, and shimmered in sync with rest of craft. At first sight, it was at least as big as both fists held at arms length. Estimate altitude at between 2000 and 5000 feet. Traveled straight and level SSE at what must have been thousands of miles per hour and was completely silent. Fantastic, dizzying speed. Within view for approx. 5 seconds. At last sight it was about the width of my pinkie at arms length.

SAN ANTONIO -- On October 30, 2000, two witnesses noticed a twinkling star with blue and red flashing lights at 11:30 PM. One witness reports that her ex husband grabbed the binoculars, looks and says, "Damn these binoculars work good, there's blue and red flashing lights coming from it." I looked and saw a round shaped white light with flashing blue light on the left side of the object and red on the other. It looked like a slowly moving satellite or star. I looked back about three minutes later, but the flashing lights were gone. Now there was only a single red light sitting on top of the object! Shocking and exciting to see! I looked again several minutes later, no red or blue lights at all and the shape of the white light had changed entirely. For one it was not horizontal anymore, it was more vertical and now it was shaped like a long hot-dog and pointed on an incline towards the heavens! It was moving into space slowly. I think it was a satellite, but my ex husband says satellites don't have lights on them or change shape. Thanks to NUFORC <http://www.UFOcenter.com>

SAN ANTONIO -- On Friday night, October 27, 2000, Awais M. reports, "My girlfriend was driving to San Antonio to pick me up when this unidentified object flew towards her car. At first the thing might have looked like a plane, but after closer inspection, it seemed otherwise, and she could not decipher or identify the object." "The unidentified object hovered and it came very near her car. It seemed like it was targeting her for several seconds. She wanted a closer look at it, but driving made things difficult. She also saw a white light and red flashes along the side." "While we were coming back to Corpus Christi, she saw it again and pointed the object out to me." He described the UFO as "stagnant and hovering perfectly. The object seemed to follow us back to Corpus, and before heading to my house I saw it up high." "The next day, I saw it again and wondered what the origin was. So I called the naval station (U.S. Navy base in Corpus Christi.) and not surprisingly, they had no idea what it was." Thanks to UFO Roundup Joe Trainor Editor. 11/2/00

POSSIBLE CHEMTRAIL SOLUTION ANNOUNCED

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE article "Studies Probe Weather, Terrorism" states: Federal government scientists are conducting two different atmospheric studies in Salt Lake City this month. Both

will look at how air and particles flow in the atmosphere, but their data is being used to study two different Utah phenomena: weather inversions and the Olympics. One study is part of the Department of Energy's Chemical and Biological National Security program, whose goal is to develop and improve systems the United States can use to respond to chemical and biological attacks. In this study, a nontoxic, inert tracer chemical called sulphur hexafluoride is being released into the skies above Salt Lake City. Monitoring and censoring equipment are tracking the chemical to determine wind patterns, temperature and moisture patterns and how air is mixed in lower and midlevels of the atmosphere. The Department of Defense's, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is supporting this study and may use information from it for the 2002 Winter Olympics DTRA, which is responsible for protecting the United States and its allies from weapons of mass destruction, will use the information to assist police, fire and military personnel in the event of an attack involving nuclear, chemical or biological weapons or a large chemical accident, said Capt. Bob Bennett, spokesman for the agency. The study will be conducted through much of this month. The knowledge may be useful for security during the 2002 Winter Games, though Bennett insisted the upcoming Olympics was not the motivation behind his agency's "piggybacking" on the DOE's atmospheric study. SALT LAKE TRIBUNE by Brent Isralsen 10/21/00. <http://www.sltrib.com/2000/oct/10212000/utah/35229.htm>)

Ron Regehr writes this article about a cooperative effort between the DoE and the DoD to release sulphur hexafluoride into the skies above Salt Lake City, ostensibly in an effort to gather data to combat potential terrorism. The article claims SF6 is "non-toxic" and "inert." What is missing? SF6 is a gas is now recognized as one of the world's worst greenhouse gases. Because of its high chemical stability, it remains in the upper atmosphere of the Earth much longer than carbon dioxide. In addition to it's debilitating effect on the upper atmosphere, it is potentially harmful to those with upper-respiratory problems. According to International Chemical Safety Cards ICSC: 0571, sulphur hexafluoride can be absorbed into the body by inhalation. Alarming? You bet! I request each of you to inquire of both the DoD and the DoE, via whatever means you deem effective, as to the extent of this effort. Thanks to Co-State Director MUFON-Utah Ron Regehr.

MAJOR NEW EVIDENCE IN CATTLE MUTILATION PHENOMENON

New evidence concerning the bizarre phenomenon generally known as "cattle mutilations" (or "bovine excisions," the term preferred by Michigan biophysicist Wm. C. Levengood) has recently been presented to the anomalous phenomena research community. In a 1997 "Study of Bovine Excision Sites From 1993-1997" written by Levengood and mailed out by the BLT Research Team, a case on the Barton Ranch in Red Bluff, CA (Site #8 in the 1997 report) included the finding that some black particles recovered from the hide of the dead bull were most likely hemoglobin. Levengood noted that the matrix color of the particles was a deep red, with a fine-grained amorphous structure which is not typical of whole blood, further noting that the heme molecule, with an attached oxygen molecule, has a red color. An EDS (energy dispersive spectroscopy) was obtained and indicated precisely the spectra which would be expected from a hemoglobin matrix: carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and iron, with small amounts of trace elements typical of biological samples. The question then (as well as now) was how was this hemoglobin separated from the other blood components and fabricated into the compact homogenous structure discovered on the hide of this excised bull?

In the early part of this year the expertise of an analytical chemist with infrared spectroscopy capability became available to the BLT Team. Phyllis Budinger, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, examined two samples of the particles retrieved from the testicles and chest areas of the excised bull. Infrared spectra were obtained from both samples, as well as references of hemoglobin and whole bloods using the Harrick SplitPea cell attached to a Nicolet Avatar 360 spectrometer (ATR crystal used was silicon). Both samples were identified as bovine hemoglobin. Further, the spectra of these samples do not match that of whole blood, dried at ambient temperature in the laboratory, nor do they match spectra obtained of dried whole blood exposed to microwaves and after one week air exposure. Ms. Budinger's results confirm unequivocally that these samples are not only

hemoglobin, but also that they are bovine hemoglobin. Probably from this dead and excised Black Angus bull.

As Ms. Budinger indicates in her report, the usual procedure for isolating hemoglobin from whole blood is rather complex: "it involves separating red blood corpuscles from the lighter plasma components by centrifugation. The plasma is siphoned off and ether is added to the corpuscle paste, causing the cells to burst. Another centrifugation removes the ruptured cell envelopes, and leaves a clear red solution of hemoglobin. It is unlikely that a procedure such as this would be done on site. It is unknown how or why this occurred."

When I spoke to Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team about the apparent need for laboratory equipment to produce these pure hemoglobin particles she pointed out that Jean Bilodeaux, the BLT fieldworker in this case, had clearly indicated in her field-notes that this bull was found in a very isolated pasture--more than 1/2-mile from the nearest dirt road, on a steep hillside which was strewn with volcanic rocks and boulders. "I don't see how a lab-on-wheels could have gotten in there and, because of the steepness of the hill and the fact that large boulders were strewn everywhere, I doubt that a lab-in-a-helicopter could have landed. Ms. Bilodeaux also pointed out that this animal was lying on top of a small boulder, with its body twisted unnaturally as if it had fallen from some height--and it was lying with both of its right legs and its tail up under the body. Jean's impression was that this animal may have been dropped into the location where it was found. I wonder if the process responsible for creating the hemoglobin particles was carried out elsewhere."

In addition to the hemoglobin particles found on this animal and now conclusively identified, Dr. Levengood's 1997 report indicated that very high Rr (redox ratio) values were found in the grass samples taken at the mouth and rectum excision areas. High Rr values signify that, during respiration, the plant is releasing large amounts of active molecules known as "free radicals," an indication of injury to the plant mitochondria which--if the exposure to damaging energies is great enough--will result in the plant's death. In fact, photographs of the grass in this case showed it to be lush and green when the animal was first discovered, with subsequent photographs on a return field-trip 2 weeks later revealing that all of the grass around the carcass had died. Copies of Dr. Levengood's "Study of Bovine Excision Sites From 1993-1997" and Ms. Budinger's infrared spectroscopy "Analysis of Red-Brown Particulates from a Bovine Excision Discovered 1/17/97" are available from the BLT Research Team in Cambridge, MA (ph: 617/492-0415).

FROM THE EDITOR GEORGE FILER: IN MY OPINION THIS EVIDENCE POINTS TO UFOs:

Using the BLT Research Team test results I have made a number of assumptions and an hypothesis that an airborne hovering craft with a high level of technology using microwave like technology is responsible for killing and mutilating these animals. In my opinion the results of the BLT tests could be used as evidence in a court of law to help prove the existence of alien intervention. Thousands of cattle and other large animals have been found around the world mutilated and their almost ten gallons of blood and bodily fluids boiled away or drained. The reports usually include removal of soft tissue such as reproductive organs, tongue, eyes, side lips, ears udder and boring out of the anal area and occasionally other organs. Some factors bearing on the situation are that, bovine hemoglobin can be purchased at a nominal cost and is used by numerous veterinarians in giving transfusions to various animals. FBI files on cattle mutilation confirm that some animals have been dropped from altitude causing broken bones and depressions in the ground. At least one animal was found with Atropine a tranquilizing drug in it's blood. Further, the animals are often marked by a fluorescent like powder.

We can infer that shortly after the blood is taken it is cleaned and refined, using a sophisticated centrifuge process that is used to separate the blood and obtain pure hemoglobin. The processed hemoglobin appears to rule out most of the standard explanations for mutilations such as coyotes, scavengers, Satanic cults, and the plasma phenomena. However, large Paramilitary helicopters could be fitted with a small laboratory

and have the ability to pick up large tranquilized animals. Cattle parts and hemoglobin are available on the open market at a much lower cost and much less risk than operating expensive helicopters. Ranchers occasionally report seeing or hearing helicopters near their mutilated animals, but these may be UFOs or an operation to chase them away. It has been speculated that mutilations could be part of clandestine operations by Paramilitary or intelligence agencies to track nuclear radiation or test chemical/biological weapons. There is no evidence to prove this theory. Although providing secrecy, Paramilitary operations at night in mountainous terrain would be very dangerous.

The apparent microwave activity may be connected to helicopter radar or be part of the LASER or MASER equipment used to cut the flesh of the animals. It has also been pointed out that government inspectors, public health agencies or government paid veterinarians could accomplish virtually, the same tests during routine visits or by purchasing the animals. Additionally, a hovering helicopter is unlikely to cause damage to the grass of sufficient magnitude to eventually kill the turf surrounding the mutilation site. Normal helicopter operation does not cause irreversible damage to plant cells.

Some helicopters have been reported near mutilation sites, but none have ever been proven to be involved. They have been involved in cattle rustling and illegal drug operations. Mutilations have been reported in many countries where helicopters are comparatively rare. Additionally, it is very risky flying a helicopter at night often in mountainous terrain that seems like a foolhardy method to obtain blood and a few organs from the bovine. Ranchers have shot at suspicious low flying craft so this type of operation can have great deal of risk and little reward. Thousands of cattle have been mutilated and the comparatively valuable meat left to rot. Unless these animals have high level of radiation or biological poisons most humans would take the steaks to eat.

A final piece of evidence that seems to rule out humans and their helicopters is the regular discovery of increased amounts of tiny magnetic particles in the soils at the bovine excision sites. These particles are spherical, or partially rounded (indicating exposure to heat) and are of a very pure iron, which Levensgood has hypothesized are of meteoric origin, and they are found to be concentrated immediately around the bodies of the animals. The number of these particles found in the soils drops off with sampling distance away from the carcass, with a clearly reduced number being seen at only ten feet away in many cases. The soils sampled by the BLT fieldworkers at bovine excision sites are tested in Levensgood's lab and comparatively high concentrations of meteoric-like magnetic material have been found within five feet of the animals. These sites typically have four times the amount of magnetic particles as do the surrounding area only ten feet away. Microscopic beads of magnetite (Fe₃O₄)mg found at excision sites have concentrations much higher than in normal soil.

Three satellites, particularly Mariners II and IV, Pegasus have substantiated the presence of micrometeorites also known as cosmic dust surrounding the Earth and throughout space. Both Opik and Whipple have shown that it is possible for small micrometeorite dust particles to pass through the atmosphere without losing matter through ablation. An object moving through space is expected to come in contact with fairly large amounts of micrometeorite dust particularly in the vicinity of Earth. This micrometeorite dust has a relative abundance of iron, cobalt, nickel and copper. The micrometeorites are remarkably similar to the meteorites and unlike Earth minerals meeting Levensgood's hypothesis. {"Environmental Space Sciences," page 471 by Col. Don Carpenter}

Various witnesses claim the skin of UFOs are porous and are designed to collect the micrometeorite dust without damaging the craft. I assume that the UFOs are depositing the micrometeorite dust at the excision sites. I will admit that it might be possible for the micrometeorites to have fallen from space and by chance that an animal walks into the excision site and an unknown plasma electrical force electrocutes the animal, dissolves its blood, and then mutilates the animal. However, these unknown forces would also need to lift the body of thousand pound animal, drug it, take body fluids, drop it, and

mark the animals with fluorescence materials. I feel all these factors could only be accomplished by an Alien technology. It seems unlikely that helicopters could refine hemoglobin and spread micrometeorite cosmic dust.

The reader may ask why would UFO aircrews be interested in hemoglobin or cattle? Hemoglobin is the respiratory pigment found in the red blood cells of all vertebrates and some invertebrates. It is produced in the bone marrow and carries oxygen to the body from the lungs. An inadequate amount of circulating hemoglobin results in a condition called anemia a condition resulting from a reduction in hemoglobin content or in the number of red blood cells called erythrocytes. Although the causes of anemia vary, because of the blood's reduced capacity to carry oxygen all types exhibit similar symptoms-of pallor, weakness, dizziness, fatigue, and, in severe cases, breathing difficulties and heart abnormalities.

Observers of UFOs and their occupants often describe small gray humanoids. We can speculate that radiation in space or other unknown problems cause the alien aircrews to suffer from a type of anemia. They apparently have developed both the craft and medical technology to obtain hemoglobin to aid in alleviating their condition. The ability of hemoglobin to carry oxygen may indicate that it is used to provide the aliens with an enhanced ability to manage oxygen. Their bodies may need to acclimatize to the Earth's atmosphere with more oxygen handling capability. Abductees often report that bodily fluids are being taken from them and UFOs are often reported near hospitals and abortion clinics where sources of blood can be found. Abductees often complain of various symptoms that are similar to anemia inferring that their blood may have also been stripped of red blood cells by their abductors. Conversely, humans normally kill cattle for the meat, but generally discard the parts of animals the aliens apparently need the most. Hemoglobin also contains protein that could be used for nourishment for most life forms.

In my opinion these findings are a major break through in understanding the secrets of the UFOs and the reason for their stealth like activities. Further, it is apparent the aliens have weaknesses that mankind could exploit. The heavy cost and risk of mutilating various large animals infers an alien methodology. To add to the evidence we have eye witnesses observing daylight animal abductions by disc shaped UFOs. Also, recent NASA shuttle films show UFOs entering our atmosphere from space. I wish to thank the BLT Research Team for their great work. "The speculations presented above are totally my own. Comments or feedback from readers is welcome." In summary, it is my hypothesis that UFOs are responsible for most bovine mutilations.

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 unlikely 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

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 00:11:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:12:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 16:32:48 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 14:16:41 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

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>>>>The monitoring (government of abductees) is for recovery
>>>>of individual experiences and possible contact with the
>>>>"other" activity so that it can be contained.

>>I asked: How do you know this Gary?

>>>The stated logic fits the observed conditions.

>>Gary, there is no "logic" to any of this. You don't make it any
>>easier or clearer when you respond to requests for evidence with
>>more outrageous rumors and speculation. None of which you are
>>able to justify in any measure at all. Not even a little. You do
>>not make a convincing or even a good argument for your self.

>>Again, if you have anything that will induce any interested
>>third party that; government agents are running around in the
>>corn fields of the great American mid-west zapping open and then
>>closing dimensional doorways (while simultaneously hiding the
>>whole operation with a Klingon cloaking device) I'm all eyes and
>>ears.

>>We all are.

>>Gary, proving any one of the claims that you've made would
>>ensure your place in the history books!

>>Just share with us this "research" that you conducted that has
>>convinced you that what you have claimed above is true. You're
>>dealing with an open-minded crowd here. You won't find a better
>>or more attentive audience anywhere. If you have anything
>>solid, I for one (and I'm sure I speak for others), will take
>>the time to give it and you serious consideration and thought.

>>If not.....

>Brother Velez,

>I don't wish to say more. My work is to get proof as we all wish
>to see. My resources are pointed in this direction. Take what I
>say however you wish. Unfortunately I can't discuss how I am
>proceeding because MUFON & NIDS would get information they don't
>deserve. I could talk by phone but not in more detail on this
>List.

>Clues are present in everything I post. We are moving forward
>but the phenomena doesn't perform on command and any unmarked
>response is yet a very small subset of all observed activity so

>it is difficult to get proof even if you look for it. Saying
>there is no acceptable proof and taking the next step to develop
>a strategy to find it are understandably two different things.

>All my statements come from several witnesses in several
>families in almost every case so the information is corroborated
>within each situation enough to cause me to generate a specific
>strategy to follow activity through extended cycles. Collected
>data shows this strategy to work.

>I am always as specific as the data allows, therefore, I do not
>call "unmarked" activity military. I do not know who it is but
>it is someone with resources and military-style vehicles when
>necessary.

>Does some anomalous activity generate a patterned response from
>persons unknown? Yes, in my opinion. I'm "in the trenches" when
>it comes to research but cannot be more open and may never be so
>because of the meaning of the data collected.

>The Italian and Norwegian groups that are/have done work at
>Hessdalen are much like what I and colleagues are doing here in
>the states at different locations. Can anyone else say they are
>collecting data this way? Not that I'm aware of.

>If you protest, then I don't have to mention anything I'm doing.
>Rest assured the methods we are using are, from a technical
>standpoint, several steps above anything we have heard about
>to-date.

>Gary

Hello Gary,

That has got to be the longest and most convoluted non-answer to
a posting I have ever seen on this List! You'd probably do great
in politics with a technique like that but it doesn't play well
here.

I was laboring under the delusion (for some reason) that you
were a serious person. I'm all better now. Thanks for clearing
that up at least.

Regards,

John Velez

A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm
jvif@spacelab.net

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

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Krycek Personality Type

From: Scott Carr <sardy.2000@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 01:23:50 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:14:12 -0500
Subject: Krycek Personality Type

Hi All-

I have another original article on UFO Culture up at:

http://www.themestream.com/gspd_browse/browse/view_article.gsp?c_id=230193

This one is entitled "The UFO Business: Identifying the Krycek Personality Type." It details a recent encounter while investigating a strange black helicopter report in Brooklyn, with a man who can only be described as a UFO exploitation artist.

I hope you enjoy the article! (You can read other articles by me, and even some fiction, by clicking the "Other articles by Scott Carr link" at the end of the Krycek article).

Sincerely,

-Scott C. Carr
Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette
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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Cashman

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 07:11:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:15:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Cashman

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:18:42 EST
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Likewise, if skeptics can't agree whether Trent (or any other
>UFO witness for that matter) used a pie pan, mirror,
>photographic trick, then all of their blustering about UFOs
>isn't worth squat either.

What they really can't be bothered with is science.

Basic experiments to attempt to reproduce the Trent photos can't be that hard. After all, Trent, who was hardly a scientist, created them in the first place. But the skeptics refuse to do the experiment and see just how hard it is to match, even in general terms, the characteristics derived by Bruce Maccabee.

The same thing is true of all of the radical misperception nonsense. If it were so common as to give rise to the immense database of UFO reports, we would never be able to identify the IFOs, the cognitive and perceptual literature would be full of descriptions of it and its mechanisms... but that isn't the case.

Sigh.

Cognitive dissonance is alive and well on that side of the fence.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>
- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

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Re: Element 115 And Saucers - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 09:54:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:18:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Element 115 And Saucers - Deschamps

>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 07:21:23 +0100
>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Element 115 And Saucers

>Source: 'alt.alien.visitors'.

>Stig

>***

>Subject: Element 115 and saucers
>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 06:33:51 GMT
>From: "Purple" </dev/null@mail.com>
>Organization: Road Runner - Texas
>Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors

>Heard saucer engines are powered by eka-bismuth (element 115)
>which decays to 114 by ejecting two anti-protons and a gravity-A
>wave.

>But it can't be.

>Um, eka-bismuth decays by releasing an alpha particle (He
>nuclous) No other form of decay for it is known at present. Only
>one (very rare) isotope of Xenon decays anywhere like that -
>emitting a proton pair. So, if 115 spits out two anti-protons,
>wouldn't it become element 117 (proton count +2 now) instead of
>114 (and how did they get $115 - 2 = 114$?) No nucleonic reaction
>can make an anti-proton from only protons and neutrons - think
>of charge conservation!

>Also, gravity wave-A (frame-dragging field) never "pulses". Only
>wave-B does that. And how do you make a wave-guide for it?

>Truly, Earth stands no chance against a race so sophisticated
>that it can read text books.

If "Purple" had truly read anything about this or seen Bob Lazar's video, he would have remembered that Bob said something was injected into the small chamber where a triangular piece of element 115 was placed, causing some type of reaction.

Just an observation from someone who stands by Bob Lazar and his account. I've seen no evidence to the contrary, thus far.

Michel M. Deschamps
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 09:59:39 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:20:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Young

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 21:59:11 -0500

>Sorry, I can't help myself. I found this about Hufford in a
>Google cache. The site isn't up anymore, but just so that
>pelicanists don't get confused.

><http://www.google.com/search?q=cache:www.myna.com/~davidck/hufford.htm+DA>>VID

+HUFFORD+Hag&hl=en

>I wonder though... hmm... ain't confusion for a pelicanist the
>same as water to the fish, air to the bird, oxygen to living
>beings? Anyway...

Squack! Squack! [pelican circling]

Hello, Serge:

No, actually we're almost never confused.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

[Squack!]

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Re: On What is Known - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@msn.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 08:49:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:24:53 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Connors

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: On What is Known

>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research? Personally, I know
>of nothing which has been discovered. Does anyone?

Dear Jim,

I certainly understand your feelings of dismay regarding the field of UFO research. Many of us go into a funk periodically when overwhelmed by the incessant crapola and the twitterings of the Woo-woo's within the field. However, in just over half a century much new information has been garnered in the field of Ufology. To Wit:

1. A greater understanding of how the military organized and did their respective investigations of the phenomenon via Project's SIGN, Grudge and Blue Book Also, who was involved and what they were like as people (including their backgrounds).
2. The official histories of T-2 Intelligence and ATIC were obtained and shown that even though the USAF thought the UFO phenomena being observed was a possible threat to national security, that there were other projects just as important being conducted. Thus, the UFO investigations were just a small part of a bigger picture.
3. That a man named Alfred Loedding gave much insight on how these objects known as "flying discs" might be made and how they were propelled. He left drawings and patents of his findings. He was also one of the organizers of Project SIGN.
4. Colonel Howard McCoy who, after retiring from the USAF, went on to become a member of NICAP and left his voice on audio tape of his feelings about who was visiting this small world of ours. McCoy was Commanding General of T-2 Technical Intelligence at Wright Field and oversaw Project SIGN.
5. That A.V. Roe & Co. were designing wedge-shaped VTO craft other than the infamous Avro Saucer.
6. The USAF and the Navy were heavily involved in developing and testing nuclear propulsion for aircraft of all configurations (yes, even saucer-shaped) and that much of this was based upon what was observed and gleaned from the flying saucer phenomenon. In other words, our military and engineers were trying to duplicate what was being observed in a small type fashion.
7. There was not a contrived conspiracy of keeping knowledge of the UFO phenomena from the public by the USAF and the government in the beginning...that it developed slowly over time and still is more a semblance of the right hand still not knowing what the left hand is doing, even today.

8. That the field of Science has defaulted on doing a true, unbiased scientific study of the phenomenon and why that is so. This was not actually known four decades ago. The scientific community, with a couple of exceptions, still walk around with their snoots in the air and having nose bleeds over the fact that Science as a whole is incapable of solving anything by itself... that others use the trappings of science to do so at the expense of the scientific community.

9. Most importantly, that the field of ufological research has changed and evolved over the course of the last half century. That the phenomenon is reality based because it just will not seem to go away no matter how hard Phil Klass and the CISCOPS for lunch bunch of rag-tag, anal retentive types whose imagination and sense of curiosity is a devoid and barren lot within their craniums, want it too. Klass and his ilk have spent a lifetime denying the concepts of possibly and probability existence. What a waste of life!

10. That the phenomenon instills in the human psyche the nobel concept that we are probably not alone. If we are not sure we are alone in the universe, that's worth the continued effort to search, dream and be curious about. If we are alone in the universe, that too is left up to us to resolve in the generations ahead as we go to the stars.

11. This list is endless and I'll let other researchers add to it.

Jim, there are a million reasons to continue to explore and only one not too... and that is because we have lost our sence of curiosity. So overall, much has been learned and many pieces of the puzzle have been located. It makes no difference if you or I find the answer in our lifetimes, but it is our destiny to ensure that the future generations have our notes of study so that when and if the magic day arrives that the answer becomes known, the blueprint on how it all came to be is there for posterity.

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 08:08:01 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 11:32:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 23:34:01 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 17:52:06 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 13:27:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2000 07:58:23 -0800

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2000 19:12:18 -0700
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 16:36:52 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Myers

>>>>>Let me give you this one: The Belgium military publicly
>>>>>announced an encounter with a UFO with two military jets in the
>>>>>early 1990s. The object dropped several thousand feet in a split
>>>>>second, a maneuver that would kill a pilot. Who says so? The
>>>>>U.S. military in a report compiled on the incident. Who says so?
>>>>>The Belgium government. The flying object was never identified,
>>>>>ergo a UFO.

>>>>>There was obvious no radar glitches here considering the radar
>>>>>clearly shows to object dropping and there are records from the
>>>>>jets of this incident as well. The Belgian military to this day,
>>>>>and to my knowledge, still do not know what the object was. This
>>>>>would then make it unidentified. Also, I don't think the pilots
>>>>>chased a radar glitch for over, what, 40 minutes?

>Royce:

>Non-UFO explanations have long been known for these early
>1990s sightings.

>A very interesting page devoted to the Belgium sightings is on
>Tim Printy's page at - <http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/Belg.html>

>One Auguste Meessen examined the reports and data for the
>reported radar sightings and concluded that all contacts were
>explainable by non-UFO phenomena. He found that warm air
>convection cells could account for the "UFO" returns from both
>the f-16's and the ground stations. The high speeds attributed
>to the returns he concluded were cause by problems with the
>dopler radar interpreting the aircrafts own speeds. In some
>cases involving radar lock-ons the radar tapes showed the
>contacts were at a negative altitude. Meessen wrote, "It was
>evidently impossible that an object could penetrate the ground,
>but it was possible that the ground could act as a mirror."

Yep, that explains it. Two fighter pilots chased warm air
convections for over 40 minutes and all the radar, including the
two jet fighters' showed warm air convection. This same warm air
convection dropped a few thousand feet in under a second. Next

you'll be trying to sell me a bridge...

By the way, Meessen concluded that he felt the sighting was explainable. He did not conclusively prove anything, he simply based his conclusion on what might have happened. He also forgot about the video tape that was taken of the object by a civilian from the ground.

Printy's page also jumps to calling the UFO "alien spaceships," thus getting himself sucked into pop culture.

>>I'm always amazed at how every single astronomical phenomenon
>>happens to occur all at once during a UFO sighting.

>These explanations by my friend, an experienced amateur astronomer who was present during the Loring incidents, related to many different episodes. Yes, when people start "seeing" UFOs during a flap like this, everything in the sky is a saucer.

That's right - everyone who sees a UFO during any kind of wave must be seeing things. Stars, planets, the moon, bugs, enormous flocks of birds, swamp gas...

>>Have you read either of the peer-reviewed scientific papers
>>regarding crop formations? How many of these instances have you
>>investigated?

>Nah, I've never paid much attention to crop circles. It's hard
>to see any connection to UFOs, other than coincidental.

Ah yes, it's all just coincidence. Just curious, were you on the OJ jury...

>They've
>gotten more elaborate with time, suggesting that the people
>who've been making them have been learning as they've gone
>along. There are known hoaxers, even claims that groups of
>hoaxers compete against each other for attention. Another guy
>has just been arrested in Britain.

Suggesting and providing proof are two different things. Someone has provided clear proof that not every circle is man-made.

>Only two scientific papers in, what, 20 years? It's a waste of
>time. You're entitled to your own opinion, of course. For me,
>life's too short. Nap time's more important.

Bob, it is very clear that you're asleep at the helm considering you wouldn't pay any attention to two scientific peer-reviewed papers. Who cares how many papers have been written in how long, they're still "scientific." And you've demonstrated how difficult the scientific community can be when approaching this subject matter so how many papers do you expect to see? Oh, gee - soory, but this must be a waste of your time as it's obvious you don't want to look at any real evidence...

You wanted "scientific" evidence of a phenomena, well, there it is. How many other scientific finds have not amounted to a mountain of papers being written? If you want to ignore the issue and the proof that goes with it, then go ahead. Ignorance is bliss and you must have achieved utopia. It could be worse, you could still accuse me of being some kind of sexist again...

>Clear skies,

Sorry, Bob. It's obviously cloudy where you're at. Oh wait, no that's just a convection of warm air...Since this thread appears to be a waste of time for you I won't bother you with it anymore. Thanks for showing the list how science can answer all without ever having to look...

Royce J. Myers III

eXpose News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or that triangle-shaped convection of warm air flying a thousand miles an hour through the sky while being chased by two military jets..."

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A Scientific Mystery-Solving Strategy

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 7 Nov 2000 08:38:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:27:47 -0500
Subject: A Scientific Mystery-Solving Strategy

A SCIENTIFIC MYSTERY-SOLVING STRATEGY

In researching for a scientific approach to the UFO phenomena and the wider sphere of paranormal phenomena, I stumbled on this strategy which serves as a broad approach to scientific mystery solving. My comments are in parentheses.

Question: You begin with a puzzle, a mystery, a surprising event: You don't understand a phenomenon which has occurred, or which occurs regularly.

(Whether it a UFO sighting, cattle mutilation, crop circle, abduction, or any beyond normal repetitive everyday event, we start to collect reports, raw data, and attempt to classify observations)

Hypothesis: Try to imagine a process or situation which meets this criterion: If what you've imagined were really the case, the puzzling phenomenon would make sense.

(We have certainly imagined many hypotheses: Extraterrestrial, Extradimensional, secret aircraft, unknown atmospheric phenomena, balloons, pelicans, meteors, fireballs, ball lightning, etc... but which hypothesis makes sense of the collective data when assembled and analyzed?)

Testing: Find out if the hypothesis itself makes sense, by exploring its other consequences: If it were correct, what else should be observed? What would show that the hypothesis is wrong?

(Suppose we hypothesize that at least some UFOs are Extraterrestrial spacecraft. If that were correct, would we observe alien-looking entities near or around such craft? Would that be sufficient to prove this hypothesis or do we need an actual craft available for examination by a team of engineers and scientists? If UFOs were not extraterrestrial, then what observations indicate this hypothesis to be in error?)

Evaluation: Decide whether the results of testing warrant accepting the hypothesis as a plausible explanation for the phenomenon. Consider the possibility of further testing, and whether other hypotheses might provide a better explanation.

(Is there any protocol for testing various UFO hypotheses? Should we begin with submitting already collected evidence to a number of scientific consultants for their analysis? How would such scientists be chosen? Could we determine if they had selective bias that would preclude them from carrying out an objective investigation? Has any hypothesis already been proved, but the proof not revealed?)

The 4 steps above may not be the correct strategy in your opinion. If not, can you suggest a strategy? Scientific methods vary among scientists and layman as well. When it comes to hypotheses in science controversy is part of the dialogue. As long as this dialogue adheres to rational discussion without resort to ad hominem attacks, sweeping generalizations, and other logical fallacies, then fruitful discussion of the evidence and what it implies can proceed toward greater

discovery.

Bill Hamilton Executive Director Skywatch International, Inc.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 12:20:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:29:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Maccabee

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:24:47 -0600

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 17:10:38 -0000

Andy wrote:

>>I did, however, say that I believe UFO authors have a duty not
>>to publish material in their books which imply we are being
>>visited by 'aliens' (use your own choice of word here) in
>>'craft' (ditto), when the evidence for this is non-existent. It
>>may make money but it's unethical. Simple as that. When you or
>>any of the others have some cast iron proof then, go for it.
>>Until then you must expect all the scepticism which can be
>>mustered.

>Of course "skeptics" are under no obligation to write
>responsible books, are they? And they have certainly
>demonstrated that lack of responsibility over the years, haven't
>they? Even the Condon Committee (more specifically, a panel of
>plasma physicists it assembled) condemned a Klass book as an
>exercise in absurd pseudoscience, and James McDonald did the
>same with Menzel's works. We may rest assured that you, in
>common with other active pelicanists, have never breathed a word
>of criticism Klass's and Menzel's way. One standard for your
>side, another for ours. So what else is new?

The problem with skeptics/debunkers is the subject of my paper
"Prosaic Explanation: the Failure of UFO Skepticism" which I
presented at the MUFON Symposium last summer. It didn't get much
attention from the reviewers of that symposium, but it attacks
directly the fact that skeptics, too, have made mistakes and
have poposed "tripe" explanations. You can read it at:

brumac.8k.com

>People a lot smarter than you or me - Clyde Tombaugh, Allen

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Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:32:00 -0500
Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

From: Stan Gordon
PA UFO Hotline (724-838-7768)
website: <http://www.westol.com/~paufu>

This past August I was contacted by the friend of a primary witness who was involved in this reported encounter. The witness agreed to speak with me confidentially about the incident. I had the opportunity to interview him twice by phone, and plans were underway so that a first hand interview could be set up with those involved. An investigation at the sighting location was also to take place. Unfortunately due to a family emergency, I was unable to continue my involvement, and the investigation was taken over by researcher Jim Brown who has investigated many UFO cases in Fayette County.

The following is a summarized report on the event that has been forwarded by Jim Brown. Jim's website can be accessed at:

<http://www.hhs.net/jbrown>

Stan Gordon

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Five witnesses observed what they described as an alien "glide" across a field near Uniontown, Pa. The sighting occurred on August 3, 2000 about 10:00 P.M. The witnesses describe the being as about 5 feet tall with long slender extremities. It carried a brown "staff" about 5 feet long. It was observed for about a minute from a distance of about 250 feet. No apparent disturbances to the area around the being were reported. The creature appeared to glide about 6 inches above the ground, according to the witnesses. Weather conditions were cool and clear with no wind. No sounds were reported, and witnesses commented on it seeming abnormally quiet at the time. Crickets and other normal background noises were absent.

The witnesses lost sight of the being when they drove a short distance up the road to an area which they thought would offer a better view, only about 75 to 100 feet from where the being was seen. A small knoll obstructed their view as they drove. When they got to the closer location, the being was gone. The witnesses returned home after their encounter. They reported no serious effects from their sighting, although three of them did claim to be very tired the next day.

I visited the site along with four of the witnesses almost three weeks after the event as this was the earliest we could get together. No physical evidence was found, although the terrain does match the witness reports regarding roads and points of observation. The case is still open and investigation continues.

J. Brown-Investigator

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:32:22 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:34:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Sanchez-Ocejo

>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 15:42:15 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer

It could be interesting to see, if Mr. Matthew Williams spends time in jail, more crop circles pop up.

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>
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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 14:41:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:37:10 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:23:48 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

>Hello All,

>I just wanted to respond to one line from the MMS #32.

>>The apocalypses seen by abductees and supported by Mack
>>will not happen.

>My stars man, you can witness the detailed fulfillment of
>those abductee reports ('apocalyptic doings') _everyday_
>on the six o'clock news!

>I was shown visions of "fires, floods, and storms," by little
>non-human grey men. If you read the papers or watch the
>newscasts you'll see -fires- (almost a third of the USA burned
>away this year and that's not counting _major fires_ in other
>countries as well. The fires consumed whole states here.

>In Europe, China, Mexico, Africa, Japan, (and in many other
>countries) "floods" have washed away the homes, land, and
>lively hoods of countless people.

John,

This is not to make light of your personal concerns and experiences... but fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes, relatively speaking, have always been with us. Unfortunately, war and genocide seem to fall into the same category, judging from human history.

For something to be truly apocalyptic, the dictionary requires "great or total damage" to be involved,

Fires and floods are nature, as usual -- especially viewed over time. I doubt whether, on average, today's storms are any greater in number or intensity than they've always been. What is greater in number is the number of people living in their paths -- and putting up trophy homes and other habitats where they really shouldn't be.

Things need to be kept in some sort of perspective. Whitley Strieber, if I remember correctly, saw the moon explode. Now, _that's_ apocalyptic, as would be another dinosaur-destroying asteroid impact. Fires and floods are pretty small change in comparison with the above, not to mention when compared with, say, World Wars I and II.

In fact, I've never quite caught on to the "appeal" of the apocalyptic. Think of it this way. Today, there are approximately six billion (is anyone still counting?) people on the planet. Absent some sort of medical miracle, a mere hundred years from now, virtually all six billion will be decidedly dead. In the end, in the grand scheme of things, it doesn't really matter overmuch whether they die in a single day or a single century.

Not to put too pretty a face on it, but apocalypse is a personal, as well as planetary, affair. We all have one, in other words.

>Due to the global warming effect the intensity and number of
>destructive "storms" is now increasing. Insurance companies are
>quaking in their boots over predictions by experts that the
>ferocity of storms will become increasingly worse over the short
>term. Ergo an increase in the amount of property damage and loss
>of human life that is to be expected from them - which the
>insurance outfits will have to pay off on.

Which is one reason why most insurance companies will either charge you a hefty premium - or refuse to write a policy at all - should you decide to build on a flood plain.

Interestingly, I just got back from the site of the greatest natural disaster in American history - Galveston, TX. Six to eight thousand people (no one really knows how many) died there in a hurricane just after the turn of the century.

>We're just a few bullets, or one more major incident involving a
>significant loss of life on either side, away from a full blown
>conflagration (Armageddon?) in the middle-east. Add to that the
>recent genocides, (750,000 during one three month period in
>Africa alone,) and all the news of, "war and threats of war" and
>we're looking at a situation that fits many folks definition of
>apocalyptic scale events.

There's been a good two or three all out wars in that area since 1947 already - none of which led to Armageddon. Sad to say, the recent African genocide doesn't begin to compare with the Holocaust, the Stalinistic starvation of millions, and maybe not even to the extermination of Armenians by Turks earlier in the century.

>Just what were you expecting? It seems to me that all of
>the "abductee based reports of apocalyptic events" are being
>played out right before our very (collective) eyes.

>How much property and life has to be lost before you consider
>something to be apocalyptic? The size/scale of the fires,
>floods, and storms we are witnessing is so large already that I
>shudder to think what it is that you deem 'properly'
>apocalyptic.

I hate to say it, John, but this is pretty much business as usual, where we humans (and Mother Nature) are concerned. Doesn't mean global warming ain't happening - only that death by same will be due to slow suffocation as opposed to abrupt apolcalypse.

Now, that said, ya'll don't forget to vote!

Dennis Stacy, Apocalypse Now

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Thanks To The Rudiak Team...

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 15:36:20 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:44:26 -0500
Subject: Thanks To The Rudiak Team...

To you and your team. This mail is long overdue, as I read of your latest scan earlier. This is the kind of research we should have been doing, all along. You and your team should be congratulated, and soundly so, for doing what no one else (in my opinion) has done before - real research. And more importantly, stayed with it.

I recently complained on UpDates, about the lack of accomplishment in UFO research. I was wrong. I simply forgot the Rudiak Team.

My hats go off to you, sirs. All of you. And as Gesundt would say it, "Yous guys did good. Real good."

Thank you

Jim Mortellaro

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Military Abductions

From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:25:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:55:59 -0500
Subject: Military Abductions

This is a general response to the posts concerning military abductions, also called 'MILABs'. I'm not sure if everyone is aware of Helmut and Marion Lammer's book they published almost two years ago, but it was titled 'MILABs: Military Abductions' and was published by Illuminet Press. Dr. Lammer is a Ph.D. research scientist and his wife is a student of law. He has written several books about the UFO phenomenon in Austria and Germany. 'MILABs' is still available and I suggest that everyone interested in this subject read it. It does have a few editing problems (syntax errors, etc), but the book still contains important information regarding MILABs.

It is somewhat surprising to hear the comments made regarding the unlikelihood of military abductions. Dr. Jacobs has written about this subject, explaining that in his opinion, these 'agents' are hybrids and/or ETs using camouflage and screen memories to confuse the abductee. I have experienced these types of abductions, as well as the late Karla Turner, Ph.D. and abductee Amy Lynn, (and others). I am including the URLs below for people who are interested in hearing firsthand reports from a few 'MILAB' abductees.

I'm not trying to promote my web site, but since the information is published there, it would be simple for the people in this discussion to read it there. The section of the site pertaining to this discussion is located at:

The New 'Men In Black'

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/newmib.html

I consider myself to be as knowledgeable about this subject as anyone in the field. We may not be able to prove MILABs are occurring any more than we can prove ET abductions are occurring, but if it is appropriate to accept eye witness testimony for alien abductions, then it seems it is acceptable to at least take into consideration that certain agencies within the government may be interested in what abductees have experienced. Many of these reports come from thoroughly researched and respected abductees. I recommend that you read the Introduction before reading the entire section of the site that pertains to the subject of MILABs. The articles are listed in a particular order because of the information presented, and they are meant to be read in that order. In addition, if anyone is interested in my ideas on the subject, they are expressed in the Introduction.

A Must_Read Introduction

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/jintro.html

Finally, the late Karla Turner, Ph.D. was a well respected researcher and she, too, remembered seeing military personnel during her experiences. I highly recommend that you read (or re-read) her book 'Taken'. She writes about several people who experienced military 'interest' and/or 'interaction' in their lives as well as in their abductions.

Some of Karla Turner's articles can be read at:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_II/research.html

Thank you for taking the time to read about this important subject. I am not interested in a public debate on this or any other list. I am posting this information solely for educational purposes. There has been very important information published on the subject of MILABS and it seems that several people posting on this list are not aware of it.

Thanks,

K. Wilson

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bell

From: Marc Bell <marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 21:01:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 18:53:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bell

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:32:22 -0600

>>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 15:42:15 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>It could be interesting to see, if Mr. Matthew Williams spends
>time in jail, more crop circles pop up.

>Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

If you do a little investigation into Matthew Williams you will see that faking crop circles is the least of his legal problems, (despite being a major problem to those of us who investigate crop circles).

Perhaps its worth looking at more serious allegations, e.g. why the man in question is banned from driving or an alleged machete attack incident etc?

All lies lead to the truth.....

Marc Bell (WUFORG)

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 16:20:16 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:21:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 08:08:01 -0800

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 23:34:01 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>That's right - everyone who sees a UFO during any kind of wave
>_must_ be seeing things. Stars, planets, the moon, bugs,
>enormous flocks of birds, swamp gas...

Royce:

Well, short of hallucination or hoaxes, they most likely are
seeing something. Make the list as long as you like, as long
as you include only things that are known to have caused UFO
sightings.

Since we both agree that there isn't proof of the ETH, I'll
probably agree with your list of any length.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Cydonian Imperative Update - 11-7-00 The 'City

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:21:24 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:23:59 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative Update - 11-7-00 The 'City

11-7-00

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Cydonian Imperative

The "City Mound"

by Mac Tonnies

(Please visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

and select #9 from the Journal for illustrated and linked version.)

Kurt Jonach, proprietor of The Electric Warrior, has assembled the first scaled rendition of the "City Mound," an elliptical formation located below the "City Pyramid." This formation is striking, with several ridges extending from its central peak. The feature identified as "Mound G" by Drs. McDaniel and Crater can be seen on the lower left of the image, and appears to be teardrop-shaped, much like the City Mound itself. Whether the broken (?) ridge in its vicinity played a role in its development as a distinct feature is unknown.

[image]

The City Mound

The looming question, of course, is whether or not the City Mound is artificial. While there is no obvious evidence that it is, there are several traits I find interesting, the first being the peculiar ridges noted above. Secondly, as pointed out and discussed in Jonach's article on the City Mound, there is a very regular "trench" or "moat" encircling the left half of the feature. Are we looking at the effects of ancient water or wind erosion or evidence of a collapsed foundation of some kind? A research-quality blow-up of the City Mound can be accessed at the URL above.

[image]

The City Pyramid, for comparison. Both the City Mound and City Pyramid are depicted roughly to scale.

While there is every possibility that the City Mound is a strictly geological feature, its association with more pronounced anomalies in the region forces me to forego any conclusions. (Please refer to my earlier piece on the arcology model for describing the function of various features in the Cydonia region.)

-end-

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 16:14:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:25:16 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:23:48 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

<snip>

>I was shown visions of "fires, floods, and storms," by little
>non-human grey men. If you read the papers or watch the
>newscasts you'll see -fires- (almost a third of the USA burned
>away this year and that's not counting _major fires_ in other
>countries as well. The fires consumed whole states here.

<snip>

>John Velez, Abductee

John,

Out of personal curiosity, just one other question...

You say you were shown visions of catastrophes.

What component(s) of that experience led or caused you to believe that these visions were necessarily prophetic, that is, previews of future or forthcoming events?

Might they not have been shown you simply to see how you would emotionally respond to such events -- regardless of when (or whether) they actually happened?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 22:40:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:27:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

>>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

My copy of "Terror" has long gone missing, so I have set my team of hunter-librarians to track down a copy so I can refresh myself on what Hufford says. In the meantime, a few comments on Jerrys post:

<snip>

>>What Hufford is definitely not saying is that there is an
>>actual physical being called the Old Hag which sneaks into
>>people's bedrooms, sits on their chests while they sleep and
>>tries to suffocate them. I do not see anything in his approach
>>which does not also apply to the type of sceptical, psychosocial
>>approach of our beloved pelicans.

>And that is precisely the sort of reading that drives Hufford up
>the wall, and it is exactly why he praised my reading of his
>book. It's not as if we have to choose between belief in witch
>attacks or rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon, a
>point Hufford makes repeatedly and which Rimmer seems to have
>missed.

You do make a good point. What drives me up the wall are people like who seem to think we have to choose between belief in extraterrestrial spaceships or rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon. I point which I make frequently and which Clarke seems to have missed.

>In fact, Hufford very specifically states that while much of the
>Old Hag experience can be explained through the findings of
>sleep research, much - perhaps the most interesting part -
>remains unaccounted for.* Hufford also goes on to state that
>the mishandling of the Old Hag phenomenon exactly parallels
>debunkers' mishandling of other anomalous phenomena, including
>UFO reportss, cryptozoological matters, and more.

Hufford's analysis of the problems attached to the "Old Hag" phenomeon seem to bring it closer to the abduction phenomenon than to the apparent solid, engineered objects that Jerry claims constitute the 'real' UFO mystery - the CE2s and radar-visual cases. Although Hufford may think that conventional psychological explanations do not adequately explain the actual experiences involved in Hag accounts, I still doubt very much that he thinks there actually *is* an 'objectively existing' old woman who perpetrates the Hag attacks.

It is Jerry who seems to be trying to polarise the debate by saying that if you reject the idea of an actual Hag, you are thereby denying the reality of the experience. Just such a foolish argument is of course wheeled out to attack anyone who doubts the physical reality of the abduction experience.

>Rimmer's reading tells us what John Rimmer thinks, but not what
>David Hufford thinks. In fact, Hufford's approach is exactly the
>opposite of the one Rimmer and Magonia take. With his own
>blinkers on, Rimmer did not read the book Hufford wrote.

Well, as I say above, I'm going to re-read it, and may come back
to this topic in the future, ebk willing.

>Other Hufford writings worth reading, probably unread by Rimmer,
>certainly by Roberts:

>"Humanoids and Anomalous Lights: Taxonomic and
>Epistemological Problems." Fabula 18,3&4 (1977): 34-41.

>"Traditions of Disbelief." New York Folklore Quarterly
>8,3&4 (Winter 1982): 47-55.

>"The Supernatural and the Sociology of Knowledge:
>Explaining Academic Belief." New York Folklore 9
>(1983), 1&2, 21-29.

Thank you for these references, I'll see if I can track them down

>Hufford participated in the 1992 MIT abduction studies
>conference and contributed a fascinating paper to its
>proceedings, taking issue with both debunkers and proponents for
>loose thinking about a phenomenon that he freely acknowledges is
>most puzzling. He cites a case he learned of through a physician
>associate, noting that there were multiple witnesses and
>physiological evidence associated with it. Hufford remarks, "I
>know of no non-abduction explanation for these events.... To
>simply say this must ... be a case of folie a deux is to merely
>state that no amount of evidence will count in such cases."

What is this case, and where can I find an account of it?

>>Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman
>>(or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

>No. Hufford thinks that the Old Hag is a very strange
>phenomenon, poorly and even absurdly explained by pelicanists,
>part of which we now understand, but some of the most baffling
>aspects of which remain unaccounted for.

Hmm, sounds just like abductions to me.

>>>Does Jerry think that any UFOs are real extraterrestrial craft?

>In my own writings and public statements, I have refrained from
>making statements like these, which are surely premature and
>irrelevant. Basically I think the ETH is a reasonable
>provisional interpretation - maybe suspicion is a better word -
>but it is unproved.

Do you think that the evidence presented by Hufford makes the
presence of a physical Hag a "reasonable provisional
interpretation"? If not how does the degree of eyewitness
testimony presented by Hufford differ from the testimony
presented in the UFO reports that you find most convincing?

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Re: On What is Known - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 18:15:14 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:30:14 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Sparks

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>Subject: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?

<snip>

Jim, the best answer I can give you is this: I am assuming that what you are asking is what solid scientific work has been accomplished on UFO's in the 53 years since Kenneth Arnold.

I think less than 1 year of serious scientific work has been done on UFO's, in total, in 50+ years and it shows. What I mean by less than a year is that a typical field of scientific research has, say, 100 to 1,000 scientists working on it full time around the world. I realize there are some little niches with fewer numbers and major fields with larger numbers, but I'm giving this as a rough rule of thumb.

In a half century, the only solid scientific work that has been done on UFO's has been by a small handful of scientists actually doing scientific study of the subject -- McDonald, Maccabee, Vallee, Hynek, et al. -- and none of it has been full time _scientific_ study (as opposed to administrative or clerical labor or technical compiling of data) except for brief periods when, say, McDonald was able to devote full time to it. This is only a small fraction of the number in a full fledged community of 100 to 1,000 scientists devoting full time to a subject, and only a fraction of full time equivalent (FTE) over 50+ years.

What I mean is that more than 100 McDonalds should have been working 100% of the time for 50 plus years on UFO's, as might be the case with established subjects such as astronomy, molecular biology, meteorology, algae research (phycology), seismology, or major subdisciplines of the same, etc.

Even counting brief interludes by Battelle for 2 years, the Condon Committee for 2 years (don't forget Saunders), and the Sturrock panel, it adds up to less 1/10 the number of scientists needed over less than 1/10 of the time involved for an aggregate effort of 1/100 (and I'm being very generous with the numbers here).

Work out the math and it is the equivalent of having a full scientific community working at it for less than about 6 months since 1947 -- probably it is less than even 1 month. No wonder there has been so little scientific progress in UFO research.

Brad Sparks

PS: If you want to know what has been learned scientifically about UFOs then read everything you can lay your hands on by

McDonald, Maccabee, Vallee, Hynek, and the Condon Committee (including Saunders in dissent), for beginners. And, NO, they aren't 100% correct but that doesn't mean their work was worthless. Nor are they uniformly pro-UFO or anti-UFO.

It is time that UFOlogists get acquainted with the fundamentals of this field and stop rehashing the same tired old controversies that should have been resolved decades ago. I am continually having to quote from Hynek's The UFO Experience on basics such as the definition of a UFO, the requirement of eliminating conventional explanations before declaring a case an unexplained UFO, etc., as it seems few on this list ever read it or follow the worthy teachings therein. How many on this List know what "angular size" is or how to measure it? If you don't then how can you possibly investigate a UFO case scientifically as angular size is a fundamental? (Along with other fundamentals such as duration, azimuth angles or compass bearings, time/date, latitude, longitude, elevation above MSL, etc.)

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From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 17:49:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:33:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Stacy

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

<snip>

Jerry,

Just out of sheer curiosity, do you, or, for that matter, David Hufford, know of any single instance in which a witness or experimenter claimed to have seen or encountered the Old Hag at a time, or state, in which they were not possible subjects of sleep paralysis, that is, in a non- altered state of consciousness?

If not, wouldn't that lead you to believe, whatever other mysteries remain, that the two were somehow fundamentally and intimately connected? That is, no sleep paralysis, no Old Hag?

Now how do you extrapolate this situation to UFO witnesses and abduction experiencers overall? Are they one and the same? Are they in an altered state of consciousness as well? Or not?

Or just honest, unbiased reporters? In which case I assume we would have to take just as many precautions against attacks of the Old Hag as we will against Jacobs' and Hopkins' invading, apocalyptic greys.

At least Hufford didn't hypnotize his people. On the other hand, he hasn't yet objected to being quoted as God on this list, either.

Dennis Stacy

PS: Direct responses to each of the above paragraphs, as opposed to selective responses, would be best appreciated.

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Secrecy News - 11/07/00

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 16:56:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 19:35:34 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News - 11/07/00

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 7, 2000

"THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS WITH OUR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM"

The President's veto of legislation to criminalize unauthorized disclosures of classified information could become the most momentous development in government secrecy policy since the 1995 executive order on classified information. It is already prompting renewed questions about the workings of the secrecy system.

This afternoon, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth H. Bacon bluntly acknowledged that the classification system does not function satisfactorily.

"[The President] alluded to the fact that there can be over-classification or mis-classification," Mr. Bacon noted. "I don't think anybody disagrees with that. There are many problems with our classification system. And it was that realization, in part, that led to his decision to ... veto the bill."

See excerpts from today's Pentagon press briefing here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/dod110700.html>

The congressional "leak" statute was "a dangerous idea," the Washington Post editorialized today. "President Clinton deserves great credit for vetoing" it. See:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27774-2000Nov6.html>

"Supporters of a measure to crack down on government employees who leak official secrets say they aren't giving up after President Clinton vetoed the proposal over the weekend," reported Neil King in the Wall Street Journal yesterday. "They will try again next year." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/wsj110600.html>

The Central Intelligence Agency issued a brief statement in response to the President's veto indicating that "We look forward to working with all parties to craft a new provision that helps preserve national security while fostering the necessary public discussion of important issues." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/cia110600.html>

The President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors noted recently that his organization had asked the two major presidential candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush, to outline their stances on "access to government information, the public's right to know, privacy rights and plans for press conferences if elected president. Neither as much as acknowledged the requests."

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Re: ET Evidence - Rimmer

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Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:53:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 20:15:01 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Rimmer

>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence [was Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll]

>Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

>That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours),
>signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

>-Brian C.

Would that be as in Betty Hill Star Map? Thought so.

Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and remove all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory Fish 'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the stars.

Done that?

Now show the two sets of dots to someone who doesn't know what they are and ask them if they can see the slightest resemblance whatsoever.

Thought not!

Fish? Tish!

--

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:46:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 20:17:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 07:11:22 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Basic experiments to attempt to reproduce the Trent photos can't
>be that hard. After all, Trent, who was hardly a scientist,
>created them in the first place. But the skeptics refuse to do
>the experiment and see just how hard it is to match, even in
>general terms, the characteristics derived by Bruce Maccabee.

The problem with trying to 'recreate' an allegedly hoaxed photograph is that the proponents have endless opportunities to challenge the accuracy of the reconstruction. Any deviation from the exact conditions can be claimed to invalidate the experiment. I don't know how general the 'general terms' that Mark Cashman is prepared to accept are, but I suggest that hard-core believers will always want the conditions to be ever more stringent. Indeed, we have seen this attitude expressed in some of the previous discussions on this list.

>The same thing is true of all of the radical misperception
>nonsense. If it were so common as to give rise to the immense
>database of UFO reports, we would never be able to identify the
>IFOs, the cognitive and perceptual literature would be full of
>descriptions of it and its mechanisms... but that isn't the
>case.

But no-one is suggesting that radical misperceptions are "so common as to give rise to the immense database of UFO reports".
Ordinary misperception accounts for many of them, along with a wide range of other stimuli. Radical misperceptions is put forward as an possibility in a very small number of cases. It is a "straw man" (another phrase for Jerry Clark bingo, Andy?) to suggest that anyone is suggesting that vast numbers of UFO reports are caused by radical misperceptions of anything. But it's a convenient fiction for the eager-believers to use when they try to pour scorn on any sceptical explanation.

>Sigh.

Indeed.

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John Rimmer
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Re: On What is Known - Randles

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 20:20:29 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Randles

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>Subject: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research? Personally, I know
>of nothing which has been discovered. Does anyone?

Hi,

UFO research has provided a number of new insights in two specific areas - atmospheric physics and human psychology.

From the former, we have established examples of rare phenomena such as the mirage effect that was probably responsible for the Goose Bay, Labrador case and which has been duplicated on only a couple of other cases - again reported as UFOs.

There are also more difficult to categorise types of UAP (unidentified atmospheric phenomena) that appear to be generated by both geological and physical processes within the environment. Science would likely not have discovered these because of the UFO stigma attached to such data.

My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to appreciate this possibility. There are several candidates - one of which is a consistently reported triple light triangle effect that appears to be some kind of atmospheric refraction.

As for psychology, I think the study of UFO sightings is a 'lab experiment' in the real world that allows us to see the complex interactions of perceptual psychology, sociology and belief systems far better than any artificial set up could do. This has revealed things such as the 'prone personality' pattern and the significance of visual creativity in the extent to which strange phenomena are reported. Whatever these things mean they are bona fide discoveries that emerge via UFO investigation.

More contentiously, UFO study teaches things about the paranormal that have not emerged in other fields. For example, the pattern of early life experiences with balls of light in the bedroom reported by repeater witnesses and their apparent purpose as a gateway to perception of 'higher dimensions'. Again, regardless of whether you see this as a subjective or cosmic reality, its a real phenomenon that we would likely not have recognised without ufology. And it opens us up to understanding what is thus a new insight into something we probably would not otherwise have got.

A third category we can add is the intense investigation that reveals rare but significant social phenomena that are IFOs.

As an example (from 'The UFOs that Never Were') we have a classic UFO movie film that was resolved by years of hard slog.

It turned out to likely be a fluke effect in which a military plane ejected fuel, this was trapped by a thermal layer, created a blazing fireball and nearly fell atop a yard filled with young schoolchildren. This event - whilst not ufological once it became an IFO - is nonetheless a significant social discovery because it reveals a genuine hidden danger that was likely to be previously unknown. As such it brings forth a real debate that we should be having.

Another such example, would be the UFO to IFO investigation (also in the book) that revealed how a major airline was 'gliding' its jets over populated terrain in a clear breach of aviation regulations. This dangerous practice was outlawed immediately, but would not have been uncovered had the events not generated UFO sightings and had not serious Ufologists skillfully unearthed the truth. Gliding civil jets probably still create UFO sightings today. There should be an aviation and public debate about this. But that we can even consider it is made possible by virtue of there being a Ufology and a serious UFO investigation community.

These are in addition to any considerations we might have about the more exotic theories of UFO origin. Which I have left out purposefully because they are open to contention.

But the above things are, I think, well enough established and independent of any specific interpretation to be considered genuine additions to knowledge gained via Ufology.

As the UAP can lead to benefits to society (eg new energy sources, possible ways to defuse earth tremors) and as the IFOs can uncover important questions that society well outside the UFO field should be contemplating it is not reasonable, IMO, to contend that Ufology has been unproductive.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Military Abductions - Meiners

From: Jean Meiners <legalco@uswest.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 19:14:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 01:54:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions - Meiners

>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:25:10 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
>Subject: Military Abductions (Version 1)

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>I'm not trying to promote my web site, but since the information
>is published there, it would be simple for the people in this
>discussion to read it there. The section of the site pertaining
>to this discussion is located at:

>The New 'Men In Black'

>http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/newmib.html

<snip>

Just a quick statement to the notation of "men in black"... they
aren't always in black, and they most definitely aren't always
what they appear to be.

G'ma

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Re: ET Evidence - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:02:34 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 02:13:03 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Cuthbertson

>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:53:04 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence [was Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll]

>>Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

>>That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours),
>>signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

>>-Brian C.

>Would that be as in Betty Hill Star Map? Thought so.

>Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and remove
>all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory Fish
>'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the stars.

>Done that?

>Now show the two sets of dots to someone who doesn't know what
>they are and ask them if they can see the slightest resemblance
>whatsoever.

>Thought not!

So what? That it was a map of stars __identified by us__ is irrelevant. That it was apparently a star map is, in and of itself, the evidence for extra-terrestrial contact. The key words are "star map", not "identified star map".

There are hundreds of billions of stars in our galaxy alone. Personally, I'd be extremely surprised, if not astonished, if any star map presented in the Hill case context were identifiable.

-Brian C.

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Re: On What is Known - Cashman

From: **Mark Cashman** <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 01:15:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 02:16:14 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Cashman

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>Subject: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>what has been discovered?

Hi, Jim!

I think a number of things have been discovered, which are not the kinds of things that everyone wants to hear, but which are nevertheless important.

- 1) UFO reports do fall into specific, classifiable patterns.
- 2) UFOs do have a limited range of geometries, luminous patterns, and behaviors. They tend to appear at specific times of the day and night by type.
- 3) As strangeness increases, demographic distribution of witnesses trends toward that of the population as a whole.
- 4) Methods exist by which distance, size, altitude, and energy output can be extracted with some confidence from witness reports.
- 5) Luminosity does correlate in complex ways with behavior.
- 6) UFO entities are almost uniformly bilateral and bipedal and generally tend to be drastically shorter or taller than humans.

There are other things we've learned. Of course, little or none of it bears on what everyone seems desperate to know or fabricate, which is the intent and origin of the UFO, but that's likely to be the last thing we find out.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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Re: On What is Known - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 06:13:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 03:13:06 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hale

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the
>cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to
>appreciate this possibility.

Hi Jenny,

1. In your eyes is the UFO Phenomena that has been reported over the last few decades' now solved?
2. Would you GUESS that there could be a possibility of other life forms way out yonder in the Universe?
3. Has UFO Trace cases given us any insights into the UFO phenomena?
4. Do you hold UFO Radar tracking cases as significant ?
5. If you were hit with a stone' how would you know it was a real event and not a psychological delusion?

If the answer is yes to Q:1 how much longer do you feel you should spend researching the UFO Phenomena?

Regards,

Roy..

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Scientists Downplay 'Space Object'

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 01:15:53 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 03:18:37 -0500
Subject: Scientists Downplay 'Space Object'

Scientists Downplay 'Space Object'

.c The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Scientists who announced last week that a mysterious space object had a 1-in-500 chance of striking the Earth in 30 years have retracted their prediction, saying it poses little threat.

The object, which is either a small asteroid or piece of space junk, has virtually no chance of hitting the planet in 2030. However, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena said there's a 1-in-1,000 chance it could hit Earth in 2071.

"This object is much more interesting than threatening," said Donald Yeomans, manager of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program.

Scientists downgraded the chance of a collision in 2030 after examining additional observations. The new data "effectively ruled out the chance of an Earth impact in that year," according to the program's Web site.

Predictions of the path of the object now indicate it will pass no closer than 2.7 million miles to Earth - about 11 times the distance from the Earth to the moon.

The object, designated 2000 SG344, is either an asteroid about 200 feet in diameter or a 35-foot-long Apollo-era rocket booster. It was discovered Sept. 29 through a telescope in Hawaii.

Before the new data was revealed, Yeomans had said that if the object was an asteroid it could create a "fairly sizable nuclear blast" if it struck the Earth.

The retraction and downgrading was the second embarrassing asteroid announcement in recent years. Scientists at the Minor Planets Center in Cambridge, Mass., generated headlines worldwide in 1998 when they announced that a mile-wide asteroid had a chance of hitting Earth in 2028. The prediction was retracted a day later when further calculations were made by JPL.

That incident led the International Astronomical Union to create new guidelines for announcing events of such magnitude. New rules call for announcements to be made after astronomers reach a consensus that a risk to the planet exists and states that an announcement be made publicly within 72 hours of such findings.

Yeomans said the new observations were released Friday shortly after he held a news conference.

"We followed the rules to the letter," he said. "I have no regrets. I'd do the same thing again."

On the Net:

JPL: <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov>

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Re: Military Abductions - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 01:32:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 03:21:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions - Velez

>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 15:25:10 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
>Subject: Military Abductions (Version 1)

>This is a general response to the posts concerning military
>abductions, also called 'MILABS'. I'm not sure if everyone is
>aware of Helmut and Marion Lammer's book they published almost
>two years ago, but it was titled 'MILABS: Military Abductions'
>and was published by Illuminet Press. Dr. Lammer is a Ph.D.
>research scientist and his wife is a student of law. He has
>written several books about the UFO phenomenon in Austria and
>Germany. 'MILABS' is still available and I suggest that everyone
>interested in this subject read it. It does have a few editing
>problems (syntax errors, etc), but the book still contains
>important information regarding MILABS.

>It is somewhat surprising to hear the comments made regarding
>the unlikelihood of military abductions.

Hi Katarina,

Nice to see you out on the List! You ought to join us more often. Re: Military abductions, I'm not quite sure what posts you are referring to when you say that you are surprised to hear the comments made regarding the unlikelihood of military abductions. But in case you were referring to any of mine,....

In one thread I stated that I thought Dr. Greer's claim that 98% of all abductions can be attributed the the clandestine activity of some unnamed government agency, are patently absurd and that he (or anyone else) has not offered a shred of evidence to substantiate such a claim.

If that is what you find "surprising" then lets discuss it.

In another thread I responded to comments made by a List member to the effect that: "Government agents are driving around UFO hot spots in unmarked cars and that they utilize an electronic device that opens and closes dimensional windows and that the purpose is to "hide" UFO activity from the prying eyes of MUFON investigator trainees.

If my response to that set of outrageous claims caused you any "surprise" then (again) let's discuss it.

You say that you won't engage in discussion or debate on this list yet you feel free to post a response to an UpDates thread. We know each other a long time Katarina. You know as well as I do that that's simply playing; "Ring and run!"

If you're going to comment on a thread you should be willing to provide people an opportunity for either discussion or rebuttal. Dropping your critique while also using the opportunity to plug the old website and then rapidly excusing yourself and exiting stage left isn't playing proper cricket. You have posted to an ongoing discussion. Have a seat for a bit. ;) It's been awhile since we last talked anyway.

I'm still curious 'which' re marks in the military abduction thread were the ones that "surprised" you. Couldn't have been mine as I'm sure you agree that both Greer's, and the list members claims, are "a bit over the top." If you don't agree, then I'd be interested to hear your reasoning.

Good to hear from you Kat.

Regards, hope all is well with you and yours,

Your friend always,

John Velez

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

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Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Beaver

From: Mike Beaver <yoda@foxinternet.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 22:54:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 03:28:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Beaver

>From: Fran Walton <LWalton55@cs.com>
>Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 16:05:14 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 16:13:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: Abduction 'Investigation' - Walton

>In a nutshell, you do not charge for UFO related work. Instead
>of up front cash, you use the information you glean for a
>possible book. Because your book may have been turned down by
>publishers does not negate the facts here. It merely means that
>your manuscript did not meet their specific criteria.

And your assumptions that I will, one day, make money off of
this work is very hopeful indeed, as I explained before. The
odds are not in that direction though, as I've said before. If
one is motivated by something that is extremely unlikely to
occur that isn't much motivation is it? But then again, you do
have to grasp onto something to make it seem you are correct and
that I am the guilty one.

><Out of curiosity, what would you do if someone came to you with
>>a sincere, honest, problem relating to a fear, or emotional
>>baggage they have been carrying around, and could not afford
>>your fee. Would you treat _them_ without compensation?

>>That would depend on many circumstances. To explain all of those
>>would take quite a bit of space here. The probability is that I
>>would not.

>It is my guess that, based on your words that you would not, it
>has more to do with the information you would ascertain would no
>longer be useful for your book; therefore, you could care less
>about these individuals and their problems.

The abductee I worked with, for free, was, as I told her,
specifically for information to be put in the book. a) It was no
secret. b) I told her that if it ever turned out to be a best
seller that I would give her a percentage of the book in
direction proportion to the amount of the book taken up by her
story. To assume that I am messing someone over is indicative of
your negative thought patterns in general; and says nothing
whatsoever about me. Guess who it does say something about?

The notion that you could even begin to understand me or my
motivations is quite laughable. I knew, from the beginning of
this thread, that your only motivation was to, attempt to, dig
up dirt, on me, because you have invested heavily in
psychological teachings which are, and always have been,
inferior to hypnotherapy work. That you have chosen to focus on
myself instead of yourself is indicative of this.

>>I could go on at considerable length in giving you some
>>understanding of what I would do and when and why, etc.

>Totally unnecessary. I believe you have given us all a very
>clear picture of what, when, and why.

ditto

<snip>

>...you've not only given me a good idea but confirmed by
>opinions.

ditto.

>Respect, like riches, is a relative thing, depending on who or
>what you use as your measuring meter.

Stating the obvious is an easy thing isn't it?

>If you base it on the opinions of others who view financial gain
>as the sole criteria, then in that case you would feel you are
>respected I guess.

If you had even the slightest clue about me and my practice, or
lack thereof, you would know that you don't have the slightest
clue about my motivations in promoting you lack of reasoning
here. You couldn't be more wrong in this presupposition.

>However, if you look to others in ufology to base your opinion
>of respect on, perhaps you are looking in the wrong place.

Wrong again. Keep guessing. One day you might get it. Got to be
positive to get it right though. I'm not sure if that's possible
for ya.

>Counselling to aid and assist the individual to a healthier
>state, and succeeding, earns respect.

Stating the obvious is an easy thing isn't it? This seems to be
getting redundant. I wonder why?

>Counselling for no fee
>with the expectation of using the information gained for your
>own purposes not only does not earn respect, it makes one
>question if you subscribe to any principles of ethics.

If Whitley Strieber hadn't written his book then much of ufology
would still be in the closet. Books which put things together,
without revealing any names, if that's the clients wishes, help
people, who are abductees, to see that this phenomena is a real
thing. The details, confirming or denying consistency, etc. help
everyone to bring this out of the closet, where everyone, who's
abducted, or has a sighting, gets laughed at, into a respectable
light is the goal of any good author. He's the only one I'm
aware of who has made that much money at it. And even he had to
give up his cabin where he had all those encounters. Nobody's
really getting rich at this. But I suspect that you already know
this. Maybe not.

The truth is, I could care less what anyone, except for my
clients, think about me. They are the only ones that count. If
the book never gets published and I don't see a dime over it
that will not bother me in the slightest; something I suspect
you would have a real hard time believing. So be it.

I wonder if you tend to believe the worst in your clients as you
tend to believe the worst in other therapists? Who does this
tell us more about, you or me?

>I'm merely asking questions that you would prefer people don't.

Not at all. It's the assumptions that you make from my answers
that are indicative of how you tend to view the motivations of
others, like myself, that you don't even have the tiniest clue
about, that is what's laughable.

>Trying to change the focus to me isn't going to change anything.

By assuming the worst about me I really don't need to know any
details about you. You have already provided them with your
attitude. Nothing more needs to be added.

>It will only reinforce the image you are portraying of having been
>found out and looking to focus attention elsewhere!

As I haven't been hiding anything, that won't be necessary will
it?

>Have any of those studies been published in any "peer review"

>publications or other reputable sources?

You will have to do your own leg work on this one. I just thought you might find it amusing. Why should I be that dumb? Oh well...

>>Ok. So stop sniping then.

>Don't you think that remark belongs more on a playground?

You insinuated that I was sniping first; when in reality you are the one who has been trying to insinuate and therefore sniping all along, not myself. C? I bet you know a lot about projection?

>I do not make claims of being a professional in either any of the 3
>mentioned therapy areas, and specifically when it comes to
>counselling anyone in any realm of ufology.

Wow, that's not what I've been reading. The word money I don't remember coming up, on your part, but your claiming that you are well trained in more than one of these areas, beyond that which I have claimed for myself, is certainly indicative of making yourself an authority on the subject, regardless if remuneration was ever an issue. Slicing a little thin in one direction and then the other aren't we? And, it's interesting that you put that sentence in just before reiterating all your training in these 2 areas. First you say you aren't a professional, then you say you're highly trained beyond myself. Well, which is it, you are an authority or you aren't. You're trying to have it both ways. I wonder why?

>Mike, one more time... Insurance companies will not issue
>malpractice insurance to CLSW or C.Ht. because when used by them
>it is considered a hobby. They do not insure hobbies.

Wrong again.

1) Hypnotherapists get malpractice insurance all the time. 2) And psychiatrists and psychologists, also, are quite well covered by their insurers WHILE doing hypnotherapy. If it were considered only a hobby by insurers then these non-hypnotherapists wouldn't be able to perform the practice within their normal non-hypnotherapeutic practices. It would be too dangerous for them as their insurers wouldn't be covering those sessions. And they wouldn't be getting payed by those same insurers for hypnotherapy work either. Ask any psychiatrist or psychologist you know of if their insurers pay them for the hypnotherapy work that they do. I bet all kinds of cash that there isn't one of them, not a single one, who will say that their insurers don't pay them for the hypnotherapy work they do. Get it yet?

>Apparently the questions are obvious because they went right to
>the heart of the matter and some very serious problems that
>arise in the field of ufology!

Only your ego believes this. The truth is that I do quite superior healing hypnotherapy work WITHIN a ufological expository session, unlike most UFO investigators, including Master hypnotherapists, because, I am primarily interested in healing the client more than getting the details of their story; a fact that has gone right over your head. Sorry if you missed it. But then I forgot you were looking for dirt. Bummer.

>Based solely on what you have posted, it would appear that
>ethics are not a high priority on a list of matters of
>importance when dealing in ufology.

Coming from someone whose primary goal is digging up illusory dirt on other therapists, I consider that a great complement. Thank you very much.

>Oh! Because I put you on the spot with what apparently were
>tough questions that makes me messed up? Get out of the
>sandbox and converse as an adult. Such levels are so
>unattractive and rather reflective of the true personality.

I don't think tough questions are within your ability to think up. All along you have been going in quite simplistic terms, jumping to conclusions about things for which you don't have a clue. You are the one in the manure, not I. Again. Stop

projecting.

>It would appear that you seem to have a problem with the legal
>profession as well.

Not at all. I'm quite well connected in that area. I think you would be real surprised how well connected. Ha ha. Oh well. Keep going. You've made so many laughable assumptions, one more won't make a difference.

>I'll tell you right out front who I am. I'm someone who is a
>very strong advocate for ethics and personal responsibility,
>amongst other things.

No, you're someone who seeks to dig up dirt on others, especially those you don't have a clue about.

>I do not hold myself out to be anything other than who,
>what and how I am.

ditto

Was that another one of those more than obvious statements?
Too many to count now.

>I hide behind nothing, especially not the letter that
>follow my name.

As you haven't really said much about yourself, hiding behind nothing isn't very difficult as there's nothing out in front of you to hide behind or to look at either.

>>Am I making myself clear on this as one? Hint, hint, nod nod. :-)

>Extremely. Oh, one other thing about me. I try my best not
>to sink down to the playground level. However, sometimes I
>am reduced to that level because it is the only way the other
>person knows how to communicate.

>Am I making myself clear on this one?

Perfectly. You started in the manure by casting doubts about myself and I came down to that level to be in it with you, not the other way around.

Keep projecting ok.

>Fran Walton

Sincerely;

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 02:03:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 03:35:35 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Velez

>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 16:14:28 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:23:48 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

><snip>

>>I was shown visions of "fires, floods, and storms," by little
>>non-human grey men. If you read the papers or watch the
>>newscasts you'll see -fires- (almost a third of the USA burned
>>away this year and that's not counting _major fires_ in other
>>countries as well. The fires consumed whole states here.

><snip>

>>John Velez, Abductee

Dennis, (heretofore known as "Sasquatch" wrote:

>John,

>Out of personal curiosity, just one other question...

>You say you were shown visions of catastrophes.

>What component(s) of that experience led or caused you to
>believe that these visions were necessarily prophetic, that is,
>previews of future or forthcoming events?

I didn't. I have never said that I thought the 'visions' as you call them (they seemed disturbingly real at the time) were "prophetic". What I said was that I found all the recent 'doings' an unsettling reminder/possible confirmation of what I was shown. I haven't arrived at any conclusions (as in any of the abduction related material I have in my head being 'prophetic' or anything else) at all. I wish you knew how hard I work at keeping straight with the guy in the mirror, Sasquatch. You'd see me in a different light and you'd know better than to assign such beliefs to me.

>Might they not have been shown you simply to see how you would
>emotionally respond to such events -- regardless of when (or
>whether) they actually happened?

Dennis I wish I knew what that was or represented. I'm still questioning if I am recalling an actual event or something that was planted in there to cover something else altogether. Who knows? It's why I've been out there 'reporting' and standing up as a witness. I need solid answers man. This crap has affected the course of my life and that of my family members. I'm not about to buy into anything unless my gut tells me it has possibilities. I take it all too seriously to be 'flakey' about the phenomenon or myself. When it comes to UFOs or abductions I

suffer fools poorly and I take no prisoners. Some folks confuse that with anger. There's a difference.

So far not too much of what I have seen in ufology has been 'ringing my bell'. Most of what I find is wild speculation, unquestioned rumors, and cowpie that is piled so high they can smell the stank in Heaven. All the clouds on lower level nine have been evacuated! ;)

Regarding your other comments about "apocalyptic events", I suppose it's all matter of assigning a 'size' to what you'd accept as "apocalyptic". I gotta tell you though, when I see video footage on the six o'clock news from (what was it 8 or 9?) states that are all burning for weeks from border to border it looks "apocalyptic" to me! Those poor people. You're right though that many people are developing areas for business and residence that shouldn't! It's like I've never been able to figure out why anybody would live in a trailer anywhere inside of Hurricane Alley. Go figure!

BTW, when you reminded me to vote, I hope you weren't expecting me to vote for your fellow Texan! Id rather vote for the Ayatollah! <LOL>

Regards,

John Velez

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

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Re: Element 115 And Saucers - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 01:44:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 08:29:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Element 115 And Saucers - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 07:21:23 +0100
>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Element 115 And Saucers

>Source: 'alt.alien.visitors'.

>Stig

>***

>Subject: Element 115 and saucers
>Date: Thu, 02 Nov 2000 06:33:51 GMT
>From: "Purple" </dev/null@mail.com>
>Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors

>Heard saucer engines are powered by eka-bismuth (element 115)
>which decays to 114 by ejecting two anti-protons and a gravity-A
>wave.

>But it can't be.

>Um, eka-bismuth decays by releasing an alpha particle (He
>nucleus) No other form of decay for it is known at present. Only
>one (very rare) isotope of Xenon decays anywhere like that -
>emitting a proton pair. So, if 115 spits out two anti-protons,
>wouldn't it become element 117 (proton count +2 now) instead of
>114 (and how did they get $115 - 2 = 114$?) No nucleonic reaction
>can make an anti-proton from only protons and neutrons - think
>of charge conservation!

>Also, gravity wave-A (frame-dragging field) never "pulses". Only
>wave-B does that. And how do you make a wave-guide for it?

>Truly, Earth stands no chance against a race so sophisticated
>that it can read text books.

Dear Purple:

Usually, an element is discovered or synthesized before anyone
can study its properties.

You have to find some trace of the material before you can see
how many alpha particle (if any) are released from its nucleus
on decay (if any).

Yes, eka-bismuth, if it is ever found to exist, will most likely
have regular protons like every other element in the periodic
chart. How can it possibly spit out anti-protons it doesn't
have?

A quick browse finds lots of sites dealing with element 115 (
eka-bismuth). Virtually all of them have words like "alien,
abovetopsecret, boblazar, area51" in their URLs. One of these
might be the source of the anti-proton business.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: On What is Known - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 08:34:52 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Randles

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 06:13:57 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>>My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the
>>cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to
>>appreciate this possibility.

>Hi Jenny,

>1. In your eyes is the UFO Phenomena that has been reported
> over the last few decades' now solved?

>2. Would you GUESS that there could be a possibility of other
> life forms way out yonder in the Universe?

>3. Has UFO Trace cases given us any insights into the UFO
> phenomena?

>4. Do you hold UFO Radar tracking cases as significant ?

>5. If you were hit with a stone' how would you know it was a
> real event and not a psychological delusion?

>If the answer is yes to Q:1 how much longer do you feel you
>should spend researching the UFO Phenomena?

Hi,

Its a pity you are not like the (incredible) British weather
right now since your answers are much easier to forecast.

I don't wish to get into responding to your questions as they
leap off a cliff into a pool of assumptions that have no direct
relevance to my response. They seem to be another attempt to
open a debate on the ETH and / or the nature of British
skepticism (which this list keeps having).

I'm not saying that isn't interesting. But its not what this
topic is about.

Neither the question posed, nor my answer to it, had any
relevance . As my reply made clear I was purposefully avoiding
discussing exotic theories of UFO origin (all of them) and any
possible revelations that these have brought. Instead I was
simply offering some less contentious benefits that Ufology has
brought about in my own experience from case investigation.

By all means please dispute them, but don't assume they mean
anything about the unconnected questions that you raise.

Mine was a proper answer to an excellent question and inferred no rejection of the aspects of ufology that you raise. Therefore, I don't intend to deflect a novel debate about the tangible consequences of ufology into yet another discussion on this obsession some have with perceived British super skepticism.

I've made my position on UFOs abundantly clear before (including in answers to similar questions that you have posted) and it will not further this new contemplation to get sidetracked onto them again. Anybody who has read me knows I do not reject all UFO reality and will be aware of my open minded but evidently unpersuaded viewpoint on the ETH. But it has no direct bearing on what I said because such consequences of ufology that I raised still exist regardless of whether there are no alien UFOs at all or if gelatinous blobs from alpha Centauri are having their wicked way with us.

I did not say that the things I proposed were the 'only' positive discoveries or revelations to emerge from 50 years of Ufology. I actually agree with several of the other ideas posted by Wendy and Mark in response to this question. But I added a few items of my own as to how I see UFology has benefited society and there is no reason for this to lead into a new round of 'Go on - admit you're a skeptic' - a new game show I am hoping to franchise as a replacement for 'Who wants to be a millionaire'.

And, yes, Roy, for the record, it is my final answer and I don't need to phone a friend.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Introducing 'The Mars Online Gazette'

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 06:19:19 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:41:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Introducing 'The Mars Online Gazette'

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INTRODUCING THE MARS ONLINE GAZETTE
November 8, 2000

The Electric Warrior
&
The Cydonian Imperative

The Electric Warrior and the Cydonian Imperative announce the the Mars Online Gazette, a joint effort to provide informative online content about Mars Cydonia, and other scientific anomalies.

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/MarsOnlineGazette.htm>

The Gazette debuts with an article investigating NASA's most recent imaging of the Face on Mars, including four different graphic images, which can be viewed on demand using a simple push-button user interface.

Mac Tonnies, whose online Cydonian Imperative Website has been documenting NASA's efforts to image the controversial region since the Spring of 1998, provided the Gazettes' premier articles, which are supplemented by images processed by The Electric Warrior.

Tonnies said, "This joint venture constitutes the most reasonable - and certainly the most aesthetically appealing - treatment of the Cydonia inquiry I've seen since SPSR revitalized academic interest several years ago, leading to the first tantalizing glimpse of Cydonia since the 1970s.

"It's our opinion that the Cydonia issue demands responsible open dialogue between people willing to entertain both the possibilities of artificiality and anomalous geology. Our respective sites are committed to democratizing the available information in such as way that readers can begin to develop their own opinion, which will doubtless be a necessary first step if some of the features under study are demonstrated to be of non-natural origin.

"The Gazette marks a high-quality effort to unite disparate interests and disciplines in a venture that may very well lead us to some transformative and profound conclusions regarding who we are and what our future as a species has in store for us."

According to the Electric Warrior, Tonnies' level commentary provides an even-handed summary of what independent investigation into the Cydonia enigmas all means. "When the history books describe what's really out there, this young writer will have had his say. He's now saying it on the Electric Warrior Website."

The Mars Online Gazette environment was engineered by The

Electric Warrior to provide talented writers a presence on the Internet that rivals the look and feel of top flight Web-based news portals.

"As popular online search engines start indexing this content," said the eWarrior, "one click will vector the browser into the Gazette's synchronized frames environment, featuring both images and commentary. This high-tech implementation tells big media that if people are viewing our engaging Internet content, then they're probably not listening to the radio or watching TV."

For more information about The Cydonian Imperative, visit the Website at:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

or email macbot@yahoo.com

For more information about The Electric Warrior, visit the Website at:

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

or email eWarrior@electricwarrior.com

Webmasters and Internet content developers are encouraged to try out the Mars Online Gazette's open source JavaScript API.

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/Cool.htm>

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Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 13:54:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:44:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Bowden

>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 15:06:01 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles

>>Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 00:49:45 -0500
>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Big Story On Crop Circles

>>Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

>><http://www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat-4nov2000-50.htm>

>>British man arrested for faking crop circles
>>Sat, 4 Nov 2000
>>ABC [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] News

>>A 29-year-old British man has been arrested after being
>>photographed creating crop circles, the intricate patterns which
>>appear in fields overnight and are seen by some as evidence of
>>alien life.

>>The arrest provides evidence the crop circles, which have
>>fascinated fans of the paranormal for years, are nothing but an
>>intricate hoax.

Hi Roy,

>Q: Why do you think the police never arrested the very much
>public and infamous Doug & Dave for destroying farmers crops?

A: No evidence to support their claims.

On the other hand the Police have photographic evidence of
William's and co doing the deed.

>It gets sadder by the day.....

It certainly does, it appears there are those who will believe a
photo of a crop circle but will not believe a photo of someone
making a crop circle.

Dave.

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:17:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:51:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bowden

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:32:22 -0600

>>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 15:42:15 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>It could be interesting to see, if Mr. Matthew Williams spends
>time in jail, more crop circles pop up.

>Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Hello Virgilio,

It would be rather naive to assume that Mr Williams and Co. are
the only people making crop circles.

Dave.

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Re: On What is Known - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 8 Nov 2000 06:54:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 11:16:52 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hamilton

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>Subject: On What is Known
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research? Personally, I know
>>of nothing which has been discovered. Does anyone?

>Hi,

>UFO research has provided a number of new insights in two
>specific areas - atmospheric physics and human psychology.

>From the former, we have established examples of rare phenomena
>such as the mirage effect that was probably responsible for the
>Goose Bay, Labrador case and which has been duplicated on only a
>couple of other cases - again reported as UFOs.

>There are also more difficult to categorise types of UAP
>(unidentified atmospheric phenomena) that appear to be generated
>by both geological and physical processes within the
>environment. Science would likely not have discovered these
>because of the UFO stigma attached to such data.

>
>My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the
>cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to
>appreciate this possibility. There are several candidates - one
>of which is a consistently reported triple light triangle effect
>that appears to be some kind of atmospheric refraction.

<snip>

Why all this emphasis on natural phenomena? Certainly most of
the cases I have been interested in over the years have been
reports of structured metallic craft, sometimes seen with
portholes, appendages, extended landing gear and all the
appurtenances that make it appear to be similar in construct to
one of our aircraft or spacecraft. These sightings are the most
pertinent to the question of extraterrestrial vehicles of
unknown origin and contain the highest potential for scientific
and technological progress.

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Date: 8 Nov 2000 07:08:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 11:19:50 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hamilton

>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 18:15:14 EST
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

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><snip>

>Jim, the best answer I can give you is this: I am assuming that
>what you are asking is what solid scientific work has been
>accomplished on UFO's in the 53 years since Kenneth Arnold.

>I think less than 1 year of serious scientific work has been
>done on UFO's, in total, in 50+ years and it shows. What I mean
>by less than a year is that a typical field of scientific
>research has, say, 100 to 1,000 scientists working on it full
>time around the world. I realize there are some little niches
>with fewer numbers and major fields with larger numbers, but I'm
>giving this as a rough rule of thumb.

>In a half century, the only solid scientific work that has been
>done on UFO's has been by a small handful of scientists actually
>doing scientific study of the subject -- McDonald, Maccabee,
>Vallee, Hynek, et al. -- and none of it has been full time
>_scientific_ study (as opposed to administrative or clerical
>labor or technical compiling of data) except for brief periods
>when, say, McDonald was able to devote full time to it. This is
>only a small fraction of the number in a full fledged community
>of 100 to 1,000 scientists devoting full time to a subject, and
>only a fraction of full time equivalent (FTE) over 50+ years.

>What I mean is that more than 100 McDonalds should have been
>working 100% of the time for 50 plus years on UFO's, as might be
>the case with established subjects such as astronomy, molecular
>biology, meteorology, algae research (phycology), seismology, or
>major subdisciplines of the same, etc.

>Even counting brief interludes by Battelle for 2 years, the
>Condon Committee for 2 years (don't forget Saunders), and the
>Sturrock panel, it adds up to less 1/10 the number of scientists
>needed over less than 1/10 of the time involved for an aggregate
>effort of 1/100 (and I'm being very generous with the numbers
>here).

>Work out the math and it is the equivalent of having a full
>scientific community working at it for less than about 6 months
>since 1947 -- probably it is less than even 1 month. No wonder
>there has been so little scientific progress in UFO research.

I might add that anyone with scientific training should be able
to adopt the methods of scientists to their studies of UFOs.

Some of us have had some training in this area. For instance, I majored, but did not complete my course of studies in physics. Others can research the literature and determine the scientific ground already covered.

>PS: If you want to know what has been learned scientifically about UFOs then read everything you can lay your hands on by >McDonald, Maccabee, Vallee, Hynek, and the Condon Committee >(including Saunders in dissent), for beginners. And, NO, they >aren't 100% correct but that doesn't mean their work was >worthless. Nor are they uniformly pro-UFO or anti-UFO.

>It is time that UFOlogists get acquainted with the fundamentals >of this field and stop rehashing the same tired old >controversies that should have been resolved decades ago. I am >continually having to quote from Hynek's The UFO Experience on >basics such as the definition of a UFO, the requirement of >eliminating conventional explanations before declaring a case an >unexplained UFO, etc., as it seems few on this list ever read it >or follow the worthy teachings therein. How many on this List >know what "angular size" is or how to measure it? If you don't >then how can you possibly investigate a UFO case scientifically >as angular size is a fundamental? (Along with other >fundamentals such as duration, azimuth angles or compass >bearings, time/date, latitude, longitude, elevation above MSL, >etc.)

Let me see now - angular size: the degree of arc that an object subtends when measured with a protractor against a background - well, amateurs don't have much to work with. A compass is good for bearings. A protractor again for azimuth angles. Ahhh MSL (mean sea level). Then there is altitude. And the time! If only witnesses looked at their watches. There should be a list of the basic details to obtain on every sighting.

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 15:22:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 11:22:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Morris

>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:17:04 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer
>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:32:22 -0600

>>It could be interesting to see, if Mr. Matthew Williams spends
>>time in jail, more crop circles pop up.

>>Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

>Hello Virgilio,

>It would be rather naive to assume that Mr Williams and Co. are
>the only people making crop circles.

>Dave.

All,

Thought the following gave a good overview of this story.

Associated Newspapers Ltd. Tuesday Nov 7th 2000

Crop Circle Hoaxer Trapped by Email.

A crop circle hoaxer designed an elaborate pattern in a field in order to prove a farming expert wrong, a court was told yesterday. Matthew Williams used bamboo sticks and planks to make a seven pointed star in a wheat field at Manor Farm in West Overton, Wiltshire, causing UKP200 worth of damage to the crop in the process.

The 29 year old created the design with a friend in the middle of one night last July(1999) after hearing Professor Michael Glickman claim on a US radio show such patterns could only be made by aliens.

Roger Jones, prosecuting, said Williams photographed the star and put a picture on the Internet. "It was to be shown to Prof Glickman to determine whether it was created in this world", he added. But the plan fell through and the professor contacted police after the show's DJ passed on an email to him in which Williams told what he had done.

Williams, from Bourton, near Devizes, Wiltshire, became the first person to be convicted of making a crop circle. He was fined UKP100 with UKP40 costs after admitting criminal damage.

Neil.

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Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 10:41:41 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 11:27:28 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000

>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 06:13:57 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>>>My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the
>>>cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to
>>>appreciate this possibility.

>>Hi Jenny,

>>1. In your eyes is the UFO Phenomena that has been reported
>>over the last few decades' now solved?

>>2. Would you GUESS that there could be a possibility of other
>>life forms way out yonder in the Universe?

>>3. Has UFO Trace cases given us any insights into the UFO
>>phenomena?

>>4. Do you hold UFO Radar tracking cases as significant ?

>>5. If you were hit with a stone' how would you know it was a
>>real event and not a psychological delusion?

>>If the answer is yes to Q:1 how much longer do you feel you
>>should spend researching the UFO Phenomena?

>Hi,

>Its a pity you are not like the (incredible) British weather
>right now since your answers are much easier to forecast.

>I don't wish to get into responding to your questions as they
>leap off a cliff into a pool of assumptions that have no direct
>relevance to my response. They seem to be another attempt to
>open a debate on the ETH and / or the nature of British
>skepticism (which this list keeps having).

Hello, Jenny, Roy, Listers and Errol,

I must protest. And I must presume; which in this case is not
nearly as odious as at first perceived, that one cannot respond
to the questions posed by Roy because there are no answers.
Which was the basis of my original post. Nothing is revealed.

Personally, I am rather enfeebled by the opinions and offended
if not outraged, by the lack of genuine discovery. So Jenny, and

with all due respect, your opinion, mine, Roy's, anyone's opinion, is completely irrelevant. We've got a surfeit of opinion. And need no more. In mine.

>I'm not saying that isn't interesting. But its not what this >topic is about.

In terms of my original post, it is exactly what this topic is all about, as I perceived it, anyway.

>Neither the question posed, nor my answer to it, had any >relevance . As my reply made clear I was purposefully avoiding >discussing exotic theories of UFO origin (all of them) and any >possible revelations that these have brought. Instead I was >simply offering some less contentious benefits that Ufology has >brought about in my own experience from case investigation.

My question intentionally avoided discussing exotic theories as well. You, Jenny, and many others, have mentioned the benefits which ufology has brought about. And there have been a few. But there are no answers. And answers are now required. Demanded. I for one, have had more than enough opinion, an overabundance of benefits. I and many like me now demand our just due. An answer to the conundrum of our perceived experiences. It should come from you, the esteemed researchers. It may come from another source. Us.

>By all means please dispute them, but don't assume they mean >anything about the unconnected questions that you raise.

>Mine was a proper answer to an excellent question and inferred >no rejection of the aspects of ufology that you raise. >Therefore, I don't intend to deflect a novel debate about the >tangible consequences of ufology into yet another discussion on >this obsession some have with perceived British super >skepticism.

>I've made my position on UFOs abundantly clear before (including >in answers to similar questions that you have posted) and it >will not further this new contemplation to get sidetracked onto >them again. Anybody who has read me knows I do not reject all >UFO reality and will be aware of my open minded but evidently >unpersuaded viewpoint on the ETH. But it has no direct bearing >on what I said because such consequences of ufology that I >raised still exist regardless of whether there are no alien UFOs >at all or if gelatinous blobs from alpha Centauri are having >their wicked way with us.

>I did not say that the things I proposed were the 'only' >positive discoveries or revelations to emerge from 50 years of >Ufology. I actually agree with several of the other ideas posted >by Wendy and Mark in response to this question. But I added a >few items of my own as to how I see UFology has benefited >society and

<snip>

And with respect. Not wishing to accuse or otherwise join in on a debate which is not mine, I merely request that research be joined by mainstream science, the medical community and our elected officials, if indeed we here in the Colonies can determine just who the hell our elected officials are.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Filer's Files #44 -- 2000 - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 07:52:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 11:31:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #44 -- 2000 - Myers

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 22:56:41 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #44 -- 2000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Filer's Files #44 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>November 6, 2000, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Webmaster
>C. Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>. - Majorstar@aol.com.

>NEW EVIDENCE OBTAINED TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF UFOs -- The BLT
>Research Team has provided new evidence of hemoglobin at bovine
>mutilation sights. There is also exciting new evidence from the
>message held in General Ramey's hand that a disk crashed at
>Roswell.

>MAJOR NEW EVIDENCE IN CATTLE MUTILATION PHENOMENON

>New evidence concerning the bizarre phenomenon generally known
>as "cattle mutilations" (or "bovine excisions," the term
>preferred by Michigan biophysicist Wm. C. Levengood) has
>recently been presented to the anomalous phenomena research
>community. In a 1997 "Study of Bovine Excision Sites From
>1993-1997" written by Levengood and mailed out by the BLT
>Research Team, a case on the Barton Ranch in Red Bluff, CA (Site
>#8 in the 1997 report) included the finding that some black
>particles recovered from the hide of the dead bull were most
>likely hemoglobin. Levengood noted that the matrix color of the
>particles was a deep red, with a fine-grained amorphous
>structure which is not typical of whole blood, further noting
>that the heme molecule, with an attached oxygen molecule, has a
>red color. An EDS (energy dispersive spectroscopy) was obtained
>and indicated precisely the spectra which would be expected from
>a hemoglobin matrix: carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and iron, with
>small amounts of trace elements typical of biological samples.
>The question then (as well as now) was how was this hemoglobin
>separated from the other blood components and fabricated into
>the compact homogenous structure discovered on the hide of this
>excised bull?

>In the early part of this year the expertise of an analytical
>chemist with infrared spectroscopy capability became available
>to the BLT Team. Phyllis Budinger, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio,
>examined two samples of the particles retrieved from the
>testicles and chest areas of the excised bull. Infrared spectra
>were obtained from both samples, as well as references of
>hemoglobin and whole bloods using the Harrick SplitPea cell
>attached to a Nicolet Avatar 360 spectrometer (ATR crystal used
>was silicon). Both samples were identified as bovine hemoglobin.
>Further, the spectra of these samples do not match that of whole
>blood, dried at ambient temperature in the laboratory, nor do
>they match spectra obtained of dried whole blood exposed to
>microwaves and after one week air exposure. Ms. Budinger's
>results confirm unequivocally that these samples are not only
>hemoglobin, but also that they are bovine hemoglobin. Probably
>from this dead and excised Black Angus bull.

>As Ms. Budinger indicates in her report, the usual procedure for
>isolating hemoglobin from whole blood is rather complex: "it

>involves separating red blood corpuscles from the lighter plasma
>components by centrifugation. The plasma is siphoned off and
>ether is added to the corpuscle paste, causing the cells to
>burst. Another centrifugation removes the ruptured cell
>envelopes, and leaves a clear red solution of hemoglobin. It is
>unlikely that a procedure such as this would be done on site. It
>is unknown how or why this occurred."

>When I spoke to Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team about the
>apparent need for laboratory equipment to produce these pure
>hemoglobin particles she pointed out that Jean Bilodeaux, the
>BLT fieldworker in this case, had clearly indicated in her
>field-notes that this bull was found in a very isolated
>pasture--more than 1/2-mile from the nearest dirt road, on a
>steep hillside which was strewn with volcanic rocks and
>boulders. "I don't see how a lab-on-wheels could have gotten in
>there and, because of the steepness of the hill and the fact
>that large boulders were strewn everywhere, I doubt that a
>lab-in-a-helicopter could have landed. Ms. Bilodeaux also
>pointed out that this animal was lying on top of a small
>boulder, with its body twisted unnaturally as if it had fallen
>from some height--and it was lying with both of its right legs
>and its tail up under the body. Jean's impression was that this
>animal may have been dropped into the location where it was
>found. I wonder if the process responsible for creating the
>hemoglobin particles was carried out elsewhere."

I just felt the need to clear up something here regarding this case. Mr. Filer incorrectly identified the investigator who collected these black particle samples. The investigator that actually discovered and collected the samples is yours truly. On the original BLT Research report from Nancy Talbott, I am listed as the person who collected samples of the particles. Since this story began making the rounds as of late, my name has somehow been omitted or confused with another investigator in many instances.

Also, I informed the List previously that Whitley Strieber reported that the animal had no blood in it. This is simply not true and I'm not sure where Strieber obtained his information. There was certainly a lack of blood, but the animal was not completely drained of blood. It would just be nice if some people would get their facts straight.

Regards,

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 1995 17:41:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:34:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Morris

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 15:22:15 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>of one night last July(1999) after hearing Professor Michael
should be ----- (2000)!

Oops, managed to goof that one up good and proper! One toooooooo
many sherberts I think!.

Neil.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 11:17:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:36:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 17:49:32 -0600
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

Dennis,

>Just out of sheer curiosity, do you, or, for that matter, David
>Hufford, know of any single instance in which a witness or
>experiencer claimed to have seen or encountered the Old Hag at a
>time, or state, in which they were not possible subjects of
>sleep paralysis, that is, in a non- altered state of
>consciousness?

The Old Hag is by definition a phenomenon encountered during a particular period of sleep paralysis. People, of course, encounter all sorts of other otherworldly entities in what appears to be waking consciousness.

For your other questions, Hufford addresses them far more articulately than I can. The lessons he draws from a wide range of anomalous experience (not just Old Hag) are ones the pelicanists on this list would do well to heed, but we can safely assume they won't.

Jerry Clark

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Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 10:47:53 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:39:13 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:02:34 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and
>>remove all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory
>>Fish 'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the
>>stars.

>>Done that?

>>Now show the two sets of dots to someone who >doesn't know
>>what they are and ask them if they can see the >slightest
>>resemblance whatsoever.

>>Thought not!

>So what? That it was a map of stars __identified by us__ is
>irrelevant. That it was apparently a star map is, in and of
>itself, the evidence for extra-terrestrial contact. The key
>words are "star map", not "identified star map".

>There are hundreds of billions of stars in our galaxy alone.
>Personally, I'd be extremely surprised, if not astonished, if
>any star map presented in the Hill case context were
>identifiable.

I wouldn't be surprised at all if the Fish reconstruction could be applied to a large number of configurations in our galaxy alone. With hundreds of billions of stars, finding some purely spurious matches seems just about inevitable.

Carl Sagan argued this point on his "Cosmos" program. And while I usually don't agree with his generalizations about UFOs, I thought I had a particularly good point in this case.

This isn't to say the Hill abduction was baloney, as Sagan did. I personally think that something quite real happened. But the "star map," while certainly worth a close look, isn't proof.

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 13:05:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:41:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 22:40:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

>>>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

Pelican John,

>>And that is precisely the sort of reading that drives Hufford up
>>the wall, and it is exactly why he praised my reading of his
>>book. It's not as if we have to choose between belief in witch
>>attacks or rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon, a
>>point Hufford makes repeatedly and which Rimmer seems to have
>>missed.

>You do make a good point. What drives me up the wall are people
>like who seem to think we have to choose between belief in
>extraterrestrial spaceships or rejection of a strange
>experiential phenomenon. I point which I make frequently and
>which Clarke seems to have missed.

I presume you are referring to Arthur C. Clarke. Perhaps you
could cite a reference for his conviction that "we have to
choose between belief in extraterrestrial spaceships or
rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon." That seems a
foolish idea, and I don't recall that anybody on this list
suggested it. As far as I can tell, you and your fellow
pelicanists are the only ones discussing alien spacecraft here.
In any event, let's see the Clarke reference. It strikes me as
extreme even for a veteran debunker like Clarke, but I could be
wrong.

>>In fact, Hufford very specifically states that while much of the
>>Old Hag experience can be explained through the findings of
>>sleep research, much - perhaps the most interesting part -
>>remains unaccounted for.* Hufford also goes on to state that
>>the mishandling of the Old Hag phenomenon exactly parallels
>>debunkers' mishandling of other anomalous phenomena, including
>>UFO reports, cryptozoological matters, and more.

>Hufford's analysis of the problems attached to the "Old Hag"
>phenomeon seem to bring it closer to the abduction phenomenon
>than to the apparent solid, engineered objects that Jerry claims
>constitute the 'real' UFO mystery - the CE2s and radar-visual
>cases. Although Hufford may think that conventional
>psychological explanations do not adequately explain the actual
>experiences involved in Hag accounts, I still doubt very much
>that he thinks there actually *is* an 'objectively existing' old

>woman who perpetrates the Hag attacks.

Huh? You lost me there. I must be scoring some points if this is the best you can do. Again, I don't recall anybody's ever saying - except you - that the existence of an actual Old Hag is what we're discussing.

In point of fact, Hufford contends that the Old Hag phenomenon and the abduction phenomenon, or at least some supposed abductions, may be part of a larger experiential mystery beyond current knowledge. I tend to agree. He also thinks that there are notable differences in some instances. Like me and unlike pelicanists, he thinks that investigation is far more important at this stage than yet more empty theory.

>It is Jerry who seems to be trying to polarise the debate by
>saying that if you reject the idea of an actual Hag, you are
>thereby denying the reality of the experience. Just such a
>foolish argument is of course wheeled out to attack anyone who
>doubts the physical reality of the abduction experience.

I am scratching my head here. What in the world are you talking about? I don't recall discussing the "physical reality of the abduction phenomenon" anywhere on this thread. In the real world which pelicanists visit as seldom as possible, I am pretty much an agnostic on the abduction question, which just plain confuses me - as it should, I would think, any reasonable objective observer. (Listfolk interested in my actual views, as opposed to John's imaginative paraphrase of them, are invited to read my paper "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men" in The Anomalist 8, Spring 2000, available from Dennis Stacy, Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212, for \$12.50 postpaid.) I do, however, recognize bogus arguments when I see them, and pelicanist treatments of the phenomenon usually tell me nothing except that the theorists are in the grips of what Hufford wittily identifies as the disbelief tradition.

>>Hufford participated in the 1992 MIT abduction studies
>>conference and contributed a fascinating paper to its
>>proceedings, taking issue with both debunkers and proponents for
>>loose thinking about a phenomenon that he freely acknowledges is
>>most puzzling. He cites a case he learned of through a physician
>>associate, noting that there were multiple witnesses and
>>physiological evidence associated with it. Hufford remarks, "I
>>know of no non-abduction explanation for these events... To
>>simply say this must ... be a case of folie a deux is to merely
>>state that no amount of evidence will count in such cases."
>What is this case, and where can I find an account of it?

Hufford doesn't go into details but mentions it at the beginning of his paper in the MIT conference proceedings.

>>>Does Hufford believe that the Old Hag is a real, evil old woman
>>>(or other physical phenomenon) who creeps into windows.

>>No. Hufford thinks that the Old Hag is a very strange,
>>phenomenon, poorly and even absurdly explained by pelicanists,
>>part of which we now understand, but some of the most baffling
>>aspects of which remain unaccounted for.

>Hmm, sounds just like abductions to me.

Wow - finally, a leading psychosociologist admits that the abduction phenomenon has not been explained and that baffling aspects remain unaccounted for. Reading Magonia, I never would have guessed. I would have thought that in your estimation it was only dimwitted ufologists who thought like that. You're coming around, John. Good for you. Be gentle, though, when you break the news to Peter Rogerson.

>Do you think that the evidence presented by Hufford makes the
>presence of a physical Hag a "reasonable provisional
>interpretation"? If not how does the degree of eyewitness
>testimony presented by Hufford differ from the testimony
>presented in the UFO reports that you find most convincing?

Wow. Go back and reread Hufford, then come back. At least then you'll understand why arguments like the one you are making distort his meaning beyond recognition. It sort of remains me,

actually, of the careless way you and other pelicanists treat witness testimony.

I should point out to listfolk who may be confused by John's strange effort to enlist Hufford into the psychosociologist cause re UFOs that I met Hufford originally - I had not heard of him before - at a folklore conference in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1978. I engaged him in conversation when I noticed how visibly incensed - and outspokenly critical - he became during our mutual exposure to a pelicanist lecture on UFOs. As memory has it, the lecture (by one Elmer Kral) was essentially indistinguishable from anything one would read in Magonia.

Hufford does not believe that all ostensibly strange phenomena eventually yield to "conventional" explanations. He cites cases in which strange phenomena, unknown to current knowledge, turned out to be exactly what witnesses described them as and thought they were. He also discusses cases in which such unknown phenomena turned out to be as witnessed but whose explanations proved different from the one observers thought.

His larger argument is about whether persons who report anomalous experiences are describing them correctly (whether explaining them wrongly or rightly) and whether those who seek to explain them conventionally know what they're talking about. Hufford's answers, respectively: usually and often not. He specifically discusses UFOs, reports of cryptozoological animals, and paranormal experiences as phenomena that, because of their own psychological and sociological blinkers, psychosocial theorists have misrepresented, distorted, and reinvented so as to make them fit comfortably, if unjustifiably, into their own complacent worldview. The result was to retard our understanding of important phenomena of nature and experience.

If I were truly cynical, I would say that this sounds pretty much like what one gets in a typical issue of that fascinating journal of disbelief tradition, Magonia. But even I would never be that cynical.

Jerry Clark

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Crop Circle Hoaxes, Etc.

From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 07:14:36 +1300 (NZDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:47:14 -0500
Subject: Crop Circle Hoaxes, Etc.

Greetings List

Now that there has been the arrest and conviction of one
circlemaker in England people should be reminded that the
"Circlemakers" have their own webpage at:-

<http://www.circlemakers.org>

Regards to all,

Murray Bott

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Rhodes

From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:10:36 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:49:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Rhodes

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 13:32:22 -0600 >>

>It could be interesting to see, if Mr. Matthew Williams spends
>time in jail, more crop circles pop up.

Surely you're not insinuating that Matthew is the only human
circle maker?

Terry

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Rhodes

From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:14:01 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:50:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Rhodes

>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:17:04 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden >grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>It would be rather naive to assume that Mr Williams and Co. are
>the only people making crop circles.

This sounds very much like the beginning of a confession, care
to elaborate?

Terry

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:09:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:52:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Clark

>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500

>Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>Five witnesses observed what they described as an alien "glide"
>across a field near Uniontown, Pa. The sighting occurred on
>August 3, 2000 about 10:00 P.M. The witnesses describe the being
>as about 5 feet tall with long slender extremities. It carried a
>brown "staff" about 5 feet long. It was observed for about a
>minute from a distance of about 250 feet. No apparent
>disturbances to the area around the being were reported. The
>creature appeared to glide about 6 inches above the ground,
>according to the witnesses. Weather conditions were cool and
>clear with no wind. No sounds were reported, and witnesses
>commented on it seeming abnormally quiet at the time. Crickets
>and other normal background noises were absent.

I confess to a particular fondness for reports like these. I call them "extreme experiential claims." Mark Chorvinsky calls them "hopeless cases." In any event, these last two sentences, describing something we have heard so often before, are particularly fascinating. They bring to mind Jenny Randles's Oz Factor. Any comment, Jenny?

Jerry Clark

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Re: ET Evidence - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 17:47:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 21:57:41 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Friedman

>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:02:34 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:53:04 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence [was Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll]

>>>Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

>>>That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours),
>>>signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

>>>-Brian C.

>>Would that be as in Betty Hill Star Map? Thought so.

>>Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and remove
>>all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory Fish
>>'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the stars.

>>Done that?

>>Now show the two sets of dots to someone who doesn't know what
>>they are and ask them if they can see the slightest resemblance
>>whatsoever.

>>Thought not!

>So what? That it was a map of stars __identified by us__ is
>irrelevant. That it was apparently a star map is, in and of
>itself, the evidence for extra-terrestrial contact. The key
>words are "star map", not "identified star map".

>There are hundreds of billions of stars in our galaxy alone.
>Personally, I'd be extremely surprised, if not astonished, if
>any star map presented in the Hill case context were
>identifiable.

>-Brian C.

Come on guys. Read the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence
Dickinson and the Zeta Reticuli Update, also by Terry.

The lines were drawn by Betty. They are the pattern Marjorie
found no match until the new Gliese catalog was published.
With much better distance data.

The chance of the identification being a coincidence is less than
1 in 10,000. That there are billions of stars in the galaxy is
totally irrelevant.

The space covered goes out less than 50 light years. The rules were stated and rational and even pleased a number of astronomers such as Dr. Mitchell of OSU.

Every criticism of Ms. Fish's work including that by Menzel and by Sagan mis-represented what was done. It is real research and identified for all of us, not known beforehand, that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are the closest to each other pair of sun-like stars in the neighborhood.

A street map of Fredericton is not much use in Amsterdam or Shanghai. It is very handy here.

SPECIAL OFFER both TD items only \$5.00 postpaid from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. or for Canadians only CAD\$7. from me at 79 Pembroke Crescent, Fredericton, NB E3B 2V1 Canada.

Stan Friedman

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Re: On What is Known - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 18:15:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 22:01:39 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Friedman

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>Subject: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?
>something sensible. Not just Trent and Bent(waters) and stuff
>what's been upped and downed and gone round and round... over
>and over again. Not only with no firm answers but no hope of
>any.

>Uh, disregard that last one. If it were so, then no one would
>have anything to post here. (sigh)

<snip>

>Jim

We have learned that Donald Menzel was up to his ears in
classified work for the CIA, NSA and many companies... certainly
a shock to all when I first published it.

We have certainly learned that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli (about
a billion years older than the sun) are the closest to each
other pair of sun like stars in the local neighborhood and only
37 light years away which gives a whole new perspective on
where we fit in the scheme of things.

We have learned that government agencies (USAF, CIA, NSA etc)
have knowingly been guilty of massive misrepresentation about
flying saucers. If there is nothing there why the coverup?

We have learned that debunkers will go to any length, make false
claims, attack people's character etc to defend their
conclusions based on proclamation. It suggests that perhaps this
is true in other areas as well.

We have learned that major media will fail to do an objective
investigation, at least partly because they claim on the basis
of an absence of investigation, that there is nothing there to
investigate. How many other areas are being neglected because of
this arrogance?.

We have learned that the SETI cultists will over and over again
make false claims about ufology while blindly defending what
they do as "science" when SETI really stands for Silly Effort to
Investigate. nad is based on a host of crazy assumptions.

That is just for starters.

Stan Friedman

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Re: On What is Known - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 17:29:12 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 22:07:53 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Sparks

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: 8 Nov 2000 07:08:43 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 18:15:14 EST
>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>>Subject: On What is Known
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?

>><snip>

>>Jim, the best answer I can give you is this: I am assuming that
>>what you are asking is what solid scientific work has been
>>accomplished on UFO's in the 53 years since Kenneth Arnold.

>>I think less than 1 year of serious scientific work has been
>>done on UFO's, in total, in 50+ years and it shows. What I mean
>>by less than a year is that a typical field of scientific
>>research has, say, 100 to 1,000 scientists working on it full
>>time around the world. I realize there are some little niches
>>with fewer numbers and major fields with larger numbers, but I'm
>>giving this as a rough rule of thumb.

>>In a half century, the only solid scientific work that has been
>>done on UFO's has been by a small handful of scientists actually
>>doing scientific study of the subject - McDonald, Maccabee,
>>Vallee, Hynek, et al. - and none of it has been full time
>>_scientific_ study (as opposed to administrative or clerical
>>labor or technical compiling of data) except for brief periods
>>when, say, McDonald was able to devote full time to it. This is
>>only a small fraction of the number in a full fledged community
>>of 100 to 1,000 scientists devoting full time to a subject, and
>>only a fraction of full time equivalent (FTE) over 50+ years.

>>What I mean is that more than 100 McDonalds should have been
>>working 100% of the time for 50 plus years on UFO's, as might be
>>the case with established subjects such as astronomy, molecular
>>biology, meteorology, algae research (phycology), seismology, or
>>major subdisciplines of the same, etc.

>>Even counting brief interludes by Battelle for 2 years, the
>>Condon Committee for 2 years (don't forget Saunders), and the
>>Sturrock panel, it adds up to less 1/10 the number of scientists
>>needed over less than 1/10 of the time involved for an aggregate
>>effort of 1/100 (and I'm being very generous with the numbers
>>here).

>>Work out the math and it is the equivalent of having a full

>>scientific community working at it for less than about 6 months
>>since 1947 - probably it is less than even 1 month. No wonder
>>there has been so little scientific progress in UFO research.

>I might add that anyone with scientific training should be able
>to adopt the methods of scientists to their studies of UFOs.
>Some of us have had some training in this area. For instance, I
>majored, but did not complete my course of studies in physics.
>Others can research the literature and determine the scientific
>ground already covered.

Before I comment I want to commend you for your excellent and
very worthwhile posting on "A Scientific Mystery-Solving
Strategy" - see:
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/nov/m07-039.shtml>

I can only hope that your suggestions will be followed though I
am not very optimistic that they will. A lot of progress could
be made if work was done along the lines you suggest (and very
similar ideas by Mark Cashman and a few other astute theorists).

As for your comment, the problem is that hardly anyone in
ufology "researches the literature." I constantly see arguments
boiling over into acrimony on issues that should have been
settled with Hynek's The UFO Experience in 1972 or Vallee's
Challenge to Science in 1966 or other foundational works of UFO
research. And if they weren't settled by Hynek and Vallee back
then it is incumbent on the dissenters to reference Hynek 1972
and Vallee 1966 (or the pertinent authority) and point out the
alleged errors in an intellectually responsible fashion.
However, that is never done, at least on this List. It seems
these classics are unknown to an ever shifting ephemeral group
of newcomers who are unfamiliar with their intellectual roots.

I agree with you that establishment credentials are not
necessary in order to be able to carry out competent scientific
work he work can and should be judged on its merits. It just
turns out though that the bulk of the substantial scientific
work done in ufology to date has been done by those with the
doctorates, with McDonald far in the lead on the empirical side.

>>PS: If you want to know what has been learned scientifically
>>about UFOs then read everything you can lay your hands on by
>>McDonald, Maccabee, Vallee, Hynek, and the Condon Committee
>>(including Saunders in dissent), for beginners. And, NO, they
>>aren't 100% correct but that doesn't mean their work was
>>worthless. Nor are they uniformly pro-UFO or anti-UFO.

>>It is time that Ufologists get acquainted with the fundamentals
>>of this field and stop rehashing the same tired old
>>controversies that should have been resolved decades ago. I am
>>continually having to quote from Hynek's The UFO Experience on
>>basics such as the definition of a UFO, the requirement of
>>eliminating conventional explanations before declaring a case an
>>unexplained UFO, etc., as it seems few on this list ever read it
>>or follow the worthy teachings therein. How many on this List
>>know what "angular size" is or how to measure it? If you don't
>>then how can you possibly investigate a UFO case scientifically
>>as angular size is a fundamental? (Along with other
>>fundamentals such as duration, azimuth angles or compass
>>bearings, time/date, latitude, longitude, elevation above MSL,
>>etc.)

>Let me see now - angular size: the degree of arc that an object
>subtends when measured with a protractor against a background -
>well, amateurs don't have much to work with. A compass is good
>for bearings. A protractor again for azimuth angles. Ahhh MSL
>(mean sea level). Then there is altitude. And the time! If only
>witnesses looked at their watches. There should be a list of the
>basic details to obtain on every sighting.

Most UFO sighting report forms have the basic details to be
obtained on every sighting, but they are usually not properly
prioritized as to most important and least important data.

The point of my original response was to highlight the lack of
resources that are devoted to UFO research and investigation.
Ideally, there should be training courses for UFO investigators
that cover such essential topics of investigative methodology
and field techniques.

Every ufologist should know that the full moon (and the sun) is about 0.5 (or 1/2) degree in angular size his is a much easier comparison for angular sizes. A protractor is useful for azimuths and elevation angles but very difficult to use with angular sizes which usually are less than 1 degree and too small for a protractor.

Vallee in 1966 stressed that the most fundamental thing we know about a UFO event is its location in space and time time, date, latitude, longitude, elevation or height about mean sea level (of the observer at least, since it is often difficult to locate the UFO precisely). He was very critical of the use of UFO data that are lacking in these essentials. Something to think about with regard to alleged early life abductions where even the year of the alleged event may not be known, the date is almost never known, and the location is often unknown.

The duration and angular size are crucially important elements of a visual UFO sighting because these determine how much visual information a witness received. One can actually turn these into approximate numbers of pixels, color range, and then bytes of data as if the witness was a video recorder (of course a human being is more fickle than a machine, but the analogy is appropriate from the standpoint of physiology and optics).

The shorter the amount of time a witness sees a potential UFO the less certain the details and the greater the possible error. Sightings lasting less than 1 second are virtually worthless for obvious reasons (the same rule doesn't apply to more predictable phenomena such as meteors where repetition and consistent behavior allow for valid data to be extracted from brief observations). Sightings lasting less than 10 seconds are dubious at best.

In my screening criteria for selecting UFO Best Evidence cases I have a minimum 1 minute duration preferred, as that allows plenty of time for witnesses to observe enough detail that an investigator can be reasonably sure of the data - shorter visual sightings may well be useful and valid but should not be deemed "Best Evidence" except under extraordinary conditions (or if instrumentation is involved). Note: I didn't say this was to allow enough time for the witnesses to generate opinions or interpretations of the cause of the sighting, as these are usually unreliable, but for enough observational data to be perceived so that technically competent investigations can extract reliable observational data (NOT interpretations of the data) from the witnesses. Then the data are analyzed for possible conventional explanation - again, as explained in Hynek's *The UFO Experience* (1972). (And note I said plural "witnesses" as I also require at least 2 witnesses as Hynek insisted upon, for visual-only cases with no instrumentation involved.)

Same for angular size. The smaller the apparent or angular size the less there is to see, the less certain a witness can be about details that might make it explainable or unexplainable (the Strangeness Index).

Witnesses in most cases cannot determine the actual size, distance or height of a UFO, because there are no reference points of known size or distance directly behind and in front of the object to bracket in those parameters and most cases are beyond the 30-foot limit of human stereoscopic vision to triangulate a distance to an unfamiliar object.

Despite this well-known fact of physiological optics both sides of the UFO controversy have used the dishonest lawyer trick of picking out just such impossible-to-perceive details in order to discredit a sighting or to promote a sighting, even if more accurate data are available - certainly no effort will be made by partisans of either stripe to try to extract the accurate data when discrediting at all costs or promotion at all costs is the goal, not the truth.

For example, if a UFO witness guesses that a 1,000-foot long UFO flew overhead the skeptics will claim that proves the witness was deluded or a liar because there was no way to determine size or distance and they will claim the size is somehow inherently preposterous. The believers, however, will claim that it proves it was an ET spaceship as no manmade aircraft of that immense

size exists.

Meanwhile, a careful and competent UFO investigator might work with the witness and find out that the 1,000-foot size estimate has relative validity as an angular size, i.e., the ratio of 1,000 feet at a distance of 10,000 feet overhead is what was meant and is the same angular size as 100 feet at 1,000 feet distance or 10 feet at 100 feet overhead, etc. (about 6 degrees subtended angle, or a little more than 10 times the width of the full moon). Of course, in some cases witnesses cannot accurately determine such parameters even with help and the figures that are given (maybe in the media) are guesswork that should be labelled as such and ignored, but not held against them like some sleazy defense attorney trying to trip up a witness at a trial.

The cardinal rule in Ufology should be: Quantify - Quantify - Quantify. Seek Accurate Data - Avoid Opinions. Most witness statements of opinion can be converted into quantified data if the opinion is based on observation, however misunderstood. Hynek explains this in *The UFO Experience*.

If a witness says "it could not have been an airplane," the skeptic seizes on this bald opinion to prove the witness doesn't know what he's talking about, the believer seizes on it to prove it must be a real UFO maybe even an ET ship. But a careful investigator can ask the witness "Why do you think that?" The witness may answer with another bald opinion "Because it was traveling too fast," but the investigator swings into action with a protractor and the second hand on his watch, and after a number of timed re-enactments with the witness reduces the subjective statement "travelings too fast" into a quantified measurement or estimate of angular velocity, say 10 degrees per second. Now we have some physics data. And maybe when combined with other quantified data it can be shown that this is too fast for a manmade aircraft otherwise it would have made too loud a noise, etc. Or maybe it turns out to fit the flight pattern of a fighter jet squadron at a nearby air force base and the witness was partially deaf - or whatever.

Brad Sparks

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 17:45:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 22:09:16 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Stacy

>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 02:03:46 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

<snip>

>BTW, when you reminded me to vote, I hope you weren't expecting
>me to vote for your fellow Texan! Id rather vote for the
>Ayatollah! <LOL>

>Regards,

>John Velez

John,

Not at all, seeing as how I didn't myself!

I was also in Wyoming during the fires last summer, and I can assure you that a lot less of same was burning than was actually on fire at any given time. Never mind that it looked as if the mountains had moved to Los Angeles, or as if Los Angeles' air had moved to the mountains.

We even saw the lightning strike that started a fire just south of town (Jackson Hole).

To compare same, however, you only have to drive a few miles north into Yellowstone National Park to see the damage wreaked by the 1986 or 1988 fire.

By my humble estimate, we're talking a good several million trees down here. Sorry to see now, but ultimately it rejuvenates the entire forest.

Life's weird, innit?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 03:20:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 22:11:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Goldstein

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 20:31:47 EST
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 01:35:46 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>>Hi Bob, Josh,

>>Just a note. Betty Cash passed away earlier this year. I believe
>>her death was directly related to the (radiation induced?)
>>illness she had been fighting since the sighting. Do either of
>>you know anything about the condition of the grandson or the
>>other female witness that was in the car? Were either of them
>>ever affected? Also, I know Betty had litigation pending against
>>the government. She was suing them for her medical expenses.
>>Does anybody know what the outcome of that case was? Just
>>curious.

>John, Josh, List:

>I don't know, to all of the above questions. It would be
>interesting to find out.

Hi Bob, John, and all,

I've been so wrapped up in the election conundrum that I didn't
get around to replying till now.

Vicki and Colby were irradiated much less than Betty Cash
because they did not get outside the car.

The case against the government did not get anywhere when the US
government said "whatever it was, it wasn't ours". I strongly
suggest you look at Dr. John Scheussler's book or the many
articles and television renditions. Years ago I taped the
Unsolved Mysteries version. I still get as sad and angry every
time I watch it. Just as Tim Good's Above Top Secret is still a
good primer to UFO realty, if someone would ask why I am
passionate about Ufology I could show them that segment and they
would shed a few tears and understand.

If I were Laurence Rockefeller I would have shown it to Bill
Clinton, Al Gore, and Wes Hubble. I still don't understand why
the Prez could not get someone higher in government to find what
Hubble could not access. Perhaps the truth about the Cash -
Landrum tragedy is on file somewhere, as is the truth about the
Kennedy assassination.

Kind regards,

Josh

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BBC's 'Horizon' Censured For Unfair Treatment

By Jane Robins, Media Correspondent

9 November 2000

Horizon, the BBC flagship science programme, is to be criticised for the first time by the Broadcasting Standards Commission for being unfair to two authors who believe the world was once dominated by a "lost civilisation".

The BBC has been forced to re-edit the Horizon programme "Atlantis Reborn", which questions the maverick theories of Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval, authors of the bestsellers Fingerprints of the Gods and The Orion Mystery. The two men have also challenged the BBC to broadcast a live debate in which they can argue their case - but the corporation confirmed yesterday that no debate was planned.

Mr Hancock and Mr Bauval believe that an advanced civilisation with sophisticated technology once inhabited the earth but was destroyed by a global cataclysm at the end of the ice age, around 10,500BC. Their theory suggests that the "lost civilisation" was behind the building of the pyramids - an argument that helped to sell more than four million books, and which was questioned in the Horizon programme.

Dr Edwin Krupp, an astronomer, said the authors' assertion that the pyramids at Giza represented the constellation of Orion "could be made to work only by turning upside down either the image of Egypt or that of the sky".

The authors' essential rebuttal of the upside-down argument was left out. They contest that Dr Krupp's evidence relies on the modern convention that north is up, and that the ancient Egyptians would have modelled the pyramids on Orion "as they saw it".

BBC insiders acknowledged yesterday that the programme was being edited "a teeny bit" to include Mr Hancock and Mr Bauval's response - in time for a rebroadcast due on 14 December - just over a year after the original. The corporation is sticking by the programme's team, and points out that only one of 10 complaints by the two authors was actually upheld by the watchdog.

The unsuccessful complaints included Mr Hancock's assertion that the programme made him out to be an "intellectual fraud", and Mr Bauval's argument that it made his Giza-Orion Correlation Theory - which also links the Nile with the Milky Way and the Sphinx with the constellation of Leo -

seem to be a con.

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Re: Military Abductions? - Hart

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>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 00:11:47 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>Hello Gary,

>That has got to be the longest and most convoluted non-answer to
>a posting I have ever seen on this List! You'd probably do great
>in politics with a technique like that but it doesn't play well
>here.

>I was laboring under the delusion (for some reason) that you
>were a serious person. I'm all better now. Thanks for clearing
>_that_ up at least.

John,

Ok, so you don't get the picture. Fair enough. What I have said
is true. Observations based on case evidence. Do you investigate
sightings or abductions using any structured process?

Gary

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Re: On What is Known - Hart

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Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hart

>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 18:15:14 EST
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>It is time that UFOlogists get acquainted with the fundamentals
>of this field and stop rehashing the same tired old
>controversies that should have been resolved decades ago.
>How many on this List know what "angular size" is or how
>to measure it? If you don't then how can you possibly
>investigate a UFO case scientifically as angular size is a
>fundamental? (Along with other fundamentals such as duration,
>azimuth angles or compass bearings, time/date, latitude,
>longitude, elevation above MSL, etc.)
>Brad Sparks

Brad, you are exactly right! Precise documentation based on knowledge of the fundamentals of accurate measurement is necessary. My own point is that you can place yourself in the right spot at the right time to observe firsthand if you develop a strategy to do so. Of course it is not easy but it can be done. Bill Hamilton's post regarding strategy is an example of another step in the right direction.

Gary

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Re: UFO UpDate: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 -

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
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>Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 14:55:48 +0000
>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32

I'm glad that the madcap Martin Kottmeyer answered - in the pages (or the bits and bytes) of Magonia - the criticisms I made of him in my essay "The Abduction Conundrum." (Originally published in Dennis Stacy's and Patrick Huyge's The Anomalist, and available on my own UFO website, <http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo>. Leave out the "/ufo" if you'd like to read my writings on music.)

I'd always wondered how Kottmeyer, who strikes me as rather zany when he's speaking by himself, would handle himself in an exchange of views. But I'm rather disappointed. I don't think, to be honest, that Kottmeyer understands what I said.

>Greg Sandow, in his essay "The Abduction Conundrum" (Anomalist >No. 7, Winter 98/99, and Sandow's personal web site) offers >another sort of criticism. He indicates I am "completely unaware >of how silly" I sound when I point out some of the elements of >abduction stories appeared in earlier science fiction. He grants >that anybody could "cherry pick" old issues of Amazing Stories >and emerge with elements of the abduction story. His complaint >is that I don't explain how they come together in the current >storyline of abductions being taken throughout a person's life >and using us sexually without explaining their designs upon us. >I'm engaged in "vulgar" Gotcha - type thinking, he proposes. >"Kottmeyer doesn't make predictions from his theory, doesn't >give us any way to separate abduction tales that might be >influenced by media from those that wouldn't be. Besides... >the science fiction details could be veiled abduction memories."

Well, first I wouldn't say I "grant" that anyone can find old science fiction stories that anticipate fragments of current abduction narratives. I would have said that I "chortle" - or maybe even giggle - at how easy that is to do. The problem, however, is to demonstrate that these anticipations mean anything.

>The concession that one can find the abduction elements in >earlier culture forgets that it was the Hopkins claim that one >could not find those elements in earlier culture that was being >disproven. One doesn't need to have a theory, amateur or >professional, to prove such a point.

It all depends on what you mean by "elements." It's absurdly easy to find "elements" of abduction narratives in science fiction, if by "elements" what you mean are random details, torn from their original context and compared with details of abduction narratives, equally torn out of context. And that's exactly what Kottmeyer does. As I say in my essay:

"Does Budd Hopkins insist that the abduction story can't be found in science fiction? Hah! Maybe aliens leave marks on his abductees' bodies, but [as Kottmeyer says] that's in a 1954 epic, 'Killers from Space.' Do abductee women mysteriously get

pregnant? That's in 'Village of the Damned'. Do the aliens have big eyes? 'Invasion of the Saucer Men'" Do they read our thoughts? 'Earth versus the Flying Saucers.'

Note that these "elements" are ripped from their original context, and compared with "elements" of the abduction scenario, also ripped from their context. The meaning of the "elements", as they come up in the old science fiction films that Kottmeyer cites, may be wildly different from their meaning in abduction narratives.

For instance, women who report being abducted sometimes then say they've pregnant when they haven't been having sex. They make these reports, of course, in isolation. They don't come forward with dozens of other abductees who all say they discovered their pregnancies on the same day. They then, if we're to believe this branch of the abduction narrative, give birth to hybrid human - alien babies which are taken from them, to be reared by the aliens inside their spacecraft, though sometimes they need hugs and other attention from their natural mothers.

"Village of the Damned" tells a very different story. There, an entire British village is somehow isolated from the world around it. Nine months after that event, every woman in the village gives birth to children who grow up to be very peculiar - blonde (strikingly so), impassive, with compelling eyes. The children function as a unit within the village, opposed by our earthly authorities, a scenario light - years away from the pregnancy stories in abduction reports.

Kottmeyer, to put this very simply, can't see the forest for the trees. His thinking is vulgar because it's so blindingly literal. Budd Hopkins says something to the effect that the abduction narrative can't be found in earlier culture. Kottmeyer attempts to disprove that by finding isolated elements of it. These elements are taken from such different contexts that, for me, they serve mainly to highlight the truth of Budd's claim.

Kottmeyer, of course, is free to disagree, but his methodology is flawed in any case. In serious social science research, people don't generally claim significant similarities without either (1) establishing detailed quantitative measures of what they're trying to establish, and/or (2) establishing some authority beyond their own opinion for the claimed similarity.

To take the second of these approaches, you assemble a panel of impartial judges. You give them abduction narratives to read, and then have them watch "Village of the Damned." You then ask them to rate the two on a numerical scale of similarity, from 1 (no resemblance) to 5 (almost total similarity). That way, you give your opinion a context in the views of others. You establish not simply that you find two things similar, but that many other people are likely to find them similar, too.

To take the first approach, you specify what you're trying to prove, and what the standards for proof ought to be. For instance, if you're trying to prove that abduction narratives have tangible antecedents in earlier science fiction, you might pick a dozen elements from these narratives, and establish how often they occur in science fiction, and in what combinations.

Supposing you'd picked (among others) the three elements I mentioned in my description of how Kottmeyer works - marks appearing on abductees' bodies, aliens making abductees pregnant, and aliens having big eyes. Your hypothesis is that these elements can be found in earlier science fiction, and that there's something more than a casual connection between their appearance in science fiction and in abduction reports. In other words, you want to show that their appearance in science fiction and then in abduction reports is more than a coincidence.

To do that, you specify criteria of proof. You might say, for instance, that you'd consider your theory proved if the elements you've cited occur with more or less equal frequency in abduction reports and in science fiction stories - in other words, that they can be shown to be major elements of both. You might also want to show that they occur in the same combination. How often, in abduction reports, do all three appear together? How often do women report being abducted by big - eyed aliens, get pregnant as a result of the abductions, and find marks on their bodies? And how often do the same three things occur

together in science fiction?

To study this, you read a large number of abduction reports, and create tables, showing how often each separate element appears and how often they appear together. You then read a large number of science fiction stories, and watch a lot of science fiction films, and make the same tables for those. Then you compare the results. I'm guessing that you'd find these three elements very common in abduction reports and very rare in science fiction; I'm also guessing that the combination of all three occurs much more often in abduction reports.

Of course, I haven't done the research, so my guess, obviously, doesn't carry much weight. But Kottmeyer hasn't done the research either, and seems to proceed on the assumption that merely finding any anticipation of any abduction element in any piece of science fiction - even finding it once - is significant. That's why I say his thinking is vulgar. He goes for the obvious, and doesn't realize how many unexamined assumptions lie behind what he says. He doesn't seem to have any conception of how social science is done, or what might constitute proof.

To put it more subjectively, here's what I wrote in my essay:

"The truth, of course, is that any of us, with too much time on our hands, could cherry-pick old issues of Amazing Stories, and emerge with elements of the abduction scenario. But could we find the core of it? I read science fiction incessantly when I was younger. Aliens came in many guises. Sometimes they showed up with rayguns blazing. Sometimes (in a Murray Leinster story, 'First Contact') they told dirty jokes. They smuggled jewels, by dematerializing them with mental trickery. They snuck down to earth to peddle photos, pornographic elsewhere, of one-celled beings reproducing.

"But I don't believe I ever found a story in which shadowy aliens entered bedrooms at night, abducting some of us throughout our lives and using us sexually, without ever making themselves known or explaining their designs. Kottmeyer, to put it mildly, can't see the forest for the trees. He writes as if abductees combine details at random, never noticing that their stories have an underlying theme, and that the theme - the glue that holds abduction stories together - is what needs to be explained. This theme has never been a major science fictional motif, so anyone who thinks that science fiction spawned abduction tales needs to explain something much more complicated, why meaningless ornamental details were sucked from old magazines and movies, to adorn a more serious narrative that appears to be autonomous."

>Sandow takes no notice that
>if he alleges early science fiction stories are veiled abduction
>memories, he is undercutting the framework of interpretation
>that Jacobs, Hopkins, and Bullard were using, i.e. the aliens
>arrived in 1947 or thereabouts and nothing in earlier culture
>existed because they were elsewhere. Strike out that assumption
>and their claims of novelty have no point, let alone force.

First, why should I accept the "framework of interpretation" Budd, Dave Jacobs, and Eddie Bullard use? Did I ever say I accept it? I might defend aspects of it, but that doesn't mean I'm required to agree with all of it. Kottmeyer once again is playing "gotcha!"

Second, Dave currently says (in "The Threat") that aliens began abducting us late in the 19th century. So obviously they arrived long before 1947. I don't know that Budd has set any date for the alien arrival. 1947 is generally accepted as the date when UFO reports began to be frequent enough to be noticed, but that doesn't mean - even if we assume that UFOs are alien - that the aliens couldn't have arrived here much earlier.

Finally, it's almost shocking to see Kottmeyer link Eddie Bullard to Budd and Dave here. Eddie - an abduction agnostic, despite the problems his research makes for skeptics - has never said he believes aliens are here at all. To lump him with Budd and Dave is both silly and uninformed.

>In speaking of my not providing an explanation of the present
>storyline, particularly the part about the abductors not

>explaining themselves, Sandow is clearly parroting an argument
>made by Jacobs in his book Secret Life (Fireside, 1992, p. 297).
>Sandow is saying I should have addressed in a 1990 essay an
>argument that did not even exist till two years later.

I love this bit.

First, Kottmeyer finds random details from abduction narratives in earlier science fiction, and assumes that the science fiction stories somehow helped generate the abduction reports.

Now he finds something I say in one of Dave Jacobs's books, and assumes that I'm simply "parroting" what Dave wrote. Not even that Dave influenced me - but that I'm echoing him, as if Dave's writing had generated my own.

Well, at least Kottmeyer is consistent. Somehow it never occurs to him that I might have come up with Dave's point independently, or that maybe I made it in print because, having thought the problem through, I found I agreed with it.

But what's really funny is this: " Sandow is saying I should have addressed in a 1990 essay an argument that did not even exist till two years later." No, Sandow is saying that the argument is so obvious that Kottmeyer should have thought of it himself, that anyone not crippled by a remorselessly literal mind would have understood what the present dispute is about, and would have anticipated the most obvious objection that people who disagree with him would make.

But then Kottmeyer really doesn't seem to understand what's going on here. He doesn't seem to understand that it's the abduction narrative in its totality that Budd and others think is unique, and that therefore finding random details of it in earlier science fiction doesn't prove anything.

I'm reminded (possibly digressing) of the many lawsuits unknown songwriters bring against rock stars. "You claim you wrote the song that's your biggest hit, but I wrote that melody ten years earlier!" Or, rather, they wrote something that sounds like some small part of that melody. Unknown songwriters never win those cases, as far as I know, because judges and juries understand that, with so many millions of people writing songs, random resemblances are inevitable. Thus, Beethoven's mighty "Eroica" symphony begins with a theme also found in the overture of a mostly trivial opera Mozart wrote when he was 12, but nobody thinks Beethoven stole the theme from Mozart.

And even when a composer knowingly echoes something somebody else wrote, the resemblance might not mean very much, because the context of the two works is so different. When Brahms - at this point in his life a mature composer, with many masterpieces already written - premiered his first symphony, many people pointed out a family resemblance between part of the main theme of the last movement and part of the famous theme from the last movement of Beethoven's 9th. Brahms, however, had no need to doubt himself. "The most remarkable thing," he would answer, whenever anyone brought up the resemblance, "is that any fool can hear it." And that, more or less, is how I feel about the far more trivial resemblances Kottmeyer finds.

>Subsequent to reading Jacobs's book I did point out that some of
>this new argument was demonstrably false. There are film aliens
>that never explain themselves and many films have aliens
>interested in the subject of procreation. This was discussed in
>my May 1994 essay "Spawn of Inseminoid" (REALL News, 2, 5). The
>storyline about abductees being taken throughout their lives is
>one I have not addressed largely because I was unaware anyone
>thought it truly a matter of interest. Indeed I was under the
>impression that this business of abductees being followed
>throughout their lives was an embarrassment because it is so
>clearly a new storyline that did not exist prior to Hopkins. It
>is inconsistent with the body of abductions that existed before
>he came on the scene.

First Kottmeyer, not knowing where Eddie Bullard stands in the abduction debate, groups him with Budd and Dave. Now he decides which parts of the abduction scenario matter and which don't.

>Sandow wants a way to separate abductions influenced by media
>and those that are not. Easy. Have the abductees persuade the

>aliens to visit Seth Shostak and Stephen Jay Gould. Persuade the
>aliens to give them copies of their mission records, a universal
>translator, and a library of a hundred books dealing in depth
>with such matters as alien zoology, alien palaeontology, alien
>biochemistry, a medical text, art history, antique guides to
>show they are up and up on being from an alien civilization. If
>the mission records back the abduction claims then we will know
>which accounts were real and beyond influence. Failing that,
>there are always things like FBI room - sweeps for alien skin
>cells or scales, mass witnessing of crafts, instrumental records
>like videotaped intrusions that pass muster upon scrutiny by
>non - believers.

Of course I agree that we need physical evidence of abductions.
But Kottmeyer drastically misunderstands what I said. I meant
that his theory should allow us to determine whether science
fiction really influences abduction reports. That is, he should
present criteria for deciding whether or not the influence is
real, criteria that could then be tested. I've suggested one way
to do that.

>Sandow wants predictions. Jacobs's alien takeover by big bug
>aliens will not happen. The apocalypses seen by abductees and
>supported by Mack will not happen. Mainstream science will not
>enter ufology en masse and become convinced of the existence of
>aliens who are spying on humanity or using us as part of a
>hybrid programme. The general UFO culture will continue to
>manifest all manner of paranoid themes. The government, being
>unable to prove to ufologists they are not engaged in a massive
>cover - up, will provide no confessions.

Well, really I wanted Kottmeyer to make predictions based on his
theory, as one way of determining whether the theory is correct.

>On the matter of the
>general proposition that psychosocial theorists do not offer
>testable propositions, a position held by both Sandow and Brown,
>I remind critics here that my article "Abduction: The
>Boundary - Deficit Hypothesis" (Magonia No. 32) predicted "the
>final population of abduction claimants would be biased in
>favour of a high proportion of boundary - deficit personalities".
>I subsequently pointed out that there is a test instrument
>developed by Ernest Hartmann that reliably discriminates between
>people with thin boundaries and those who have thick or normal
>boundaries (Kottmeyer, Martin, "Testing the Boundaries",
>Bulletin of Anomalous Experience, 5, 4, August 1994). Low scores
>would falsify the hypothesis. David Ritchey subsequently gave
>the Boundary Questionnaire to 14 abductees. The average score
>was 305 ("Elephantology - The Science of Limiting Perception to
>a Single Aspect of a Large Object, Parts II & III", Bulletin of
>Anomalous Experience, 5, 6, December 1994, pp. 11 - 16). This was
>nice in the range defined as thin - boundaried (Hartmann,
>Ernest, Boundaries of the Mind, Basic, 1991, p. 254).

Finally! Something reasonable, relevant, and concrete. Though 14
abductees isn't a very large sample, and I'd also wonder how
these abductees were chosen (and this is a real question, not a
rhetorical one). Had their abduction reports at least been vetted
by a responsible abduction investigator? Finally, another
prediction from the psychosocial hypothesis might be that
abductees have fantasy - prone personalities, and that's been shown
not to be true. (Ring and Rosing, "The Omega Project: A
Psychological Survey of Persons Reporting Abductions and Other
UFO Encounters," Journal of UFO Studies, v. 2; Rodeghier et al,
"Psychosocial Characteristics of Abductees: Results from the
CUFOS Abduction Project," Journal of UFO Studies, v. 3 [new
series]; Donald Johnson, "Personality Characteristics of UFO
Abductees," in Andrea Pritchard et al, eds., "Alien Discussions,"
North Cambridge Press, 1994.)

The main thing, though, is that I asked for testable hypotheses
relating specifically to Kottmeyer's contention about science
fiction, and he responds with one about the psychosocial
hypothesis generally.

>I do not plan to offer any grand unifying theories of abduction
>experiences in the near future of the sort that will solve all
>the things Sandow demands and will demand of psychosocial
>theory. Such is impossible without compelling grand unifying
>theories of dreams and nightmares to build on, or compelling
>grand unifying theories of mythology, or compelling grand

>unifying theories of cultural obsessions.

I've often said here that our speculations - and I include Kottmeyer's - aren't much use outside a serious social science context. That is, social scientists may have studied some of the things we talk about, such as how ideas spread from fiction to belief. If we're going to speculate that such a thing has occurred with abductions, we first need to look at the social science literature, to see if there's any knowledge of how such things happen, or at least how they've happened in the past.

Kottmeyer might turn out, in a serious social science context, to be proposing something totally novel, or on the other hand to be saying something so obvious it hardly has to be proved. But he doesn't seem to know where he stands, and to evade any responsibility for putting his work on a solid foundation, he pretends I'm asking him for a "grand unifying theory."

>That some
>readers reject and malign these ideas is unfortunate, but life
>is diverse and universal agreement on anything does not happen
>even among the angels (Jeffrey Burton Russell, Lucifer, Cornell,
>1984, pp. 36, 44. Angels and humans, unlike aliens, occasionally
>tire of being servants, or so I'm told). I continue to hope
>thoughtful people will catch on that this phenomenon will likely
>continue to have no happy resolution for all concerned. If you
>have a need to be of service to humanity, pick a pursuit more
>certain to serve good like life - guarding, fire fighting,
>medicine, engineering, auto manufacture, farming, et cetera.
>Keep your options open if you must, but diversify your interests
>to include things that will ultimately be less a waste of your
>time, money, and emotional investment.

Freely translated: If you disagree with me, get a life!

I don't know how much literary reading Kottmeyer does, but I'd recommend an essay by the great Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges, called "Kafka and His Precursors." In it, Borges contends that Kafka in effect created his predecessors, by creating something new, parts of which we can, but only with hindsight, recognize in earlier writing.

"If I am not mistaken [Borges writes], the heterogenous pieces I have enumerated resemble Kafka; if I am not mistaken, not all of them resemble each other. This second fact is the more significant. In each of these texts we find Kafka's idiosyncrasy to a greater or lesser degree, but if Kafka had never written a line, we would not perceive this quality; in other words, it would not exist... In the critics' vocabulary, the word 'precursor' is indispensable, but it should be cleansed of all connotations of polemics or rivalry. The fact is that every writer creates his own precursors. His work modifies our conception of the past, as it will modify the future." (Borges, Labyrinths: Selected Stories and Other Writings; New Directions, 1964).

In the psychosocialites' world, the word "precursor" is inevitable, but it should be cleansed of all connotations of causality. If the abduction narrative didn't exist, we wouldn't see any significance in the details Kottmeyer cites from old science fiction movies, and we certainly wouldn't see any relationship among them. It wouldn't exist. The abduction narrative created the significance of those details, or at least created it in Kottmeyer's mind. In truth, the science fiction movies didn't create the abduction narrative. Instead, the abduction narrative makes the movies seem far more important than they are.

Greg Sandow

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>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles

>Hi Roy,

>Q: Why do you think the police never arrested the very much
>public and infamous Doug & Dave for destroying farmers crops?

>A: No evidence to support their claims.

Hi Dave,

I think you should start digging a little Dave, Doug & Dave were well published by numerous papers covering Crop Hoaxes in the early eighties. And even recently in the BBC Country File Special' where Doug showed to the camera his patchy work and slightly looking knackered. In fact they admitted to creating quite a few of the Crop Circles around at the time (80's), and on camera.

I will revisit my old Crop Docs on tape sometime this week, to grab some verbatim from the infamous pair.

Do you think Dave that Crop Circles are a recent Phenomena?

>On the other hand the Police have photographic evidence of
>William's and co doing the deed.

So statistically can we say that Matthew & Co were capable of creating every Circle this year gone in Wiltshire' after taking onboard witness statements and time differentials on when circles appeared in this years Circle season?

Do you realize how many 'Locals' hold anti-hoax watches when the season is on?

>It gets sadder by the day.....

>It certainly does, it appears there are those who will believe a
>photo of a crop circle but will not believe a photo of someone
>making a crop circle.

Sorry Dave, can I correct you there? I usually visit Wiltshire every year and get into most of the circles and judge from a ground perspective. Would it be fair to say that you are guilty of believing all Circles are hoaxed because you saw one photo of someone making a crop circle whilst not actually having spent a second of your time in any Crop Circle? Should you at least carry out some ground work of your own on the Crop Phenomena, rather than let Matthew William's make your mind up?

All the best,

Roy..

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Re: On What is Known - Hale

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 06:43:59 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hale

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000

>Hi,

>Its a pity you are not like the (incredible) British weather
>right now since your answers are much easier to forecast.

And yet we shall continue to get the same old piped out message that nothing is happening it's all mundane things it can all be explained away as we experts know it all, well I am slightly bored on reading this tosh being put out' so please end the argument Jenny, you have done your 25 year stint' you have come to your Psychological and Natural conclusions on the UFO subject' so the point of carrying on is what exactly?

>I don't wish to get into responding to your questions as they
>leap off a cliff into a pool of assumptions that have no direct
>relevance to my response. They seem to be another attempt to
>open a debate on the ETH and / or the nature of British
>skepticism (which this list keeps having).

Well, please keep those big statements under wraps and you won't get my questions. Should we just leave all of your quotes unchallenged?

>I'm not saying that isn't interesting. But its not what this
>topic is about.

I disagree totally, you put out a statement saying that all other UFO sightings are yet unexplained Natural phenomena, so what is this topic about?

>Neither the question posed, nor my answer to it, had any
>relevance . As my reply made clear I was purposefully avoiding
>discussing exotic theories of UFO origin (all of them) and any
>possible revelations that these have brought. Instead I was
>simply offering some less contentious benefits that Ufology has
>brought about in my own experience from case investigation.

I am sorry but this answer reminds me of the film clip in Jaws, where Chief Brody is trying to convince the board assembled that there is a shark in the pictures but just gets fobbed off. Are you not able to tell anyone on this list what you think of Radar & Trace cases in respect of UFO investigations?

>By all means please dispute them, but don't assume they mean
>anything about the unconnected questions that you raise.

So because I come straight to the crux of the matter' I am accused of writing unconnected questions? I didn't realize we were debating the finer aspects of Koi Carp keeping!

>Mine was a proper answer to an excellent question and inferred
>no rejection of the aspects of ufology that you raise.
>Therefore, I don't intend to deflect a novel debate about the
>tangible consequences of ufology into yet another discussion on

>this obsession some have with perceived British super
>skepticism.

And my questions cannot be answered can they Jenny, without giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia with nothing but the same answers you mention in the first instance?

>I've made my position on UFOs abundantly clear before (including
>in answers to similar questions that you have posted) and it
>will not further this new contemplation to get sidetracked onto
>them again. Anybody who has read me knows I do not reject all
>UFO reality and will be aware of my open minded but evidently
>unpersuaded viewpoint on the ETH. But it has no direct bearing
>on what I said because such consequences of ufology that I
>raised still exist regardless of whether there are no alien UFOs
>at all or if gelatinous blobs from alpha Centauri are having
>their wicked way with us.

Jenny for the List, will you please state your final position on UFO case reports across the UK & World?

>I did not say that the things I proposed were the 'only'
>positive discoveries or revelations to emerge from 50 years of
>Ufology. I actually agree with several of the other ideas posted
>by Wendy and Mark in response to this question. But I added a
>few items of my own as to how I see UFology has benefited
>society and there is no reason for this to lead into a new round
>of 'Go on - admit you're a skeptic' - a new game show I am
>hoping to franchise as a replacement for 'Who wants to be a
>millionaire'.

So what label should be given to you then concerning the statement you put out referring to UFO sightings?

>And, yes, Roy, for the record, it is my final answer and I don't
>need to phone a friend.

Jenny I look forward to your next book.....

Roy..

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Re: On What is Known - Bowden

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Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 12:07:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 06:45:59 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Bowden

>Date: 8 Nov 2000 06:54:28 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>>Subject: On What is Known
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research? Personally, I know
>>>of nothing which has been discovered. Does anyone?

>>Hi,

>>UFO research has provided a number of new insights in two
>>specific areas - atmospheric physics and human psychology.

>>From the former, we have established examples of rare phenomena
>>such as the mirage effect that was probably responsible for the
>>Goose Bay, Labrador case and which has been duplicated on only a
>>couple of other cases - again reported as UFOs.

>>There are also more difficult to categorise types of UAP
>>(unidentified atmospheric phenomena) that appear to be generated
>>by both geological and physical processes within the
>>environment. Science would likely not have discovered these
>>because of the UFO stigma attached to such data.

>>My guess is that other unrecognised natural phenomena are the
>>cause of other UFO sightings but only ufologists are able to
>>appreciate this possibility. There are several candidates - one
>>of which is a consistently reported triple light triangle effect
>>that appears to be some kind of atmospheric refraction.

><snip>

>Why all this emphasis on natural phenomena? Certainly most of
>the cases I have been interested in over the years have been
>reports of structured metallic craft, sometimes seen with
>portholes, appendages, extended landing gear and all the
>appurtenances that make it appear to be similar in construct to
>one of our aircraft or spacecraft. These sightings are the most
>pertinent to the question of extraterrestrial vehicles of
>unknown origin and contain the highest potential for scientific
>and technological progress.

Hi Bill,

Do you have any photo's or video footage of craft with
portholes, appendages and extended landing gear?

I seem to get fed a diet of blobs, streaks and the occasional aluminium pie plate on a piece of wire.

What you have described remains as reports with what appears to be no photographic evidence.

The photo and video evidence so far shows what could be construed as natural or hoax but portholes, appendages and extended landing gear never seem to be caught on tape.

Why do you think that is?

I would be very interested in seeing such footage, if it exists at all.

Dave.

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Re: On What is Known - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 06:47:22 -0500
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

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>appreciate this possibility. There are several candidates - one
>of which is a consistently reported triple light triangle effect
>that appears to be some kind of atmospheric refraction.

Huh?

Explain "triple light triangle", please.

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Re: ET Evidence - Maccabee

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Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 08:30:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 06:49:22 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Maccabee

>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:53:04 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence [was Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll]

>>Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

>>That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours),
>>signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

>>-Brian C.

>Would that be as in Betty Hill Star Map? Thought so.

>Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and remove
>all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory Fish
>'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the stars.

>Done that?

>Now show the two sets of dots to someone who doesn't know what
>they are and ask them if they can see the slightest resemblance
>whatsoever.

>Thought not!

Gee, I wonder what it looked like when Marjorie Fish made her
original comparisons?

I bet her 3-D map had no lines joining the individual stars.

Yet, somehow she was able to make the comparison.

(And, in fact, her original map did not compare... because the
star catalogues gave the wrong distances between stars. Not
until she got a corrected star catalogue and modified the star
locations accordingly was she able to get a match.)

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 45

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WEIRD ANIMAL SHOT NEAR PENDLETON, OREGON

A weird animal, described as a fur-bearing quadruped, was shot in mid-October 2000 in the vicinity of Umatilla Woman Mountain, just southeast of Pendleton, Oregon (population 19,000).

"The skeleton of a large animal shot about two weeks ago" in the woods near Pendleton "remains unknown." "U.S. Fish and Wildlife (Service) officials said they may never learn if the animal killed was a wolf or a wolf hybrid in DNA testing."

"Phil Carroll, a spokesman for the agency, said they would not release the results."

(Editor's Comment: Oh? Since when does the Fish and Wildlife Service classify lab test results as Top Secret? Something's going on in Oregon.)

"Their reluctance to comment on the identity of the animal drew fire from Ric Bailey, executive director of the Hells Canyon Preservation Council."

"Bailey said the agency's behavior is of 'serious concern' and he called the agency's objectivity in the matter 'suspect.'"

"If the animal is in fact a wolf that wandered into Oregon from Idaho, it would be the first wolf shot in Oregon since the predators were exterminated decades ago."

Recently wolf tracks have been reported in the mountains of eastern Oregon."

Pendleton is on Interstate Highway I-84 approximately 208 miles (334 kilometers) east of Portland. (See the Sacramento, Cal. Bee for October 28, 2000. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: And welcome to Weird Animal Week at UFO Roundup. We've had three "weird animal" reports, all in the same week. What a strange concentration of phenomena. Maybe it has something to do with the USA's national election.)

FARMER REPORTS SHOOTING A WEIRD ANIMAL IN CHILE

"Scientists at the Universidad Austral de Chile are dumbfounded by the enigmatic animal skull" a Chilean farmer brought in "since they are at a loss as to ascertain what species it belongs to."

"The animal was apparently shot last January (2000) in the Arique sector of the Tenth Region," south of Talcahuano, "by a farmer who had reported the strange deaths of a large number of fowl, particularly geese."

"Last May (2000), the same farmer reported that he had killed the strange creature," which he believes to be a Chupacabra.

"The hunter preserved only the head as a trophy and cast the rest of the body into a river. He later reported that since that day he has heard the sound of distant howling in the evening. It is his belief that it (the howling--J.T.) is the lonely female that accompanied the animal and continues prowling the region in search of her mate."

"The skull was ultimately delivered to the Universidad Austral. However, after four months of intensive research, including the extraction of DNA samples and their comparison with other species, it now turns out that the skull has scientists baffled, as they were unable to determine the exact nature of the beast in question."

"The discovery of the specimen has been described as 'very interesting' by the scientists because 'we are checking out a medium-sized animal which would have gone unnoticed by science for another century.'" (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico para esas noticias.)

GIANT LUMINOUS OCTOPUS CAUGHT BY FISHERMEN IN NORTHERN SPAIN

"Some Spanish fishermen have caught a strange specimen of a giant cephalopod in Cantabrian waters" off the northern coast of Spain.

"The creature, a Taningia danae, similar to the common octopus, weighed 125 kilograms, measuring over two meters (6 feet, 7 inches) in length and is the largest of its species ever discovered."

(Editor's Note: Taningia danae are usually found at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, about one mile or 1,600 meters below the surface. They generally weigh only 63 kilograms and, like fireflies, generate their own light so they can search for food on the dark ocean floor.)

Unfortunately for local gourmets in the Asturian port of Ribadesella, the cephalopod will never reach the dinner table since it is to be preserved and displayed in local marine life center." (See the Reuters report for November 4, 2000, "Giant light-emitting squid caught in Asturias." Otra vez, gracias a Scott Corrales para eso articulo de diario.)

"ANGEL HAIR" FALLS ON TWO TOWNS IN NORTHERN ITALY

On Wednesday, November 1, 2000, residents of Vercellese and Alessandri, two towns in the Piemonte region of northern Italy, heard an unusually loud boom. This "skyquake" rattled roof tiles and windows in both communities.

Immediately afterward, the residents saw "long sheer white filaments drifting down from the sky." The fibrous material fell most heavily in Vercellese but was also reported on the farms surrounding the town.

"The filaments were clearly 'angel's hair' or 'hair of the Virgin,' as it is called here in Italy, and it is usually associated with UFO phenomena," reported Italian ufologist Paolo Toselli, "Similar phenomena have also been reported in the United States." (Grazie a Paolo Toselli e Edoardo Russo di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici per questo rapporto.)

DARK TRIANGULAR UFO HOVERS OVER IDAHO CAMP

"Many rational people believe we are not alone in the universe.

Three hunters in an unspecified location near Challis, Idaho (population 1,100) learned for themselves on the night of Friday, "October 27, 2000 that this theory may hold water."

"The report revealed that an individual spotted a dark triangular object floating silently above him while he was standing by his pickup *truck), The hunter said he and his three buddies were in dry camp, so alcohol couldn't be blamed for what he and two of the others saw."

"The individual said that as he approached his pickup at about 9:45 p.m., he 'got a feeling of a thick, heavy blanket above me and chills down my spine.' He said he shined his flashlight on 'the dark triangular object floating directly above us and our camp trailer.'"

"The man fell into profane disbelief and then called for his buddies to come see for themselves. He said he could see the rounded dark edges and the flat bottom that had a texture like suede leather and was colored gold-gray."

"He said that after he shined his light on the object, it throttled up with a deep low sound of intense power and floated straight up and then forward up a steep canyon, moving like a hockey puck sliding on ice. The other party members grabbed their binoculars to check it out until it moved out of sight."

"The account said that as the object throttled up, three lights, one at each corner of the triangle, came on. Each one was about 10 feet (3 meters) in diameter and glowed like a dim dome light. Another light in the center was described as being 20 feet (6 meters) in diameter, protruding below the bottom of the object about eight feet (2.3 meters), was deep red and pulsed at (a rate of) once a second."

"The outline of the entire object had a light halo around it. The shape, wrote the hunter, was a perfect triangle radiant corners and rounded edges."

There was no smell, no feeling of blowing, no prop wash or thrust of any kind."

The Challis sighting is now being investigated by the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS). (See the Challis, Idaho Messenger for November 4, 2000, "Hunter reports UFO sighting near Challis." Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this newspaper article.)

STATE VET HAS ANSWER TO ROSWELL CATTLE MYSTERY

"Mystery no longer surrounds the cause of death of 30 cattle on Marcelo Macias's ranch near Roswell, New Mexico (population 45,000.)

"It was nothing exotic. It was a weed."

"It was not, as a Boston (Massachusetts) radio station revealed Thursday morning," October 26, 2000, "caused by aliens."

"The culprit weed got wrapped into a one-ton bale of hay, was further ground up at the ranch corral and was then ingested by the cattle between dusk and dawn on the night of October 18," 2000.

"Twenty-three pregnant cows, three bulls and four early-season calves dropped dead in the darkness."

"Thurman Reitz, the assistant state veterinarian, said he got a report from a laboratory Thursday morning saying tests had shown evidence of nitrate poisoning."

"Reitz said the nitrate came from one or more common weeds that were harvested along with the grass in the hay bale. A specific weed hasn't been identified."

"'This can be pretty nasty stuff,' said Reitz, referring to the nitrate. 'Livestock poisoning like this happens occasionally but not to this extent.'"

"Reitz said nitrate poisoning alters the animal's blood and deprives it of oxygen."

"'Basically, they suffocate,' he said."

"Reitz said he got a call at 9:30 a.m. Thursday from a Boston radio station, wanting to know if aliens were involved in the deaths of the cattle. Reitz said he was barely awake until the caller got to this question."

"The veterinarian told the radio station that aliens weren't involved."

"At his ranch, Macias said he got the hay for free not long ago from a Hagerman (New Mexico) rancher who said the bales were three or four years old."

"New Mexican growers said hay that's three or four years old is still good 'if it has been stored right and it is covered over.'"

"Macias said he brought about 100 bales to his ranch and has 90 bales left."

"'I don't know what I'm going to do with them. The police told me I can't burn this much hay,' said Macias, whose ranch lies northeast of the Roswell city limits."

"'I've been feeding that hay to my sheep and nothing has happened, and no more of my cattle have died,' he said."

"Macias's son, Marcelo Jr., said the dead cattle were trucked away by a company that handles dead livestock."

Roswell, N.M. is located 198 miles (319 kilometers) southeast of Albuquerque.

(See the Albuquerque, N.M. Journal for October 27, 2000, "Weed killed cattle," by Fritz Thompson.)

HOVERING UFO SEEN NEAR DEMING, NEW MEXICO

On Thursday, October 26, 2000, at 8:10 p.m., Todd Hall "was driving west on Interstate Highway I-10 when I watched an object hovering over a mountain south of I-10. As I descended the mountain on I-10, I saw that the object was hovering over the town of Deming," which is located 80 miles (128 kilometers) west of Las Cruces.

"As I watched the object, I noticed that it appeared to change shape from time to time. Most of the time, the object kept a paint can (short cylinder--J.T.) shape and periodically changing to a wedge shape. I continued driving and studying the object for about 30 minutes. At one point, I even pulled to the side of the road so as to pay more attention to the thing."

"After about 30 minutes, the object changed to a flat shape and moved up vertically for about three seconds and then just vanished."

Todd described the UFO as "dark in color with a slight metallic look. Estimated height between 1,000 and 2,000 feet (300 and 600 meters). Object stayed fairly stationary, moving slightly to the west." (Email Form Report)

THREE UFOs RENDEZVOUS OVER PEORIA, ARIZONA

On Sunday, November 5, 2000, at about 1 a.m., Mark Denton rode his motorcycle into the driveway of his home in Peoria, Arizona (population 85,000). He reports, "I just got home from work, got off my motorcycle and happened to see two yellow/orange lights traveling very close to each other, heading north slowly. They sort of danced around each other while hovering. As I watched, a third light approached from the southwest. It reached the general area but stayed a little further away from the two that were close to each other."

"The two converged to seem as one while turning three or four times. Going in three different directions, they individually got way further away from Earth, when they all disappeared. The last one looked like it split in two just before it was gone."

Peoria is on Highway 74 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest

of Phoenix. (Email Form Report)

"STATION ALPHA" NOW HAS CREW OF THREE ABOARD

On Tuesday morning, October 31, 2000, a Soyuz rocket lifted off the pad at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, carrying three astronauts who will serve as the first permanent crew of the International Space Station.

"The crew blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan after drinking champagne and receiving the blessing of a Russian Orthodox priest."

"The Soyuz rocket carrying" USA astronaut William "Bill" Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalyov took off on schedule, slicing through the morning fog hovering over the Kazakh steppe."

"'This is probably the most significant event in manned spaceflight since the the launch of Yuri Gagarin almost 40 years ago,' said Richard LaBrode, the U.S. flight director for the space station. 'It is the last day, barring unforeseen circumstances, that we will not have a human presence in space.'"

"'This is a big achievement. Russia, which put the first man in space, and the United States, which put the first man on the moon, have joined hands,' said Valery Alaverdov, deputy head of the Russian Space Agency. 'It is inevitable that these two great countries work together to take space exploration into the new millenium.'"

"As he boarded the bus in his bulky white-and-blue spacesuit Tuesday morning, Shepherd seemed eager to finally get to the station. Before getting on the bus, he turned and shouted, 'Let's go do it!'"

Shepherd will be the first commander of the space station during the crew's tour of duty, which will last about four months.

On Thursday, November 2, 2000, The spacecraft docked with the station, and Shepherd, Gidzenko and Krikalyov boarded the station to begin their 117-day tour.

After the crew "floated across the threshold of the space station, Shepherd wasted no time radioing a special request to NASA Administrator Dan Goldin at Russia's Mission Control" in Korolev.

"'The first expedition on space station permission to take the radio call sign Alpha,' said Shepherd, the mission's commander. The crew clasped hands in a show of agreement."

"'I think it's a wonderful thing. And not for just today, but I authorize Station Alpha for the entire Expedition One mission,' Goldin said, 'Now you can sleep well at night and not have any concerns.'"

"The crew spent the remainder of Thursday, plus Friday and Saturday (November 3 and 4, 2000) turning on the station's key life-support systems, including, "activating the station's alarms, its communication equipment and, most importantly perhaps, the toilet," plus "the sleep stations and a laptop computer network."

The crew had Sunday, November 5, 2000, as their day off. Until they become acclimatized to a weightless environment, they will be working short shifts.

"'Once we get into a routine and the crew has established a work ethic--a couple of weeks to maybe a month into their expedition--that (WORK SHIFT) will grow into six-and-a-half hours per day,' said Heff Hanley, NASA's lead flight director for this mission." (See USA Today for November 1, 2000, "Crew on course for space station," page 18A nd the Chicago Tribune for November 4, 2000, "First crew to call station home docks," page 3.)

UNUSUALLY SEVERE STORMS SWEEP WESTERN EUROPE

Autumn storms of unusual size and intensity have caused flooding

and devastation across western Europe.

The UK has been hit by the worst flooding since the reign of Henry VIII four hundred years ago. Two storms in a single week "battered the country, which had already been hit by the worst flooding in 50 years. Two people died when a tree fell on their car."

In France, "officials issued a storm warning across the country, forecasting winds of more than 60 miles per hour (100 kilometers per hour) in many regions. One man was killed by a landslide in the Mediterranean city of Nice."

"In Italy, two people died in floods and mudslides after torrential rains hit the Riviera. Train and road traffic was also disrupted along the coast" in Savoia province.

"In Portugal, the port of Douro in the city of Oporto was closed because of the stormy conditions."

"In Spain. Iberia Airlines cancelled all flights to Galicia and Cantabria (provinces in northern Spain--J.T.) because of 80-mile-per-hour (128 kilometer-per-hour) winds."

"In Ireland, flooding made many roads impassable, and the rail network came to a virtual standstill."

"In Switzerland, deep snow and winds as strong as 159 miles per hour (254 kilometers per hour) moved through the Swiss Alps. In the southern state of Valais, the wind made so much noise that earthquake-measuring equipment falsely indicated that there had been a tremor of magnitude 3.7" on the Richter scale, officials reported. (See USA Today for November 7, 2000, "Storms wreak havoc across western Europe," page 23A.)

from the UFO Files...

1952: CAPTURED BY ALIENS!

One of the most famous UFO contactee cases of the 1950s concerned Truman Bethurum, 54, who was taken aboard a flying saucer in late July of 1952. Here is his story, much of it in his own words.

"In July 1952, while employed on Highway 91, about 70 or 80 miles out of Las Vegas going (north) toward Salt Lake City (i.e. near Ash Springs, Nevada--J.T.) I was transferred from the day shift to swing shift, or night shift would be a better name for it, as we worked from 4 p.m. to sometimes 8 a.m. the next morning. My job was to keep four water trucks operating, hauling water from the Muddy River to two reservoirs out in the desert."

That night, at 3:30 a.m., Truman got permission from his boss to drive out to Mormon Mesa for a quick nap before sunrise. Arriving at the mesa just before 4:30 a.m., he left the engine on his two-and-a-half ton "surplus Army carryall truck" idle, rolled the windows all the way down, turned the dial on the dashboard radio to 1140-AM. And then, listening to Hank Williams sing Honkytonk Blues, he nestled in the seat corner and closed his eyes, "realizing the first gleam of daylight would awake me."

"I had been asleep possibly a half hour or slightly more when" his eyes blinked open. The truck engine was silent. Truman's first groggy thought was, What happened to Hank?

Sitting up, he was fully "awakened by what would best be described as a mumbling, low talking in an unintelligible tongue."

"My first thought was that my boss and someone were a trick because of finding me asleep, but as I raised my head, I quickly discovered that this was not the case."

"About eight small-sized men were in a semicircle in front and to the right side of my truck, approximately eight to ten feet away, and apparently as curious as I was."

"My thought was to get away fast, although I would have to back around. As I raised up to see better, one of the men took a

couple of steps toward me and said something rather low and still unintelligible to me. I shook my head to indicate to him that I did not understand, and he quickly came back with this answer, 'You name it?'

(Editor's Comment: A garbled version of "What is your name?" perhaps?)

"I said, 'My God, you can speak English, too?'"

"He said in return, 'We have no difficulty with any language.'"

"These fellows seemed to be of Latin (Hispanic) extraction from their appearance. My heart was thumping. I guess both from fear and excitement. At that instant, I decided to get out of my truck and shake hands for a friendly gesture. As I turned to get out, I saw about 15 yards away a monstrous disc-shaped flying saucer."

"Then I wondered if this could be a movie prop but as I had been above (the canyon--J.T.) looking down only a short time before, I realized that this could not be the case."

"As I reached out my hand to shake hands, it seemed like a military maneuver the way they lined up as each seemed anxious to grasp my hand. Only one made any attempt to talk to me or to answer my questions. They never asked me a single question, as it appeared to me to be a military-type outfit they were wearing, and also the way they fell into line to shake my hand (almost grabbing it each time--T.B.) I said to this man, 'Do you have a captain?'"

"He said, 'Sure.'"

"Then I said, 'Could I speak to him, please?'"

"He said, 'Surest thing you know.'"

"He took ahold of my right arm above the elbow with his left hand with a terribly hard squeeze (that did not ease my mind any--T.B.) Then I asked if they were from some European country."

"He said, 'No, our homes are in a faraway land.'"

"As I had asked about speaking to their captain, I noticed a smile on some faces, 'Well, this is it, and no one will ever know what happened to me.' He said, 'You may speak to our captain in our Scero.'"

(Editor's Note: Pronounced Skeh-roe.)

"I thought what a name for a thing like that. This man almost spun me around and started for the saucer, which seemed to be floating about four feet (1.3 meters) off the ground, and as we neared it, it settled to I would say just inches off the ground, and tilted down on the near side at the same time. There was just one step and a single hand rail on the right side of the opening. He almost bounced me to the rim of the saucer. He had released the extreme pressure on my arm, but still had a firm grip. I am at least a foot taller than he was and I weight approximately 180 (pounds)."

"We went downhill inside about 50 feet, and he again swung me around to the left, through a doorlike opening to a room about 10 by 12 feet (3 to 4 meters) fitted like a combined office and lounge. I think my eyes fairly popped as I saw their captain was a gorgeous woman, shorter than any of the men, neatly attired, and also having a Latin appearance, coal-black hair and olive complexion. She appeared to me to be about 42 years old."

"She stood up and smiled, and the man released my arm immediately. I turned to say something to him, but he had disappeared instantly. As I again faced the lady, I could not for the life of me think of a single thing to say. After a couple of seconds, she again smiled and said, 'Speak up, friend. You're not hexed.'"

"After talking and asking questions for about a half hour, I realized they were definitely not Europeans. She did not tell me her name or the name of their planet at that time, just leaving

me with the knowledge that they traveled interplanetary and were wise to everything going on all over our world, and other planets also. She seemed friendly, anxious to talk, etc. About the only question she asked of me was what I called the area, which was Mormon Mesa, Nevada. She later told me her name was Aura Rhanes and the planet was Clarion. She said Clarion was definitely not a planet known by some other name and gave me her reasons." (See the book Flying Saucers Have Landed! edited by Jay David, World Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1970, pages 94 through 98, "I was Inside a Flying Saucer" by Truman Bethurum.)

As I write this on Wednesday afternoon, there is still no final decision in the USA presidential election. We are now in the midst of the biggest political cliffhanger in American history. More on that next week, when we return with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then!

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Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 06:55:38 -0500
Subject: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

Hi all

Can anyone remember the name of the contactee who ran a restaurant on Telegraph St in Berkeley, California in the 70s, maybe the late 60s too.

Or am I confabulating?

I thought it was mentioned in Vallee's Messengers of Deception, but can't find it.

Any info about him and the restaurant would be much appreciated.

Thanks

Mark

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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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Ed Fouche: Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B

From: **From: Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:03:37 -0500
Subject: Ed Fouche: Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B

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To: <FoucheMedia@satx.rr.com>
Subject: Ed Fouche/ Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B
Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 17:27:49 -0600

Greetings:

Thought you might be interested in an article posted by John Kooiman about the TR-3B gravity warping technology. I will depend on my esteemed friends and colleges who actually understand physics to rebut or support his premise. Love to hear your thoughts. After the revelation about the USAF's saucer programs in the last few months, things are getting more interesting. Especially as I state 3 years ago that we had researched, reverse engineered, and built many saucer type prototypes since the 50s.

Feel free to pass along.

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From: John Kooiman
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Subject: TR-3B
Antigravity Physics Explained:

To be correct, I probably should say, "TR-3B Antigravity Physics Explained, insofar as General Relativity can be considered an explanation for gravity."

Many readers of this List are probably already familiar with Edgar Fouche's description of the USA's Top Secret TR-3B triangular shaped nuclear powered aerospace craft. If not, read about it here: <http://fouchemedia.com/arap/speech.htm>.

Mr. Fouche describes the TR-3B's propulsion system as follows:

"A circular, plasma filled accelerator ring called the Magnetic Field Disrupter, surrounds the rotatable crew compartment and is far ahead of any imaginable technology... The plasma, mercury based, is pressurized at 250,000 atmospheres at a temperature of 150 degrees Kelvin, and accelerated to 50,000 rpm to create a super-conductive plasma with the resulting gravity disruption.

The MFD generates a magnetic vortex field, which disrupts or neutralizes the effects of gravity on mass within proximity, by 89 percent...

The current MFD in the TR-3B causes the effect of making the vehicle extremely light, and able to outperform and outmaneuver any craft yet.... My sources say the performance is limited only the stresses that the human pilots can endure. Which is a lot, really, considering along with the 89% reduction in mass, the G forces are also reduced by 89%.

The crew of the TR-3B should be able to comfortable take up to 40Gs... Reduced by 89%, the occupants would feel about 4.2 Gs.

The TR-3Bs propulsion is provided by 3 multimode thrusters mounted at each bottom corner of the triangular platform. The TR-3 is a sub-Mach 9 vehicle until it reaches altitudes above 120,000 feet - then who knows how fast it can go!..."

I was skeptical of Mr. Fouche's claims when I first read them, as I'm sure that many of you are, but I was interested enough to do further research on what happens when you spin a plasma at high speeds in a ring (toroidal) configuration. I came across a physics article (sorry, I can't seem to locate the source right now) that described this exact configuration. The article said that, surprisingly, the charged particles of the plasma don't just spin uniformly around the ring, but they tend to take up a synchronized, tightly pitched, helical (screw thread) motion as they move around the ring. This can be understood in a general way as follows: the charged particles moving around the ring act as a current that in turn sets up a magnetic field around the ring. It is a well-known fact that electrons (or ions) tend to move in a helical fashion around magnetic field lines. Although it is a highly complex interaction, it only requires a small leap of faith to believe that the end result of these interactions between the moving charged particles (current) and associated magnetic fields results in the helical motion described above. In other words, the charged particles end up moving in very much the same pattern as the current on a wire tightly wound around a toroidal core.

I thought that this was an interesting fact, but didn't see how it could possibly relate to antigravity, until I ran across the following article: "Guidelines to Antigravity" by Dr. Robert Forward, written in 1962 (available at: <http://www.whidbey.com/forward/pdf/tp007.pdf>). Dr. Forward's article describes several little known aspects of Einstein's General Relativity Theory that indicate how moving matter can create unusual gravitational effects. When I saw Figure 5 in Dr. Forward's article, the pieces of the puzzle all fell together. I instantly saw how the moving matter pattern that Dr. Forward describes as necessary to generate a gravitational dipole was exactly the same as the plasma ring pattern described in the physics article discussed above! If Fouche's description is even close to correct, then the TR-3B utilizes this little known loophole in General Relativity Theory to create it's antigravity effects! Even though the TR-3B can only supposedly cancel 89% of gravity (and inertia) today, there is no reason why the technology can't be improved to exceed 100% and achieve true antigravity capability!

In theory, this same moving matter pattern could be mechanically reproduced by mounting a bunch of small gyroscopes all around the larger ring, with their axis on the larger ring, and then spinning both the gyroscopes and the ring at high speeds. However, as Dr. Forward points out any such mechanical system would probably fly apart before any significant antigravity effects could be generated. However, as Dr. Forward states, "By using electromagnetic forces to contain rotating systems, it would be possible for the masses to reach relativistic velocities; thus a comparatively small amount of matter, if dense enough and moving fast enough, could produce usable gravitational effects."

The requirement for a dense material moving at relativistic speeds would explain the use of Mercury plasma (heavy ions). If the plasma really spins at 50,000 RPM and the Mercury ions are also moving in a tight pitched spiral, then the individual ions would be moving probably hundreds, perhaps thousands of times faster than the bulk plasma spin, in order to execute their "screw thread" motions. It is quite conceivable that the ions could be accelerated to relativistic speeds in this manner. I am guessing that you would probably want to strip the free

electrons from the plasma, making a positively charged plasma, since the free electrons would tend to counter rotate and reduce the efficiency of the antigravity device.

One of Einstein's postulates of GR says that gravitational mass and inertial mass are equivalent. This is consistent with Mr. Fouche's claim that inertial mass within the plasma ring is also reduced by 89%. This would also explain why the vehicle is triangular shaped. Since it still requires conventional thrusters for propulsion, the thrusters would need to be located outside of the "mass reduction zone" or else the mass of the thruster's reaction material would also be reduced, making them terribly inefficient. Since it requires a minimum of 3 legs to have a stable stool, it follows that they would need a minimum of 3 thrusters to have a stable aerospace platform. Three thrusters, located outside of the plasma ring, plus appropriate structural support, would naturally lead to a triangular shape for the vehicle.

I was extremely skeptical of Mr. Fouche's claimed size for the TR-3B, of 600 feet across. At first, I thought that this must be a typo. Why would anyone in their right mind build a "Tactical Reconnaissance" vehicle 2 football fields long? They must be nuts! However, the answer to this may also be found in Dr. Forward's paper. As Dr. Forward's puts it, "...even the most optimistic calculations indicate that very large devices will be required to create usable gravitational forces. Antigravity... like all modern sciences, will require special projects involving large sums of money, men, and energy."& quot;

FYI: This article has been posted to KeelyNet. You have permission to post it on your Web site, as long as proper creditation is provided.

John

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P.S. Dr. Forward has also written a number of other articles that may be of interest to readers of this list. They are located at: <http://www.whidbey.com/forward/TechPubs.html>.

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Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 22:19:01 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:08:56 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 18:15:25 -0400

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>Subject: On What is Known
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?

><snip>

>>Jim

>We have learned that Donald Menzel was up to his ears in
>classified work for the CIA, NSA and many companies... certainly
>a shock to all when I first published it.

>We have certainly learned that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli (about
>a billion years older than the sun) are the closest to each
>other pair of sun like stars in the local neighborhood and only
>37 light years away which gives a whole new perspective on
>where we fit in the scheme of things.

>We have learned that government agencies (USAF, CIA, NSA etc)
>have knowingly been guilty of massive misrepresentation about
>>flying saucers. If there is nothing there why the coverup?

>We have learned that debunkers will go to any length, make false
>claims, attack people's character etc to defend their
>conclusions based on proclamation. It suggests that perhaps this
>is true in other areas as well.

>We have learned that major media will fail to do an objective
>investigation, at least partly because they claim on the basis
>of an absence of investigation, that there is nothing there to
>investigate. How many other areas are being neglected because of
>this arrogance?.

>We have learned that the SETI cultists will over and over again
>make false claims about ufology while blindly defending what
>they do as "science" when SETI really stands for Silly Effort to
>Investigate. nad is based on a host of crazy assumptions.

>That is just for starters.

>Stan Friedman

Well, that certainly is an awful lot, Stan. However my primary
concern and focus, and that of most of the direct percipients of
this phenom, is to learn when, where, why and how of the UFO and
abduction phenom.

Just what the is it, Stan?

Are you, in the above, suggesting that all of which we learn, much of which you uncovered, has anything to do with whether or not I really was abducted, as my memory suggests? Does it explain whether the UFO is an object of this or another dimension? Or this galaxy? Or whether it is an object even?

Nope. And with all the respect I can muster for you and your efforts, not one thing you mentioned (which I may discern) answers even one small question relating to UFOs, their form, fit and function or for that matter, reality. Let alone abduction.

As I mentioned in the original post, this is an indictment, but without focus. Because I can't blame anyone for our ignorance. Although the researcher is the only target at this brief moment in time. To plagiarize a phrase.

Stan. There are no answers. No information which points to one. Not even one. You, me, all of us have failed in 50 years, to find one shred of science with which to answer the question, "Just what the hell is going on?"

I have the utmost respect for you. But you went around and came around at least twice and gave no answers. Answers. Answers. Answers!

Jim

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Re: ET Evidence - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 19:48:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:11:41 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - McCoy

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 17:47:39 -0400

>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:02:34 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 23:53:04 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 22:46:13 -0600 (CST)
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence [was Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll]

>>>>Repeat slowly after me: "star map".

>>>>That would be, by anyone's definition (except maybe yours),
>>>>signal evidence of extra-terrestrial contact.

>>>>-Brian C.

>>>Would that be as in Betty Hill Star Map? Thought so.

>>>Try a simple experiment. Take the Betty Hill drawing, and remove
>>>all the lines joining the dots. Now take the Marjory Fish
>>>'reconstruction' and remove all the lines joining the stars.
>>>
>>>Done that?

>>>Now show the two sets of dots to someone who doesn't know what
>>>they are and ask them if they can see the slightest resemblance
>>>whatsoever.

>>>Thought not!

>>>So what? That it was a map of stars __identified by us__ is
>>>irrelevant. That it was apparently a star map is, in and of
>>>itself, the evidence for extra-terrestrial contact. The key
>>>words are "star map", not "identified star map".

>>>There are hundreds of billions of stars in our galaxy alone.
>>>Personally, I'd be extremely surprised, if not astonished, if
>>>any star map presented in the Hill case context were
>>>identifiable.

>>>-Brian C.

>>>Come on guys. Read the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence
>>>Dickinson and the Zeta Reticuli Update, also by Terry.

>>>The lines were drawn by Betty. They are the pattern Marjorie
>>>found no match until the new Gliese catalog was published.
>>>With much better distance data.

>The chance of the identification being a coincidence is less than
>1 in 10,000. That there are billions of stars in the galaxy is
>totally irrelevant.

>The space covered goes out less than 50 light years. The rules
>were stated and rational and even pleased a number of
>astronomers such as Dr. Mitchell of OSU.

>Every criticism of Ms. Fish's work including that by Menzel and
>by Sagan mis-represented what was done. It is real research and
>identified for all of us, not known beforehand, that Zeta 1 and
>Zeta 2 Reticuli are the closest to each other pair of sun-like
>stars in the neighborhood.

>A street map of Fredericton is not much use in Amsterdam or
>Shanghai. It is very handy here.

<snip>

>Stan Friedman

You know folks this is one of the most intriguing of mysteries
of the whole Hill saga. I'd like someone to elaborate more on
this subject, as with the advent of both improved visual and
radio telescopes and also interferometry (telescopes over a wide
baseline).

Pardon while I take care of the only Grey Visitor I have ever
known-my cat Smokey. Ok , now that I removed 15 lbs. of hairball
factory, one would think that in the search for planet(s) The
Reticuli Twins would be a prime target for research. Nothing
yet, and I wonder why.

I know that there has been much bandwidth eaten up over the Hill
issue and maybe we can talk about the Star Map again , but I
feel that the mere mention of two Sun-like stars and possibly
inhabited is worthy of a discussion.

GT McCoy

No Expert, No Researcher, No Abuctee just wondering what did I
see?

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:10:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:14:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Velez

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:09:24 -0600

>>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500

>>Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Five witnesses observed what they described as an alien "glide"
>>across a field near Uniontown, Pa. The sighting occurred on
>>August 3, 2000 about 10:00 P.M. The witnesses describe the being
>>as about 5 feet tall with long slender extremities. It carried a
>>brown "staff" about 5 feet long. It was observed for about a
>>minute from a distance of about 250 feet. No apparent
>>disturbances to the area around the being were reported. The
>>creature appeared to glide about 6 inches above the ground,
>>according to the witnesses. Weather conditions were cool and
>>clear with no wind. No sounds were reported, and witnesses
>>commented on it seeming abnormally quiet at the time. Crickets
>>and other normal background noises were absent.

>I confess to a particular fondness for reports like these. I
>call them "extreme experiential claims." Mark Chorvinsky calls
>them "hopeless cases." In any event, these last two sentences,
>describing something we have heard so often before, are
>particularly fascinating. They bring to mind Jenny Randles's Oz
>Factor. Any comment, Jenny?

>Jerry Clark

Hi Jerry,

Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
abductee reports for some time. (I am basing my remarks on
reports that Budd has gotten over the years from some of the
folks that have reported to him.)

Regards,

John Velez, Biped with both feet firmly planted on the ground!
;)

A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm
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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:18:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:16:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 03:20:07 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 20:31:47 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 01:35:46 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>>>Hi Bob, Josh,

>>>Just a note. Betty Cash passed away earlier this year. I believe
>>>her death was directly related to the (radiation induced?)
>>>illness she had been fighting since the sighting. Do either of
>>>you know anything about the condition of the grandson or the
>>>other female witness that was in the car? Were either of them
>>>ever affected? Also, I know Betty had litigation pending against
>>>the government. She was suing them for her medical expenses.
>>>Does anybody know what the outcome of that case was? Just
>>>curious.

>>John, Josh, List:

>>I don't know, to all of the above questions. It would be
>>interesting to find out.

>Hi Bob, John, and all,

>I've been so wrapped up in the election conundrum that I didn't
>get around to replying till now.

>Vicki and Colby were irradiated much less than Betty Cash
>because they did not get outside the car.

>The case against the government did not get anywhere when the US
>government said "whatever it was, it wasn't ours". I strongly
>suggest you look at Dr. John Scheussler's book or the many
>articles and television renditions. Years ago I taped the
>Unsolved Mysteries version. I still get as sad and angry every
>time I watch it. Just as Tim Good's Above Top Secret is still a
>good primer to UFO realty, if someone would ask why I am
>passionate about Ufology I could show them that segment and they
>would shed a few tears and understand.

>If I were Laurence Rockefeller I would have shown it to Bill
>Clinton, Al Gore, and Wes Hubble. I still don't understand why
>the Prez could not get someone higher in government to find what
>Hubble could not access. Perhaps the truth about the Cash -
>Landrum tragedy is on file somewhere, as is the truth about the
>Kennedy assassination.

Hi Josh, hi All,

Thanx for the update on the case! I was interested to know what happened with Betty's gubbamint case and if the other woman and the boy were alright. I'm glad to learn that they escaped the deadly after effects that Betty had to suffer for so many years.

I agree, the Cash-Landrum case is a sad and disturbing one because of the terrible effects that it had on Betty. (It "may have been" the ultimate cause of Betty's demise!) My inclination isto believe that the "craft" was one of our own (maybe alien technology based design) experimental craft because it was accompanied/escorted by so many military helicopters when it was seen by Betty and the other occupants of the vehicle she was driving.

Regards,

John Velez

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Ashtabula, Ohio Sightings & Videotape

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 01:33:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:19:37 -0500
Subject: Ashtabula, Ohio Sightings & Videotape

The sighting of an unusual aircraft was said to have taken place in Ashtabula, Ohio and a videotape was offered to WICU-TV 12, an NBC affiliate in Erie, PA., to support the claim.

Mr. Douglas J. Hagmann, president of a licensed private investigative service based in Erie, PA., reports that the UFO claim and videotape was televised on a November 8, 2000 newscast.

Hagmann has a healthy but skeptical interest in UFOs, and informed that two recent news articles regarding UFOs have appeared in the [Ashtabula] Star Beacon newspaper. The first article, not yet available for online review, mentions the recent sighting from Ashtabula, Ohio. A second article, enclosed below, is a generic report addressing the UFO topic. Hagmann contacted the primary witness and interviewed her for 40-minutes on Thursday, November 9. The witness, he felt, seemed frightened by the experience.

According to the investigator, the witness has denied ever being institutionalized or taking medication. She is a 42-year old Caucasian, married with 2-children. She obtained video footage of a suspected UFO on three separate occasions: Tuesday, October 17, Saturday, October 21 and Tuesday, November 7.

"I will reserve judgment on details of this case," Hagmann said for this report, "but the best evidence will be in the video itself."

The witness obtained the video footage using a \$1,200.00 Sony digital camcorder purchased within last 12-months.

During the first sighting on Oct. 17, the witness was waiting up late for her daughter to get home from work. As she looked outside, she saw an unusual aircraft described as a cylindrical object that was black or dark. The object was also described as silver, depending upon where it was in relation to the moonlight.

On videotape, this claimant reports to have also captured a colored 'ball of energy' that changes color from purple to blue as it traverses and area across her backyard.

After the event of October 17, the witness began regularly looking into the sky at night. On October 21, another sighting was alleged and a videotape was produced. Captured on video and televised on WICU TV-12 in Erie, PA., an object is said to move rapidly behind the branch of a tree. This night-time video, which was taken without the use of a tripod, allows the viewer to discern a tree in the foreground, providing some frame of reference for the unusual movements said associated with the suspected UFO.

Two additional television stations, Channel 3 [WKYC] and Channel 5 [WEWS], both of Cleveland, Ohio, were said to have been dispatched to the home of the claimant. One television crew aimed a camera at her television as she played the tape for them, the other television crew connected their recording equipment directly to the output of her camcorder, giving them a

copy with greater clarity. At this time, it is not known what circumstances warranted the dispatch of rival TV reporters and production crews to the home of the witness.

After the articles appeared in the Star Beacon newspaper, the witness was visited on November 8 by a 72-year old woman who also said that she 'saw the same thing.'

The primary witness claims a previous UFO sighting when she was 9-years old, describing the observation of a 'ferris wheel' with lights seen in the skies above Ashtabula, Ohio. Since the sighting, she has had an interest in the UFO subject.

This information is held under continued consideration by Doug Hagmann, a multi-state investigator who has headquarters in Northwest Pennsylvania. We thank him for his permission to release the information for this report.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT:

Northeastern Ohio has recently been victimized by a series of aerial irregularities reported from various sections. On September 19 at 12:15 p.m., a Mr. Rodney Happney advised 9-1-1 dispatchers of an unusual formation of 6-objects held under observation by a crowd of 30-people near Salt Springs Road in Girard, Ohio. For details of this report, see: <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/9-19-00.html>

A midnight encounter with a UFO along Route 11 between East Liverpool and Ashtabula, Ohio on Saturday night, July 22 was reported to the Ashtabula County State Highway Patrol office by three motorists who claimed to have been frightened by numerous red lights that paced their car. For details of this report, see: <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/Ashtabula2.html>

Filed,
November 10, 2000
Kenny Young

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www.starbeacon.com/subscribed/newsmon.htm

UFOs: A fixture in Ohio's skies
Tales of unknown abound in area

By JOHN A. CHILDRESS
Staff Writer

It's a dark clear night. The stars are laid out in a pattern across the sky, sparkling like jewels against the blackness of space.

If it's a clear and dark enough night - preferably during a new moon or before Earth's sister planet rises into the sky - you might even see some of those stars move, tiny lights flashing, as they make their way across the planetarium of the night. Many are airplanes, taking passengers on their way across the country or the world to distant destinations. But many believe these tiny lights might also be travelers from a more distant realm, maybe even from other planets.

Exactly what is a UFO?

That question has fascinated and frightened Americans for many years, with such stories as aliens crashing in Roswell, N.M., alien abductions and close encounters of any kind.

Movies have played on those fears, with Martians invading in "War of the Worlds," aliens demanding Earth's surrender in "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers," creatures using human hosts to bear their children in "Aliens" and monstrous goo from a meteor eating everyone in its path in "The Blob."

Of course, there are the more cerebral offerings of outer space beings, such as Michael Rennie's compassionate Klatu in "The Day the Earth Stood Still" accompanied by the fearsome robot policeman, Gort. The movie was an undisguised protest of the misuse of nuclear weapons and what the consequences might be.

Even 'Star Trek', Gene Rodenberry's vision of a utopian future

for mankind in space, still has its Klingons, Romulans and the hideous half-human, half-machine Borg.

"Men in Black" even went so far as acknowledging aliens on earth, but the organization worked to prevent the world from knowing the truth because of the panic that would ensue.

That's just a tip of the iceberg of human imagination when it comes to outer space.

What are people seeing when they make a report of a UFO?

In recent months, the National UFO Reporting Center, on the Internet at nuforc.ufoarchive.com, has listed a number of sightings in Ohio, with one of the most recent coming from Conneaut on Sept. 19. Witnesses reported a bright light changing course as it moved across the sky at great speed.

Another sighting in mid-July had multiple red lights traveling north near Route 11 at great speed. Witnesses said they followed the lights for 40 miles between East Liverpool and Ashtabula. Statements said the sightings were reported to the "Ashtabula County State Highway Patrol" office, but officials at the Ohio Highway Patrol office in Saybrook as well as the county sheriff's department deny any knowledge of the report.

Still another area sighting took place July 15 in Madison, when a cigar-shaped object was reported to have streaked across the sky at a high rate of speed.

There also are a number of historic reports that have been related in these pages from the past few decades. One of the best known of the incidents was the Great Meteor of 1966 that appeared in the night sky in September of that year. A huge fireball was seen across much of the eastern United States and Canada. It was bright enough to "turn night into day" for a few minutes. Pieces of the object reportedly fell into a field near Marion, Ind., and in Huntsville, Ontario, 120 miles north of Toronto. The image was so vivid that some callers told the U.S. Coast Guard station in Ashtabula that a lake freighter was on fire.

While this object had a reasonable explanation, other area sightings do not. An object was reported to have buzzed the Geneva area in May 1964, prompting a frantic call from a driver to the OHP. The driver said the object was hidden in the bushes on the south side of Interstate 90 and was described as big as a tractor-trailer and bright orange. The object hovered about eight feet off the ground before zooming skyward to a height of 300 to 400 feet.

Yet, many of these sightings are officially denied, or at least ignored by most officials. The Air Force's policy over the years has been to deny the existence of extraterrestrial vehicles, giving such explanations as swamp gas, weather balloons, hoaxes or mistaken conventional craft.

However, a recent edition of Popular Mechanics reported uncovering government documents about a nuclear-powered vehicle that might be another explanation. The saucer-shaped craft would be launched into space and carry nuclear weapons to attack the Soviet Union should war become a reality. Artists renditions of the craft lend credence to many of the "saucer" sightings in recent years.

Extraterrestrial or military weapons?

Who knows for sure?

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Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 04:43:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:23:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Abductions? - Velez

>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 22:55:27 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 00:11:47 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Abductions?

>>Hello Gary,

>>That has got to be the longest and most convoluted non-answer to
>>a posting I have ever seen on this List! You'd probably do great
>>in politics with a technique like that but it doesn't play well
>>here.

>>I was laboring under the delusion (for some reason) that you
>>were a serious person. I'm all better now. Thanks for clearing
>>_that_ up at least.

>John,

Hi all,

Gary responds:

>Ok, so you don't get the picture. Fair enough.

Yeah Gary I get the "picture" (contrary to popular belief I
can read!) you're saying that; government agents are
patrolling UFO hotspots in unmarked cars, and that they employ
an electronic device that allows them to open and close
dimensional doorways in order to 'hide' the UFO activity in
those areas. I get it.

I'll ask you one more time: What evidence (if any) do you have
for making such patently outrageous claims? You _still_ haven't
addressed that one simple, straight forward question.

You cannot make claims like these in public without expecting to
be questioned about it.

>What I have said is true.

I believe that you believe it is. I'm not calling you a liar,
I'm asking you to share your proof/evidence.

>Observations based on case evidence.

Once again,... What "observations"? By whom? When? where?

>Do you investigate sightings or abductions using any structured
>process?

Nope. I'm a 'vic' (victim) not a 'dick!' (detective)

I leave "investigations" to those who are actually trained and
qualified in some formal way to conduct them and to report their

findings.

I've been trying to find out from you what kind of "investigating" you have been doing. "Turning the question around on me" doesn't "answer" it. I'm not the one who claims to be a UFO "researcher" or who claims to be conducting "research." That's you Bunky!

What is your "training" for this work Gary? (What is the field of expertise that qualifies you to call yourself a "researcher?" What kind of research have you done that has convinced you that the claims you have made are factual?

Questions don't get much plainer or easier to understand than that Gary.

As a reader, (who actually 'thinks' about what he is reading) all I've been trying to do is to determine "what" if any evidence you have gathered that would have convinced you, or that would substantiate any of the claims you have been making.

That isn't unreasonable in the least.

So far, it's been like 'Mission Impossible' getting any kind of a straight answer from you. Even in this response you still have not answered or addressed one single question that I put to you about the claims that you yourself have made here.

All I get is a song and dance about how it's all 'secret' and 'hush-hush' and that you 'can't' say anything. How about just providing a 'straight answer' to a 'straight question?'

Again, nothing personal. Inquiring minds want to know! ;)

John Velez

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:42:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 07:55:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Bruni

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 04:04:01 -0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

James, don't you think it is senseless "selectively cutting and pasting" old material - these discussions between science writer Ian Ridpath, John Diamond (Times) and myself were done in the early days of my investigation. Since then a tremendous amount of new material has been discovered and is now available in 'You Can't Tell The People'.

Your assumption that I did not do much with Ed Cabanasag, is erroneous, which only proves that you have not read the book. I not only interviewed him at length but devoted a whole chapter to his story.

One of the major players you have used to try to discredit this case - is Cabansag. You claim he saw only the lighthouse.

Cabansag positively denies the lighthouse had anything to do with it.

He told me:

'It wasn't the lighthouse, I saw the lighthouse, this wasn't it, it was to the right of the lighthouse.'

He did not type the statement you have promoted to support your theories. He signed it (that same morning) without reading it - he was terrified.

There is much more information to support Cabansag's testimony, including Adrian Bustinza's interrogation, which he has never talked about until now. There is also the testimony of other witnesses and people I have talked to, including photographs of the landing site and indentations in the ground... which, for your information, look nothing like rabbit scratchings.

I suggest you read the book, which is now available in the shops or on:

www.amazon.co.uk

The truth is, the lighthouse theory is now no longer an issue. There are much more interesting things about the case than that tired old theory.

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 08:55:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 14:16:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:09:24 -0600

>>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500

>The creature appeared to glide about 6 inches above the ground,
>according to the witnesses.

This is the same all witnesses in Chile described the way the
Blood Predator (Chupacabras) move.

Coincidence?

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>
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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:52:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 14:20:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:09:24 -0600

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500

>>Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>No apparent
>>disturbances to the area around the being were reported. The
>>creature appeared to glide about 6 inches above the ground,
>>according to the witnesses. Weather conditions were cool and
>>clear with no wind. No sounds were reported, and witnesses
>>commented on it seeming abnormally quiet at the time. Crickets
>>and other normal background noises were absent.

>In any event, these last two sentences,
>describing something we have heard so often before, are
>particularly fascinating. They bring to mind Jenny Randles's Oz
>Factor. Any comment, Jenny?

>Jerry Clark

Hi,

I was being discrete in view of the likelihood of inviting a
reaction that I was inventing a mystery. For, oddly, to me at
least, the idea of the Oz Factor has come in for criticism in
the UK of late.

So it is an arguable matter as to what it means - if anything.
But heres what I think.

Clearly, IMO, this case is yet another example of a very common
description that regularly recur and are connected with close
encounter cases. It is because of this recurrence that I think
it is surely a significant clue.

It is after all one of the most consistent features of the
phenomenon . This is usually found as an account that 'all
environmental sounds disappeared' but can also extend into the
description of time slowing down, stretching out and losing all
meaning.

Now to me this is a pattern within the data. That's the point of
naming it - simply to mark it out as noteworthy and purely as a
hook to look out for the effect in other cases.

When reported by witnesses they have very rarely heard of the
term or are aware that others have described the same effect in
previous cases. Its also a feature that witnesses frequently do
not willingly report because it seems subjective, a bit 'kooky'
and in some eyes might be damaging to the acceptance of the
story that they are trying to get across.

So I also find it useful to identify this feature because it means you can recognise cases where you would expect it and - without outright egging on of the witness into describing it - at least be sufficiently in tune to ensure that they would not be discouraged from telling you if they felt you would be receptive to the appearance of such an odd phenomenon.

Despite such simple reasons some British Ufologists apparently regard this concept as being counter productive. That it somehow makes too much out of already recognised psychological phenomena. But I had never seen it as a means to an end - or really as anything much other than an awareness of a set of symptoms within a whole range of cases and a convenient phrase to denote them.

The fact that the Oz Factor crops up as often as it does must mean something. But what it means is still, of course, open to contention. It could well signify that the event occurs during an altered state of consciousness with the 'tuning out' of environmental sounds occurring much as they do when we stop hearing the clock on the wall ticking as it is not a stimulus we 'need' to pay attention to when other more important stimuli are present. So - instead - we 'tune up' our awareness of inner consciousness - perhaps the Oz Factor being noticed as the 'tuning down' of previously common stimuli.

Although it is possible that - for example - birds might literally stop singing due to an awareness of a UFO presence nearby - this cannot be a complete answer. Because the loss of environmental stimuli goes beyond just birds stopping singing. In many cases witnesses describe a complete absence of external stimuli - including some that it seems unlikely would literally diminish even in the presence of a UFO (for instance, the wind disappearing or all passers by that one would expect to be on a street suddenly being absent). It is much more as if all outside stimuli are temporarily put on hold in so far as the witness is concerned.

It is true that the Oz Factor appears in other phenomena as well. It is prevalent in - for example - time slip cases and some apparitions. There are signs of it during NDEs (near death experiences) too. This would make sense if all require some ASC in order to occur and so the Oz Factor may then be largely a symptom of the state within which these disparate phenomena occur rather than an indication that these things are all somehow connected.

A bit like saying you can switch on a TV set and a microwave by putting electricity into them, but the consequences of both are different. In this sense the Oz Factor is like the electric current and the UFO encounter or time slip the resultant event that is brought into being as a consequence.

Moreover, it is known that in certain stress situations (eg when someone is involved in a sudden accident - like facing a car coming at you head on with inevitable impact just moments away) that some do report the slowing down of time in a way similar to the Oz Factor. This is another indication that the symptoms are a consequence of the shifting conscious awareness.

So, yes, it is possible that what we see at work within close encounters relates purely to a set of psychological phenomena lumped together - as skeptics allege - and thus used by them to justify why it is dangerous to create a term like Oz Factor to make them appear special.

But I reply that the Oz Factor presupposes no actual explanation. It merely delineates a phenomenon and identifies its occurrence within many cases. Even knowing that such psychological states occur is a useful clue pointing us forward towards defining answers.

And, of course, being open minded, as we must be, there remains the possibility that these states of awareness signified by the Oz Factor are the result of more tangible forces.

Often - for instance - they are associated with EM fields and other energy forces apparently generated by the UFO that is seen - whatever that is. And it is conceivably to argue two ways from that premise into other possible solutions to the mystery.

Firstly, that the energy field creates both physiological and psychological responses in witnesses who are close to it (thus the 'tingling skin' effect plus the Oz Factor ASCs).

Secondly, it may be that the energy connected with the UFO is quite literally creating an alteration in the local state of space-time, quantum reality and/or the atmosphere - thus generating a major distortion effect that is inevitably perceived by the witness as the Oz Factor.

All three options have merits and demerits from the evidence, but the existence of the Oz Factor affords a choice of options and a way to create tests that might even help us determine one theory from another.

That is surely the goal of research - not to merely assume that these effects must be psychological and so do not deserve a generic name.

As such, whilst I do not ascribe any huge significance to this issue, its a factor within ufology that is clearly there and IMO beyond question can be recognised as an original feature of the close encounter evidence that is not the product of investigator bias or dependent upon any specific theory of UFO origin.

It exists independent of whether UFOs are entirely psychological or are a natural phenomenon creating weird effects within our environment or are indeed alien craft powered by some energy field that as a side effect generates distortive consequences.

It is rare in Ufology to be as sure as we can here that we have a consistent, clearly reported and globally identical phenomenon that requires some sort of resolution. And the Oz Factor undoubtedly is one of these things.

And so I don't intend to stop observing its occurrence or pondering its meaning. And whilst I do not know precisely what its implications are I do regard it as a useful signpost towards the possible significance of a case - since hoaxers (unless very knowledgeable ones) probably would not tend to fabricate Oz Factor symptoms in their stories.

So when - as we do - we see the Oz Factor very clearly described by Burroughs and Penniston in their close encounter phase of the Rendlesham Forest case - you ought to sit up and ask yourself what that means.

If they simply were deceived by a lighthouse, how could we attribute to that the OZ Factor symptoms and energy fields that these witnesses describe washing over them in a manner that is so consistent with many other cases?

If that's what happened, then both the Oz Factor and the physiological effects must result from psychological and stress induced factors alone - since obviously they do not result from a lighthouse beam.

Guessing this is what happened is not sufficient as to accept it requires a clear path of scientific reasoning (which may, of course, be achievable) to vindicate what otherwise - on the face of it at least - seems an undoubted problem for the misperception hypothesis.

Of course, it is feasible that the Oz Factor and physiological effects described in the Rendlesham close encounter are there because the witnesses deliberately fabricated them to create an impression of UFO reality. But I don't see any justification that they did so and I think to accept this idea as true the burden of proof must be on the skeptic in this instance to establish that such witnesses were sufficiently aware of the nuances of ufology to be able to convincingly invent these features. Because assuming that they were - and did - simply isn't good enough with such a relatively little known aspect of the phenomenon (certainly to outsiders).

Alternatively, these things are found within this case because they are a direct consequence of the phenomenon being witnessed - whatever that is. In which event the onus shifts from the witnesses (who are merely describing the physiological and psychological consequences) onto the nature of the 'UFO

experience' itself that actually precipitated these effects .

So - for me - far from being an academic argument over semantics - the recognition of Oz Factor symptoms within any close encounter cuts right to the chase. It helps focus key questions that need resolution about that case and may, if other options are found wanting, offer support for something truly interesting.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: On What is Known - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:16:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 15:55:58 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Friedman

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 22:19:01 EST
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 18:15:25 -0400

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>>Subject: On What is Known
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?

>><snip>

>>>Jim

>>We have learned that Donald Menzel was up to his ears in
>>classified work for the CIA, NSA and many companies... certainly
>>a shock to all when I first published it.

>>We have certainly learned that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli (about
>>a billion years older than the sun) are the closest to each
>>other pair of sun like stars in the local neighborhood and only
>>37 light years away which gives a whole new perspective on
>>where we fit in the scheme of things.

>>We have learned that government agencies (USAF, CIA, NSA etc)
>>have knowingly been guilty of massive misrepresentation about
>>flying saucers. If there is nothing there why the coverup?

>>We have learned that debunkers will go to any length, make false
>>claims, attack people's character etc to defend their
>>conclusions based on proclamation. It suggests that perhaps this
>>is true in other areas as well.

>>We have learned that major media will fail to do an objective
>>investigation, at least partly because they claim on the basis
>>of an absence of investigation, that there is nothing there to
>>investigate. How many other areas are being neglected because of
>>this arrogance?.

>>We have learned that the SETI cultists will over and over again
>>make false claims about ufology while blindly defending what
>>they do as "science" when SETI really stands for Silly Effort to
>>Investigate. nad is based on a host of crazy assumptions.

>>That is just for starters.

>>Stan Friedman

>Well, that certainly is an awful lot, Stan. However my primary

>concern and focus, and that of most of the direct percipients of
>this phenom, is to learn when, where, why and how of the UFO and
>abduction phenom.

>Just what the is it, Stan?

>Are you, in the above, suggesting that all of which we learn,
>much of which you uncovered, has anything to do with whether or
>not I really was abducted, as my memory suggests? Does is
>explain whether the UFO is an object of this or another
>dimension? Or this galaxy? Or whether it is an object even?

>Nope. And with all the respect I can muster for you and your
>efforts, not one thing you mentioned (which I may discern)
>answers even one small question relating to UFOs, their form,
>fit and function or for that matter, reality. Let alone
>abduction.

>As I mentioned in the original post, this is an indictment, but
>without focus. Because I can't blame anyone for our ignorance.
>Although the researcher is the only target at this brief moment
>in time. To plagiarize a phrase.

>Stan. There are no answers. No information which points to one.
>Not even one. You, me, all of us have failed in 50 years, to
>find one shred of science with which to answer the question,
>"Just what the hell is going on?"

>I have the utmost respect for you. But you went around and came
>around at least twice and gave no answers. Answers. Answers.
>_Answers!_

Sorry, Jim. But you didn't ask why you were abducted. I named
some of the things that have been learned. I didn't say this was
all we have learned.

Now you are asking what the hell is going on. That is a
different question. You can't blame a good washing machine for
being a lousy dryer. Better rephrase your questions.

Stan Friedman

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Re: On What is Known - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:02:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 15:59:14 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Randles

>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 08:30:16 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 00:50:47 -0000

>Huh?

>Explain "triple light triangle", please.

Hi,

Heres a personal sighting.

Wiltshire, September 1980. My boyfriend and I were riding on his Triumph Bonneville from Hampshire to Cheshire on a long gruelling journey. We saw three balls of white light lined up into an equilateral triangle and moving steadily across the late evening sky before they disappeared.

I have personally since come across quite a few near identical cases reported from witnesses in various locations - leading to the reasonable inference that this is some sort of real, consistently recorded phenomenon behind them.

I put my sighting in the hands of an experienced UFO group and suggested one possible option (parachute flares - feasible given the location where military training does operate) - although I was unconvinced of this idea for several practical reasons. But I knew thanks to the vagaries of perception that it had to be possible. In any case, checks showed there were no such flares.

The group concerned suggested we had seen a Hercules transport aircraft. But it was speculation. None were proven to be there. I am virtually certain we did not see such a plane, largely because the spacing of the three balls of light was such that if they were lights on the aircraft tail and wing span we could not possibly have missed seeing solid evidence and maybe even hearing the plane because it would have covered a large arc of sky and been perforce extremely close to us.

In any case, the existence of the near identical independent reports gathered since are strong evidence for some sort of phenomenon because not all could even arguably be explained as flares or aircraft.

There is, of course, always the option that these were lights on some alien craft, but I never had any reason to suppose that answer. My impression at the time was that this was some sort of peculiar light effect - possibly something like the mock sun effect. It had that intangible feel to it.

I don't actually know what it was, of course, merely that this is some sort of consistently reported but evidently fairly rare type of UFO event that thus requires some sort of explanation.

My best guess is that it will turn out to be some kind of atmospheric effect. And if it is then its an example of a rare natural phenomenon probably only recognisable to science through reports made to ufology because during the past 50 years all reports of this type would be considered a UFO by their witness and reported in this context.

If you look at the Condon report you will see that the scientists there speculate in similar fashion about a couple of cases where they think a fairly rare atmospheric phenomenon might have triggered one UFO case or another.

I am not arguing this is the Holy Grail - the answer to everything. Merely that some puzzling UFO cases are UAPs of this type IMO.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:16:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:10:28 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:09:24 -0600

>>>From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>>Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 12:44:02 -0500

>>>Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
>walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
>abductee reports for some time. (I am basing my remarks on
>reports that Budd has gotten over the years from some of the
>folks that have reported to him.)

Hi,

One interesting option here is this.

I have come across a number of ghost cases where the witness describes the apparitional figure (here assumed to be some sort of projection through time) to have their feet out of view below the ground. The argument used by paranormal researchers tends to be that if this is a projection of an event say 500 years ago the figure is walking along a floor surface as then was but which has since been built upon by successive centuries of habitation, road laying, house floors etc.

As such any projection from the past should walk with feet below ground to our perception.

Take this the other way and speculate about projections from the future (if such things be possible) (and presumably they are no more impossible than projections from the past - i.e. ghosts).

On that basis any silver suited figure floating a foot or two above the ground might not be what we nearly always assume it to be (an alien that is hovering by some means) but a person from the future. If so, would we not then see them walking on what would be the elevated floor level of this spot at some future time?

There are a number of interesting cases of floating entities that fit this possible interpretation as humans from a few hundred years hence walking on what to them will be the ground level. In our perspective this would perhaps be in mid air.

Its speculation, obviously. And free and easy at that. But it

would resolve the fact that ghost researchers have noted this 'feet below ground level' effect and ufologists have noted the 'feet above ground level' effect. If one is involving figures from the past and the other figures from the future suddenly what looks like unrelated and inexplicable events start to make an odd sort of sense.

Speculation - of course - sometimes proves insightful but often proves absurd. Who knows what this one is. Right now its merely an observation.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Subject: Re: On What is Known - Randles

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>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 06:36:33 +0000
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>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000

>>Hi,

>I disagree totally, you put out a statement saying that all
>other UFO sightings are yet unexplained Natural phenomena, so
>what is this topic about?

Hi,

If you plan to say things as statements of 'fact' then please read what I say properly. You don't seem to have done that here.

Kindly publish where I 'put out a statement' saying that all UFO sightings are natural phenomena. Because I did no such thing.

Sadly you are asking questions that are unrelated to the answers that I gave and which (not for the first time) make massive and incorrect assumptions about them.

But the solution is simple. Just quote where I said that 'all' sightings are natural phenomena and we'll take it from there.

Of course, you won't be able to do so because I never said it. But at least in searching fruitlessly for this alleged statement you might then read more carefully what I actually said.

And I'll happily answer questions based on that.

>I am sorry but this answer reminds me of the film clip in Jaws, >where Chief Brody is trying to convince the board assembled that >there is a shark in the pictures but just gets fobbed off. Are >you not able to tell anyone on this list what you think of Radar >& Trace cases in respect of UFO investigations?

Happily, but it wasn't this question that I was responding to. You are trying to lead me into discussing/denying/supporting the ETH - and I wasn't even debating that matter at all - as I made very clear.

Not that saying (as I would) that most radar cases are explicable but a few are genuinely interesting (as IMO they are) means anything in so far as a debate on the ETH is concerned. The existence of unsolved radar and trace cases (both of which certainly do exist) establish only the reality of unexplained UFO cases that require full investigation and may ultimately invoke new phenomena so as to resolve them. But neither of these are things that I have ever denied - despite your efforts to imagine that I have.

What you are really trying to do is paint me as some sort of debunker because I don't share your wholehearted endorsement of the ETH as a clear answer to any part of ufology. But my stance remains - as I hope it ever has been - an objective one. That we have evidence of UFOs, most of which prove to be IFOs but including some unexplained cases that are sufficiently intriguing to warrant further study.

There are then various theories that can account for these unsolved cases and evidence pro and con each theory making some stronger than others but providing by no means definitive proof of any of the more exotic explanations. The ETH is a debatable option. It has strengths (eg plausibility) and weaknesses (problems in matching the visible data). On balance I don't rate it as the most likely explanation but it would be stupid to rule it out.

>So because I come straight to the crux of the matter' I am
>accused of writing unconnected questions? I didn't realise we
>were debating the finer aspects of Koi Carp keeping!

Don't be silly. The question I was replying to was quite clearly different from yours - viz - what discoveries, or new progress, has occurred as a result of UFO study. I set out various things that I believe we have learned because there has been a UFO study and that we might not have learned without such a field.

That I thought was a proper response to an intriguing question.

We have not learned that aliens are coming here because that is a speculative argument around possibilities based on interpretations of the data. Which is not to say it may not be true. But it is emphatically to say that it isn't proven to be true.

As a result I could not argue (and so did not argue) that we have learned new things about alien life as a result of UFO study, because IMO we cannot honestly say that we have.

Consequently any question you pose asking me to say whether I believe in anything beyond what I think we have properly established is - of course - a valid question in its own right. But it is not relevant to the answers that I gave to the question that was initially posed.

That's all I am saying.

>Jenny for the List, will you please state your final position on
>UFO case reports across the UK & World?

Don't be so daft. How can anyone state a 'final position' on all UFO cases like you suggest? If they did they would be talking through their hat! Anyone who knows the answer to everything is simply kidding themselves into thinking that this is a nice easy, single resolution mystery. And it clearly isn't. Its a complex, multi faceted, several answer mystery.

There are things we can know with reasonable assurance from the data (like - IMO - the existence of UAP), things we can speculate about as possible based on some of the evidence (like aliens maybe visiting earth or time travel) and things that I believe we can be reasonably sure are not happening in literal reality.

Ufology is a complex web of understanding. It involves IFOs, UAP and unresolved possibilities with merits and demerits for each theory. There is no definite answer to anything. If there were ufology wouldn't exist and wouldn't need to exist.

>So what label should be given to you then concerning the
>statement you put out referring to UFO sightings?

I'm sure you'll think of one. But as far as I am concerned I am simply honestly telling you what I think we know as well as what we as yet don't know but can still reasonably debate. To me that is being objective. I dare say to anyone who doesn't like this sort of answer its government propoganda or debunking and proves I am in this subject for nefarious reasons.

Well, I'm not. But sadly there's no way to argue with such

thinking against people who only want to hear the kind of answers that reinforce their own convictions.

I can only tell you what I think. It may be right. It may be wrong. But its a reasoned conclusion after years of study.

But I repeat - these answers to your questions are different from the specific answer I gave to a pertinent question about what Ufology had actually achieved in 50 years.

To me more fascinating than any debate about aliens is that such an excellent and provocative question has been largely shunned and rapidly got sidetracked into another 'them' and 'us' debate about aliens and debunking.

Unfortunately that says a lot about the problems that beset Ufology, because surely our primary goal should be to conduct investigations without any preconceptions and to see what we can establish thereby. Then to carefully accept what we can - or cannot - say has indeed been established by the facts. Then move on, inch by inch, from there towards the best resolutions.

In fact, as this list demonstrates quite often, ufology is far more about wanting a particularly theory to be true and viewing the evidence as a means to achieving that. The facts and data are used not as a guide to what we ought to consider as being reasonably established . Instead the evidence is as a piece of clay to be molded into the image of whatever we want to believe.

Science is about collecting evidence, devising hypotheses and testing these against newly accrued data. Unfortunately way too much of ufology is about deciding on the answer then desperately seeking bits of evidence (however representative or unrepresentative) that will vindicate this as the great truth.

In what are here very fundamental differences is perhaps the key reason why in 50 years science has moved forward to produce a remarkable world in which we live, whereas ufology is pretty much sitting here having the same arguments that very probably were discussed with equal circularity by our grandparents.

If we all took one day out to ponder the awesome truth that the difference between science and ufology and think what it infers about this subject of ours, then we might start to move forwards.

But I dare say the easiest prediction of the century is that in the year 2020 UFO UpDates will still be having the same fruitless arguments that we are having right now.

If that doesn't shock you into doing something, then there is little hope for the future of ufology.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Fouche: Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B -

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Subject: Re: Fouche: Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B -

>From: From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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>Subject: Ed Fouche: Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B
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>From: FoucheMedia <FoucheMedia@satx.rr.com>
>To: <FoucheMedia@satx.rr.com>
>Subject: Ed Fouche/ Forward of Physics analysis of TR-3B
>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 17:27:49 -0600

>From: John Kooiman <john.kooiman@home.com>

>Subject: TR-3B
>Antigravity Physics Explained:

>To be correct, I probably should say, "TR-3B Antigravity
>Physics Explained, insofar as General Relativity can be
>considered an explanation for gravity."

>Many readers of this List are probably already familiar with
>Edgar Fouche's description of the USA's Top Secret TR-3B
>triangular shaped nuclear powered aerospace craft. If not, read
>about it here: <http://fouchemedia.com/arap/speech.htm>.

>Mr. Fouche describes the TR-3B's propulsion system as follows:

>"A circular, plasma filled accelerator ring called the
>Magnetic Field Disrupter, surrounds the rotatable crew
>compartment and is far ahead of any imaginable technology... The
>plasma, mercury based, is pressurized at 250,000 atmospheres at
>a temperature of 150 degrees Kelvin, and accelerated to 50,000
>rpm to create a super-conductive plasma with the resulting
>gravity disruption.

>The MFD generates a magnetic vortex field, which disrupts or
>neutralizes the effects of gravity on mass within proximity, by
>89 percent...

John, Ed & Jim, EBK and listers,

The word vortex or vortices can mean one of two things: flow
involving rotation around an axis or a condition of drawing
everything to a center point.

"The vortex as a structure lies at the very core of existence,
as in the atom and apparently beyond, down to the behavior of
quanta." ('Invisible Residents' by Ivan Sanderson)

Sanderson has conducted some excellent UFO research. The
following sums up his position: "I contend that if we will only
stick to being logical, and within the accepted frame of logic
to boot, there is no reason

- (a) why there could not be an extremely advanced civilization
under water;
- (b) why it might not be twice as old as ours;
- (c) why it should not have developed what we call space flight;

(d) why it should not be so far advanced of us technically that we would never have even noticed it until we started to develop a few really sensitive gadgets."

He cites example after example of why he believes this to be true and in so doing examines a broad spectrum of history, anthropology, science, biology, and both modern and ancient literature. But his most ingenious connection is the one he draws between vortices, Indian space travel, and the function of mercury.

The Appendix contains two articles, one on vortices by Theodore Schwenk and the other a short essay on the ancient Indian Vimanas. First he defines the vortex:

"Whenever any qualitative differences in a flowing medium come together, these isolated formations (vortices) occur. Such differences may be: slow and fast; solid and liquid; liquid and gaseous...warm and cold; denser and more tenuous; heavy and light (for instance, salt water and fresh); viscous and fluid; alkaline and acid...At the surfaces of contact there is a tendency for one layer to role in upon the other. In short, wherever the finest differentiations are present the vortex act as a delicate 'sense organ' which as it were perceives the differentiations and then in a rhythmical process causes them to even out and to merge." Theodore Schwenk, 'Sensitive Chaos'

Next Sanderson tells about his research into ancient writings and why these writings sometimes hold excellent scientific information that is also historically important.

One such assortment of writings is the Daiva, translated by Dr. Ranjee Shahani. There are many fascinating stories and poems in this five thousand year old collection but one of the most intriguing is the description of a flying machine:

"Strong and durable must the body be made, like a great flying bird, of light material. Inside it one must place the mercury-engine with its iron heating apparatus beneath. By means of the power latent in the mercury which sets the driving whirlwind in motion, a man sitting inside may travel a great distance in the sky in a most marvelous manner."

One might rationalize this statement as being nothing but ancient ramblings if it weren't for two other significant facts. First, two well respected scientists and teachers, Gerald Schubert and J.A. Whitehead, discovered that when mercury in a circular dish is subjected to a slowly rotating heat source, the mercury begins to rotate as a vortex in the opposite direction of the heat and often dramatically exceeds the speed of the heat source. The second is that the ancient Roman God called Mercury is depicted with wings on both his helmet and his heels. His helmet is also shaped like a UFO. Now why should Mercury, be a god who flies?

And does any of this information help us understand the nature of the TR3B?

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

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Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 17:58:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:32:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 13:05:39 -0600

>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 22:40:50 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

>>>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>Pelican John,

>>>And that is precisely the sort of reading that drives Hufford up
>>>the wall, and it is exactly why he praised my reading of his
>>>book. It's not as if we have to choose between belief in witch
>>>attacks or rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon, a
>>>point Hufford makes repeatedly and which Rimmer seems to have
>>>missed.

>>You do make a good point. What drives me up the wall are people
>>like who seem to think we have to choose between belief in
>>extraterrestrial spaceships or rejection of a strange
>>experiential phenomenon. I point which I make frequently and
>>which Clarke seems to have missed.

>I presume you are referring to Arthur C. Clarke. Perhaps you
>could cite a reference for his conviction that "we have to
>choose between belief in extraterrestrial spaceships or
>rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon." That seems a
>foolish idea, and I don't recall that anybody on this list
>suggested it. As far as I can tell, you and your fellow
>pelicanists are the only ones discussing alien spacecraft here.
>In any event, let's see the Clarke reference. It strikes me as
>extreme even for a veteran debunker like Clarke, but I could be
>wrong.

This is a bizarre one even by your standards, Jerry: refuse to
answer a question because someone spelt your name wrong.

Jerry constantly makes the point that much UFO evidence points
to the conclusion that some UFO reports, particularly CEII and
radar-visual cases, are caused by solid, apparently metallic,
apparently artificially constructed physical craft which appear
to have performance characteristics beyond anything currently
available to terrestrial technology. Jerry, being a
not-quite-ETHER carefully refuses to say that these objects are
extraterrestrial. Well fair enough, but I do feel that if you
think it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you may as
well say it's a duck (or at the very least a goose). Obviously

fearing the ridicule that he assures us will descend on anyone who suggests an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs, Jerry carefully refuses to take that final step.

>>Hufford's analysis of the problems attached to the "Old Hag" phenomenon seem to bring it closer to the abduction phenomenon than to the apparent solid, engineered objects that Jerry claims constitute the 'real' UFO mystery - the CE2s and radar-visual cases. Although Hufford may think that conventional psychological explanations do not adequately explain the actual experiences involved in Hag accounts, I still doubt very much that he thinks there actually *is* an 'objectively existing' old woman who perpetrates the Hag attacks.

>Huh? You lost me there. I must be scoring some points if this is the best you can do. Again, I don't recall anybody's ever saying - except you - that the existence of an actual Old Hag is what we're discussing.

But of course that's what we're discussing. In the absence of the old dear creeping in and trying to suffocate us, we're left with a purely physiological phenomenon of the kind discussed at by Susan Blackmore. This does not mean to say that there is nothing unknown to contemporary science going on, but it least does suggest that researchers need not waste time checking for fingerprints after each Hag attack. Hope I haven't lost you again here - you do seem to need a roadmap quite a lot of the time.

>In point of fact, Hufford contends that the Old Hag phenomenon and the abduction phenomenon, or at least some supposed abductions, may be part of a larger experiential mystery beyond current knowledge. I tend to agree. He also thinks that there are notable differences in some instances. Like me and unlike pelicanists, he thinks that investigation is far more important at this stage than yet more empty theory.

Well, you may be right and the debate really is about how far beyond current knowledge it is. I'm as keen as anyone on first-hand investigation, and I certainly think that the Hag and Abductions are closely related phenomena. I wonder, however, if further investigation is going to get anywhere unless it's underpinned by a testable theory. Otherwise we're going to end up in the same state as much psychic research, which has been collecting anecdotal evidence for more than a century and is still not much further on than when it started.

>>It is Jerry who seems to be trying to polarise the debate by saying that if you reject the idea of an actual Hag, you are thereby denying the reality of the experience. Just such a foolish argument is of course wheeled out to attack anyone who doubts the physical reality of the abduction experience.

>I am scratching my head here. What in the world are you talking about? I don't recall discussing the "physical reality of the abduction phenomenon" anywhere on this thread. In the real world which pelicanists visit as seldom as possible, I am pretty much an agnostic on the abduction question, which just plain confuses me - as it should, I would think, any reasonable objective observer.

And I don't recall claiming that you discussed the "physical reality of the abduction phenomenon" on this thread. It's a topic you generally keep well away from, but there are plenty of other people hereabouts who have been discussing it, and my paragraph above - if you re-read it with your sub-editor's eye - was aimed at them.

>>>Hufford participated in the 1992 MIT abduction studies conference and contributed a fascinating paper to its proceedings, taking issue with both debunkers and proponents for loose thinking about a phenomenon that he freely acknowledges is most puzzling. He cites a case he learned of through a physician associate, noting that there were multiple witnesses and physiological evidence associated with it. Hufford remarks, "I know of no non-abduction explanation for these events.... To simply say this must ... be a case of folie a deux is to merely state that no amount of evidence will count in such cases." >>What is this case, and where can I find an account of it?

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>>presence of a physical Hag a "reasonable provisional
>>interpretation"? If not how does the degree of eyewitness
>>testimony presented by Hufford differ from the testimony
>>presented in the UFO reports that you find most convincing?

>Wow. Go back and reread Hufford, then come back. At least then
>you'll understand why arguments like the one you are making
>distort his meaning beyond recognition. It sort of remains

[sic]

me,
>actually, of the careless way you and other pelicanists treat
>witness testimony.

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>strange effort to enlist Hufford into the psychosociologist
>cause re UFOs that I met Hufford originally - I had not heard
>of him before - at a folklore conference in Omaha, Nebraska, in
>1978. I engaged him in conversation when I noticed how visibly
>incensed - and outspokenly critical - he became during our
>mutual exposure to a pelicanist lecture on UFOs.

Must have been very entertaining, especially if you were in the row behind!

>As memory has
>it, the lecture (by one Elmer Kral) was essentially
>indistinguishable from anything one would read in Magonia.

Sounds a good guy this one Elmer Kral. Where can I get in touch with him and see if he'll do an article for Magonia? Mind you, 1978 is a long time ago. Things have moved on since then.

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Re: On What is Known - Baker

From: David Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:42:33 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:47:39 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Baker

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 06:36:33 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000

Hi Jenny, Roy, list-dudes,

a few thoughts...

>>Hi,
>
>>Its a pity you are not like the (incredible) British weather
>>right now since your answers are much easier to forecast.

>And yet we shall continue to get the same old piped out message
>that nothing is happening it's all mundane things it can all be
>explained away as we experts know it all, well I am slightly
>bored on reading this tosh being put out' so please end the
>argument Jenny, you have done your 25 year stint' you have come
>to your Psychological and Natural conclusions on the UFO
>subject' so the point of carrying on is what exactly?

I'm getting slightly bored by your constant attacks on Jenny,
Roy. And it's pretty obvious that you have come to ETH
conclusions on the UFO subject so what is the point of
you carrying on exactly?

<snip.>

>>Neither the question posed, nor my answer to it, had any
>>relevance . As my reply made clear I was purposefully avoiding
>>discussing exotic theories of UFO origin (all of them) and any
>>possible revelations that these have brought. Instead I was
>>simply offering some less contentious benefits that Ufology has
>>brought about in my own experience from case investigation.

>I am sorry but this answer reminds me of the film clip in Jaws,
>where Chief Brody is trying to convince the board assembled that
>there is a shark in the pictures but just gets fobbed off.

I'm reminded of the scene where Brody panics, thinking there is
a shark in the water, makes a great deal of fuss, scares the
shit out of people, and it turns out not to be a shark at all...
kids messing about, if I remember rightly. You know, a mundane
explanation.

>Are
>you not able to tell anyone on this list what you think of Radar
>& Trace cases in respect of UFO investigations?

Radar and trace cases are just that and can still be attributed
to things other than alien spaceships.

>>By all means please dispute them, but don't assume they mean
>>anything about the unconnected questions that you raise.

>So because I come straight to the crux of the matter' I am
>accused of writing unconnected questions? I didn't realize we
>were debating the finer aspects of Koi Carp keeping!

Koi Carp keeping? Unconnected? UFOs? OH! Irony! (chortle!)

>And my questions cannot be answered can they Jenny, without
>giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia with nothing but
>the same answers you mention in the first instance?

<snip>

>Jenny for the List, will you please state your final position on
>UFO case reports across the UK & World?

Wouldn't such an answer, considering you want it to involve, I
take it, all UFO case reports from across the UK & World
involve "giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia "?

Keep smiling,

Dave Baker

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Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 15:01:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:00:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Velez

>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 03:20:07 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 20:31:47 EST
>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 01:35:46 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Tarter's Sore UFO Toe - Young

>>>Hi Bob, Josh,

>>>Just a note. Betty Cash passed away earlier this year. I believe
>>>her death was directly related to the (radiation induced?)
>>>illness she had been fighting since the sighting. Do either of
>>>you know anything about the condition of the grandson or the
>>>other female witness that was in the car? Were either of them
>>>ever affected? Also, I know Betty had litigation pending against
>>>the government. She was sueing them for her medical expenses.
>>>Does anybody know what the outcome of that case was? Just
>>>curious.

>>John, Josh, List:

>>I don't know, to all of the above questions. It would be
>>interesting to find out.

>Hi Bob, John, and all,

>I've been so wrapped up in the election conundrum that I didn't
>get around to replying till now.

Hi Josh, hi All,

Damn! I didn't catch this until after I sent out my last reply.
Sorry for the 'double' response!

Josh, you wrote:

>Vicki and Colby were irradiated much less than Betty Cash
>because they did not get outside the car.

Hmmm, just 'how much' damaging radiation would the windshield of
a car screen? Betty was standing by the drivers side door when
she got out of the vehicle. Which means that (at best) Vicky and
the boy couldn't have been more than just a couple of feet
farther away from the source of the radiation than Betty herself
was!

I'm not certain of this detail but: logically; Vicki would have
been riding shotgun (in the passenger seat next to the driver)
and the boy would have been in the backseat. That still puts
them squarely in front of whatever the source of that radiation
was that ruined Betty's body and eventuall took her life.

Why didn't Vicky or the boy get radiation sickness as well?
There was no "lead/radiation shielding" in the car or the
window. By rights both Vicky and the boy 'should have' gotten as
sick as Betty did!

I hope that Stan or somebody with some knowledge of these things
gets to read this and address this point. It's important.

What do you think Josh? This 'oddity' never occurred to me
before. Have you ever given this particular 'angle' any thought?
If so, how do you explain the fact that both Vicky and the boy
are fine?

Ufology! The deeper you go,... the deeper it gets! <LOL>

Regards, look forward to your thoughts on this.

John Velez

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Virus Follow Up

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 14:41:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:13:40 -0500
Subject: Virus Follow Up

List members,

In response to my query as to why he was spreading a virus, I just received the following:

"The virus spread was totally unintentional. My equipment was invaded by a virus called Natividad.exe. It is self-running and installs itself on the System folder. Then it starts reading your messages and fragmenting them to send to people from your address book. I was infected and in a matter of seconds, when I realized that something had fooled my anti-virus, Natividad.exe sent over 1,000 e-mails...

"I am very sorry and please accept my appologies."

The virus is actually named navidad.exe, _not_ Natividad.exe.

I don't have any indication here that my own machine sent out e-mails containing navidad.exe as an attachment.

However, please be careful! If you receive an e-mail from me with navidad.exe attached, do _not_ open it by double clicking on it!

The e-mail in which I received it originally came from Brazil.

Again, this is not an Internet joke or personal paranoia on my part.

Navidad.exe is a real virus -- and you don't want it!

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Rhodes

From: Terry Rhodes UtterMole@cs.com
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 15:15:05 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:15:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles - Rhodes

>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 06:34:06 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale >royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Big Story On Crop Circles

>So statistically can we say that Matthew & Co were capable of
>creating every Circle this year gone in Wiltshire' after taking
>onboard witness statements and time differentials on when
>circles appeared in this years Circle season?

I think you're asking whether Matthew was capable of making
all this seasons crop circles in Wiltshire, is that right?

May I suggest to you that there is actually more than one crop
circle team in operation! So the answer is no, Matthew was not
responsible for all the crop circles in Wiltshire this year.
However, by no means were any of the formations created by
aliens.

>Do you realize how many 'Locals' hold anti-hoax watches when the
>season is on?

You shouldn't listen to the locals, they have made plenty of
money out of the tourist trade over the years. Polly Carson
claimed last year that the East Field was searched in the early
hours with high powered torches the night the 'Big One' appeared
and no one was seen. She then proceeded to be the guide to
Japanese tourists hosting barge trips etc. Surely the farmers
and their (ex) wives would be scouring the skies for the
perpertraters not the fields!

Bring on the evidence that humans do not make crop circles!

Tel

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:30:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:18:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 17:58:33 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 13:05:39 -0600

>>>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 22:40:50 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll
>>>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:07:23 -0600

>>>>>Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 23:05:47 +0000
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>>>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Clark

John,

>>>You do make a good point. What drives me up the wall are people
>>>like who seem to think we have to choose between belief in
>>>extraterrestrial spaceships or rejection of a strange
>>>experiential phenomenon. I point which I make frequently and
>>>which Clarke seems to have missed.

>>I presume you are referring to Arthur C. Clarke. Perhaps you
>>could cite a reference for his conviction that "we have to
>>choose between belief in extraterrestrial spaceships or
>>rejection of a strange experiential phenomenon." That seems a
>>foolish idea, and I don't recall that anybody on this list
>>suggested it. As far as I can tell, you and your fellow
>>pelicanists are the only ones discussing alien spacecraft here.
>>In any event, let's see the Clarke reference. It strikes me as
>>extreme even for a veteran debunker like Clarke, but I could be
>>wrong.

>This is a bizarre one even by your standards, Jerry: refuse to
>answer a question because someone spelt your name wrong.

Jeez, is that what you were doing? As if it weren't bad enough
to misrepresent my views, you have to spell my name wrong. It
does go to show you, however, that if you misrepresent somebody
enough, he'll thinking you're referring to somebody else. I wish
I could say that such misrepresentation were bizarre even your
standards, but alas, I can't.

>Jerry constantly makes the point that much UFO evidence points
>to the conclusion that some UFO reports, particularly CEII and
>radar-visual cases, are caused by solid, apparently metallic,
>apparently artificially constructed physical craft which appear

>to have performance characteristics beyond anything currently
>available to terrestrial technology. Jerry, being a
>not-quite-ETHER carefully refuses to say that these objects are
>extraterrestrial. Well fair enough, but I do feel that if you
>think it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you may as
>well say it's a duck (or at the very least a goose). Obviously
>fearing the ridicule that he assures us will descend on anyone
>who suggests an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs, Jerry
>carefully refuses to take that final step.

As why shouldn't I, when your purpose is tediously transparent?
What you seek to do, of course, is to turn attention from UFO
cases you can't explain to a theory about them that no one can
prove. Nice try, John.

>>>Hufford's analysis of the problems attached to the "Old Hag"
>>>phenomenon seem to bring it closer to the abduction phenomenon
>>>than to the apparent solid, engineered objects that Jerry claims
>>>constitute the 'real' UFO mystery - the CE2s and radar-visual
>>>cases. Although Hufford may think that conventional
>>>psychological explanations do not adequately explain the actual
>>>experiences involved in Hag accounts, I still doubt very much
>>>that he thinks there actually *is* an 'objectively existing' old
>>>woman who perpetrates the Hag attacks.

>>Huh? You lost me there. I must be scoring some points if this is
>>the best you can do. Again, I don't recall anybody's ever saying
>>- except you - that the existence of an actual Old Hag is what
>>we're discussing.

>But of course that's what we're discussing. In the absence of
>the old dear creeping in and trying to suffocate us, we're left
>with a purely physiological phenomenon of the kind discussed at
>by Susan Blackmore. This does not mean to say that there is
>nothing unknown to contemporary science going on, but it least
>is does suggest that researchers need not waste time checking
>for fingerprints after each Hag attack. Hope I haven't lost you
>again here - you do seem to need a roadmap quite a lot of the
>time.

Again, you demonstrate that you haven't a clue to what Hufford
is saying. You're trying to argue a lunatic literalness which
distorts Hufford's meaning and obfuscates the crucial issues he
raises. As I have demonstrated by quotes from Hufford himself,
Hufford does not think we are "left with a purely
physiological phenomenon of the kind discussed by Susan
Blackmore." He writes about a very strange, deeply anomalous
series of perceptions which occur in a particular physical state
(sleep paralysis), but does not use that particular physical
state to explain the perceptions. He specifically states that
there is no known explanation, psychological, physical, or
cultural, for the perceptions.

My word. The blinders the pelican wears in its flight are
truly ... er, blinding.

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>>>>conference and contributed a fascinating paper to its
>>>>proceedings, taking issue with both debunkers and proponents for
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>>>>state that no amount of evidence will count in such cases."
>>>What is this case, and where can I find an account of it?

>>Hufford doesn't go into details but mentions it at the beginning
>>of his paper in the MIT conference proceedings.

>So basically it's a friend-of-a-friend story.

Yeah, the sort of anecdotal experiential account that gets
reported and taken seriously in psychological, medical, and
psychiatric literature all the time. The only difference - and
the only reason you're so responding with such characteristic
smugness - is that Hufford does not pretend, as you're trying to
do here, that the incident is easily dismissible or ascribable
to conventional causes. If Hufford were discussing some mental
abnormality his friend had described to him --say, a diagnosable

mental disorder that had caused the patient to believe aliens had abducted him - we'd no doubt see the identical anecdote used in Magonia as yet more evidence that nothing, or at least nothing important or potentially unsettling, is happening that we can't explain.

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Sorry you're tired of it, John. To be honest about it, I'm getting even more tired of hearing tired psychosociologist arguments which you can't defend except by misrepresenting the views of your critics. Maybe you ought to give them a rest and do some serious rethinking of your position. In return I can't promise that I will retire the useful phrase pelicanism, which has already entered the vocabulary of ufology (even Andy Roberts boasts that he uses it often), but I will promise not to employ it in reference to you.

>>Wow - finally, a leading psychosociologist admits that the >>abduction phenomenon has not been explained and that >>baffling aspects remain unaccounted for. Reading Magonia, I >>never would have guessed. I would have thought that in your >>estimation it was only dimwitted ufologists who thought like >>that. You're coming around, John. Good for you. Be >>gentle, though, when you break the news to Peter >>Rogerson.>

>Oh, dear, another confusion of titles. Please tell me how I can >subscribe to the magazine called Magonia that claims that the >abduction phenomenon has been explained. It's certainly not the >one I edit.

Wow, I am still more surprised. Please tell us which aspects of the abduction phenomenon you feel to be unexplained. And you might go on to tell us if, and which, aspects of it may defy current knowledge. These are not rhetorical questions, by the way. I am genuinely curious. Your unconvincing disclaimer notwithstanding, the pages of Magonia offer us no answers to these questions, I'm afraid.

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Please do, John. Gosh, if only we all appreciated how wise you are. Perhaps you could begin by putting forth better arguments. Or maybe it's just easier to insult those who disagree with you.

>You claim that there is a resemblance in the way critics have >treated accounts of UFOs and the Old Hag. You claim that direct >witness accounts of both sets of events have a lot to tell us >about the nature of the phenomena described. That they are >accounts of actual events, not simply folklore, literary devices >or 'radical misperceptions'. In both cases the phenomena as >described by the witnesses or experients have an internal >consistency, and correspond closely to other similar events >described by other people. (I'm not going to fast, am I?)

Actually, these are points Hufford makes. You ascribe them to me. Perhaps a small point, since I agree with them, but no doubt you consider it easier to slam me than a prominent, influential folklore/medical professional like Hufford. More seriously, however, I urge you again to go back and reread him before you go on and on and on about this.

>Now many of the most convincing UFO events, according to Jerry,

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Condescension noted.

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>Hufford's opinion. Yes, I am going to re-read Hufford. Who
>knows, when I do I might disagree with him and not think he is
>the fount of all wisdom.

I'm glad you're going to reread Hufford. I only wish you had
done so before you put yourself so far out on a limb.

I'm afraid I don't understand what you're saying. You seem
obsessed with the reality of witches (where the phrase "Old Hag"
comes from), while Hufford was using this simply as one
striking, telling instance of an anomalous experience which
psychosocial theorists have misrepresented, misunderstood, and
inadequately explained. Beyond that, as I have already written,
Hufford argues that other kinds of anomalous experiences, on
which a great body of witness testimony exists and which do not
occur in the particular physiological state in which the Old Hag
is encountered, have been similarly misunderstood and
misrepresented by those who sought to explain them
conventionally. In some instances witnesses' descriptions proved
correct, their interpretations wrong; in others, description and
interpretation were both validated.

Hufford takes the lessons learned from these episodes and
applies them to anomalous claims and controversies yet
unresolved.

If I can follow your argument - no small feat - you would have
us believe that Hufford is arguing simply that persons who
report unorthodox experiences may describe them more or less
accurately but that their interpretations more or less can be
counted on to be mistaken. This is not remotely Hufford's point
of view. That view - let me repeat - is that sometimes the
interpretations are wrong and sometimes they aren't. And I think
he's right.

Come on, John. You're smarter than you're making yourself out to
be here. Or, since recently you slagged me for saying something
nice things about Andy Roberts and you, maybe you aren't. Either
way, you're starting to bore the hell out of me.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:19:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:18:48 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:10:28 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
>>walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
>>abductee reports for some time.

<snip>

>I have come across a number of ghost cases where the witness
>describes the apparitional figure (here assumed to be some sort
>of projection through time) to have their feet out of view below
>the ground. The argument used by paranormal researchers tends
>to be that if this is a projection of an event say 500 years ago
>the figure is walking along a floor surface as then was but
>which has since been built upon by successive centuries of
>habitation, road laying, house floors etc.

<snip>

>On that basis any silver suited figure floating a foot or two
>above the ground might not be what we nearly always assume it to
>be (an alien that is hovering by some means) but a person from
>the future. If so, would we not then see them walking on what
>would be the elevated floor level of this spot at some future
>time?

Hi Jenny.

Like John, I am also aware of several UFO cases where alleged
aliens were observed to move very effortlessly or float through
the air.

One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
weightless." This alien could not likely have been one of your
hypothetical persons projected from the past or from future
since it used its hands on a present-day post to help it move.

During the past few years I have had increased contact with
ascetics who live at monasteries (very many new ones throughout
Canada and the U.S.) and with the people who visit them. Once
they got to know me, the abbots and monks of these monasteries
would talk about unusual lights in the sky or UFOs and the
unseen but very real spiritual warfare that is going on all
around us. The personal battles they relate resemble some alien
abduction experiences I have read about, except that they know
who their tormenters are. Although I have not seen this myself,
some people that I feel I can trust who have visited these
monasteries have seen many strange sights, including walking

monks whose feet would not touch the ground; priests who would disappear in front of their eyes; objects that would materialize out of the air or pass through walls, etc. When I have confronted some monks and priests about these claims, they would often down play these incidents as not being important but never deny that they actually happened.

Even if aliens from distant worlds do exist, I feel we cannot ignore this evidence that suggests our own world may be shared by some other alien intelligence too which is unknown by the general population, including ufologists.

Are you or others aware of similar such accounts and what are your thoughts on this?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:29:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:21:19 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Sandow

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 00:34:22 - 0500

I'm not sure I wrote all of my reply to Martin Kottmeyer as clearly as I might have. And in any case I'd like to expand on a couple of points.

First, why do we need social science when we talk about psychosocial explanations for UFO reports? Essentially for the same reasons that we need physics. But I didn't give a concrete example when I wrote my post, so I'd like to give one now.

Sometimes the abduction phenomenon is explained, by skeptics, of course, as "mass hysteria." If we were talking about a light in the sky, and a skeptic explained that as a mirage, we'd have to talk about the physics of mirages, to see whether the light really could be explained that way. Mirages obey certain laws; if the light didn't behave the way mirages are known to behave, it's not likely to be a mirage.

Social science offers something similar, though of course not as decisively. For instance, the abduction phenomenon has been explained, by skeptics, of course, as mass hysteria. Somehow -- since these are skeptics talking, and since this is social science - nobody stops to ask what mass hysteria is. Is there, in truth, such a phenomenon? What examples of it are there? If it does exist, does it have laws that it seems to follow, as mirages do? Would those laws apply to abductions?

In the proceedings of the 1992 abduction conference at MIT, sociologist Robert Hall addressed this question. He described several examples of mass hysteria, but none of them lasted very long, and all were centralized in particular locations. None behaved like the abduction phenomenon, which is international, and has been around for many years. This, of course, doesn't prove that abductions are real, but it does suggest that mass hysteria isn't - at least on the basis of current knowledge -- all that useful as an explanation. (Of course, you could argue that abductions were a new kind of mass hysteria, but that would be circular reasoning. Here you are, trying to prove that abductions are mass hysteria, and to do so, you simply assume that they are.)

How would this apply to Kottmeyer? His thesis - he apparently doesn't like to call it a theory, probably because he takes it for granted as established fact - is that some crucial part of abduction narratives is derived from science fiction. One of my complaints about him is that he doesn't place this in any social science context. He'll find big-eyed aliens in a science fiction movie, and talk as if that had some connection with big-eyed aliens in abduction reports.

But how does he know the connection is there? Here we need to turn to social science, though I have to say that I'm not a social scientist, and can't supply the necessary knowledge. Still, I have some idea of what that knowledge might be. Kottmeyer believes that elements of narrative can move from

fiction into perceived fact - that something like the idea of big-eyed aliens can start in a movie, and end up as something people believe is real.

But does that really happen? A social scientist - most likely a sociologist - could tell us whether any cases of this are known. And, if cases really do exist, what are they like? Do they behave the same way as the abduction phenomenon, or are they different?

I'll take a stab at answering this, though again I'll say that I'm not a social scientist. But I can think of a few cases where something that started in fiction became established in the real world. My first example would be the name Cora. This, I was astonished to learn some years ago, began as a made-up name, used by James Fennimore Cooper in "The Last of the Mohicans," to make his heroine sound exotic and romantic. Readers must have liked the name, because it caught on; soon people were naming their daughters Cora.

Is this like the abduction phenomenon? Well, one key difference is that "The Last of the Mohicans" was a wildly popular book, something that, because of its popularity, was in a position to have a strong influence on real life. Kottmeyer found his science-fiction big-eyed aliens in "Killers From Space," a very minor '50s film that wasn't popular at all. It's easy to see how a romantic name in a popular novel might spread from fiction to reality, but it's hard to see how or why one trait of aliens in a negligible movie would have become one of the most prominent elements of something as widespread and powerful as the abduction phenomenon. (Even skeptics acknowledge its power, when they call it a modern myth.)

Another example might be the word "grok," first used in Robert Heinlein's '60s science fiction novel "Stranger in a Strange Land," and now evidently coming back into use. I just saw an explanation of its origin in one of the newspapers I read. Here, too, there's no analogy to science fiction details making their way into abduction belief, because the book was a real phenomenon in the '60s, something you more or less had to read if you were part of the counterculture. The science fiction movies Kottmeyer cites didn't have that kind of force.

A third, and maybe more relevant example, might be conspiracy theories. These have been around for centuries - in the 19th century, for instance, many Americans believed that Catholics were something like an underground Satanic movement, taking orders from the Pope as they killed non-Catholic babies. But in recent decades, conspiracy theories have really taken off. It might be reasonable to theorize that this comes from speculation about the John Kennedy assassination, combined with the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. It wasn't crazy, especially back then, to reject official explanations, and look for some deep plot that might explain three assassinations happening more or less at the same time.

Once conspiracy explanations began to be even one-quarter legitimate, then they began spreading quickly. But is this anything like abductions? No, because, once again, it takes off from something very important, in this case absolutely central to our social and political life. Kottmeyer, by contrast, asks us to believe that a relatively minor bit of popular culture - and relatively minor examples of that relatively minor bit - would have helped spawn something as strong as abductions are now.

I'm sure I'm missing some very obvious case of something spreading from fiction to belief. I'd love any and all examples. (It just occurred to me, by the way, that maybe it's not easy for things to take root this way. Look at vampires - all those vampire movies, the deep vogue for Anne Rice - and hardly anyone thinks vampires are real.)

Finally, was anyone confused by the passage from Borges I quoted at the end of my post? I don't think I explained it clearly.

Borges talks about a great writer's predecessors. His example is Kafka. Browsing through the literature of the 19th century, he finds three anticipations of Kafka. In the background are various wars among literary critics, in which the reputations even of famous writers sometimes rise and fall as if they were

traded on the stock market. Sometimes a critic might devalue a writer, by finding earlier writers who'd done something similar. Then the writer in question doesn't seem very original.

Borges cautions us not to think that way. The precursors of Kafka that he finds have nothing in common with each other. Nothing links them together except Kafka himself - who for that reason has created his predecessors. The three examples Borges cites would mean nothing to a literary critic, if Kafka hadn't existed. No critic would have linked them together; no critic would have imagined they had any significance at all. The influence, then, works backward. These three apparent precursors didn't influence Kafka; instead, Kafka influences them, by giving them a significance they wouldn't have without him.

If this is a powerful line of thought in literary criticism, how much stronger is it when we're talking about real life! Kottmeyer thinks science fiction films influence abduction reports. His examples are, mostly, very minor films, and, worse still, minor, almost random details taken from those films. If the abduction phenomenon weren't around, nobody would pay any attention to those details. If we listed the main elements in '50s science fiction films, aliens with big eyes and mysterious pregnancies wouldn't rate at all. Certainly they wouldn't compare to giant insects, or monsters in general, which loomed very large back then.

How, then, can anyone say these minor details influenced something as apparently deep-rooted as the abduction phenomenon? Borges helps us see that, in this case, too, the influence may very well run backward. Common sense tells us it isn't too likely that minor details in '50s films would emerge 20 years later with such force. But Borges shows us that the abduction phenomenon can pull random elements from our culture into its orbit, making them seem - at least to Kottmeyer - far more important than they really are.

Greg Sandow

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Re: On What is Known - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:09:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:24:53 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Deschamps

>From: David Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:42:33 -0000

>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 06:36:33 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:17:17 -0000

>Hi Jenny, Roy, list-dudes,

>a few thoughts...

>>>Hi,

>>>Its a pity you are not like the (incredible) British weather
>>>right now since your answers are much easier to forecast.

>>And yet we shall continue to get the same old piped out message
>>that nothing is happening it's all mundane things it can all be
>>explained away as we experts know it all, well I am slightly
>>bored on reading this tosh being put out' so please end the
>>argument Jenny, you have done your 25 year stint' you have come
>>to your Psychological and Natural conclusions on the UFO
>>subject' so the point of carrying on is what exactly?

>I'm getting slightly bored by your constant attacks on Jenny,
>Roy. And it's pretty obvious that you have come to ETH
>conclusions on the UFO subject so what is the point of
>_you_ carrying on exactly?

<snip>

>>>Neither the question posed, nor my answer to it, had any
>>>relevance . As my reply made clear I was purposefully avoiding
>>>discussing exotic theories of UFO origin (all of them) and any
>>>possible revelations that these have brought. Instead I was
>>>simply offering some less contentious benefits that Ufology has
>>>brought about in my own experience from case investigation.

>>I am sorry but this answer reminds me of the film clip in Jaws,
>>where Chief Brody is trying to convince the board assembled that
>>there is a shark in the pictures but just gets fobbed off.

>>I'm reminded of the scene where Brody panics, thinking there is
>>a shark in the water, makes a great deal of fuss, scares the
>>shit out of people, and it turns out not to be a shark at all...
>>kids messing about, if I remember rightly. You know, a mundane
>>explanation.

>>Are
>>you not able to tell anyone on this list what you think of Radar
>>& Trace cases in respect of UFO investigations?

>Radar and trace cases are just that and can still be attributed
>to things other than alien spaceships.

>>>By all means please dispute them, but don't assume they mean
>>>anything about the unconnected questions that you raise.

>>So because I come straight to the crux of the matter' I am
>>accused of writing unconnected questions? I didn't realize we
>>were debating the finer aspects of Koi Carp keeping!

>Koi Carp keeping? Unconnected? UFOs? OH! Irony! (chortle!)

>
>>And my questions cannot be answered can they Jenny, without
>>giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia with nothing but
>>the same answers you mention in the first instance?

><snip>

>>Jenny for the List, will you please state your final position on
>>UFO case reports across the UK & World?

>Wouldn't such an answer, considering you want it to involve, I
>take it, all UFO case reports from across the UK & World
>involve "giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia "?

Radar/Visual and Trace cases are just a few of the best indicators in some of the most famous UFO cases. They can be directly attributed to Alien Spacecraft when corroborating evidence is present, as well as multiple credible eyewitnesses.

It is a misconception on the public's part that these aspects of the UFO phenomenon can easily be attributed to natural phenomena. But the facts lead in another direction.

I suggest that readers of this list who may still be unsure of the facts go check out the following site and see for themselves what has been discovered in regards to trace cases. They might be surprised!

<http://www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/main.html>

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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An Open UFO Letter to President Clinton

From: <overtci@bellatlantic.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:30:51 -0500
Subject: An Open UFO Letter to President Clinton

[Non-subscriber Post]

Your friend, Larry W. Bryant, found a posting on our system regarding An Open UFOletter to Pres. Clinton which he thought you'd be interested in seeing.

I welcome you to our site at:

<http://www.im-ur.com>

to search for that text and find a whole lot more.

- The Editor

Forwarding comment: As usual, please spread the word about this latest attempt to gain the UFOlogical attention of Everyman.
Thanks. -- OO

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Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:49:26 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:32:57 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:16:36 -0400

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 22:19:01 EST
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 18:15:25 -0400

>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>>>Subject: On What is Known
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>I would welcome a reasoned response to this question. In the
>>>>nearly 50 years since the UFO conundrum has been a fact, just
>>>>what has been discovered? What revelation exists which in part
>>>>or whole, has been uncovered by UFO research?

>>>><snip>

>>Well, that certainly is an awful lot, Stan. However my primary
>>concern and focus, and that of most of the direct percipients of
>>this phenom, is to learn when, where, why and how of the UFO and
>>abduction phenom.

>>Just what the is it, Stan?

>>Are you, in the above, suggesting that all of which we learn,
>>much of which you uncovered, has anything to do with whether or
>>not I really was abducted, as my memory suggests? Does is
>>explain whether the UFO is an object of this or another
>>dimension? Or this galaxy? Or whether it is an object even?

>>Nope. And with all the respect I can muster for you and your
>>efforts, not one thing you mentioned (which I may discern)
>>answers even one small question relating to UFOs, their form,
>>fit and function or for that matter, reality. Let alone
>>abduction.

>>As I mentioned in the original post, this is an indictment, but
>>without focus. Because I can't blame anyone for our ignorance.
>>Although the researcher is the only target at this brief moment
>>in time. To plagiarize a phrase.

>>Stan. There are no answers. No information which points to one.
>>Not even one. You, me, all of us have failed in 50 years, to
>>find one shred of science with which to answer the question,
>>"Just what the hell is going on?"

>>I have the utmost respect for you. But you went around and came
>>around at least twice and gave no answers. Answers. Answers.
>>_Answers!_

>Sorry, Jim. But you didn't ask why you were abducted. I named
>some of the things that have been learned. I didn't say this was
>all we have learned.

>Now you are asking what the hell is going on. That is a
>different question. You can't blame a good washing machine for
>being a lousy dryer. Better rephrase your questions.

Dear Stan and others,

I went back to the original post and saw that you are quite correct. However exact you are in your response, I imagined that I was conveying a larger picture; one that accuses researchers of having determined nothing relative to the UFO abduction conundrum.

True, we've learned a great deal about a great deal. But when it comes to what a UFO is and if and whether folks have been abducted, and why, there are no answers. No bottom line. No formulae. No conclusions. Only guesses and few of those appear credible.

It was the above about which I was complaining. Of course, being a marketing type for 30 years as opposed to you, a scientist, my thinking is a bit skewed. It tends to drift in the direction of what is on my mind more than anything else in this world, except my wife. What the hell has been happening to me and why? That's my thrust. In that direction points my vector. I was at one glorious time, an engineer. What my first college degree says. No longer. Now I am an alta cocka with a buring desire to find the truth. When you find some of which I need, you may feel free to call me collect. I'll be here. In the north woods of NY State. Waiting for the election results and answers which I am certain will not come in my life.

So thank you for pointing out what we've learned. But I cannot thank you for not providing the rest. Maybe someday, Stan. Maybe not.

Jim Mortellaro

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UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:35:38 -0500
Subject: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online

'UFO 2000' Coming To ABC Online

ABC's Chris Wallace to explore UFO issue

ABC newsman Chris Wallace will be taking a look at the UFO phenomena sometime in November via his online forum 'Chris Wallace's Internet Expose'. The website:

<http://www.internetexpose.com>

lists the following description of the program entitled "UFO 2000, The Search Continues":

"Coming in November: Chris gets to the bottom of the UFO phenomenon and investigates the COMETA Report, a document about UFOs recently released by top military and government officials in France. What he discovers may surprise you."

Rumors persist the program will air convincing footage of a UFO taken over New York. Internet Expose's Senior Technical Producer Erik Olsen tells 'eXpose' that he is unable to comment on the footage. Olsen did however state that the program interviewed "Nick Pope, Michael Shermer and Michio Kaku, all respected individuals in their fields of research."

The program was slated for webcast on November 13th, but Olsen stated the program would be delayed for a week "due to unforeseen circumstances."

eXpose News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>

"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."

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

(beCAUS you demanded it yet again! UFO Dirtbag of the Month)

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Re: On What is Known - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 05:24:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:41:35 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hale

>From: David Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:42:33 -0000

>Hi Jenny, Roy, list-dudes,

>a few thoughts...

>I'm getting slightly bored by your constant attacks on Jenny,
>Roy. And it's pretty obvious that you have come to ETH
>conclusions on the UFO subject so what is the point of
>_you_ carrying on exactly?

Hello there Dave,

Sorry didn't realize you were on UpDates I have never seen you post anything, but it seems the good old Northern Ufologist band together when shit hit's the fan, how's Yorkshire these day's many sightings for you to get along with, or many pelicans flying around. I have accepted (like many researchers have) that we have and are having some kind of Alien Visit for what ever purpose. I await the abuse (that is standard here in the UK).

>I'm reminded of the scene where Brody panics, thinking there is
>a shark in the water, makes a great deal of fuss, scares the
>shit out of people, and it turns out not to be a shark at all...
>kids messing about, if I remember rightly. You know, a mundane
>explanation.

Did you get to see the episode of 'Hartbeat' where he sees a UFO? That was near you wasn't it Dave, good sighting that one. Be definitely alien.

>Radar and trace cases are just that and can still be attributed
>to things other than alien spaceships.

Typical answer from one of the many northern UFO sceptics but try commenting on what the substantial data contained in some radar & trace cases have given us second thoughts. Just keep toeing the line - it suits you better.

>Koi Carp keeping? Unconnected? UFOs? OH! Irony! (chortle!)

That's right Jenny. Sorry Dave... ooh I am getting confused? I best be putting ma feet up and resting a while... Second thoughts I'll go and feed me Carp!

>Wouldn't such an answer, considering you want it to involve, I
>take it, _all_ UFO case reports from across the UK & World
>involve "giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia "?

As a UFO investigator Dave, do you rule out completely the Alien possibility? And why do you all seem to toe the same line. Boy there has been a rallying of the troops!

>Keep smiling,

Re: On What is Known - Hale

I am sure being a Yorkshire man, you can make your own
sign off!

Roy

Keep Smiling

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Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 00:45:11 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:43:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Gates

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:42:30 -0000

>>From: James Easton <yoyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Book Update - Easton
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 04:04:01 -0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>One of the major players you have used to try to discredit this
>case - is Cabansag. You claim he saw only the lighthouse.

>Cabansag positively denies the lighthouse had anything to do
>with it.

>He told me:

>'It wasn't the lighthouse, I saw the lighthouse, this wasn't it,
>it was to the right of the lighthouse.'

Apparently the lighthouse bulb is has burned out, or a
pelican flew into the glass causing the bulb to break.

>He did not type the statement you have promoted to support your
>theories. He signed it (that same morning) without reading it - he
>was terrified.

Apparently the statement James is talking about is bogus

>There is much more information to support Cabansag's testimony,
>including Adrian Bustinza's interrogation, which he has never
>talked about until now. There is also the testimony of other
>witnesses and people I have talked to, including photographs of
>the landing site and indentations in the ground... which, for
>your information, look nothing like rabbit scratchings.

What about Pelican droppings?

>I suggest you read the book, which is now available in the shops
>or on:

>www.amazon.co.uk

One suspects that he won't, as it obviously doesn't support the
lighthouse theory, and gee, the lighthouse is the center of the
universe. :)

>The truth is, the lighthouse theory is now no longer an issue.
>There are much more interesting things about the case than that
>tired old theory.

It sounds pretty dim, if you ask me..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 03:47:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:46:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Hatch

>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 18:09:44 +0000
>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

>Hi all

>Can anyone remember the name of the contactee who ran a
>restaurant on Telegraph St in Berkeley, California in the 70s,
>maybe the late 60s too.

>Or am I confabulating?

>I thought it was mentioned in Vallee's Messengers of Deception,
>but can't find it.

>Any info about him and the restaurant would be much appreciated.

Hello Mark:

Sorry, I cannot help much! My browsing led nowhere and everywhere, but no real match for the Berkeley contactee with the restaurant on Telegraph Avenue.

I can only add that it was Telegraph Avenue, not street, and that indeed was in Berkeley, CA before the city fathers renamed it Martin Luther King in a fit of political correctness, if I am not mistaken.

Berkeley is known as the only city with its own foreign policy among other things.

A walk down Telegraph/MLK with the burned out druggies of yore is pretty depressing. Its not hard to imagine contactees among the gurus, and yogis of the 1960s/70s. One of them may indeed have operated a restaurant.

Vallee's Messengers of Deception was published in Berkeley, CA in 1979 (And/Or Press) which might have suggested that source.

Sorry I cannot offer more than that.

Good luck!

- Larry Hatch

PS: Herb Caen (deceased), a well known columnist in San Francisco dubbed the city Berzerkely.

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Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 12:05:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:47:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer - Bowden

>From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:14:01 EST
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:17:04 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden >grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Hoaxer

>>It would be rather naive to assume that Mr Williams and Co. are
>>the only people making crop circles.

>This sounds very much like the beginning of a confession, care
>to elaborate?

Only you could misunderstand a two line email.

Dave

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Biblical ETs?

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 08:29:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 09:49:19 -0500
Subject: Biblical ETs?

Bernard E. Northrup Th.D

On Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, Dr. Bernard E. Northrup was the guest on Horizons Webcast. The interview with Ian Lamphere, Horizons' host, has now been archived at the Horizons webpage:

<http://www.oklahomasky.com>

Faith and Science do not necessarily collide!! In this edition of Horizons Webcast, they merged in a most graceful fashion. Whether or not you are a person of faith, this topic will stretch the bounds of your "need to know", linking it directly with studied, researched fact.

Dr. Bernard E. Northrup, theologian, geologist, Creation Scientist and Hebrew scholar was our guest for nearly two hours of incredibly thought-provoking discussion. Since 1949 Dr. Northrup has sought and researched facts revolving around issues of biblical history, geology and timetables, resulting in a fresh and stimulating new look at the events of the Old Testament and our Geological record.

And if you thought that the Bible and extraterrestrials are inconsistencies, just listen... you may learn something you never knew before.

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Bobbie "Jilain" Felder

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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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Military Abductions?

From: **Jean Meiners** <legalco@uswest.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:49:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 17:13:55 -0500
Subject: Military Abductions?

To the List:

I do not hide the fact that I am an abductee and as such I would like to ask a question of the general list... at least, insofar as the military abductions are concerned.

Is there anyone here that has had the experience of an underground complex where people have been taken?

It appears to a dome with glass (?) curved ceiling supported by curving support structures, much like a pie divided. Quite high, as seen through the eyes of a child.

Physical examinations go on there, may be other things also. Lines of people with name tags, some adults with small children. The military personnel wear olive drab uniforms, and some have the blue air force uniform. There are also some in white. There was another uniform, black - one that I have not seen before or since.

Any help?

G'ma

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 17:20:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:18:48 -0000

>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:10:28 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
>>>walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
>>>abductee reports for some time.

><snip>

>>I have come across a number of ghost cases where the witness
>>describes the apparitional figure

<snip>

>>On that basis any silver suited figure floating a foot or two
>>above the ground might not be what we nearly always assume

<snip>

>Hi Jenny.

>Like John, I am also aware of several UFO cases where alleged
>aliens were observed to move very effortlessly or float through
>the air.

>One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
>encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
>According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
>went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
>weightless."

<snip>

>Even if aliens from distant worlds do exist, I feel we cannot
>ignore this evidence that suggests our own world may be shared
>by some other alien intelligence too which is unknown by the
>general population, including ufologists.

>Are you or others aware of similar such accounts and what are
>your thoughts on this?

Dear Nick, Jenny, John and all:

I recall a very similar account from LDLN if I am not mistaken.
It may have occurred in Italy, again no guarantees.

Strange floating entities were described in fairly good detail, by numerous witnesses with fairly consistent accounts.

Their descriptions were good enough to finally identify the source: Mylar balloons shaped like little men, which burst on the scene like a new brand of soda pop. [burp!]

I'm surprised nobody else mentioned this possibility. Maybe I missed something.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Virus Follow Up - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 11:42:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 17:22:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Virus Follow Up - Ledger

>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 14:41:19 -0600
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Virus Follow Up

>List members,

>In response to my query as to why he was spreading a
>virus, I just received the following:

>"The virus spread was totally unintentional. My equipment was
>invaded by a virus called Natividad.exe. It is self-running and
>installs itself on the System folder. Then it starts reading
>your messages and fragmenting them to send to people from your
>address book. I was infected and in a matter of seconds, when I
>realized that something had fooled my anti-virus, Natividad.exe
>sent over 1,000 e-mails...

>"I am very sorry and please accept my appologies."

>The virus is actually named navidad.exe, not Natividad.exe.

>I don't have any indication here that my own machine sent out
>e-mails containing navidad.exe as an attachment.

>However, please be careful! If you receive an e-mail from me
>with navidad.exe attached, do not open it by double clicking
>on it!

>The e-mail in which I received it originally came from Brazil.

>Again, this is not an Internet joke or personal paranoia on my
>part.

>Navidad.exe is a real virus -- and you don't want it!

>Dennis Stacy

Hi Dennis and listers,

I don't know if there is any connection or not but I had a total
systems failure about a week ago. I eventually lost everything
on my hard drive. I have no way of knowing what caused it
because everything was lost. I was operating an OS 7.5.1 on a
Mac.

Best

Don Ledger

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Re: On What is Known - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 08:44:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 14:17:21 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hatch

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:49:26 EST
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 12:16:36 -0400

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 22:19:01 EST
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 18:15:25 -0400

>>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 18:31:50 EST
>>>>>Subject: On What is Known
>>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>Dear Stan and others,

>went back to the original post and saw that you are quite
>correct. However exact you are in your response, I imagined that
>was conveying a larger picture; one that accuses researchers
>of having determined nothing relative to the UFO abduction
>conundrum.

>True, we've learned a great deal about a great deal. But when it
>comes to what a UFO is and if and whether folks have been
>abducted, and why, there are no answers. No bottom line. No
>formulae. No conclusions. Only guesses and few of those appear
>credible.

>t was the above about which I was complaining. Of course, being
>a marketing type for 30 years as opposed to you, a scientist, my
>thinking is a bit skewed. It tends to drift in the direction of
>what is on my mind more than anything else in this world, except
>my wife. What the hell has been happening to me and why? That's
>my thrust. In that direction points my vector. I was at one
>glorious time, an engineer. What my first college degree says.
>No longer. Now I am an alta cocka with a buring desire to find
>the truth. When you find some of which I need, you may feel free
>to call me collect. I'll be here. In the north woods of NY
>State. Waiting for the election results and answers which I am
>certain will not come in my life.

>So thank you for pointing out what we've learned. But I cannot
>thank you for not providing the rest. Maybe someday, Stan. Maybe
>not.

>Jim Mortellaro

My Dear fellow Jim (et al)

For me, the sheer and utter lack of physical evidence of ET visitation is as frustrating as anything related to the ABD (abduction) scene.

For me, (a nut-and-bolts republican of sorts) a good piston rod from Antares would a nice jolt, as long as it didn't come from some old car.

I can deal with unresolved issues (unlike religious sorts) but find it harder and harder to maintain an interest in UFO matter when there seems to be no realistic hope of a resolution to these matters.

One might call it "UFO burnout", and people deal with it differently. Jim McCampbell for example, and old star of N&B has drifted off into some stuff I find unrelated to UFOs.

Jacques Vallee, for whom I have the highest respect, has theories I find too expensive for my mental budget.

Others, well known names included, have drifted into nearly mystic dimensions, places haunted with lurking spiders and salamanders and democrats.

I want nothing less than the Holy Grail of ufology.

[to wit] A complete manual on alien semiconductors, their pinouts, forms/dimensions and an applications manual.

- or - An alien photoresist spinner, dripping with orange or green photoresist - or - some a broken tool, a lost part, a discarded container made of unobtainium ..
[high quality magnesium left on a Brazilian beach isn't quite good enough.]

Barring that, we are only left with theories, and observations.

If it were not for observations like the one at Vins-sur-Caramy in southern France, (there are many others) I would find better use for my time. Lots and lots of time, none of it cheap.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online - Jim Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 14:46:42 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 14:21:40 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online - Jim Mortellaro

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:19:33 -0800

>'UFO 2000' Coming To ABC Online

>ABC's Chris Wallace to explore UFO issue

>ABC newsman Chris Wallace will be taking a look at the UFO
>phenomena sometime in November via his online forum 'Chris
>Wallace's Internet Expose'. The website:

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

>lists the following description of the program entitled "UFO
>2000, The Search Continues":

>"Coming in November: Chris gets to the bottom of the UFO
>phenomenon and investigates the COMETA Report, a document about
>UFOs recently released by top military and government officials
>in France. What he discovers may surprise you."

<snip>

Dear Royce, Researchers, Book Binders and of course, Errol,

I took the liberty of snipping most of the above. Of course, the only important words, the only important sentence in the entire announcement is the one I shall... uh, shall, repeat below. Meanwhile, allow me the pleasure and honor of repeating ... a little like repeating that Sushi I had for lunch, the one with the rotten salmon... Ready?

"Chris gets to the bottom of the UFO phenomenon and investigates the COMETA Report, a document about UFOs recently released by top military and government officials in France."

Let me refine that a bit. Increase the resolution.

"Chris gets to the bottom of the UFO phenomenon..."

Now wait a minute, boys, isn't that similar to, "Finally, the truth revealed"? Whew. Too close for me. Think I'll have me another mood altering Gripple and play with myself. Where the hell is Pia when you need her?

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: On What is Known - Baker

From: Dave Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 21:29:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:22:47 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Baker

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 05:24:07 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: David Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:42:33 -0000

>>Hi Jenny, Roy, list-dudes,

>>a few thoughts...

>>I'm getting slightly bored by your constant attacks on Jenny,
>>Roy. And it's pretty obvious that you have come to ETH
>>conclusions on the UFO subject so what is the point of
>>_you_ carrying on exactly?

>Hello there Dave,

Ey up, Roy,

>Sorry didn't realize you were on UpDates I have never seen you
>post anything,

I didn't realise you would remember me, Roy. Our only previous discussion was when I contacted you to see if you wanted to exchange magazines. I sent you a copy of PRB, and never heard anything else from you. Must have been something I said. Is 'Down To Earth' still hitting the newsagents? My offer still stands. Let's bridge the North/South divide!

>but it seems the good old Northern Ufologist band
>together when shit hit's the fan, how's Yorkshire these day's
>many sightings for you to get along with, or many pelicans
>flying around. I have accepted (like many researchers have) that
>we have and are having some kind of Alien Visit for what ever
>purpose. I await the abuse (that is standard here in the UK).

Yeah, I'm friends with Jenny, Dave Clarke, Andy Roberts, Rory Lushman and others, but I also communicate with Omar Fowler, one of the most pro ETH ufologists in England, as well as anti-pelicanists such as Jerry Clark, John Schuessler, Bill Chalker and others. And I love 'em all, gos bless em! So I'll stick with anyone. I just don't generally stick the knife in to anyone who I don't happen to agree with. Andy, or Jenny or whoever are pretty sure in their beliefs, and you are sure about yours, so I can't see the point in goading each other into endless arguments. Let's face it, they're never going to fess up and admit to the absolute existance of aliens and you are never going to turn into a pelicanist.

As for sightings, I'm in the middle of a very interesting case investigating a UFO video showing two unknown objects that can't -yet- be identified. They _may_ be large birds - such as herons (not pelicans!), or they may be microlites or hang-gliders. Or they may be something else. My point in my previous post was

that just because we haven't -yet- identified these objects it's a big jump to say that they are ET spacecraft, just because we can't think of anything else they could be. We might as well say that they could be super-humans flying around out there. If I never identify the two objects in this video, they will remain UFOs, in the broadest sense of the word.

And no abuse, Roy. I didn't verbally abuse you. Just a bit of interjection -Oo-er! at what seemed to be the start of another round of pointless arguments and back-stabbing. You're the one coming on all North-ist!

>>I'm reminded of the scene where Brody panics, thinking there is
>>a shark in the water, makes a great deal of fuss, scares the
>>shit out of people, and it turns out not to be a shark at all...
>>kids messing about, if I remember rightly. You know, a mundane
>>explanation.

>Did you get to see the episode of 'Heartbeat' where he sees a
>UFO? That was near you wasn't it Dave, good sighting that one.
>Be definitely alien.

The episode of Heartbeat you mention was more or less ripped off from the solved case you refer to, which I'm sure Jenny can explain in detail. I wasn't actively involved in ufology then, but it was near to me as in it was the North.

>>Radar and trace cases are just that and can still be attributed
>>to things other than alien spaceships.

>Typical answer from one of the many northern UFO sceptics but
>try commenting on what the substantial data contained in some
>radar & trace cases have given us second thoughts. Just keep
>toeing the line - it suits you better.

It might be a typical answer, but that's probably because it's a pretty sensible one. I agree with you that there are some fascinating physical trace and radar cases out there, which may well show that we are dealing with something as yet unknown. But why does this mean that the only explanation is ET? It could be a new form of science, above black military craft or even Time Travellers From Beyond The Void. Or something. Why ET?

>>Koi Carp keeping? Unconnected? UFOs? OH! Irony! (chortle!)

>That's right Jenny. Sorry Dave... ooh I am getting confused? I
>best be putting ma feet up and resting a while... Second
>thoughts I'll go and feed me Carp!

Oh.... yes.

>>Wouldn't such an answer, considering you want it to involve, I
>>take it, all UFO case reports from across the UK & World
>>involve "giving an answer the length of an encyclopaedia"?
>>As a UFO investigator Dave, do you rule out completely the Alien
>possibility? And why do you all seem to toe the same line. Boy
>there has been a rallying of the troops!

No, I don't rule it out as a possibility. There are a lot of things I don't rule out as a possibility. I just haven't seen enough to convince me that it is even likely. But if you know different.

>>Keep smiling,
>
>I am sure being a Yorkshire man, you can make your own
>sign off!

Well, that was just my little joke. You haven't used it for a bit, and I kinda missed it. So my own sign off... how about, "Anyway, enough of my yakkin'. Let's boogie." (C'mon Roy. You appear to like your films. What's that from then?)

Anyway, enough of my yakkin'... let's boogie.

Dave Baker

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Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 15:32:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:24:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Gehrman

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 03:47:11 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

>>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 18:09:44 +0000
>>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

>>Can anyone remember the name of the contactee who ran a
>>restaurant on Telegraph St in Berkeley, California in the 70s,
>>maybe the late 60s too.

>>Or am I confabulating?

>>I thought it was mentioned in Vallee's Messengers of Deception,
>>but can't find it.

>>Any info about him and the restaurant would be much appreciated.

>Sorry, I cannot help much! My browsing led nowhere and
>everywhere, but no real match for the Berkeley contactee with
>the restaurant on Telegraph Avenue.

>I can only add that it was Telegraph Avenue, not street, and
>that indeed was in Berkeley, CA before the city fathers renamed
>it Martin Luther King in a fit of political correctness, if I am
>not mistaken.

Sorry Larry but you are mistaken.

The street that had its name changed to Martin Luther King was
Grove St., not Telegraph Ave. The good citizens of Berkeley and
Oakland desired that the name change occur.

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Was Palm Beach 'Ballot Confusion'
A Ruse To Hide Bigger Fraud?

The Albatross Brief - Election Fraud In Palm Beach County

By Charles McFarling
<http://www.freerepublic.com/forum/a3a0c999e110e.htm>

11-11-00

Palm Beach County is home to one of the largest, most organized, liberal election machines in Florida. They have created an impressive network of campaign workers living in nursing and retirement homes throughout the county to guarantee the largest possible turnout for their candidates. The efforts of Congressman Wexler and other Democrat county officials to solidify the Democrat vote in PBC have been wonderfully successful, and nobody has worked harder than these people. It seems odd that such an organized entity as the Palm Beach Democrats would have such trouble with a ballot commonly used in many States throughout the nation with few problems.

There are several puzzling aspects involved with all the stories coming from Wexler and Gore supporters in that county, for example;

- 1) Why would a Ballot that is clearly marked be such a problem for so many to figure out?
- 2) Why did "thousands" of people call Robert Wexlers's office "crying" about filling out a Ballot for the wrong candidate, but only realizing it after the fact.....and knowing exactly who to call?
- 3) Why is Robert Wexler claiming that the 3400 votes for Pat Buchanan were all mistakes made by Democrats who actually were trying to vote for Gore...when he knows Buchanan got about 8,000 votes there in 1996 and has family that lives and campaigns for him there?
- 4) How did 19,000 Ballots (between three and four percent of all ballots) get double-punched and then invalidated?

- 5) Why did the Palm Beach County districts wait til the last minute to drop a huge share of votes into the count, knocking Bush's lead from 50,000 plus down to around 12,000?
- 6) Why is the Democrat election official who created and sent out samples of these Ballots so miffed about all the commotion over them? Why does she insist they aren't a problem when others are screaming for a new election?
- 7) Why is Jesse Jackson trying to turn it into a racial imbroglio when there is absolutely no evidence race plays any part?

The Albatross Brief

Robert Wexler and Democrat operatives have been lining up the huge senior vote in this area for a very long time. Wexler has been right down in the trenches, helping organize campaign workers and setting up organizations within nursing homes and retirement centers to maximize the vote for Gore. According to a friend of mine that lives in Palm Beach County, Wexler has been very hands-on when not in Washington.

After all this work and effort, there was no way they were gonna let the evil GOP steal this election, at least not in this county, they would steal it first. At some time they made the decision they were going to do a little more than is allowed by the law and believed they wouldn't get caught. Corrupt poll workers started adding another punch to the some of the Bush ballots to invalidate them, possibly when they saw Bush pull ahead by a couple hundred thousand votes, or maybe earlier than that. Some time later they had to realize if this was a very close race his County would come under scrutiny if and when election officials were required to perform a recount. How were they going to explain the huge number of invalidated Ballots, mostly Bush Ballots?

They needed an excuse so they manufactured one. Wexler knows that Buchanan got 8,000 votes in PBC in 1996, he's no dummy. The story he is floating about the 3,400 votes being given to Buchanan by mistake instead of Gore creates a smokegreen and gives the impression of a ballot problem rather than a corruption problem. So he began yelling to the press about the poor Ballot design and fed them the Buchanan vote "problem".

Robert Wexler flat out knows Buchanan, with family living in PBC campaigning for him, probably got three thousand votes or better. He would have to be a complete idiot not to. Hell, they have used an airplane carrying Buchanan banners several times in this County and it has made some news since it is a fairly uncommon practice. Wexler's dumb alright, dumb as a Fox.

People weren't confused about these Ballots either, they are used all over the country and have been used in PBC the last two elections. That explains why the Democrat official that printed and sent out the Ballots is so miffed and is denying the Wexler contentions. She isn't willing to give up her political career to help Wexler save his and Gore's arse. The Democrats will get to her though, they will guarantee her future if she play's ball.

Many people have commented on the fact that Bush suddenly had a fifty-thousand plus vote lead which induced the Networks to call the election for Bush, but within an hour Bush had lost 40 thousand votes and his lead was down to about 12,000 votes. Shortly thereafter it was a couple thousand.

If you had been screwing with a large percentage of ballots, enough that the discrepancy between the ratio of voters to those registered might be noticed, when would you finally transmit your vote count to the central collection center?? You would do it after a winner had already been decided so as to keep it under the radar. While everybody else was celebrating or co-miserating you drop your dirty little secret into the mix and hope nobody notices. Unfortunately for Mr. Robert Wexler and the precinct workers, the scrutiny is just beginning.

The 19,000 ballots could be anything now. At some point they knew a recount was coming. They probably added an extra punch to thousands of Gore Ballots to obfuscate their crime once they knew they would be caught. Now they want a recount using the Buchanan story and the very same 19,000 Ballots they tampered

with as their excuse. I will bet that there is still a disproportionate amount of Bush Ballots in that 19,000.

One election official in PBC that came in for the recount said that the 19,000 invalidated ballots was an "incredibly high number". She said she was "stunned".

The Albatross Brief is the ONLY theory that explains all these contradictions. Why is Wexler complaining about Buchanan votes when he knows damn well they are legit? How in the world could 3 to 4 percent of all Ballots be double-punched when these ballots are used all over the country without any significant problems? Why was Wexler screaming about Ballot problems election night when these ballots were used in PBC the last election without problems. Why were there absolutely no complaints about the ballots when samples were printed up and sent out to voters before the election?

I hope some of you have contacts that can look into that names punched on the 19,000 ballots that were made invalid. If there is a disproportionate amount of Bush ballots when compared to the Bush/Gore ratio of votes in that county, it is very likely we have a major, major case of election fraud. Someone has to look at this.... who can help.....or at least contact someone with leverage at, or on, the FBI or with a connected politician?

Again, my theory is the only one that answers every question. After all... if it quacks like a Duck.....

Freegards,

Charles McFarling
Cape Coral, FL 33990

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"Those who cast the votes decide nothing.
Those who count the votes decide everything."
-- Josef Stalin

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- * Amazing Sony UFO Ad - Cattle Mutilation Disinfo?
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- * Huge Amounts Of Radioactivity Flowing Into Two Russian Rivers
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- * Ohio Egg-Shaped UFO - Strange Craft Chases Car In Texas

- * Chemtrails Reported In Texas Newspaper
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Re: Clark vs Evans - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 19:51:13 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:31:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Rudiak

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:57:30 -0000
>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:04:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:21:44 EST
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>David Rudiak must have been having a difficult Sunday and has
>far too much spare time on his hands.

Really Andy? I'll bet your posts outnumber mine by a ratio of 10
or 20 to 1. Of course, it's not hard to post a lot of trash when
you don't have to put any thought into it.

>As I noted last week, when 'believers' can no longer offer
>coherent argument for their case they resort to childishness, of
>which Rudiak's example was a spectacularly good one.

>But I'd hate not to have to deal with his nonsense,
>so, very briefly:

>Headaches
>AIDS
>Sex
>Asprin
>Air crashes

>But David, all the above subject, effects and their causes are
>well known about and documented.

As I've noted before, when 'non-believer' can no longer offer
coherent arguments for their case, they resort to childishness,
of which Roberts' example was a spectacularly good one.

My point, which Roberts conveniently dodged, is that one can't
conclude that something is absolutely false (or true) 100% of
the time because it has been false (or true) 90%, 95%, 99%, or
even 99.99% of the time. This is especially the case with
phenomena which tend to be concealed in a lot of noise,
which are very common in the sciences and everyday life. That's
what the "headache, AIDS, Sex, Aspirin, and Air crashes"
examples were supposed to illustrate.

>We are not dealing with the unknown here in the same way we are
>with 'UFOs'.

Total BS. Very often we are dealing with unknowns even with very
mundane subjects.

Is a new drug safe and effective, or are there unknown serious
side effects? This is a very big question for drug companies.
There can be clinical trials on a 10,000 people and everything
may look fine, but number 10,001 may have an allergic reaction,
keel over and die. Things like this DO happen.

But if the drug companies applied your flawed logic, they would state "Well, we've had no serious side effects after testing 10,000 people, so it is reasonable to assume that the drug is 100% safe."

>The end result in the above is an accepted and documented >scientific 'fact'. Your analogy was ludicrous, to put it mildly.

Oh yeah? Before something becomes a "fact", someone first has to notice a cause and effect relationship. Does HIV cause AIDS? Nobody initially "knew" what caused AIDS. There were all sorts of theories. Eventually the virus was isolated. People with AIDS tested positive to the HIV virus, which established a causal link.

But still this was not a "fact". Medical researchers had to be convinced of the link. Most now do, but not everybody. There are serious researchers who still believe the connection is not proven or that other unknown factors are involved.

Something only becomes a "fact" generally after a long period of evidence gathering. The evidence may eventually become overwhelming, at least to most of the experts in the field, at which point the evidence evolves into a "fact." But often there are still holdouts.

You don't seem to realize that there so-called "facts" have a strong sociological component. Something only becomes a "fact" when the preponderance of people accept something as a "fact."

But often the situation is not clear. Does the Higg's boson exist? Theory predicts it, but after combing through millions of events in particle accelerator experiments, it still hasn't been found. Does this disprove the theory? No it doesn't. It may mean simply that the energies aren't high enough, or maybe they'll have to comb through 100 million events to find a single candidate.

There are all kinds of "facts." Some are blinding obvious because they are commonplace and easily reproducible or predictable (e.g. the sun rises every morning), but many have to be dug out with a lot of hard work.

Situations like this where the exceptions are deeply hidden in the noise abound in medicine. A vaccine or a drug may seem completely safe, but then there inevitably turns up that 1 in 100,000 person who is killed by it.

Until these exceptions start turning up, they are not "known" nor are they "documented." Even when they do occur, they are difficult to document and "prove." It may take many years, a very large data sample, and a lot of data analysis to extract good evidence for causal relationships and establish something as a "fact" or a "known" to most people's satisfaction.

Furthermore, all it takes is one clear exception to turn what may seem to be an established "fact" back into a "rule of thumb", or maybe even disprove a "fact" altogether.

Are all swans white? For thousands of years to Europeans it was a truism or "fact" that all swans were white. Then the Brit explorers found the black swans in Australia. The exception disproved the rule.

It may be a "fact" that most UFO cases do turn out to have mundane explanations. But it is far from a "fact" that all cases have such explanations. The number of "knowns" doesn't begin to approach the 99+% as in my more extreme examples. It is more like 70 - 95% depending on who is defining the "knowns" and the "unknowns."

Probably the most stringent statistical analysis of UFO cases was the Battle Institute study for the Air Force in the early 50's. They pegged the unknowns at about 22%, and even higher for the better quality cases. Furthermore, something was only labeled "unknown" when the panel of four analyzing the cases unanimously agreed that there was sufficient data to make a determination but they could find no known conventional explanation. (Thus "insufficient information" cases were placed in a completely separate category from the "unknowns.")

Your repeated proclamations that these large numbers of unknowns would inevitably become knowns with sufficient investigation is merely a statement of your religious beliefs. The results of the Battelle study did not support your pelicanist religion. The best cases with more data yielded the most unknowns, and the worst cases with the least data had the most knowns, exactly the opposite of what your religion would predict.

>My point about UFO cases and UFO photos is that there is no
>proof or evidence of 'alien craft' (as per Stanton, Macabee and
>Clark's witterings), therefore, based on what we know so far all
>UFO cases/photos will be resolved into IFOs of mundane origin.

Your real point is to blur the distinction between "proof" and "evidence." Do you know the difference? Either you are incredibly dense or simply being disingenuous with this persistent, banal debunking tact of yours.

Seldom is there "proof" or unambiguous evidence of anything, even in the sciences. There is no "proof" of black holes or neutron stars or quarks or the big bang. However there is a body of evidence to support these abstract intellectual constructs.

There is also considerable evidence to support that UFOs are real artificial craft not of human origin. There are numerous close-up sightings by credible witnesses including mass sightings, consistency in described UFO properties, movies, videos, pictures, radar trackings and radar/visual cases (e.g. Belgium 1989, Washington D.C. 1952, RB-47, 1957), landing traces (e.g. Socorro), physiological effects (e.g. Cash-Landrum, Michalak), electromagnetic interference cases (e.g. Levelland, 1957), military documents, intelligence documents, etc.

>When you find one which *is* resolved and of which the outcome
>is not some form of terrestrial, astronomical or meteorological
>phenomena, please let us know.

Please define "resolved" for us so we know when something has been truly "resolved." To you, apparently, something is "resolved" if you can tag it with any conventional "explanation", proven or unproven, what Bruce Maccabee calls "the failure of skepticism."

Which "explanation" clearly "resolves" the Kenneth Arnold sighting? Is it Menzel's windshield water droplets, mirages, or snow blown off of mountain crests? He proposed them all. Or is it Klass' meteors or Easton's pelicans? All have been proposed as "resolutions" for the sighting, yet all come up seriously short.

The real fact of the matter is that no conventional explanation, terrestrial, astronomical, meteorological, or any other (except the assumption of outright fabrication by Arnold) "resolves" the Arnold sighting.

In addition, Arnold's sighting had corroboration from other high-caliber sightings from that period by other pilots and military personnel. Based on these high-quality reports, Gen. Schulgen's Air Intelligence Staff proclaimed the saucers to be real craft only a month later and started defining their basic flight characteristics and physical description. This was reiterated by the Twining memo 3 months later. The saucers were real, high-performance craft of unknown origin. The infamous Project Sign "Estimate of the Situation" a year later stated they were likely of extraterrestrial origin.

We can argue forever whether these early military intelligence estimates were based on unambiguous evidence or "proof" (e.g. close-up detailed gun-camera photos, crashed saucers, alien bodies, etc.) or based merely on lower evidentiary findings (high-quality sightings, consistency of data, suggestive but unprovable photos, etc.). But there is no question that the early evidence was strong enough to convince these people that they were dealing with real anomalous, physical craft.

>Happy Trails

Yeah, whatever.

David Rudiak

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Book Wanted

From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 17:41:34 +1300 (NZDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:37:15 -0500
Subject: Book Wanted

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I am searching to obtain a copy of a book and wonder if anyone on the List can help me

The book I wish to obtain is:-

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by Lou Zinsstag & Timothy Good
first published 1983

I would prefer a Hardcover Edition if one exists but the softcover would do if this is in good condition. (I have only seen one copy in New Zealand being the softcover edition)

I am also seeking to obtain an Email address for Timothy Good if he has one Can anyone help me here ??

I would be prepared to purchase this copy although I would be prepared to offer a trade for a New Zealand UFO Book.

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(Published 1998) - Softcover edition only available.

Would anyone interested please contact me at the address below.

Regards
Murray

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Anne Druffell?

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Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 17:49:13 +1300 (NZDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:37:46 -0500
Subject: Anne Druffell?

Greetings List

Does anyone have an Email Address for Anne Druffell - UFO
Researcher and Author

Would anyone knowing her e-mail address please advise me at the
address below.

Regards
Murray Bott

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Voice : 64-9-6345285
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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 02:07:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:43:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Velez

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 16:18:48 -0000

>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 00:10:28 -0500
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>>Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
>>>>walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
>>>>abductee reports for some time.

>><snip>

>>>I have come across a number of ghost cases where the witness
>>>describes the apparitional figure

><snip>

>>>On that basis any silver suited figure floating a foot or two
>>>above the ground might not be what we nearly always assume

><snip>

>>Hi Jenny.

>>Like John, I am also aware of several UFO cases where alleged
>>aliens were observed to move very effortlessly or float through
>>the air.

>>One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
>>encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
>>According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
>>went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
>>weightless."

><snip>

>>Even if aliens from distant worlds do exist, I feel we cannot
>>ignore this evidence that suggests our own world may be shared
>>by some other alien intelligence too which is unknown by the
>>general population, including ufologists.

>>Are you or others aware of similar such accounts and what are
>>your thoughts on this?

>Dear Nick, Jenny, John and all:

>I recall a very similar account from LDLN if I am not mistaken.
>It may have occurred in Italy, again no guarantees.

>Strange floating entities were described in fairly good detail,
>by numerous witnesses with fairly consistent accounts.

>Their descriptions were good enough to finally identify the
>source: Mylar balloons shaped like little men, which burst on
>the scene like a new brand of soda pop. [burp!]

>I'm surprised nobody else mentioned this possibility. Maybe I
>missed something.

Hi All,

First, so sorry for such a long winded response. But here goes.

Many the details that were a part of the original "entity sighting" report that initiated this thread, rang 'familiar' to me when I first read it. That's what motivated me to contribute my comment that;

>Don't forget that "aliens floating around", as opposed to
>walking normally like any other biped, have been turning up in
>abductee reports for some time.

In all candor there's more to it than that for me though. When I read that report it sent a bit of a chill up my spine because of something that came up during a hypnosis session. The folks on this List know that I go out of my way never to introduce material that I "recovered" (if that term can be accurately applied) through the use of hypnosis.

Disclaimer

It has not been proven by anyone (or to my own satisfaction) that hypnosis is able to reliably assist in the recovery of completely accurate recollections of past events. Not enough research has been done, and very few papers published on the accuracy/reliability of hypnosis as a valid technique when it is utilized specifically for the purpose of retrieving lost or hidden memory.

For me, there's simply no way to verify any of material I obtained that way. I have no way to know what parts may (or may not) represent accurate recollection of actual events, or what parts of it may be *contributions/'fillers' from my own subconscious. (*Confabulations; mentally or psychologically supplied 'fillers' for gaps in a sequence of events.)

I don't place much stock in any 'abduction' related material that I do not recall (on my own) consciously and clearly as events that I lived through. Events that I recall as 'living' memories.

All that said... I'm going to break my own rule about never introducing hypnotically recovered material into discussions 'on the List' because this particular "entity sighting" report relates directly to something that came out of a hypnosis session that I did with Budd about six years ago.

I'm just going to share the particular detail from that session that relates directly to this thread because providing a blow by blow report would simply take too long.

Bear in mind that what I'm relating was a rapid-fire sequence of events.

I'm laying in bed fast asleep when I hear a very loud 'Bang!' I was awakened by the sound of the door to my bedroom being thrown open fast and hard. The door was slammed against the wall directly behind it. (Ergo the loud 'Bang.')

I sat bolt upright in bed and my mind and body went into an immediate fight or flight response. I was still a bit dazed/fuzzy headed and my heart had started pumping a mile-a-minute and I instinctively looked over to where the sound had come from. All I could do was to sit there frozen because what met my gaze was the sight of a bunch of little grey "aliens"

(all in a line like soldiers) that floated (about six inches off the floor) into the room and stopped at the foot of my bed. It gets weirder.

They greeted me politely/formally in my native Spanish, they opened up a spot in the middle of their rank and then I quite suddenly snapped out of bed (like I was attached to a giant powerful rubber band) and I popped into the spot/position that they had cleared for me in the straight little line/formation that they were all standing in.

I was standing straight as a board and I couldn't move my limbs but I was able to look down by rolling my eyes in that direction and I could see/feel that I too was "floating" about six inches off of the floor.

We all performed a military style Left Face in perfect unison. (the 'turn' was executed with a clean, crisp, rapid motion.) We all reared back just a bit as if cocking a trigger and we then made a fast and powerful surge forward and out of the room. (again, in perfect unison.)

Until I read 'Missing Time' in 1994 I had no knowledge of ufology or any of the details that were associated with reports of 'alien' contact/abduction. I was an ignorant virgin. (Although I'm no longer a virgin there are many that will testify to my ignorance. <LOL>) The point is, I had no knowledge of this (and many other) details prior to launching my own investigation into these odd doings (recollections) in my life.

A couple of months after I started working with Budd he invited me to one of his meetings (that he hosts at his home) and it was the very first time that I had met any body else that was reporting UFO contact and abduction experiences. I was shocked to hear the exact same set of oddities/details/memories that I had kept locked away in my own head for all my life coming out of the mouths of complete strangers. I don't know if you can imagine what a shock an experience like that can be. When I left Budds' place that night I was literally bouncing off the walls/reeling from all the confirmations I had gotten that evening.

There are a great many -specific- details that many "alleged abductees" recall in common. I commented in an earlier post to Thiago that if we were discussing anything other than UFO abduction that such independent testimony would be considered significant. But... because it is UFOs and abductions, the exact same testimony becomes the result of pop culture pollution or outright lies.

I'm 51. I get called for Jury duty every couple of years. My testimony would be good enough under the right circumstances to get somebody convicted in an open court of law. Yet my testimony about my UFO experiences (and that of many other perfectly sane, ordinary and otherwise reliable individuals) is held separate and apart and considered to be less than reliable by the same people that would accept my (our) word in court.

Honest, I'm not trying to sell anybody anything. I consider it my social duty and responsibility to report in as accurate (and un-embellished) a way as I can. To 'stand up and be counted.' No matter what the flak. Take my testimony for whatever value you wish to assign it. I personally don't care who believes it or not. I am discharging the dictates of my conscience so that I can look the guy in the mirror squarely in the eye. What anybody 'does with it' after that is up to/ on them.

The original 'floating entity with long skinny arms' report did freak me out a little though for all of the above reasons.

For what it's worth.

Warm regards to all,

John Velez, Just one of the boys.

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

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Re: Virus Follow Up - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 18:45:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:47:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Virus Follow Up - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 11:42:44 +0000
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Virus Follow Up

>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 14:41:19 -0600
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Virus Follow Up

>>List members,

>>In response to my query as to why he was spreading a
>>virus, I just received the following:

>>"The virus spread was totally unintentional. My equipment was
>>invaded by a virus called Natividad.exe. It is self-running and
>>installs itself on the System folder. Then it starts reading
>>your messages and fragmenting them to send to people from your
>>address book. I was infected and in a matter of seconds, when I
>>realized that something had fooled my anti-virus, Natividad.exe
>>sent over 1,000 e-mails...

>>"I am very sorry and please accept my appologies."

>>The virus is actually named navidad.exe, not Natividad.exe.

>>I don't have any indication here that my own machine sent out
>>e-mails containing navidad.exe as an attachment.

>>However, please be careful! If you receive an e-mail from me
>>with navidad.exe attached, do not open it by double clicking
>>on it!

>>The e-mail in which I received it originally came from Brazil.

>>Again, this is not an Internet joke or personal paranoia on my
>>part.

>>Navidad.exe is a real virus -- and you don't want it!

>>Dennis Stacy

>Hi Dennis and listers,

>I don't know if there is any connection or not but I had a total
>systems failure about a week ago. I eventually lost everything
>on my hard drive. I have no way of knowing what caused it
>because everything was lost. I was operating an OS 7.5.1 on a
>Mac.

Dear Don:

We missed you of course, but the obvious question remains:

What is an intelligent Canadian (or other English speaking soul)
doing with a Mac?

Did your mother pass away and leave it to you?

Don't answer that, an unfair question clearly.

Maybe it came in the mail.

My computer crashes too, all too often in fact, but somehow I find it worth the time to re-boot and start all over again.]

Call this provincialism, but I don't think I would bother with a MacIntosh.

My Catholic sister, who lives in Santa Monica, CA also has a Mac. She has jillions of kids and grandchildren, and I cannot send her a .jpeg file because it crashes the Mac.

The father of her husband (Moosebrugger) sank so many Japanese ships that the named a ship after him! Not even Moose jr. can look at .jpg or .bmp images because they bought the "computer more trodden".

Ease of use comes at a dear price.

Sorry.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - González Manso

From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 14:01:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 22:56:42 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - González Manso

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:29:53 -0500

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 00:34:22 - 0500

Please, excuse my English.

After reading the comments of Greg Sandow about "madcap Martin Kottmeyer" several things are clear.

Mr. Sandow downplays the works of Kottmeyer. Not only has Martin provided precedents for all and every one of the abduction elements, but he also has tackled with some of the most important themes of the abduction myth, like the Big Head motif, showing its origin, not only in pulp science fiction, but also in discarded theories of evolution. Besides, if Mr. Sandow is so worried about all this being only in Kottmeyer's mind, he should really look at Ms. Michael Meurger's work to understand how many cultural threads (not just old SF pulps) converge in the modern abduction narratives

I was tempted to point out that precisely the one example selected by Mr. Sandow results perfectly appropriate. Allowing for the spatial and temporal constrictions imposed by a 77 minutes' footage (plus the low budget FX effects of the time), "Village of the Damned" transmits exactly the same message that David Jacobs' 'The Threat': aliens developing human hybrids with psi powers in order to conquer the world. We may even get the fictional "happy end" in the real world, if Jacobs' hybrids finally rebel against their masters!

But, of course, Mr. Sandow will disagree, and my arguments will be futile against the impregnable position he has built for himself: Nothing short of a 50's SF film portraying a mid-90's abduction storyline, also including all and every one of those abductions elements, will satisfy him.

Even worse, it should be a "wildly popular" film (strangely, he has forgotten about SF histories), "in a position to have a strong influence on real life".

And to cap it all, the skeptics should prove that neither the director, nor the scriptwriter were really "silent abductees"!

Good news, Mr. Sandow. I can confirm you that no such a film exists (even though, I have not given up hope regarding a SF pulp story). The only classic SF film that may fulfill your standards, '2001, A Space Odyssey' falls short of them. Certainly, the Bowman's "abduction" inside the alien monolith looks promising, and the final fetus-like hybrid has a family resemblance with the Greys, but all this is 'peccata minuta'. If there were such a film already in existence, nobody would had given any "reality bonus" to the abduction phenomena. Its

precursor would be indisputable, Borges' opinion notwithstanding.

On the other hand, Mr. Sandow's stand would be more appealing if he would show the same zeal about the abductionists' position. Even though I consider myself a total skeptic about the alien origin of abductions (and UFOs), I am quite dissatisfied with the PSH because I, too, would like a step-by-step explanation of the abduction phenomena, still clearly lacking (even though Randle's ideas about the iatrogenic effects of abduction researchers and abductees' support groups, plus the sleep paralysis condition, looks very promising IMHO). But if our work as PSH-ers is hard, the ETH-ers one is harder.

To put just one example. Mr. Sandow asks PSH-ers to provide with a cultural precedent for the complete abduction storyline. But, which one?

+The initial one, pre-Hopkins (up to 1980), when the abduction were isolated events happening in the countryside to a lone person? Eddie Bullard in his 1987 study presented a 8-step abduction scenario, but Kottmeyer (yes, he again!) completely dismantled it in his "Entirely Unprejudiced" essay, showing that it was an "intuitive ordering principle subconsciously acquired from drama".

+ The primary Hopkins (mid-80s), when abductions become household events and the abductees began to describe successive attacks?

+ The actual Jacobs & Hopkins (1990s), with its hybrid alien agenda at full speed (14 abductions in one month!!!! -The Threat, p. 126-)?

+ The post-Jacobs one, where we encounter MILABs, reptiloids and even giant mantis? Did you say something about large insects looming very large in 1950s SF films, Greg?

In slightly different words, where are all those recent developments of the abduction scenario in the "old, good" abductions of the 70s? Last time I look, Mrs. Betty Hill is still alive and proudly chortling - or maybe even giggling - to the present versions. Where are her marks, missing fetus, etc.? How do you explain Mrs. Andreasson affair along Hopkins' storyline? Even Linda "Cortile" has not mentioned any missing fetus nor any scar -apart from the amazing and embarrassing incident of the X-rayed implant-? What is the validity of such storyline when the MUFON ATP logged ONLY 79/142 abduction cases where subjects reported an examination (Dan Wright, "Commonalities & Disparities", 1995 MUFON Symposium Proceedings, p. 180)?

Once again, Mr. Sandow appeals to his theoretical "panel of impartial judges". Please, you can, do assemble a panel of literary critics and let them compare Linda "Cortile"'s 3 new developments in the abduction scenario, with the 3 main points of the previous thriller 'Nighteyes'. I am still waiting.

I can answer Mr. Sandow real question. David Ritchey's 14 abductees were 'friends and clients' not-randomly selected, and I am not even sure all of them qualify as abductees, the expression employed by Ritchey was "transpersonal experiences". But neither were randomly selected the 9 abductees studied by Slater and Clamar, and the fantasy-prone personalities hypothesis was prematurely buried (Joe Nickell recently showed in the Skeptical Inquirer that it really applies to John Mack's abductees). All depends in how to measure them. To me, Ring & Rosing subjects, describing OBES, psi-powers, childhood companions, etc. did qualify as fantasy-prone personalities; they just do not think so.

Besides, with your doubts about those 14 abductees, you seems to imply (excuse me if I am mistaken, Mr. Sandow) that you admit the possibility that there are false abductees "out there". Good! If you really think so, we may have a way out of this dilemma. Compare the narratives of those false abductees with those of real ones, create tables and compare the results. I'm guessing that you'd find there are very few differences.

If I am allowed to borrow from another thread, I completely concur with Mr. Mortellaro. After 50 years, Ufology (in sharp

contrast with any real scientific endeavor of the XX century) has been unable to provide any real and indisputable knowledge about those aliens that supposedly are visiting us. This alone shows that the ETH clearly has very BIG problems. I do not deny the PSH shortcomings, but even by default, it should be preferred (at least, up to when - or if - anything better - which the ETH is NOT - comes along).

You keep asking the skeptics to do your work for you, Mr. Sandow. The burden of proof about the abduction reality is on its proponents. Please, convince your colleagues Hopkins, Jacobs, etc. to really apply the scientific method, to acknowledge the criticisms of other ufologists and skeptics (I am referring now to the Roper survey fiasco, for instance) modifying his experiments accordingly and above all, to SHARE their data (it annoys me very much how the MUFON organization has sit upon his ATP raw data, refusing to share it with the UFO community). Then, maybe, we all would be able to advance in our quest.

Yours,

Luis R. González Manso (Spain)

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Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 15:56:36 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 23:02:11 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Mortellaro

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 08:44:03 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:49:26 EST
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>My Dear fellow Jim (et al)

>For me, the sheer and utter lack of physical evidence of ET
>visitation is as frustrating as anything related to the ABD
>(abduction) scene.

Good post Larry. Full of something one does not often find

Truth.

Nothing is revealed by UFO's or by those who perceive they were abducted, in terms of evidence. But neither were there any first hand observations of little microscopic bugs which are all over the place, especially surgeons' hands and fingers. That did not stop mainstream science (after a few cherry bombs went off under their respective... uh... rears) from continuing research in the face of abuse both verbal and written by their so-called peers.

We could all name so many more examples of how science, physics and astronomy missed the mark. Often by a lot.

And the reason for this? Just one. Some huge egotistical boil on the ass of the society. Society of doctors, physicists, etc. Ego. They all knew better than that jerk Pasteur or that syphilitic (and he was) Lister.

Ego.

>For me, (a nut-and-bolts republican of sorts) a good piston
>rod from Antares would a nice jolt, as long as it didn't come
>from some old car.

>I can deal with unresolved issues (unlike religious sorts) but
>find it harder and harder to maintain an interest in UFO matter
>when there seems to be no realistic hope of a resolution to
>these matters.

>One might call it "UFO burnout", and people deal with it
>differently. Jim McCampbell for example, and old star of N&B has
>drifted off into some stuff I find unrelated to UFOs.

There is one group which will never burn out. That would be the aggregate of those whose memory tells them they were abducted. In fact, as we speak right now, there appears to be a flurry of activity among some abductees. And while I cannot attest to this myself (I am probably too old for them lizard turds anyway, (I aint' got the Motts no more) I am certain that the people with whom I've interfaced of late are real and truthful in their own personal observations. It may be interesting to see how many

others come forward with stories right now. Here on UpDates.

>Jacques Vallee, for whom I have the highest respect, has
>theories I find too expensive for my mental budget.

Vallee was at one time "the" champion of thinkers in this field. It may be that your theory of burnout may be true in his case. Certainly nothing was revealed by his serious efforts. I get the impression that Vallee gave up his thrust largely because he saw no one embracing the field as he did. As a science. Too frustrating. I hear tell he went on to abuse Gripple and other mood altering stuff. But I do believe this was just a cruel untruth. It usually is.

>Others, well known names included, have drifted into nearly
>mystic dimensions, places haunted with lurking spiders and
>salamanders and democrats.

Yah, but who really knows, Larry. There is much which science, religion, philosophy and spiritualism share. Perhaps when science comes up with that unified equation they've been looking for so long, they will discover components in all of these fields.

>I want nothing less than the Holy Grail of ufology.

>[to wit] A complete manual on alien semiconductors,
>their pinouts, forms/dimensions and an applications manual.

>- or - An alien photoresist spinner, dripping with orange
>or green photoresist - or - some a broken tool, a lost
>part, a discarded container made of unobtainium ..
>[high quality magnesium left on a Brazilian beach isn't
>quite good enough.]

>Barring that, we are only left with theories, and
>observations.

>If it were not for observations like the one at Vins-sur- Caramy
>in southern France, (there are many others) I would find better
>use for my time. Lots and lots of time, none of it cheap.

And the time comes for me to abuse you for doing such great work as you've done with your research information. I mean that, as you know. But you must be abused. For anyone doing the work you've done and charging nothing is crazy. I say, charge admission to your site. And I have the answer as to the fee. A notice posted before entering the site shall require the researcher to sign a statement. It reads.....

"All who enter here must agree not to act the fool on UpDates or any other venue. Further, you will never, ever, act the fool by calling someone else one. And never abuse your friends."

Now here's where I come in. Being Itralien an all, I have available to me, a plethora of kneecappers a la prima classa. Anyone breaking your rules have their kneecaps similarly accoutered.

Jim

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UFO*BC Updates - 11-12-00

From: David Pengilly <david_pengilly@dccnet.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 18:48:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 23:05:08 -0500
Subject: UFO*BC Updates - 11-12-00

The following items are linked from our Homepage, under "What's New".

- 1) "Recently Reported Sightings"
 - All the sightings to cross our desk since early September.
 - http://ufobc.org/BC_Sightings/recent.htm
- 2) Autumn 2000 issue of UFO*BC Quarterly now out.
 - Our new Editor, Dwight, has added a professional look to our magazine. Subscription still only \$20!
 - http://www.ufobc.org/BC_Store/fall2000.htm
- 3) News Coverage of the Yukon UFO Conference
 - Martin Jasek's Whitehorse Conference was very successful!
 - "304 People Pack UFO Conference"
 - <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/conference/press.html>
- 4) "Oscillating UFO Mesmerizes Two Young Brothers"
 - a 1997 Yukon Report
 - <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/cigarcrestview97.htm>
- 5) "Be Careful of UFO Light Beams"
 - An incident on Marsh Lake, Yukon - late 50s or early 60s
 - <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/ufolightbeammarsh.htm>
- 6) "The New Westminster Boomerang"
 - recently updated by Roger Smith
 - http://www.ufobc.org/BC_History/nwboomerang.htm
- 7) The 1999 Avebury Avenue 3-D Cubes, Another Scam?
 - crop circle article by local researcher Chad Deetken
 - http://www.ufobc.org/BC_Supernatural/cropscam.htm
- 8) "A Mute Companion" by Graham Conway
 - cattle mutilations haven't gone away
 - http://www.ufobc.org/BC_Supernatural/amutecompanion.htm
- 9) "An Encounter on Burnaby Mountain"
 - a strange sight and sound!
 - http://www.ufobc.org/BC_History/burnabymountain.htm

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Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 18:27:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 23:07:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Evans

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Date: Tue, 7 Nov 2000 07:11:22 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll - Cashman

Hello, Mark!

Been offline for the last week working on a show for the Discovery Channel about NASA. In an attempt to catch up, I noticed you wrote:

>Basic experiments to attempt to reproduce the Trent photos
>can't be that hard. After all, Trent, who was hardly a
>scientist, created them in the first place. But the skeptics
>refuse to do the experiment and see just how hard it is to
>match, even in general terms, the characteristics derived by
>Bruce Maccabee.

Actually, this is not true. It is our intention to replicate the Trent photos as soon as it is convenient. The players in this little saga live in different areas of the country and have different schedules. We would like to do it during the same time of year as Trent and under similar conditions. Your are correct that the technique he used was simple. However, he was not burdened with having to line up other elements such as the right time, right weather, scheduling, etc. In addition, we have made it clear that we want to find a mirror that Bruce feels is an exact match before doing the shot. Perhaps you feel this is not necessary. I do not feel it is, either. However, most of the die hard Trentites are not as reasonable as you or me, I'm afraid.

Finally, you wrote:

>The same thing is true of all of the radical misperception
>nonsense. If it were so common as to give rise to the immense
>database of UFO reports, we would never be able to identify the
>IFOs, the cognitive and perceptual literature would be full of
>descriptions of it and its mechanisms... but that isn't the
>case.

I'm not exactly sure what your point is, here. Radical misperceptions do exist. I don't think that anyone will argue that point (well, maybe some would ;). However, the fact that UFOs can become IFOs has no real correlation. Are you saying that because UFOs can become IFOs that radical misperceptions do not exist? I am not being argumentative. I just don't understand the point you are trying to make.

take care,

King Roger

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MUFON Opens Its Doors In Denver Mall

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Subject: MUFON Opens Its Doors In Denver Mall

Source: The Denver Post,

<http://www.denverpost.com/news/news11121.htm>

Stig

UFO Network opens its doors in Ken Caryl mall

By Kieran Nicholson

Denver Post Staff Writer

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Nov. 12, 2000 - The search for UFOs now leads to a strip mall in the Ken Caryl area. The Mutual UFO Network, which claims 4,000 members worldwide, is located between a liquor store and an optometrist, across the parking lot from a bar and grill.

John Schuessler, the international director of the network, which investigates reports of sightings or contacts with unidentified flying objects, says he feels right at home.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 08:42:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Hatch

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats? - Hatch
>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 15:32:44 -0800

>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 03:47:11 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

>>>Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2000 18:09:44 +0000
>>>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Telegraph St Contactee Eats?

>>>Can anyone remember the name of the contactee who ran a
>>>restaurant on Telegraph St in Berkeley, California in the 70s,
>>>maybe the late 60s too.

>>>Or am I confabulating?

>>>I thought it was mentioned in Vallee's Messengers of Deception,
>>>but can't find it.

>>>Any info about him and the restaurant would be much appreciated.

>>Sorry, I cannot help much! My browsing led nowhere and
>>everywhere, but no real match for the Berkeley contactee with
>>the restaurant on Telegraph Avenue.

>>I can only add that it was Telegraph Avenue, not street, and
>>that indeed was in Berkeley, CA before the city fathers renamed
>>it Martin Luther King in a fit of political correctness, if I am
>>not mistaken.

>Sorry Larry but you are mistaken.

>The street that had its name changed to Martin Luther King was
>Grove St., not Telegraph Ave. The good citizens of Berkeley and
>Oakland desired that the name change occur.

Hello Ed:

I stand corrected on that one! It was indeed Grove Street in Berkeley. The North-South orientation should have tipped me off, Telegraph being an Avenue. I presume they intersect at some well know corner.

I seldom visit that way, and didn't know it extended into Oakland, where the name change would have been popular.

I paid to park in a guarded lot in Berkeley a few years back, and dug thru the bookstores for our favorite topic. One cashier asked if there was a UFO convention in town as he rang up my used books.

Grove St. became MLK Way, not street. Spelled out in full, it must have been a long job for the street-sign people.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 08:46:17 -0500
Subject: Re: On What is Known - Hatch

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 15:56:36 EST
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 08:44:03 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:49:26 EST
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>My Dear fellow Jim (et al)

>>For me, the sheer and utter lack of physical evidence of ET
>>visitation is as frustrating as anything related to the ABD
>>(abduction) scene.

>Good post Larry. Full of something one does not often find

>Truth.

>Nothing is revealed by UFO's or by those who perceive they were
>abducted, in terms of evidence. But neither were there any first
>hand observations of little microscopic bugs which are all over
>the place, especially surgeons' hands and fingers. That did not
>stop mainstream science (after a few cherry bombs went off under
>their respective... uh... rears) from continuing research in the
>face of abuse both verbal and written by their so-called peers.

>We could all name so many more examples of how science, physics
>and astronomy missed the mark. Often by a lot.

>And the reason for this? Just one. Some huge egotistical boil on
>the ass of the society. Society of doctors, physicists, etc.
>Ego. They all knew better than that jerk Pasteur or that
>syphilitic (and he was) Lister.

>Ego.

<snip>

>>I can deal with unresolved issues (unlike religious sorts) but
>>find it harder and harder to maintain an interest in UFOs
>>when there seems to be no realistic hope of a resolution to
>>these matters.

>>One might call it "UFO burnout", and people deal with it
>>differently.

<snip>

>There is one group which will never burn out. That would be the
>aggregate of those whose memory tells them they were abducted.
>In fact, as we speak right now, there appears to be a flurry of
>activity among some abductees. And while I cannot attest to

>this myself (I am probably too old for them lizard turds anyway,
>(I aint' got the Motts no more) I am certain that the people with
>whom I've interfaced of late are real and truthful in their own
>personal observations. It may be interesting to see how many
>others come forward with stories right now. Here on UpDates.

>>Jacques Vallee, for whom I have the highest respect, has
>>theories I find too expensive for my mental budget.

>Vallee was at one time "the" champion of thinkers in this field.
>It may be that your theory of burnout may be true in his case.
>Certainly nothing was revealed by his serious efforts. I get the
>impression that Vallee gave up his thrust largely because he saw
>no one embracing the field as he did. As a science. Too
>frustrating. I hear tell he went on to abuse Gripple and other
>mood altering stuff. But I do believe this was just a cruel
>untruth. It usually is.

>>Others, well known names included, have drifted into nearly
>>mystic dimensions, places haunted with lurking spiders and
>>salamanders and democrats.

>Yah, but who really knows, Larry. There is much which science,
>religion, philosophy and spiritualism share. Perhaps when
>science comes up with that unified equation they've been looking
>for so long, they will discover components in all of these
>fields.

>>I want nothing less than the Holy Grail of ufology.

<snip>

>>.. some broken tool, a lost part, a discarded container
>>made of unobtainium ..

<snip>

>>Barring that, we are only left with theories, and
>>observations.

>>If it were not for observations like the one at Vins-sur-Caramy
>>in southern France, (there are many others) I would find better
>>use for my time. Lots and lots of time, none of it cheap.

>And the time comes for me to abuse you for doing such great work
>as you've done with your research information. I mean that, as
>you know. But you must be abused. For anyone doing the work
>you've done and charging nothing is crazy. I say, charge
>admission to your site. And I have the answer as to the fee. A
>notice posted before entering the site shall require the
>researcher to sign a statement. It reads.....

>"All who enter here must agree not to act the fool on UpDates or
>any other venue. Further, you will never, ever, act the fool by
>calling someone else one. And never abuse your friends."

>Now here's where I come in. Being Itralien an all, I have
>available to me, a plethora of kneecappers a la prima classa.
>Anyone breaking your rules have their kneecaps similarly
>accoutered.

>Jim

Thanks for you kind comments!

A kneecap job sounds very extreme though. There is space for the
odd-cog. Who knows? One of them might come up with a new insight
or two. That's if it isn't drowned out in bilge.

I still charge for the *U* Database software package. Only the
website is free, as it should be.

I'll do the odd data lookup, if its reagonably small. That's a
fun way to show off or advertise the database.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 'Heartbeat' Sightings - Randles

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Subject: Re: 'Heartbeat' Sightings - Randles

>From: Dave Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 21:29:03 -0000

>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 05:24:07 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: On What is Known

>>>From: David Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: On What is Known
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:42:33 -0000

>>>Hi Jenny, Roy, list-dudes,

>>Did you get to see the episode of 'Heartbeat' where he sees a
>>UFO? That was near you wasn't it Dave, good sighting that one.
>>Be definitely alien.

>The episode of Heartbeat you mention was more or less ripped off
>from the solved case you refer to, which I'm sure Jenny can
>explain in detail. I wasn't actively involved in ufology then,
>but it was near to me as in it was the North.

Hi,

For those not familiar with 'Heartbeat' - its a long running
(about 10 years and counting) British TV drama series that is
set during the 1960s in rural North Yorkshire (not the Pennines
as such). It combines a 'lost world' of this era with 60s
lifestyles, lots of music and fun characters and that's why it
has proven such a huge hit in the UK and various other countries
where it is screened.

Filmed in the real North Yorks Dales small towns of Goathland
and Whitby (with its famous Dracula heritage) it is often linked
on screen with one of the UK's longest and most scenic steam
railway lines that the series uses to great effect as the area
is still very 1960s in feel and so little needs altering to be
used as a backdrop for months on end each year.

The series is based on a long run of 'fictionalised' books
relating the real life of an actual country copper (The
'Constable' books published by Robert Hale) - who,
coincidentally, have also published many of my UFO titles.

The series has in fact twice had stories based on UFO cases and
both were taken from my book 'The Pennine UFO Mystery'
(published in 1983).

In the first episode one of the policeman (Ventriss) was
abducted from his patrol car in a story that was based on the
Alan Godfrey abduction (one of the main themes of 'The Pennine
UFO Mystery' - indeed Alan closely co-operated with the
production of this book). Godfrey assisted the Heartbeat
scriptwriter to aid in the accuracy of this episode. I think

this aired in the 1996 series.

The second episode (a sequel to the above made in the 1998 series) is the one to which David refers. It came from another chapter in 'The Pennine UFO mystery' that describes the investigation that the UFO group MUFORA (now NARO) did in the 1970s along with a friendly police sergeant who had joined our group after having his own UFO sighting in the Pennines (also in the book).

At the time we faced a series of reports of a low level, silent running orange/red glow that terrified hill farmers in the dead of night and that we eventually solved by a series of logic, guesswork and in the end a remarkable coordinated sky watch where ufologists and the authorities covertly worked together. This saw us monitor the UFO whilst one of our team was able to work with the radar operator at Manchester Airport to confirm our suspicions as to its identity.

In this way we proved the startling theory that we had developed that the UFO was a gliding jet aircraft. It was a cargo jet operated by a major international carrier (still world renowned today) who literally glided over the Pennines, switched off all their lighting (except the tail fin illumination that gave the eerie red glow) and the crew sat back watching the sky! As soon as they reached habitation (just north of Greater Manchester) they powered up their engines and switched on the lights, creating the effect reported to us by stunned farmers that the UFO accelerated away and upwards with a cacophony of noise. They had not realised the effect this would have on those out on the moors in the middle of the night!

This extraordinary investigation led to the CAA taking action to stop this tactic and they admitted to us that they had suspected it had unofficially gone on but could not prove it. Thus did ufology expose this practice and - hopefully - stop it. But it is more than possible IMO that some other cases in UFO history are examples of 'gliding' aircraft. So why not check out your old files.

There's an update on this case in 'The UFOs that Never Were'.

In 'Heartbeat' the story was fictionalised only lightly but the ufologists were not given any credit in solving the case as we did, needless to say! Instead a retired copper did the whole sky watch/investigation thing and came up with the solution by himself. The scene at the end where he tries to explain what sounds like a madcap theory to the police house is priceless. Most viewers probably had no idea this was a true story!

That the episode did dramatise our investigation is not in doubt. Heartbeat even wrote into the plot that it was a cargo plane flying from Scotland (as indeed was the real one). I had some correspondence with the producer afterwards who affirmed it was indeed based on this real case.

So 'Pennine UFO Mystery' has actually spawned two different episodes of this 'Heartbeat' drama series. And - in case you are wondering - no - I wasn't paid a penny nor were ufologists given any recognition by the TV show. Not that it would have mattered. This book was only ever a single print run paperback in 1983. There was no reprint or overseas edition and it remains by far the most requested title of mine since it is so hard to get. I often get asked for copies. Sadly they all sold out within weeks 17 years ago.

Maybe one day it will get reprinted and updated, but as a regional study its viability to modern publishers is not attractive. Sadly US sales didn't happen in 1983 for the same reason that it probably never will get reprinted.

As for this case definitely being 'alien'. Well there were two cases on this series. The gliding aircraft certainly wasn't even a UFO. It was an extraordinary IFO. And the Alan Godfrey - Todmorden, West Yorkshire - case is indeed one of the best known British abductions. But there is a lot behind this case little known outside of the investigation team. Peter Hough and I told some of the complex background in our 1988 book 'Death by Supernatural Causes?'. Alan got treated incredibly poorly by the West Yorkshire police.

But the bottom line is that Alan saw something amidst one of the most significant UFO hot spots in Europe. Others saw it too that same night. He lost 10/15 minutes of time but had no conscious recall of an alien contact. This emerged only nine months later under hypnotic regression and Alan has told me more than once that whilst he would swear in court that he saw the UFO and it was unquestionably real, he had no way of knowing how true was the (rather confused) alien contact saga. This rather weird saga includes such oddities as a carpets and a big black dog inside the UFO and few of the elements you would recognise from a more traditional modern abduction - i.e. no greys, or rectal probes.

Indeed Alan was happy to consider it a possible product of the UFO literature that he read between the incident in November 1980 (just a month before Rendlesham and during the major autumn/winter wave that year) and August 1981 when the regressions began.

This is certainly a classic case and IMO a bona fide abduction. The questions remain though as to precisely what one of those is and I am afraid it doesn't come close to proving this was an alien reality. The other witnesses that night saw only a light phenomenon in the same area - not even any obvious kind of craft. Nobody saw Alan being abducted nor was there any conscious sighting of aliens by anybody. The only thing that elevates this fascinating case into an alien abduction is the regression testimony that got tacked on later and I don't consider that a sound enough basis to jump to conclusions other than that something very intriguing clearly did take place.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 19:51:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

David wrote:

>I'll bet your posts outnumber mine by a ratio of 10
>or 20 to 1. Of course, it's not hard to post a lot of trash
>when you don't have to put any thought into it.

This is just the sort of standard now set on UpDates by those committed to a belief they cannot prove or justify. When faced with reasonable debate and suggestions, backed up by case studies and research, all people like David Rudiak can do is the above.

Sad but true.

If David goes over my previous posts he will find I have said nothing outrageous or unreasonable. Simply that:

- * UFO cases follow a UFO to IFO pattern
- * Many 'good' unresolved cases which have lasted for years have eventually become IFOs also
- * Therefore it is reasonable to suggest - to predict even - that that pattern will continue

It's not a hanging matter, nor indeed a capital crime.

Despite all David's blathering he can offer nothing in response save to say that one day this may not be the case.

I agree. It may not. But, to date, the above is a demonstrable fact.

If David chooses to term this: 'a lot of trash', then that can only be a reflection of his refusal to accept what has been the case for the past fifty three years and which shows no signs of changing. In fact quite the reverse because we have fewer 'good' cases these days (at least in the UK and I suspect in the USA) and the 'good' which once involved traces, photos, multiple witnesses etc have been replaced with the woolly area of 'abductions'.

>There is also considerable evidence to support
>that UFOs are real artificial craft not of human origin.
>There are numerous close-up sightings by credible witnesses
>including mass sightings, consistency in described UFO
>properties, movies,

No, no David. What you are saying there is not evidence of what you are claiming. It's just evidence people are seeing 'something'. But there is no evidence what is seen are: 'real artificial craft not of human origin'. I think that's your, ah, 'religion' calling you to prayer there, old boy. As I've said before misperception and its dark shadow, radical misperception,

plays a far, far larger role in the subject of UFOs. Not just visually but on many levels. We are finding - certainly in the UK - that when many of the old 'classic' cases are revisited the original investigation is found to be lacking, ufologists have repeated the mistakes in the literature and a case is conjured out of 'evidence' which simply didn't exist. There are one or two such textual howlers in some of the cases in Jerry's encyclopaedia, for instance. Even the great are not above duplicating others errors!

Now, obviously you aren't going to accept any of this. But from my experience in the subject, and of many people I know in the subject, that appears to be the case. And each time a 'classic' case is resolved it only strengthens my view.

Obviously we can only base our viewpoints on our experience as ufologists/researchers/investigators. I base mine on 18 years of fairly intensive R & I. Obviously you base your view on your experience which, I'm sure, is just as extensive as mine. But you obviously have the added element of wishful thinking which helps you see 'evidence' and or 'proof' in cases which is just not there.

If you wish to continue adding to the mystification of the subject instead of getting out there and solving cases then good luck to you. As I've said to Jerry, when you come up with the real article, which in your case is, 'real artificial craft not of human origin', then if you can stand my company I'll gladly fly over, dry my wings, spit the fish out of my bill, and buy you a case of whatever gets you off.

Until that day just watch those cases go from UFO to IFO!

>>Happy Trails

>Yeah, whatever.

Bingo!

Happy Trails

Andy

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** NEW FRUS VOLUME PUBLISHED ON KOREA, 1964-1968
** PHYSICIST WALTER GOAD DIES

LEAKS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

While some unauthorized disclosures of classified information may cause damage to national security, even senior intelligence officials admit that other leaks can positively serve the public interest.

CIA Inspector General Britt Snider recently described a case from 1975, when he was a staff member on the congressional Church Committee investigating the U.S. intelligence community, in which a leak to the press served a beneficial purpose.

The Church Committee had been seeking to arrange a briefing from the National Security Agency -- without success. But then:

"In early August, a press leak appeared in an article in The New York Times alleging that NSA had eavesdropped on the international communications of US citizens. The article discussed in general terms the matters we were investigating, and it was a source of considerable consternation for the Committee as well as NSA. The leak had the salutary effect, however, of breaking the bureaucratic logjam that had stymied us. With the allegations now a matter of public record, NSA wanted to explain its side of the story. So, in late August, NSA told me that a briefing was being arranged."

The possibility of such a real-world benefit from an unauthorized disclosure of classified information was not acknowledged in the now-vetoed congressional initiative to criminalize all such disclosures.

Britt Snider's anecdote appeared in an article published in the unclassified edition of Studies in Intelligence, Winter 1999-2000, which is posted here:

<http://www.cia.gov/csi/studies/winter99-00/art4.html>

The congressional sponsors of the ill-fated legislation to outlaw all leaks responded to the President's veto with "howls of betrayal," writes Vernon Loeb of the Washington Post. He reviews the veto and its aftermath in his online column IntelligenCIA:

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A52574-2000Nov9.html>

NEW FRUS VOLUME PUBLISHED ON KOREA, 1964-1968

The State Department has published a new volume of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series concerning U.S.

policy towards Korea during 1964-1968. The FRUS series, established during the Abraham Lincoln Administration, is nowadays composed largely of declassified government records that document the official history of U.S. policy.

The latest FRUS volume notably includes an extensive compilation of records concerning the North Korean seizure of the U.S.S. Pueblo, an American intelligence gathering vessel, in January 1968. The crew of the Pueblo was held hostage by North Korea for nearly a year. The ship itself was never recovered, in what was described as an unprecedented compromise of U.S. cryptologic operations and techniques.

The text of the new FRUS volume is posted here (see documents 212-331 on the Pueblo Crisis):

http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/vol_xxix/index.html

Publication of a companion FRUS volume on U.S. relations with Japan from 1964-1968 has been blocked, because the Office of the Historian at the State Department was unable to secure declassification of numerous key documents. As a result, "the Japan ... volume did not constitute a 'thorough and accurate, and reliable documentary record of major United States foreign policy decisions'," as required by law. "This volume on Japan will not be printed until it meets these standards. The Historian and the Advisory Committee will continue to seek declassification of the documents withheld," wrote outgoing State Historian William Z. Slany in his Preface to the new volume.

A major obstacle to publication of the FRUS volume on Japan is presumed to be the CIA's "covert" funding of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, since the CIA has not acknowledged its role in financing the LDP. Nevertheless, one can read about it in a front-page story by Tim Weiner that appeared in the New York Times on October 9, 1994 ("C.I.A. Spent Millions to Support Japanese Right in 50's and 60's").

PHYSICIST WALTER GOAD DIES

Walter Goad, a nuclear weapons physicist who spoke out against the government's handling of the Wen Ho Lee case, died November 2.

Speaking with the authority of a senior weapons designer who had participated in the development of the first thermonuclear weapons, Goad declared that government assertions about the severity of Wen Ho Lee's actions were "exaggerations, grossly misleading in their import."

Goad's disinterested and straightforward arguments, along with those of a few colleagues, helped to deflate the government's more extreme claims and to lay the groundwork for the court's eventual apology to Wen Ho Lee.

The full text of Dr. Goad's May 2000 declaration in the Wen Ho Lee case is now posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/goad.html>

According to an obituary notice circulated by the Stanford Alpine Club, "memorial donations may be made to the Wilderness Society, 900 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-2506, or to the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, P. O. Box 80915, Albuquerque, NM 87198."

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From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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SPACE WATCHERS ALERT -- On October 30, 2000, a large near earth asteroid (NEA) 600 meters in size came close enough to the Earth to be named a 'near miss.' The asteroid passed the Earth without prior warning from NASA, whose astronomers have now named it Toutatis. If the asteroid it hit the Earth it could have resulted in a major catastrophe.

There should be a brilliant display of Leonid meteor showers on November 17, and 18th between local midnight and dawn. There could be a modest outburst of Leonids this year with brief flurries of shooting stars that should be seen over most parts of the Earth. Three streams of the debris storm should pass near our Moon. On November 17, around 0500 UT the Moon will pass approximately four Earth-diameters from the center of a dust trail left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle in 1932," says David Asher of the Armagh Observatory, an expert on Leonid debris filaments. "The Moon will be considerably closer to the trail than Earth," raising the possibility of vigorous Leonid activity there. When Leonid meteoroids rain down on the airless Moon, they won't cause "shooting stars" as they do on our planet. There's no atmosphere on the Moon where cosmic debris particles can incinerate as fiery streaks of light. Lunar Leonids will simply hit the surface at 140,000 mph. Some larger impacts may be seen from Earth with telescopes. Last year surprised Moon-watchers captured video footage of at least six exploding Leonid meteorites while the Moon passed through comet Tempel-Tuttle debris stream. Various lights and what appear to be UFOs traveling across the surface of the Moon are more common than generally believed.

Astronomers have also discovered the Moon has a tail made of sodium that extends behind as it moves through space. Sensitive cameras that can detect sunlight scattered from as few as 5 sodium atoms per cubic centimeter can pick up the tail. The Leonids are expected to add dust to the tail after impacts by the meteorites.

AWESOME EVIDENCE OF ADVANCED ALIEN INTELLIGENCE

Jan Lamprecht writes, "For decades many people have been looking for evidence of advanced Alien life in space -- hopefully nearby. I was watching the BBC's "Earth" Series of geology program that claimed there is a big mystery surrounding the Moon's existence and how it got here. The odds against random capture of the Moon are billions if not trillions to one. This has led some people to suggest that the Moon was STEERED into orbit by someone. Amazingly too, the angular diameter of the Moon, as seen from the Earth matches that of the Sun, as seen from the Earth almost exactly thereby giving rise to total eclipses. In my book "Hollow Planets," I made the point that maybe our view of the universe is back-to-front or inside out. What if, our whole view of the universe is SKEWED by the fact that we live on the OUTSIDE of a planet? Thus, we think (naturally), that all life forms should exist on

the outside of planets and that is where we go to look. We never stop to think that maybe we are NOT THE NORM! Our whole thinking is conditioned around the concept that we are THE NORM. Logic dictates that this is the most likely possibility. Yet, what if our views are wrong? For example, life on the outside of planets is actually a dangerous business. Think about it. Living on the OUTSIDE of a moving object is not a good idea. It is like someone driving a car at breakneck speed along a highway with you sitting on the hood! That is crazy isn't it! And yet, living on the outside of a planet is no crazier. There is ample evidence that life here is dangerous. Meteors are the main danger. Even tiny meteors can decimate life on the outside. And meteors are a real danger. Lots of them abound and it is only a matter of time before they strike us. The surfaces of neighboring worlds are pockmarked with craters caused by them. Even a single strike could decimate the world.

There is, I believe, one argument that is FRIGHTENING in its implications in showing that our position here upon the Earth is completely UNNATURAL and therefore something that has been planned and devised by a higher intelligence. It is this!. In the BBC's Earth series, they ended on a rather strange note. They mentioned the calculations done by a French scientist. He wrote a computer program to calculate the effects of planets and the Moon on the rotation of the Earth. He found that when he factored in the presence of the Moon, that the Earth wobbled slowly around its axis (precession) over a period of 26,000 years. Then, he did a fascinating thing. He removed the Moon from the equation. His model then showed that the Earth, like all other planets without large moons like ours, would then become UNSTABLE. Over a long period the Earth would flip this way and then that, and even lie on its side like Uranus does. And that was when it all struck home.

If the Earth were a "normal planet" and were that unstable, it would destroy all the life on its surface. If the Earth wobbled this way and then that way, it would cause tremendous harm to all the things living on its surface. Instead, the presence of the Moon, and the Moon alone, makes the Earth a much more stable place. So, going back to the fact that the Moon must have been steered here, it would seem that maybe, those who steered it here did so with the purpose of using it to stabilize this planet's rotation. Could it be, that whoever put the Moon here ALSO put US here? And that whoever did this must therefore have intelligence so great, and a science so great that it boggles the mind. All this suggests to me that the presence of the Moon is definitely NO ACCIDENT, and that the presence of the Moon must therefore be linked to the presence of life on the outside of the planet - and that it is an aid to the existence of life here. Surely, this proves that there is an incredible intelligence out there with capabilities, which stun our little minds! Thanks to: Jan Lamprecht WWW.HollowPlanets.com and Jeff Rense.

Editors Note: Genesis 1 tells us: "Then God said, "Let there be bright lights in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and the night; they bring about the seasons on the earth, and mark the days and years" And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night." Zecharia Sitchin told me that Genesis is true and a summation of Sumerian writings. We must consider that our alien visitors may have placed the Moon in orbit around the Earth. Further it may be normal to live underground on planets where meteors are numerous.

NEW YORK GLOWING DISC

WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND -- October 20, 2000, my wife and I are educated professionals who were driving northbound on the Wantagh Parkway in Nassau County at 8:45 PM. As we approached Hempstead Turnpike I noticed a glowing disc in a clear sky. I must admit it appeared to be very similar to those I have seen on TV documentaries about UFO's. There was a light emitting from the top downward to create the shape of the saucer. The color of the light was whitish blue. I pointed it out to my wife who also had the same reaction of awe as I did. I noticed that it moved toward the east, then slightly north, then ultimately westbound until we lost it behind some trees. Because of its appearance and movement, we knew it could not have been a plane, helicopter or even a blimp. I assumed it

would be clearly seen by thousands. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director of NUFORC- www.ufocenter.com.

LONG ISLAND -- Betty LaRosa writes that her friend who is quite shy, tells her of frequent sightings of triangle shaped objects which fly over just before dawn. She lives on the South Shore of Long Island near the inland waters before entering the Atlantic Ocean. She says they are always traveling in a southerly or southwesterly direction. They are barely visible, but their forms appear to be triangular with white lights on two sides and a red light in the center of the craft. They make no sound, and appear to travel in groups of three to five craft. Thanks to Betty LaRosa Editor's Note: We have frequent reports of unidentified craft over Long Island so if your in the area keep looking up.

PENNSYLVANIA POLICE SEE UFO

SAXTON -- Bob Loughry reported watching the object on November 1, 2000, after dark for about twenty minutes. Bob reported that the unusual object was watched by several neighbors using binoculars, and also by Saxton Borough police officer and also an officer from neighboring Liberty Township. "I went outside on the front porch about 7:30 PM and saw a bright object in the sky. I called several neighbors, and also "911" which is why several police officers stopped to look. It was glowing white and as viewed from the porch, about the size of a quarter to a half dollar. "The object was probably. He was looking in the direction of E. Eichelberger and Son store, and the object as big as a car was hovering in the sky to the right of the store. It was between 250 and 1,000 feet in the air. It gradually descended and may have landed on Abbott's Ridge, for at that point the lights went out. "Both police officers said they didn't know what it was, except a UFO. Several Stonerstown residents reported seeing a similar object on October 25, after dark. It was more distant than the one seen Oct. 28, and they said it made erratic maneuvers in the sky, the kind that a conventional aircraft could not make. Thanks to Jon Baughman ptbull@nb.net Broad Top Bulletin, Saxton, Pa. 11/7/00.

READING -- On October 31, 2000, a witness whose home overlooks a valley noticed a Moon size white light moving slowly across the valley. He was able to get his father who also witnessed the unusual object. It was flying at low altitude over the valley for about a half hour. The next night the object also appeared but flew off to the west.

OHIO CHEMTRAILS

DAYTON - Scientist Robert Collins says, "Tonight at 9:30 PM I stepped out side to look at the night sky which I do often when it's clear. I noticed an aircraft flying west close to the Dayton airport: I'm 5 minutes away from the airport here: Something struck me about this aircraft because it's position lights didn't look right: Besides the normal flashing red and green there were two steady orange looking lights on both wings. I've never seen this type of light formation before. I got my binoculars out and sure enough this aircraft was spraying a thick trail of what has been video taped and seen before. I didn't think this was interesting and I didn't think it was beautiful . was damn mad ! That Chemtrail is now spreading itself out so it looks like a typical cirrus cloud right over the top of me. Seeing is believing ! Thanks to: Robert Collins rcollins632@earthlink.net

INDIANA FLYING TRIANGLE HOVERS ABOVE HUNTERS

CHALLIS -- The Challis Messenger by Anna Means reports, "Many rational people believe we are not alone in this universe. Three hunters in an unspecified location near Challis learned for themselves on the night of September 27 that this theory may hold water. The National Institute for the Discovery Science (NIDS) e-mailed the Messenger two weeks ago asking for help locating three individuals who reported an "anomalous encounter" in these environs. The report revealed that one individual spotted a dark triangular object floating silently above him while he was standing by his pickup. The hunter said he and his three buddies were in a dry camp, so alcohol couldn't be blamed for what he and two of the others saw. The man indicated that as he approached his pickup at about 9:45 PM, he "got a feeling of a thick, heavy blanket above me and

chills down my spine." He said he shined his flashlight on the "dark triangular object floating directly above us and our camp trailer." The man fell into profane disbelief and then called out for his buddies to come see for themselves. He said he could see rounded dark edges and a flat bottom that had a texture like suede leather and was colored gold-gray. He said that after he shined his light on the object it throttled up with a deep low sound of intense power and floated straight up and then forward up a steep canyon moving like a hockey puck sliding on ice.

Two other party members grabbed their binoculars to check it out until it moved out of sight. The account said that as the object throttled up, three lights, one on each corner of the triangle, came on. Each light was about 10 feet in diameter and glowed like a dim dome light. Another light in the center was described as being 20 feet in diameter, protruding below the bottom of the object about eight feet, was deep red and pulsed once a second. The outline of the entire object had a light halo around it. The shape, wrote the hunter, was a perfect triangle with radius corners and radius edges. "There was no smell, no feeling of blowing, prop wash or thrust of any sort." Thanks to Gerry at Far Shores and NIDS www.nidsci.org www.topcities.com/OuterSpace/farshores/farshores/index.htm.

MICHIGAN SIGHTING ON HALLOWEEN

ONSTED IRISH HILLS -- Todd Lemire says between 6:45 and 7:00 PM while out trick-or-treating with my husband, our seven year old son, a friend and her ten year old son, "I looked up and saw this greenish-white light cruising west at an incredible speed." The object was about 300 feet high and made absolutely no sound. I told the others to look up. We were awestruck! As this pulsing light that never lost its glow passed before us. A part seemed to disengage itself and fall to the east and disappear. It was similar to when the Challenger explosion in 1987. My husband and I both said to each other, right then. "That was no falling star!" My husband, and I are both star-gazers. There was absolutely no arc moving parallel with the earth with no trail. It moved two to three hundred miles per hour at a steady consistent speed. The sighting was reported to the police. A friend at work also saw a UFO we come up with the conclusion that there had to be two or more. The time of her sighting was closer to 7:00 PM and it was more white in color. I was talking with one of the farmers in the area and said his son and he were outside working around 7:00 PM, when his son asked him, "Did you see that?" The farmer said he'd only seen a greenish glow as he had his head faced toward the ground. His son told him that he had just seen a light pass directly overhead their barn." Thanks to Todd Lemire tlemire@home.com

NORTH DAKOTA V-SHAPED CRAFT

SOUTH WEST, ND --- David Fugere reports, "I had a sighting similar to the Woodlands October 26, sighting at 9:00 PM. I saw the formation of circular white lights on the bottom of the craft but wouldn't call them lights in the usual way of thinking about lights. I can best describe these lights by a glow in the dark toy. If you take one of these toys and light it up good and then put it in a dark room and let it dim down for a while you got the lighting that I saw. I'd be curious to know if this person could relate to that as I'm quite convinced we saw the same thing. My craft too had six lights on each side, but did not line up perfectly with the ones on the other side. Perhaps there was a light missing on one side. My sighting definitely had one light at the point and then tapered down on each side forming a perfect 'V' with both lights at the end. Each was side lit up, joining some in the back. I was looking straight up when it popped up over my house. I doubt if it was any higher than 300 feet. I could not make out any solid structure in-between the lights even when I got my binoculars on them. It flew south west over our town for at least 15 seconds. I've also seen discs that have displayed the exact same type of lighting. The lights and the shape match. Thanks to Dave Fugere: DFugere@goesp.com

NEW MEXICO RING UFO SEEN NEAR

DEMING -- On Thursday, October 26, 2000, Todd Hall "was driving west on Interstate Highway I-10 at 8:10 PM when he watched an

object hovering over a mountain. As I descended the mountain, I saw the object was hovering over the town of Deming. Todd noticed that it changed shape from time to time. Most of the time, the object kept a short cylinder shape and periodically changed to a wedge shape. Todd watched the object for about 30 minutes. Todd said, "At one point, I even pulled to the side of the road so as to pay more attention to the thing." "After about 30 minutes, the object changed to a flat shape and moved up vertically for about three seconds and then just vanished." Todd described the UFO as "dark in color with a slight metallic look at an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Object stayed fairly stationary, moving slightly to the west." Thanks to Joe Trainor Editor of UFO Roundup 11/9/00 #45.

CALIFORNIA CYLINDER UFO SEEN BY AIRLINE PILOTS

San Francisco -- Field investigator Chris Altman reports that October 21, 2000, a United Airlines pilot that does not want his name released at this point. The plane is a 737 Boeing aircraft that was coming into San Francisco at about 3:00 PM. The pilot as well as twenty other witnesses all stated that they saw a large cylindrical object pace the plane for about 12 minutes. The plane was about 35 miles out of San Francisco when the pilot observed a large object about 1 mile away on the port side of the plane. The plane was at about 15,000 feet at the time of the sighting. The object was 45 degrees low on the port side. It was estimated to be about 300 feet long, very dark in color, and clearly had no windows on it. After about 10 minutes of being paced, the object rose very rapidly to a point where it was about 2000 feet over them. Then after 2 more minutes it just simply shot up and out of sight. The Air Traffic Control stated to him that they had nothing on radar other than the 737. Other witnesses are being contacted, as someone took photos and video tape of the object. The pilot also told me that he noticed that many instruments fluctuated when the craft rose by them. Thanks to Chris Altman.

LAKE COUNTY -- David Shields and I just wanted to tell a short story related to triangles. This is a rural area, and in the early 1970s, my brother and several of his friends and many residents observed a huge black triangle over this area for about four days. They described this black craft as being about 100 feet across with lights on the three corners. My brother and his friends said it just seemed to silently float along at 40 mph just above the trees. They often fly on moonless nights. Just thought that you might be interested in the triangles not being a new thing, but maybe a return. Thanks to David Shields

CANADA FIREBALLS

MONTREAL -- B. J. Callaghan a skeptic writes I was sitting in my living room watching TV on October 13, 2000, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. Four different times, about 15 minutes apart a large white ball streaked across our picture window and sky. My window is quite large, taking up the entire wall. The fireballs were about the size of a basketball, bright white and moved extremely fast, crossing my window in a second. This happened four times in an hour and may have been meteors. Thanks to B J Callaghan bjcallaghan@hotmail.com

F-15 AIRCRAFT UFO ENCOUNTER

Nick Balaskas writes, "My friend Michael DeRobertis and the F-15 pilot who had the experience with a UFO don't have any good explanations for this strange encounter. Michael allowed me to share this UFO incident with you. Michael writes, "The wingman was flying an F-15 single-seat fighter on a mockup aerial combat mission of two planes." His leader was flying a two-seater F-15. They were entering downwind for landing at about noontime, and he was following his leader about a mile back at 2500 feet at 250 knots. It was a sunny day, no clouds, and visibility unlimited. When he was looking at his leader, he saw a bright yellow spot on the ground or near the ground. The light then started to rise, apparently toward the leader. Before he had a chance to warn him, he realized it was moving towards him. When it got close, it passed from the front window to the side left window, and passed a few hundred meters away (very close in aviation terms).

It then continued to "fly continuously in the opposite

direction while climbing. The object was round, with bright yellow circle of lights on top. Its surface was metal-like, with silver-platinum color. It left no trails or fumes behind. He estimated that it was doing some 300 knots when it passed him. The whole thing lasted 15 to 20 seconds. It did not look like any known aircraft or a missile. He was so stunned, that he did nothing. As a trained and veteran fighter pilot, he admits that he should have retracted his gear, gone to afterburners, and chased the son-of-a-bitch! But he admits that he was shocked to his bones. When he reached debriefings, he talked to his leader. The guy saw nothing -- he was already preparing for landing and watched the runway on his right. However, the back-seat guy DID see something, but only that some yellow lights passed them on the left and below. The next thing he did, was to call his friend from the Air Force, and ask him if he has any explanation. The reply was, "We don't have budget for those things but I don't believe it was any secret aircraft. He says that he cannot explain what he saw. Thanks to Michael De Robertis, mmdr@trentu.ca and Nick Balaskas nikolaos@yorku.ca

UNITED KINGDOM 'UFO SPOTTED WITHIN FEET OF A JET

NEWCASTLE -- Gerry @ Far Shores reports investigators remain baffled after more sightings emerged today of an unidentified flying object over Wearside on October 31, 2000. The five-foot pear-shaped piece of silver metal was first spotted hurtling towards the ground by Jenny Cook in Hendon on Tuesday morning. Police launched an inquiry following the report by the 18-year-old Sunderland University student but, despite a ground search of the area, failed to find any trace of the object. The Echo has now learnt that officials at Newcastle Airport were alerted after a similar sighting three hours later above Penshaw. Ron Atwill spotted a mysterious five-foot long gray object narrowly miss a passenger jet as it made its descent towards Newcastle Airport. Mr. Atwill, a retired prison service worker, saw the object at 11:45 AM. He said, "I was looking up as a passenger jet was flying quite low in the distance and I saw this thing almost hit it. I rang the airport to see if they might have spotted it. It was about 20 feet away from the plane. It was a silvery gray and very flat, pear shaped and about four to five feet long. Detective Inspector John Watts, of Sunderland City Center Police, said: "We had a report of a strange object in the skies about the size of a small car. Thanks to Gerry at farshores@inorbit.com

CATTLE MUTILATIONS

Jack Petersen writes, "I am in the middle of going over the one and only UFO cattle mutilation movie ever made called "ENDANGERED SPECIES" In it I find almost every single aspect you mentioned in last weeks Filer's Files #44 dated 11/7/00. This amazing movie starring JoBeth Williams and Robert Urich was produced way back in 1982. You should go rent it at the local video store if it hasn't been removed by some agency to cover-up the truth long ago. I read a small film magazine report at that time making a short comment on how the government was highly angered about the content of this film. They finally had it removed from general circulation at the time. I was lucky to find it several years ago. Thanks to Jack Peterson jrb99@hotmail.com

Richard Buchli writes, "If the abductions are real, and they are really growing the babies in artificial media, is it not possible that all of this missing blood is in some way being used as part of the nutrients in the supporting fluids?" What do you think of that idea? Thanks to Richard Buchli D.V.M. Ph.D. of Dori Presentations, LTD. docrib@kc.rr.com

Harv Howard writes, Last week you had two very revealing areas of real news! I would suggest that the findings of the meteoric specimens is vastly important to giving us some insight into the manner of power for the craft. Perhaps they are dislodged as a "door" opens to allow the animal to be off-loaded. That opening, whether a genuine hatch-type door or some miraculous opening in the solid side/bottom of the ship, then cause the collected space dust to be dislodged and fall to the ground directly underneath the craft. However, I think there is a better explanation. I've long been a proponent of a null-mass drive for UFOs rather than the more commonly cited "antigravity" drive. A craft generating a null-mass field for

itself would not repel space dust that came within its vicinity as it travels. While not attracted to the mass of the vehicle, perhaps there is still a magnetic attraction (simple static electricity perhaps) between ship and particle. Such a ship coming down to hover near the ground may have this attraction charge overcome or neutralized by the close proximity to the Earth's surface. And/or if it were to depart at a sudden high velocity, it would probably "shake loose" some of this loosely bound material. Thanks to Harv Howard hhoward@ecpi.com

Editors Note: One of the field workers who helped collect the hemoglobin evidence in the cattle mutilation case was Royce Myers. I inadvertently left out his name. Again I want to thank Nancy Talbot, William C. Levengood, Phyllis Budinger, Jean Bilodeaux for their ground breaking research.

BLACK BOXES AND REVERSE ENGINEERED CRAFT /SAUCERS ?

AREA 51/Watertown Saucer: Robert Collins writes..It has been reported over the last several years that in Reverse Engineering these reportedly recovered Saucers the Air Force and others were required to design our own control systems around the "Alien" technology because it was said that the "Alien" control systems were so far advanced that we had no hope of understanding them if we were to get a working device within a reasonable amount of time. Well, whats reasonable ? Fifty years ? See, http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins634/reports/reverse_eng_warp_drives.htm

"TIEN" OUR SIAMESE CAT

This weeks Filer's Files are dedicated to "Tien" our Siamese cat who passed away in his sleep a few hours ago. He was a friendly cat who lived with us for 14 years. He was a talker and constantly meowed or talked to us. He frequently sat on my lap as I typed these files, so my life is a lonelier because I lost a friend. I assume he has gone to kitty heaven and perhaps we will meet again.

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 unlikely 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

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 22:51:21 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 00:01:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Gates

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 18:00:16 -0000

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 19:51:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>David wrote:

>>I'll bet your posts outnumber mine by a ratio of 10
>>or 20 to 1. Of course, it's not hard to post a lot of trash
>>when you don't have to put any thought into it.

>This is just the sort of standard now set on UpDates by those
>committed to a belief they cannot prove or justify. When faced
>with reasonable debate and suggestions, backed up by case
>studies and research, all people like David Rudiak can do is the
>above.

All talk aside. The entire issue falls upon 'interpretation of evidence.' Skeptics interpret all evidence to be either hoax, weather balloon, venus, ball lightning, stars, misidentification of natural phenomena and so on. Skeptics also operate under the theory of "It can't be so therefor it isn't." Gullible believers interpret every aircraft landing light to be an alien space ship.

>Sad but true.

>If David goes over my previous posts he will find I have said
>nothing outrageous or unreasonable. Simply that:

>* UFO cases follow a UFO to IFO pattern

Not correct. Many UFO cases do follow a UFO to IFO pattern after investigation, but some still remain unknown in spite of Air Force and or people trying to hang every explanation they can possibly think of from weather balloons, venus, and so on.

So the correct statement should be: While many UFO cases follow a pattern from UFO to IFO, some do not.

>* Many 'good' unresolved cases which have lasted for years have
> eventually become IFOs also

Which so called 'good unresolved cases' that eventually become IFOs? I suspect that if you listed every case you are thinking of, you would find some would maintain some of the cases were being skewed to fit a skeptical explanation.

>* Therefore it is reasonable to suggest - to predict even - that
> that pattern will continue

The correct statement should be "It is reasonable to suggest - to predict even - that the pattern will continue, except for those cases that remain unknown.

>It's not a hanging matter, nor indeed a capital crime.

>Despite all David's blathering he can offer nothing in response
>save to say that one day this may not be the case.

>I agree. It may not. But, to date, the above is a demonstrable
>fact.

Not a demonstration of fact at all. Just an opinion.

>If David chooses to term this: 'a lot of trash', then that can
>only be a reflection of his refusal to accept what has been the
>case for the past fifty three years and which shows no signs of
>changing. In fact quite the reverse because we have fewer 'good'
>cases these days (at least in the UK and I suspect in the USA)
>and the 'good' which once involved traces, photos, multiple
>witnesses etc have been replaced with the woolly area of
>'abductions'.

'Abductions' appear to have become the center of the universe
for many people. They are the hot topic of the moment. I have
long suspected that a good many cases are neglected or ignored
because they are not abduction cases.

>>There is also considerable_evidence_to support
>>that UFOs are real artificial craft not of human origin.
>>There are numerous close-up sightings by credible witnesses
>>including mass sightings, consistency in described UFO
>>properties, movies,

>No, no David. What you are saying there is not evidence of what
>you are claiming. It's just evidence people are seeing
>'something'. But there is no evidence what is seen are: 'real

Let's see. The Hubbell space telescope took photographs of
pockets of older matter. The space telescope did not tell us it
was older matter, but the scientists who interpreted the photo
told us it was older matter. Did the scientists get an actual
sample of this older matter to verify its age? Heavens no. So
none of us on planet earth can touch, feel, or even have some
respectable scientists examine an actual sample of this matter,
so other than a photograph that was interpreted for us, we have
no other physical evidence that this material is what it is
claimed to be.

In the mean time science, based upon these photos have now told
us the universe is 14 million years old. Using the skeptical
logic, few people have ever actually physically handled or
examined a moon rock. Other than people telling us what they
saw, photographed, and or what NASA came up with and released, I
can't actually physically touch and feel a rock that I know for
a fact came from the moon. So the skeptics would tell us, all we
have evidence of is that people handled rocks, but we don't know
for a fact, nor can we conclusively prove that they came from
the moon. For all the skeptics know, the moon is made of cheese
and the earth is flat. By the way their are people who believe
the earth is flat, that all evidence points to the earth being
flat, and any evidence that suggests other wise is some kind of
hoax and or misidentification.

>artificial craft not of human origin'. I think that's your, ah,
>'religion' calling you to prayer there, old boy. As I've said
>before misperception and its dark shadow, radical
>misperception, plays a far, far larger role in the subject of
>UFOs. Not just visually but on many levels. We are finding -
>certainly in the UK - that when many of the old 'classic' cases
>are revisited the original investigation is found to be
>lacking, ufologists have

Who is to say that when they were "revisited" that the cases
weren't polluted even more?

>repeated the mistakes in the literature and a case is conjured
>out of 'evidence' which simply didn't exist. There are one or
>two such textual howlers in some of the cases in Jerry's
>encyclopaedia, for instance. Even the great are not above
>duplicating others errors!

>Now, obviously you aren't going to accept any of this. But from
>my experience in the subject, and of many people I know in the

>subject, that appears to be the case. And each time a 'classic'
>case is resolved it only strengthens my view.

Phil Klass essentially claims that all cases are resolved, whether classic or otherwise. Point being is that being "resolved" depends on the interpretation of evidence. If you are a skeptic of the "it can't be so therefor it isn't" everything is explainable. If you are a gulliable believer... well you know the rest.

>Obviously we can only base our viewpoints on our experience as
>ufologists/researchers/investigators. I base mine on 18 years of
>fairly intensive R & I. Obviously you base your view on your
>experience which, I'm sure, is just as extensive as mine. But
>you obviously have the added element of wishful thinking which
>helps you see 'evidence' and or 'proof' in cases which is just
>not there.

Essentially after 18 years you have come to the conclusion that all UFOs are really IFOs in waiting. On the other hand, many people after investigating for say similar amounts of time have come to other conclusions.

>If you wish to continue adding to the mystification of the
>subject instead of getting out there and solving cases then good
>luck to you. As I've said to Jerry, when you come up with the
>real article, which in your case is, 'real artificial craft not
>of human origin', then if you can stand my company I'll gladly
>fly over, dry my wings, spit the fish out of my bill, and buy
>you a case of whatever gets you off.

The question boils down to what will you accept as being real? Do you have to touch and feel it your self? Modern science is asking people to accept as being real that the universe is 14 billion years old. Neither you or scientists can touch or feel the matter they claim is that old, yet people including scientists accept it as fact, never to be doubted.

Modern, main stream science has told us that all dino bones are fossilized because of the 65 million years between us and them, earth changes, ice ages and so on, yet last summer a partially fossilized T-Rex bone was found

>Until that day just watch those cases go from UFO to IFO! The skeptics operate under the same principle as the gulliable believers. The skeptics say all cases go from UFO to IFO, and the gulliable believers say every aircraft landing light is an ET space ship. Not much difference.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 13:17:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 09:36:07 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online - Myers

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO 2000 Coming To ABC Online
>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 20:19:33 -0800

>'UFO 2000' Coming To ABC Online

>ABC's Chris Wallace to explore UFO issue

>ABC newsman Chris Wallace will be taking a look at the UFO
>phenomena sometime in November via his online forum 'Chris
>Wallace's Internet Expose'. The website:

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

>lists the following description of the program entitled "UFO
>2000, The Search Continues":

>"Coming in November: Chris gets to the bottom of the UFO
>phenomenon and investigates the COMETA Report, a document about
>UFOs recently released by top military and government officials
>in France. What he discovers may surprise you."

>Rumors persist the program will air convincing footage of a UFO
>taken over New York. Internet Expose's Senior Technical Producer
>Erik Olsen tells 'eXpose' that he is unable to comment on the
>footage. Olsen did however state that the program interviewed
>"Nick Pope, Michael Shermer and Michio Kaku, all respected
>individuals in their fields of research."

>The program was slated for webcast on November 13th, but Olsen
>stated the program would be delayed for a week "due to
>unforeseen circumstances."

Just found out that the show will be webcast on 20 November.

Regards

Royce J. Myers III

eXpose News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(beCAUS you demanded it yet again! UFO Dirtbag of the Month)

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'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:11:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:21:09 -0500
Subject: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze

No, I'm not talking about Clinton. And don't confuse this with 'Dubya'.

We have heard the 'Bubba' has now appeared in Phoenix. What/who was Bubba? You can 'bone up' on Bubba at brumac.8k.com

I have just added to my web site "Red BUBBA in Gulf Breeze." Here you can learn to distinguish Bubba from other UFOs and even from other "Presidential Candidates" .

These were sightings that became famous worldwide during the time period Nov 1990 through July 1992. 'Bubba' appeared live on the radio and was videotaped for TV several times. 'Bubba' is the only UFO ever to be photographed with a diffraction grating that produced a valid spectrum. Bubba's spectrum was NOT that of a red flare (also spectrally analyzed).

My own sighting of a ring of lights is in the collection. See color photos and newspaper reports along with the triangulations and other analyses.

(You can also read about the Jan 8, 1990 multiple witness sighting with photos and the Sept 1992 Magnetic Field UFO case)

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:12:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:25:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 19:51:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 15:57:30 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 10:04:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts>

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:21:44 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>Your repeated proclamations that these large numbers of unknowns
>would inevitably become knowns with sufficient investigation is
>merely a statement of your religious beliefs. The results of the
>Battelle study did not support your pelicanist religion. The
>best cases with more data yielded the most unknowns, and the
>worst cases with the least data had the most knowns, exactly the
>opposite of what your religion would predict.>

>>My point about UFO cases and UFO photos is that there is no
>>proof or evidence of 'alien craft' (as per Stanton, Macabbee and
>>Clark's witterings), therefore, based on what we know so far all
>>UFO cases/photos will be resolved into IFOs of mudane origin.

>Your real point is to blur the distinction between "proof" and
>"evidence." Do you know the difference? Either you are
>incredibly dense or simply being disengenuous with this
>persistent, banal debunking tact of yours.

>Seldom is there "proof" or unambiguous evidence of anything,
>even in the sciences. There is no "proof" of black holes or
>neutron stars or quarks or the big bang. However there is a body
>of evidence to support these abstract intellectual constructs.

>There is also considerable evidence to support that UFOs are
>real artificial craft not of human origin. There are numerous
>close-up sightings by credible witnesses including mass
>sightings, consistency in described UFO properties, movies,
>videos, pictures, radar trackings and radar/visual cases (e.g.
>Belgium 1989, Washington D.C. 1952, RB-47, 1957) , landing traces
>(e.g. Socorro), physiological effects (e.g. Cash-Landrum,
>Michalak), electromagnetic interference cases (e.g. Levelland,
>1957), military documents, intelligence documents, etc.

>>When you find one which *is* resolved and of which the outcome
>>is not some form of terrestrial, astronomical or meteorological
>>phenomena, please let us know.

>Please define "resolved" for us so we know when something has
>been truly "resolved." To you, apparently, something is
>"resolved" if you can tag it with any conventional
>"explanation", proven or unproven, what Bruce Maccabee calls

>"the failure of skepticism."

>Which "explanation" clearly "resolves" the Kenneth Arnold
>sighting? Is it Menzel's windshield water droplets, mirages, or
>snow blown off of mountain crests? He proposed them all. Or is
>it Klass' meteors or Easton's pelicans? All have been proposed
>as "resolutions" for the sighting, yet all come up seriously
>short.

>The real fact of the matter is that no conventional explanation,
>terrestrial, astronomical, meteorological, or any other (except
>the assumption of outright fabrication by Arnold) "resolves" the
>Arnold sighting.

>In addition, Arnold's sighting had corroboration from other
>high-caliber sightings from that period by other pilots and
>military personnel. Based on these high-quality reports, Gen.
>Schulgen's Air Intelligence Staff proclaimed the saucers to be
>real craft only a month later and started defining their basic
>flight characteristics and physical description. This was
>reiterated by the Twining memo 3 months later. The saucers were
>real, high-performance craft of unknown origin. The infamous
>Project Sign "Estimate of the Situation" a year later stated
>they were likely of extraterrestrial origin.>

>We can argue forever whether these early military intelligence
>estimates were based on unambiguous evidence or "proof" (e.g.
>close-up detailed gun-camera photos, crashed saucers, alien
>bodies, etc.) or based merely on lower evidentiary findings
>(high-quality sightings, consistency of data, suggestive but
>unprovable photos, etc.). But there is no question that the
>early_evidence_ was strong enough to convince these people that
>they were dealing with real anomalous, physical craft.

Bravo, Dave!

Let me repeat a statement by Andy:

>>My point about UFO cases and UFO photos is that there is no
>>proof or evidence of 'alien craft' (as per Stanton, Macabee and
>>Clark's witterings), therefore, based on what we know so far all
>>UFO cases/photos will be resolved into IFOs of mundane origin.

Too arrive that the conclusion that there is NO proof or evidence of
'alien craft' you would have to be able to demonstrate that
in the cases/sightings for which, after investigation, there is no
conventional explanation, that the described phenomenon could
not be an unintelligent natural (or manmade) phenomenon.

Of course, the proposal that the phenomenon could be one of
these (unintelligent and natural or manmade) should already have
been considered in the chain of analysis/logic that led to the
conclusion that some sighting was unexplained. In other words,
all reasonable possibilities should have been considered by the
time one arrives at the True UFO (TRUFO) conclusion. A TRUFO
could be a presently unknown but natural and unintelligent (no
evidence of intelligence involved) phenomenon. But the most
interesting ones are the cases for which the "shadow of
intelligence" looms over the description of the
object/phenomenon. Kenneth Arnold's sighting is the first widely
reported of this type. His descriptions of the shape and speed,
if correct, argue against a natural phenomenon (birds, meteors)
and against manmade phenomena (planes) but nevertheless suggest
that the objects were products of intelligence. Hence Other
Intelligence (OI) from wherever, however they got here, etc.

To find out whether or not OI could be involved, the first thing
Andy has to do is to decide for himself whether or not whether
or not there is ANY sighting that cannot be explained in a
conventional manner. He argues, however, that because most
sightings end up explained, that therefore ALL sightings will
eventually be explained in some conventional way and so there is
no sighting, even if unexplained right now (Nov. 14, 2000),
that is "unexplained." Clearly Andy is clairvoyant... he can
see the future of each sighting.. I am reminded of a comment by
Hynek in his 1952 paper presented to the American Optical
Society meeting. (I think that's where it is) Anyway, he alluded
to a free electron in a metal (I think), bouncing around,
undergoing a sort of Brownian motion, moving hither and yon,
until it is finally captured by an ion. In this case, the
explanation plays the role of the ion, and the UFO sighting is

the electron. Continuing the analogy, then, the real question is, can the electron break free, or is it guaranteed to be captured. The answer, of course, depends upon the electron energy... some electrons DO break free.

Consider the New Zealand sightings of December 31, 1978, Plenty of "hard" data there supported by witness testimony. Tape recordings and film were made during the sightings. Numerous explanations were offered at the time. As time went on the explanations, one after another, "bit the dust." (Popular song says "another one gone, another one bites the dust") However, debunkers applying Maccabee's First Rule of Debunking have proposed further explanations in the (vain?) hope similar to this: if you sling enough old mouldy, rotten socks at the wall , one sock will stick.

For one of the sightings the last remaining "sock" explanation was "squid boat" in spite of a total lack of evidence for a squid boat being involved and in spite of the fact that comparison photos of a squid boat do not look like the images on the film. So, after the assembled genius of mankind (as embodied in PJK and some scientists in New Zealand) have struck out, what is next?

Andy would say there must be at least one more dirty sock to try. I say no.

Now, what about ET? Well, whatever this bright object was, it shouldn't have been there (based on conventional thinking). Furthermore, it appeared to take evasive action when the airplane (which carried the witnesses) turned toward it. Sounds like a "shadow of OI" to me.

And this isn't the most bizarre portion of the New Zealand sightings. (If you want to see more check:

brumac.8k.com

and read "Applied Optics and the Case of the Flying Squid Boat" Also, see the last part of the paper "Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticim" and try:

www.jse.com

and look under Online Articles for "Atmosphere or UFO", the second half of which contains the description of other NZ events.

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Re: Filer's Files #45 - 2000 - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:15:12 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:27:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #45 - 2000 - Young

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 18:26:44 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #45 - 2000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Filer's Files #45 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>November 13, 2000, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Webmaster
>C. Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>. - Majorstar@aol.com.

<snip>

>There should be a brilliant display of Leonid meteor showers on
>November 17, and 18th between local midnight and dawn.
>There could be a modest outburst of Leonids this year with brief
>flurries of shooting stars that should be seen over most parts
>of the Earth.

Dear fellow List Skywatchers:

However, the last quarter Moon will rise on the 17th at about 10:45 local time and just after Midnight on the 18th, spoiling much of the show. It should be possible, though, to observe some nice Leonid meteors before Moonrise, in the evening hours and even up to maybe an hour or so after Moonrise if one looks away from the Moon, or you position yourself in the shadow of the Moon or nearby streetlights. It is best to get away from city lights into the country.

>Three streams of the debris storm should pass
>near our Moon. On November 17, around 0500 UT the Moon will
>pass approximately four Earth-diameters from the center of a
>dust trail left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle in 1932," says
>David Asher of the Armagh Observatory, an expert on Leonid
>debris filaments. "The Moon will be considerably closer to the
>trail than Earth," raising the possibility of vigorous Leonid
>activity there. When Leonid meteoroids rain down on the
>airless Moon, they won't cause "shooting stars" as they do on
>our planet. There's no atmosphere on the Moon where cosmic
>debris particles can incinerate as fiery streaks of light.
>Lunar Leonids will simply hit the surface at 140,000 mph. Some
>larger impacts may be seen from Earth with telescopes. Last
>year surprised Moon-watchers captured video footage of at least
>six exploding Leonid meteorites while the Moon passed through
>comet Tempel-Tuttle debris stream. Various lights and what
>appear to be UFOs traveling across the surface of the Moon are
>more common than generally believed.

This year, nearly all of the projected lunar meteor strikes will occur on the far side, out of view of us. The 3% or so on the near, leading edge of the Moon, will be on its bright illuminated side, therefore will probably be invisible to telescopes on Earth. For information on this, please see the following interesting site:

<http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/~rhill/alpo/lunarstuff/moonhits1.htm>

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>PENNSYLVANIA POLICE SEE UFO

>SAXTON -- Bob Loughry reported watching the object on November
>1, 2000, after dark for about twenty minutes. Bob reported
>that the unusual object was watched by several neighbors using
>binoculars, and also by Saxton Borough police officer and also
>an officer from neighboring Liberty Township. "I went outside
>on the front porch about 7:30 PM and saw a bright object in the
>sky. I called several neighbors, and also "911" which is why
>several police officers stopped to look. It was glowing white
>and as viewed from the porch, about the size of a quarter to a
>half dollar. "The object was probably. He was looking in the
>direction of E. Eichelberger and Son store, and the object as
>big as a car was hovering in the sky to the right of the store.
>It was between 250 and 1,000 feet in the air. It gradually
>descended and may have landed on Abbott's Ridge, for at that
>point the lights went out. "Both police officers said they
>didn't know what it was, except a UFO. Several Stonerstown
>residents reported seeing a similar object on October 25, after
>dark. It was more distant than the one seen Oct. 28, and they
>said it made erratic maneuvers in the sky, the kind that a
>conventional aircraft could not make. Thanks to Jon Baughman
>ptbull@nb.net Broad Top Bulletin, Saxton, Pa. 11/7/00.

If this wasn't Venus, at the same place on both nights, I'll eat
my hat.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 16:41:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:31:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 22:51:21 EST
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi Robert - you wrote:

>All talk aside. The entire issue falls upon 'interpretation of
>evidence.' Skeptics interpret all evidence to be either hoax,
>weather balloon, venus, ball lightning, stars, mis
>identification of natural phenomna and so on. Skeptics also
>operate under the theory of "It can't be so therefor it isn't."
>Gulliable believers interpret every aircraft landing light to
>be an alien space ship.

Utter nonsense. But at least you've described me correctly as a
sceptic not a debunker.

There are many cases which I accept as being unexplained at this
moment in time - so where does your analysis above come from.

As I said, utter nonsense.

>Not correct. Many UFO cases do follow a UFO to IFO pattern after
>investigation, but some still remain unknown in spite of Air
>Force and or people trying to hang every explanation they can
>possibly think of from weather balloons, venus, and so on.
>So the correct statement should be: While many UFO cases follow
>a pattern from UFO to IFO, some do not.

Some do not - so far! Otherwise you are implying that some cases
are and will always remain UFOs - and we don't know that. On the
other hand we do know that by and large cases go from UFO to IFO
and that many 'good' cases, even though they withstand the
rigours or years and even, gulp, Air Force analysis, are also
eventually resolved.

>Which so called 'good unresolved cases' that eventually become
>IFOs? I suspect that if you listed every case you are thinking
>of, you would find some would maintain some of the cases were
>being skewed to fit a skeptical explanation.

Plenty in the UK. For an overview I suggest (in true Jerry and
Bruce stylee) that you read the last book I wrote with Jenny
Randles & Dr David Clarke.

>The correct statement should be "It is reasonable to suggest -
>to predict even - that the pattern will continue, except for
>those cases that remain unknown.

But you don't know that these cases will remain unknown and
the pattern suggest they may well not do.

>Not a demonstration of fact at all. Just an opinion.

No, it's a demontstable fact that the pattern exists so far.
It's an opinion that it will continue to do so.

>'Abductions' appear to have become the center of the universe

>for many people. They are the hot topic of the moment. I have
>long suspected that a good many cases are neglected or ignored
>because they are not abduction cases.

We agree!

>Who is to say that when they were "revisited" that the cases
>weren't polluted even more?

It's possible. But I think I or any sceptical investigator would be happy to have our work gone over by others.

For instance in the UK Nick Redfern was once a staunch supporter and proponent of the alleged Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash (see A Covert Agenda & Cosmic Crashes). Nick, having seen work I and others have done on the case, now accepts it is largely resolved.

If complete records, tapes of interviews etc etc are kept there is no reason for any reinvestigation to 'pollute' the case as the 'facts' can all be checked.

>Phil Klass essentially claims that all cases are resolved,
>whether classic or otherwise. Point being is that being
>"resolved" depends on the interpretation of evidence. If you are
>a skeptic of the "it can't be so therefor it isn't" everything
>is explainable. If you are a gullible believer... well you know
>the rest.

But that Phil Klass's problem. I agree that Klass is a debunker and has jumped too readily to conclusions, conclusions he's already formed. The problem on this list is that a great many people - some who should know better - can't see the difference between good, sceptical investigations and debunking. They are two different things and on this list it seems that the moment scepticism is expressed the word debunker is carried out of Jerry Clark's ET temple on a silver salver and waved around as if it meant anything to us.

It doesn't.

Give me pelicanist any time.

>Essentially after 18 years you have come to the conclusion that
>all UFOs are really IFOs in waiting. On the other hand, many people
>after investigating for say similar amounts of time have come to
>other conclusions.

I've come to the conclusion that based on what I have seen and read and they way cases tend to go from UFO to IFO, that that is a very real possibility. Others have concluded differently. But unfortunately they can't actually prove their conclusions.>

>The question boils down to what will you accept as being real?
>Do you have to touch and feel it your self? Modern science is
>asking people to accept as being real that the universe is 14
>billion years old. Neither you or scientists can touch or feel
>the matter they claim is that old, yet people including
>scientists accept it as fact, never to be doubted.

Well, seeing as there has been a tendency on this List for people to refer to physical 'craft' I think the proof of the pudding is in just that - something tangible. If people are claiming the bizarre is taking place then the onus is on them to prove it I'm afraid. Merely stating that 'they' exist is not proof I'm afraid.

>The
>skeptics operate under the same principle as the gullible
>believers. The skeptics say all cases go from UFO to IFO, and
>the gullible believers say every aircraft landing light is an
>ET space ship. Not much difference.

But Robert the sceptics don't say that. They say what I have been writing for weeks now in a number of ways, which is that so far the majority of cases, including many 'difficult' or 'classic' ones have gone that way and that it is reasonable to suggest this pattern will continue.

The sceptics can prove that this takes place. The 'believers' - for want of a better word cannot prove their case. Lest you

think that I'm set in concrete about these matters I can assure you I'm not and if any case yielded something exotic or possibly 'alien' in nature etc etc I would be as happy about that as I am about the cases which are resolved to IFO status.

Thanks for the reasonable message Robert - it makes a change on this List to debate with someone without them telling me who they know, how long they've known them or why only they can understand them!

Happy Trails

Andy

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Secrecy News -- 11/14/00

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 14, 2000

**NRO COMMISSION CALLS FOR MORE SECRECY
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NRO COMMISSION CALLS FOR MORE SECRECY

A new Report of a congressionally-chartered "National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office" complains that the growing openness of the post-cold war period has undermined U.S. intelligence capabilities and that stricter secrecy is now needed. The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is the intelligence agency within the Defense Department that develops, acquires, and operates the nation's spy satellites.

Among various other recommendations intended to revitalize the organization, the Commission calls for establishment of a new Office of Space Reconnaissance that would operate within the kind of tightly compartmented security environment that characterized the NRO's earliest days.

The new proposed Office "would be under the direction of the NRO Director, but would operate in secure facilities separated from NRO activities. It would create and defend a separate budget element within the National Foreign Intelligence Program and have its own security compartment.... It would respond, through a special Executive Committee, to direction from the President, the Secretary of Defense and the DCI. The new Office would attack the most difficult intelligence problems by providing advanced technology that will lead to frequent, assured, global access to protect U.S. national security interests."

In short, it would be a sort of NRO within the NRO.

The Commission blames the openness that has ensued since the "fact of" NRO's existence was officially acknowledged in 1992 for some of the NRO's current shortcomings:

"Widespread knowledge of the NRO's existence and public speculation on how NRO satellites are used has aided terrorists and other potential adversaries in developing techniques of denial and deception to thwart U.S. intelligence efforts," the new Report states without evidence or elaboration.

"This is basically an assertion that the 'fact of' acknowledgment was a mistake-- which is breathtaking," said John Pike of the Federation of American Scientists. Pike noted that one of the most important post-cold war failures of U.S. intelligence was the failure to correctly assess the status of the Iraqi nuclear weapons program-- which resulted from Iraqi denial and deception efforts during the 1980s, well before the NRO was officially acknowledged.

The NRO Commission was chaired by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss and by retiring Senator Robert Kerrey. The

Commission's report, published today, is posted here:

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

CHILE DOCUMENTS DECLASSIFIED

In the culmination of one of the most successful declassification campaigns in recent memory, the Clinton Administration yesterday released over 16,000 documents on U.S. relations with Chile during 1968-1991.

"One goal of the project is to put original documents before the public so that it may judge for itself the extent to which U.S. actions undercut the cause of democracy and human rights in Chile," the White House said in a statement. "Actions approved by the U.S. government during this period aggravated political polarization and affected Chile's long tradition of democratic elections and respect for the constitutional order and the rule of law." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/wh111300.html>

Peter Kornbluh, a Chile expert at the National Security Archive, the public interest research center that led the campaign to declassify the Chile documents, called the release a "victory for openness over the impunity of secrecy." A selection of key documents was prepared by the National Security Archive and posted here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20001113/>

HOUSE APPROVES REVISED INTELLIGENCE BILL

The House of Representatives yesterday approved a revised intelligence authorization bill, after removing the provision to criminalize unauthorized disclosures of classified information which had led President Clinton to veto the original bill.

The new bill, H.R. 5630, "is identical to the version of H.R. 4392 that passed the House and the Senate on October 12 of this year with one major exception," said Intelligence Committee chairman Rep. Porter Goss. "The language, formerly section 304, prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure of classified information has been removed in its entirety. All the other provisions remain the same."

See yesterday's action on the House floor here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_cr/h111300.html

Although Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Shelby has not publicly declared his own intentions with respect to the vetoed leak statute, the swift House action yesterday makes it more likely that Congress will defer any further consideration of the issue until next year.

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 17:31:42 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:35:59 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - Bourdais

>From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>Date: Sun, 12 Nov 2000 14:01:43 +0100

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:29:53 -0500

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 00:34:22 - 0500

>Please, excuse my English.

>After reading the comments of Greg Sandow about "madcap Martin
>Kottmeyer" several things are clear.

>Mr. Sandow downplays the works of Kottmeyer. Not only has Martin
>provided precedents for all and every one of the abduction
>elements, but he also has tackled with some of the most
>important themes of the abduction myth, like the Big Head motif,
>showing its origin, not only in pulp science fiction, but also
>in discarded theories of evolution. Besides, if Mr. Sandow is so
>worried about all this being only in Kottmeyer's mind, he should
>really look at Ms. Michael Meurger's work to understand how many
>cultural threads (not just old SF pulps) converge in the modern
>abduction narratives

For your information, Mr (not Ms) Michel Meurger is one of our
well known skeptics in Franc , of the most radical
psycho-sociologist kind. Which means that, for him, all UFO
"tales" (not only abductions) are myth.

I don't think there is anything scientific in that shape of
mind.

Gildas Bourdais

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UFO Researchers In Montana?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:37:45 -0500
Subject: UFO Researchers In Montana?

[Non-subscriber Post]

Would someone refer me to a UFO researcher in Montana who is on-line?

Thanks,

Ken Kelly

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Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:40:13 -0500
Subject: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

Source: BBC News,

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid_1022000/1022712.stm

Stig

Tuesday, 14 November, 2000, 09:32 GMT

First contact for UFO mecca?

The Roswell Incident made the area infamous

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Scotland's UFO hot-spot could be set to make contact - with a city known across the world as a mecca for alien enthusiasts.

A local councillor wants to twin Bonnybridge with Roswell, the US city which has been synonymous with other-worldly encounters for more than 50 years.

The area sealed its place in folklore when it was claimed that a spaceship had landed in New Mexico in 1947.

It was said that an alien was taken to a secret military base, where an autopsy was carried out and captured on film.

We in Bonnybridge have an affinity with Roswell, and the common denominator is UFOs

Councillor Billy Buchanan

However, the Scottish town of Bonnybridge could have usurped its crown, having been dubbed the UFO capital of the world by some enthusiasts.

Dozens of unexplained sightings have been recorded in the area, which attracts visitors from across the globe.

Councillor Billy Buchanan is holding a public meeting which could pave the way for a twinning arrangement between them.

He believes the link would be a progressive step for the regeneration of the area.

Intense media

"We in Bonnybridge have an affinity with Roswell, and the common denominator is UFOs," he said.

"Obviously that has been the mecca because of the intense media at that time in 1947.

"But it is not as active as Bonnybridge. It is the UFO hot-spot of the world because of the ongoing sightings in the area.

"Bonnybridge has had more sightings than anywhere else in the world."

He said experts from across the world had touched down in the area to examine the phenomena, but no-one could say why the area had so many sightings.

Full support

He hoped the general public would turn out for Tuesday night's meeting to discuss the proposed link.

"The cultural, tourist, social and economic advantages would be tremendous for the area and I think I will get full support for this," he said.

He also said that an Anglo-American company was planning to visit the area to present plans for a £20m theme park.

"We have got to move forward. There has been a lot of discussion lately about the tourism situation in Scotland and how it is diminishing with the established tourist sights that we have.

"We have got to move forward and regenerate and I think this could be the way forward for a theme scenario in the central belt of Scotland," he said.

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TMP News: Weekly Briefing 11.14.00

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Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 21:32:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:47:30 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 10:47:53 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>I wouldn't be surprised at all if the Fish reconstruction could
>be applied to a large number of configurations in our galaxy
>alone. With hundreds of billions of stars, finding some purely
>spurious matches seems just about inevitable.

>Carl Sagan argued this point on his "Cosmos" program. And while
>I usually don't agree with his generalizations about UFOs, I
>thought I had a particularly good point in this case.

<snip>

Hi Mac.

In Chapter 8 of John G. Fuller's book 'The Interrupted Journey:
Two Lost Hours "Aboard a Flying Saucer"' Betty Hill describes
the now famous star map that was shown to her by the alien
"leader" while aboard the UFO. I would agree with you and Carl
Sagan if Betty didn't say the following to Dr. Simon:

So I [Betty] asked him [alien "leader"] where was his home
port, and he said, "Where were you on the map?" I looked and
laughed and said, "I do not know." So he said, "If you don't
know where you are, then there isn't any point of my telling
where I am from."

Since the star map that Betty later reproduced under hypnosis
had only a few stars, many of which were connected by lines
(heavy lines were trade routes, solid lines were places the
aliens went to occasionally and broken lines were expeditions),
it is only reasonable to assume that it was a map of our
immediate stellar neighbourhood and that it also included our
own Sun (after all, the aliens were here) as well as their own
home star(s). If this assumption is correct, then only one match
is possible - the one school teacher Marjorie Fish discovered
with her 3-D models.

If it can be shown that under certain unusual circumstances like
Betty's, a witness under hypnosis could indeed accurately recall
and reproduce something like Betty's simple star map with its
few different lines, then we may have not only legal proof of
alien visitation but we would also have information on where
these aliens came from.

Nick Balaskas

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Richard Hoagland - 1965

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<http://www.springfieldjournal.com/archives/8-10-2000/celestialwanderings.html>

Celestial Wanderings

Springfield's Link to the Red Planet
By RICHARD SANDERSON

35 years ago this summer, as our military was embroiled in the Viet Nam War and Beatle-mania was sweeping the nation, an exciting drama was unfolding in deep space. The unmanned spacecraft Mariner 4 was sailing toward history's first close-up look at the mysterious planet Mars, and Springfield residents had a front-row seat for this cosmic adventure.

Since the 1890s, people have been tantalized by the possibility of life on Mars. The fascination began when a wealthy businessman from Massachusetts, Percival Lowell, began observing this distant world from his large observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. Lowell glimpsed what appeared to be straight lines criss-crossing the Martian surface and identified them as canals built by intelligent beings to save their drought-stricken world.

Lowell's theories were disputed by many astronomers, but his ideas captured the imaginations of science fiction writers like H.G. Wells, Edgar Rice Burroughs, and Ray Bradbury. The concept of life on Mars became ingrained in our culture and by 1965, the canal mystery still had not been solved.

Mars is only about half the diameter of our own planet, and from Earth-bound telescopes it appears as a tiny orb with ghostly markings on its surface. Mariners 3 and 4 were launched in November of 1964 to unravel some of Mars's mysteries at close range.

Before Mariners 3 and 4 even left the launch-pad, a popular planetarium lecturer at the Springfield Science Museum, 19-year-old Richard Hoagland, had embarked on an ambitious project called "Mars: Infinity to 1965." Hoagland outfitted a large room in the museum with 200 seats surrounded by space murals, pictures of Mars, projection screens, closed circuit TV equipment, a status board, and an exhibit about extraterrestrial life. A ceiling model of the solar system was designed to show the relative positions of the Earth, Mars, and the two Mariners during their 7 1/2-month trip to Mars.

The Springfield Science Museum was the only museum in the country to undertake such extensive coverage of the historic Mars missions. Several celebrities visited the museum to speak about the flights, including Dr. J. Allen Hynek, whose book inspired the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and Dr. Edwin Land, developer of the Polaroid camera.

A couple weeks before the Science Museum's dedication of "Mars: Infinity to 1965" on November 21, 1964, disaster struck. Mariner 3 had blasted off from Cape Kennedy as planned, but a serious problem developed an hour into the flight. The spacecraft's solar panels were not generating any power, and NASA scientists eventually determined that a shroud which protected the spacecraft during liftoff had failed to pop off in space. Starved for power, Mariner 3 died less than nine hours after its mission began and entered into an eternal orbit around the Sun. Everyone's attention now focused on the remaining spacecraft, which would be launched a week after the museum's dedication event.

Mariner 4 lifted off flawlessly on November 28, 1964, and excitement built as the lone spacecraft sailed toward the Red Planet. On the evening of July 14, 1965, it sped past Mars at an altitude of 6,188 miles. Its automated television camera snapped 22 pictures, one every 48 seconds. Each picture was broken into tiny dots and converted into a numerical code for storage on computer tape within the spacecraft.

Mariner required ten days to radio the 22 pictures back to Earth, along with data about Mars's atmosphere, radiation belts, and magnetic field. A series of radio telescopes called the Deep Space Network received the weak signals and relayed them to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, where scientists reconstructed them into photographs.

Richard Hoagland's Mariner 4 program at the Springfield Science Museum featured a direct, two-way link between the museum and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which was financed by Union Carbide and the Travelers Insurance Company. As Mariner 4 radioed it's pictures of the Martian surface back to Earth, NASA relayed them to the Science Museum, where hundreds of visitors watched breathlessly as the first picture slowly emerged, line by line, on a screen in the museum's Mars Complex. Hoagland provided an up-to-the-minute commentary based on direct communications with NASA.

According to newspaper accounts, the Science Museum made history's first laser audio transmission during Mariner 4's flight past Mars. The laser was provided by Perkin-Elmer Corporation and was mounted on the roof of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, next door to the Science Museum. The laser transmitted the Science Museum's live Mariner 4 broadcast to a telescope ten miles away on Provin Mountain, where the beam was converted into an audio signal and broadcast over the radio.

Although Mariner 4 photographed only 1% of the Martian surface, the pictures revealed a moon-like world more hostile than many people believed at the time. They also provided an answer to the age-old question about canals on Mars. According to a NASA spokesman, "Although the line of flight crossed several canals sketched from time to time on maps of Mars, no trace of these features was discernible."

Richard Hoagland left the Science Museum a few years later, but remained active in astronomy and space science. He conceived the now-famous plaque that was carried aboard the Pioneer 10 spacecraft, the first manmade object to leave the solar system. Hoagland also served as an advisor to Walter Cronkite during the epic Apollo moon landings.

Hoagland's 1987 book "The Monuments of Mars" was one of his more controversial achievements. This book investigates a mountain formation on Mars photographed by the Viking spacecraft in 1976 which bears an uncanny resemblance to a human face. Hoagland saw this and other Martian features as evidence that intelligent beings once lived on the Red Planet. A more detailed picture taken by the Mars Global Surveyor in 1998 revealed that the face is nothing more than a rocky mesa which had been transformed by a temporary trick of lighting.

Other spacecraft have followed in Mariner 4's footsteps, revealing that Mars is a geologically fascinating world with huge volcanoes, gigantic canyons, and dried riverbeds. Scientists continue to search for evidence that primitive life once existed on Mars, but the famed Martian canals are now identified as optical illusions created by natural features in rough alignment on the Martian surface.

The Mars Complex at the Science Museum was dismantled after the

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Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 23:13:26 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 21:32:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
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Gliese 86 is one star which appears in Betty Hill's star map (it is not one of the those connected by lines to other stars) that has been found to have at least one planet. It is a very large one, probably about four times the size of our gaseous planet Jupiter.

You may also recall that there was an announcement of a planet orbiting one of the two Zeta Reticuli stars which was withdrawn a few days later. Artie Hatzes, one of the astronomers involved, informed me that it was a premature announcement based on a few observations. This was very exciting news to me since he did not rule out the possibility that there could still exist one or more rocky Earthlike planets orbiting Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli within their "habitable zones" because the doppler technique they employed to find extrasolar planets cannot detect these much smaller planets.

Smaller rocky planets as opposed to larger gaseous ones are the most likely to harbour intelligent beings similar to us. Other detection techniques now being used and new instruments being designed solely to search for extrasolar planets should sometime in the next few years answer our questions on whether or not Earthlike planets are orbiting around Zeta 1 and/or Zeta 2 Reticuli.

>I know that there has been much bandwidth eaten up over the Hill
>issue and maybe we can talk about the Star Map again , but I
>feel that the mere mention of two Sun-like stars and possibly
>inhabited is worthy of a discussion.

Terry Dickinson correctly pointed out in his 1974 'The Zeta Reticuli Incident' article in Astronomy magazine that since Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are separated by about 100 times the Sun-Pluto distance, it is very possible for planets to form and continue to orbit unperturbed around any one of these two stars.

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Re: UFO UpDate: Richard Hoagland - 1965 - Velez

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 00:35:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 09:50:18 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Richard Hoagland - 1965 - Velez

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 22:53:44 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Richard Hoagland - 1965

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Source: Springfield Journal
> Volume 26, No. 3, August 10 2000
> Springfield, Massachusetts

><http://www.springfieldjournal.com/archives/8-10-2000/celestialwanderings.html>

>Celestial Wanderings

>Springfield's Link to the Red Planet
>By RICHARD SANDERSON

>35 years ago this summer, as our military was embroiled in the Viet
>Nam War and Beatle-mania was sweeping the nation, an exciting
>drama was unfolding in deep space. The unmanned spacecraft
>Mariner 4 was sailing toward history's first close-up look at the
>mysterious planet Mars, and Springfield residents had a front-row
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Hi All,

Well, the way I figure it, Richard Hoagland 2000 (heretofore known as; RH2000) must have 'eaten' Richard Hoagland 1965 (heretofore known as; RH1965) sometime during the 70's. There sure isn't any sign of the 1965 incarnation to found anywhere. Maybe we should start a campaign to pressure the RH2000 model to regurgitate the meal and give us back the saner/more intelligent RH1965 model!

Regards,

John Velez ;)

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Re: ET Evidence - Velez

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Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 00:56:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 09:52:40 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Velez

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 20:01:02 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Hiya Mac,

You wrote:

>I'm inclined to address things abductees are told with some
>suspicion.

Speaking as an "abductee" I know that I question all of it. If
more abductees would approach what is happening to them with a
more critical eye, and learn to ask themselves all the really
hard questions, the noise level would go down immediately and

dramatically. I've found that a lot of what is needed in order to cope with the situation has to do with learning how to live with a lot of open questions. (As opposed to jumping to conclusions, or adopting unfounded or unproven beliefs.)

Regards,

John Velez

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Hiya Nick,

Maybe the reason why SETI hasn't been a roaring and immediate
success is because technologically advanced societies may be
as far away from using "radio" for interstellar communication as
we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

We may one day discover a 'medium' of communication that can only
have been attained/discovered by climbing the technological ladder
one rung at a time. If we do discover such a medium we may then
find that when we train our receivers on the the 'Universe' it will
prove to be a noisy clatter and din of interstellar communication.

We are only in our second century of technological exploration and
discovery. Babies have to crawl before they can walk. Maybe we'll
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Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 09:57:14 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 21:32:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>>Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 10:47:53 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>I wouldn't be surprised at all if the Fish reconstruction could
>>be applied to a large number of configurations in our galaxy
>>alone. With hundreds of billions of stars, finding some purely
>>spurious matches seems just about inevitable.

>>Carl Sagan argued this point on his "Cosmos" program. And while
>>I usually don't agree with his generalizations about UFOs, I
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>few different lines, then we may have not only legal proof of
>alien visitation but we would also have information on where
>these aliens came from.

>Nick Balaskas

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Hello Nick and Mac:

Please note the facility with which the "alien" finesses this most unwelcome question from Betty.

He could have easily said " Well, your Sun is over here, see? (pointing to one star) while we come from here (pointing to another) while this other star is the one you call Arangutangus or whatever.

No. Of course not! Its Betty's fault for not being an astronomer you see... and once again the mystery being provides no useful information whatsoever.

I don't know how seriously to take this encounter, but that one aspect fits neatly into a well worn mold. I'm surprised they showed her any sort of map at all, which raises certain doubts in my mind.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Russian Army Units Jeopardized by UFO?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:02:11 -0500
Subject: Russian Army Units Jeopardized by UFO?

Source: EFE News Agency (Spain)
Date: November 14, 2000

Russia: Flying Saucer Jeopardizes Army Near Chechnya

Majachkalá (Russia), 14 nov (EFE).- An alleged UFO has jeopardized and eluded Russian troops near Dagestan, a republic bordering Chechnya.

Alarms went off at 01.00 local time (22:00 hrs GMT yesterday) and an hour later, confusion was extreme in the garrisons on the ridges separating Dagestan from Chechnya and the war which has raged the area north of the Caucasus for over a year and a half. At 02.00 local time (23:00 GMT) the most lucid reports began to arrive from the Magaramkent region on the Caspian Sea regarding the "unidentified flying object" which had caused Russian forces to sound battlestations.

Soldiers provided a detailed description of the artifact or device they witnessed for a long time as it flew slowly eastward toward the sea. Some garrisons noted that it was an object flying at low altitude (some 100 meters) and had three fluorescent lights above it with 2 meter spaces between them, according to the Russian Ministry of the Interior in Dagestan. Several civilian witnesses agreed on the description and light arrangement of the mysterious phenomenon, while hesitating to ascribe its origin to a secret weapon of the Russian army or a new weapon in the hands of Islamic separatists.

Scientists at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Dagestan were cautious and stated their unwillingness to state if the object in question was indeed a UFO or a natural optical phenomenon. Military reports, the alarm caused by the apparent UFO and the jet fighters scrambled -too late - in its pursuit, have renewed mistrust regarding the traditional secrecy shown by Russian authorities in the light of such situations.

Acting quickly to forestall any possible reprimands, the most mistrusting military officers indicated that it could be a NATO spy plane interested in Russian maneuvers in the Caucasus and the Caspian, which are rich in gas and oil. Muslim leaders in Dagestan were less ambiguous in their statements: the strange heavenly event was a portent which bore a message from Allah himself. Even a mufti or spiritual legislator from Dagestan showed no compunction in stating that without any doubt it was "a djinn, an angel or other heavenly being, since God's masterpiece is filled with them."

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 12:51:58 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:09:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 00:43:25 +0100
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

>Source: BBC News,

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid_1022000/1022712.stm

>Stig

>_____

>Tuesday, 14 November, 2000, 09:32 GMT

>First contact for UFO mecca?

>The Roswell Incident made the area infamous

>**

>Scotland's UFO hot-spot could be set to make contact - with a
>city known across the world as a mecca for alien enthusiasts.

>A local councillor wants to twin Bonnybridge with Roswell, the
>US city which has been synonymous with other-worldly encounters
>for more than 50 years.

Hi,

This story is interesting but a little worrying as it demonstrates how we ufologists have lost control of our own subject. No longer do facts, evidence and carefully recognised truths matter quite so much as hype, publicity and money. Maybe they never have.

I am sure councillor Billy Buchanan is a decent guy, doing his best for this small Scottish town. I don't blame him for the stand he is taking or begrudge any betterment he brings his people. And, yes, there have been some sightings there (amidst massive hype). And a few interesting ones amidst the numerous IFOs.

But Bonnybridge is nevertheless a manufactured UFO window. It was created by publicity - not deliberately as in a fraud - just as a consequence of social pressure and response to circumstance.

Prior to the early 1990s nobody in even Scottish Ufology had ever heard of this place as somewhere of note because it wasn't generating any more UFO sightings than any other similar sized location. It appears to do so now because the right social conditions have allowed that to happen.

Similar pressures have no doubt applied in Roswell, where notoriety and fame stems from a 53 year old case that has been well exploited. But is there seriously any evidence that this

New Mexico town has more UFO sightings than any other location as a matter of fact rather than legend?

And to what extent (as in Bonnybridge) is that a consequence anyway of the massive attention, the local facilities to record sightings, the easier climate whereby it is less of a stigma to see something there (indeed probably a little odd if you go there and do not!) and the assurance that more notice will be taken of any light in the sky spotted here than somewhere else?

My take on ufology shows that there are two types of 'window area'.

The real key to our understanding are those locations where UFO activity is genuinely greater than normal. Something causes these places to produce such phenomena - usually across the centuries and independent of any mass publicity. There are certainly places where this is true and they are the real windows. Knowing the how and why of these areas will tell us something about ufology and the forces that combine to produce at least part of the mystery.

The other type of window area owes its status almost totally to social factors. An active ufologist or UFO group can trawl in many cases from the vicinity and artificially enhance the number of recorded (as opposed to reported) sightings. This generates an illusionary hot spot.

Or perhaps a highly publicised event (like at Roswell or Bonnybridge) can lead to a spate of media attention that will see all subsequent cases given promotion in the same area (as at Gulf Breeze).

As a result of such factors the location appears to be more active but probably in real terms it is not - simply on the basis that if town 'A' has 100 sightings in any year and only 2 of these are reported (probably typical in my experience) it seems to be a 'quiet' locale - whereas if town 'B' has 100 and social pressures ensure that 50 of them get reported it becomes a UFO mecca. If this massive number of sightings is well promoted by the locals (and why wouldn't they boost their town in this way?) then it simply ensures that the snowball keeps on rolling.

These factors are at work much more than we realise in ufology.

Now we see how the ability to commercialise ufology by promoting these locations as focal points of activity and today the value to tourism and industry (via things like theme parks) can never be underestimated. Where will this all lead?

My question - to which I am not presupposing an answer BTW - just posing it to see what people think - is to ask to what extent this can be perceived as a good or bad thing for ufology?

Do we accept the attention such hype brings? Do we appreciate its benefits in raising the status of our subject in the eyes of the public? After all the Loch Ness monster has spawned an entire cottage industry that has ensured that hoteliers, shops, writers and documentary film makers are still in business almost regardless of whether its real, a few floating logs or an entire myth.

But what do we do about the misleading impression this UFO hype creates? I can never honestly tell a journalist who asks me that Bonnybridge is special - because I don't think it is. But in saying this I appear to be attacking the heart of this location - almost downing ufology in the process - and I have even been accused of anti Scottish feeling (which is nonsense - I would say exactly the same if my home village had been promoted as some sort of UFO haunted location). So location, per se, has nothing to do with it. The means by which it has attracted the status does.

The danger is that by creating legends and myths around the UFO subject and by handing over the deeds to our own phenomenon to the money makers we lose sight of the real issues surrounding UFO reality and replace them with rhetoric and even competitions along the lines of 'my town is bigger than your town'. How does this serve our quest to figure out what is really going on?

As we all know the media are never going to promote UFOs in a totally objective fashion. They are rarely going to make the effort to root out the facts as they typically have five minutes to make a programme and UFOs can seem an easy story in which the crew can take a vacation and let the kooks do their job for them by performing on camera. This is a mentality all too evident out there. I have seen the media apply it. Its why there are a few good but a lot of really awful UFO documentaries made.

As such the media are very prone to furthering legends and hyping myths since it creates their own next story. We few might see through the facade as working ufologists. But today's hype is tomorrow's believed in truths by the denizens of UFO Trek: The Next Generation - especially within a field as confusing and story driven as this one.

And so - what obligation do we have - if any - to say 'hang on a minute' - before you build this theme park here and put up signs saying this is the most UFO haunted town in the world - lets look at the facts first?

Or in doing so are we being party-poopers, taking bread from the mouths of needy citizens and raining on our own parade?

Not easy questions but ones I think we have to face up to if this commercialisation of ufology (of which the Bonnybridge experience is by no means the only current example) is to continue.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: ET Evidence - Murray

From: **Marty Murray** <mmurray31@home.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 12:12:07 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Murray

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 23:02:06 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 19:48:53 -0800

John Velez wrote:

>Hiya Nick,

>Maybe the reason why SETI hasn't been a roaring and immediate
>success is because technologically advanced societies may be
>as far away from using "radio" for interstellar communication as
>we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

>We may one day discover a 'medium' of communication that can only
>have been attained/discovered by climbing the technological ladder
>one rung at a time. If we do discover such a medium we may then
>find that when we train our receivers on the the 'Universe' it will
>prove to be a noisey clatter and din of interstellar communication.

>We are only in our second century of technological exploration and
>discovery. Babies have to crawl before they can walk. Maybe we'll
>just have to do the same before we are able to join in on the Galactic
>dialog. :)

Howdy John, Nick & All!

To what John has said above, I say a big AMEN! The chances of us
finding another civilization nearby, still communicating with
radio, I think are pretty remote. There must surely be more
powerful and more efficient means of communication which we
haven't even thought of yet, and if we don't know where to look,
we aren't going to find them! For the most part I think that
SETI, as it stands now, is nothing but a big waste of time.

Take care,

Marty

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NIDS: NARCAP Report

From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids@earthlink.net>
Date: 15 Nov 2000 11:10:35 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:32:53 -0500
Subject: NIDS: NARCAP Report

Delivered-To: mailing list discoveryscience@listbot.com
Subject: NARCAP report

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

Posted on the NIDS website is a new report written by Dr. Richard Haines, a Senior research scientist at NASA Ames. It is the flagship report for the newly formed National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

Three kinds of reported UAP dynamic behavior and reported consequences are addressed in Haines' report, each of which can affect air safety: (1) near miss and other high speed maneuvers conducted by the UAP near aircraft, (2) transient and permanent electromagnetic effects onboard the aircraft that affect navigation, guidance, and flight control systems, and (3) close encounter flight performance by the UAP that produces cockpit distractions which inhibit the flight crew from flying the airplane in a safe manner.

More than one hundred documented close encounters between UAP and commercial, private, and military airplanes are reviewed relative to these three topics. These reports are drawn from several sources including the author's personal files, aviation reports prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration administered "Aviation Safety Reporting System" (ASRS).

To read the report, see:

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/narcap.html>

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:15:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:36:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Hale

From: royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 12:51:58 -0000

>Now we see how the ability to commercialise ufology by promoting
>these locations as focal points of activity and today the value
>to tourism and industry (via things like theme parks) can never
>be underestimated. Where will this all lead?

>My question - to which I am not presupposing an answer BTW -
>just posing it to see what people think - is to ask to what
>extent this can be perceived as a good or bad thing for ufology?

Hi Jenny,

I must admit to agreeing with a lot what you said, and I would go slightly further. Anyone putting on a conference on UFOs should donate the whole proceeds to charity, the sooner we stop the commercial band wagon (paying people for theories) in books lectures etc.. ufology will soon be a cleaner act. Perhaps it could even knock some of the UFO myths on the head!

All the best,

Roy..

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Stupid UFO Tricks

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 13:43:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:39:29 -0500
Subject: Stupid UFO Tricks

Horizons Webcast | Tonight Wednesday Nov. 15, 2000 | 8 PM CST

Stupid UFO tricks

This is one you won't want to miss. Anyone who has followed the rise of Horizons Radio and Webcast knows that the majority of our audience comes from outside the established UFO Community. We are finding that people coming 'cold' into this arena are expressing a lot of confusion over who is who and what is what.

Coming 'cold' into this field of interest can be hazardous to your mental health what with all the fantastic claims being made by the 'top researchers' in the field of ufology. Wednesday night's show will focus on some of the more prominent individuals that seem a little shady, vague and controversial. These 'UFO personalities' will find themselves in the middle of a debate concerning their apparent motives.

Special Guest | Royce J. Myers | 'The WatchDog Of The UFOlogy'
UFO Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes, and Morons

<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog/index.html>

If you are a ufologist, and have made some interesting claims on your webpage, in books, on video, in your CDs, or in open public, you will not want to miss this show. We might start talking about you! Phone lines will be opened for those of you that want to call in with your comments about the leading personalities in the field of ufology.

Our new toll-free number will be given out on the air tonight.

You can access the webcast through our homepage at:

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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: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 17:55:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:41:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Roberts

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:12:02 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Of course, the proposal that the phenomenon could be one of
>these (unintelligent and natural or manmade) should already have
>been considered in the chain of analysis/logic that led to the
>conclusion that some sighting was unexplained. In other words,
>all reasonable possibilities should have been considered by the
>time one arrives at the True UFO (TRUFO) conclusion. A TRUFO
>could be a presently unknown but natural and unintelligent (no
>evidence of intelligence involved) phenomenon.

Yes it should. And no doubt is. But this simplistic way of
looking at the investigation of cases doesn't stand up. What
about the cases where that process has taken place and then,
weeks, months, years later a resolution is found or
contradictory evidence comes out. Because we have evidence that
most UFO cases resolve to IFO relatively quickly and many others
do given time and reinvestigation it's reasonable to suggest
they all may resolve to IFO.

>But the most
>interesting ones are the cases for which the "shadow of
>intelligence" looms over the description of the
>object/phenomenon. Kenneth Arnold's sighting is the first widely
>reported of this type. His descriptions of the shape and speed,
>if correct, argue against a natural phenomenon (birds, meteors)
>and against manmade phenomena (planes) but nevertheless suggest
>that the objects were products of intelligence. Hence Other
>Intelligence (OI) from wherever, however they got here, etc.

I'm glad you put 'if correct' in there Bruce. I thought for a
minute you'd had an attack of the 'credible witnesses'!

Yes, those are interesting cases. But my original paragraph
applies here. I'm sure there have been cases which display the
attributes you mention above, which have later been resolved to
an IFO.

As you're always so keen to refer us to your articles may I
refer you to The UFOs That Never Were for a few such 'TRUFO'
cases, many of which had the full credible witness/big
investigation/longevity etc and all of which were eventually
found to be IFOs.

I'm afraid that for every 'pro ET' argument there is an opposing
sceptical argument. But with added demonstrable proof!

>To find out whether or not OI could be involved, the first thing
>Andy has to do is to decide for himself whether or not whether
>or not there is ANY sighting that cannot be explained in a
>conventional manner. He argues, however, that because most
>sightings end up explained, that therefore ALL sightings will
>eventually be explained in some conventional way and so there is
>no sighting, even if unexplained right now (Nov, . 14, 2000),
>that is "unexplained."

But as I keep pointing out I don't say that. I just say it's likely, based on what we have seen and know. It's entirely possible that we may have one or one hundred sightings which cannot (but over what time scale) be explained or which turns out to be something truly 'alien'. But that doesn't alter what we know to be true so far and nor has it happened as yet, outside the fantasies of many who inhabit the dense foliage of Updates.

>Clearly Andy is clairvoyant....

I knew you were going to say that.

>Consider the New Zealand sightings of December 31, 1978,

Yes, I agree that case is still unresolved. But we shouldn't infer that whatever caused the sightings was a craft from 'elsewhen' or wherever it was you said things were coming from. It's an as yet unexplained case is all.

>Andy would say there must be at least one more dirty sock to >try. I say no.

Yes I would. Otherwise you are failing ufology and enquiry generally by just accepting the event as a 'UFO'. All UFOs have to be something. It's our job to work that out -whether they be IFOs or Zog from Elsewhen looking for some action. Your way of dealing with the case is just putting your head in the sand and making assumptions Bruce.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 15 Nov 2000 12:47:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:44:19 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze - Hamilton

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:11:17 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>No, I'm not talking about Clinton. And don't confuse this with
>'Dubya'.

>We have heard the 'Bubba' has now appeared in Phoenix. What/who
>was Bubba? You can 'bone up' on Bubba at brumac.8k.com

Tom King sent me two shots of Bubba over Phoenix taken recently.
One was a frame from a video, the other taken with his camera.
He said it was moving slowly, then sped away. I will be sending
you an email with the photos attached.

>I have just added to my web site "Red BUBBA in Gulf Breeze."
>Here you can learn to distinguish Bubba from other UFOs and even
>from other "Presidential Candidates" .

>These were sightings that became famous worldwide during the
>time period Nov 1990 through July 1992. 'Bubba' appeared live on
>the radio and was videotaped for TV several times. 'Bubba' is
>the only UFO ever to be photographed with a diffraction grating
>that produced a valid spectrum. Bubba's spectrum was NOT that of
>a red flare (also spectrally analyzed).

I do not think Tom thought of using a diffraction grating, but I
am sure he is on the lookout for another sighting of Bubba so
maybe I can get an explanation from you as to how to take the
next photo.

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Secrecy News - 11/15/00

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 14:44:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:47:40 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News - 11/15/00

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
November 15, 2000

** INCREASED MISSILE DEFENSE SECURITY PROPOSED
** CLINTON'S DECLASSIFICATION LEGACY

INCREASED MISSILE DEFENSE SECURITY PROPOSED

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) has drafted a new security classification guide that would sharply increase the secrecy of many aspects of the troubled national missile defense program. If approved, the new classification guide would entail many millions of dollars of new security costs, and could severely limit public oversight of the controversial program.

"Many things now unclassified will become Secret and things now classified as Secret will become Top Secret," according to a defense contractor who has reviewed the draft "BMDO National Missile Defense Security Classification Guide," dated October 2000.

"The estimate for complying at the company I work for is around \$1 million for increased security equipment for the building and for computers. And my company is a small player in the NMD [National Missile Defense] program. Not only will it cost a lot, it will be very difficult for the government to investigate and grant TS [Top Secret] clearances to all the people who will need them," the contractor official said.

Of particular note, the new draft guide dictates that the dates of interceptor flight tests, which have been unclassified until now, would become classified. "I had been told previously that interceptor flight test dates would become Confidential," the contractor official said. "The new class guide makes the date Secret."

"It also makes TS many areas which have been criticized in the past, such as the ability of the system to discriminate real warheads from decoys and debris. Once these issues are TS, the government is essentially relieved of the responsibility to respond to criticism," the contractor said.

"These changes are questionable on two counts," he said. "The first is that TS is almost always reserved for operational military systems, where weaknesses should not be public knowledge. The NMD program is not operational, and should still be subject to scrutiny. The second is that some of the classifications are precisely to avoid scrutiny. Media coverage of the last NMD test was probably the cause of this recent classification," he speculated.

"The NMD program has areas with serious shortcomings. It is unfortunate that many of the technical criticisms are not very accurate. This is mainly because the critics are not in the program and thus can't know the real weaknesses. If the classification guide goes into effect, the critics will be locked out for good and will become little better than

conspiracy theorists," the contractor said.

Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, a BMDO spokesman, defended the need to increase secrecy. "As you move closer toward a production design, then you have to upgrade things that might have been unclassified, because you might be dealing with the final design," Col. Lehner told Secrecy News.

But why would interceptor flight test dates suddenly become Secret? "I asked General Nance about that," said Col. Lehner, referring to Major General Willie B. Nance, Jr., the National Missile Defense program executive officer. "He said that he has made no final determination about whether flight test dates will be classified."

"BMDO has always said, It needs to be unclassified unless you can convince me otherwise," Col. Lehner said. "You need a compelling reason for classification."

The new draft security classification guide will not be finalized for a month or more, according to Col. Lehner. "It's a work in progress."

CLINTON'S DECLASSIFICATION LEGACY

"President Bill Clinton has done more than any other president to lift the veil of secrecy that shrouds much of the United States' cold war history," wrote Eli J. Lake in a United Press International story yesterday. "But with his successor in doubt, so is the future of Clinton's policy of national security sunshine."

See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/upi111400.html>

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Re: ET Evidence - Liddle

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:19:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:49:40 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Liddle

>From: Marty Murray <mmurray31@home.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500

>Howdy John, Nick & All!

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>haven't even thought of yet, and if we don't know where to look,
>we aren't going to find them! For the most part I think that
>SETI, as it stands now, is nothing but a big waste of time.

WOAH there bessy. SETI is far from a waste of time. No-one with a high school education should be thinking that SETI is looking for current modes of ET communication. Radio is the simplest form of wireless communication that we came up with when a less advanced species, so why not look for this mode of communication when peering into the past of other potential beings. Sure, a race that could pop by our planet for a visit probably would use some other form of wireless communication, but since we are looking back in time, who is to say that some ETs didn't use radio. The finding of a radio source would be used to pinpoint life, not communicate with it (unless we wanted them to reply in a few hundred to thousand years).

Sean Liddle
KAPRA

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Re: ET Evidence - Wilson

From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:04:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:54:26 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Wilson

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:02:59 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>Hello Nick and Mac:

>Please note the facility with which the "alien" finesses this
>most unwelcome question from Betty.

>He could have easily said " Well, your Sun is over here, see?
>(pointing to one star) while we come from here (pointing to
>another) while this other star is the one you call Arangutangus
>or whatever.

>No. Of course not! Its Betty's fault for not being an astronomer
>you see... and once again the mystery being provides no useful
>information whatsoever.

>I don't know how seriously to take this encounter, but that one
>aspect fits neatly into a well worn mold. I'm surprised they
>showed her any sort of map at all, which raises certain doubts
>in my mind.

>Best wishes

>Larry Hatch

Regarding Star Maps and locations: If you click on

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_III/Doreensmap.html

there is an example of the ETs giving an abductee (at least) a way home. There is also an interesting quote at the top of the page as well, which clearly shows that an ET was trying to explain where he came from.

Sorry John Velez: I'm giving another URL to my web site. That is only because I couldn't cut and paste the entire article into the UFO UpDates List.

On the other side of the coin: People interested in the star map discussion may want to review Martin Cannon's opinion about Betty's Star Map experience.

From Cannon's The Controllors: "The Hill case provided a particularly controversial piece of evidence: The celebrated star map recalled by Betty Hill under hypnosis....Allegedly, the map points to Zeta Reticuli as the aliens' home system and pictures Zeta Reticuli as a single star, a view consistent with scientific opinion of the 1960s. Yet, in later years, scientists discovered that Zeta Reticuli is binary....

"The celebrated star map ought to be recognized for what it was: a prop, a seemingly confirmatory circumstantial detail meant to convince her - and perhaps us - of the reality of her abduction."

Thanks -

K. Wilson

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Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 00:32:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:58:41 -0500
Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Borraz

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 18:15:50 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 00:02:31 +0100

<snip>

>Hello Manuel:

>I agree that the object was seen right where the moon was, and
>the witnesses failed to notes that they saw it in addition to
>the moon. They should have seen and mentioned both.

<snip>

>If that was all there was to the case, I would have to agree
>with you. The dolts misidentified the moon. Similar cases are in
>the literature, amazing as that may seem.

>But, the details to the contrary were snipped, so now I have to
>type them back in.

<snip>

>All I'm saying is that all the details must be examined, not
>just those that favor one particular interpretation or another.

Hello Larry:

I agree. All must be examined: It's the only way of learning!
I just focused on the overwhelming "pro-Moon" evidence first,
leaving for a next posting (this one) the discussion of the rest.
I won't snip any detail.

Here you'll find some comments on the details that you
mentioned and other ones that I'd like to add
(source: account in pp 172-176 of "The Hynek UFO Report",
Dell Publishing, 1977).

1) "Just then [having stopped to inspect an open store window]
the spotlight and their [car] headlights dimmed very much, so
much so that... a match would have been brighter." "As the
object moved down the alley, but above the alley, the car lights
came back on."

>That could be coincidence of course.

I think so. Perhaps the spotlight drained too much current from
a battery poorly charged.

2) The men "followed" the object down the alley, a good half
mile to a cemetery.

Later, they "pursued the object down Belmont Street." At the

end, they "pursued the object again westward."

Note that in every occasion they chased the object westward, toward the Moon. It's well known that any observer misinterpreting a celestial body for a close object get the impression of "chasing" it when driving (or sometimes flying) towards it.

3) The men "followed" the object down the alley, a good half mile to a cemetery where they turned off their lights. The object slowly descended.

"Here officer ____ kicked on the 'brights' [high beams] and the object ascended very rapidly "fifty or sixty miles an hour". It also took off Westward."

The Moon was descending indeed, but too slowly to be noticed in a short period of time. Were these displacements along the line of sight, as in other cases?

If so, It would be interesting to explore if turning off and on the lights (modifying the ambient lighting) could influence the perception of the size of and distance to a "close" Moon. Consider also that all this happened while the object was assuming a cigar shape. As I commented before, this could be the Moon playing with clouds. So, actual changes in the size and shape of the apparent Moon may also have been at play.

(BTW, Saturday night I saw a nice display of a deep orange full moon that went through several shapes -dome, cigar, sphere, blurred patch of light,...).

4) "...it cavorted from curb to curb, back and forth as though "playing games with them." "

>There are a couple of dog-leg bends, but for the most part
>it [West Belmont Avenue] looks straight as an arrow .
>Presumably these bends could explain the object "moving
>from curb to curb" (but above of course).

It can be shown that slight bends or even a little bit erratic car's course along the street could account for this effect (I can provide some sketches if needed).

5) The witnesses lost sight of the object and turned around, headed back East toward the town center.

Since the object reappeared later, this couldn't be the setting of the Moon. Was there any cloud hiding the Moon at that moment? Was there any element of the landscape obstructing the sight at that place? Only a walk along Belmont Av. could tell us.

6) "As they got back into Elmwood Park, the object approached them [reappeared] from the left from a stand of trees, passed over them and to the rear." Then, they "pursued the object again westward."

>I don't have much invested in this particular sighting, for all
>I know a second object, a shooting star perhaps, came from the
>North. Hynek himself was clearly less than pleased with the
>witnesses.

Maybe it isn't necessary to introduce a second object. As Bob Young commented some days ago, if the object approached from the left and behind (though it's not clear), it could be the same one that would be chased again westward (the Moon).

7) Finally, "...the object ascended to a great height" and disappeared.

As I said in point 3 above, the question is: was this displacement along the line of sight? If yes, then a "diminishing" Moon could explain the apparent ascent reported by the observers.

In fact, also as in point 3, we find that actual changes of size and shape took place at that moment (I already commented on the disappearance of the object).

8) Hynek stated that "the object definitely passed in front of

objects from time to time and the object could not be seen through the light."

In view of all that we've discussed so far, I strongly doubt it. By the way, the objects in front of which passed the glowing sphere are not detailed. On the contrary, we read that "the object periodically became lost behind the trees."

>This case is still listed in my database, but I am going to
>light up the MID (misidentification) attribute, a possible CE
>with the Moon! .. if I have not done so already. I have to
>agree that I would not take a case like this to court.

<snip>

I agree.

One last consideration. After reading many reports of similar cases, I'm still surprised to find that the raw material is probably a banal "big" redish Moon quite near the horizon. However, I don't think that these events involve "dolts" misidentifying the Moon, but rather average people caught for once in a perceptive trap. For instance, driving toward a full Moon located at an astronomical distance, or chasing an actual glowing sphere of same angular size flying a quarter of mile ahead, would make no difference. We would see exactly the same. There are two possible interpretations for the same scene, just like those images that show up visual illusions (the white cup or the two black faces in profile...). We must introduce some assumptions to break up this ambiguity. And once we "choose", we stick to it, and we perceive, think and act accordingly. If for whatever reason we choose to assume that the round luminous patch in the sky is a nearby object, we will see this assumption "confirmed" time and time again in a sort of feedback. We start thinking the glowing "thing" it's a close object and we try to approach it, but it stays ahead, hence it's moving with us, and if it moves then it cannot be the Moon but a close object. No way out of such a circular thinking...

But how can several observers get mistaken at once? This could result from mutual influence and mutual reinforcing of the wrong interpretation. Surely, there are also many more cases in which the witnesses realized they were in error. But obviously those cases never reach the ufologists.

So maybe we should conclude that the Moon could sometimes fool all the people (within a group) all the time...

Best wishes

Manuel Borraz

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Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - González Manso

From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 09:53:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:59:56 -0500
Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32 - González Manso

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 17:31:42 EST
>Subject: Re: MAGONIA Monthly Supplement #32
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>For your information, Mr (not Ms) Michel Meurger is one of our
>well known skeptics in Franc , of the most radical
>psycho-sociologist kind. Which means that, for him, all UFO
>"tales" (not only abductions) are myth.

>I don't think there is anything scientific in that shape of
>mind.

>Gildas Bourdais

Well, Mr. Bourdais. After 25 years studying UFOs in Spain I find myself agreeing with Mr. Meurger. You may qualify us as you wish, but precisely "non-scientific" is the less appropriate term.

I would prefer than instead of tagging us as enemies, in order to avoid having to read our criticisms, you (and all those ufologists that follow your same tactic) would address them and improve your "scientific" investigations.

Luis R. González Manso

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Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 16:24:31 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:37:55 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>Maybe the reason why SETI hasn't been a roaring and immediate
>success is because technologically advanced societies may be
>as far away from using "radio" for interstellar communication as
>we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

<snip>

I'm in your school of thought on this, John. Quantum entanglement is but one of the options an advanced space-colonizing civilization could use to communicate. We're already doing this under laboratory conditions. It amounts to nothing less than instantaneous transmission of information, and mainstream SETI considers it paradoxical that we haven't heard anything yet over radio?

Radio would be used, one thinks, only to communicate to "primitive" civilizations like our own. But the list of reasons why an ETI wouldn't choose to actively "reach out and touch" underdeveloped neighbors is at least as long and probably more persuasive than the list of why they would.

I don't expect anything to turn up from radio SETI. That said, I hope I'm wrong! It's interesting to me that many people curious about the possibility of UFOs representing some sort of ETI are usually SETI supporters--but never the other way around.

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:39:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

<snip>

>>One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
>>encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
>>According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
>>went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
>>weightless."

<snip>

>Strange floating entities were described in fairly good detail,
>by numerous witnesses with fairly consistent accounts.

>Their descriptions were good enough to finally identify the
>source: Mylar balloons shaped like little men, which burst on
>the scene like a new brand of soda pop. [burp!]

>I'm surprised nobody else mentioned this possibility. Maybe I
>missed something.

Hi Larry.

A man from Thurso, Quebec witnessed such a seemingly weightless
alien being which attracted much attention by the local media.
I have photocopies of this evolving story from the October 9, 10,
11 and 12, 1990 issues of 'LeDroit', a French language newspaper
of the Ottawa-Hull area.

My reading and comprehension abilities in French are no longer
as good as they once were so I cannot give further details but a
sketch of this alleged alien made it in the October 10 issue and
it looked very much like a mylar helium balloon creation with
similar big eyes and legs which was published the following day
by the same newspaper. It was presented as a likely explanation
to the alien the man from Thurso saw, but was it the
explanation?

Considering that this region of Canada has the largest number of
sex shops per square kilometer which include inflatable dolls in
their large inventories (of course, this research was done
solely in the interest of finding the truth about UFOs), one
would think that witnesses living in this area could certainly
tell the difference between a humanoid alien and a humanoid
shaped helium filled balloon, wouldn't you? ;o)

Nick Balaskas

If your French is better than mine Larry, I would be happy to
mail to you copies of these four newspaper articles in a plain

brown envelope.

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Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 22:19:33 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:40:48 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:02:59 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 21:32:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

<snip>

>>So I [Betty] asked him [alien "leader"] where was his home
>>port, and he said, "Where were you on the map?" I looked and
>>laughed and said, "I do not know." So he said, "If you don't
>>know where you are, then there isn't any point of my telling
>>where I am from."

<snip>

>Please note the facility with which the "alien" finesses this
>most unwelcome question from Betty.

>He could have easily said " Well, your Sun is over here, see?
>(pointing to one star) while we come from here (pointing to
>another) while this other star is the one you call Arangutangus
>or whatever.

>No. Of course not! Its Betty's fault for not being an astronomer
>you see... and once again the mystery being provides no useful
>information whatsoever.

>I don't know how seriously to take this encounter, but that one
>aspect fits neatly into a well worn mold. I'm surprised they
>showed her any sort of map at all, which raises certain doubts
>in my mind.

Hi Larry.

Reading Betty Hill's account of her alien abduction experience,
I find that she was a very curious individual who asked her
alien abductor a lot of questions who, unlike Barney, she didn't
seem to fear. Of course the "leader" didn't have to show Betty
anything but the fact that he did suggests to me that the alien
considered Betty as very intelligent and something of an equal.

I do not know if other abductees have been shown anything as
potentially important as this map but I suspect that this alien
"leader" probably regrets the effects this single simple
revelation back in 1961 had to all humanity and our culture not
to mention the additional unwanted attention to their activities
here on Earth. To err is human but it seems that some aliens at
least are very humanlike too. Ask any New Ager or kid who has
grown up on science fiction and they will tell you that Zeta
Reticulli is the home base of E.T.s. My feelings are that they
may very well be right on this one.

Nick Balaskas

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'About UFOs'

From: Steve Wilson Snr. <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 22:42:16 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:49:27 -0500
Subject: 'About UFOs'

From: ufos.guide@ABOUT.COM

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It seems like an alien was elected as senator in N.Y..

<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=438.4>

The odds are far more likely that any space traveling
civilization is much, much older than our own.

<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=443.1>

The third pic is one of Mary and other's, whilst an "airship" is
in the background over their left shoulders a "classic UFO"

<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=323.61>

You may or may not be aware of this photo, but it is a rare one
of a "Unknown aircraft" taken near Roswell from a Military
Gunship camera, 7 days AFTER the Roswell incident.

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From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:04:39 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:50:18 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>From: Marty Murray <mmurray31@home.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

<snip>

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>>we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

>>We may one day discover a 'medium' of communication that can only
>>have been attained/discovered by climbing the technological ladder
>>one rung at a time. If we do discover such a medium we may then
>>find that when we train our receivers on the the 'Universe' it will
>>prove to be a noisey clatter and din of interstellar communication.

<snip>

>To what John has said above, I say a big AMEN! The chances of us
>finding another civilization nearby, still communicating with
>radio, I think are pretty remote. There must surely be more
>powerful and more efficient means of communication which we
>haven't even thought of yet, and if we don't know where to look,
>we aren't going to find them! For the most part I think that
>SETI, as it stands now, is nothing but a big waste of time.

Hi Marty and John.

I would suspect that E.T.s living in our Milky Way neighbourhood would all have had roughly the same time to get up to speed or evolve technologically since the stars in this region have very similar average ages as opposed to stars in other neighbourhoods of our galaxy. Of course, these E.T.s may have a very different form of communicating with each other than using radio waves but I do not feel they would totally ignore this large part of the electromagnetic spectrum. Even if they did, radio waves can still give away their presence. For example, the starter of for an internal combustion engine car produces a very unnatural radio signal which has been known to generate many false alarms among our SETI friends. Same with the computer I am working on tonight or the microwave oven that I just used to reheat a meal here at work rather than go home for dinner instead of staying to reply to some of these UFO UpDates e-mails. Maybe some of the latest E.T. communication equipment can also produce such unnatural radio wave noise too.

Until we and our SETI friends actually do point our radio telescopes towards Zeta Reticulli, we remain (to borrow a few expressions used by Stan Friedman) nothing more than the same noisey negativists who don't bother to check for themselves before making their proclamations.

Would you happen to know if Zeta Reticulli is or has been on any of the list of stars radio SETI people plan to listen to? If not, maybe it should be added to their lists of candidate stars likely to harbour an intelligent E.T. civilization.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: NIDS: NARCAP Report - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:27:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:51:34 -0500
Subject: Re: NIDS: NARCAP Report - Stacy

>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids@earthlink.net>
>Date: 15 Nov 2000 11:10:35 -0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: NARCAP Report

>Delivered-To: mailing list discoveryscience@listbot.com
>Subject: NARCAP report

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

>Posted on the NIDS website is a new report written by Dr.
>Richard Haines, a Senior research scientist at NASA Ames. It is
>the flagship report for the newly formed National Aviation
>Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

FWIW,

Unless I'm seriously mistaken, Haines has been seriously retired
from NASA Ames for some years now.

Which is not necessarily to disparage Haines, NASA, or NIDS.

Just trying to keep the record straight.

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

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Re: NIDS: NARCAP Report - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 01:17:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 08:56:04 -0500
Subject: Re: NIDS: NARCAP Report - Salvaille

>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids@earthlink.net>
>Date: 15 Nov 2000 11:10:35 -0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>National Institute for Discovery Science - <http://www.nidsci.org>

>Posted on the NIDS website is a new report written by Dr.
>Richard Haines, a Senior research scientist at NASA Ames. It is
>the flagship report for the newly formed National Aviation
>Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

>Three kinds of reported UAP dynamic behavior and reported
>consequences are addressed in Haines' report, each of which can
>affect air safety: (1) near miss and other high speed maneuvers
>conducted by the UAP near aircraft, (2) transient and permanent
>electromagnetic effects onboard the aircraft that affect
>navigation, guidance, and flight control systems, and (3) close
>encounter flight performance by the UAP that produces cockpit
>distractions which inhibit the flight crew from flying the
>airplane in a safe manner.

>More than one hundred documented close encounters between UAP
>and commercial, private, and military airplanes are reviewed
>relative to these three topics. These reports are drawn from
>several sources including the author's personal files, aviation
>reports prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA),
>National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the National
>Aeronautics and Space Administration administered "Aviation
>Safety Reporting System" (ASRS).

>To read the report, see:

><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/narcap.html>

Hello Colm and List,

Many thanks.

The report, in Acrobat format, should become a classic in
ufology.

This one is a must read for any scientific inquiring mind.

Sorry. This excludes all debunkers.

Cheers,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: ET Evidence - McCoy

From: Gt McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 22:24:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 09:03:26 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - McCoy

Hello, all Nick ,John.

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 23:02:06 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2000 19:48:53 -0800

>><snip>

>>>one would think that in the search for planet(s) The
>>>Reticuli Twins would be a prime target for research. Nothing
>>>yet, and I wonder why.

>><snip>

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>>Reticuli Incident' article in Astronomy magazine that since Zeta
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>one rung at a time. If we do discover such a medium we may then
>find that when we train our receivers on the the 'Universe' it will
>prove to be a noisey clatter and din of interstellar communication.

>We are only in our second century of technological exploration and
>discovery. Babies have to crawl before they can walk. Maybe we'll
>just have to do the same before we are able to join in on the Galactic
>dialog. :)

Absolutely. Kind of like using the Telegraph and your neighbors
are using a DSL internet hookup. Aalthough my local provider
(the only show in town) is somewhat better than an Alderwood
fire and a Pendelton blanket, only if it's a small
blanket, however.

GT McCoy

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Re: ET Evidence - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 01:29:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 09:04:50 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Salvaille

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:19:42 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>From: Marty Murray <mmurray31@home.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500

Hello Sean, Marty and List,

<snip>

>WOAH there bessy. SETI is far from a waste of time. No-one with
>a high school education should be thinking that SETI is looking
>for current modes of ET communication. Radio is the simplest
>form of wireless communication that we came up with when a less
>advanced species, so why not look for this mode of communication
>when peering into the past of other potential beings.

<snip>

I understand that "SETI" looks good on a curriculum, but...
smoke signals are waaaaaaaaayyyyyyy cheaper.

And as [in]efficient.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Russian Army Units Jeopardized by UFO? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 03:55:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 09:45:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Russian Army Units Jeopardized by UFO? - Hatch

>From: Scott Corrales <lornisl@juno.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 08:44:28 -0500
>Subject: Russian Army Units Jeopardized by UFO?

>Source: EFE News Agency (Spain)
>Date: November 14, 2000

>Russia: Flying Saucer Jeopardizes Army Near Chechnya

>Majachkalá (Russia), 14 nov (EFE).- An alleged UFO has
>jeopardized and eluded Russian troops near Daguestan, a republic
>bordering Chechnya.

>Alarms went off at 01.00 local time (22:00 hrs GMT yesterday)
>and an hour later, confusion was extreme in the garrisons on the
>ridges separating Dagestan from Chechnya and the war which has
>raged the area north of the Caucasus for over a year and a half.
>At 02.00 local time (23:00 GMT) the most lucid reports began to
>arrive from the Magaramkent region on the Caspian Sea regarding
>the "unidentified flying object" which had caused Russian forces
>to sound battlestations.

>Soldiers provided a detailed description of the artifact or
>device they witnessed for a long time as it flew slowly eastward
>toward the sea. Some garrisons noted that it was an object
>flying at low altitude (some 100 meters) and had three
>fluorescent lights above it with 2 meter spaces between them,
>according to the Russian Ministry of the Interior in Dagestan.
>Several civilian witnesses agreed on the description and light
>arrangement of the mysterious phenomenon, while hesitating to
>ascribe its origin to a secret weapon of the Russian army or a
>new weapon in the hands of Islamic separatists.

>Scientists at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Dagestan were
>cautious and stated their unwillingness to state if the object
>in question was indeed a UFO or a natural optical phenomenon.
>Military reports, the alarm caused by the apparent UFO and the
>jet fighters scrambled -too late - in its pursuit, have renewed
>mistrust regarding the traditional secrecy shown by Russian
>authorities in the light of such situations.

>Acting quickly to forestall any possible reprimands, the most
>mistrusting military officers indicated that it could be a NATO
>spy plane interested in Russian maneuvers in the Caucasus and
>the Caspian, which are rich in gas and oil. Muslim leaders in
>Dagestan were less ambiguous in their statements: the strange
>heavenly event was a portent which bore a message from Allah
>himself. Even a mufti or spiritual legislator from Dagestan
>showed no compunction in stating that without any doubt it was "a
>djinn, an angel or other heavenly being, since God's masterpiece
>is filled with them."

>#####

>Translation (c) 2000. Scott Corrales. Institute of Hispanic Ufology.
>Special Thanks to Gloria R. Coluchi.

Hello Scott:

I note that the soldiers and even scientists had plenty of time to see the object and make detailed descriptions of it.

Sadly, there is no mention of the shape! Given estimates (100 meters) of its altitude, one could extrapolate a rough real size from its apparent size. But these are not given either.

There is mention of lights in a certain arrangement, but not what the particular geometry or arrangement was; linear, cruciform, rectangular, circular.....

The object went slowly eastward, but no real or angular velocity is given. Still it "eluded" Russian troops.

If indeed all they saw was an assembly of night-lights, (as one might presume from interpretations which range from Islamic djinns to well lit Nato spy planes) I wish they would just say so.

Given the EFE news account, it could have been literally anything in the air with lights. How they came to call it a "saucer" is not clear at all.

Most likely, the reports were filtered thru various channels and media, each dropping vital bits of information until we are left with the above.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: ET Evidence - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 00:58:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 09:47:44 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Lemire

>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 23:02:06 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

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>Nick Balaskas

In answer to your question Nick, which is easily answered within
the publication offered by Stanton, SETI, then known as Project
Ozma, searched Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti.

Other intriguing information concerning a Russian radio
astronomer and a strange intelligent (?) radio signal dubbed
CTA-102 can be found within The Zeta Reticuli Incident offered
by Stanton.

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 11:44:59 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 09:52:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:15:48 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?
>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 12:51:58 -0000

>>Now we see how the ability to commercialise ufology by promoting
>>these locations as focal points of activity and today the value
>>to tourism and industry (via things like theme parks) can never
>>be underestimated. Where will this all lead?

>>My question - to which I am not presupposing an answer BTW -
>>just posing it to see what people think - is to ask to what
>>extent this can be perceived as a good or bad thing for ufology?

>Hi Jenny,

>I must admit to agreeing with a lot what you said, and I would
>go slightly further. Anyone putting on a conference on UFOs
>should donate the whole proceeds to charity, the sooner we stop
>the commercial band wagon (paying people for theories) in books
>lectures etc.. ufology will soon be a cleaner act. Perhaps it
>could even knock some of the UFO myths on the head!

Hi,

Commercialism of ufology is indeed a problem. And, to an extent,
you are right that this involves ufologists as well. But
commercialism is also an opportunity. Perhaps we should accept
its existence and run with the tide.

However, there is a crucial difference when ufology itself are
the commercialisers. When someone organises a conference (at
least most of the ones I have seen) it rarely makes much of a
profit since that is not really why they are organised. The
ticket sales go towards hire of the room, equipment, travel
costs etc. And if a few hundred pounds (dollars) are made on top
then the UFO group involved will be happy and will put the money
back into the subject in some way, I expect.

This is very different from, say, a businessman recognising the
potential of exploiting public interest in UFOs big style and
staging some UFO themed event in a way to make large sums of
money that will not come back into ufology.

In such a case who is right and who is wrong? The businessman
for making pots of money off the back of ufology? Or ufology for
not recognising how much money it could make and what it could
do with it to the benefit of all?

Interesting questions to ask ourselves.

Much the same applies with books, I suspect. Most UFO books are

written by researchers who are able to use the money to do more research. Its a field open to anyone to enter (even you Roy). Not a closed shop. And lest you think its incredibly lucrative, it isn't. A few authors may have been paid big money for some books - and we know they have - but these are rare events. And if so what they do with their windfall in so far as funding the UFO community afterwards is a matter for their own conscience.

I know if anyone was ever daft enough to pay me (or if one of my books ever miraculously earned) a tidy sum I have plans drawn up as to how to put that money back into ufology to create new things that ufology could benefit from having. But I am well aware that its as likely that I will win the lottery (and do the same). Or indeed that you will win the lottery - because in real terms the money I earn from writing isn't of the order that would fund anything.

I have a very firm principle of supporting the UFO community by not charging fees to lecture or to write (as some do). I simply feel that as a person who has benefited from being a ufologist its the least I can do to repay the community upon whom I constantly depend. But I don't question what stands others may take on such matters as it is their choice and the choice of anyone willing to pay them within the UFO community. And I doubt we can start making moral issues out of this. It has to be a personal choice.

However, even those people who make money in a commercial sense from within ufology are usually (exceptions are rare I suspect) genuinely adding to our knowledge in some way and therefore not merely using the phenomenon for personal reasons.

Unfortunately ufology is - and always has been - an underfunded, voluntary community that needs some inflow of money to keep it ticking over. And there is never anything like enough. As such there is a case to argue that we ourselves need to be more commercially minded, not less, rather than to let the money makers from without bleed ufology dry.

Just think. If the UFO community clubbed together to create its own publishing house (its an idea I've tossed about in my mind from time to time as the UFO community collectively could make it happen if we wanted to do) and as a consequence we published a proportion of the literature ourselves, not only would we have some say in the quality of output but also would be able to plough profits back into funding UFO research projects.

In a way this is what many of our groups do right now by publishing their own material from time to time, but this is small scale by comparison. Collectively ufology might be able to really raise some good funds to spend wisely in future rather than to repay shareholders as publishers would do.

Because, Roy, believe it or not authors are not the main beneficiaries from a book. If I write a book and it sells for say \$20 the vast majority of that never goes anywhere near an author. There are many who share a slice of the cake and it this that makes books so expensive and creates the myth that UFO writers make large sums of money.

But, of course, if you cut out many of the hands that bite into the cake by forming your own company that exists to fund ufology not to make money for other people then you do stand a chance of raising useful annual incomes that could truly benefit ufology. Although - admittedly - you also take a risk of failure as well.

The above - on a very small UK based scale BTW - is one of the ways that UFOIN is doing ufology differently.

Moreover, if ufology got together and planned some sort of mega-fund raiser event (like we could have done - for instance - in 1997 - if we had been less busy arguing and spent more time thinking about how to raise ufology onto the next level) then we might have made some useful progress.

What I mean is a huge commercial venture to utilise public interest and where all participants agreed to donate their services for free. Then - once more - we could probably build up a useful 'pot' out of which we could fund meaningful investigation and research long term.

There have been cross party attempts to do this before (like FUFOR) but these relied on donations rather than creating a commercial community spirit from within ourselves. And what I am suggesting here is merely a different style of thinking.

It requires two things to happen that may not be easy, of course. ufologists of all persuasions would have to stop bickering and start thinking as a community about ways to really work together in a commercial sense. And ufologists would need to be self sacrificial - that is willing to do something that will not actually benefit them personally but will boost the community of which we are all a part.

I am not optimistic such things could happen. But its one way to regain control of our own subject and to turn from the exploited into the exploiters. And maybe its worth making an effort.

Because there is nothing inherently wrong with ufology being commercial or with ufology making money. What is wrong is that ufology is failing to benefit from both the commercialism and money making that goes on all around it.

Obviously, a line has to be drawn. Too much hype would be self destructive and make us open to well earned derision. But like it or not we are in a public interest field and maybe it is time we woke up to the opportunity to do something with that fact and created a funding structure that could kick start moribund research.

As always, just a thought.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere - Hatch
>Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 00:32:34 +0100

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Sun, 05 Nov 2000 18:15:50 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere

>>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: The Squad Car & The Glowing Sphere
>>>Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2000 00:02:31 +0100

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>One last consideration. After reading many reports of similar
>cases, I'm still surprised to find that the raw material is
>probably a banal "big" redish Moon quite near the horizon.
>However, I don't think that these events involve "dolts"
>misidentifying the Moon, but rather average people caught for
>once in a perceptive trap. For instance, driving toward a full
>Moon located at an astronomical distance, or chasing an actual
>glowing sphere of same angular size flying a quarter of mile
>ahead, would make no difference. We would see exactly the
>same. There are two possible interpretations for the same scene,
>just like those images that show up visual illusions (the white
>cup or the two black faces in profile...). We must introduce
>some assumptions to break up this ambiguity. And once we
>"choose", we stick to it, and we perceive, think and act
>accordingly. If for whatever reason we choose to assume that the
>round luminous patch in the sky is a nearby object, we will
>see this assumption "confirmed" time and time again in a sort of
>feedback. We start thinking the glowing "thing" it's a close
>object and we try to approach it, but it stays ahead, hence it's
>moving with us, and if it moves then it cannot be the Moon but a
>close object. No way out of such a circular thinking...

>But how can several observers get mistaken at once? This could
>result from mutual influence and mutual reinforcing of the wrong
>interpretation. Surely, there are also many more cases in which
>the witnesses realized they were in error. But obviously those
>cases never reach the ufologists.

>So maybe we should conclude that the Moon could sometimes fool
>all the people (within a group) all the time...

Hello Manuel:

All your points are well taken, and I think we can lay this
matter to rest as highly questionable at best.

Personally, I don't see how people can mistake the Moon for a
UFO unless they have very poor eyesight, or very special
conditions. I hope those folks didn't vote in Florida recently.

Yet, there are exactly such cases on record, and not just one or

two!

I note that the one fireman on the scene disagreed that the object was very close. The policeman may have indeed influenced one another that it was near.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>>To what John has said above, I say a big AMEN! The chances of us
>>finding another civilization nearby, still communicating with
>>radio, I think are pretty remote. There must surely be more
>>powerful and more efficient means of communication which we
>>haven't even thought of yet, and if we don't know where to look,
>>we aren't going to find them! For the most part I think that
>>SETI, as it stands now, is nothing but a big waste of time.

>Hi Marty and John.

>I would suspect that E.T.s living in our Milky Way neighbourhood
>>would all have had roughly the same time to get up to speed or
>evolve technologically since the stars in this region have very
>similar average ages as opposed to stars in other neighbourhoods
>of our galaxy. Of course, these E.T.s may have a very different
>form of communicating with each other than using radio waves but
>I do not feel they would totally ignore this large part of the
>electromagnetic spectrum. Even if they did, radio waves can
>still give away their presence. For example, the starter of for
>an internal combustion engine car produces a very unnatural
>radio signal which has been known to generate many false alarms
>among our SETI friends. Same with the computer I am working on
>tonight or the microwave oven that I just used to reheat a meal
>here at work rather than go home for dinner instead of staying
>to reply to some of these UFO UpDates e-mails. Maybe some of the
>latest E.T. communication equipment can also produce such
>unnatural radio wave noise too.

>Until we and our SETI friends actually do point our radio
>telescopes towards Zeta Reticulli, we remain (to borrow a few
>expressions used by Stan Friedman) nothing more than the same
>noisy negativists who don't bother to check for themselves
>before making their proclamations.

>Would you happen to know if Zeta Reticulli is or has been on any
>of the list of stars radio SETI people plan to listen to? If
>not, maybe it should be added to their lists of candidate stars
>likely to harbour an intelligent E.T. civilization.

Hi Nick, Marty, and John

Even SETI scientists are getting creative and not all are
relying on the radio spectrum. This comes from part of an
article I was working on:

In a new twist on this search the Planetary Society in the US
has funded projects in California and Massachusetts to look for
short pulses of light from nearby stars similar to the Sun, as
well as from globular clusters and galaxies. A third project
will examine existing data from telescopes for steady,
narrow-band signals. These two types of signal might be visible
if extraterrestrials were pointing powerful lasers in our
direction. It is the assumption of SETI that ET will broadcast
radio signals or transmit information via powerful lasers from
one planet to another. Most SETI scientists think it is more
likely that we will make contact with ET through radio than to
expect ET to land near Devil's Tower.

An active SETI program would involve sending signals toward
target stars instead of passively searching for signals.
Physicists have announced such a project and designed a message
to be broadcast in the direction of nearby stars in order to
search for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

This is the first time in a quarter of a century that such a
cosmic call will be attempted. This experiment is promoted by
the Encounter 2001 project, an international spaceflight project
which is planned for launch into interstellar space in the year
2001.

The complete message is about 400,000 bits long and will be
transmitted three times over a 3-hour period in the direction of
the four selected stars. Then, it will be followed by a series
of greetings from people around the world. The transmission will
start on March 15 1999. This message is much larger in size,
duration and scope than the one sent by Frank Drake on November
16th, 1974 from the Arecibo observatory which consisted of only
1,679 bits sent over a 3 minute duration.

A sea of backyard satellite dishes stretching across an area the
size of several football fields will be the latest attempt to
listen for life on other planets, the Redding Record Searchlight
reported early this year.. The search, popularized by the movie
"Contact," is usually done with massive satellite dishes, but
this project will use the unique configuration of about 750
dishes in a remote Northern California valley.

Another means of establishing ETI contact is a suggestion for
using the elusive neutrino. On earth, neutrino communications
have lagged radio communications by about 100 years, during
which time our ability to send and receive radio signals has
increased drastically. We can hope for similar improvements in
neutrino communications in the next decades. The suggestion is
that the transmission of modulated neutrino signals would be a
sign of an extraterrestrial civilization. We have not yet built
neutrino receivers that could demodulate such signals, but it
may be another means worth exploring.

Bill Hamilton

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>>Terry Dickinson correctly pointed out in his 1974 'The Zeta
>>Reticuli Incident' article in Astronomy magazine that since Zeta
>>1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are separated by about 100 times the
>>Sun-Pluto distance, it is very possible for planets to form and
>>continue to orbit unperturbed around any one of these two stars.

>>Does anyone know if our SETI friends have checked out these two
>>stars for radio signals?

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>In answer to your question Nick, which is easily answered within
>the publication offered by Stanton, SETI, then known as Project
>Ozma, searched Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti.

>Other intriguing information concerning a Russian radio
>astronomer and a strange intelligent (?) radio signal dubbed
>CTA-102 can be found within The Zeta Reticuli Incident offered
>by Stanton.

Hi Todd.

Since the first radio SETI search, Project Ozma, used a radio telescope located in the northern hemisphere, then they could not possibly have listened for radio signals coming from the two stars Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli. They are found very low in the southern sky and would always have been below the horizon. Do you know if any of the later radio SETI searches using radio telescopes in the southern hemisphere have listened in to Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli? If not, I think it would be worth the try.

This CTA-102 radio source is located in the northern sky and has since been identified as a pulsar, a natural radio source. There were other earlier attempts to identify the stars that made up the Betty Hill star map before Marjorie Fish discovered what now many believe to be the actual stars. One of these early attempts included this then mysterious CTA-102 radio source but the stars they selected to try to match Betty's star map were a very poor match at best and an illogical selection in many ways.

I understand that Dr. Frank Drake of Project Ozma initially got some very startling positive results when they listened in to Epsilon Eridani (recently discovered to have a large planet orbiting around it) and/or Tau Ceti (one of the stars connected by lines in Betty Hill's star map). These results were not published in the scientific literature because they were one time observations and as such not really proof of anything.

If E.T.s are already here on Earth they should be aware that we are now actively listening for radio signals from their home star(s) so I would guess that they would be more careful on how they used the powerful radio emitting devices they have. This may explain all the very mysterious and still unexplained signals coming from space which were picked up in the very early days of radio. Do you think it is likely that Earth could now be within an E.T. created "Radio Silent Zone" about a few hundred light years in diameter - the same region of space our present day radio telescopes are currently listening for E.T. radio signals?

Nick Balaskas

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METALLIC SPHERE UFOs SPOTTED IN ARGENTINA

"The sphere with a metallic appearance shining in the sunlight were seen this past October 5 (2000) in the sky to the east of Resistencia in broad daylight by four members of the same family."

Resistencia is in Argentina's Chaco province, about 140 kilometers (84 miles) west of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

"Moments later, another one appeared, descending and ascending with swift guided movements and managed to be caught on videotape for one whole minute."

"This is the news that ufologist Osvaldo Sanchez, a research analyst with the Red Argentina de Ufologia (Argentinian Network of Ufology--J.T.) gave (the newspaper) Norte, having analyzed all the reports including an examination of the film taken by Diego Romero, 21, a student at the School of Economics at UNNE." (Universidad Nacional de Nord-Este--J.T.)

"Sr. Atilio Romero, head of the respected household in Residencia, was on the lower floor of his house on October 5, considering the possibility of cleaning out a swimming pool with his two sons and wife. The time was about 12:20 p.m when he looked eastward and saw something glinting in the sun."

"He told his family about it, and they were all able to see two small spheres, about 20 degrees above the horizon, darting rapidly about, appearing and disappearing, flying up and down and vice versa. A third sphere then entered the scene."

"The family was fascinated by the scene, but then remembered that they had a camcorder in the bedroom. Diego ran for it and quickly tried to film the objects, although he had trouble in doing so. Ultimately he managed to focus on one of the objects with a zoom lens and was able to make out that the UFO, while spherical, had a disc-shaped structure on its upper part which spun like a top."

"Osvaldo Sanchez's analysis adds that Sr. Romero was able to distinguish, prior to the camcorder being brought into play, a spindle-shaped object or form that appeared to accompany the UFOs. This was not captured on the film, but it is worth bearing in mind that the sighting itself lasted four minutes and it was in view the whole time," until the UFOs moved out of view

behind a neighbor's house.

"According to the witnesses, the objects were quite a distance from where the sighting took place. The sky was spectacular (clear) with high visibility. When the video is seen in slow motion and frame-by-frame, the last seconds of the Romero video give the impression of seeing a physical metallic vehicle moving through the atmosphere and engaging in planned maneuvers prior to landing. The top-like spinning motion is a known behavior pattern relating to UFO phenomena." (See the Argentinian newspaper Norte for November 6, 2000, "UFO seen moving in the skies over Resistencia." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Cupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico para eso articulo de diario.)

Chupacabras And Other Mysteries is available from Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk

"BALL OF FIRE" WREAKS HAVOC IN ARGENTINA

"A strange meteorological phenomenon disturbed siesta time in Tafi Viejo on Wednesday," November 8, 2000,. "Shortly after 3 p.m., a deafening explosion was heard, followed by an electrical discharge that burned out dozens of TV sets, VCRs, telephones and other devices--a computer among them."

"A few witnesses of the phenomenon claim having seen 'a ball of fire' crossing the street at the corner of the Calle 25 de Mayo and the Calle Bolivar, where an EDET (a local Argentinian electrical utility--J.T.) electric meter was literally fused together into an enormous lump of metal."

"The most curious event, according to residents, was that the event did not occur during a thunderstorm, which are common during the summer months."

(Editor's Note: Right now it's late spring in Argentina and the other countries of the southern hemisphere.)

"Some distant thunder could be heard until the 'blowout' caused all those enjoying a well-deserved siesta to jump out of bed."

"Since no one could envision such a large detonation, attributed by some to a lightning bolt, the majority of electrical appliances remained plugged-in and working."

"It appears that the current distributed itself through the power grid and telephone cables, burning everything in its path."

"'It exploded the meter, box and all, and burned the electrical insulation. A tremendous explosion was heard from blocks away,' said Hugo Castelli, whose home is located in another part of the building. Light switches were blown out of their sockets as well as the power outlets. While repairing the burned cables, the electricians said they had never seen anything like it."

"'People came from my son's bar on the Avenida Alem to see what had caused such a tremendous sound,'" Castelli added.

"Two houses away, Norma de Martinez noticed that the detonation seemed very close to her. 'It was like nothing I'd ever heard. My neighbors told me that it was a fireball that crossed from one end of the street to the other at a height of some three meters (10 feet). It struck a pillar where the meter is located. Three TV sets and a telephone were burned out at my house.'"

"Both the sound and the flash of the electrical discharge traveled very far. (The newspaper) La Gaceta was able to learn that burned artifacts could be found two blocks from where the phenomenon occurred, and in the house of electrician Benito Baez, who lost a TV and a VCR. Baez that a neighbor living 150 meters (496 feet) away had brought in a computer to be repaired since it had been destroyed by the event."

Tafi Viejo is located about 350 kilometers (219 miles) northeast of Buenos Aires." (See La Gaceta of Tucuman, Argentina for November 11, 2000, "Ball lightning stuns Tafi Viejo.")

SUNDERLAND UFO SEEN BY A SECOND EYEWITNESS

"Investigators remained baffled as more sightings emerged today (Friday, October 27, 2000) of an unidentified flying object over Wearside."

"The five-foot (1.5-meter) pear-shaped piece of silver metal was first spotted hurtling towards the ground by trainee teacher Jenny Cook in Hendon on Tuesday evening (October 25, 2000.)" (For more on this story, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 44 for November 2, 2000, "UK teacher trainee spots teardrop-shaped UFO," page 3.)

"Police launched an investigation following the report by the 18-year-old Sunderland University student, but, despite a ground search of the area, failed to find any trace of the object."

"The (newspaper) Echo has now learned that officials at Newcastle Airport were alerted three hours later after a similar sighting above Penshaw."

"Ron Atwill spotted a mysterious five-foot long grey object narrowly miss a passenger jet as it descended towards Newcastle Airport while walking his dog near the old Harrington Colliery yard."

"Mr. Atwill, a retired prison services worker, saw the object at 11:45 a.m. He said, 'I was looking up as a passenger jet was flying quite low in the distance, on a flight path between the colliery and Penshaw Monument, and I saw this thing almost hit it. I rang the airport because they appeared that close, and I thought they might have spotted it, as well. It was about 20 feet (6 meters) from the plane.'"

"It looked exactly the way it was described in the Echo. It was silvery grey in colour and from where I was standing, it looked very flat, pear-shaped, about four to five feet long. I watched it for a little while and then turned away and took my eye off it as it had disappeared. It almost looked as if it was standing still, moving very slowly earthward towards Sunderland, if you can imagine a piece of corrugated iron but not corrugated and oblong.'"

"Mr. Atwill, 64, of Elm Place, Newbottle, added, 'I hadn't a clue what it was, and I decided not to say anything because of what people might think. But I definitely saw something. It wasn't a speck in the sky. It was big enough to make out even if it was a bit in the distance, but I am beginning to think, What was it? I can't imagine that I should know. It wasn't a weather balloon or a model.'"

"Detective Inspector John Watts of the Sunderland City Centre Police said, 'We had a report of a strange object in the skies. about the size of a small car. We couldn't find anything, but it has been reported to the relevant authorities.'" (See the UK newspaper Sunderland Echo for October 28, 2000, "Wear UFO spotted within feet of a jet." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

ANOTHER UFO VIDEOTAPED IN ASHTABULA, OHIO

"It's been three months since she spotted several unidentified objects in the night sky, but Mary Standy said it's time to speak out about her findings."

"Standy has about 15 minutes of tape shot with her family's camcorder to prove what she saw back on July 17 (2000)."

"Standy was recording the full moon at about 11:30 p.m. 'I was going to use the pictures to make a poster for my daughter's room,' Standy said."

"What she saw as she aimed the camcorder at the night sky from her bedroom window turned out to be more than just a scenic view of the moon and picturesque wispy cloud, however."

"As Standy videotaped from the east side of her Lincoln Drive home, suddenly she noticed tiny round white lights streaking from left to right above, below and around the moon.."

"'They weren't planes, and they weren't shooting stars,' Standy said, beginning to shake with the memory of her experience."

"One of the lights drifted to the right of the moon, disappeared behind a large cloud, then seconds later zipped to the left and was gone from sight. During the ten minutes of recording, more than a half dozen such 'lights' alternately appeared and disappeared around the edge of the moon, Standy said."

"Standy said she was forced to brace her arms on the window's edge to steady them as she began to react to the incident. Her dog, a cocker spaniel, hopped onto the nearby bed and began to growl. Standy also recalled that the fur on the dog's head stood on end as it reacted to whatever was traveling in the sky.

"An hour later, Standy's daughter suffered a further shock when she went to her front yard and recorded an even more spectacular sight. Carefully focusing the camcorder into the cloudless sky, Standy's daughter captured another five minutes of a rapidly darting object, which alternately changed shape from round to elliptical to tubular."

The object appeared white as it darted across the sky, but when she caught it on freeze-frame, it turned green, red and purple."

On Saturday, October 21, 2000, "Standy again caught something unidentified on film. This time it was a large white ball of light. At first she thought it was the moon. However, the orb was not in the right position of the sky at the time of the recording--about 2 a.m., Standy said."

"'I've been seeing objects in the sky since the age of nine,' Standy said."

Located just south of Lake Erie, Ashtabula is on Ohio Route 20 approximately 66 miles (105 kilometers) east of Cleveland. (See the Ashtabula Star-Beacon for November 5, 1990, "Ashtabula Township woman videotapes UFO near her house" by Pamela E. Gran. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

MASSIVE SAUCER HOVERS OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY

On Friday, November 10, 2000, at 6:04 p.m., Shelah J. was at her apartment in San Rafael, California, across the bay from San Francisco, when she spied something odd outside the window.

"At first the object seemed like it was not moving and was standing stationary," Shelah reported. "Its light, or the brightness of the vehicle, was brighter than the surrounding planes."

"It moved very slowly and flew low over the mountains and then just seemed to move (west) over the water towards the city of San Francisco. After watching for what seemed like ten minutes. I ran downstairs to get the binoculars. Through the binoculars, the object looked incredible."

"At first the object seemed to be elongated and looked like a cigar shape. But after watching for a longer period of time, it seemed more like a saucer shape and glowed brightly. It was the same color as a fire ember. It was bright orange and its glow seemed to radiate much energy from inside."

"The vehicle was massive in size. I cannot estimate how large but very, very large and easy to see through such binoculars."

"It seemed as if two planes were circling around or near it, and later a third plane also monitored it.."

"My roommates came home at about 6:45 p.m. and I told them what I saw. I thought the object was gone because it had gone out of sight earlier. But then Michael, my roommate, looked from his bedroom (window) and saw a gleaming object adjacent to planes' lights and asked me if that was it. We took the binoculars out and a small telescope and indeed it was the same. This was when I saw the third plane tracking the vehicle."

"Even though the vehicle was further away than when I originally saw it, it gleamed with a very bright fiery orange glow. Michael said, 'I've never seen anything like it.' He was also able to make out some red and white lights on the side of

it and the light that circled around it." (Email Form Report)

GREENISH-WHITE UFO SEEN OVER OSTEND, MICHIGAN

Five Michiganders got an unexpected thrill on Halloween night when they spotted a fast-moving UFO.

On Tuesday, October 31, 2000, "between 6:45 and 7 p.m.," the female eyewitness, "my husband, my seven-year-old son, a friend and her ten-year-old son were walking north on the main street of" Ostend, Michigan (population 2,300) when "I looked up and saw this greenish-white light cruising straight from the east to the west at an incredible speed approximately 300 feet (90 meters) up with absolutely no sound. I told the others to look up. It was as if time stood still. We were awestruck!"

"As the pulsating light passed before us, a part of it disengaged itself and fell to the east and disappeared. It was similar to when the (space shuttle) Challenger exploded in (January) 1987. We kept on following it to the north, trying to follow it with our eyes as it headed west, only to have our view obscured by the trees."

"Once we were into a clearing, I saw a faint greenish glow, then it disappeared, more like vanished over the Dewey Lake area. My husband and I both said to each other, right then, 'That was no falling star!'"

"There was absolutely no arc to this. There was no trail. It moved at a steady consistent speed, perhaps 200 to 300 miles per hour (320 to 480 kilometers per hour). My husband and I were in disbelief. The friend who was with us didn't really dismiss it but was just not as enthused. Her expression was more like Wow! and that was it." (Email Form Report)

BLINKING UFO SIGHTED IN BIRDSBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

On Monday, November 6, 2000, at 11:15 p.m., Alan Broskey was driving his car on a westbound road in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania (population 1,400), not far from Reading, when he spotted something unusual through the windshield.

"Driving westward, I saw a light in the sky that was three times as big as the North Star (Polaris). The object had blinking white, blue, yellow and red lights. Flying low over the valley from the north and then turning to the southwest. And it continued its flight until it was out of my view. It made no sound." (Email Form Report)

PERMIAN LIZARD HOLDS EVOLUTIONARY SURPRISE

"The first known creature to walk upright on two feet was a speedy, long-legged lizard that scurried on to the scene 80 million years before the dinosaur, a newly-found fossil shows."

"The lizard, less than one foot long and weighing under one pound, was a plant-eater. Researchers believe that it used its speed and unique way of running to avoid the hungry meat-eaters that roamed the world" during the Permian Period 290 million years ago.

"Walking on two feet is an example of 'repeated evolution in which a physical advantage evolves in different species at different times, says Robert Reisz, a University of Toronto researcher and author of a study appearing in the current issue of the journal Science."

"'It was just such a good idea that it happened again and again,' he says, 'To find an example of an animal that did this before dinosaurs or mammals is particularly exciting.'"

"The remains of the lizard were found in a German quarry. It took researchers more than two years to painstakingly remove the rock that encased the fragile 10-inch long fossil."

"When the remains were analyzed, Reisz says, it was clear the lizard was a new species, now called *Eudibamus cursoris*, and that it was designed for swift running on two feet."

"'The most compelling evidence for bipedalism is the length of the hind limbs,' Reisz says, 'They are much longer than the

forelimbs, and it would have been relatively awkward for this animal to move around on four legs.'" "

"The hind legs are longer than the body. Trailing behind is a tail that is about as long as the body. The forelegs are short, which would be expected from a bipedal lizard, Reisz says."

"The formation where the fossils were found has been dated at about 290 million years old. The first dinosaur is thought to have appeared 210 million years ago."

"'This little animal was built for speed,' says David Berman of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania)., the lead author of the study. 'It was very, very fast.'"

"That speed was essential to its survival, he says. The world 290 million years ago was populated with a variety of meat-eating reptiles, including the dimetrodon, a fierce carnivore whose fossils were found in the same German quarry as Eudibamus cursoris."

"Even so, Berman says, Eudibamus and its close relatives made only a brief appearance in the fossil record and were gone by the time dinosaurs appeared."

"Just why it died off despite its speed, Reisz says, We really don't know. It's one of those continuing mysteries." (See USA Today for November 7, 2000, "Upright lizard sprinted into history long before dinos," page 8D.)

(Editor's Note: The end of the Permian Period was also the end of the Paleozoic Era, which was characterized by a mass extinction of life on Earth. About 80 percent of the planet's marine life forms died at the end of the Permian period, including the highly successful trilobites, which had been around since the Cambrian Period 300 million years earlier. Nobody knows why all these species suddenly disappeared, although some have theorized that a cataclysm in outer space was responsible.)

ISRAEL SENDS THOUSANDS OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO FLORIDA

"Roz Soltz, an Israeli from Miami (Florida) was a little sad when she left for a community meeting Wednesday morning (November 8, 2000), persuaded by television that her mail-in vote for U.S. president had once again made little difference."

"Within minutes, her gloom turned to glee when a secretary ran into the meeting with a note indicating that Soltz and hundreds of other Floridians in Israel may have mailed in the votes that could decide it." (The USA's prewidential election, which is still up in the air as of this writing--J.T.)

"'It's mazel. It's luck, ' said Soltz, 73, an Al Gore supporter who moved to Israel in 1995 but still owns a travel agency in Coral Gables, Fla. 'It's our mazel that we are destined to have some special input into America's future.'"

"As Florida churned with debates over recounts and lawsuits Thursday (November 9, 2000), the possibility arose that the race between Vice President Gore and Texas governor George W. Bush (nickname Dubya--J.T.) could be decided by absentee ballots to be counted in Florida, and no place has a more concentrated piece of Florida abroad than Israel."

"Many of these residents moved to the Jewish state and went through aliya, the citizenship process technically open to all Jews under Israel's Law of Return."

"The Republican and Democratic parties try to get ballots into the hands of U.S. citizens in Israel."

"Florida officials say that 26,000 state residents requested absentee ballots for the 1996 presidential vote and that this year's number was higher. By law the state will accept the ballots as much as 10 days after Election Day as long as they were postmarked by Election Day."

"Traditionally the bulk of those absentee ballots have been cast for Republicans, many of them by U.S. soldiers and sailors

serving overseas."

"Like Jewish voters elsewhere, 90 percent of Israeli Floridians were expected to vote Democratic. The idea that they could swing the election is a bit far-fetched but perhaps no more so than other scenarios that have become reality in the U.S. since Election Day." (See the Chicago Tribune for November 10 November 10, 200-, "Americans in Israel now at race's center," section 1, page 5.)

(Editor's Comment: My question is, how many of these are legitimate Florida absentee ballots? And how many are forgeries printed by the Israeli government, complete with November 7 postmarks? Israel has a vested interest in keeping Dubya out of the White House. For more on that, see our O Jerusalem Dept. in this issue.)

from the UFO Files...

1982: JANGO'S SPACE PRINCESS

Since abduction research began in 1980, there have been a number of tales of sexual encounters aboard UFOs. Many abductees claim to have met their future lovers or spouses as children or adolescents during an abduction experience.

Brazil has the highest number of recorded abduction sexual experiences. The majority of these cases have taken place in southern Brazil. Usually there is no physical evidence to support the abductee's claim that such activity took place.

Joao Valerio da Silva is the exception. And here's what happened to him in November of 1982.

Joao, nicknamed Jango, lived in an apartment in Botucatu, a mid-sized city in Sao Paulo state located 250 kilometers (150 miles) west of the city of Sao Paulo, which is the largest city in South America.

One evening, Jango was in the kitchen cooking some roupa velha (Brazilian dish featuring beans and rice--J.T.) for supper. As the pot began to simmer, he spied a brilliant white light just outside the front window.

Jango entered the living room for a closer look. As he did so, an intense, multi-megawatt beam of dazzling light came streaming through the window. Crying out, he lifted his arm to shield his eyes. A weird humming sound invaded his ears.

Jango felt himself being drawn upward, pulled towards the ceiling. But instead of hitting whitewashed plaster, he found himself moving slowly into what felt like a warm fog. Behind his closed eyes, he saw a kind of dazzle field, twinkling multicolored lights moving around in random patterns.

Suddenly, Jango found himself on his knees on what felt like a warm spongy floor. Looking up, he saw that he was in a circular room about 10 meters (33 feet) in diameter. The room was well illuminated, but he could not see any lamps or recessed lighting.

And Jango was not alone in the room.

Nearby stood a half dozen gaunt hooded figures. The hood's shadow covered most of their faces leaving only a glimpse of a narrow chin and a lipless mouth.

The entities began to close in, then stopped. A smaller hooded figure came to the fore. A scaly three-fingered hand reached out and pulled back the hood, exposing the face of a beautiful woman.

She's gorgeous, he thought.

Indeed she was. She had a slender oval face with a slim aquiline nose, muted cheekbones, fine eyebrows, gleaming chocolate brown eyes. Her lush lips were rose red, exposing gleaming white teeth which had a slight overbite. Her glossy chestnut hair, with its golden highlights, cascaded down to her shoulders and collarbone. She was wearing a floor-length black

cape with red sating showing at the collar.

He gaped in amazement. A space princess...

Large golden hoop earrings dangled from each ear. She stared straight ahead, her dark sensuous eyes devoid of any reaction or emotion. The alien hand reached out again and undid the silken knot at the base of her throat. With a whisper, the satin-lined cape slid from her shoulders and landed in a soft pile around her feet.

"Aiiiii! Santa Madre!" he blurted, his eyes bulging wide open.

Jango's stunned gaze descended the length of her nubile body, past her bodacious bosom, nipped-in waist, dimpled navel and rounded hips hinting at a voluptuous rear. Her skin was a dark shade of sunny gold, and she reacted not at all to his open-mouthed stare, just looking ahead as if her mind was several light-years away.

Jango's reaction was instantaneous. And masculine. He took an instinctive step forward, reaching out to embrace her, and the princess and her alien entourage moved forward, as well.

All at once, he felt a weird prickling sensation on the back of his neck. He heard a rapid noise, a sudden beep-beep-beep-beep-beep.

And suddenly he found himself lying flat on his back on a hard wooden floor. The voices of his family drifted in from the kitchen. "Jango? Where are you?"

"In here," he croaked, barely able to speak.

As John Spencer points out in The UFO Encyclopedia, Joao Valerio da Silva "was found by his family on the floor of his house, naked and unconscious, his clothes piled next to him. His skin was covered in red marks, and his watch had stopped."

The Brazilian physicians who treated him also found other evidence of his strange experience. As the medical report noted, "The penile epidermis of the patient was covered with a number of unusual lesions about 0.5 centimeters in diameter. At first they appeared to be an advanced case of keritosis (a skin disorder that sometimes leads to skin cancer--J.T.). However, the lesions proved to be a form of severe dermatitis, the stimulus for which is unknown." (See the book The UFO Encyclopedia, edited by John Spencer, Avon Books, New York, N.Y., 1993, page 89.)

O JERUSALEM DEPT: It isn't bad enough that we have Israeli troops desecrating the mosques of Haram as-Sharif (the Temple Mount to Jews) every Friday, keeping the Muslims from their noonday prayers. Or that Israeli tanks are shelling Beit Jala, a town south of Jerusalem with a population that is 90 percent Christian, equally split between Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholics, people who have absolutely nothing to do with the Intifada. Now the West Bank's six-week war of religion has spilled over into the USA's presidential election. Here's how...

Ten days ago, Gov. Bush turned up in Detroit, Michigan to woo the large Arab-American population in that city. Surprisingly, he brought his national security adviser, Condoleeza Rice, with him. Reading between the lines, my guess is that Dubya and ms. Rice sent a backchannel "Let's talk" message to Yasser Arafat.

At 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2000, about an hour before Vice President Gore called to concede the election, Yasser Arafat phoned Dubya to congratulate him on his victory. Probably Arafat was trying to sell Bush on his "Send peacekeepers to Jerusalem" idea, which so far has been resisted by Israel and the Clinton administration.

This probably alarmed the Israelis, who dislike the Bush family anyway. It all goes back to the Gulf War ten years ago. The Israelis wanted Poppy, the governor's father, to invade Iraq and crush Saddam Hussein for good. Then-President Bush figured the CIA and Kurd uprisings would finish off Saddam. Well, he was wrong, and Saddam proved to be more durable than anyone

expected.

All in all, the Zionists feel that the Bush family is too friendly with the moderate Arabs, and they prefer a Democrat in the White House.

Three hours after Arafat's phone call, a bunch of Palm Beach, Florida Jews start complaining that the governor's evil kid brother, Jebbie Bush, Florida's governor, somehow tricked them into voting for their arch-enemy, Pat Buchanan.

All of which has me wondering, why do the Zionists want Al Fore in the White House? Are the Democrats planning to wage another war of religion on behalf of the Jews, like they did in the 1940s? Are they going to send a few hundred thousand American troops to the Middle East to hold off the Arabs while those Hasidic rabbis blow up the Al-Aqsa mosque?

Lord knows I'm no fan of the Poppies. I didn't even vote for Dubya. But he did win the popular vote in Florida and the last three recounts. With Florida's 25 electoral votes added to those of the other states he won, under the terms of our country's Constitution, Dubya has clearly won the presidential election.

If the Zionists succeed in helping Al Gore steal this election, perhaps the GOP will reconsider its support of the State of Israel.

It might be a good idea to double the number of Texas Rangers guarding the Bush family. Considering last week's murder of Hussein Abayat, the Mossad is more than willing to assassinate political leaders it doesn't like.

Stay the course, Dubya. You won the electoral vote. You are the president-elect. Come January 20, you can set your own foreign policy. If people don't like it, they can express their opinion at the polls in November 2004.

And if those rabbis in Jerusalem disapprove...well, you know what they say in New Hampshire. "If you don't like them apples, find another orchard."

We'll be back next week with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 17:30:49 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 23:13:11 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: 16 Nov 2000 09:26:00 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

<snip>

>An active SETI program would involve sending signals toward
>target stars instead of passively searching for signals.
>Physicists have announced such a project and designed a
>message to be broadcast in the direction of nearby stars in
>order to search for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

<snip>

It would be nice to envision a galaxy where all technological civilizations build multi-frequency communications devices and lob them into space where they will continue to function even if their creators bute the dust. Sagan's novel "Contact" describes a world-size machine of this sort very well...it's a kind of galactic switchboard.

In any case, sending a message to another civilization is as much about conquering time as it is surmounting space. A civilization would necessarily have to build to last, whether they're building orbiting switchboards or sculpting faces into deserts.

I personally think it's likely we'll discover ETI acidentally, not through a concentrated search.

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Dave

From: Dave Ledger <dledger@igclick.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 02:30:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 23:18:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Dave

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 00:43:25 +0100
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

>Source: BBC News,

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid_1022000/1022712.stm

>Stig

>_____

>Tuesday, 14 November, 2000, 09:32 GMT

>First contact for UFO mecca?

>The Roswell Incident made the area infamous

>**

>Scotland's UFO hot-spot could be set to make contact - with a
>city known across the world as a mecca for alien enthusiasts.

>A local councillor wants to twin Bonnybridge with Roswell, the
>US city which has been synonymous with other-worldly encounters
>for more than 50 years.

>The area sealed its place in folklore when it was claimed that a
>spaceship had landed in New Mexico in 1947.

>It was said that an alien was taken to a secret military base,
>where an autopsy was carried out and captured on film.

>We in Bonnybridge have an affinity with Roswell, and the common
>denominator is UFOs

>Councillor Billy Buchanan

>However, the Scottish town of Bonnybridge could have usurped its
>crown, having been dubbed the UFO capital of the world by some
>enthusiasts.

>Dozens of unexplained sightings have been recorded in the area,
>which attracts visitors from across the globe.

>Councillor Billy Buchanan is holding a public meeting which
>could pave the way for a twinning arrangement between them.

>He believes the link would be a progressive step for the
>regeneration of the area.

>Intense media

>"We in Bonnybridge have an affinity with Roswell, and the common
>denominator is UFOs," he said.

>"Obviously that has been the mecca because of the intense media
>at that time in 1947.

>"But it is not as active as Bonnybridge. It is the UFO hot-spot
>of the world because of the ongoing sightings in the area.

>"Bonnybridge has had more sightings than anywhere else in the
>world."

>He said experts from across the world had touched down in the
>area to examine the phenomena, but no-one could say why the area
>had so many sightings.

>Full support

>He hoped the general public would turn out for Tuesday night's
>meeting to discuss the proposed link.

>"The cultural, tourist, social and economic advantages would be
>tremendous for the area and I think I will get full support for
>this," he said.

>He also said that an Anglo-American company was planning to
>visit the area to present plans for a £20m theme park.

>"We have got to move forward. There has been a lot of discussion
>lately about the tourism situation in Scotland and how it is
>diminishing with the established tourist sights that we have.

>"We have got to move forward and regenerate and I think this
>could be the way forward for a theme scenario in the central
>belt of Scotland," he said.

>**

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Dear Errol and List members,

FYI, Bonnybridge has no more UFO sightings than anywhere else,
please do not be duped by all this hype and media
sensationalism.

Being from Scotland myself, I find this kind of baloney an
insult to my intelligence and every other serious UFO researcher
for that matter.

Mr Buchanan wrote:

>Dozens of unexplained sightings have been recorded in the area,
>which attracts visitors from across the globe.

<LOL> At the last count a few years ago, I believe the quoted
figure for Bonnybridge sightings lay somewhere around the 8000
mark. Most of these reports I have requested in the past from
various researchers. I am still waiting. However, I have managed
to find approximately ten or so from Bonnybridge and surrounding
areas <G>

Time to set the record straight I think. 99% of UFO reports
coming from Bonnybridge in Scotland are either lies,
misidentifications or a hoax campaign to bring more folks and
interest to the area. Nothing more I'm afraid.

From your friend,

Dave Ledger - UFO Scotland

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 00:25:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 07:32:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Maccabee

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 17:55:45 -0000

>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:12:02 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Of course, the proposal that the phenomenon could be one of
>>these (unintelligent and natural or manmade) should already have
>>been considered in the chain of analysis/logic that led to the
>>conclusion that some sighting was unexplained. In other words,
>>all reasonable possibilities should have been considered by the
>>time one arrives at the True UFO (TRUFO) conclusion. A TRUFO
>>could be a presently unknown but natural and unintelligent (no
>>evidence of intelligence involved) phenomenon.

>Yes it should. And no doubt is. But this simplistic way of
>looking at the investigation of cases doesn't stand up. What
>about the cases where that process has taken place and then,
>weeks, months, years later a resolution is found or
>contradictory evidence comes out. Because we have evidence that
>most UFO cases resolve to IFO relatively quickly and many others
>do given time and reinvestigation it's reasonable to suggest
>they all may resolve to IFO.

<snip>

>>Consider the New Zealand sightings of December 31, 1978,

>Yes, I agree that case is still unresolved.

Good. We agree on something. But why is it unresolved, that is
the next question. Or to phrase it another way, what more
needs to be done to resolve it. Andy might say... well, wait
another year or another five years or another ten years to find
out if

- (a) they admit to it being a hoax
- (b) an airplane that somehow avoided radar (this was before
stealth was flying) suddenly is "found"
- (c) a squid boat captain finally admits that he was fishing in
the Pegasus Bay ("explanation" for the most widely
publicised portion of the sightings/film)
- (d) the cameraman finally admits that he filmed a light he had
created which flashed red to white (etc.) (a non-publicized
portion of the sightings/film)

And so on.

>But we shouldn't
>infer that whatever caused the sightings was a craft from
>'elsewhen' or wherever it was you said things were coming from.
>It's an as yet unexplained case is all.

Hey, as long as it is unexplained unconventional hypotheses can be considered. For example, one suggestion was an earthquake light as a precursor to an earthquake. But in the years since there has been no earthquake. Nevertheless one might hypothesize some amazing ball lightning type phenomenon (which managed to hover, or travel at the speed of the plane and faster and to appear to avoid the plane).

A giant ball lightning would be a TRUFO with no evidence of intelligence (I presume!).

>>Andy would say there must be at least one more dirty sock to >>try. I say no.

>Yes I would. Otherwise you are failing ufology and enquiry >generally by just accepting the event as a 'UFO'. All UFOs have >to be something. It's our job to work that out -whether they be >IFOs or Zog from Elsewhen looking for some action. Your way of >dealing with the case is just putting your head in the sand and >making assumptions Bruce.>

Hahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha

Pot calling the kettle black?

Your way of dealing with the case is to bury your head deeply under the assumption or should I say "hope" that an explanation is waiting out there somewhere and all you have to do is sit back wait for it to come along?

IF that were not your armchair approach you would propose an explanation. You would be in good company. Sir Bernard Lovell, the astronomer at the Christchurch observatory and scientists at the Department of Science and Industrial Research and also Philip Klass (and a bunch of others... including me) proposed explanations. Why not you?

If you know enough about the sightings to say they are in your opinion, unresolved, then you know enough about them to be able to propose solutions.

Of course, it would only make sense to propose solutions which have not already been ruled out.

But suppose you propose an explanation: then the case could be unresolved only because the explanation has not yet been rejected as conflicting with the data.

So get your head out of the sand and propose. At least in the NZ case, unlike Arnold and a host of other good sightings, you have multiple witnesses unknown to each other before the sightings (conspiracy unlikely, hoax unlikely) and you have radar, film and tape recordings made at the time.

Two books and a bunch of papers and have been published on it. And in PJK's book UFOs the Public Deceived and in Sheaffer's UFO Verdict book you have the avowed skeptics points of view.

What more do you need?

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Re: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 00:25:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 07:35:22 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze - Maccabee

>Date: 15 Nov 2000 12:47:45 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze

>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 10:11:17 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: 'Bubba' In Gulf Breeze
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>We have heard the 'Bubba' has now appeared in Phoenix. What/who
>>was Bubba? You can 'bone up' on Bubba at brumac.8k.com

>Tom King sent me two shots of Bubba over Phoenix taken recently.
>One was a frame from a video, the other taken with his camera.
>He said it was moving slowly, then sped away. I will be sending
>you an email with the photos attached.

One thing Gulf Breeze Bubba did not do was speed away! In fact, in none of the sightings was great speed noted. On the other hand, several that were triangulated showed that the speeds were as high as 40-50 mph.

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 05:55:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 07:49:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Hale

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?
>Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 11:44:59 -0000

>Commercialism of ufology is indeed a problem. And, to an extent,
>you are right that this involves ufologists as well. But
>commercialism is also an opportunity. Perhaps we should accept
>its existence and run with the tide.

Hi Jenny,

I think you are right here, I mean we do live in a very materialistic World, and I don't think we can get away with the notion that all must be free. In an ideal world I guess we would all love to have everything free. And I must admit over the last ten to fifteen years, I have listened to some great and fascinating UFO lecturers - including you Jenny - and so I felt comfortable with paying the entrance fee.

I think where commercialism in ufology falls down, is when there seems to be quite open and tactful exploitation of the subject. I can think of a handful of videos that have been made, which really was what I term the "Bandwagon Mentality", they were appalling to watch and had no new evidence to present.

But this also highlights the other problem with such videos and books. If those outside ufology get to see these, they must surely make people look at us as all cranks and jokers?

>However, there is a crucial difference when ufology itself are >the commercialisers. When someone organises a conference (at >least most of the ones I have seen) it rarely makes much of a >profit since that is not really why they are organised. The >ticket sales go towards hire of the room, equipment, travel >costs etc. And if a few hundred pounds (dollars) are made on top >then the UFO group involved will be happy and will put the money >back into the subject in some way, I expect.

I agree again, having had some experience with putting on local UFO events one can plainly see the struggle on which the group has to manage such finer details like payment for refreshments, speakers etc. I think you would find that most dedicated UFO groups would hold a meeting for the sole purpose of getting some group funds, to be able to hold trips, print newsletters and possibly buy much needed equipment for research purposes.

>This is very different from, say, a businessman recognising the >potential of exploiting public interest in UFOs big style and >staging some UFO themed event in a way to make large sums of >money that will not come back into ufology.

And I think ufology has had its fair share of these! One day I shall sit down and organise the wackiest UFO event ever, it can only make us giggle if nothing else.

>In such a case who is right and who is wrong? The businessman >for making pots of money off the back of ufology? Or ufology for

>not recognising how much money it could make and what it could
>do with it to the benefit of all?

I tend to take the viewpoint, that maybe ufologists are not the greatest business minds on the planet, so perhaps those that do have the great business minds may see a chance of exploitation. And I find this happens in quite a few professions. Take for example a nephew of mine who is a vet. He is a great vet but when it comes to business he admits to not being at the sharp end of business strategy. Perhaps there should be a UFO business Association formed whereupon those who need advice on setting up conferences and highlighting their particular avenue, could find some help? I tried some years ago with the East London Business help group and they couldn't understand why anyone would like to start something which looked into UFO studies (or as one said, looking at bright peas in the sky!)

>Interesting questions to ask ourselves.

Lets hope Jenny more people starting raising them!

>Much the same applies with books, I suspect. Most UFO books are
>written by researchers who are able to use the money to do more
>research. Its a field open to anyone to enter (even you Roy).
>Not a closed shop. And lest you think its incredibly lucrative,
>it isn't. A few authors may have been paid big money for some
>books - and we know they have - but these are rare events. And
>if so what they do with their windfall in so far as funding the
>UFO community afterwards is a matter for their own conscience.

You're correct and we do know the big pay out cheques are rare but have been written at some stage. I must admit of toying with the idea of a book for some time now. I am actively researching (although not specifically UFOs) sightings of Ghost Planes in the Essex area, more so my surrounding areas as there seems to be a wealth of information which has accumulated and which is pretty fascinating to read. So who knows, Jenny, I may yet publish a book.

As for conscience, those who exploit for financial gain, will only find themselves slowly being exposed for what they really are.

>I know if anyone was ever daft enough to pay me (or if one of my
>books ever miraculously earned) a tidy sum I have plans drawn up
>as to how to put that money back into ufology to create new
>things that ufology could benefit from having. But I am well
>aware that its as likely that I will win the lottery (and do the
>same). Or indeed that you will win the lottery - because in real
>terms the money I earn from writing isn't of the order that would
>fund anything.

Jenny I am sure that in the future, you may find yourself having the chance to do so... just change your ticket numbers every week. <g>

>I have a very firm principle of supporting the UFO community by
>not charging fees to lecture or to write (as some do). I simply
>feel that as a person who has benefited from being a ufologist
>its the least I can do to repay the community upon whom I
>constantly depend. But I don't question what stands others may
>take on such matters as it is their choice and the choice of
>anyone willing to pay them within the UFO community. And I doubt
>we can start making moral issues out of this. It has to be a
>personal choice.

Some of us have families to support, and that I take on board so personal choice has to be at the helm of such writings.

>However, even those people who make money in a commercial sense
>from within ufology are usually (exceptions are rare I suspect)
>genuinely adding to our knowledge in some way and therefore not
>merely using the phenomenon for personal reasons.

And sometimes we get phoned up by the media for UFO detail, so in the end it all kind of slides into the commercial world once again, but if we didn't have any books written we certainly would be in a worse position.

>Unfortunately ufology is - and always has been - an underfunded,
>voluntary community that needs some inflow of money to keep it

>ticking over. And there is never anything like enough. As such
>there is a case to argue that we ourselves need to be more
>commercially minded, not less, rather than to let the money
>makers from without bleed ufology dry.

>Just think. If the UFO community clubbed together to create its
>own publishing house (its an idea I've tossed about in my mind
>from time to time as the UFO community collectively could make
>it happen if we wanted to do) and as a consequence we published
>a proportion of the literature ourselves, not only would we have
>some say in the quality of output but also would be able to
>plough profits back into funding UFO research projects.

>In a way this is what many of our groups do right now by
>publishing their own material from time to time, but this is
>small scale by comparison. Collectively ufology might be able to
>really raise some good funds to spend wisely in future rather
>than to repay shareholders as publishers would do.

>Because, Roy, believe it or not authors are not the main
>beneficiaries from a book. If I write a book and it sells for
>say \$20 the vast majority of that never goes anywhere near an
>author. There are many who share a slice of the cake and it this
>that makes books so expensive and creates the myth that UFO
>writers make large sums of money.

Amen to that Jenny. I think there should be a testing of the
water just to see how many of the UFO groups and researchers
would be in favour of such a development. And, if I write a
book, I would hope that proceeds would made available to some
kind of UFO business package!

>But, of course, if you cut out many of the hands that bite into
>the cake by forming your own company that exists to fund ufology
>not to make money for other people then you do stand a chance of
>raising useful annual incomes that could truly benefit ufology.
>Although - admittedly - you also take a risk of failure as well.

In new business start-ups there is a very high failure risk.
Background research to such ventures is essential and this is
one aspect you'll usually find missing!

>The above - on a very small UK based scale BTW - is one of
>the ways that UFOIN is doing ufology differently.

If it all brings in results then it all helps either way.

>Moreover, if ufology got together and planned some sort of
>mega-fund raiser event (like we could have done - for instance -
>in 1997 - if we had been less busy arguing and spent more time
>thinking about how to raise ufology onto the next level) then we
>might have made some useful progress.

>What I mean is a huge commercial venture to utilise public
>interest and where all participants agreed to donate their
>services for free. Then - once more - we could probably build up
>a useful 'pot' out of which we could fund meaningful
>investigation and research long term.

And I present to you all UFOs In The 21st Century, or something
along those lines!

>Obviously, a line has to be drawn. Too much hype would be self
>destructive and make us open to well earned derision. But like
>it or not we are in a public interest field and maybe it is time
>we woke up to the opportunity to do something with that fact and
>created a funding structure that could kick start moribund
>research.

>As always, just a thought.

>Best wishes,

>Jenny Randles

Well people what are you waiting for! Get with the program!!

All the best,

Roy

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From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:35:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:11:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

<snip>

>A man from Thurso, Quebec witnessed such a seemingly weightless
>alien being which attracted much attention by the local media.
>I have photocopies of this evolving story from the October 9, 10,
>11 and 12, 1990 issues of 'LeDroit', a French language newspaper
>of the Ottawa-Hull area.

>My reading and comprehension abilities in French are no longer
>as good as they once were so I cannot give further details but a
>sketch of this alleged alien made it in the October 10 issue and
>it looked very much like a mylar helium balloon creation with
>similar big eyes and legs which was published the following day
>by the same newspaper. It was presented as a likely explanation
>to the alien the man from Thurso saw, but was it the
>explanation?

<snip>

>If your French is better than mine Larry, I would be happy to
>mail to you copies of these four newspaper articles in a plain
>brown envelope.

Nick,

I'll take a crack at it, if you don't mind.

Thanks for giving out the dates. I'll look these up on microfilm
during my search at Laurentian University.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:46:21 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:14:36 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 16:24:31 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>>Maybe the reason why SETI hasn't been a roaring and immediate
>>success is because technologically advanced societies may be
>>as far away from using "radio" for interstellar communication as
>>we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

><snip>

>I'm in your school of thought on this, John. Quantum
>entanglement is but one of the options an advanced
>space-colonizing civilization could use to communicate. We're
>already doing this under laboratory conditions. It amounts to
>nothing less than instantaneous transmission of information, and
>mainstream SETI considers it paradoxical that we haven't heard
>anything yet over _radio_?

>Radio would be used, one thinks, only to communicate to
>"primitive" civilizations like our own. But the list of reasons
>why an ETI _wouldn't_ choose to actively "reach out and touch"
>underdeveloped neighbors is at least as long and probably more
>persuasive than the list of why they _would_.

>I don't expect anything to turn up from radio SETI. That said, I
>hope I'm wrong! It's interesting to me that many people curious
>about the possibility of UFOs representing some sort of ETI are
>usually SETI supporters--but never the other way around.

Hello Mac and John:

Quantum entanglement is indeed amazing. Forcing a particle to take some quantum state (momentum, polarization whatever) has been shown to have an instantaneous (faster than light or FTL) effect on a "quantum entangled", i.e. paired particle!

Sadly, and unless I'm very mistaken, no information can be transmitted this way! Bear with me on this, its not exactly simple.

Take two photons A and B. As I understand it, they are quantum entangled if created together from some particle collision or the like. Both particles have certain undetermined properties (polarization?) until they are stopped or "observed" at some target.

The surprise was that stopping one (A) determined the polarization of the other (B)! I suppose some fun science fiction was inspired by his.

Now the bad news. The polarization of A is entirely random, thus

so is B. The sender will create a long series of random numbers (ones and zeroes really) while the receiver will get a corresponding series of zeroes and ones! No information can be transmitted that way.

Suppose the sender transmits a sort of Morse Code, dots and dashes, or ones and zeros, by alternating between determined and undetermined photons.

The receiver gets the dots and dashes, but still cannot tell a dot from a dash, or a one from a zero!

Why? Because he will be determining the undetermined photons... and these will also be random... and the dot is indistinguishable from the dash. This is a bit like looking for intentionally scattered sand on a beach made of the very same naturally distributed sand. Worse really, electrons are totally the same, while sand particles may differ slightly.

Accordingly, and unless I am mistaken, the receiver cannot tell if any message was ever sent at all.

I would hope and expect advanced civilizations to have surprising means of communication, stuff we haven't dreamed of. I just don't think quantum entanglement (QE) as now understood is the answer to FTL communication, not yet anyway.

A second point: Long before electronics, telegraphy, even smoke signals, people simply conversed. Now that we have dozens of ways to communicate, has everyone stopped talking? Not at all. You should hear the jabber over the lunch table at work.

Just because an advanced society has undreamed of modes of communication and signaling, should they abandon radio, microwaves, lasers etc. whenever and wherever that is the least expensive or most convenient method?

Why give up the entire electromagnetic (EM) spectrum when its so cheap and easy? We still use sign language when appropriate. People still walk when we have cars. I've even seen people on horseback .. rich folks BTW, who could easily afford a limousine.

A third point: Earth's atmosphere blocks out most of the EM spectrum. The entire spectrum is available once one gets out into space. There could be a river of information going between some airless body in the solar system and a much more distant point.

We would never notice unless we, or our space probes, were out in space, in line with the transmission, and knew which gosh-darned wavelength to monitor.

'Tain't easy Magee! Its not impossible either.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:58:21 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:16:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

><snip>

>>>One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
>>>encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
>>>According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
>>>went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
>>>weightless."

><snip>

>>Strange floating entities were described in fairly good detail,
>>by numerous witnesses with fairly consistent accounts.

>>Their descriptions were good enough to finally identify the
>>source: Mylar balloons shaped like little men, which burst on
>>the scene like a new brand of soda pop. [burp!]

>>I'm surprised nobody else mentioned this possibility. Maybe I
>>missed something.

>Hi Larry.

>A man from Thurso, Quebec witnessed such a seemingly weightless
>alien being which attracted much attention by the local media.
>I have photocopies of this evolving story from the October 9, 10,
>11 and 12, 1990 issues of 'LeDroit', a French language newspaper
>of the Ottawa-Hull area.

>My reading and comprehension abilities in French are no longer
>as good as they once were so I cannot give further details but a
>sketch of this alleged alien made it in the October 10 issue and
>it looked very much like a mylar helium balloon creation with
>similar big eyes and legs which was published the following day
>by the same newspaper. It was presented as a likely explanation
>to the alien the man from Thurso saw, but was it the
>explanation?

>Considering that this region of Canada has the largest number of
>sex shops per square kilometer which include inflatable dolls in
>their large inventories (of course, this research was done
>solely in the interest of finding the truth about UFOs), one
>would think that witnesses living in this area could certainly
>tell the difference between a humanoid alien and a humanoid
>shaped helium filled balloon, wouldn't you? ;o)

>Nick Balaskas

>If your French is better than mine Larry, I would be happy to
>mail to you copies of these four newspaper articles in a plain
>brown envelope.

Hello Nick!

I don't catalog IFOs, so I cannot cite chapter and verse.

As I recall, this was a minor flap in Europe some years ago. I
want to say Italy, but don't quote me.

Somebody had introduced cheap mylar balloons in the shape of
little men, and kids were losing and releasing them all over the
place. One went sailing headlong past a telephone pole or some
such.

This business pretty much wound down when the source was
identified. (My source might have been LDLN. I'm not going to
dig for it now!)

Unlike regular thin-rubber balloons, mylar has almost no
"stretch" to it, and it doesn't leak hydrogen right through the
skin like a rubber balloon will.

Very light in weight, the thin mylar membranes need not be
tightly inflated, and can be formed into all sorts
non-balloonistic shapes and still fly. Little men and cartoon
figures are most popular, I bought a few for a going-away party.

I'm still surprised this was not suggested earlier with regard
to gliding entities in Pennsylvania.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 02:15:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:20:10 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 22:19:33 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:02:59 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2000 21:32:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

><snip>

>>>So I [Betty] asked him [alien "leader"] where was his home
>>>port, and he said, "Where were you on the map?" I looked and
>>>laughed and said, "I do not know." So he said, "If you don't
>>>know where you are, then there isn't any point of my telling
>>>where I am from."

><snip>

>>Please note the facility with which the "alien" finesses this
>>most unwelcome question from Betty.

>>He could have easily said " Well, your Sun is over here, see?
>>(pointing to one star) while we come from here (pointing to
>>another) while this other star is the one you call Arangutangus
>>or whatever.

>>No. Of course not! Its Betty's fault for not being an astronomer
>>you see... and once again the mystery being provides _no_ useful
>>information whatsoever.

>>I don't know how seriously to take this encounter, but that one
>>aspect fits neatly into a well worn mold. I'm surprised they
>>showed her any sort of map at all, which raises certain doubts
>>in my mind.

<snip>

Hello again Nick:

Re-reading my original post above, I may have not made my point
clearly enough.

I was alluding to what I perceive as a possible policy of
"non-information", on the part of these strange figures.

Taking Betty's account at face value just for the sake of
discussion, I see an "alien" who might indeed have been
surprised at her inquisitiveness and persistence.

Assuming that - and I know its a stretch - what does he do? Try
this:

He pulls out some bogus "star-map" and distracts her entirely with it. Once her attention is absorbed with this prop, and anticipating her question about their home location on the map, he baffles her with the circular, highly bogus comeback that she cannot find Earth on it.

More importantly; he has completely diverted Betty from any further, possibly more revealing questions she might have come up with.

That dealt with, the ufonauts could proceed with their original program, whatever that might or might not have been.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 02:46:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:23:29 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 23:04:39 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>From: Marty Murray <mmurray31@home.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500

>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

Hello yet again!

I cannot speak for the SETI people, but wish them success in spite of their expressed attitudes w/r to the UFO community.

According to a paper: 'The Reticuli Incident', by Terrence Dickerson (1980):

"The 12 stars identified on the [Hill/Fish] map and linked by travel lines are all physically similar to the Sun... In fact some of them have been examined by astronomers searching for signals from alien intelligences. Unaware of the Fish analysis, they independently concluded that they were stars worth investigating."

The paper was an update to a four color brochure - both available from Stan Friedman for a nominal fee - also by Dickerson.

In the brochure, on page 8 are some star maps showing that Zeta R is found deep in Southern skies, not so very far from the South Celestial pole.

This is highly inconvenient for most SETI antennae! Arecibo would have to rear up on its side and look over the tree tops. Antarctica would be the best place to put up a Zeta R receiver. Maybe some large aimable dish in Chile or New Zealand would do.

Sorry!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 11:48:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 08:28:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell? - Randles

>From: Dave Ledger <dledger@igclick.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?
>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 02:30:41 -0000

>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 00:43:25 +0100
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Bonnybridge To 'Twin' With Roswell?

>>Source: BBC News,

>>http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid_1022000/1022712.stm

>>Stig

>>_____

>>Tuesday, 14 November, 2000, 09:32 GMT

>>First contact for UFO mecca?

>>The Roswell Incident made the area infamous

>>**

>>Scotland's UFO hot-spot could be set to make contact - with a
>>city known across the world as a mecca for alien enthusiasts.

>>A local councillor wants to twin Bonnybridge with Roswell, the
>>US city which has been synonymous with other-worldly encounters
>>for more than 50 years.

>Time to set the record straight I think. 99% of UFO reports
>coming from Bonnybridge in Scotland are either lies,
>misidentifications or a hoax campaign to bring more folks and
>interest to the area. Nothing more I'm afraid.

>From your friend,

>Dave Ledger - UFO Scotland

Hi,

There is an element of flag waving going on. No question. But there was a 'flap' (different from a wave because it was triggered by publicity and probably not by real forces within the UFO phenomenon) that kick started the affair in 1992. So it began with a genuine 'apparent' rise in sightings.

It actually was partly my fault because it occurred just a few weeks after totally unexpected large scale publicity for a book of mine called 'UFOs and How to see them' - which reported on 'windows' in Scotland (this wasn't one of them!)

Quite why this got so much attention in Scotland (that country was not singled out at all in the book) I don't know but it took us all by surprise and articles appeared in all the main papers, I was on the TV news, debates on radio etc. It was amazing for a

week or so.

There was also a very silly article from a scientist arguing that 'UFOs are dead' because sighting totals had dramatically fallen (I think this stemmed from a journalist misunderstanding things said at a recent BUFORA conference in Sheffield - where it was argued that ufologists were becoming more discriminating and not pursuing all sorts of LITS - as one reason why investigated sightings had indeed dramatically fallen in the early 1990s).

The Bonnybridge phenomenon came on the immediate back of all this and at least partly I am sure was a backlash from the population and UFO community as well as a consequence of the newly awakened media interest. Scottish people were made aware of the subject in a big way - given the impression UFOs had vanished - and alerted to the possibility that Scotland was special. So naturally this brought forward news of their own old or recent sightings. It happens everywhere when ufology is promoted like this and the media are willing to act as a collecting box for sightings.

All that was different here was a short term combination of recognisable triggers that set off a dormant time bomb.

The concentration of sightings around Falkirk was initially not huge. But there were one or two interesting ones in the spring and summer of 1992. As soon as Billy Buchanan seized the initiative and persuaded local ufologists to assist him in unravelling the truth a number of other factors came into play.

Firstly, this area is amidst the densest concentration of ufologists in Scotland (or certainly was at that time). The prominent groups were centred hereabouts - not in Glasgow or Edinburgh. As such they were readily able to collate sightings and did so by creating a UFO reporting phone line that inevitably boosted the number of events that previously would never have been reported and turned them into reported sightings. As a consequence there seemed to be a vast explosion of sightings in the area but in reality it was an explosion of the reporting of sightings. These are very different things.

Buchanan had soon recognised the political opportunity to help his people. Partly this was down to the then recent publicity for a town not very far away (Livingston) whose Council had decided to mark the spot of a UFO encounter that happened there in 1979 by putting a memorial at the spot! This obvious publicity stunt gained a lot of attention and no doubt other councils in the area were made aware that if they wanted their town on the world map any chance to exploit UFO interest ought to be taken.

So politics was not entirely absent from this compiled equation either I suspect.

Buchanan (genuinely sincere I am sure) was regularly heard calling on the government for aid. This led to all sorts of gimmicks (there was even talk of him recording a pop song to promote the campaign) Town premises were turned over to big meetings in the way there might be during orchestrated battles to stop a new by pass road being built through woodland. By the start of 1993 the whole thing had become ensnared within its own PR bandwagon. And an ordinary level of UFO sightings had been turned into an extraordinary one by what in retrospective is an interesting sequence of social factors.

Of course, once the media got alerted to the hype and shows from Sightings to Japanese TV sent crews there, there was no way to stop the juggernaut. Nor did it matter much how 'real' was the status of this town as a UFO capital. The fact that it was hailed to be was the story. 'Town has a lot of UFO sightings' doesn't justify sending a camera crew 10,000 miles. 'Town claims crown as UFO capital of the world' may do. So the media had a vested interest in egging the pudding.

I had debates like this with Scottish ufologists at the time and some agreed with my assessment, others felt I was being too English. But in 1994 we made a TV show (Strange But True?) around the Bonnybridge phenomenon and tried to get accurate figures for the number of sightings to feature. The estimates varied a lot.

In putting that show together I had 'dialogue' with the production team that proved instructive. I wanted the numbers being claimed to be presented realistically - since it was clear nobody could verify such high levels being cited. TV seemed to me more interested by the idea that the bigger the claim the bigger the story (inevitably true). In the end (of course) TV won since I was employed only to advise and whilst my advice was usually listened to on 'Strange But True? I did not have the final say.

In fact even when I tried to moderate the picture in the 'Strange But True?' book of that series (for which I wrote a chapter on Bonnybridge around our research) I had to battle to say anything that hinted at contradiction of what was said on the TV show, even if the TV show were really only offering figures tossed at them out of the air as to the number of sightings and I could provide more sober assessments.

We certainly found some interesting cases from the area (i.e. the whole area not just - nor indeed specifically - Bonnybridge itself). We also found a lot of IFOs. Whilst we were often told there were vast numbers of sightings we never saw evidence of overly huge figures. I believe a lot of this was finger in the wind type guesstimates based on shows of hands at public meetings and calls to hot lines saying 'I once saw a funny light' that were never followed up.

As such exactly how many happened locally (let alone in Bonnybridge per se) - or how many happened recently (as opposed to any time in the past 50 years) - or indeed how many really were UFOs (a lot of the spate of videos taken in the area seem to me to be dubious as evidence of anything much) - is still very much an open question.

Bonnybridge is a fascinating study in UFO terms of how a 'window area' is created. Nobody created it for sinister reasons or even deliberately. And the extent to which there is anything real there to start the ball rolling and to earn any sort of status is not entirely clear. Although there was a basis for the legend to develop and certainly there have been a few unresolved cases in the area.

But for me this story teaches us an awful lot about the dynamics that fuel the public interface of our subject.

What we should be doing is learning from this and applying the lessons elsewhere in our field. Its too easy to revel in the hype and attention and not contemplate the meaning.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Bogus Contactee Prepares To Flee Brazil

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 16:11:08 -0500
Subject: Bogus Contactee Prepares To Flee Brazil

SOURCE: ANOVNI-Agencias de Noticias Ovni
DATE: November 16, 2000
FOR DETAILS: <http://orbita.starmedia.com/~anovni.press>

Bogus Contactee Prepares To Flee Brazil

Brazil, Nov. 6 (A.J. Gevaerd, Revista UFO).

Alleged alien contactee Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira will leave the country prior to the publication of an 'explosive' book on how he deceived 70,000 people with the 'Portal Project', according to the source of the information. The alleged contactee, who claimed having received healing powers to treat AIDS and cancer, among maladies, from "space captains", is ready to leave Brazil in the coming weeks with his wife Jessica and newborn son.

This information was furnished by an informer who for worked several years with Urandir and simultaneously, through one of Brazil's foremost ufologists for placement on the Internet. Our source does not wish to be identified, claiming to "fear for his life". He appears not to be the only one having such concerns.

Urandir is accused of selling property that he did not own to hundreds of people with the pretext that they would be visited by aliens. He was arrested in the city of Porto Alergre (and released on bail several days later) and is currently facing several charges. Almost two months ago, Urandir had plotted a kidnapping, accusing the editor of Revista UFO of having assaulted him. Shortly after, shots were fired at the residence of one of Revista UFO's associates, according to an unidentified source.

Persons with whom we spoke and are involved in this episode, believe that it may have been a "counterattack" by Urandir. In Matto Grosso do Sul, Urandir published certain material that prompted an immediate response by the authorities and the UFO community, as it claimed that A.J. Gevaerd had pursued him and assaulted him. One of Urandir's former confederates provided abundant physical proof of the different ways in which the 'contactee' exploited the public's credulity and how he had plotted a kidnapping attempt. He was also accused by more than 15 ufologists of having employed balls, lanterns and laser pointers to stimulate immediate contact with alien ships on his property in Matto Grosso do Sul.

A few months ago, the 'Fantastico' TV show produced an investigative report showing the tricks employed by the phoney contactee to deceive more than 70,000 people who would have attended the 'Portal Project' in search of alien contact and cures for a wide assortment of ills. Prior to the show, Urandir's income was estimated in 300 to 500,000 reales a month (between one quarter and a third of a million dollars).

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Re: ET Evidence - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 10:50:56 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 16:13:29 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Mortellaro

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:19:42 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>From: Marty Murray <mmurray31@home.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 10:28:30 -0500

>>Howdy John, Nick & All!

<snip>

>WOAH there bessy. SETI is far from a waste of time. No-one with
>a high school education should be thinking that SETI is looking
>for current modes of ET communication. Radio is the simplest
>form of wireless communication that we came up with when a less
>advanced species, so why not look for this mode of communication
>when peering into the past of other potential beings. Sure, a
>race that could pop by our planet for a visit probably would use
>some other form of wireless communication, but since we are
>looking back in time, who is to say that some ETs didn't use
>radio. The finding of a radio source would be used to pinpoint
>life, not communicate with it (unless we wanted them to reply in
>a few hundred to thousand years).

Hello All,

Basically, RF communications is all we have. At least in general
knowledge. So people looking for ET use it. I've always been of
the opinion that SETI was making a mistake. Still am. But only
from my perspective. Which is to say, selfish. It is my
perception that ET is here already, interacting with us. Not
everyone feels similarly but are notwithstanding, very interested
in determining if life other than ours exists out there in the
void.

I disagree with SETI on the basis of my own personal
perspective. I would like to see all that time, effort and money
(however much) applied to the UFO - abduction phenom.

Not likely.

So keep on listening. Maybe you guys'll hear something.

Not likely.

Jim

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Re: ET Evidence - Velez

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Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 12:57:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 16:16:04 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Velez

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:46:21 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 16:24:31 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

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>>>success is because technologically advanced societies may be
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Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 14:12:17 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 19:48:53 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Tonnies

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 12:57:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

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http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/001117/ny_abcnews.html

Friday November 17, 5:03 pm Eastern Time

Press Release

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A recently released report from top French military and
government officials suggests that the French government should
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Pope, an official with the British Ministry of Defense, known as
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Day III - The Scientist

UFOs, science or science fiction? What are the actual scientific

theories behind a UFO? Are there real life physics behind the phenomenon? How does it fly? How does it travel through time and space? Wallace interviews Dr. Michio Kaku, an internationally recognized authority in theoretical physics and the environment. Kaku is the author of nine books, the last two of which, Hyperspace and Visions, are international best sellers.

This interactive Webcast on ABCNEWS.com, part of The Walt Disney Internet Group (NYSE:DIS - news), is the fourth installment of a regularly scheduled series and is accompanied by QuickTime virtual reality application of a UFO, synchronous pushed graphics, interactive video and photos, video interviews with people on the street, timelines, message boards, photos, ballots, quizzes, and links to related sites. ABCNEWS.com users can chat with the Webcast's guests on the following dates:

- Monday, November 20 at 2:00 PM, ET - Nick Pope, "The Real Fox Mulder"
- Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00 PM, ET - Gordon Cooper, one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts. Cooper holds strong views on the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence -- claiming that there is a distinct possibility that we have already had contact.
- Wednesday, November 22, 2:00 PM, ET - Dr. Michio Kaku
Pope's quotes from the Webcast:
 - "I am a firm believer that some UFOs are almost certainly extraterrestrial spacecraft."
 - "The one thing that we can say is that when we finally make open contact with extraterrestrials, whatever form that contact takes, the world is never going to be the same again."
Shermer's quotes from the Webcast:
 - "I am not willing to go with the extraterrestrial hypothesis until we actually have a spacecraft or an alien. I want to see the body."
 - "When people bring so called photographic evidence or video evidence, that's no longer evidence, particularly in this age of Photoshop and computer video montages. Anybody could do this."

Kaku's quotes from the Webcast

- "We earthlings are too primitive right now to analyze what's on the other side of a wormhole, but this could be a way by which you could leap across distant galaxies and perhaps even distort time itself."
- "...if I was an alien from an advanced civilization I would say leave them [the Earth] alone for a few thousand years. Maybe play with them, but let's not make contact with them."

The Webcast was executive produced by Ira Rosen, executive producer for ABC News Magazine Webcasts; senior technical producer, Erik Olsen; video producer and editor, Brian Celentano; assistant producer, Chris Fennimore; and designer, Patricia O'Brian. Steve Jones is executive producer of ABCNEWS.com

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UFO Historical Review #7

From: Jim Klotz <jklotz77@foxinternet.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 20:31:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:40:12 -0500
Subject: UFO Historical Review #7

The on-line edition of Barry Greenwood's UFO Historical Review, Issue#7, 'On the Question of Tampering with the 1950 Great Falls UFO Film' is now available on CUFON.

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:02:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:45:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:58:21 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

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Larry, Nick and List,

I find it amazing that this Thurso resident claims to have had an encounter with a UFO and possible occupant just three days before my own sighting of a 40-foot craft hovering near the former CFS Falconbridge Radar Base.

Had I inquired sooner about any other UFO activity at the time of my sighting, I probably would have found out about this one, too.

From what I've read in the articles, I think this man really saw something, and the debunkers and skeptics are passing the encounter off as a bunch of balloons. Remember, two of the witnesses were police officers!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: ET Evidence - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:08:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:47:48 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Velez

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 14:12:17 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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Hiya Mac,

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If it can't be replicated, yeah, unfortunately I'm aware of that little sticking point. But, isn't the fact that it hasn't repeated equally significant. I'm only an amateur astronomer and I invite Nick Balaskas to step in and correct me if I'm wrong but; if the origin of this signal were 'natural' it would have repeated I would think. Pulsars, variable stars, and other 'known' cosmic phenomena all tend to be cyclical in nature. I'm not aware of any other 'one off' astronomical event. One off events like supernovas will leave a big trail that can be studied for aeons.

It is also my understanding that the WOW had (internal) integrity. (The signal repeated itself/or demonstrated a pattern. I'm not sure which.) The point is, it behaved more like a "intentional transmission" than a natural phenomenon.

I'm surprised more isn't made of it, or that more time isn't being spent on trying to decipher it. It could be a cosmic Rosetta Stone! Too bad it didn't include a sub-signal that we could understand which is identical in content/meaning to the WOW.

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>unusual signals detected that haven't been borne out by repeated
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Sure, makes perfect sense. It the densest star region in the Galaxy and contains the oldest stars. Ergo, the oldest civilizations (if any.) That's why I said in my original posting that if we ever stumble across a means of 'almost instantaneous' interstellar communication, that the cacophony of those who are already "online" will blow the headset off of the guy on our end monitoring it.

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Yeah, old Carl knew a lot more than he ever let on. Young Carl and old Carl were diametrically opposed in their positions concerning the possibility of intelligent/technologically advanced, extraterrestrial life.

I wonder what changed him so. (Rhetorical)

Regards,

John Velez, <-(Who, according to Carl Sagan is only 'hallucinating' his abduction experiences.) Quotation taken from: NOVA, "Kidnapped by UFOs" 1995

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Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:20:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:51:50 -0500
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Maccabee

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 22:37:07 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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This is journalistic hype.

The Mexico City video bit the dust in the spring of 1998 when
Jeff Sainio and I discovered, after _many_ hours of
investigation (which initially looked GOOD), that the hand
vibration smear affected the buildings in the distance but _not_
the UFO image. This was particularly obvious in a couple of
frames where there was very noticeable vertical smear of the
building images and no smear of the UFO image.

No doubt ABC will present this as if the skeptics "discovered" the
fake. Perhaps ABC will present it as if ABC discovered the fake.
Just remember, it was ufolgists hard at work that discovered the

fake.

You heard it first here, folks!

(see Sainio in the October 1998 MUFON Journal)

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Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:55:49 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

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>>>From: Mac Tonnie <machot@yahoo.com>
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Hi John!

I found a good link with lots of technical information on the
WOW signal. Click on this SETI league page:

<http://www.setileague.org/articles/calibwow.htm>

Among the details; the WOW signal was detected only once. The
SETI people do not expect a replay of this particular event.

Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being
watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the
rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular
point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above
background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

For technophobes, this is like a radio transmitter turned on,
but broadcasting only silence .. much like the pause you hear
after a game show host asks a blonde " which way is North? ".
[burp!]

By various means, the scientists determined that the source was
"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude
satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These
would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting
like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic
or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came
from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the
geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

Since an unmodulated signal carries no information other than
the carrier frequency and the stellar coordinates of its source,
there was no "message" to puzzle over.

I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be
assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was
re-examined a number of times, without success as I recall from
my readings.

I wish the SETI people every success in their efforts. If they
ever do succeed in finding an undeniably alien signal, it will
at once up the odds that the Earth itself may have been visited
at some time in the past.

It might nudge a few SETI people an inch toward the UFO camp;
even if they have to dye their whiskers entirely green, and hide
behind such a large fan that they cannot be seen.

Very best wishes [burp! Grolsche this time]

- Larry Hatch

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Subject: Spacemen In African History?

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

Source: The Guardian - Nigeria

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

Spacemen In African History?

By Yemi Ogunsola

Have you taken a long, hard look at the typical masquerade? And an equally long hard look at the typical American astronaut or Russian cosmonaut?

Have you noticed the curious semblance between the two? The face piece, especially?

Can there possibly be a connection between, say, Yuri Gagarin, the 'first man in space' and a common Yoruba Tombolo (type of masque) cartwheeling to the cheers of a market crowd?

Curiously, the Yoruba call the masquerade ara orun (visitor from heaven. But, is the astronaut not an ara orun too? After all, he travels in deep space (the heavens ñ even farther than conventional planes).

Could it be that the cult of Egungun (masquerade) really is in remembrance of beings who in the ancient past travelled from the 'heavens' to the earth? Yoruba tradition interprets ara orun (masquerades) as spirits of long-dead fathers returned to visit their offsprings on earth.

But why call such spirits ara orun rather than oku orun (spirit of the dead). Oku orun is more descriptive of someone who is in heaven in consequence of having died here on earth.

Ara orun suspiciously sounds like a "living being" naturally resident in 'heaven' but who elects to visit the earth.

The 'Ara' part of the name, in Yoruba means a 'resident of' or a 'visitor from'.

Interestingly, from Yoruba folklore comes a song that sounds very relevant to this discourse. It evidently recounts an encounter between an earthman and an Ara Orun. The song goes:

Lead: Ara Orun, Ara Orun
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: Kilo wa se ni nile yi oo?
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: Emu ni mo wa da
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: Elelo lemuu re o
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: Okokan Egbewa

Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: Gbemu sile ki o maa loo
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba.

Translated as:

Lead: Visitor from (the) heaven(s), visitor from (the) heaven(s)
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba
Lead: What do you seek in this land?
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba.
Lead: I've come to tap palmwine.
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba.
Lead: How much do you sell your palmwine?
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba.
Lead: Ten thousand cowries per keg.
Chorus: Inomba ntere tere nte inomba.
Lead: Put the palmwine down and go.

It is clear from the mood of this encounter that the ara orun or visitor from (the) heaven(s) being addressed is not a ghost. The Yoruba have a more appropriate name for ghost.

It is Oku.

Again, the average Yoruba man does not care to hold dialogue with an oku. He (or she) is more likely to flee in terror. However, our earthman here is clearly under the influence of plain curiosity ñ as opposed to dark terror: "What was the mission of the ara orun? He wanted to know.

Again, why did the earthman call the entity Ara Orun? Did he see the entity descend from the skies (Heaven)?

In fact, the use of ile yi (this land) while asking the being his mission shows that the Ara Orun was a total alien. That's how the Yoruba use the word.

Fortunately again, the Ara Orun discloses his mission: To tap palmwine. Hardly anything one will call spiritual. That dispels any notion that the alien was probably a spirit being or an 'angel'.

So, our alien was flesh enough to be capable of relishing the taste of palm wine or was from a land (or world) where palmwine is so appreciated.

Back to the question, how did the earthman recognise the alien as being from 'Heaven'. Did he see him float down from the 'skies'? It should be noted that the Yoruba have the same word ñ Orun ñ for both sky and heaven (supposed abode of good people and Olodumare). Some times though, they take extra pains to use oju orun to distinguish the skies; so did the Earthman see this being descend?

Again, a portion of his song suggests just "descent." We must, however, admit that at this stage, we are at the level of conjecture ñ but reasoned conjecture.

This portion of the song is the part of the chorus: Ntere tere nte. What does tere nte connote in the Yoruba language.

For answer, we refer to yet another folklore. this one comes from the Ifa literary corpus.

According to the story, reports reached Orunmila, the Yoruba divinity of wisdom that one of his wives was having an affair with a male mammy water (Pappy Water?)

A naturally enraged Orunmila then trailed the unfaithful woman to the couple's rendezvous at a sea shore or river bank. He caught them in the act ñ and opened fire on (or macheted) the half-fish-half-man.

Wounded the casanova fell back into the deeps and moments later, the water surface hen blood went blood-red.

Now in great sorrow, the apparently unrepentant woman burst into a dirge for for her lover.

Lead: Oko omi, oko omi o.
Chorus: Tere na.

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Lead: Oko mi Oko mi o.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: Ogbe mi lo terere.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: Ogbemi lo tarara.
Chorus: Tere na.
lead: O tarara Oju omi
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: Oju omi a feroro.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: Eja nla hurungbon.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: Oju eye perere.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: My love, my dear love.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: He bore me far, far away (into the sea)
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: He bore me far, far (back from the sea).
Chorus: tere na
Lead: Along the highways of the waters.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: The expansive, limitless waters.
Chorus: Tere na.
Lead: The mighty bearded fishman
Chorus: Tere na.

Tere re in this song clearly indicates "great distance", the great distance the lovers covered as they traversed the waters during their illicit affair.

The other part of our original words: is easily clearer. In Yoruba, Nte connotes "floatation", "high" or "air-borne". Thus we have Lori Oke tente (on the very top of the hill), Ate (a hat worn on the very top of the head. And ole tente (it floats pretty).

Thus, a combination of tere and nte suggests something "floating down, air-borne from great distance, from far away."

Thus what the Tere nte chorus is probably telling us is that this visitors from the heavens, this aliens, floated down from a great distance.

We can now wonder. Did the Yoruba, indeed, Africans, make contact with space being or extra-terrestrials in the ancient past? And did they preserve these encounters in their folklore and folksongs?

I was still "brain-storming" over all these, digging into litreatures on Egungun and allied matters when a most fortunate clue literally fell on my laps.

There is this weekly Ifa programme on the Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS). Anchored by Wale Rufai, it features stories from the Ifa corpus by an Ifa priest, Gbolagade Ogunleke Ifatokun.

Being one of my favourite programmes, I was listening on Wednesday November 20, last year when a brief digression in the discussion brought up the issue of the mutual respect between the Ifa priesthood and the Egungun cult. Ifatokun, declared flatly that an Egungun must never whip an Ifa priest. (Egungun o gbodo na Babalawo), especially by reason of an ancient alliance between Orunmila (founder of the Babalawo school) and the Egungun at a time in the ancient past when the Earth was threatened by a deluge of Ifatokun's story held me spellbound.

According to him, the real meaning of egungun is Mayegun that is, "keep the world in order" or "those who keep the world running smoothly."

In the distant past, Ifatokun related, there occurred a deluge, which threatened all life on earth.

Seeing the earth so imperilled, Orunmila, and other (Irunmales the divinities) who were resident on Earth then, sent an S.O.S. to Orun, (Heaven).

In response, the Ara orun, came to the Earth in special costumes.

These costumes, said Ifatokun, had the unique property of drying up any portion of the inundated earth over which they were swung.

The "Egungun" cult sprang from this incident of the invitation of these heavenly beings.

The special and elderly egungun who wear imitations of these today are called Babalago, Ifatokun said.

So, the Egungun (Mayegun) cam from orun (heaven, Space) to rescue aye (Earth) form the deluge.

The modern interpretation of the Ifatokun story is glaring:

When the deluge hit the Earth, extraterrestrial beings resident on Earth, among whom was Orunmila, himself, sent an S.O.S to their home planet. And in response, extraterrestrial hydrologists landed on Earth in spacesuits (and, by inference, space craft) to rid the Earth of the excess water!.

Of course, the matter does not end here. Some sailent questions have been raised, especially by this last account.

For instance, Was Orunmila truly an extraterrestrial? were the Irunmales or orisas (divinities) extra terrestrials?

For instance, was Orunmila truly an extraterrestrial? Were the Irunmales or Orisas, extraterrestrials? The answer is Yes.

However, that is another story...

Story originally published by
The Guardian - Nigeria
By Yemi Ogunsola

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Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:29:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 14:22:55 -0500
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:20:19 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 22:37:07 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: More On ABC.com's UFO2000
>>Day II - The Skeptic

>>....
>>We have all seen videos that show UFOs, but what is real? In
>>this part, ABCNEWS.com will stream a highly controversial video
>>filmed in 1997, in Mexico City. The video allegedly proves that
>>UFOs exist. Wallace discusses this video, and other evidence
>>presented by believers in UFOs, with Dr. Michael Shermer, head
>>of the Organization of Skeptics, who shows how easy it is to
>>create a phony UFO video.

>This is journalistic hype.

>The Mexico City video bit the dust in the spring of 1998 when
>Jeff Sainio and I discovered, after many hours of
>investigation (which initially looked GOOD), that the hand
>vibration smear affected the buildings in the distance but not
>the UFO image. This was particularly obvious in a couple of
>frames where there was very noticeable vertical smear of the
>building images and no smear of the UFO image.

>No doubt ABC will present this as if the skeptics "discovered" the
>fake. Perhaps ABC will present it as if ABC discovered the fake.
>Just remember, it was ufologists hard at work that discovered the
>fake.

>You heard it first here, folks!

>(see Sainio in the October 1998 MUFON Journal)

Hi Bruce,

You're sort of repeating yourself here, from past posts, so let
me do the same, if you will.

Neither you nor Sainio have included the strength of the
independent eye-witness accounts in your analyses, which support
the reality of this video and sighting. You instead ignore them.
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manipulated the hand-held TV camera and/or maneuvered their own
UFO craft in such a manner that the vibrational jitter would not
show up on their craft? Why not, if we have other examples of
their having pulled off similar pranks, and of playing games
with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of
reality?

Can you so easily forget or ignore that when Ed Walters sighted a UFO on Aug. 6, 1993, and was about to aim his camera at it, he heard a thumping sound that coincided with weird bouncing movements of a black spot on the window glass that hadn't been there before? And that, about then, his camera shutter clicked all by itself? All this when the UFO was a large distance away. The black spot and its thumping noise disappeared an instant before the UFO itself disappeared from sight. I say, more power to Ed Walters for having reported these events instead of staying silent on them, in Part 1 of UFOs are Real: Here's the Proof.

There are plenty of other examples of the deployment of advanced alien technology.

I believe it would be a cop-out to shrug it all off by saying, in effect, that one may as well claim that the aliens had implanted the whole image on that video and also in the minds of the eyewitnesses, and so why then even discuss the matter. Similarly, it is a cop-out whenever scientists insist that such-and-such a reported UFO event could not be real if our best scientists cannot explain how it could have been achieved.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 46

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 14:57:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 20:09:16 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 46

>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2000 16:24:32 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 46

>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

><Masinaigan@aol.com>
>=====

> UFO ROUNDUP
>Volume 5, Number 46
>November 16, 2000
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

><http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

Listfolk,

>(Friday, October 27, 2000) of an unidentified flying object over
>ISRAEL SENDS THOUSANDS OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO FLORIDA

>"Roz Soltz, an Israeli from Miami (Florida) was a little sad
>when she left for a community meeting Wednesday morning
>"The Republican and Democratic parties try to get ballots into
>the hands of U.S. citizens in Israel."

>"Florida officials say that 26,000 state residents requested
>absentee ballots for the 1996 presidential vote and that this
>year's number was higher. By law the state will accept the
>"Like Jewish voters elsewhere, 90 percent of Israeli Floridians
>were expected to vote Democratic. The idea that they could swing
>the election is a bit far-fetched but perhaps no more so than
>other scenarios that have become reality in the U.S. since
>Election Day." (See the Chicago Tribune for November 10
>November 10, 200-, "Americans in Israel now at race's center,"
>section 1, page 5.)

>(Editor's Comment: My question is, how many of these are
>legitimate Florida absentee ballots? And how many are forgeries
>printed by the Israeli government, complete with November 7
>postmarks? Israel has a vested interest in keeping Dubya out of
>the White House. For more on that, see our O Jerusalem Dept. in
>this issue.)

As if these lunatic ravings were not enough, we also get to
read:

>O JERUSALEM DEPT: It isn't bad enough that we have Israeli
>troops desecrating the mosques of Haram as-Sharif (the Temple
>Mount to Jews) every Friday, keeping the Muslims from their
>noonday prayers. Or that Israeli tanks are shelling Beit Jala, a
>town south of Jerusalem with a population that is 90 percent
>Christian, equally split between Greek Orthodox and Roman
>Catholics, people who have absolutely nothing to do with the
>Intifada. Now the West Bank's six-week war of religion has
>spilled over into the USA's presidential election. Here's
>how...

>Ten days ago, Gov. Bush turned up in Detroit, Michigan to woo
>the large Arab-American population in that city. Surprisingly,
>he brought his national security adviser, Condoleeza Rice, with
>him. Reading between the lines, my guess is that Dubya and ms.
>Rice sent a backchannel "Let's talk" message to Yasser Arafat.

>At 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2000, about an hour
>before Vice President Gore called to concede the election,
>Yasser Arafat phoned Dubya to congratulate him on his victory.
>Probably Arafat was trying to sell Bush on his "Send
>peacekeepers to Jerusalem" idea, which so far has been resisted
>by Israel and the Clinton administration.

>This probably alarmed the Israelis, who dislike the Bush family
>anyway. It all goes back to the Gulf War ten years ago. The
>Israelis wanted Poppy, the governor's father, to invade Iraq and
>crush Saddam Hussein for good. Then-President Bush figured the
>CIA and Kurd uprisings would finish off Saddam. Well, he was
>wrong, and Saddam proved to be more durable than anyone
>expected.

>All in all, the Zionists feel that the Bush family is too
>friendly with the moderate Arabs, and they prefer a Democrat in
>the White House.

>Three hours after Arafat's phone call, a bunch of Palm Beach,
>Florida Jews start complaining that the governor's evil kid
>brother, Jebbie Bush, Florida's governor, somehow tricked them
>into voting for their arch-enemy, Pat Buchanan.

>All of which has me wondering, why do the Zionists want Al Fore
>in the White House? Are the Democrats planning to wage another
>war of religion on behalf of the Jews, like they did in the
>1940s? Are they going to send a few hundred thousand American
>troops to the Middle East to hold off the Arabs while those
>Hasidic rabbis blow up the Al-Aqsa mosque?

>If the Zionists succeed in helping Al Gore steal this election,
>perhaps the GOP will reconsider its support of the State of
>Israel.

>It might be a good idea to double the number of Texas Rangers
>guarding the Bush family. Considering last week's murder of
>Hussein Abayat, the Mossad is more than willing to assassinate
>political leaders it doesn't like.

>Stay the course, Dubya. You won the electoral vote. You are the
>president-elect. Come January 20, you can set your own foreign
>policy. If people don't like it, they can express their opinion
>at the polls in November 2004.

>And if those rabbis in Jerusalem disapprove...well, you know
>what they say in New Hampshire. "If you don't like them apples,
>find another orchard."

I hope I am not the only list member to be appalled and offended
by such expressions of anti-Semitic bigotry. Trainor's unsavory
hallucinations have no place on this list or in the discourse of
decent people. His strange charges are based on no evidence at
all - as they must be, since no supporting evidence exists.
This stuff is vile and disgusting, and Trainor should be ashamed
of himself.

Errol, where are your editing skills when we really need them?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Milot

From: Gilles Milot <agu@videotron.ca>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 16:29:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 20:14:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Milot

>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:58:21 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800
>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>><snip>

>>>>One such case that comes to my mind is Robert Sufferin's UFO
>>>>encounter with an alien about 100 miles north of Toronto.
>>>>According to Robert, this alien "...put his hands on a post and
>>>>went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was
>>>>weightless."

>><snip>

>>>Strange floating entities were described in fairly good detail,
>>>by numerous witnesses with fairly consistent accounts.

>>>Their descriptions were good enough to finally identify the
>>>source: Mylar balloons shaped like little men, which burst on
>>>the scene like a new brand of soda pop. [burp!]

>>>I'm surprised nobody else mentioned this possibility. Maybe I
>>>missed something.

>>Hi Larry.

>>A man from Thurso, Quebec witnessed such a seemingly weightless
>>alien being which attracted much attention by the local media.
>>I have photocopies of this evolving story from the October 9, 10,
>>11 and 12, 1990 issues of 'LeDroit', a French language newspaper
>>of the Ottawa-Hull area.

>>My reading and comprehension abilities in French are no longer
>>as good as they once were so I cannot give further details but a
>>sketch of this alleged alien made it in the October 10 issue and
>>it looked very much like a mylar helium balloon creation with
>>similar big eyes and legs which was published the following day
>>by the same newspaper. It was presented as a likely explanation
>>to the alien the man from Thurso saw, but was it the
>>explanation?

>>Considering that this region of Canada has the largest number of
>>sex shops per square kilometer which include inflatable dolls in

>>their large inventories (of course, this research was done
>>solely in the interest of finding the truth about UFOs), one
>>would think that witnesses living in this area could certainly
>>tell the difference between a humanoid alien and a humanoid
>>shaped helium filled balloon, wouldn't you? ;o)

>>Nick Balaskas

>>If your French is better than mine Larry, I would be happy to
>>mail to you copies of these four newspaper articles in a plain
>>brown envelope.

>Hello Nick!

>I don't catalog IFOs, so I cannot cite chapter and verse.

>As I recall, this was a minor flap in Europe some years ago. I
>want to say Italy, but don't quote me.

>Somebody had introduced cheap mylar balloons in the shape of
>little men, and kids were losing and releasing them all over the
>place. One went sailing headlong past a telephone pole or some
>such.

>This business pretty much wound down when the source was
>identified. (My source might have been LDLN. I'm not going to
>dig for it now!)

>Unlike regular thin-rubber balloons, mylar has almost no
>"stretch" to it, and it doesn't leak hydrogen right through the
>skin like a rubber balloon will.

>Very light in weight, the thin mylar membranes need not be
>tightly inflated, and can be formed into all sorts
>non-balloonistic shapes and still fly. Little men and cartoon
>figures are most popular, I bought a few for a going-away party.

>I'm still surprised this was not suggested earlier with regard
>to gliding entities in Pennsylvania.

Hi everybody,

We had a case back in October 1998 in Grand-Mère Qué. around
midnight where the witness saw two entities searching something
in the ground at her sister's backward where was located their
garden. One of the entities was on its knees seeming very busy
working on the ground and the other one was stand up looking at
its companion. One particular detail the witness told us about
the entities was that they seemed to be floating over the ground
and this became particularity evident when they left walking in
the direction of a very thick fog which was illuminated with a
dark orange color. This case was reported in the Journal de
Montréal on his edition of saturday Aug 21,1999.

The late publication of the case was due to the time we needed
to investigate the case. We had to return to the site in the
spring when the snow was completely melted. We then discovered,
at the location, five holes two inches diameter by eight inches
deep in which the soil was completely dry, like brown sand.
Just few inches outside the holes, the soil was very rich and
dark as it should be in a garden.

I'd been interviewed at that time by Errol for his radio show
Strange Days... Indeed, about the case.

Gilles Milot
AQU/QAU.

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Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <Steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 17:06:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 20:16:51 -0500
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Kaeser

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:29:51 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

<snip>

Responding to Bruce Maccabee:

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>with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of
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Jim,

Where are these alleged witnesses? Two television documentaries have interviewed one or two residents who allegedly saw something at the time of the Mexico City sighting, but there has been no investigative follow up that I'm aware of, by either Mexican Ufologists or anyone else of note. IMO, A craft as large as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more public comment than we've seen.

Perhaps the aliens (or whatever) are truly able to manipulate every means that we have to detect and record their existence. Perhaps this is why they are so skillful at keeping themselves hidden from view. But the circumstances outlined in the research that has been done in this case would seem to indicate that this was a "not so elaborate" hoax. We will all have to search our own beliefs to define whether this has been explained "beyond a reasonable doubt", and if Wallace is using this video in a segment with Shermer, I would suspect that it is being used as an example of a hoax in the field of Ufology. If he's going to portray this as a major sighting that remains completely unexplained, he has a long lonely road to travel.

Steve

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Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 18:07:18 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 20:20:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Rudiak

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:04:28 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:36:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:05:35 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>He reported, "The first fact we learned was that a witness's
>>memory of such exotic events fades very quickly. After one day,
>>about half the reports are clearly erroneous; after two days,
>>about three quarters are clearly erroneous; after four days,
>>only ten percent are good; after five days, people report more
>>imagination than truth."

<snip>

>>In fact, Drake starts to contradict his own statement in the
>>very next paragraph.

>No, he provided an example of something which is reliable. In
>the following paragraph, he begins discussing things which aren't.

Maybe you should go back and reread the article. After deriding
fireball witness testimony as unreliable, he then gives
several examples of where it can be very consistent or
reliable: duration of sighting, direction and speed (when
landmarks are present) and meteor sounds. And what he does
label as unreliable or inconsistent (reported colors, direction
information without landmarks) he doesn't quantify. He also
proposes a completely unsupported "psychological explanation" to
try to dismiss highly persistent and consistent witness reports
of anomalous meteor sounds.

In the end, all we have is Drake's anecdotal appraisal of
witness reliability backed up with nothing of substance. Drake
may be a very fine scientist in his own specialty, but his
poorly argued article in what is supposed to be a scientific
appraisal of the UFO phenomenon is anything but scientific.

<snip>

>>Drake (or the equally over-opinionated Bob Young) also doesn't
>>seem to take into account that witness reliability and
>>consistency also has a great deal to do with the experience and
>>competency of the questioner.

>Agreed.

Thank you. Therefore, it should further be agreed that Drake's
statement about witness reliability is meaningless without
further information.

<snip>

>>One meteor expert who figured prominently in UFO history of the

>>late 1940's and early 1950's was Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. LaPaz had
>>quite a reputation for his ability to recover meteorites by
>>going out and interviewing fireball witnesses in the field.
>>Rather than disparaging eyewitness testimony as Drake did (or
>>Bob Young), LaPaz found it invaluable.

>>Drake claimed that witness statements about direction and
>>position of fireballs tended to be unreliable. But the far more
>>experienced LaPaz through careful questioning of witnesses got
>>highly consistent results, enabling him to accurately plot
>>trajectories of fireballs from triangulation of elevations and
>>azimuths provided by the witnesses. That was the secret of his
>>success in recovering the meteorites.

>A big part of his success was that he searched for fallen
>meteorites in the desert Southwest and in places like Kansas.

A big part of his success was accurately determining the
trajectory and point of probable impact through careful
questioning of the witnesses. Knowing exactly where to look
helps a lot.

Dealing with the wide open spaces of the Southwest and Kansas in
some ways might have made LaPaz's job more difficult. One would
expect fewer landmarks to aid in trajectory reconstruction.

>Anybody who has tried to find a fall in the rugged, wooded often
>snow-covered mountains of West Virginia or Pennsylvania will
>never have the same sort of luck.

Yes, but Drake's point wasn't about the difficulty in finding
meteorites because of terrain. He was complaining that the
witness reports weren't reliable.

>You are right about LaPaz's
>long experience, which obviously helped him, too.

Quite right. He had been at it for over 30 years. Drake may have been an
experienced radio astronomer, but he was a novice meteor hunter. To
paraphrase Shakespeare, perhaps the problem wasn't so much in the
star-watchers but in himself.

>On Jan. 30, 1949, a giant green fireball was seen over most of
>northern New Mexico and on into Texas. This was part of the
>infamous green fireball phenomenon that started over northern
>New Mexico in December 1948.

<snip>

>>In a special secret conference on the green fireballs in Los
>>Alamos Feb. 14, 1949, LaPaz reported his findings based on the
>>witness interviews. There's a lot to this story, but I only
>>>want to mention that LaPaz stated that the green fireballs were
>>completely silent, whereas normal large fireballs very
>>frequently trigger witness reports of hearing sizzling sounds.

>Most "normal" fireballs are not accompanied by "sizzling"
>sounds, but what is even more important, only a small fraction
>of the witnesses of bright fireballs report these sort of
>sounds.

14% of the witnesses I don't consider to be a "small fraction." It's a very
significant number.

Furthermore, I don't understand the point of you emphasizing the
word "witnesses." It appears you are trying to make a case
again that this is a "psychological phenomenon" and not a real
physical one.

Colin Keay proposed the now widely accepted theory explaining
the anomalous
meteor sounds back in 1980. His Web site is at:

<http://users.hunterlink.net.au/~ddcsk/>

and points out that these sounds have since been recorded in the
field. Lab experiments are also capable of reproducing the
effect.

Keay also explains that not all fireballs seem capable of
generating these sounds. One's with shallow trajectories do;

those with steep trajectories do not.

It is somewhat ironic that Keay also proudly proclaims himself to be a member of the Australian skeptics society who fight against so-called pseudo-science. The irony is, of course, that the anomalous meteor sounds themselves before Keay where widely dismissed by fellow scientists as having no basis in physical reality.

>I have been with a group which witnessed a bright,
>shadow-casting fireball and one person in the groups said that
>she heard a swishing sound, no one else, including me, heard it.

According to Keay, this can be a function of the transducer mechanism near the witness. Metal framed eyeglasses, e.g., can act as a transducer. Somebody wearing them might hear the sounds, whereas somebody right next to them might not.

There are also obviously differences in people's hearing ability, particularly to higher sounds. Younger people are more likely to hear them than older people, e.g.

Similar sounds, BTW, are also associated with auroras. Some people hear them; some don't. Sometimes earthquakes are heard before the ground waves actually arrive (a phenomenon I myself have experienced in the S.F. Bay area). Keay terms the general phenomenon "electrophonics."

>LaPaz operated with the scientific knowledge of his day. The
>so-called "Green Fireballs" are a perfect example. See Richard
>Haines' book, Observing UFOs, for a discussion of how intensely
>bright light sources are quickly seen as green. As the objects
>dim, it's appearance can then return to red.

I haven't seen Haine's book, so I can't comment at this point on what he has written or whether you have accurately represented it.

I will say that I have a degree in Optometry and have studied a lot of visual science and neurophysiology. I know of no mechanism which will make an intensely bright white light source appear to be green, particularly a very saturated, lime-green color that was associated with the so-called green fireballs.

An intensely green light will create a faint red afterimage after the green light source is removed. And an intensely red light will similarly create a green afterimage.

But a bright white light will create a black or grey afterimage. If you doubt this, try popping a camera flash in your eyes. You don't see it as a bright green, nor do you see a red afterimage. The red and green color systems are co-equal and act in opposition to one another.

LaPaz was well-aware of colored afterimages. If you read the transcript of his 1949 Los Alamos talk, he even proposes this as a possible explanation for the red color seen at the tail end of the some of the green fireball reports.

But, he also flatly stated that in his 30 years in the field, he had never seen or heard of fireballs with the characteristics of the green fireballs that suddenly appeared over northern New Mexico at the end of 1948. He himself had been a witness to one of these. It wasn't just the saturated green color that puzzled him. They had a number of other anomalous characteristics as well (which you conveniently fail to mention, but which LaPaz made quite a point of). This led him to believe that the green fireballs had to be artificial in origin.

[Ed Ruppelt's book ("The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects") went even further than LaPaz. According to Ruppelt, when he spoke with scientists and technicians at Los Alamos (many of whom had personally witnessed the green fireballs), the strong consensus of opinion was that the green fireballs were probably probes sent into Earth's atmosphere by alien spaceships.]

>Some fireballs, and
>reentering space debris, do contain minerals which can be seen
>as green, but this intense color is often due to chemical
>saturation of the eye's color perceiving mechanism.

Again, this sounds highly dubious to me based on my own

knowledge of the subject. Bright white light saturates all of the eye's color perceiving mechanisms. One color mechanism isn't selectively singled out, not that I know of anyway.

Furthermore, it is the chemical photo-saturation that creates the negative afterimage, not the positive original image. If, e.g., you did see a bright red fireball, the chemical saturation could cause a faint green afterimage after the fireball faded out. You have things completely backwards.

>During thousands of hours of observing the night sky since 1956, >and many of them making meteor counts, I have seen four >intensely bright fireballs which cast shadows. Two of these were >a very bright, beautiful green, but bright as a welder's arc.

So why weren't the other two green? According to your assertions, any very bright white light should be seen as green. The fact of the matter is, very, very few bright fireballs are ever reported as appearing as a saturated green. LaPaz back in 1949 couldn't think of a single example in all the meteor literature or personal experience.

If I wanted to rub it in, I could also quote Drake. Witness reports of color are completely unreliable or are more fact than fiction after 5 days, so why should you be the exception?

<snip>

>>Furthermore, "â€¦in the old meteor literature, with almost every >>fireball recorded, something like 14 per cent of the >>eyewitnesses report the simultaneous crackling sound, which >>should be physically impossible. How does the sound get there >>as fast as light?"

>>I wouldn't know. It's a controversial topic.

The quote is from Drake's article, not me. Drake is setting up his argument that this widely reported phenomenon must have a "psychological" explanation.

>>Now what do we have here? We have an anomalous phenomenon >>reported with high consistency from numerous people from all >>over the world and over long periods of time. (Sound familiar?)

<snip>

>What is it that makes Drake's proposed explanation "assinine"?

How about no supporting experimental evidence in the scientific perceptual literature? How about the fact, mentioned by Drake himself, that witnesses didn't even have to see the fireball to hear the sounds? That should have killed the theory right there. How about the fact that nobody ever reports such sounds in ordinary life? Does anybody, e.g., report them when a flashbulb goes off in their face?

>Internal noise in the system was, in fact, a leading speculative >explanation of meteor noises in those days, wasn't it, Greg?

The name is David, but oh well. (I could take some cheap shot about the reliability or radical misperceptions of the pelicanist camp, but I refrain.)

You are quite right that the "psychological explanation" was the leading speculative explanation for meteor noises back then among astronomers. Too bad the astronomers didn't discuss it with the perceptual psychologists, who would have quickly told them it was a bunch of bunk. Or better yet, some simple lab experiments would have proven beyond a doubt that the "explanation" was complete garbage.

But like true pelicanists, the "psychological explanation" folks couldn't be bothered to do a simple scientific experiment to test the theory.

>Of course, all of this is leading to your favorite subject: ETH. >Because knowledge has advanced in one particular field, you >believe that it must also have advanced in your favorite field >of interest.

This is another complete misreading of what I said. Sizzling

meteor sounds were a classic example of an anomalous phenomenon reported consistently by the common folk for hundreds of years, just like UFO's are an anomalous phenomenon consistently reported by the common folk for hundreds of years.

In both cases, the scientific community has generally sneered at the reports. Without bothering to even test the proposition, the meteor sounds were flippantly dismissed by most astronomers and physicists as a "psychological phenomenon." (See Keay's Web page for a history.) Similarly, psychological and psychosocial explanation for UFO reports are a leading means of debunking these reports in the pelicanist community, as you well know.

Now it turns out that the anomalous meteor sounds probably can be explained physically. There is no need to resort to true voodoo science and ridiculous "psychological explanations" anymore. In fact, the consistent witness reports held clues to the solution. E.g., the sounds were instantaneous with sightings, indicating the signal had to be propagated electromagnetically. The trick was determining what spectrum of EM waves was responsible, how fireballs could generate them, and how these EM waves could then be transduced into the peculiar sounds people reported.

There is an obvious lesson here, but it seems you don't want to pay attention to it.

>Well, just because every circus has a clown, it doesn't mean
>that every clown deserves to be in a circus.

Whatever that is supposed to mean.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Clear thinking,

David Rudiak

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UFO Sighting OZ File 000996 08.11.2000

Followup Diane Harrison and team.
1800 Callin Code: 000996 08/11/2000 QLD

Date: 08/11/2000
Day: Wednesday
Time Reported: 8:47pm
Location: Lowood, QLD
Reporter: Peter
Report given to nearest State Rep: Diane Harrison
Tel: 07 5

Report: By Diane Harrison

Shape: Rectangular and box shaped
Size: The Biggest Hovercraft in the UK the Car Carrier
Objects: 1
Colour: Dark Metallic but nothing shinny
Sound: None
Speed: Fast and slow
Duration: 10 minutes or longer?
Direction: North
Witnesses: 5...3 still have to be interviewed
Weather: Clear but some very high cloud cover.
Moon: Yes

Peter and his wife and children were traveling home along the Warrego HWY at aprox 8.05pm then turned right onto the Brisbane Valley HWY . When five minutes later traveling north bound and coming over a rise in the road they noticed what looked like a very bright white light just above a yellow street light at approximately 500 meters away.

Peter said: My wife Linda was driving the children were in the back seat I was in the front passenger seat. Peter said: I told Linda to slow down because the light was now over the whole road. At first we thought my god a bloody plane is going to land on the road.

I told Linda to pull over to the side of the road incase this thing was going to land on the road. I could see 2 other cars parked on the opposite side of the road facing south. And other 2 cars pulled up behind us. We saw 2 men standing out of their car looking up at this.. what I can only describe as a space craft there was no mistaking it for anything else.

We Live on the flight path of Amberley Airforce base and I know what come's and goes from there and this was nothing like I had ever seen before in all the 8 years of living in the area.

Peter Said: I hung almost all of my body out of the passenger window trying to get a the better look and I have to be honest I was scared to death at what I was looking at. I thought if I looked at it through the passenger side window if it did anything at least I was in the car and my wife could put her foot down and try and get away from it.

The craft was rectangular and box shaped with what looked like another rectangular compartment on top of it. The top part had what looked like round lights or portholes gold- orange and blue in colour. The only way to really compare the size of it for me it looked as big as the Hovercraft in the UK that carries cars and stuff across the English channel with a cabin on top of it. This thing had no propellers no sound and when we went under it, it had red lights at each corner of its underbelly.

It was dark metallic in colour. It had a big spot light beam coming from the top of it. This light was stronger than any search light or truck spot light I have ever seen. Linda said my god Peter its a spaceship" what do we do".

I told Linda don't stop the engine, Linda was getting really scared and started shouting "we have to go". Linda started to shout louder when suddenly the craft moved to the left in a split second and just hovered again off to the side of the road above the trees over an open paddock.

A car came from behind us just as we went to pull out. It had all its spot light's on high beam it was a four wheel drive. I guess the diver thought as we did it was a plane coming into land on the road. Linda and I got really scared for the kids and Linda started shouting again "lets go". So we took off down the road and turned left heading cross country to Lowood to get home. Linda was driving and I was watching the craft out the back window while Linda drove as fast as she could on the winding road.

The road we were traveling on climbs up hill so it was easier to see the craft. I was keeping an eye on it in case it decided to come after us. Then all of a sudden this spot light beam hit me right in the face lighting up the whole of the car. By now Linda was hysterical and I was shit scared thinking this thing is going to come after us.

Comment: Diane

This case is under investigation as we feel Peter and Linda are sincere and have nothing to gain from making this up.

A.U.F.O.R.N contacted the Local newspaper the Queensland Times asking for the other witnesses to come forward to verify the sighting. That same day of running the story in the newspaper 16th 11 2000 we received calls on our UFO Hotline from 3 other independent witnesses that saw what Peter and Linda saw that night. Another witness said he has the craft on video he said "it's not really clear but its good and you can see the beam of light shoot out and down to the ground".

The witnesses in the parked car's are yet to contact us.

Amberley Airforce Base was contacted but had nothing to report.

We will keep you informed of the outcome.
This case sounds like its going to be a good one.

Investigators are

AUFORN QLD Director Jan Stone
National Director's Robert Frola, Diane Harrison

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Regards Diane Harrison

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"Every improvement in the human condition has come from someone pushing against the tide and speaking out, no matter what the consequences. That person is within all of us. Rebellion and the desire for positive change is at the heart of the human spirit."  
- David Icke

From: Mrs. Santa Claws

Listen to the noise so you may hear the silence!  
- Phil Neathway

From: Bill Weber

We travel together, passengers on a little spaceship, dependent on its vulnerable reserves of air and soil; all committed for our safety to its security and peace; preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work and the love we give our fragile craft. We cannot maintain it half fortunate; half miserable; half confident, half despairing; half slave of the ancient enemies of man, half free in a liberation of resources undreamed of until this day. No craft, no crew can safely travel with such vast contradictions. ~ Adlai Stevenson

Furthermore, we have not even to risk the adventure alone, for the heroes of all time have gone before us. The labyrinth thoroughly known. We have only to follow the thread of the hero path, and where we had thought to find an abomination, we shall find a god. And where we had thought to slay another, we shall slay ourselves. Where we had thought to travel outward, we will come to the center of our own existence. And where we had thought to be alone, we will be one with the world. - Joe Campbell

Observation IS interpretation...and anyone who doesn't think so is a goofball!  
- Me

From: Robert M. Morris [[bigr@cswnet.com](mailto:bigr@cswnet.com)]

Its not as long as it has been.....

- Robert Morris

From: Russ Emrich

If the public continues to ask the wrong questions of their politicians, the answers will not bring them any closer to the truth.  
- Russ Emrich

"When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right."  
- Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed and thus clamorous to be led to safety -- by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."  
- H.L. Mencken

From: Mike Douglass

Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

There is always death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.

It's easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

I always wanted to be a procrastinator, never got around to it.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

A day without sunshine is like night.

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.

I am not a perfectionist. My parents were, though.

You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

One of life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.

It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stopped laughing.

From: Steve Henwood [[SHENWOOD@worldnet.att.net](mailto:SHENWOOD@worldnet.att.net)]

Dear Quote People,

Approximately six months to a year ago there was an outstanding quote in one of Jeff Renses news letters which I never wrote down and now I really need it, and need to know who said it. It was something like, "Evil may prevail when men of good will fail to act and do nothing." Can you give me the exact wording and who said it? Also do you have an archive of past quotes that we can access? Your quotes are great; keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Steve Henwood

EDITOR'S NOTE: Does anybody have that handy to send to Steve?  
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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 46 - Lemire

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>Listfolk,

<snip>

>I hope I am not the only list member to be appalled and offended  
>by such expressions of anti-Semitic bigotry. Trainor's unsavory  
>hallucinations have no place on this list or in the discourse of  
>decent people. His strange charges are based on no evidence at  
>all - as they must be, since no supporting evidence exists.  
>This stuff is vile and disgusting, and Trainor should be ashamed  
>of himself.

>Errol, where are your editing skills when we really need them?

>Jerry Clark

Jerome,

Editing or '\_restricting'\_? Sounds like a freedom of speech  
issue that shouldn't even be brought up on this list. If you  
don't like it don't read it!

Todd Lemire

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 19:26:13 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 09:43:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 17:06:58 -0500

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:29:51 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>Responding to Bruce Maccabee:

>>Hi Bruce,

>>You're sort of repeating yourself here, from past posts, so let  
>>me do the same, if you will.

>>Neither you nor Saino have included the strength of the  
>>independent eye-witness accounts in your analyses, which support  
>>the reality of this video and sighting. You instead ignore them.  
>>Is that at all scientific, when coupled with the knowledge, from  
>>past UFO cases, that the UFO aliens can easily fool us by using  
>>their advanced psycho-physical technology? It obviously is not.

>>Could these aliens be sooo skillful as to have remotely  
>>manipulated the hand-held TV camera and/or maneuvered their own  
>>UFO craft in such a manner that the vibrational jitter would not  
>>show up on their craft? Why not, if we have other examples of  
>>their having pulled off similar pranks, and of playing games  
>>with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of  
>>reality?

>Jim,

>Where are these alleged witnesses? Two television documentaries  
>have interviewed one or two residents who allegedly saw  
>something at the time of the Mexico City sighting, but there has  
>been no investigative follow up that I'm aware of, by either  
>Mexican Ufologists or anyone else of note.

Steve,

Jaime Maussan is the guy to contact as to how many witnesses he  
knows of, and if any are available for questioning (in Spanish).  
I believe that Michael Hesemann and Lee & Brit Elders also have  
interviewed witnesses to the case.

>IMO, A craft as large  
>as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated  
>section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more  
>public comment than we've seen.

It might be that the craft did not allow itself to be visible  
except to selected persons or from selected regions. You  
probably can recall quite a few cases where certain people saw a  
UFO and others nearby did not. An additional explanation might  
be that most of the witnesses were afraid to come forward and  
describe their sighting, or didn't know whom to contact.

>Perhaps the aliens (or whatever) are truly able to manipulate  
>every means that we have to detect and record their existence.  
>Perhaps this is why they are so skillful at keeping themselves  
>hidden from view. But the circumstances outlined in the research  
>that has been done in this case would seem to indicate that this  
>was a "not so elaborate" hoax. We will all have to search our  
>own beliefs to define whether this has been explained "beyond a  
>reasonable doubt", and if Wallace is using this video in a  
>segment with Shermer, I would suspect that it is being used as  
>an example of a hoax in the field of Ufology.

I suspect the same.

Jim Deardorff

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## Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 09:49:32 -0500  
Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

Hello, one and all!

After the last go around ala Trent and enduring the wrath of the Trentites and forever being banished to the desolate wastelands of Pelicanation, I feel that something is, indeed, amiss in the world of ufology and the likes.

The ironies are a-plenty...

For instance, after pointing out the obvious fact that "impressions" about people can be incorrect, I was branded as a skeptic and, worse, a debunker. Why? Because I happen to ask some of the same questions as they might. The irony, of course, is that I am neither. And the fact that I gave the "impression" of being one only proves my point: Impressions can be incorrect.

When a possible, logical explanation is offered for any of ufology's most cherished cases, the accusations regarding character assassination seem to overtake the technical discussion almost every time. In the case of McMinnville the irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or even hard-line debunkers have ever dreamed of. The "believers" need to see Trent as stupid to the point of having to contemplate every breath. For the photos to be faked, an incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical liar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never laughed in his life.

And when the technical discussions regarding any UFO case gets hot and heavy, it would seem that those without technical expertise seem to feel left out and respond with proclamations about "lack of proof" as if that were a significant contribution to the conversation or that they, themselves, had an ounce of "proof" to their collective names.

Get real.

No one in this game has any "proof". If we did, this discussion list wouldn't even exist. So, stating the obvious isn't the same as contributing to the discussion at hand. The best we can do is use a little common sense and make our own conclusions. Oh, that's right! I forgot about the taboo subject of "common sense" and how the very mention of it is enough to send hard-liners into a state of panic!

You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that, if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter. You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan

accordingly.

Of course, just try suggesting that UFOs are really planes or that SETI isn't a waste of time or that some abductions are not valid.

There is a difference, people, between a debunker and a skeptic. There is also a difference between a believer and a zealot. Somewhere in the middle of these four horsemen is the very non-apocalyptic view of an average joe that finds UFOs interesting, likes to ask hard questions and doesn't always believe everything tossed up for a spike from either side of the net.

Argumentative? Maybe. But hardly heresy. Ufology needs to grow up and stop being afraid of its own shadow.

Roger

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## Science Advisor Briefing

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 00:47:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 09:51:27 -0500  
Subject: Science Advisor Briefing

Sometime we will have a new president. When that time comes (no, I'm not holding my breath) it may be time for another Science Advisor Briefing.

There was such a briefing at the beginning of the Clinton administration. Here is the story... and the briefing.

[brumac.8k.com](http://brumac.8k.com)

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## Re: ET Evidence - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:10:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 10:09:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Velez

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 12:57:10 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:46:21 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 16:24:31 -0800 (PST)  
>>>>From: Mac Tonnie <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:08:45 -0500  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

>>>>>Maybe the reason why SETI hasn't been a roaring and immediate  
>>>>>success is because technologically advanced societies may be  
>>>>>as far away from using "radio" for interstellar communication as  
>>>>>we are from using smoke signals or hog calling between mountains.

><snip>

>>>>>I don't expect anything to turn up from radio SETI. That said, I  
>>>>>hope I'm wrong! It's interesting to me that many people curious  
>>>>>about the possibility of UFOs representing some sort of ETI are  
>>>>>usually SETI supporters--but never the other way around.

>>>>>Quantum entanglement is indeed amazing. Forcing a particle to  
>>>>>take some quantum state (momentum, polarization whatever) has  
>>>>>been shown to have an instantaneous (faster than light or FTL)  
>>>>>effect on a "quantum entangled", i.e. paired particle!

>><snip>

>>>>>We would never notice unless we, or our space probes, were out  
>>>>>in space, in line with the transmission, and knew which  
>>>>>gosh-darned wavelength to monitor.

>>>'Tain't easy Magee! Its not impossible either.

>>>Several years ago a fellow cornered reporter Dan Rather outside  
>>>of his apartment building here in New York and beat the Hell out  
>>>of Rather. Everytime he'd punch Rather he'd ask him over and  
>>>over, "What's the frequency Dan?"

>>>May have been a frustrated SETI engineer! <LOL>

>>>You're correct about trying to find 'another' mode of  
>>>communication to try to monitor though. 'Assuming' that we are  
>>>not the only intelligent or technological species in our own

>>Galaxy isn't very far fetched. If this is so, and we're not  
>>picking up any communications at all then we -must be- looking  
>>in the wrong place. (or the wrong way.)

>>"Quantum entangled particles" eh? Interesting stuff Larry. I  
>>wonder how many other more viable means of communication are  
>>being ignored or overlooked in favor of radio waves.

>>BTW, does anybody know what the verdict was on the "WOW" signal?  
>>Has anything further ever come out of that?

>Hi John!

>I found a good link with lots of technical information on the  
>WOW signal. Click on this SETI league page:

><http://www.setileague.org/articles/calibwow.htm>

Hi Larry,

WOW! What a great site! < pun intended ;) >Thanx for the lead.

>Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being  
>watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the  
>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

At 15db above the background noise level, localized, and non  
repeating, it all kind of knocks a 'natural source' as a  
candidate for the signal right out of the box. Some kid on  
Tralfamador must have bumped into the 'on' switch and then  
quickly turned it 'off' again before the adults returned! <LOL>

>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was  
>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude  
>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These  
>>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting  
>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic  
>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came  
>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the  
>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

Larry, a couple of questions that you may or may not be able to  
answer for me if I may. In my reading over there at the website  
I don't recall seeing any 'distance to source' estimates. I  
would imagine they'd use the Doppler shift of the signal for  
such measurements/estimates. (I don't know much about radio  
astronomy so forgive me if my questions sound naive.)

1. Can Doppler shifts be measured from something that appears as  
briefly as the WOW radio signal?

2. How 'reliable/accurate' are the results obtained from  
measuring distance to source via a radio signal in this manner?

>Since an unmodulated signal carries no information other than  
>the carrier frequency and the stellar coordinates of its source,  
>there was no "message" to puzzle over.

Like many others, I thought the signal had 'content' of some  
kind. Although what they did get -was- very significant in spite  
of its lack of content. The 'carrier' for content was there! You  
need a -transmitter- to create a 'WOW' signal. (And seven Polish  
guys to turn it on! <LOL>)

>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be  
>assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was  
>re-examined a number of times, without success as I recall from  
>my readings.

Again, I'd be interested in distance estimates. I read a lot of  
what was posted and didn't encounter anything for distance to  
source. Without those measurements that signal could have  
originated anywhere from here to Kuk-a-monga 7! ;)

>I wish the SETI people every success in their efforts. If they  
>ever do succeed in finding an undeniably alien signal, it will  
>at once up the odds that the Earth itself may have been visited  
>at some time in the past.

Yeah, especially if the 'signal' they detect turns out to be originating from well within our own solar system! <LOL>

Thanks Larry. Great website, lots of interesting information re: the WOW. I highly recommend that folks give it a good peruse. Absolutely fascinating stuff.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:48:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 10:16:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Velez

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 18:07:18 EST  
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:04:28 EST  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:36:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

>>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2000 00:05:35 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>He reported, "The first fact we learned was that a witness's  
>>>memory of such exotic events fades very quickly. After one day,  
>>>about half the reports are clearly erroneous; after two days,  
>>>about three quarters are clearly erroneous; after four days,  
>>>only ten percent are good; after five days, people report more  
>>>imagination than truth."

><snip>

Hi Dave, Bob, All,

Just jumping in for a brief moment to comment on this one  
specific remark that keeps coming up regarding the reliability  
of memory.

Anyone who has a "UFO sighting" or "event" (if I may use the  
terms without having to debate them,) is experiencing an event  
that has a profound effect on the individual both  
psychologically and emotionally. Events like that have a way of  
deeply imprinting themselves on the psyche. To the point where  
they will inconveniently replay themselves over and over in  
the witnesses head as they inwardly struggle to understand and  
make some sense out of what they saw or experienced. I use the  
term 'inconveniently' because these 'flashback replays' have a  
nasty habit of surfacing at home or at work while a person may  
be trying to remain focused on the immediate details of daily  
living. In other words, these sightings/encounters have a  
tendency to be 'disruptive' for many folks. It is because of  
this 'replay' aspect of such (traumatic if you will) experiences  
that I think kind of negates the statement above.

Sure, over time distortions/exaggerations or other things  
(depending on the individual) can come into play. But events  
with the kind of weight and impact that a UFO sighting or  
encounter can have are -hard to forget- if anything. Which is  
the exact opposite of what is being stated above.

I remember every painful detail of how I shattered a bone in my  
right hand twelve years ago. The events that took place the day  
my son was hit by a car. The day my brother died. I remember  
every precious moment of my daughters wedding day. I'm sure that  
both of you have similar -clear- and -undistorted- recollections  
of certain -major- events in your life. Are you really meaning  
to imply that "most" of those recollections now consist of

mostly "imagination?"

I recall my UFO and a couple of contact experiences in precisely the same way and with the same lucidity as those others I have already mentioned. The day you see a UFO up close, it changes everything that comes after it forever. (Or at least it has so far for me!) Yet, because it -is- a UFO or "alien" related recollection it "has to be" somehow less accurate than the other recollections of major life experiences that I (or any witness) may have.

C'mon guys. Psychology is a great pseudoscience and all that but do really believe everything you read in a White Paper? Sometimes we need to compare what is being proposed against our own life experience, our own psychology. To apply our own common sense and native intelligence when assigning weight or validity to proclamations such as the one presented above.

Hey If you are one of those people who are so out of touch with themselves that they doubt the validity of what their own senses present to them, then good luck! Until I have really hard evidence to the contrary, I will continue to trust my memories of certain major events that I have lived through over the "theories" put out by academic psychologists. (Few of which ever deal with an actual 'case' or human being in their studies!)

Thank you for allowing me to express this opinion in this thread. I'm just a little sick and tired of people proclaiming that "memory" is completely unreliable because it suits their arguments against the validity of UFO reports.

When you make statements like, 'Oh, what they remember is mostly imagination five days after the fact' you demean the witnesses testimony and attempt to dismiss their reports as invalid by default.

That's pure BS gentlemen.

Respectfully submitted,

John Velez, UFO witness and contactee

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## Joseph Trainor & UFO Roundup

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:10:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:10:54 -0500  
Subject: Joseph Trainor & UFO Roundup

I don't know him personally, but I don't believe Joseph Trainor is an intentionally malicious man. He's put in thousands of hours, since 1996, publishing UFO Roundup as a free digital newsletter.

The weekly schedule that Joe and others have voluntarily set themselves can be a thankless, unrewarding grind. There's always a looming deadline. Expenses are seldom, if ever, covered. Inevitably, there are family members or friends who simply don't understand. There's a "Why would anyone do that for free?" pressure to make the 'work' pay.

Perhaps adding more, not necessarily UFO-related, information might help justify a discrete appeal for donations and appease the fiscally non-understanding? Perhaps the inclusion of some topical, non-mainstream news might encourage a few to offer some financial help? Perhaps.

While Joe's inclusion in the current issue of UFO Roundup, Volume 5 Number 46,

see: <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/nov/m16-016.shtml>

of offensive items is an unfortunate lapse in judgement, perhaps we should try and cut him some slack.

Doubtlessly, Joe is as mortified by reaction to the current issue of 'Roundup', as I am. I'm not proud of my further distribution of the offending items without first reading all of Joe's E-Mail newsletter.

For my part, I apologise for not reading everything that passes across my screen on its way to you.

In future, when forwarding E-Mail newsletters to UFO UpDates readers, I will remove non-UFO related content.

As far as this List is concerned this matter is now closed and I won't be posting any further discussion on it.

Errol Bruce-Knapp

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From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 11:39:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:14:44 -0500  
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>irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent  
>is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or  
>even hard-line debunkers have ever dreamed of. The "believers"  
>need to see Trent as stupid to the point of having to  
>contemplate every breath. For the photos to be faked, an  
>incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from  
>being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical  
>liar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of  
>grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have  
>had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never  
>laughed in his life.

>And when the technical discussions regarding any UFO case gets  
>hot and heavy, it would seem that those without technical  
>expertise seem to feel left out and respond with proclamations  
>about "lack of proof" as if that were a significant contribution  
>to the conversation or that they, themselves, had an ounce of  
>"proof" to their collective names.

>Get real.

>No one in this game has any "proof". If we did, this discussion  
>list wouldn't even exist. So, stating the obvious isn't the same  
>as contributing to the discussion at hand. The best we can do is  
>use a little common sense and make our own conclusions. Oh,  
>that's right! I forgot about the taboo subject of "common sense"  
>and how the very mention of it is enough to send hard-liners  
>into a state of panic!

>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,  
>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.  
>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to

>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super  
>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense  
>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already  
>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>accordingly.

>Of course, just try suggesting that UFOs are really planes or  
>that SETI isn't a waste of time or that some abductions are not  
>valid.

>There is a difference, people, between a debunker and a skeptic.  
>There is also a difference between a believer and a zealot.  
>Somewhere in the middle of these four horsemen is the very  
>non-apocalyptic view of an average joe that finds UFOs  
>interesting, likes to ask hard questions and doesn't always  
>believe everything tossed up for a spike from either side of the  
>net.

>Argumentative? Maybe. But hardly heresy. Ufology needs to grow  
>up and stop being afraid of its own shadow.

Roger,

On the other hand, it also doesn't help when skeptics rehash  
classic cases that have always been unexplained and will  
continue to be unexplained, and bring up mundane, conventional  
explanations when there is none.

You are no longer a skeptic if you've begun to do the job of a  
debunker. Unlike a skeptic, who simply says: "It can't be; I  
don't believe it", a debunker goes on to label the bonafide  
sighting with some stupid, mundane, conventional explanation for  
an event that, for all intent and purpose, has no mundane,  
logical explanation. Take it from a guy who has had enough  
practice after witnessing for himself, 17 separate sightings of  
UFOs since 1974.

Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
us who have, do...

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps  
MUFON Provincial Section Director for Sudbury, Ontario, Canada & UFO  
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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Myers

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>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 19:26:13 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

<snip>

Speaking of Lee and Brit Elders - if the tape is so genuine and there were so many witnesses then why hasn't Genesis III produced any video tapes on this event and why haven't they followed up on it? The last update by Genesis III was in March of 1998:

<http://www.genesis-3.com/mexico97/mexico97.htm>

The only witnesses I ever recall hearing about were 1) an elderly woman claimed she was exposed to a purple mist the craft emitted 2) a 12 year old girl claimed she saw the craft and that's all I ever recall hearing. Of course, being north of the border doesn't help. It's hard investigating something that happened in Mexico when you live in Oregon. Say, is there anyone out there with satellite TV who watches any of the Mexico news programs or shows that cover UFOs down there?

I talked to a guy I worked with a few years ago who was from Mexico City. He said that Jaime Maussan was viewed as a crackpot there and that a lot of people there didn't buy into UFOs. As for Jaime Maussan, I met and spoke with him at length about 4 years ago and he seemed rather genuine and sincere to me.

The entire problem with this case is that none of us are down in Mexico City and aren't able to investigate this case first hand without an agenda. All we're getting here is second and third hand info through the filter and from some sources that have something at stake in this. These big UFO cases get out, you hear a bit or two about them, and then nothing or pieces creep out here and there over the next couple of years. Investigations may take time, but now Chris Wallace is going to use this Mexico City piece and no one has any idea how it will be used or if he has all the facts pertaining to the case.

The only other analysis of this tape I have seen aside from BM's is that of the two special effects artists on that awful, third rate NBC/Whitley Strieber television production 'Confirmation'. I have to say that the FX people made a convincing case. The small piece they produced with a cap and someone's thumb was as impressive if not more so than the Mexico City piece. If the film had a chance of being real at all, I'm confident that Strieber would have jumped up and defended it.

If you watch the Special Edition Trilogy of the Star Wars movies, in the beginning they have segments on the making of the films and show one of Lucas' FX guys explaining how in one scene from a battle that takes place in the snow you can see the object that a fighter is flying towards bleed through the cockpit frame. I remember seeing something similar in the Mexico City video as the object moves behind the buildings.

Unless they come up with something (say solid witnesses, the anonymous shooter of the video, conclusive analysis from multiple labs) then the film will be widely accepted as a hoax... which, in my opinion, it appears to be at this point.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>  
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>  
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## Re: ET Evidence - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 13:17:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:28:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Friedman

>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:04:00 -0500  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>From: Katharina Wilson <[kwilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:kwilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 01:02:59 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Hello Nick and Mac:

>>Please note the facility with which the "alien" finesses this  
>>most unwelcome question from Betty.

>>He could have easily said " Well, your Sun is over here, see?  
>>(pointing to one star) while we come from here (pointing to  
>>another) while this other star is the one you call Arangutangus  
>>or whatever.

>>No. Of course not! Its Betty's fault for not being an astronomer  
>>you see... and once again the mystery being provides \_no\_ useful  
>>information whatsoever.

>>I don't know how seriously to take this encounter, but that one  
>>aspect fits neatly into a well worn mold. I'm surprised they  
>>showed her any sort of map at all, which raises certain doubts  
>>in my mind.

>Regarding Star Maps and locations: If you click on

>[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part\\_III/Doreensmap.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_III/Doreensmap.html)

>there is an example of the ETs giving an abductee (at least) a  
>way home. There is also an interesting quote at the top of the  
>page as well, which clearly shows that an ET was trying to  
>explain where he came from.

>Sorry John Velez: I'm giving another URL to my web site. That is  
>only because I couldn't cut and paste the entire article into  
>the UFO UpDates List.

>On the other side of the coin: People interested in the star map  
>discussion may want to review Martin Cannon's opinion about  
>Betty's Star Map experience.

>From Cannon's The Controllers: "The Hill case provided a  
>particularly controversial piece of evidence: The celebrated  
>\_star map\_ recalled by Betty Hill under hypnosis....Allegedly,  
>the map points to Zeta Reticuli as the aliens' home system and  
>pictures Zeta Reticuli as a single star, a view consistent with  
>scientific opinion of the 1960s. Yet, in later years, scientists  
>discovered that Zeta Reticuli is binary....

>"The celebrated star map ought to be recognized for what it was:  
>a prop, a seemingly confirmatory circumstantial detail meant to  
>convince her - and perhaps us - of the reality of her  
>abduction."

>Thanks -

>K. Wilson

It is true that Alan Hendry claimed in a FATE magazine article that a French astronomer had discovered that one of the 2 stars was a binary. He had not checked with the astronomer.

This was a claim based upon an article to be published.

It never was, because subsequent work clearly established that the star was definitely not a binary. It was the result of a problem with the speckle interferometry technique being used to try to resolve stars.

The problem, believe it or not, was known as "Mickey's Ears".

Cannon is in error. The work still stands.

It is interesting that everyone who has attacked Ms. Fish's work has misrepresented what she did including Carl Sagan.

Terry Dickinson's "Update on the Zeta Reticuli Incident" deals with many of these false attacks.

Stanton Friedman

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## Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 12:43:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:39:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived - Young

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 18:07:18 EST  
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 01:04:28 EST  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 09:36:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning: The Public Deceived

<snip>

>>A big part of his success was that he searched for fallen  
>>meteorites in the desert southwest and in places like Kansas.

>A big part of his success was accurately determining the  
>trajectory and point of probable impact through careful  
>questioning of the witnesses. Knowing exactly where to look  
>helps a lot.

>Dealing with the wide open spaces of the Southwest and Kansas in  
>some ways might have made LaPaz's job more difficult. One would  
>expect fewer landmarks to aid in trajectory reconstruction.

Dear Clear Thinkers, Dave, anybody:

OK, Dave, whatever you say. Another fine example of anything you  
can think of to prop up your argument.

>>Anybody who has tried to find a fall in the rugged, wooded often  
>>snow-covered mountains of West Virginia or Pennsylvania will  
>>never have the same sort of luck.

>Yes, but Drake's point wasn't about the difficulty in finding  
>meteorites because of terrain. He was complaining that the  
>witness reports weren't reliable.

But you claimed LaPaz was more successful because of his unique  
expertise and the value of the testimonies of his eyewitness,  
however that may have occurred. I pointed out that finding a  
meteor crater in the New Mexican desert is a lot easier than  
finding same in the forested mountains of West Virginia.

>>Most "normal" fireballs are not accompanied by "sizzling"  
>>sounds, but what is even more important, only a small fraction  
>>of the witnesses of bright fireballs report these sort of  
>>sounds.

>14% of the witnesses I don't consider to be a "small fraction."  
>It's a very significant number.

OK, Dave, whatever you say.

>Furthermore, I don't understand the point of you emphasizing the  
>word "witnesses." It appears you are trying to make a case  
>again that this is a "psychological phenomenon" and not a real  
>physical one.

No, only that most witnesses are human like the rest of us.

\_Most\_, but of course not those of Lincoln LaPaz.

>Colin Keay proposed the now widely accepted theory explaining  
>the anomalous meteor sounds back in 1980. His Web site is at:

><http://users.hunterlink.net.au/~ddcsk/>

>and points out that these sounds have since been recorded in the  
>field. Lab experiments are also capable of reproducing the  
>effect.

>Keay also explains that not all fireballs seem capable of  
>generating these sounds.

Probably only 14%, huh?

>One's with shallow trajectories do;  
>those with steep trajectories do not.

That's pretty interesting. Friday night I sat on a mountain with four others observing the Leonid meteor shower, including many Earth grazers, when the radiant was near the horizon. None of us reported hearing sounds. I wonder why? Do you think it might be a "psychological phenomenon"?

>>I have been with a group which witnessed a bright,  
>>shadow-casting fireball and one person in the groups said that  
>>she heard a swishing sound, no one else, including me, heard it.

>According to Keay, this can be a function of the transducer  
>mechanism near the witness. Metal framed eyeglasses, e.g., can  
>act as a transducer. Somebody wearing them might hear the  
>sounds, whereas somebody right next to them might not.

Huh. Three of us wore glasses, two did not. Probably some other unknown process, huh? I have some tooth fillings, but they weren't "transducers" either. Oh, well. I guess it's just a puzzle.

Oh, I forgot, there were only five of us. Let's see, that means that 14% would put meteor sounds within the error bar. Oh, my. Another proof of flying saucers hidden in the lack of data.

>There are also obviously differences in people's hearing  
>ability, particularly to higher sounds. Younger people are more  
>likely to hear them than older people, e.g.

One kid was 17, two were in their thirties, one in his 40's, and I'm 56.

>Similar sounds, BTW, are also associated with auroras.

Didn't see any of these, either.

>>LaPaz operated with the scientific knowledge of his day. The  
>>so-called "Green Fireballs" are a perfect example. See Richard  
>>Haines' book, Observing UFOs, for a discussion of how intensely  
>>bright light sources are quickly seen as green. As the objects  
>>dim, it's appearance can then return to red.

>I haven't seen Haine's book, so I can't comment at this point  
>on what he has written or whether you have accurately  
>represented it.

>I will say that I have a degree in Optometry and have studied a  
>lot of visual science and neurophysiology. I know of no  
>mechanism which will make an intensely bright white light source  
>appear to be green, particularly a very saturated, lime-green  
>color that was associated with the so-called green fireballs.

>An intensely green light \_will\_ create a faint red afterimage  
>after the green light source is removed. And an intensely red  
>light will similarly create a green afterimage.

How about while the light source is still visible?

>>During thousands of hours of observing the night sky since 1956,  
>>and many of them making meteor counts, I have seen four  
>>intensely bright fireballs which cast shadows. Two of these were  
>>a very bright, beautiful green, but bright as a welder's arc.



>So why weren't the other two green?

How the hell should I know?

>According to your assertions, any very bright white light  
>should be seen as green.

I never made such an assertion. I wrote about Haines discussing,  
"intensely bright light sources".

>The fact of the matter is, very, very few bright fireballs are ever  
>reported as appearing as a saturated green.

Hm, maybe I saw two flying saucers? Please forward this post to  
Royce Myers, he'll be pleased and relieved.

>LaPaz back in 1949 couldn't think of a single example in all the  
>meteor literature or personal experience.

What's the point, here?

>If I wanted to rub it in, I could also quote Drake. Witness  
>reports of color are completely unreliable or are more fact than  
>fiction after 5 days, so why should you be the exception?

I'm sure that I'm not. But LaPaz and his unique witnesses would,  
of course, be the exceptions.

And, of course, you have again extended Drake's claim beyond its  
original form until it is ridiculous, but just what is needed to  
support your position. The point was that as time goes on, the  
reliability decreases. After one day, one half are without  
error\_, not "completely unreliable" as you inaccurately stated.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Velez

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>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: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Responding to Bruce Maccabee:

>>>Hi Bruce,

>>>You're sort of repeating yourself here, from past posts, so let  
>>>me do the same, if you will.

>>>Neither you nor Saino have included the strength of the  
>>>independent eye-witness accounts in your analyses, which support  
>>>the reality of this video and sighting. You instead ignore them.  
>>>Is that at all scientific, when coupled with the knowledge, from  
>>>past UFO cases, that the UFO aliens can easily fool us by using  
>>>their advanced psycho-physical technology? It obviously is not.

>>>Could these aliens be sooo skillful as to have remotely  
>>>manipulated the hand-held TV camera and/or maneuvered their own  
>>>UFO craft in such a manner that the vibrational jitter would not  
>>>show up on their craft? Why not, if we have other examples of  
>>>their having pulled off similar pranks, and of playing games  
>>>with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of  
>>>reality?

>>Jim,

>>Where are these alleged witnesses? Two television documentaries  
>>have interviewed one or two residents who allegedly saw  
>>something at the time of the Mexico City sighting, but there has  
>>been no investigative follow up that I'm aware of, by either  
>>Mexican Ufologists or anyone else of note.

>>Steve,

>>Jaime Maussan is the guy to contact as to how many witnesses he  
>>knows of, and if any are available for questioning (in Spanish).  
>>I believe that Michael Hesemann and Lee & Brit Elders also have  
>>interviewed witnesses to the case.

>>IMO, A craft as large  
>>as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated  
>>section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more  
>>public comment than we've seen.

>>It might be that the craft did not allow itself to be visible  
>>except to selected persons or from selected regions. You

>probably can recall quite a few cases where certain people saw a  
>UFO and others nearby did not. An additional explanation might  
>be that most of the witnesses were afraid to come forward and  
>describe their sighting, or didn't know whom to contact.

>>Perhaps the aliens (or whatever) are truly able to manipulate  
>>every means that we have to detect and record their existence.  
>>Perhaps this is why they are so skillful at keeping themselves  
>>hidden from view. But the circumstances outlined in the research  
>>that has been done in this case would seem to indicate that this  
>>was a "not so elaborate" hoax. We will all have to search our  
>>own beliefs to define whether this has been explained "beyond a  
>>reasonable doubt", and if Wallace is using this video in a  
>>segment with Shermer, I would suspect that it is being used as  
>>an example of a hoax in the field of Ufology.

>I suspect the same.

Hi Jim, All,

Just a personal observation and an aside.

Jaime Maussan had supplied a videotape which contained  
interviews with two of the witnesses which I translated from  
Spanish to English for a well known researcher which shall  
remain nameless here.

I submitted a post to UpDates with a brief synopsis of those  
interviews and my impressions that the witnesses were credible  
and 'seemed' to be sincere and telling about what they saw. One  
of them was a young girl who was positioned behind the building  
directly under the UFO. Her description was clear and detailed.  
A second witness, (who was also in close proximity to the  
building/event in question) was a restaurant owner who  
corroborated the testimony given by the girl.

And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
explanation. (This business of the building edges showing motion  
smears while the UFO did not.) If the camera was tracking the  
motion of the UFO dead on for even a few seconds, it would  
explain why the edges of the craft are clear while the  
surroundings show the motion blurs/smears. But then I'm just an  
amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
girl.

Regards,

John Velez

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@space-lab.net](mailto:jvif@space-lab.net)

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

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## Re: ET Evidence - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 14:22:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:45:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Sparks

>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:10:13 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

<snip>

>>Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being  
>>watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the  
>>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

<snip>

>>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was  
>>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude  
>>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These  
>>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting  
>>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic  
>>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came  
>>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the  
>>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

John & Larry & List,

I can't find enough info to justify the conclusions that the WOW  
signal could not have come from a satellite, perhaps in a  
geostationary orbit, etc. From a geostationary orbit the signal  
would appear in a fixed location relative to the antenna and  
would have no ballistic trajectory or a detectable Doppler shift  
(if you don't know what the original frequency was you can't  
possibly know if it has been Doppler shifted due to motion, all  
you can possibly determine is a time-rate of change of a Doppler  
shift, i.e., due to radial acceleration).

>Larry, a couple of questions that you may or may not be able to  
>answer for me if I may. In my reading over there at the website  
>I don't recall seeing any 'distance to source' estimates. I  
>would imagine they'd use the Doppler shift of the signal for  
>such measurements/estimates. (I don't know much about radio  
>astronomy so forgive me if my questions sound naive.)

You cannot determine a distance without another antenna  
detecting the same signal at a different location to provide a  
triangulation (including interferometry) but that would require  
the two antennas be linked to a synchronized atomic clock.

>1. Can Doppler shifts be measured from something that appears as  
>briefly as the WOW radio signal?

The duration doesn't matter with normal Doppler measurements but  
what does matter is knowing the original frequency or wavelength  
-- which obviously we don't. With Doppler radars we send out

the signal so we know the exact frequency we sent and when an echo returns we can measure the Doppler shift in frequency/wavelength relative to what was sent. That tells us the radial velocity (speed only in the direction to/from the antenna not up/down or right/left).

>2. How 'reliable/accurate' are the results obtained from  
>measuring distance to source via a radio signal in this manner?

See above. There is no distance measurement without another antenna.

<snip>

>>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be  
>>assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was  
>>re-examined a number of times, without success as I recall from  
>>my readings.

<snip>

If the signal came from a geostationary satellite oftentimes they are placed in "figure-8" orbits that drift in position over a large distance daily and only return to the same spot once a day (and even then there are precessional effects, etc., so it might not be the exact same spot). Again I cannot find enough info to settle these points.

Brad

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 16:37:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:46:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Kaeser

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 19:26:13 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

<snip>

>Steve,

>Jaime Maussan is the guy to contact as to how many witnesses he  
>knows of, and if any are available for questioning (in Spanish).  
>I believe that Michael Hesemann and Lee & Brit Elders also have  
>interviewed witnesses to the case.

If these witnesses exists, then it's up to Jaime to bring them  
(or at least their stories) forward in a way that can be checked  
to lend credence to their veracity. I don't want to get into a  
stone throwing contest, but if I recall correctly Brit Elders  
was trying to sell the Mexico City video to several television  
programs and the copyright issues involved actually kept it from  
being broadcast for several months. Of course, those of us on  
the Internet saw the clip long before it was actually broadcast  
in the U.S.

>>IMO, A craft as large  
>>as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated  
>>section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more  
>>public comment than we've seen.

>It might be that the craft did not allow itself to be visible  
>except to selected persons or from selected regions. You  
>probably can recall quite a few cases where certain people saw a  
>UFO and others nearby did not. An additional explanation might  
>be that most of the witnesses were afraid to come forward and  
>describe their sighting, or didn't know whom to contact.

Perhaps. But there is little to suggest any veracity for the  
Mexico City video and there are more productive areas that  
deserve our attention in this genre. If good witnesses, or  
additional evidence becomes available, bring it forward to the  
discussion. Until then, however, IMHO this video will stand as  
an example of how easy it has become to sidetrack research and  
siphon off resources.

Don't get me wrong, as this type of evidence needs to be  
examined carefully. But this impacts the credibility of the  
entire genre in many ways.

Steve

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## Hillsdale Information Added

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 17:37:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:48:39 -0500  
Subject: Hillsdale Information Added

Those interested,

I've added a "4" part report, provided to me by Ray Varner, concerning the Hillsdale sighting case, which includes Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Press release of March 25, 1966, the soil test, which was already available from CUFON, a Photostat copy of a letter which was written to William Van Horn by Dr. Hynek, and more. I've incorporated it into what I have already collected on the Hillsdale case and the entire addition can be viewed at Michigan UFO CENTRAL at:

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/1960.html#sheriffs>

In the near future I will be adding the text of numerous newspaper clippings from local newspapers concerning this sighting. The thing I found most interesting is that the 'validity' of the swamp gas explanation is pushed to the limit by Van Horn, who is most adamant about the fact that what he witnessed WASN'T swamp gas.

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

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 16:08:54 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:50:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:20:19 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 22:37:07 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers  
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Source: Yahoo! Biz

>>[http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/001117/ny\\_abcnews.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/001117/ny_abcnews.html)

>>Friday November 17, 5:03 pm Eastern Time

>>Press Release

>>ABCNEWS.com's Chris Wallace's Internet Expose: UFO2000 Presents  
>>Controversial New Information About The Existence Of UFOs

<snip>

>This is journalistic hype.

>The Mexico City video bit the dust in the spring of 1998 when  
>Jeff Sainio and I discovered, after many hours of  
>investigation (which initially looked GOOD), that the hand  
>vibration smear affected the buildings in the distance but not  
>the UFO image. This was particularly obvious in a couple of  
>frames where there was very noticeable vertical smear of the  
>building images and no smear of the UFO image.

>No doubt ABC will present this as if the skeptics "discovered" the  
>fake. Perhaps ABC will present it as if ABC discovered the fake.  
>Just remember, it was ufologists hard at work that discovered the  
>fake.

>  
>You heard it first here, folks!  
>  
>(see Sainio in the October 1998 MUFON Journal)

Hello Bruce!

Yes! It will be very interesting to see how the telling  
smear-effect discovery will be credited.

When is this particular segment going to be televised? If its in  
the evening I will probably miss it.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 19:31:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:53:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello, one and all!

>After the last go around ala Trent and enduring the wrath of the  
>Trentites and forever being banished to the desolate wastelands  
>of Pelicanation, I feel that something is, indeed, amiss in the  
>world of ufology and the likes.

>The ironies are a-plenty...

>For instance, after pointing out the obvious fact that  
>"impressions" about people can be incorrect, I was branded as a  
>skeptic and, worse, a debunker. Why? Because I happen to ask  
>some of the same questions as they might. The irony, of course,  
>is that I am neither. And the fact that I gave the "impression"  
>of being one only proves my point: Impressions can be incorrect.

>When a possible, logical explanation is offered for any of  
>ufology's most cherished cases, the accusations regarding  
>character assassination seem to overtake the technical  
>discussion almost every time. In the case of McMinnville the  
>irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent  
>is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or  
>even hard-line debunkers have ever dreamed of. The "believers"  
>need to see Trent as stupid to the point of having to  
>contemplate every breath. For the photos to be faked, an  
>incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from  
>being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical  
l>iar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of  
>grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have  
>had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never  
>laughed in his life.

As I began reading this my first intent was not to respond. But  
then I read the above uimplied judgement of Trent's character.  
Is it better to be a smart hoaxer or a "stupid" honest person.  
Apparently Roger thinks it is less degrading to be dishonest if  
intelligent.

However, there are other people who think differently... and I  
believe the Trents were of this category... perhaps not rocket  
scientists, but honest in their dealings with everyone about  
everything.

The writing in the above paragraph is a "bit" hyped, calling  
Trent the "stupid patron saint of ufology." Whatsamatta, Roger?  
Got a hair across you know where, to use phraseology like that?  
And the last sentence about there not being proof that Trent  
"never laughed in his life" is silly, makes no sense. Just  
because Trent very probably did laugh, at least once, in his  
life does not mean that he would have this "laugh" at everyone  
else's expense (create a hoax and then laugh all the way to the  
grave.... since he didn't laugh all the way to the bank). And  
then there is the "forgotten" witness, Evelyn. I bet she laughed  
at least once in her life, too, but not about the UFO sighting.

<snip>

>No one in this game has any "proof". If we did, this discussion  
>list wouldn't even exist. So, stating the obvious isn't the same  
>as contributing to the discussion at hand. The best we can do is  
>use a little common sense and make our own conclusions. Oh,  
>that's right! I forgot about the taboo subject of "common sense"  
>and how the very mention of it is enough to send hard-liners  
i>nto a state of panic!

Yeah, no proof... depending upon what you mean by proof. Suppose  
there were several neighbors who ostensibly confirmed the  
sighting. This could be offered as "proof." Until the skeptics  
say, well (a) they were trying to jump on the bandwagon, (b)  
they misidentified some object and thought it was what the  
Trents claimed to have seen, (c) they were in collusion with the  
Trents, assuming that they would get a piece of the "action"  
when the payoff (\$\$\$\$) came. And there goes the "proof."

>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,  
>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.

Sure, But what if "common sense" says that ET actually wants to  
be noticed in a "small" way... not enough to be "absolute proof"  
but enough to stir up the masses. Then ET would definitely not  
disguise itself as a helicopter or pelican.

>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to  
>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super  
>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>rat's ass chance of understanding.

Huh? How about audio. Yeah, I know. You're saying ET would use  
radio waves... which we would have to convert to some form of  
communication we could understand (visible - pictures or written  
language, or audible sound). But you started by saying "if they  
wanted to talk to us" they would do so and so.

So who says they want to talk to us, like the whole human race,  
as opposed to (a) no communication at all with anyone or (b)  
occasional low level communication with a few humans?

This wouldn't requite "RF". And if they were so great and wanted  
us to understand they would adapt to our relative deficient  
capabilities. Maybe.

>Know what else common sense  
>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already  
>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>accordingly.

Maybe they do.

>Of course, just try suggesting that UFOs are really planes or  
>that SETI isn't a waste of time or that some abductions are not  
>valid.

>There is a difference, people, between a debunker and a skeptic.  
>There is also a difference between a believer and a zealot.  
>Somewhere in the middle of these four horsemen is the very  
>non-apocalyptic view of an average joe that finds UFOs  
i>interesting, likes to ask hard questions and doesn't always  
>believe everything tossed up for a spike from either side of the  
>net.

>Argumentative? Maybe. But hardly heresy. Ufology needs to grow  
>up and stop being afraid of its own shadow.

I suppose common sense is the last resort of the person who  
really desn't know what is going on.

Based on that definition I suppose we should all start using  
more common sense.

And, by the way, my "common sense" tells me that the Trents were  
not hoaxers.

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## Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 17:07:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:55:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania - Hatch

>From: Gilles Milot <[agu@videotron.ca](mailto:agu@videotron.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania  
>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 16:29:43 -0500

>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 01:58:21 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 21:28:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>>Date: Sat, 11 Nov 2000 07:05:38 -0800  
>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

>>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Nov 2000 19:09:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania

<snip>

>>I'm still surprised [ mylar balloons were ] not suggested  
>>earlier with regard to gliding entities in Pennsylvania.

>Hi everybody,

>We had a case back in October 1998 in Grand-Mère Qué. around  
>midnight where the witness saw two entities searching something  
>in the ground at her sister's backward where was located their  
>garden. One of the entities was on its knees seeming very busy  
>working on the ground and the other one was stand up looking at  
>its companion. One particular detail the witness told us about  
>the entities was that they seemed to be floating over the ground  
>and this became particularity evident when they left walking in  
>the direction of a very thick fog which was illuminated with a  
>dark orange color. This case was reported in the Journal de  
>Montréal on his edition of saturday Aug 21,1999.

>The late publication of the case was due to the time we needed  
>to investigate the case. We had to return to the site in the  
>spring when the snow was completely melted. We then discovered,  
>at the location, five holes two inches diameter by eight inches  
>deep in which the soil was completely dry, like brown sand.  
>Just few inches outside the holes, the soil was very rich and  
>dark as it should be in a garden.

>I'd been interviewed at that time by Errol for his radio show  
>Strange Days... Indeed, about the case.

Hello Giles:

I have the Grand-Mere PQ sighting catalogued as taking place on

24 OCT 1998 at 2030 hrs ( 8:30 PM local time ), taken from a Filer's Files e-news letter.

It is indeed interesting, especially the subsequent traces found. Floating craft or figures do not disqualify a sighting by any means, but balloons are always a possibility when all that is seen are floating objects which behave much like, well, like balloons.

That is clearly not the case in the Grand-Mere events.

By the way, there was an earlier sighting in the same town on 10 AUG 1956 around 1330 hrs. In this sighting, two observers easily saw a "saucer" at perhaps 1000 meters altitude. This object stopped for some 20 seconds, then shot North at some high speed .. very unlike any balloon. This last case was included in the Bluebook records. I got it from Loren Gross': UFOs a History, the 3rd of 5 booklets for 1956, page 23.

The Montreal Journal article is probably better for the 1998 event, but not easily accessible in California.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 18:27:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:57:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:10:13 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 12:57:10 -0500  
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>>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 16:24:31 -0800 (PST)  
>>>>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Balaskas

<snip>

>>Hi John!

>>I found a good link with lots of technical information on the  
>>WOW signal. Click on this SETI league page:

>><http://www.setileague.org/articles/calibwow.htm>

Good questions all.  
Please see notes inserted below.. -LH

>Hi Larry,

>WOW! What a great site! < pun intended ;) >Thanx for the lead.

>>Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being  
>>watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the  
>>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

>At 15db above the background noise level, localized, and non  
>repeating, it all kind of knocks a 'natural source' as a  
>candidate for the signal right out of the box. Some kid on  
>Tralfamador must have bumped into the 'on' switch and then  
>quickly turned it 'off' again before the adults returned! <LOL>

First off, I'm no scientist, just an ex-engineering student who



follows these matters as closely as I can.

To be technical, high decibel levels over background noise do not guarantee an artificial source. That's how pulsars and quasars were discovered. At first, some scientists thought those might be artificial. It was their regularity and repeatability that gave them away as rapidly rotating neutron stars etc. That, plus the absence of any modulation or information content. Still interesting, just no good indication of an ET signal.

>>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was >>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude >>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These >>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting >>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic >>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came >>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the >>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

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Again, I'm in over my head as well.

Doppler shifts are best used when the source has some known frequency, like the particular spikes in the frequency spectrum of hydrogen or other common element.

Since this is known with high precision, doppler shift will indicate if the source is moving toward us, away from us, or nearly stationary with respect to the solar system.

The SETI people know what WOW frequency they received (I sure don't!) but nobody knows the originating source frequency. Thus, no comparison seems possible, which would rule out doppler effects studies.

Since the signal came in briefly, and only once, there would be little if any chance to look for doppler shift.

>1. Can Doppler shifts be measured from something that appears as >briefly as the WOW radio signal?

I don't think so. Please see above. -LH

>2. How 'reliable/accurate' are the results obtained from >measuring distance to source via a radio signal in this manner?

Doppler effects (again I could be wrong) are used to measure relative motions between two bodies, and not the distances. Only the change in distances over time (relative speeds), and again only if the source frequency is known. Any radio astronomers out there?

>>Since an unmodulated signal carries no information other than >>the carrier frequency and the stellar coordinates of its source, >>there was no "message" to puzzle over.

>Like many others, I thought the signal had 'content' of some >kind. Although what they did get -was- very significant in spite >of its lack of content. The 'carrier' for content was there! You >need a -transmitter- to create a 'WOW' signal. (And seven Polish >guys to turn it on! <LOL>)

Pulsars and quasars need no technicians, but they are repeatable. As a one-time event, the WOW signal is quite interesting, whether some natural effect or not.

>>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be >>assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was >>re-examined a number of times, >without success as I recall from >>my readings.

>Again, I'd be interested in distance estimates. I read a lot of >what was posted and didn't encounter anything for distance to >source. Without those measurements that signal could have >originated anywhere from here to Kuk-a-monga 7! ;)

Yes! ( or rather no. ) No distance estimates that I could find.

>>I wish the SETI people every success in their efforts. If they  
>>ever do succeed in finding an undeniably alien signal, it will  
>>at once up the odds that the Earth itself may have been visited  
>>at some time in the past.

>Yeah, especially if the 'signal' they detect turns out to be  
>originating from well within our own solar system! <LOL>

The duration, seconds at most, would not indicate or exclude a planetary source as I recall. I had best read the good article more carefully myself. The SETI people did manage to exclude Earthly or satellite sources, interesting in itself.

IF planetary, i.e. within this solar system, I would like to see how that gets explained. Alas, all we have is a source that is stationary with respect to the stars, one which never came back. If there was a planet out in that particular direction at that particular date and time, I haven't heard of it.

Best wishes!

- Larry Hatch

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### Experienter's Point of View

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 20:12:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:07:46 -0500  
Subject: Experienter's Point of View

Hello, all EBK, List folk etc,etc.

Well after much thought, cogitation, and even prayer, I have decided to make a statement note the following:

1. I saw something in the summer of my 14th year, that cannot be:

a. Pelicans,swamp gas, weather balloons, low flying U-2's or atomic powered bombers.

b. Figments of a collective imagination, (five people) my hunter/cowboy father, my very practical and calvinistic mother, my cousin Judy, a school teacher, and her friend Vivian who was just there, didn't know her well enough. Point is; We all saw it!

2. Well, now just what did I see? I was always interested in the sky, and very capable of telling Mizar from Mira and that night, that Vivian was built like a burlap bag full o'Bobcats -just your typical 14 year-old! So, now, what was it?

A UFO? well that's what it looked like dammit! Why? And everyone agreed on what it looked like:

a. When first sighted, by my father, it seemed to stop, then emit all sorts of bright colors, red, green, blue, yellow. Note to Pelicanists: this was not twinkling, it was at least three times as bright as Venus and slightly diffuse. Then it moved.

b. It was a metallic disc with panel lines. That's what it was, plus four headlights, as best I can describe them. Pelicanist note; these were not your average GE, Bosch or Lucas lamps - these were of searchlight quality. Note also, this was 1965 BST (before Star Trek) so I can't say that I was "influenced" by trek.

3. Where did it come from? IMO, three possibly four, areas could be.

a. The ETH theory yes, the Trafalmadorian scout ship.

b. One of ours. by that I mean the names of thecrew are Chuck and Ridley, (or even Ivan and Yuri) as opposed to Zot and Mog.

c. The nasty Demonic theory, i.e. the bad guys - as in Satanic influence you know, the Guy down there. (Given my own beliefs in God, the universe, and everything, this is a real possibility - the Greys in particular - seem to not have anyone's best interest at heart, and are the apparent cause of confusion, heartache and chaos.) and as there is a Spiritual element - hard to prove, as in the Abuction theory, it is subjective - unless you are the subject - it can't happen.

d.The "Angelic " or "Good Guy" also "New Age" aspect. Still could be deceptive, also may not have our best interest at heart. Major money maker for those willing to give dUAL INSTRUCTION in the proper use of a hot tub. I believe in; "By their works you shall know them."

4. Conclusion: What I think and who cares. I am not a researcher, expert, or anything else, I saw this thing, and none can say I didn't.

Yes, I think there is a need for Skeptics, I am one too, when it comes to either the prosaic or even the miraculous that seems little too ah, neat.

One reason I stayed out of the Trent debate was that Rodger's research may have had a point. But so does Bruce. I will leave it at that.

However, the question remains: What was it that I and others saw some 35 years ago. That isn't supposed to exist.

GT McCoy

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Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 03:17:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:11:06 -0500  
Subject: 'About UFOs' November 19, 2000 - Vol. 2, No. 46

From: [ufos.guide@ABOUT.COM](mailto:ufos.guide@ABOUT.COM)

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<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=450.1>

Scientists claim they have broken the ultimate speed barrier:  
the speed of light.

<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=447.1>

These space travelers are not aliens. They are our descendants,  
who in the future have succeeded in developing time travel, and  
have come back to the past on visits.

<http://www.delphi.com/ab-ufos/messages?lgnF=y&msg=323.71>

Actually my father's old station wagon had a hood ornament that  
looked exactly like this "spacecraft".

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 13:54:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:18:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 11:39:41 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:14:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, Michel wrote:

>On the other hand, it also doesn't help when skeptics rehash  
>classic cases that have always been unexplained and will  
>continue to be unexplained, and bring up mundane, conventional  
>explanations when there is none.

>You are no longer a skeptic if you've begun to do the job of a  
>debunker. Unlike a skeptic, who simply says: "It can't be; I  
>don't believe it", a debunker goes on to label the bonafide  
>sighting with some stupid, mundane, conventional explanation for  
>an event that, for all intent and purpose, has no mundane,  
>logical explanation. Take it from a guy who has had enough  
>practice after witnessing for himself, 17 separate sightings of  
>UFOs since 1974.

>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>us who have, do...

So let me make sure that I understand what you are saying:

Only those that believe, at face value, all unsolved UFO claims  
or have seen a UFO for themselves have the right to question the  
existence of UFOs? If so, then what's the point of this  
discussion list and why are you a participant?

I've never heard anything so silly...

Roger

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## [PQ] UFO Over Illinois 11-30-00, Discovery Channel

From: **Dream Masters Studios, LLC** <[dmsllc@earthlink.net](mailto:dmsllc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:00:53 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:24:26 -0500  
Subject: [PQ] UFO Over Illinois 11-30-00, Discovery Channel

As a courtesy to Dream Masters Studios colleague, Dr. Bruce Cornet, we are forwarding news of a premier program he is involved in.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bruce Cornet  
To: [EdAberdeen@aol.com](mailto:EdAberdeen@aol.com)  
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2000 7:46 AM  
Subject: Rescheduled: UFO Over Illinois Premieres on 30 November, Discovery channel

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## Re: ET Evidence - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:25:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:27:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Velez

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 14:22:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:10:13 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

><snip>

>>>Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being  
>>>watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the  
>>>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>>>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>>>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

><snip>

>>>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was  
>>>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude  
>>>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These  
>>>>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting  
>>>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic  
>>>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came  
>>>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the  
>>>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

>John & Larry & List,

>I can't find enough info to justify the conclusions that the WOW  
>signal could not have come from a satellite, perhaps in a  
>geostationary orbit, etc. From a geostationary orbit the signal  
>>would appear in a fixed location relative to the antenna and  
>>would have no ballistic trajectory or a detectable Doppler shift  
>(if you don't know what the original frequency was you can't  
>possibly know if it has been Doppler shifted due to motion, all  
>you can possibly determine is a time-rate of change of a Doppler  
>shift, i.e., due to radial acceleration).

>>Larry, a couple of questions that you may or may not be able to  
>>answer for me if I may. In my reading over there at the website  
>>I don't recall seeing any 'distance to source' estimates. I  
>>would imagine they'd use the Doppler shift of the signal for  
>>such measurements/estimates. (I don't know much about radio  
>>astronomy so forgive me if my questions sound naive.)

>You cannot determine a distance without another antenna  
>detecting the same signal at a different location to provide a  
>triangulation (including interferometry) but that would require  
>the two antennas be linked to a synchronized atomic clock.

>>1. Can Doppler shifts be measured from something that appears as

>>briefly as the WOW radio signal?

>The duration doesn't matter with normal Doppler measurements but  
>what does matter is knowing the original frequency or wavelength  
>-- which obviously we don't. With Doppler radars we send out  
>the signal so we know the exact frequency we sent and when an  
>echo returns we can measure the Doppler shift in  
>frequency/wavelength relative to what was sent. That tells us  
>the radial velocity (speed only in the direction to/from the  
>antenna not up/down or right/left).

>>2. How 'reliable/accurate' are the results obtained from  
>>measuring distance to source via a radio signal in this manner?

>See above. There is no distance measurement without another  
>antenna.

><snip>

>>>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be  
>>>assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was  
>>>re-examined a number of times, without success as I recall from  
>>>my readings.

><snip>

>If the signal came from a geostationary satellite oftentimes they are placed  
>in "figure-8" orbits that drift in position over a large distance daily and  
>only return to the same spot once a day (and even then there are precessional  
>effects, etc., so it might not be the exact same spot). Again I cannot find  
>enough info to settle these points.

>Brad

Hiya Brad, All,

Thank you for that informative response. I am already familiar  
with the measurement of Doppler shifts with objects that are  
detected using optical telescopes (spectral shift) but  
completely ignorant of how it is accomplished for radio signals.  
Thank for the lesson!

So, apparently SETI can't have any idea as to the actual  
distance to the source, only the direction. Although precession  
would explain why the signal has not been picked up in the same  
spot twice, (assuming that your satellite theory is correct) I  
would imagine that SETI has 'filters' (or some kind of  
systematic elimination process) for 'known' man made satellites  
and other 'known' space junk that could possibly have  
accounted for the random signal. At least I hope they do!

If 'triangulation' or 'known frequency' is a prerequisite to  
the determination of distance, then the WOW isn't as big a 'wow'  
as it's cracked up to be. It 'could have' been coming from well  
within the solar system for all they know. In spite of it all,  
the WOW is still an intriguing anomaly.

Regards,

John Velez

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

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:00:01 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:31:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Roberts

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Michael wrote:

>On the other hand, it also doesn't help when skeptics rehash  
>classic cases that have always been unexplained and will  
>continue to be unexplained, and bring up mundane, conventional  
>explanations when there is none.

Whoah there boy, 'classic cases that have always been unexplained and will continue to be unexplained'?

This is just the sort of 'believer' nonsense which makes them a laughing stock. How on earth can you state that something 'will continue to be explained'? How do you \*know\* that? Why would you even believe something will never be explained. Where's your curiosity, your dedication to research? Many 'classic' cases - certainly in the UK- have been unexplained for years, and then resolved. Which makes a mockery of: 'classic cases that have always been unexplained and will continue to be unexplained'?

If this sort of thinking is an example of 'believer' ufology then it's still in the dark ages. At least Jerry puts up some form of spirited, if misguided, defence to his statements.

>You are no longer a skeptic if you've begun to do the job of a  
>debunker. Unlike a skeptic, who simply says: "It can't be; I  
>don't believe it",

What a weird interpretation of what Michel believes sceptics think. It's more like 'I'll not come to a conclusion until this case is resolved'.

>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

Laugh? I nearly did, but I was too busy typeing... but Michel - and we've been through it all before - what about the 'true unknowns' which were resolved? Were they really 'true unknowns' or just IFOs masquerading as 'true unknowns'? There cannot be such a thing as a 'true unknown' simply because time passes and things change. Just 'unknown', as of this moment in time'.

>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>us who have, do...

Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Roberts

Sounds like blind faith to me. But whatever keeps you warm at night eh?

Happy Trails

Andy  
bingo card at the ready

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## Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:01:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:33:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 14:22:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 02:10:13 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 03:04:49 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

><snip>

>>>Apparently, many channels (smallish frequency bands) were being  
>>>watched simultaneously by some stationary dish antenna. As the  
>>>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>>>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>>>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

><snip>

>>>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was  
>>>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude  
>>>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These  
>>>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting  
>>>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic  
>>>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came  
>>>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the  
>>>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.  
>>John & Larry & List,

>I can't find enough info to justify the conclusions that the WOW  
>signal could not have come from a satellite, perhaps in a  
>geostationary orbit, etc. From a geostationary orbit the signal  
>would appear in a fixed location relative to the antenna and  
>would have no ballistic trajectory or a detectable Doppler shift  
>(if you don't know what the original frequency was you can't  
>possibly know if it has been Doppler shifted due to motion, all  
>you can possibly determine is a time-rate of change of a Doppler  
>shift, i.e., due to radial acceleration).

>>Larry, a couple of questions that you may or may not be able to  
>>answer for me if I may. In my reading over there at the website  
>>I don't recall seeing any 'distance to source' estimates. I  
>>would imagine they'd use the Doppler shift of the signal for  
>>such measurements/estimates. (I don't know much about radio  
>>astronomy so forgive me if my questions sound naive.)

>You cannot determine a distance without another antenna  
>detecting the same signal at a different location to provide a  
>triangulation (including interferometry) but that would require  
>the two antennas be linked to a synchronized atomic clock.

>>1. Can Doppler shifts be measured from something that appears as  
>>briefly as the WOW radio signal?

>The duration doesn't matter with normal Doppler measurements but  
>what does matter is knowing the original frequency or wavelength  
>-- which obviously we don't. With Doppler radars \_we\_ send out  
>the signal so we know the exact frequency we sent and when an  
>echo returns we can measure the Doppler shift in  
>frequency/wavelength relative to what was sent. That tells us  
>the radial velocity (speed only in the direction to/from the  
>antenna not up/down or right/left).

>>2. How 'reliable/accurate' are the results obtained from  
>>measuring distance to source via a radio signal in this manner?

>See above. There is no distance measurement without another  
>antenna.

><snip>

>>>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand, but you can be  
>>>assured that the same portion of the stellar sphere was  
>>>re-examined a number of times, without success as I recall from  
>>>my readings.

><snip>

>If the signal came from a geostationary satellite oftentimes they are placed  
>in "figure-8" orbits that drift in position over a large distance daily and  
>only return to the same spot once a day (and even then there are precessional  
>effects, etc., so it might not be the exact same spot). Again I cannot find  
>enough info to settle these points.

>Brad

Hello Brad:

A major misunderstanding here, please re-read the original posts  
(or the above).

The source was determined to be fixed with respect to the stars,  
\_not\_ the Earth as in geostationary or anything like that!

That means one point in space, with no relation to the Earth's  
rotation. This is made clear in the SETI link I provided  
earlier.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 16:28:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:36:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 19:31:49 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:53:26 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Maccabee

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I wrote:

>>When a possible, logical explanation is offered for any of  
>>ufology's most cherished cases, the accusations regarding  
>>character assassination seem to overtake the technical  
>>discussion almost every time. In the case of McMinnville the  
>>irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent  
>>is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or  
>>even hard-line debunkers have ever dreamed of. The "believers"  
>>need to see Trent as stupid to the point of having to  
>>contemplate every breath. For the photos to be faked, an  
>>incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from  
>>being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical  
>liar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of  
>>grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have  
>>had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never  
>>laughed in his life.

Bruce replies:

>As I began reading this my first intent was not to respond. But  
>then I read the above unimplied judgement of Trent's character.  
>Is it better to be a smart hoaxer or a "stupid" honest person.  
>Apparently Roger thinks it is less degrading to be dishonest if  
>intelligent.

Never said any such thing, Bruce. Honest people have fun and pull people's legs all the time. However, true to form, you continue to imply that Trent would have to be smart to pull off a hoax that would fool you. More importantly, you continue to polarize Trent's character and intelligence, depending on whether the pictures are real or not. If they are real, then he is stupid and honest. If they are not, then he is smart and dishonest. There is no need for this. I know this hurts, but Trent could be really, really stupid and still have fooled you with a simple technique.

Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>The writing in the above paragraph is a "bit" hyped, calling  
>Trent the "stupid patron saint of ufology."

Maybe. But I notice that you take no issue with my account that believers need to see Trent as stupid to the point of contemplating every breath. Of course, why would you? You are on record as believing that the Trent's were stupid. Again, I guess we have a different view of what constitutes a violation of character to support a position.

>Whatsamatta, Roger?

>Got a hair across you know where, to use phraseology like that?

I don't know, Bruce. This seems to have riled you more than me. I didn't think someone would get to base remarks within the first response of this thread. But then again, you do have a vested interest in the whole Trent saga, don't you? If the "mirror" theory pans out, then all your years of research are jeopardized.

>And the last sentence about there not being proof that Trent >"never laughed in his life" is silly, makes no sense. Just >because Trent very probably did laugh, at least once, in his >life does not mean that he would have this "laugh" at everyone >else's expense (create a hoax and then laugh all the way to the >grave.... since he didn't laugh all the way to the bank). And >then there is the "forgotten" witness, Evelyn. I bet she laughed >at least once in her life, too, but not about the UFO sighting.

The after-the-fact observation that Trent did not benefit greatly from the pictures is a red herring. That's the same argument used about other hoaxers that weren't financially successful or, even, about UFOlogists that don't make a lot of money from publishing a book on UFO's. For your statement to mean anything would require all parties to have knowledge of the future. To say that they did not do it for the potential reward presupposes advance knowledge that they would not benefit from their actions. Who knows if Trent was disappointed in the way things turned out? Then, again, maybe he wasn't smart enough to capitalize on what he created the way others might have. History is full of people coming up with unique discoveries who didn't have the savvy to take full advantage of their position.

To point out that someone would not have done something because they ultimately did not make a lot of money is like saying that no one would have bet on a particular horse because that specific horse lost the race in question. There is ALWAYS someone that bets on the loser and later wishes they had been a winner just like there will ALWAYS be a person that writes a book on UFOs and wishes they had made more money. Lackluster results do not validate your position on intent.

But then again, maybe Trent could see the future. Certainly, you believe that his friends and neighbors could read his mind and know what his intent was. So why would Trent be any different?

Continuing, I wrote:

>>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that, >>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it >>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice >>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.

Bruce replied:

>Sure, But what if "common sense" says that ET actually wants to >be noticed in a "small" way... not enough to be "absolute proof" >but enough to stir up the masses. Then ET would definitely not >disguise itself as a helicopter or pelican.

You're right, Bruce. My common sense tells me that, if stirring up the masses was the intent, then a disguise as a respected UFO researcher would be the best masquerade of all!

Continuing, I wrote:

>>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to >>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super >>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a >>rat's ass chance of understanding.

Bruce replied:

>Huh? How about audio. Yeah, I know. You're saying ET would use >radio waves... which we would have to convert to some form of >communication we could understand (visible - pictures or written >language, or audible sound). But you started by saying "if they >wanted to talk to us" they would do so and so.

Huh? The context was about SETI and what form of mass communication ET might most logically use. If they wanna come

talk to me one on one, I got no problem. My common sense says they can figure that out, too.

Finally, Bruce writes:

>I suppose common sense is the last resort of the person who  
>really desn't know what is going on.

>Based on that definition I suppose we should all start using  
>more common sense.

>And, by the way, my "common sense" tells me that the Trents were  
>not hoaxers.

I'm not surprised, Bruce, if you put common sense so far down the list of tools at your disposal during research. By the way, what color IS your blood. ;}

Roger

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 07:38:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Deardorff

>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 13:06:47 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 17:06:58 -0500

>>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 09:29:51 -0800  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>>Responding to Bruce Maccabee:

>>>>Hi Bruce,

>>>>You're sort of repeating yourself here, from past posts, so let  
>>>>me do the same, if you will.

>>>>Neither you nor Saino have included the strength of the  
>>>>independent eye-witness accounts in your analyses, which support  
>>>>the reality of this video and sighting. You instead ignore them.  
>>>>Is that at all scientific, when coupled with the knowledge, from  
>>>>past UFO cases, that the UFO aliens can easily fool us by using  
>>>>their advanced psycho-physical technology? It obviously is not.

>>>>Could these aliens be sooo skillful as to have remotely  
>>>>manipulated the hand-held TV camera and/or maneuvered their own  
>>>>UFO craft in such a manner that the vibrational jitter would not  
>>>>show up on their craft? Why not, if we have other examples of  
>>>>their having pulled off similar pranks, and of playing games  
>>>>with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of  
>>>>reality?

>>>>Jim,

>>>>Where are these alleged witnesses? Two television documentaries  
>>>>have interviewed one or two residents who allegedly saw  
>>>>something at the time of the Mexico City sighting, but there has  
>>>>been no investigative follow up that I'm aware of, by either  
>>>>Mexican Ufologists or anyone else of note.

>>>>Steve,

>>>>Jaime Maussan is the guy to contact as to how many witnesses he  
>>>>knows of, and if any are available for questioning (in Spanish).  
>>>>I believe that Michael Hesemann and Lee & Brit Elders also have  
>>>>interviewed witnesses to the case.

>>>>IMO, A craft as large  
>>>>as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated

>>>section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more  
>>>public comment than we've seen.

>>It might be that the craft did not allow itself to be visible  
>>except to selected persons or from selected regions. You  
>>probably can recall quite a few cases where certain people saw a  
>>UFO and others nearby did not. An additional explanation might  
>>be that most of the witnesses were afraid to come forward and  
>>describe their sighting, or didn't know whom to contact.

>>>Perhaps the aliens (or whatever) are truly able to manipulate  
>>>every means that we have to detect and record their existence.  
>>>Perhaps this is why they are so skillful at keeping themselves  
>>>hidden from view. But the circumstances outlined in the research  
>>>that has been done in this case would seem to indicate that this  
>>>was a "not so elaborate" hoax.

>>>We will all have to search our  
>>>own beliefs to define whether this has been explained "beyond a  
>>>reasonable doubt", and if Wallace is using this video in a  
>>>segment with Shermer, I would suspect that it is being used as  
>>>an example of a hoax in the field of Ufology.

>>I suspect the same.

>Hi Jim, All,

>Just a personal observation and an aside.

>Jaime Maussan had supplied a videotape which contained  
>interviews with two of the witnesses which I translated from  
>Spanish to English for a well known researcher which shall  
>remain nameless here.

>I submitted a post to UpDates with a brief synopsis of those  
>interviews and my impressions that the witnesses were credible  
>and 'seemed' to be sincere and telling about what they saw. One  
>of them was a young girl who was positioned behind the building  
>directly under the UFO. Her description was clear and detailed.  
>A second witness, (who was also in close proximity to the  
>building/event in question) was a restaurant owner who  
>corroborated the testimony given by the girl.

Hi John,

I do recall the general contents of that, but failed to file it  
anywhere that I can find it. Thanks for mentioning it.

>And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
>testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
>explanation. (This business of the building edges showing motion  
>smears while the UFO did not.) If the camera was tracking the  
>motion of the UFO dead on for even a few seconds, it would  
>explain why the edges of the craft are clear while the  
>surroundings show the motion blurs/smears. But then I'm just an  
>amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

What Bruce was referring to, in Jeff Saino's analysis, were the  
higher frequency jitters of the video scenes associated with the  
camera being hand held, not the low-frequency tracking motions.

>Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
>simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
>girl.

Rightly so. It's often been pointed out on this list that photos  
alone can't prove a UFO to be "genuine," but require witness'  
testimony in addition. Similarly, when you have both, it isn't  
enough to declare the case a hoax on the basis of photos or  
videos if sincere witnesses who could not have perpetrated any  
such hoax have spoken out on the reality of the event. The  
reason for such a rule, of course, is that the UFO pilots can  
maneuver their craft in such a manner as to fool photo or video  
analyzers who don't take into account that the UFO guys are more  
advanced and smarter than they are, and seem to possess a  
definite strategy in their interactions with us. In this Mexican  
City case, I've postulated that the UFO operators were able to  
maneuver their craft in synchronism to the video-camera jitters  
and perhaps to induce controlled jitters in the holder of the  
camera as well. Of course, this would require the UFO to be able  
to undergo very frequent, large accelerations...

Jim Deardorff

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## [lunascan] Best of Cosmos Starts This Weekend

From: **Larry Klaes** <[lklaes@bbn.com](mailto:lklaes@bbn.com)>  
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Best of Cosmos (local times)

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| Baltimore/MPTV            |                             |
| Boston/WGBH               | 11/26 @ 8 pm (GBH2)         |
| Chicago/WTTW              | 11/26 @ 5:30 pm             |
| Cleveland/WVIZ            | Not scheduled               |
| Dallas/KERA               | 12/5 @ 7 pm                 |
| Denver/KRMA               | Not scheduled               |
| Detroit/WTVS              | Not scheduled               |
| Houston/KUHT              | 12/6 @ 8:30 pm              |
| Huntington Beach, LA/KOCE | 12/1 @ 9 pm                 |
| Los Angeles/KCET          | 12/11 @ 8 pm                |
| Indianapolis/WFYI         | Not scheduled               |
| Miami/WPBT                | 12/10 @ 2 am                |
| Minneapolis/St. Paul/KTCA | 12/5 @ 7:30 pm              |
| New York/WNET             |                             |
| New York/WLIW             | 12/9 @ 10:30 am             |
| Orlando/WMFE              | 12/12 @ 8 pm                |
| Philadelphia/WHYY         | 11/26 @ 9:45pm, 12/5 @ 8 pm |
| Phoenix/KAET              | 12/3 @ 3:30 pm              |
| Pittsburgh/WQED           | Not scheduled               |
| Portland/KOPB             | 11/28 @ 8 pm                |
| San Francisco/KQED        | Not scheduled (January)     |
| San Jose/KTEH             | 12/7 @ 8pm, 12/16 @ 2pm     |
| San Mateo/KCSM            |                             |
| Sacramento/KVIE           | 12/5 @ 8 pm                 |
| Seattle/KCTS              | Not scheduled               |
| St. Louis/                | Not scheduled               |
| Tampa/WEDU                | Not scheduled               |
| Washington/WETA           |                             |

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Hello, John!

What? Bruce and company admit that witness perceptions can be wrong? A person could die of old age waiting for that to happen. Of course its being ignored...

Regarding the smear issue: If the UFO were jumping up and down at the same rate as the camera, then you'd be correct. However, it appears to be very steady and does not change its vertical relationship with the buildings. Sorry, but I have to agree with Bruce on this one. It's a darned good fake, but a fake none the less. (unless you subscribe to Deardorff's mental hokey-pokey stuff)

Roger

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From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 18:06:26 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:48:55 -0500  
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 11.20.00

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### NASA MOVIE SHOWS SPACECRAFT'S NEAR-ASTEROID SWOOP

A robot ship's daring plunge toward an asteroid is documented in a series of images released this week by NASA, providing the closest look yet at the planetoid's ridged and warped terrain...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/11/15/eros.flyby/index.html>

### UMR RESEARCH COULD PAVE WAY FOR DISCOVERY OF LIFE ON MARS

In the wake of last month's announcement that scientists have found what they believe to be a living microbe that pre-dates Tyrannosaurus rex, Dr. Melanie Mormile is keeping one eye on salt crystals that contain ancient earth-bound bacteria and another on Mars. Mormile, an assistant professor of biological sciences at the University of Missouri-Rolla and an expert on microscopic organisms, thinks living bacteria might be trapped in the sulphate and chloride salts of Mars...

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

#### THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE: THE "CITY MOUND"

Kurt Jonach, proprietor of The Electric Warrior, has assembled the first scaled rendition of the "City Mound," an elliptical formation located below the "City Pyramid." This formation is striking, with several ridges extending from its central peak...

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

#### INTRODUCING THE MARS ONLINE GAZETTE

The Electric Warrior and the Cydonian Imperative announce the the Mars Online Gazette, a joint effort to provide informative online content about Mars Cydonia, and other scientific anomalies...

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

#### SCIENTISTS DOWNPLAY 'SPACE OBJECT'

Scientists who announced last week that a mysterious space object had a 1-in-500 chance of striking the Earth in 30 years have retracted their prediction, saying it poses little threat. The object, which is either a small asteroid or piece of space junk, has virtually no chance of hitting the planet in 2030. However, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena said there's a 1-in-1,000 chance it could hit Earth in 2071...

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

#### COMDEX: IROBOT IS REAL-LIFE R2-D2

iRobot, the closest thing yet to a personal R2-D2, is roving Comdex 2000. Looking like a sportier version of NASA's Mars Rover, the first wireless, Web-connected robot sees, hears and speaks for you...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/15/comdex.irobot/index.html>

#### COMDEX WRAP-UP: NET APPLIANCES, WIRELESS AND WIDGETS

From cameras to cars and from cell phones to printers, the definition of "Internet appliance" has been expanded at Comdex this week to go way beyond simplified PCs that let you check e-mail and shop for groceries. Using a range of emerging wireless technologies, Internet connections are being extended to a vast array of gadgets that also include handheld computers, set-top boxes and gaming consoles...

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/17/comdex.net.apps.idg/index.html>

#### AMID RISING WATERS, ISLAND NATIONS PLEAD CASE AT CLIMATE CONFERENCE

From Cape Verde to Tonga to Tuvalu, the omens are in their own watery backyards: towering tidal waves. Vanishing atolls. Crumbling reefs. Dozens of the tiny nations are pressing their case this month at a pivotal U.N. conference on climate change...

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/NATURE/11/17/climate.conference.ap/index.html>

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Cashman

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:44:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:51:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Cashman

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,  
>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.  
>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to  
>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super  
>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense  
>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already  
>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>accordingly.

The problem, Roger, is this. You are making assumptions not justified by the data.

If the UFO data represents a real phenomenon, it seems to be telling us, among other things...

1) UFO and whatever they represent don't really care about talking to us any more than we care about talking to grasshoppers.

2) UFO don't care too much about being noticed, they just don't want to be caught.

So your propositions are rather strange in that they are not driven by the data but by your assumption of how things should be; and indeed, those assumptions seem to be directly contradicted by the data. Thus, to complain about this is simply circular reasoning ("the data is wrong because the data doesn't look like it should if it were caused by something acting the way I think it should").

Such assumptions were what led to the development of epicycles rather than a heliocentric system. They were what led to the denial of the existence of meteorites. They were what led to the frequent attempts by humans to create aircraft that fly the way birds do.

In other words, they are not only not relevant, but they also get in the way of actually examining the data and drawing conclusions from it.

When dealing with an unknown phenomenon, deduction is not a safe method of reasoning - induction (reasoning from specific data to generalities) is at least safer. Why? Because until you have a large volume of inductively valid conclusions, any theory that can be imposed by deductive reasoning is science-fiction at best and fantasy at worse.

Please see:

<http://trochim.human.cornell.edu/kb/dedind.htm>

for more on the differences between these types of reasoning.

Now, mind you, I oppose deductive reasoning on both sides of the belief fence. The data has just not been subjected to enough induction to generate worthy higher level hypotheses of origin and intent, or to claim the invalidity of all UFO reports on the basis of the invalidity of a sample.

So, far, for all the noise generated, few classifications of UFO reports have been created. Those systems are needed in order to pursue patterns in the data. Those patterns may be of use to OEH (Objective Existence Hypothesis) or to MHH (Misperception / Hallucination / Hoax Hypothesis) adherents. But the problem is that very little work has been done on either side. The ETH proponents argue the validity of individual cases and the MHH proponents argue the invalidity of individual cases. At least the ETH proponents are willing to use some criterion for accepting or rejecting a report. The MHH adherents seem only willing to reject reports, no matter how fantastic the required explanation may be in denying the observational powers of the witness, of instruments, of physics, or of perceptual psychology as we know it. Nevertheless, I contend that without a ferment of work in classification we are not going to get anywhere in induction, and without induction we are not going to get anywhere near any useful deduction. And that includes MHH.

Common sense is not a good guide to science. Common sense does very well at looking back at known phenomena, and does very poorly with phenomena outside a narrow range of size, time, and distance. For instance, relativity, which is one of the most highly verified theories in human history, violates common sense. Rulers get shorter and longer. Gravity is a 4D dent in 3D space. Clocks run at different rates when they fly at different speeds or are in different gravity fields/. Who would have thought it, using common sense?

So let's leave common sense out of deciding how UFOs should behave and leave it in place when on the ground dealing with witnesses. Once the witnesses pass every common sense test, then, for crying out loud, move on and work with the data they provide. Get something done beside squabbling.

Don't believe in UFOs? Show how patterns in UFO reports can be reliably compared with patterns in provably non-real phenomena using impeccable and accepted statistical methods. Believe in UFOs? Show what patterns exist in UFO reports and how they are different from those present in provably non-real phenomena. Doubt the validity of perception of elevation and angular size? Take some subjects out into a field and test them on known objects unpredictably presented, and make sure those objects have an unpredictable appearance.

Just try it.

Have a look at:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/methodology/doingscienceonufos.htm>

for some ideas on the real work that is waiting to be done.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>

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## Filer's Files #46 -- 2000

From: **George A. Filer** <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 10:04:07 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #46 -- 2000

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C. Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>. - [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com).

LEONID METEOR ACTIVITY thus far has been disappointing. Clouds may have ruined sightings of the expected shooting stars in many parts of the world. The annual Leonid's light show is caused by the passing of Comet Tempel-Tuttle, a huge ball of ice and dust. Most the activity was expected in the vicinity of the moon, but some spectacular shooting stars were photographed over Maryland. They are caused when the Earth passes through the dusty debris that follows the comet's orbit. Also a balloon launched with photographic equipment was brought down early when it strayed into airways. The number of UFO sightings is steady with reports over New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma, and California. More evidence points to life arriving on Earth from space. More discussion on our Moon's history of strange activity.

### NEW YORK FLYING TRIANGLES

FREEPORT, LONG ISLAND -- Ruth writes, "Since December 1994, I have had fairly frequent sightings of flying triangular craft near several inland waterways on the South Shore." The most recent sightings were on November 3, 6, 7, and 8th, 2000. I am not sure of the exact size, since they are always seen at night or very early morning before sunrise. Ruth says, "Lighting on these crafts consists of two very bright white strobes, one on each side, which flash simultaneously, and one red light on the underside, in the center, which flashes alternately." There is never any sound! My oldest daughter and I both have witnessed these craft.

They "glide" very slowly over the houses across the street, just above rooftops, and then turn and continue on out over the Atlantic Ocean. I have also seen them fly behind my house, either just above the rooftops, or over the canal directly behind my house. An ex-neighbor also saw the craft hovering over the canal in her backyard at 9:30 PM in February 1995. I have seen them within a one-mile radius of my house, many times. We've had several sightings looking west of a group of seven to eight craft flying one by one, at 2 to 4 minute intervals, heading due south, then eventually turning slightly to the right, going out over the ocean. This always happens between 5:30 to 6:00 AM at low altitudes. I am located in a flight path for planes from Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports and these are different. These craft fly much slower and much lower than the commercial planes. The flying triangles never make any sound, and are able to maneuver and perform, "just a short distance away from my house." Thanks to Betty LaRosa: RLaRosa331 and Ruth.

Editor's Note: We encourage readers who live in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey to be on the lookout for these craft. It appears they navigate moving south along the Meadowbrook Parkway only ten miles from Kennedy Airport.

### NEW JERSEY DISK

CRESSKILL -- On November 2, 2000, my father and I witnessed a very large, disc shaped object hovering over, or near the town of Cresskill near the Hudson Valley at 7:50 PM. The object was too large to be man made, and moved over the northern valley, from east to west, doing less than 40 mph. I would have to say by my line of site, the disc shaped object had to be roughly 1000 feet over the tree line. It was very brilliant and had a blinking white light at the top. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### PENNSYLVANIA LIGHTS OVER VALLEY

READING -- Alexander J. Broskey reports, "I was driving home on October 30, 2000, out in the French Creek State Park area where I live and tonight as I neared my house an object materialized out of nowhere." It was a bright UFO with swirling green, yellow, blue, and red lights. I slowed down and stopped on the road to watch it for about two minutes. I was not surprised because I have seen different kinds of UFOs out here before. This one flew to my left about 50 yards and then flew out of sight. I drove home and later went up to my room on the 2nd floor. I was looking out the window over looking the valley and a flying object appeared again. I woke my Dad up and we both watched it fly across the sky very slowly. We saw a smaller red UFO fly from one side of my vision to the other and then stop turn around and fly in the other direction out of my site. Both of us observed a multicolored larger size UFO moving over the valley. As I'm writing this the big multicolored one is back. I'm a little paranoid because I know what these guys do to people. I'm watching it fly across the sky right now. I just got tired of seeing these UFOs and not saying anything. This is real!". Thanks to Alex Broskey's [violetfirel@lycos.com](mailto:violetfirel@lycos.com).

Editor's Note: I talked to Alex on the phone and he has seen these craft on a fairly regular basis over the valley.

#### PENNSYLVANIA FLYING TRIANGLE

PHILADELPHIA - Peter Davenport reported on the Jeff Rense show this and sighting below occurred only thirty minutes apart. Amateur astronomer and former Marine, Michael was observing the sky on November 13, 2000, through his 900 mm Refractor Telescope from his home in Upper Darby. He uses the scope nightly and had observed Venus, Jupiter, the Pleiades, and the Moon. He was looking east at the Moon's Terminator at 8:15 PM. This is the area between the dark and light parts of the Moon where good viewing is often present.

Suddenly most of his telescope was filled with a huge massive black flying object that moved from the bottom to the top of Moon. It crossed the surface moon and looked strangely biological. Michael felt the object was most probably within our atmosphere and flying over New Jersey. Right afterwards a military jet appeared probably an F-16 that may have been attempting an intercept using its after burners. Later he noticed the object moving in and out of the clouds. This object was very massive and appeared to be flying over New Jersey. He drew a picture of the object that was a large triangle appeared to have protrusions similar to arms and legs. The object looked similar to a skydiver jumping out of an aircraft with his arms against his side. The head had two points. He estimated the object was flying at 25,000 miles per hour. He would not have seen it without his telescope. He called several radar stations, but had no confirmation of the sighting.

Editors Note: The 177th Fighter Wing (ANG) at Atlantic City International Airport flies F-16 aircraft and is located about 35 miles from the sighting.

#### GEORGIA UFO SIGHTING

ATLANTA - Peter reports that Carl stopped his car on the side of road on November 13, 2000, and watched a hovering object at 7:45 PM. The flying object looked similar to the top of a light house from the side. Two vehicles passed by his parked car as he watched for some fifteen minutes, but they didn't stop. He thought the flying object was quarter to half a mile away. It was very large and three dimensional and seemed to be made of clear glass. It slowly dimmed and disappeared. Carl said, "It was something he never saw before and he was amazed by it." The

next morning he returned to the area to see if any towers or other possible explanations were visible. He visited an open field where strangely all leaves had been cleared and there were numerous animal tracks of all types. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com) and Jeff Rense [www.sightings.com](http://www.sightings.com)

#### KANSAS EXPLODING LIGHT

MINNEAPOLIS -- MUFON Headquarters reports that Paul Tally saw an object almost directly above him on November 14, 2000. The object was first observed traveling from east by southeast to the west by northwest at 12:50 AM. It was extremely bright in a clear sky with a full moon. The object moved rapidly about half way across the sky and exploded over north central Kansas. The color of the explosion was similar to ball lightning. Thanks to Marilyn, and Paul Tally: [briarville\\_y@yahoo.com](mailto:briarville_y@yahoo.com) and [MUFONHg@aol.com](mailto:MUFONHg@aol.com).

#### OHIO HALLOWEEN SIGHTING INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

CYGNET October 31, 2000, Tim a teacher and his friend were traveling on Route I-75 and saw a meteor like object moved across the sky coming towards them from the East. It was ahead of them and came to a sudden stop above the highway. This is fairly open farmland and the object appeared as a shooting star. They stopped their car and got a good look at the hovering object. It was red, green, blue, yellow and magenta. There was no sort of rhythm or pattern they could discern. It was about a quarter of the full moon in size. He felt it was less than a mile away.

Denise says the object appeared to come out of the trees no more than a hundred yards ahead of her as she drove towards I-75. It was headed across her path of vision at a hundred yards. It moved at a slow speed above I-75 and seemed to hover over the centerline of the highway. There were no lights.

It appeared roughly egg shaped with a glowing energy coming out the rear. Later both men developed a pain in their abdominal region right below the rib cage. The abdomen was inflamed and red. Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, Director National UFO Reporting Center [http:// www.UFOcenter.com](http://www.UFOcenter.com)

#### OKLAHOMA SIGHTING AGAIN!

ELK CITY - Jim Hickman reports, "I had a phone report come regarding an Oct 19, 2000, sighting in a rural area west of the town of Elk City near the intersection of Highways 34 and 66, that a unknown object described as having red, white, blue lights flew over a family's farmhouse. It was reported that the object appeared from the southwest at a very low altitude, hovered overhead for about ten minutes, then made a 180 degree turn on it's axis and flew away to the north. This was witnessed by one adult and three children that were outside at the time. One of the children actually got a flashlight and attempted contact with the object. There is no report that the object replied.

The object was described as being dark gray or black, it was too low to distinguish its shape. Its altitude was only 150 feet, and it was described as being over a mile long. The witness stated she was able to judge the distance/size by measuring it against a new race track that had been built nearby. She described the object as being larger than the race track. It was also described as making no noise. It was also reported that sightings occurred on several other nights, but this was the closest encounter so far. I have been given permission to meet with the witness's and I will update this report when I get more detailed information. Thanks to Jim Hickman The Hickman Report <http://www.thehickmanreport.com>.

#### CALIFORNIA SAUCER HOVERS OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY

SAN FRANCISCO -- On Friday, November 10, 2000, at 6:04 PM, Shelah J. was at her apartment in San Rafael, California, across the bay from San Francisco, when she spied something odd outside the window. "At first the object seemed like it was not moving and was standing stationary," Shelah reported. "Its light, or the brightness of the vehicle, was brighter than the surrounding planes." "It moved very slowly and flew low over the mountains

and then just seemed to move (west) over the water towards the city of San Francisco. After watching for what seemed like ten minutes. I ran downstairs to get the binoculars. Through the binoculars, the object looked incredible."

"At first the object seemed to be elongated and looked like a cigar shape. But after watching for a longer period of time, it seemed more like a saucer shape and glowed brightly. It was the same color as a fire ember. It was bright orange and its glow seemed to radiate much energy from inside." "The vehicle was massive in size. I cannot estimate how large but very, very large and easy to see through such binoculars." Shelah said, "It seemed as if two planes were circling around or near it, and later a third plane also monitored it." "My roommates came home at about 6:45 p.m. and I told them what I saw. I thought the object was gone because it had gone out of sight earlier. But then Michael, my roommate, looked from his bedroom (window) and saw a gleaming object adjacent to planes' lights and asked me if that was it? We took the binoculars out and a small telescope and indeed it was the same. This was when I saw the third plane tracking the vehicle." "Even though the vehicle was further away than when I originally saw it, it gleamed with a very bright fiery orange glow. Michael said, 'I've never seen anything like it.' He was also able to make out some red and white lights on the side of it and the light that circled around it." Thanks to UFO Roundup Vol.5, #46 11/16/00 Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### CALIFORNIA LIGHTS

San Pablo -- B. R. Thomas who lives on East Bay Hill with a panoramic view overlooking San Francisco Bay saw many white objects on Sunday afternoon November 19, 2000. She at first noticed a thick contrail in the sky and to the right of she noticed many small objects in the eastern sky away from the bay behind their home at 3:07 PM. The white objects appeared stationary and looked how a Constellation such as the Big Dipper would look at night. She did not see an aircraft making the contrail, but there were other aircraft in the afternoon sky not making any contrails. The white objects were similar to spots before your eyes, but she noticed clouds passing in front of white and round objects. These lights or objects were in a definite pattern. She saw the objects for two or three minutes and determined they were not moving. She thought, they may have had some connection to the thick and unusual chemtrail/contrail?. At first, she thought the objects might be balloons, but since they were not moving, stayed in formation and seemed to have their own light source. Last weekend, she also noticed an aircraft making a similar thick contrails, but she had not noticed any objects at that time. She watches aircraft regularly from their deck and had noticed unusually thick contrails the last two weekends from one or two aircraft. The clouds were moving past but she could still see these twenty or so white objects that were not moving. Thanks to B. R. Thomas.

#### RUSSIA: FLYING SAUCER JEOPARDIZES ARMY NEAR CHECHNYA

MAJACHKALÁ --, An alleged UFO has jeopardized and eluded Russian troops near Dagestan, a Republic bordering Chechnya on November 14, 2000. Alarms went off at 01:00 AM local time (22:00 hours GMT yesterday). An hour later, confusion was extreme in the garrisons on the ridges separating Dagestan from Chechnya and the war which has raged in the area north of the Caucasus for over a year and a half. At 02:00 AM most lucid reports began to arrive from the Magaramkent region on the Caspian Sea regarding the "unidentified flying object," which had caused Russian forces to sound battle stations. Soldiers provided a detailed description of the device they witnessed for a long time as it flew slowly eastward toward the sea. Some garrisons noted the object was flying at low altitude of only a 100 meters and had three fluorescent lights above with two meter spaces between them, according to the Russian Ministry of the Interior in Dagestan. Several civilian witnesses agreed on the description and light arrangement of the mysterious phenomenon, while hesitating to ascribe its origin to a secret weapon of the Russian army or a new weapon in the hands of the Islamic separatists.

Scientists at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Dagestan were cautious and stated their unwillingness to state if the object in question was a UFO. Jet fighters were scrambled too late to

catch the UFO. The pursuit has renewed mistrust regarding the traditional secrecy shown by Russian authorities. Acting quickly to forestall any possible reprimands, the most mistrusting military officers indicated that it could be a NATO spy plane interested in Russian maneuvers in the Caucasus and the Caspian, which are rich in gas and oil. Dagestan Muslim leaders claimed the strange heavenly event was a portent which bore a message from Allah himself. Even a mufti or spiritual legislator from Dagestan showed no compunction in stating that without any doubt it was "a jinn, an angel or other heavenly being, since God's masterpiece is filled with them." Thanks to the translation by Scott Corrales -- Institute of Hispanic Ufology and Gloria Coluchi.

Editor's Note: The Russian Air Force has now denied the above report stating, "Gen Bolkhovitin's assertions, with reference to a Central Air Defence Control post, that a Russian space vehicle flew over Dagestan are not true to fact," spokesman Aleksandr Drobyshevskiy told Interfax. 161903 Nov 00

#### THE MOON AND MORE

David Saxton suggests that you expand your thinking for a moment. The presence of Jupiter makes life on earth possible because it acts as a "meteor sink". Without the massive gravitational pull of Jupiter to attract the uncountable numbers of periodic and rogue meteorites which pass this way, life on Earth would be impossible. The intervals between catastrophic impacts would be such that no life could develop before being exterminated by an impacting space rock. It gets better, Remember that all is based on fractal patterns which unfold endlessly. Someone has put everything in place deliberately. Thanks to David Saxton [dsaxton@nontoxic.org](mailto:dsaxton@nontoxic.org)

#### MOON WATCH

Marcus Allen from the NEXUS MAGAZINE UK Office writes, "Your Files are a welcome addition to our understanding of this fascinating phenomenon." That you picked up activity on the Moon comes as no real surprise. The Lunar Orbiter photos of the Vitelo crater taken in 1967 shows two large objects leaving tracks on the Lunar surface as they move up out of a crater has always intrigued me. In your recent posting #45 you mention the work and ideas of Jan Lamprecht about the Moon. This is an area I have also devoted considerable time and effort to try to understand. You may be aware that the idea that the Moon could well be of considerably stranger origin than is generally accepted was published in two books by Don Wilson, 'Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon' 1975 Dell NY and its sequel 'Secrets of our Spaceship Moon' 1979 Dell NY. Both by Sphere in the UK.

These books expand on the thesis of two Russian scientists, Mikhail Vasin and Alexander Shcherbakov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Because the three main theories of the Moon's origin did not answer very many of the questions, in fact it was easier to prove that the Moon should not be where it is than that it should be they proposed the idea that the Moon could well be of artificial' construction and deliberately placed in orbit around Earth. As to 'who' and 'why' they were, as scientists not prepared to speculate without evidence to back up their ideas. There are many anomalies which can be observed about the Moon which on any reasonable examination cannot be fully explained: There are many thousands of craters on the Moon ranging in size from a few inches to hundreds of miles in diameter. Yet all the large craters seem to have flat floors and small walls. Copernicus is 60 miles in diameter and 3 miles high. The laws of physics indicate that an object, such as a meteorite traveling at very high speed will leave a crater about 8 times as wide as it is deep. It will not have a flat floor either. Meteor crater in Arizona is a good example of an impact crater.

Most of the larger craters could better be described as 'ringed plains.' The floors of many of the larger craters are the same level as the surrounding surface, with no ejector blanket of material thrown from the crater. How are these craters made? The surface of the Moon is covered with craters on both sides numbering many tens of thousands, yet the Earth has at most about 200 impact sites discovered to date. Any object wandering through space looking for a planet to hit and finding the Earth/Moon system would naturally be drawn to the Earth due to its higher gravity rather than the Moon, which is shielded by

Earth anyway for half the time. So why does the Moon show such damage and the Earth hardly any?

Geological weathering does not answer it. The fossil record indicates that for the first 4 billion years very few advanced life forms existed on Earth. Then around 550 million years ago there was suddenly a huge variation of creatures existing showing far more advanced features than had been in evidence before. This is called the Cambrian Explosion in geological time. Could this be the time when the Moon went into orbit around Earth? And why does the Moon keep one side, the far side, turned permanently away from Earth's gaze? Could this be in order that ET can come and go unobserved. It just seems so logical (as Spock would say) Perhaps that is what Clementine was really sent to find out back in 1994. Has anyone ever seen the pictures it must have taken with its cameras of the Apollo LMs still on The Lunar surface? Thanks to Marcus Allen.

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I always considered Ingo to be the worlds' most experienced RV exponent.

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE RELATIVE TO MOON ARTICLE

However, I had a most bizarre experience this morning after reading your article on the theory that the moon may have been placed into orbit around the Earth in order to stabilize and allow for life to be sustained. This is actually not the first time I've heard this as Alex Collier a contactee claimed the moon was in fact placed here by ET's . many millions of years ago. So, I went to bed thinking about this theory again.. and how it seemed to add up that we may indeed be an experiment by highly advanced ET's, who set up an environment for their product to develop. I'm not particularly religious but I awoke this morning with what sounded like a minister preaching on the radio, but my radio was off. He said that I would find the answer to my question in Psalms 8. I followed his directions and found the Bible verse. King David states in verse 3 that: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which YOU have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor" Psalm 8.3. Pretty interesting, I thought since it answers the question and indicates that the ET's are of a higher order, as we are lower than the heavenly beings, but we are also crowned with glory and honor. I would bet that the higher spiritually evolved ET's work in cooperation with God, the Creator. I thought you might find this interesting. Thanks to Jimmie.

Editor's Note: There are many statements in the Bible that can be interpreted that we have been visited on a regular basis.

#### LIFE FROM SPACE MAY NOW BE PROVEN

Data from instruments flown on airplanes during last year's Leonid meteor shower show that the seeds of life, long suspected to exist in comet dust, could have survived a fiery passage from space to Earth's ancient atmosphere. A range of findings, reported by an international team of NASA-led scientists, provide support for Panspermia, which holds that life on Earth did not spring up spontaneously out of some primordial soup, but was instead seeded from space. Findings to date indicate that the chemical precursors to life -- found in comet dust -- may well have survived a plunge into early Earth's atmosphere," said astronomer Peter Jenniskens of the Ames Research Center and the SETI Institute.

The studies were published in a November 14 special edition of the Netherlands Journal Earth, Moon and Planets. "Sowing the seeds" The idea that the seeds of life, or life itself, constantly fall from space is the central idea of Panspermia. Not only did life on Earth begin this way, the concept holds, but the genetic pool is constantly modified, even today. Other researchers have shown that meteors both small and large do not heat up as much as previously thought, allowing the possibility that dormant life could arrive on an incoming space rock or, just possibly, embedded in the dust grain of a comet. Jenniskens and others said all this work at least supports the notion that life's recipe -- in the form of organic molecules -- can survive the trip into the atmosphere. Chandra Wickramasinghe, a leading

proponent of Panspermia, cheered the newest work. "I think the results reported by NASA are clear proof that bacterial particles could survive, hence vindicating Panspermia," Wickramasinghe said. He and astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle have, since the 1970s, argued that organic particles of bacterial sizes survive entry through the atmosphere. "However, there is still a tendency to interpret results like this as merely showing that organics, rather than life, are being added to the Earth, but the trend is surely moving towards panspermia," Wickramasinghe told SPACE.com.

#### MARS LIFE CAME TO EARTH 13,000 YEARS AGO

Only 13,000 years ago a meteorite from Mars plunged through the Earth's atmosphere and crashed into Antarctica. The Journal Science indicates that a meteorite the size of hard ball had living organisms that survived the trip. The rock stayed cool enough to sustain life. Benjamin Weiss, a graduate student at the California Institute of Technology states, "What's exciting about this study is that it shows the Martian meteorite made it from the surface of Mars to the surface of Earth without ever getting hot enough to destroy bacteria, or even plant seeds or fungi." Thousands of tons of rock have traveled from Mars to Earth carrying living organisms. The study indicates life may have existed on Mars in the relatively recent past and life forms on Earth may have begun on Mars. Tiny bacteria could have ridden on board meteorites blasted off the surface of Mars and traveled here. Its been proven the heat generated coming into our atmosphere was not great enough to kill the bacteria. The findings also suggest that life could still exist on Mars.

Editors Note: The area of Cydonia where the Face on Mars exists could have been an area not unlike the Pyramid area at Cairo. Not only is there the Mars Face, but a series of pyramids, a fortress, an ancient city and what appears to be an ancient road or canal running through the area. Certainly natural forces could have made the face, but not the total complex.

<http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrhome.htm>

#### 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 unlikely 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

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## Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:05:07 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 10:39:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania -

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Gliding Entity Reported In Pennsylvania  
>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 00:02:24 -0500

<snip>

>Larry, Nick and List,

>I find it amazing that this Thurso resident claims to have had  
>an encounter with a UFO and possible occupant just three days  
>before my own sighting of a 40-foot craft hovering near the  
>former CFS Falconbridge Radar Base.

>Had I inquired sooner about any other UFO activity at the time  
>of my sighting, I probably would have found out about this one,  
>too.

>From what I've read in the articles, I think this man really saw  
>something, and the debunkers and skeptics are passing the  
>encounter off as a bunch of balloons. Remember, two of the  
>witnesses were police officers!

Hi Michel.

This may be the first time a balloon explanation was used to explain a UFO/entity incident in Canada.

It is sad that, except possibly in a court of law, the testimonies of the witness and the two police officers were so completely dismissed by sceptics who favoured the balloon explanation. This seems to be the case whenever the evidence points to an obvious conclusion which is just too incredible for them to even consider.

If balloons were the answer, do you also find it a bit strange that 'LeDroit' would keep updating such a unnewsworthy story of a simple case of misidentification over four days straight?

Any chance, Michel, of interviewing this Thurso resident again and checking to see if the police officers filed official reports? You may recall that when Harry Tokarz, a CUFORN investigator, re-interviewed Robert Sufferin who had his own UFO/entity experience north of Toronto in 1975 he learned that Sufferin was silenced from talking further about his encounter after a visit by Canadian and U.S. officers in uniform. I would not at all be surprised if you learn something similar with this 1990 incident too.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:46:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 10:46:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Maccabee

>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 13:06:47 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>I submitted a post to UpDates with a brief synopsis of those  
>interviews and my impressions that the witnesses were credible  
>and 'seemed' to be sincere and telling about what they saw. One  
>of them was a young girl who was positioned behind the building  
>directly under the UFO. Her description was clear and detailed.  
>A second witness, (who was also in close proximity to the  
>building/event in question) was a restaurant owner who  
>corroborated the testimony given by the girl.

I am aware of the witness interviews. It could be that there was a sighting AND that the tape was a hoax!! (Believe it or not). Note that no one came forward until the tape was shown on TV and that was a month or so after the event as recorded on th videotape.

>And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
>testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
>explanation. (This buisness of the building edges showing motion  
>smears while the UFO did not.) If the camera was tracking the  
>motion of the UFO dead on for even a few seconds, it would  
>explain why the edges of the craft are clear while the  
>surroundings show the motion blurs/smears. But then I'm just an  
>amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

You are quite correct if the camera tracked the UFO over a "few seconds." And, in fact the camera did pan with the UFO, following it quite closely and overall there was not much smear.... but that was because the shutter was faster than normal. Jeff Sainio and I independently concluded that' the shutter time was like 1/200 sec rather than the more normal 1/60 (the time of a single field or 'half' a frame of the video). The faster shutter reduced the image smear. I believe (I could be wrong) that most cameras, when you turn them on, set a 'default' shutter speed of 1/60 sec. Then you have to manually change the shutter speed if you want it faster (shorter shutter time). That would mean that in the "heat of th moment" the witness thought to increase the shutter time before beginning the video. I know that on may camera it takes a little time to set the faster shutter.

Point: the faster shutter would be more likely to reduce image blur of the distant real buildings thus making the edges of the building more\_like the unblurred edges of the UFO image... if a hoax!

The "discovery" of suspicious blur was made first on a statistical basis: overall the blur of the edges of th UFO was less than that of the buildings. But then we discovered a couple of frames where the camera moved too fast for the fast shutter. Little wind socks on the buildings were so blurred as to be almost invisible. Yet the UFO image was not changed. Now, if this happened over a few seconds we might argue fast panning of the camera... But it did not.

These are individual frames, separated by several seconds... That is, the faster motion of the camera occurred primarily during one frame time (1/30 sec) and then the camera reverted to its more normal rate of motion without much blur of the building.

More specifically, there was a rapid downward motion of the horizontal roof edge, a motion that smeared the edge of the roof of the building next to the UFO. (The downward motion of the building means the camera suddenly tilted upward.)

That motion lasted only 1/30 sec. During that time the camera motion angle translated to some number of feet... 10 feet? (don't recall exactly) at the distance of the building. Since the UFO image didn't smear that would mean that, if the UFO were a real object "out there," it moved UPWARD (along with the camera upward rotation) by that number of feet in 1./30 sec. After the smear frame, however the UFO mage was in the same position relative to the building as before. Thus, if a real; object, it must have moved downward by thatnumber of feet immediately (1/30 sec) after moving upward, In other words, a jump up and down lasting no more than 1/15 sec, and timed perfectly with the camera motion (the camera tilted up and then down in the same time period due to hand vibration).

There were two frames with smear of the building images that was large enough to be easily seen. as I said before, these frames were separated by some seconds. Hence the 'jump' occurred twice, perfectly timed to match the accidental (I presume) camera vibrations. If it was a real object 'out there'.

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## (CSETI) The Disclosure Project - Update And Status

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 23:56:56 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 11:33:12 -0500  
Subject: (CSETI) The Disclosure Project - Update And Status

From: [webmaster@cseti.org](mailto:webmaster@cseti.org) (Tony Craddock)

### THE DISCLOSURE PROJECT - UPDATE AND STATUS

In the past 4 or 5 months, CSETI has been able to identify, contact and film nearly 90 military, intelligence and government witnesses to UFO events and projects. Many of these interviews and accompanying evidence are definitive and will be able to establish the reality of the UFO/ET subject as well as the nature and purpose of the secrecy surrounding it.

We will be completing these interviews in the next 30 days. Anyone who is aware of a potential witness or who has important other evidence should contact CSETI Director Steven M. Greer MD as soon as possible for inclusion in the project. Government witnesses only may call Dr. Greer at 540 456 8302.

As you know, we had hoped to effect this disclosure prior to President Clinton leaving office on January 20, 2001. However, strategically and logistically this is not feasible. In light of the nonstop media coverage of the presidential election uncertainty, the likelihood of having any effective coverage of a disclosure on the UFO/ET issue is quite unlikely. Indeed, other major stories in the world are getting little to no coverage and special reports are focusing exclusively on the election controversy.

For this reason, I have decided to postpone the disclosure events until after the next president (whoever that may be) takes office and the media frenzy has been reduced. It is unlikely, therefore, that this could be accomplished before late February to March 2001. Since there is likely to be considerable controversy lasting well after the inauguration, it would be prudent to avoid competing with this matter altogether.

In the interim, we will be creating an Executive Briefing Summary of government witness testimony and other evidence for briefing the new Congress and the new Administration, as soon as that is known.

A National Press Club disclosure event including this evidence and select government witnesses will be planned for sometime after the inauguration, hopefully early next year.

Individuals who can contribute funds to help us conclude this historic project may do so by sending them to CSETI , PO Box 265, Crozet VA 22932.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in this effort to let the world know the truth about this important subject.

Wishing you the best of all worlds,

Steven M. Greer MD  
CSETI Director  
Albemarle County, Virginia  
November 17, 2000

See <http://www.cseti.org/position/greer/disclosureupdate01.htm>

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## Re: ET Evidence - Lowe

From: Adam Lowe <[nicap@freechariot.co.uk](mailto:nicap@freechariot.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 12:48:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 11:36:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Lowe

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 13:17:08 -0400

>>Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2000 18:04:00 -0500  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>From: Katharina Wilson <[kwilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:kwilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence

<snip>.

>It is true that Alan Hendry claimed in a FATE magazine article  
>that a French astronomer had discovered that one of the 2 stars  
>was a binary. He had not checked with the astronomer.

>This was a claim based upon an article to be published.

>It never was, because subsequent work clearly established that  
>the star was definitely not a binary. It was the result of a  
>problem with the speckle interferometry technique being used to  
>try to resolve stars.

>The problem, believe it or not, was known as "Mickey's Ears".

>Cannon is in error. The work still stands.

>It is interesting that everyone who has attacked Ms. Fish's work  
>has misrepresented what she did including Carl Sagan.

>Terry Dickinson's "Update on the Zeta Reticuli Incident" deals  
>with many of these false attacks.

Hi Errol, List.

The NICAP site has the Astronomy 1974 article The Zeta Reticuli  
Incident article by Terence Dickinson at:

<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/zeta.htm>

Adam

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## Re: Experiencer's Point of View - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:58:00 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 11:40:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Experiencer's Point of View - Mortellaro

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Experiencer's Point of View  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 20:12:23 -0800

>Hello, all EBK, List folk etc,etc.

>  
>Well after much thought, cogitation, and even prayer, I have  
>decided to make a statement note the following:

>  
>1. I saw something in the summer of my 14th year, that cannot  
>be:

<snip>

>However, the question remains: What was it that I and others saw  
>some 35 years ago. That isn't supposed to exist.

>GT McCoy

Dear GT,

Congratulations old boy. And welcome to the club. It's a wonderful club you know. Just full of people like you & me... regular folks. While there are a few crazoids, a few disembodied nutcases, by and large we're just ordinary, upstanding citizens of this planet made special by either an accident in timing or something done to us purposely for reasons unknown.

When it happens, as you and so many others know, your world changes. Your paradigm, if you had one at all, is now highly suspect. God, the Universe and Everything - all asunder. It's a pisser ain't?

Anyway, congratulations on coming to the List with your respected sighting. Respected because of the logic, reason, comportment and general forthright attitude you always put forth. And thanks too. What made you do it now is none of my beeswax, but after reading your posts for several years, you've earned my respect. Off List, I already told you that. Even Gesundt bows low. And thanks also for the preview.

However, get ready. Folks is gonna tell you what you saw. How you saw it and why. And it won't be anything like a UFO. Never is. They'll never read anything you posted previously the same way again. Not only will you not have changed, but will be perceived differently.

Now having read your post, allow me the honor of telling you what you really saw. A flock of pelicans flying through glowing swamp gas following the planet Venus. And you probably had eaten ergot-laden rye bread after accidentally consuming them funny mushrooms. Sad how much this stuff can confuse a man... boy... whatever.

God bless,

Jim

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## Re: [lunascan] Best of Cosmos Starts This Weekend

From: **Steven** <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 09:26:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 11:43:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: [lunascan] Best of Cosmos Starts This Weekend

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Larry Klaes <[lklaes@bbn.com](mailto:lklaes@bbn.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 19:08:02 -0500  
>Subject: [lunascan] Best of Cosmos Starts This Weekend

>Best of Cosmos

>Twenty years ago, PBS presented Carl Sagan's landmark television  
>series COSMOS. Seen by more than 600 million viewers in 60  
>countries, the Peabody and Emmy award-winning series is one of  
>the most popular science television programs ever produced.

<snip>

I think it is also worth noting that COSMOS is being re-released on both VHS and DVD. While Sagen's views regarding UFOs has been decided skeptical, I think that the COSMOS series was a tremendous production that brought the knowledge of the Universe into many peoples lives.

It will be interesting to see how well it holds up after twenty years of new discoveries.

Steve

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:54:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 11:45:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:44:33 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:51:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Cashman

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I wrote:

>>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,  
>>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.  
>>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to  
>>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super  
>>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>>rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense  
>>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already  
>>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>>accordingly.

Mark replied:

>The problem, Roger, is this. You are making assumptions not  
>justified by the data.

>If the UFO data represents a real phenomenon, it seems to be  
>telling us, among other things...

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>talking to us any more than we care about talking to  
>grasshoppers.

>2) UFO don't care too much about being noticed, they just  
>don't want to be caught.

>So your propositions are rather strange in that they are not  
>driven by the data but by your assumption of how things should  
>be; and indeed, those assumptions seem to be directly  
>contradicted by the data. Thus, to complain about this is simply  
>circular reasoning ("the data is wrong because the data doesn't  
>look like it should if it were caused by something acting the  
>way I think it should").

Hi, Mark!

I respect your opinion. However, I believe that you missed my point. If UFOs are already masquerading as aircraft, then the "known data" doesn't apply. Therefore, every UFO case that turned out to be only an airplane may have, in fact, been ET craft! That might leave other, unexplained UFO cases in the lurch, I'm afraid. I'm not saying that is the case, only that common sense says if ET life doesn't want to be seen or, as you say, caught, then the science of camouflage would be a walk in the park compared to interstellar travel.

Regarding my position on RF, what you say may be true. However, it doesn't make what I pointed out less true. I said that IF extraterrestrial life wanted to talk to us then RF would be the most direct route and not something so complicated that we couldn't figure it out. I take no position on whether or not ET life WANTS to talk to us. Are you saying that SETI is a waste of time because ET doesn't want to talk to us? How do we know that the government hasn't already communicated with ET life via RF? Is it your opinion that the general public would be privy to that info?

I understand your point, however, the "known data" is represented only by what amateurs have collected or by what the government has allowed us to see. Is it your opinion that we, the public, now have access to ALL the data generated by the government regarding the subject of UFOs? If not, then I respectfully suggest that your point about "known data" has no point, I'm afraid.

My point is that we are all just guessing and a point could be made for just about any position. When the discussions seem to reach some kind of corner, common sense seems to be overtaken by personal bias or a vested interest. Those that believe in UFOs at face value won't listen to common sense any more than debunkers will. Those of us in the middle that persist in asking hard questions are simply seen as trouble makers by both sides for our refusal to take a stand one way or the other about the subject of UFOs in general.

If someone questions a cherished UFO case, they are immediately labeled as a skeptic or a debunker about ALL UFOs. On the other hand, if the same person suggests that some ET craft could be real, then he or she is labeled as a UFO believer or a zealot. I have no problem with the terms, themselves. They are direct and to the point when applied accurately. To be fair, I have used the terms, myself, on occasion but only as it relates to a specific UFO case; not the belief or denial of all UFOs in general. And this is the problem. The two opposing sides want participants to fall in rank and file for identification purposes. Refusal to do so means that a blanket identification will be made anyway, even if it is wrong. This only leads to confrontations and more confusion. Worse, it leads to conflicts about character which have no place in a logical discussion.

Common sense tells me this is no way to discuss UFOs.

Roger

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Salvaille

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>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:44:33 -0500  
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>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
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Hello Mark, Roger and List,

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>telling us, among other things...

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>talking to us any more than we care about talking to  
>grasshoppers.

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>don't want to be caught.

I understand you wrote those two hastily. Avoidance is one of the prime characteristics of the UFO phenomenon. It shows clear intent.

Considering the observed technology, nothing should prevent 'them' from hovering over Time Square for about half an hour in broad day light. "They" do seem to care about the grasshoppers.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Velez

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>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:46:57 -0500  
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>>interviews and my impressions that the witnesses were credible  
>>and 'seemed' to be sincere and telling about what they saw. One  
>>of them was a young girl who was positioned behind the building  
>>directly under the UFO. Her description was clear and detailed.  
>>A second witness, (who was also in close proximity to the  
>>building/event in question) was a restaurant owner who  
>>corroborated the testimony given by the girl.

Bruce responded:

>I am aware of the witness interviews. It could be that there was  
>a sighting AND that the tape was a hoax!! (Believe it or not).  
>Note that no one came forward until the tape was shown on TV and  
>that was a month or so after the event as recorded on the  
>videotape.

Sounds like they 'came forward' once they saw the TV program.  
You should bear in mind that when somebody has a UFO sighting  
(especially if it's a whopper of a sighting) the tendency would  
be to talk to -only- one or two very close or trusted  
individuals. The fear of being thought crazy or of being  
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pretty much precludes that the witnesses would have been running  
around reporting to police or associates. I'm not surprised that  
they didn't report until the program aired. If anything, this  
detail lends an air of 'truth' to the story (fits in with the  
way people really behave) rather than one of deception.

Bruce goes on to say:

>>And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
>>testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
>>explanation. (This buisness of the building edges showing motion  
>>smears while the UFO did not.) If the camera was tracking the  
>>motion of the UFO dead on for even a few seconds, it would  
>>explain why the edges of the craft are clear while the  
>>surroundings show the motion blurs/smears. But then I'm just an  
>>amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

>You are quite correct if the camera tracked the UFO over a "few  
>seconds." And, in fact the camera did pan with the UFO,  
>following it quite closely and overall there was not much  
>smear.... but that was because the shutter was faster than  
>normal. Jeff Sainio and I independently concluded that' the  
>shutter time was like 1/200 sec rather than the more normal 1/60  
>(the time of a single field or 'half' a frame of the video). The  
>faster shutter reduced the image smear. I believe (I could be  
>wrong) that most cameras, when you turn them on, set a 'default'  
>shutter speed of 1/60 sec. Then you have to manually change the



>shutter speed if you want it faster (shorter shutter time). That  
>would mean that in the "heat of th moment" the witness thought  
>to increase the shutter time before beginning the video. I know  
>that on may camera it takes a little time to set the faster  
>shutter.

>Point: the faster shutter would be more likely to reduce image  
>blur of the distant \_real\_ buildings thus making the edges of  
>the building \_more\_like\_ the unblurred edges of the UFO image...  
>if a hoax!

>The "discovery" of suspicious blur was made first on a  
>statistical basis: overall the blur of the edges of th UFO was  
>less than that of the buildings. But then we discovered a couple  
>of frames where the camera moved too fast for the fast shutter.  
>Little wind socks on the buildings were so blurred as to be  
>almost invisible. Yet the UFO image was not changed. Now, if  
>this happened over a few seconds we might argue fast panning of  
>the camera... But it did not.

Bruce I have to bow to your experience and expertise in these matters because what I know about video analysis you can fit into a thimble. I would like to make the following comments nonetheless.

1. I don't see how both Jeff and yourself are able to 'write off' the whole videoclip as a hoax based on just one or two frames of video. If there was something uniformly suspicious about the images from start to finish that's a horse of a different color. As a journeyman printer of more than 16 years I know that in print media all kinds of 'clues' are left behind when an image has been doctored or tampered with. Bad 'traps', doubled pixels around the edges of images, differences in resolution or color etc. will be found surrounding the 'dropped in' image. I'm sure it's harder to spot such shenanigans on a motion videotape. My point is, that if it was an out and out hoax you'd think that the visual evidence for it would concern more than just a couple of single frames from a videoclip consisting of hundreds or thousands of frames.

2. Mechanical aberrations in the camera could account for the one or two 'inconsistent' frames that Jeff and yourself discovered. I am an amateur astronomer and I've tried my hand at astrophotography several times over the years. You need a rock solid and properly aligned mounting -and- an accurate clock drive mechanism so that the telescope can properly/smoothly track the sky object during the long exposure. Some clock drives can be had for under a \$100 while others cost thousands. Why the dramatic difference in price? Quality of construction and parts. The less well machined gears and parts of the cheaper drives will introduce all kinds of inaccuracies and distortions into the final photographic product.

Maybe the photographer used a cheap (poorly manufactured) videocamera. Crappy gear trains etc. Such a mechanical shortcoming 'could' account for the 'couple of frames' of video that you guys found. I would imagine that any mechanical cause for the distortions would repeat as the gear train cycles around again. Did either Jeff or yourself ever consider mechanically introduced distortions as an explanation for the two frames or so that are in question?

>These are individual frames, \_separated\_ by several seconds...  
>That is, the faster motion of the camera occurred primarily  
>during one frame time (1/30 sec) and then the camera reverted to  
>its more normal rate of motion without much blur of the  
>building.

Again, sounds like something that 'could be' mechanically introduced by the equipment itself. But like I said, I'm not the expert, you are. It just seems to me that basing a verdict of "Hoax" on just a couple of frames out of hundreds is a bit too easy/convenient. Akin to calling the race without -all- the votes being counted in Florida! <LOL>

It just seems to me as a layman that one or two inconsistent frames would not be enough to justify a call of "complete hoax" for a video that could possibly be the best visual evidence for a UFO craft ever recorded.

Again, I humbly bow to your much greater knowledge and

experience concerning these matters. But I'm still not quite satisfied that what you and Jeff have found and presented to the public in terms of justification of the hoax oppinion is -conclusive- enough to justify dismissing the tape as a complete hoax.

One or two 'inconsistent frames' does not a hoaxed video make!

Warm regards, appreciate your response,

John Velez ;)

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Goldstein

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>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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>>>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>>Responding to Bruce Maccabee:

>>>>>Hi Bruce,

>>>>>You're sort of repeating yourself here, from past posts, so let  
>>>>>me do the same, if you will.

>>>>>Neither you nor Saino have included the strength of the  
>>>>>independent eye-witness accounts in your analyses, which support  
>>>>>the reality of this video and sighting. You instead ignore them.  
>>>>>Is that at all scientific, when coupled with the knowledge, from  
>>>>>past UFO cases, that the UFO aliens can easily fool us by using  
>>>>>their advanced psycho-physical technology? It obviously is not.

>>>>>Could these aliens be sooo skillful as to have remotely  
>>>>>manipulated the hand-held TV camera and/or maneuvered their own  
>>>>>UFO craft in such a manner that the vibrational jitter would not  
>>>>>show up on their craft? Why not, if we have other examples of  
>>>>>their having pulled off similar pranks, and of playing games  
>>>>>with scientists in general to expose their restricted views of  
>>>>>reality?

>>>>Where are these alleged witnesses? Two television documentaries  
>>>>have interviewed one or two residents who allegedly saw  
>>>>something at the time of the Mexico City sighting, but there has  
>>>>been no investigative follow up that I'm aware of, by either  
>>>>Mexican Ufologists or anyone else of note.

>>>>Steve,

>>>>Jaime Maussan is the guy to contact as to how many witnesses he  
>>>>knows of, and if any are available for questioning (in Spanish).  
>>>>I believe that Michael Hesemann and Lee & Brit Elders also have  
>>>>interviewed witnesses to the case.

>>>>IMO, A craft as large  
>>>>as this one was, flying slowly and low over a heavily populated  
>>>>section of the Mexico City, would have generated much more  
>>>>public comment than we've seen.

>>>>It might be that the craft did not allow itself to be visible  
>>>>except to selected persons or from selected regions. You  
>>>>probably can recall quite a few cases where certain people saw a  
>>>>UFO and others nearby did not. An additional explanation might  
>>>>be that most of the witnesses were afraid to come forward and  
>>>>describe their sighting, or didn't know whom to contact.

>>>>Perhaps the aliens (or whatever) are truly able to manipulate  
>>>>every means that we have to detect and record their existence.  
>>>>Perhaps this is why they are so skillful at keeping themselves  
>>>>hidden from view. But the circumstances outlined in the research  
>>>>that has been done in this case would seem to indicate that this  
>>>>was a "not so elaborate" hoax.

>>>>We will all have to search our  
>>>>own beliefs to define whether this has been explained "beyond a  
>>>>reasonable doubt", and if Wallace is using this video in a  
>>>>segment with Shermer, I would suspect that it is being used as  
>>>>an example of a hoax in the field of Ufology.

>>>>I suspect the same.

>>Hi Jim, All,

>>Just a personal observation and an aside.

>>Jaime Maussan had supplied a videotape which contained  
>>interviews with two of the witnesses which I translated from  
>>Spanish to English for a well known researcher which shall  
>>remain nameless here.

>>I submitted a post to UpDates with a brief synopsis of those  
>>interviews and my impressions that the witnesses were credible  
>>and 'seemed' to be sincere and telling about what they saw. One  
>>of them was a young girl who was positioned behind the building  
>>directly under the UFO. Her description was clear and detailed.  
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>>building/event in question) was a restaurant owner who  
>>corroborated the testimony given by the girl.

>Hi John,

>I do recall the general contents of that, but failed to file it  
>anywhere that I can find it. Thanks for mentioning it.

>>And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
>>testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
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>>amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

>What Bruce was referring to, in Jeff Saino's analysis, were the  
>higher frequency jitters of the video scenes associated with the  
>camera being hand held, not the low-frequency tracking motions.

>>Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
>>simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
>>girl.

>Rightly so. It's often been pointed out on this list that photos  
>alone can't prove a UFO to be "genuine," but require witness'  
>testimony in addition. Similarly, when you have both, it isn't  
>enough to declare the case a hoax on the basis of photos or  
>videos if sincere witnesses who could not have perpetrated any  
>such hoax have spoken out on the reality of the event. The  
>reason for such a rule, of course, is that the UFO pilots can  
>maneuver their craft in such a manner as to fool photo or video  
>analysts who don't take into account that the UFO guys are more  
>advanced and smarter than they are, and seem to possess a  
>definite strategy in their interactions with us. In this Mexican  
>City case, I've postulated that the UFO operators were able to  
>maneuver their craft in synchronism to the video-camera jitters

>and perhaps to induce controlled jitters in the holder of the  
>camera as well. Of course, this would require the UFO to be able  
>to undergo very frequent, large accelerations...

Hello Jim and UpDates,

I must confess that I have not personally investigated this video and I have only followed it for years on UFO UpDates, etc.

To me, your idea seems possible, but why would the UFO pilots go to the trouble to make camera jitter?

Let's put the video and the two witnesses aside for a moment. Without them I still have a nagging question.

The last time I looked at photos or video of that location I saw numerous other large apartment buildings, office buildings, and many other structures.

The alleged sighting was during normal daytime hours. I personally doubt whether the pilot of the alleged craft selectively only revealed its presence to a naive little girl, etc. Why would they choose her if they did not have any interaction with her?

My guess is that a large number of people would have witnessed this object.

In my opinion that possibility is more plausible than the above ideas of limited observation by a select few or by manipulating camera jitter.

Now I have a good excuse for my next video I take only using my shaky, nature provided "unsteadycam".

The nagging questions I have are:

Who has checked police logs, press, and any other sources witnesses to a UFO might have contacted? What did they show?

Did the two witnesses contact Jaime Maussion on their own volition?

Or was the area of the video canvassed to locate possible witnesses?

Did any investigators ask any leading questions?

If a large number of people did not report a UFO, why?

Once again, camera jitter and selective revelation to two does not sound that kosher.

I feel the same way when I read a report of 1 or 2 people seeing a large UFO over New York City. I am not talking about abductee or contactee reports but just witnesses to a plainly visible object in a metropolitan area.

What is the quality of the investigation?

I may be wrong but at least I don't mix my meat and dairy <g>. (A Jackie Mason type of kosher joke).

Shalom,

Josh

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<snip>

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>detail lends an air of 'truth' to the story (fits in with the  
>way people really behave) rather than one of deception.

I know that I'm comparing apples to oranges here, but if such a craft were witnesses over the skies of Washington there would be more than a few people calling the local authorities. This wasn't a "light in the sky" but a large craft that was moving fairly slowly over a section of Mexico City (which is far larger than the Nation's Capital).

IMO, the fear "of being ostracized by social acquaintances for 'telling such tales'" seems to be much more likely on our side of the border. Given the differences in our cultures, we need to have a sociologist in this discussion.

I would speculate that the sighting of a large unknown craft (South of the Border) would cause many to seek help and advice from religious leaders as to what it meant.

But these witnesses should have the opportunity to tell their story and it should be investigated fully.

I wouldn't want to pre-judge those who were interviewed, but unless one wants to buy into the concept that those on the craft were merely toying with us and only allowing certain people to see the craft, the fact that so few witnesses have been found is IMO significant.

Steve

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\*\*DOCUMENT DIPLOMACY  
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## OPENNESS AND THE CIA

In a new paper on "Openness and the CIA," historian Warren F. Kimball attempts to engage intelligence officials in a discussion of first principles concerning intelligence and declassification policy.

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The paper was published earlier this year in the classified edition of CIA's in-house journal Studies in Intelligence. It is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/kimball.html>

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The minutes of the Committee's quarterly meetings have until now served as an invaluable window on the latest debates over declassification of historical documentation. In fact, they have been so valuable that the CIA has regularly protested their publication, especially after they became available on the world wide web:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/index.html>

Disappointingly, the Committee has finally yielded to the CIA and has withheld the minutes of its July 2000 meeting. An eviscerated "summary" version of the meeting minutes which complies with the CIA's dictates is said to be in preparation.

## DOCUMENT DIPLOMACY

Government documents do not only record the conduct of foreign relations. Increasingly, declassified documents are becoming the stuff of diplomacy itself.

In his visit to Vietnam last week, President Clinton delivered some 350,000 pages of U.S. government documents to Vietnamese President Luong.

"This is now the second installment of documents that were provided to the Vietnamese, just as they have provided us with hundreds of thousands of documents," said national security adviser Samuel R. Berger on Friday.

The document exchange is intended to facilitate the location and identification of remains of missing soldiers from the Vietnam War era. See excerpts from the Berger press briefing here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/wh111700.html>

Also on Friday, the State Department announced that in response to requests from Argentina and Spain, Secretary Albright "has instructed relevant Department personnel to identify for declassification and release State Department documents related to human rights violations committed in Argentina during the 1976-to-1983 military dictatorship."

See the State Department press statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/11/dos111700.html>

#### JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS, EARLY SECRECY CRITIC, DIES

James Russell Wiggins, an editor at the Washington Post from 1947 to 1968 who died yesterday at age 96, was an early and insightful critic of the cold war secrecy system.

His 1956 book "Freedom or Secrecy" closed with the following passage:

"A government that generally asserts the right to say which of its acts may be divulged and which must be concealed exercises a power that tends to tyranny whatever its outward form. It has the power to enforce acceptance of its policies by exaggerating their merits and distorting their disadvantages. It has the means of concealing its crimes and derelictions and exaggerating its virtues and its triumphs. It possesses a device for accomplishing that greatest of all corruptions -- the corruption of the mind of the public itself. A people, so corrupted, is a people no longer free, whatever the form and structure of its governmental agencies. It is in this sense that we are confronted with a choice between secrecy and freedom."

J. Russell Wiggins' obituary in the Washington Post may be found here:

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/metro/articles/wigginsobit20.htm>

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Secrecy News -- 11/21/00

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@igc.org](mailto:saftergood@igc.org)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:22:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 07:53:55 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/21/00

SECREC Y NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
November 21, 2000

\*\*           SECREC Y IN THE SERVIC E OF DISARMAMENT  
\*\*           HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF FAS?  
\*\*           NEW CRS REPORTS ONLINE  
\*\*           LARS-ERIK NELSON, 59

SECREC Y IN THE SERVIC E OF DISARMAMENT

Contemporary democracy is not conducive to meaningful policy change, writes George Perkovich in a startling commentary in the current issue of Foreign Affairs. In particular, he says, the prospects for successful nuclear disarmament will be much greater if this policy goal is pursued outside of normal political channels.

"It is no accident that the vast majority of states that decided to abandon nuclear weapons programs in recent decades -- Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Kazakhstan, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, and Ukraine -- did so outside of established democratic processes. Nor was it happenstance that the far-reaching U.S.-Soviet nuclear reductions between 1987 and 1992 were made possible by the one-party leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev and by President George H.W. Bush's bold, secretive 1991 initiative to take U.S. nuclear bombers off alert and remove tactical nuclear weapons from service."

"The 1991 Bush initiative, which was not vetted by the interagency process or exposed first to public debate, is a good model for how the necessary changes will begin," Mr. Perkovich writes provocatively.

Of course, "Authoritarian government is not the answer. Rather, farsighted changes in nuclear policies will depend on determined experts' pushing the president to do the necessary executive work and painstaking diplomacy.... The onus is now on security and nuclear-policy experts to make the next U.S. administration jettison counterproductive Cold War nuclear doctrine."

This view seems to be rooted in despair over the vacuousness and viciousness of conventional political discourse. But the idea that the fractious "community" of security policy experts can provide the missing element of leadership seems questionable, to say the least.

George Perkovich is director of the Secure World Program at the W. Alton Jones Foundation, which funds the Federation of American Scientists. His article is not available on line, but information about Foreign Affairs, which is published by the Council on Foreign Relations, may be found here:

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/>

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF FAS?

Members of the recent Commission on the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) noted the loss of the secrecy that once surrounded the NRO and lamented that today NRO programs are even "analyzed and discussed on the Internet."

"Have you ever heard of the Federation of American Scientists? That is what the commission is upset about," said an official from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in an interview last week with the newsletter Inside the Air Force. He was evidently referring to information about NRO programs developed by John Pike and posted on the FAS web site here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/index.html>

The official went on to state, however, that the concern over public disclosure of NRO information is "overblown," according to Inside the Air Force:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2000/11/iaf111700.html>

Meanwhile, the conservative magazine Insight took time off from its regularly scheduled warnings about Communist Chinese perfidy to criticize the website of the U.S. Department of Defense for supposedly downplaying the threat to the United States.

"The DefenseLINK website posts 'special reports' on American Indian Heritage, Hispanic Heritage and National Domestic Violence months," as well as "information on tacos, diapers and sexual harassment," writes J. Michael Waller in Insight ("The Embarrassing Pentagon Website," Dec. 11, 2000). But "an Insight search could find no special reports that cogently and comprehensively explain current and potential military threats to the U.S. homeland."

"To get a look through the Internet at foreign military threats and why the United States needs a strong defense, one is better served, ironically, by such left-wing outfits as the Center for Defense Information and the Federation of American Scientists than the main Website of the Pentagon itself." See:

<http://www.insightmag.com/archive/200012115.shtml>

#### NEW CRS REPORTS ONLINE

The Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress does not want its taxpayer-funded reports to be made available online -- which is almost a sufficient reason to place them online. An additional reason is that they are often interesting and useful pieces of work that are not otherwise readily available.

Two new CRS reports of note have just been added to the FAS web site (in PDF format).

"Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR): The U-2 Aircraft and Global Hawk UAV Programs," by Richard A. Best, Jr., et al, November 6, 2000:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL30727.pdf>

"Russian Fighter Aircraft Industrial Base: Parallels with the United States?" by Christopher Bolkom, et al, November 8, 2000:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL30730.pdf>

#### LARS-ERIK NELSON, 59

Secrecy News is sad to note the death of Lars-Erik Nelson, who passed away at age 59 yesterday. A columnist for the New York Daily News, he was known as an independent thinker and a graceful and compelling writer.

Among other things, he distinguished himself as an early critic of the Cox Committee on Chinese espionage. His July 15, 1999 article in the New York Review of Books crystallized a dissenting view of the matter that would ultimately be vindicated.

He wrote about secrecy policy most recently on November 1, in an article ("Congress' Secrecy Bill Lowers Iron Curtain") criticizing the now-vetoed congressional initiative to criminalize disclosures of all classified information. See:

[http://www.nydailynews.com/2000-11-01/News\\_and\\_Views/Opinion/a-86679.asp](http://www.nydailynews.com/2000-11-01/News_and_Views/Opinion/a-86679.asp)

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## Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 08:01:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Velez

>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 13:06:47 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 19:26:13 -0800  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>Hi John,

>I do recall the general contents of that, but failed to file it  
>anywhere that I can find it. Thanks for mentioning it.

>>And yes, in spite of the analysis by Bruce and Jeff eye witness  
>>testimony is being completely ignored in favor of the 'smear'  
>>explanation. (This buisness of the building edges showing motion  
>>smears while the UFO did not.) If the camera was tracking the  
>>motion of the UFO dead on for even a few seconds, it would  
>>explain why the edges of the craft are clear while the  
>>surroundings show the motion blurs/smears. But then I'm just an  
>>amateur and simply guessing at about this point.

>What Bruce was referring to, in Jeff Saino's analyis, were the  
>higher frequency jitters of the video scenes associated with the  
>camera being hand held, not the low-frequency tracking motions.

>>Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
>>simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
>>girl.

>Rightly so. It's often been pointed out on this list that photos  
>alone can't prove a UFO to be "genuine," but require witness'  
>testimony in addition. Similarly, when you have both, it isn't  
>enough to declare the case a hoax on the basis of photos or  
>videos if sincere witnesses who could not have perpetrated any  
>such hoax have spoken out on the reality of the event. The  
>reason for such a rule, of course, is that the UFO pilots can  
>maneuver their craft in such a manner as to fool photo or video  
>analzyers who don't take into account that the UFO guys are more  
>advanced and smarter than they are, and seem to possess a  
>definite strategy in their interactions with us. In this Mexican  
>City case, I've postulated that the UFO operators were able to  
>maneuver their craft in synchronism to the video-camera jitters  
>and perhaps to induce controlled jitters in the holder of the  
>camera as well. Of course, this would require the UFO to be able  
>to undergo very frequent, large accelerations...

>Jim Deardorff

Hi Jim,

Jim, the Good Lord knows that we've been friends both on and off

the list for quite awhile. You're one of my favorite UpDates people. But, with all due affection and respect, you are really pulling the old taffy wad a bit thin here! To the breaking point.

Yes, we can speculate that it is possible for technologically advanced (and maybe even telepathic) ET's to anticipate our every thought and action. But to say that, (assuming it was a real ET craft) the pilot or navigational computer on that thing would mess with just one or two frames of a videotape that was running, (and do it in 'real time') is really stretching what is already (and only) 'speculation.'

Why would they bother?

1. If they wanted to be seen then why screw up the evidence? Seems counterproductive.
2. If they didn't want to be detected why not mess up the whole recording? Why screw around with just two frames?
3. If they messed with the tape in order to discred it it why did they drive their Mack truck through the lobby in the first place?

Like trying to hide an elephant in a phone booth. Aside from the fact that it is nothing more than fun or freewheeling speculation, it just doesn't make any sense that they would do that Jim. On any level. That I can think of anyway.

I'm always open. If anybody can put forward a convincing argument for the 'how' and the 'why' parts of what you suggest, then I'm all ears. I'm on your side man. I know that these 'things' are real. I want answers every bit as badly (if not moreso) than the next guy. But... I want solid and reliable answers. Answers that can be verified. What you propose is way beyond anything that can ever be proven or verified in any form. Worth considering, but not worthy of being given enough weight to have any real bearing on the explanation of that videotape. Alien meddling shouldn't even come into the picture.

Once that piece of video is in hand, 'alien intentions' have little to do with the question under consideration. We have a piece of video. It is either the real thing or it isn't.

Just my two bits.

Warm regards,

tu amigo siempre,

John Velez ;)

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
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## Re: Experencer's Point of View - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:49:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 08:05:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Experencer's Point of View - Velez

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Experencer's Point of View  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 20:12:23 -0800

>Hello, all EBK, List folk etc,etc.

>Well after much thought, cogitation, and even prayer, I have  
>decided to make a statement note the following:

>1. I saw something in the summer of my 14th year, that cannot  
>be:

><snip>

>However, the question remains: What was it that I and others saw  
>some 35 years ago. That isn't supposed to exist.

>GT McCoy

Hi GT, hi All,

GT it took a lot of guts to post that report. I have always had respect for you, and your demonstration of courage only deepened it. I think you might find it comforting to know that many 'skeptics' got involved in ufology because of their own unexplained sightings. Some of them slave away at denial as if it was a worthwhile avocation.

Others are more honest and sincere in their queries and are always clearly more intellectually honest and openminded. You only have to contend with the barbs that are thrown by the ones who have already made up their minds. You should 'welcome' the others.

A 'healthy skeptic' asks all the hard questions and as many of the 'right' ones as he/she can. They are people who are seeking reliable answers. The others can be lumped together with their counterparts on the other end of the spectrum as the 'extremeists' that they are.

I'll be happy to stand out here in the middle of the road if it means I get to keep company with guys like you who have the cohones to speak up.

You're a good man GT.

Regards,

John Velez

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## UFO Sightings OZ Files 001002 11.11.2000

From: Diane Harrison Director AUFORN <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:35:22 +1100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 09:08:22 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sightings OZ Files 001002 11.11.2000

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Follow up Emma AUFORN QLD  
1800 Callin Code: 001002 11.11.2000 QLD

Date: 11.11.2000  
Day: Saturday  
Time Reported: 8.30 p.m.  
Location: Woody Point Queensland  
Reportee: Brian  
Witness: Wife  
Tel: 3284  
Report given to nearest: Emma

### Report

Brian and his wife Moira observed a very bright light out near the bay. The light was stationary, white in colour but about four times the size and brightness of the southern cross. There was no apparent sound and the light was observed for about 15 seconds.

Regards

Emma Derdak  
AUFORN QLD assistant Director

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Follow up Emma AUFORN QLD  
1800 Callin Code: 001003 11.11.2000 Qld

Date: 11.11.2000  
Day: Saturday  
Time 9.30 p.m.  
Location: Palm Beach Queensland  
Reportee: Kirsty  
Witness: Boyfriend & 2 other people  
Sound: None  
Report given to nearest rep: Emma Derdak  
Tel: 07 55

### Report

Kirsty and her boyfriend Brad observed a group of very bright lights in a stationary formation in the sky.

The lights very a very bright white and about three times the size of Jupiter. The lights flashed red and blue alternately.

Three of the lights were in the formation of a perfect triangle with a further two lights directly east of them. The light on the top of the triangle was the brightest of them all (main craft?).

Kirsty and two neighbours observed the lights were there for approximately 1 1/2 hours.

I asked Kirsty to keep a eye out over the following nights, and if she saw anything could she endeavour to capture it on video or film. Kirsty had never believed in UFO's but I think she's changed her mind, as she has seen satellites but this was something totally different!.

Regards

Emma Derdak  
AUFORN QLD assistant Director

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Follow up Diane Harrison AUFORN QLD  
1800 Callin Code: 001004 12.11.2000

Date: 12.11.2000  
Day: Sunday  
Time Reported: 7:53am  
Location: QLD  
Reportee: Greg  
Report given to nearest Diane  
Tel: 07 3

Wants to show a photo of a UFO taken back around 1988 at Bundaberg Qld

Report:

Greg came around last night to show us his photo and I have to say his made the one in the Sunday Mail look boring, it was a very impressive picture. If you have read the Exposure magazine Vol 7 no1 it looks like the Soloman Island UFO photo a cone shaped object.

Greg informed me he never saw the object in the sky it was only after he had the picture developed that it appeared.

We have asked Greg to find the negative so we are able to discount it being a flaw on the negative. So until he can produce the negative this picture will remain a mystery.

Keep you informed

Regards Diane Harrison  
National Director AUFORN  
Australian Skywatch Director

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Follow up Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW State Director  
1800 Callin Code: 001019 16.11.2000 WA

Date: 01.10.2000  
Day: Sunday  
Time Seen: Midnight  
Location: 250km East/Sou/East of Perth  
Reportee: John C  
Report given to nearest rep: Doug Moffett  
Tel: 08

Report:

John is a keen amateur astronomer and he and a friend were camping approx 250km East/Sou/East of Perth near Shackleton when he spotted a 45 degree triangular formation of star like objects all with the intensity and brightness of Sirius. The three star like objects were perfectly still and about 15 degrees above the horizon before just fading out over a period of one or two minutes. As an amateur astronomer he knew there were no stars in that area of the sky. John continued to watch for a further 45 minutes on the cloudless night but they did not re-appear.

Regards

Doug Moffett  
AUFORN NSW State Director

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Follow up Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW State Director

1800 Callin Code: 001017 16.11.2000 NSW

Date: 16.11.2000  
Day: Thursday  
Time Seen: 9.41am  
Location: Northern Beaches  
Reportee: Judy  
Report given to nearest rep: Doug Moffett  
Tel: 02 99

Report:

Judy took some video footage of a burnt edge round circle at El Arish (Tully area) about 10 yrs ago. Judy has moved house several times since then and is not sure she will be able to locate the video. If she does she will contact me and I will arrange pick up. I have also asked Judy to try and contact the person still living at the farm where they found the circle to see if any traces of its presence remain.

Regards

Doug Moffett  
AUFORN NSW State Director

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Our UFO Hotline has been very busy the past month and we have lots of interesting things to investigate.

I will keep you all informed

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Mexico City Video [was: More On ABC.com's UFO2000]

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 19:33:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 09:15:15 -0500  
Subject: Mexico City Video [was: More On ABC.com's UFO2000]

>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 14:05:24 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:46:57 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

I wrote:

>>Point: the faster shutter would be more likely to reduce image  
>>blur of the distant real buildings thus making the edges of  
>>the building more like the unblurred edges of the UFO image...  
>>if a hoax!

>>The "discovery" of suspicious blur was made first on a  
>>statistical basis: overall the blur of the edges of th UFO was  
>>less than that of the buildings. But then we discovered a couple  
>>of frames where the camera moved too fast for the fast shutter.  
>>Little wind socks on the buildings were so blurred as to be  
>>almost invisible. Yet the UFO image was not changed. Now, if  
>>this happened over a few seconds we might argue fast panning of  
>>the camera... But it did not.

John wrote:

>Bruce I have to bow to your experience and expertise in these  
> matters because what I know about video analysis you can fit  
> into a thimble. I would like to make the following comments  
> nonetheless.

>1. I don't see how both Jeff and yourself are able to 'write  
> off' the whole videoclip as a hoax based on just one or two  
> frames of video. If there was something uniformly suspicious  
> about the images from start to finish that's a horse of a  
> different color. As a journeyman printer of more than 16 years I  
> know that in print media all kinds of 'clues' are left behind  
> when an image has been doctored or tampered with. Bad 'traps',  
> doubled pixels around the edges of images, differences in  
> resolution or color etc. will be found surrounding the 'dropped  
> in' image. I'm sure it's harder to spot such shenanigans on a  
> motion videotape. My point is, that if it was an out and out  
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> more than just a couple of single frames from a videoclip  
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Well, in fact the discovery was made by Jeff based on a  
statistical analysis of image smear using the whole video.

I should have been more clear above. As a result of analyzing  
image smear using an automated computer program Jeff developed,  
he found that the whole video showed this effect of the UFO  
image being blurred less than the buildings. However, because of  
the fast shutter this effect was generally not easy to see with  
the naked eye. So let me say again, the analysis of every  
frame formed the statistical basis of Jeff's discovery. He  
informed me of that fact (after HOURS of analysis by both of

us!)

For the expert: Jeff's program measured the image edge gradient for the UFO and for the building in each frame of the video. The edge gradient is large when the image is well focused and stationary (does not move during the frame time.) The edge gradient shrinks with defocus and with image blur due to motion. He discovered that the relative edge gradient of the UFO was about constant whereas the relative edge gradient of the building changed with the image motion from frame to frame. (The image motion from frame to frame is a measure of the rate of rotation of the camera about some axis... said motion being caused by hand vibration or mechanical vibration... and said motion being the cause of the image smear.)

And then while viewing the video in preparation for Streibers 'Confirmation' TV show, I spotted the two frames in which the difference in smear levels is obvious to the naked eye. I showed these frames to the Confirmation production team. But they did not refer to them in their presentation.

You can see the two smeared frames and comparison with unsmeared frames at [www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/analysis/mexicanvideo/index.htm](http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/analysis/mexicanvideo/index.htm).

>2. Mechanical aberrations in the camera could account for the >one or two 'inconsistent' frames that Jeff and yourself >discovered. I am an amateur astronomer and I've tried my hand at >astrophotography several times over the years. You need a rock >solid and properly aligned mounting -and- an accurate clock >drive mechanism so that the telescope can properly/smoothly >track the sky object during the long exposure. Some clock drives >can be had for under a \$100 while others cost thousands. Why the >dramatic difference in price? Quality of construction and parts. >The less well machined gears and parts of the cheaper drives >will introduce all kinds of inaccuracies and distortions into >the final photographic product.

Yes, but you are talking about the image smear due to vibration (hand or mechanical) of every image (star) in the field. In this case each object in the field has its image smeared by the same amount.

In the Mexico City video of 1997 we are talking about 'differential' image smear... the UFO image being smeared less than the building smear. In fact, it may be that the UFO image was hardly smeared at all even though the building image was smeared noticeably.

>>These are individual frames, separated by several seconds... >>That is, the faster motion of the camera occurred primarily >>during one frame time (1/30 sec) and then the camera reverted to >>its more normal rate of motion without much blur of the >>building.

>Again, sounds like something that 'could be' mechanically >introduced by the equipment itself. But like I said, I'm not the >expert, you are. It just seems to me that basing a verdict of >"Hoax" on just a couple of frames out of hundreds is a bit too >easy/convenient. Akin to calling the race without -all- the >votes being counted in Florida! <LOL>

Something causes the camera to rotate upward noticeably in 1/30 of a second causing the building edge to move down and the smear to be obvious. What it was is not as important as the fact that the UFO image was not smeared even though the building edge was smeared.

>It just seems to me as a layman that one or two inconsistent >frames would not be enough to justify a call of "complete hoax" >for a video that could possibly be the best visual evidence for >a UFO craft ever recorded.

As I said above..... based on the WHOLE video.

>Again, I humbly bow to your much greater knowledge and >experience concerning these matters. But I'm still not quite >satisfied that what you and Jeff have found and presented to the >public in terms of justification of the hoax opinion is >-conclusive- enough to justify dismissing the tape as a complete

>hoax.

>One or two 'inconsistent frames' does not a hoaxed video make!

Ok. I'll accept your humble bow.....

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:34:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 09:20:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello, one and all!

>After the last go around ala Trent and enduring the wrath of the  
>Trentites and forever being banished to the desolate wastelands  
>of Pelicanation, I feel that something is, indeed, amiss in the  
>world of ufology and the likes.

Your perception is wrong about being banished. As to something being "amiss in the world of ufology" I agree.

>The ironies are a-plenty...

>For instance, after pointing out the obvious fact that  
>"impressions" about people can be incorrect, I was branded as a

As I recall you were essentially advancing the theory that other than a cold, hard, piece of physical evidence, or photo, everything else (such as witness testimony) is to be considered impressions, or bias and should be treated as such.

When people experience a profound event in their life whether that is a UFO sighting or otherwise they do remember. For example many people clearly remember the day they got married and even recall when the ceremony took place, when and where the luncheon was, the reception and alot of the people at the reception. Many clearly remember what they were doing and what they did following when the news came over that John Hinckley Jr had attempted to kill Reagan; likewise with the space shuttle blowing up.

>skeptic and, worse, a debunker. Why? Because I happen to ask  
>some of the same questions as they might. The irony, of course,  
>is that I am neither. And the fact that I gave the "impression"  
>of being one only proves my point: Impressions can be  
incorrect.

Let me see. If I told you that my "impression" was that you held witness testimony to the highest regard and thought the Trent photo graphs were real, and that the Trent's were credible witness's you would know for a fact that my impression was incorrect.

>When a possible, logical explanation is offered for any of  
>ufology's most cherished cases, the accusations regarding

I would point out that to skeptics, the logical explanation for every sighting is weather balloon, venus, meteor, rocket debris and so on. To the gullible believer the logical explanation for every sighting is an ET space ship. Logical explanation is almost as abused as common sense.

>character assassination seem to overtake the technical  
>discussion almost every time. In the case of McMinnville the  
>irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent

>is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or

Obviously you didn't realize that it was skeptics and debunkers who originated those degradations to Trent's character years ago.

>even hard-line debunkers have ever dreamed of. The "believers"  
>need to see Trent as stupid to the point of having to

The skeptics and debunkers over the years have painted Trent in the light as being a cunning hoaxer who was trying to pull one over on everybody. As I recall the modernized version of those theories was that Trent was some happy go lucky guy, who enjoyed a laugh, and wanted to pull one over on people. This notion allows folks to steer around the hardened skeptical/debunker position of evil/cunning hoaxer, yet permits them a fall back position of "it's a hoax."

>contemplate every breath. For the photos to be faked, an  
>incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from  
>being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical  
>liar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of  
>grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have  
>had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never  
>laughed in his life.

Nor have the skeptics provided a "lick of proof" that Trent in fact hoaxed the picture, nor have the skeptics provided a lick of proof that Trent was a practical joker, or lied, or any of the sort.

In fact the people that knew Trent claim otherwise. Naturally to some, witness testimony doesn't mean anything, so we are back to the cold hard evidence notion.

If any so called neighbor of Trent's would have mentioned that Trent was a practical joker, these same skeptics would have pounced on that witness's testimony, and been advancing the notion that we should believe everything that person has to say.

>And when the technical discussions regarding any UFO case gets  
>hot and heavy, it would seem that those without technical  
>expertise seem to feel left out and respond with proclamations  
>about "lack of proof" as if that were a significant contribution  
>to the conversation or that they, themselves, had an ounce of  
>"proof" to their collective names.

Thus far the so called skeptics and debunkers have not contributed an ounce of proof themselves.

>Get real.

>No one in this game has any "proof". If we did, this discussion

It depends on what you define as proof. If proof for you is actually touching and feeling an alien space craft, then yes of course, few, if any have proof.

Please tell us what your (not anybody else's) standard of proof is.

>list wouldn't even exist. So, stating the obvious isn't the same  
>as contributing to the discussion at hand. The best we can do is

Apparently you don't understand the obvious. Even if we had so called "proof" the discussion would continue to go on and on. Please don't let my remark cause you not to tell us what your standards of proof are.

You see even if an alien space ship landed at the super bowl at half time the discussion would break upon the following lines;

One batch of vocal skeptics would claim it was some kind of mass delusion, and or secret military craft because common sense tells you that aliens don't exist, so therefore they can't exist. They would also say that since they couldn't physically touch and feel the space ship, walk inside, interact with the crew, it was proof of nothing.

Main stream religious leaders (not all) would tell people that

it was some kind of demonic lying sign or wonder designed to dissuade people from believing in God and or Jesus Christ, i.e. Satan did it.

The gullible believers would instantly proclaim that this event was proof that all 14,000 Blue book sightings and every light in the sky was in fact an alien space ship visiting earth.

Other people would say that this is proof we are being visited, but we need to examine the evidence further and on an individual basis to see which cases in the past 50 or so years were in fact visitations.

Yet other people would say, Huh... I was drinking a beer, then went to take a leak and grab a hot dog... did I miss something? When someone tells them what happened, the next question that would be asked may be "Is the 2nd half going to start on time.."

Yet others would say "Gee, thats interesting that we got visited from another planet, but I have got to get back to work tomorrow and earn a living so I can pay bills....."

Yet others would say this is interesting for the moment, but how much money did our government spend over the years on ET research, when they could have been funding food stamps, and various other social programs.

>use a little common sense and make our own conclusions. Oh,  
>that's right! I forgot about the taboo subject of "common sense"  
>and how the very mention of it is enough to send hard-liners  
>into a state of panic!

Glad you mentioned "common sense." To a room full of debunkers, common sense would tell them that any and all UFO sightings are misidentification of natural phenomena, hoax, stars, weather balloon and so on. Probably something along the lines of 'Common sense tells us that the logical explanation is pelicans..'

To a room full of gullible believers common sense would tell them that every landing light is in fact an ET space ship.

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Common sense tells some that everybody likes Rock and Roll, but the truth is people like all sorts of music from classical to country and Rock.

Ah the pitfalls of "common sense."

>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,  
>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.

Thats what the gullible believers claim. In years previous they have maintained that every aircraft landing light is in fact an ET space ship that is or has camafleged itself to look like a airplane. Common sense tells me its a bogus theory to begin with. :)

>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to  
>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super

An interesting theory. But instead of RF, why not just downlink into the major NBC/ABC/CBS/CNN/Fox network feeds during some profound event in human history, announce that they are real and here are pictures from outer space.

Of course we know the answer to that. No matter what format any sort of communication may come in, the skeptics and debunkers would instantly proclaim that it was some kind of hoax, fraud, mistake and so on.

>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense  
>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already

>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>accordingly.

As I recall the theory that ET life can read our minds comes from people who have allegedly been in close contact with ET life. The question that then needs to be asked is are those witnesses knowledgeable enough about hypnotic regression to impart that to the alleged ET life. Say just before the first human/ET hand shake, does the human say "Ah, wait, I want to dump all the knowledge in my mind to yours...." Not likely.

>Of course, just try suggesting that UFOs are really planes or  
>that SETI isn't a waste of time or that some abductions are not  
>valid.

I agree with you on that one. Trying to tell the gullible believers that a light in the sky is fact an airliner on final approach will be scorned as much as a UFO investigator telling a room full of skeptics that the Trent photos are likely real. As to SETI, like some scientific under takings will be considered a waste of time, until they get an actual true, correct signal. Naturally the skeptics will instantly claim that it is earth or satellite bound, or some by product of a star explosion or something like that.

>There is a difference, people, between a debunker and a skeptic.

Debunkers will tell you they are 'only a skeptic...' Skeptics will tell you that they are not a debunker, they are just looking at the so called scientific evidence and applying scientific principles, etc etc.

>There is also a difference between a believer and a zealot.  
>Somewhere in the middle of these four horsemen is the very  
>non-apocalyptic view of an average joe that finds UFOs  
>interesting, likes to ask hard questions and doesn't always  
>believe everything tossed up for a spike from either side of the  
>net.

I agree.

>Argumentative? Maybe. But hardly heresy. Ufology needs to grow  
>up and stop being afraid of its own shadow.

Over the years, I would observe that skeptics and debunkers are the ones afraid of the UFO shadow.

Cheers,

Robert

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## X-PPAC Update - 11/22/00

From: **Steven G. Bassett** <[ExPPAC@aol.com](mailto:ExPPAC@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 08:59:24 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:21:59 -0500  
Subject: X-PPAC Update - 11/22/00

Update - 11/22/00

David Jacobs at the National Archives

On Thursday, December 14, Dr. David Jacobs will speak at the National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC on his new Book, 'UFOs and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of Knowledge'. There is no admission charge. Reservations are advised. Call 202-208-7345.

Dr. Jacobs is a Temple University history professor and the author of 'Secret Life' and 'The Threat'.

It is of some importance that Dr. Jacobs is speaking on this subject matter nine blocks from the White House. For that reason a SRO attendance would make a strong statement. Please pass the reservation number on to your friends and associates in the Washington, DC area.

Secrecy Reform Symposium in Washington

A full day symposium, 'Government Secrecy in a New Administration and a New Century', will be conducted on Tuesday, December 5, in the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC.

There is no charge, but pre-registration is required, and a registration form is available at the James Madison Project website:

[www.jamesmadisonproject.org/conferencesmainpage.html](http://www.jamesmadisonproject.org/conferencesmainpage.html)

Speakers: John D. Podesta, Evan Thomas, Nancy Bernkopf, John R. Tunheim, R. James Woolsey, Steven Aftergood, Kenneth E. deGraffenreid, Bill Gertz, Anna Nelson, Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Mark S. Zaid.

This is not light entertainment and is for the serious researcher/activist. For such it is a rare opportunity to confront a major component critical to the resolution of the UFO/ET cover-up.

Town Hall Meeting Update

At this time the video of the Santa Clara Town Hall Meeting held on October 13, 2000 is being reviewed for editing and placement on the internet. The extraordinary election still underway has delayed some of the post event followup, which will come later this year.

The concept was well received and reviewed. As X-PPAC receives new contributions, more of these town halls will be held in other parts of the country.

[www.x-ppac.org/TownHall.html](http://www.x-ppac.org/TownHall.html)

Coast to Coast AM

Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of X-PPAC, and Richard

Dolan, author of 'UFOs and the National Security State', will appear on the Wednesday, November 22 Coast to Coast AM with Mike Siegel from 10 pm to 2 pm PST.

[www.coasttocoastam.com](http://www.coasttocoastam.com)

CSETI Delays Disclosure Event

The CSETI Disclosure Project which involves compiling comprehensive witness testimonies on video has moved its public schedule from January to early March. This is a major project with significant implications. The move is designed to accommodate extraordinary political developments and the demands of the project. [www.cseti.org](http://www.cseti.org)

Correspondence

Presently X-PPAC and PRG are receiving about 3000 emails per month (not including spam). This coupled with mail has created a serious backlog of correspondence. Please pardon delays in responding to your queries and requests. It will soon improve.

X-PPAC Fund Raisers

A plan to conduct fund raisers for X-PPAC on both coasts early next year is on the drawing board. More later.

Paradigm Clock Debate Forum

The bulletin board software at the Paradigm Clock Forum was down and posts were not being forwarded. That has been corrected. Sorry for any inconvenience.

[www.paradigmclock.com/timechangedebate.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/timechangedebate.html)

Lobbying Intensity

When Congress reconvenes and the new president takes office next year, the most intense lobbying effort to date will begin. This is going to include direct engagement of members. That would be an excellent time for any constituents to make their feelings known to their House and Senate members regarding the UFO/ET cover-up.

Alien Zoo and UFO Magazine

Columns on the politics of UFOs/Disclosure are being written for the Alien Zoo website and "UFO Magazine."

[www.alienzoo.com](http://www.alienzoo.com)  
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"There is almost no limit to what you can accomplish,  
if you are willing to give away the credit."  
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## Horizons Webcast Cancelled For This Week

From: **Bobbie Felder** <[jilain@digidezign.com](mailto:jilain@digidezign.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:56:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 12:20:49 -0500  
Subject: Horizons Webcast Cancelled For This Week

Horizons Radio and Webcast

Press Release

The regularly scheduled webcast for Wednesday and Friday has been cancelled for this week only. This is due to technical difficulties. Our faithful server gave its all for us, but try though it did, it could not keep up with the enormous amount of traffic to our webpage. As of Tuesday night, it has passed to the great cyber-graveyard in the sky.

Our techno-geek wizard is working now to get our new server configured and online. This massive monster of modern technology should be able to handle the extreme volume of our regular traffic, plus many times more, without even breaking a sweat :)

The new machine, unofficially dubbed "Bubba", will allow better service to our webpage visitors, and speed up the downloads on the archives of our shows. However, until Bubba gets online, archives will not be available for download. You can still read the webpage, vote in the poll, and post to the message board.

We hope to have Bubba up and running by Sunday night's live show from KOMA 1520 AM out of Oklahoma City. The fun begins at midnight CST!

Thank you all for your continued support of Horizons.

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 13:19:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:33:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 19:33:18 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Mexico City Video [was: More On ABC.com's UFO2000]  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 14:05:24 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:46:57 -0500  
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I wrote:

>>>Point: the faster shutter would be more likely to reduce image  
>>>blur of the distant real buildings thus making the edges of  
>>>the building more like the unblurred edges of the UFO image...  
>>>if a hoax!

>>>The "discovery" of suspicious blur was made first on a  
>>>statistical basis: overall the blur of the edges of th UFO was  
>>>less than that of the buildings. But then we discovered a couple  
>>>of frames where the camera moved too fast for the fast shutter.  
>>>Little wind socks on the buildings were so blurred as to be  
>>>almost invisible. Yet the UFO image was not changed. Now, if  
>>>this happened over a few seconds we might argue fast panning of  
>>>the camera... But it did not.

>John wrote:

>>Bruce I have to bow to your experience and expertise in these  
>>matters because what I know about video analysis you can fit  
>>into a thimble. I would like to make the following comments  
>>nonetheless.

>>1. I don't see how both Jeff and yourself are able to 'write  
>>off' the whole videoclip as a hoax based on just one or two  
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>rotation of the camera about some axis... said motion being  
>caused by hand vibration or mechanical vibration... and said  
>motion being the cause of the image smear.)

Hi Bruce,

Just hang in there a bit longer with me while I try to  
understand exactly what you're talking about here. (If I'm not  
completely clear on it I'm sure some other readers aren't  
either.) I'll set this up so that you have a simple yes or no  
set of responses to address. I thank you in advance for the time  
you're taking to do it.

Yes, no?

Jeff has written a piece of software that can measure the  
gradient at the edge of selected portions within the video  
frames. All (measured) edges (whether in motion or stationary)  
should display the same amount of gradient change from frame  
to frame. e.g. if building edge gradient changes, UFO edge  
gradient should change equally regardless of the fact that one  
internal element is stationary while the other is in motion. All  
internal elements should display the exact same amount of "image  
smear" in any selected frame. (?)

Is this effect (edge smear) a uniform quantity from video to  
video or does it need to be recalibrated each time a new  
videotape is submitted?

What is the degree of accuracy (tolerances) of this edge smear  
detection method? In other words, is the accuracy of the  
measurement more like a homeplate umpire with a large strike  
zone, or one with a tight window for error? I would imagine that  
a certain amount of 'averaging' is being performed by Jeff's  
software. That's why I'm asking. The margin for error of the  
method used is an important detail for people to know. Weight  
can be assigned to the finding according to the level of  
accuracy.

>>2. Mechanical aberrations in the camera could account for the  
>>one or two 'inconsistent' frames that Jeff and yourself  
>>discovered. I am an amateur astronomer and I've tried my hand at  
>>astrophotography several times over the years. You need a rock  
>>solid and properly aligned mounting -and- an accurate clock  
>>drive mechanism so that the telescope can properly/smoothly  
>>track the sky object during the long exposure. Some clock drives  
>>can be had for under a \$100 while others cost thousands. Why the  
>>dramatic difference in price? Quality of construction and parts.  
>>The less well machined gears and parts of the cheaper drives  
>>will introduce all kinds of inaccuracies and distortions into  
>>the final photographic product.

>Yes, but you are talking about the image smear due to vibration  
>(hand or mechanical) of every image (star) in the field. In  
>this case each object in the field has its image smeared by the  
>same amount.

>In the Mexico City video of 1997 we are talking about  
>'differential' image smear... the UFO image being smeared less  
>than the building smear. In fact, it may be that the UFO image  
>was hardly smeared at all even though the building image was  
>smeared noticeably.

What do you mean by, "may be" Bruce? Was it, or wasn't it? And  
does this mean that the "UFO" was an externally created artifact

that was introduced into the video using 'software' or some other artificial method?

Has it been determined 'how' the hoax was accomplished?

If the "UFO" was an "on scene" device of somekind that the hoaxers used, is it possible to determine if the camera's distance from the buildings is the same or different from the distance to the object/UFO?

If the distance to the buildings and the object are the same, then that was one big "prop" and must have taken a whole crew of people to manipulate.

If it was a 'drop-in' then wouldn't there be other evidence of it other than just inconsistencies in edge smear?

>Ok. I'll accept your humble bow.....

Ok Bruce, now, NOW! ;)

Really, thanx for taking the time to walk me through this. I just want to make sure that I understand what you're saying correctly. I'm sure it's helping to clarify it for others as well. :)

Regards,

John Velez, Inquiring Minds Want To Know!

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

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>What Bruce was referring to, in Jeff Saino's analysis, were the  
>>higher frequency jitters of the video scenes associated with the  
>>camera being hand held, not the low-frequency tracking motions.

>>>Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
>>>simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
>>>girl.

>>Rightly so. It's often been pointed out on this list that photos  
>>alone can't prove a UFO to be "genuine," but require witness'  
>>testimony in addition. Similarly, when you have both, it isn't  
>>enough to declare the case a hoax on the basis of photos or  
>>videos if sincere witnesses who could not have perpetrated any  
>>such hoax have spoken out on the reality of the event. The  
>>reason for such a rule, of course, is that the UFO pilots can  
>>maneuver their craft in such a manner as to fool photo or video  
>>analyzers who don't take into account that the UFO guys are more  
>>advanced and smarter than they are, and seem to possess a  
>>definite strategy in their interactions with us. In this Mexican  
>>City case, I've postulated that the UFO operators were able to  
>>maneuver their craft in synchronism to the video-camera jitters  
>>and perhaps to induce controlled jitters in the holder of the  
>>camera as well. Of course, this would require the UFO to be able  
>>to undergo very frequent, large accelerations...

>>Jim Deardorff

>Hi Jim,

>Jim, the Good Lord knows that we've been friends both on and off  
>the list for quite awhile. You're one of my favorite UpDates  
>people. But, with all due affection and respect, you are really  
>pulling the old taffy wad a bit thin here! To the breaking  
>point.

>Yes, we can speculate that it is possible for technologically  
>advanced (and maybe even telepathic) ET's to anticipate our  
>every thought and action. But to say that, (assuming it was a  
>real ET craft) the pilot or navigational computer on that thing  
>would mess with just one or two frames of a videotape that was  
>running, (and do it in 'real time') is really stretching what is  
>already (and only) 'speculation.'

Hi John,

Like Bruce explained, the statistical analysis of all the frames  
tended to show this feature.

>Why would they bother?

- >1. If they wanted to be seen then why screw up the evidence?  
>Seems counterproductive.
- >2. If they didn't want to be detected why not mess up the whole  
>recording? Why screw around with just two frames?
- >3. If they messed with the tape in order to discred it it why  
>did they drive their Mack truck through the lobby in the first  
>place?

Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions. Consider ordinary sightings. They have presented themselves in such a manner that those who can accept the possibility of their reality can readily explore the matter and confirm this reality to their own satisfaction. Those who can't, can complain that we don't have hard physical evidence, or enough good videos, etc., and so don't have to believe what they are unable to accept due to their preexisting belief in scientism, religion, anthropocentrism, or similar reason. In walking this tightrope, these aliens can get across a lot of information regarding their technical and psychic capabilities and their concerns and ethics. Their strategy seems to include presenting themselves to us in such a manner that the UFO coverup doesn't come unraveled before they think we're prepared for that. Hence they seem to have kept their frequency of sightings at a level such that the degree of belief in UFO reality stays somewhere around 50% -- much higher and a snowball effect of unraveling the coverup prematurely would set in. In so doing, they have had to make sure that science as a whole doesn't catch on to their reality, and this they can easily do by making sure they don't leave too much evidence behind, don't show themselves to too many people at once or for too long, utilize advanced technology that scientists will think is impossible, and even at times utilize this technology and advanced knowledge so as to allow single-minded scientists to come to the wrong conclusion if they so desire. Examples of the latter include those where the UFO poses like an airplane or helicopter though possessing impossibly different flight characteristics or navigational lights or noise level, etc.; these the skeptics can shrug off as airplanes and helicopters, etc., combined with witness fallibility, if they wish. Other examples abound where the UFO was a point of light in the night sky, but made *large* zigzag movements, but thereafter remaining motionless, appearing as a normal star. These the astronomers who don't know better will pass off as stars mistakenly thought to have moved through a trick of the eye. With hundreds of thousands of UFO sightings in the records, the fact that in none of these (none available to us to study) did the aliens stick around long enough for the news media to converge on it and confirm it publicly is consistent with this strategy. If no such strategy were in place, sheer statistics would indicate that a small percentage, like 0.1% (?), would have stuck around for 24 hours or longer and caused the UFO coverup to come unraveled.

With abductions, similar examples abound to show that the aliens involved appear to have more than one motivation. To the abductees, after they recall their experiences, they get across information on some of their (techno?)-psychic abilities that UFO sightings alone can scarcely do, such as telepathic communication, floating through walls, causing video-recorders set up to record them not to work at the right time, etc. Yet they leave plenty of clues behind so that the abductee, and later investigators, can learn it was real, such as not blocking out all memories, allowing most memories to come out during hypno-regression, replacing victims with e.g. pajamas on backwards, and/or with special scars, leaving ground traces behind, etc. The very same strategy seems to be at work here as with UFO sightings, though at the expense of the abductee. The psychologist/scientist who looks into this then can dismiss it as being too bizarre and unsubstantiated, if he wishes, and thereby retain his/her sanity. Those of us who know better can learn from it and try to convince negative skeptics. If they can be convinced through us, which is a long, slow process, then their world-view outlook won't be so badly shattered as if the aliens were to have overtly entered our world in 1950, say, and stayed around overtly (which would have caused the military to shoot at them, etc., which in itself would have been undesirable from all angles).

Crop-circle formations and even cattle mutilations exhibit the same sort of things. Evidence that's conclusive to open-minded investigators but spurious to many others.

So I explain your 1), 2) and 3) above as being ill-posed in their either/or implications, which omit the consideration that the aliens have a strategy that involves more than just one goal at a time.

>Like trying to hide an elephant in a phone booth. Aside from the >fact that it is nothing more than fun or freewheeling >speculation, it just doesn't make any sense that they would do >that Jim. On any level. That I can think of anyway.

If this response doesn't make sense, John, why doesn't it? To the scientist who assumes that all aliens would have no concern for, and would behave unethically with respect to society as a whole, and throw it into sudden chaos, I can see it wouldn't make sense. And to the scientist who assumes that ETs don't exist or wouldn't be smarter than we, or wouldn't possess any strategy of dealing with us, or couldn't get from there to here, it may not make sense. But we needn't make such unfounded assumptions. Aren't we a lot farther along in our understanding than that after 53 years?

So I see the Mexico City video as expressing more of this alien strategy, while exhibiting even a bit more of their advanced capabilities, which can keep scientists guessing or jumping to wrong conclusions if they wish, than we're used to. With this strategy in mind, one doesn't have to dismiss witnesses' reports for no good reason.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

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>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:34:12 EST  
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>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>After the last go around ala Trent and enduring the wrath of the  
>>Trentites and forever being banished to the desolate wastelands  
>>of Pelicanation, I feel that something is, indeed, amiss in the  
>>world of ufology and the likes.

Robert replied:

>Your perception is wrong about being banished. As to something  
>being "amiss in the world of ufology" I agree.

I'm glad that we agree on something. However, how could my perception be wrong if perceptions are to be considered accurate and unquestionable? Obviously, you are pointing out that MY perception is incorrect. Therefore perceptions can be incorrect, even by your own standard!

Continuing, Robert wrote:

>As I recall you were essentially advancing the theory that other  
>then a cold, hard, piece of physical evidence, or photo,  
>everything else (such as witness testimony) is to be considered  
>impressions, or bias and should be treated as such.

Of course!

Without validation, testimony is NOT proof. Evidence, perhaps; but not proof. Do YOU consider testimony to be valid before validation? If someone made a public statement that you were dishonest, would you like everyone to accept that statement as valid without the person making the claim to provide proof? Now, if that same person claimed that you SEEMED dishonest, then clearly they are giving their impression of you based on their own personal bias, whatever that may be. Likewise, if they said that you SEEMED honest, the same would hold true. Since they can't read your mind, the best they can do is give a second hand impression of you.

Merely making the statement isn't the same as validation. If it were, then I could simply say that my impression of the Trent photos is that they are fake. Just as I have to toe the line and provide proof to validate my impressions, so does everyone else. That goes for anyone that knew Trent, as well. And let's not forget, the best that anyone can do is comment on what they have witnessed. They can't say that Trent was incapable of doing something that they never saw him attempt. To do so would be only a guess.

Moving on, Robert wrote:

>When people experience a profound event in their life whether  
>that is a UFO sighting or otherwise they do remember. For  
>example many people clearly remember the day they got married  
>and even recall when the ceremony took place, when and where the  
>lunchon was, the reception and alot of the people at the  
>reception. Many clearly remember what they were doing and what  
>they did following when the news came over that John Hinckley Jr  
>had attempted to kill Reagan; likewise with the space shuttle  
>blowing up.

I respectfully suggest that is a myth, Robert.

I present the following that was sent to me by an alert reader:

[Begin quote]

"Dr. Loftus, one of the world's leading researchers on memory, has shown just the opposite. She had people write, in their own handwriting, what they were doing when they heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated. They all agreed that they could never forget this.

Several years later, she had them rewrite what they remembered that they were doing when they heard that Kennedy had been assassinated. Then they checked this against the several years old memories. They were different in many cases. The people agreed that they must have written the original memories since they were in their handwriting. In fact, many of them stated that, if they hadn't been in their own handwriting, they wouldn't have believed this at all since the old memories and the new memories were so different.

There were no apparent lies in this group, just people "re-inventing" their memories as happens each time we remember an event."

[End quote]

Further info on the subject of memory is as follows:

[Begin quote]

"It is not known how to distinguish, with complete accuracy, memories based on true events from those derived from other sources... Memories also can be significantly influenced by a trusted person (e.g., therapists, parent involved in a custody dispute) . It has also been shown that repeated questioning may lead individuals to report memories of events that never occurred."

(American Psychiatric Association, News Release, Dec. 12, 1993. American Psychiatric Association, Washington, D.C.)

[End quote]

And, finally, we have the following:

[Begin quote]

"A growing body of research indicates that memory is fallible and vulnerable to suggestion; and that suggestibility and confabulation increase with the length of time between the events and later attempts to recall it.  
...

The evidence suggests that all the techniques outlined above can create entirely new and false memories, not only experimentally but also in clinical practice. "

(The Royal College of Psychiatrists 17 Belgrave Square, London Press Release - 1st April 1998)

[End quote]

Continuing, Robert wrote:

>Let me see. If I told you that my "impression" was that you  
>held witness testimony to the highest regard and thought the



>Trent photo graphs were real, and that the Trent's were credible  
>witness's you would know for a fact that my impression  
>was incorrect.

Uh, yeah. What's your point?

After all, you've already pointed out that my earlier perception was incorrect. I have never said that all impressions are to be discounted. What I have said, in plain English, is that impressions are not the same thing as proof. I think it is obvious that people's impressions can be incorrect. Are you saying that ALL impressions are correct until proven otherwise? If not, then we are really saying the same thing in a different way. Impressions can be correct but need to be validated.

Further, I had written:

>>When a possible, logical explanation is offered for any of  
>>ufology's most cherished cases, the accusations regarding  
>>character assassination seem to overtake the technical  
>>discussion almost every time. In the case of McMinnville the  
>>irony is that the long standing "believers" view of Paul Trent  
>>is far more degrading to his character than anything myself or

Robert replied:

>Obviously you didn't realize that it was skeptics and debunkers  
>who originated those degradations to Trent's character years ago.

Which degrades, Robert? The ones that paint Trent as stupid?  
Those are the ones that I am talking about.

Robert writes:

>The skeptics and debunkers over the years have painted Trent in  
>the light as being a cunning hoaxer who was trying to pull one  
>over on everybody. As I recall the modernized version of those  
>theories was that Trent was some happy go lucky guy, who enjoyed  
>a laugh, and wanted to pull one over on people. This notion  
>allows folks to steer around the hardened skeptical/debunker  
>position of evil/cunning hoaxer, yet permits them a fall back  
>position of "it's a hoax."

Again, please be specific with your claims.

The only people I've seen paint Trent as a cunning hoaxer or a diabolical liar are believers in the Trent photos when confronted with evidence that the photos could have been hoaxed. It is ironic that non-believers in the Trent photos give Trent more slack than his supposed supporters. None the less, claims of character assassination bubble to the surface everytime it is suggested that the photos could be fake. Again, there is no reason for this unless the believer has a vested interest in the photos being real.

And this is the real difference, here. People like myself, sitting happily on the fence of indifference, have no vested interest and can ask any kind of question that might get to the core of the matter. Actually, I am not being totally truthful, here. I am not really that indifferent. The truth is that I would really like the photos that Trent took to be the real deal. Nothing would make me happier. But my life will not change dramatically if the existence of all UFOs has been disproved. Can the same be said about the hardline "believers" or researchers? My impression is "no". But, then again, there we go with impressions. Heaven forbid that impressions or perceptions could be wrong...

I wrote:

>>For the photos to be faked, an  
>>incredible transformation is required. Therefore, he goes from  
>>being the quiet, stupid patron saint of ufology to a "diabolical  
>>liar" in a heartbeat. Dumb. The world is made up of shades of  
>>grey. It isn't black and white; good or bad. Trent could have  
>>had a little fun and there's not a lick of "proof" that he never  
>>laughed in his life.

Robert replied:

>Nor have the skeptics provided a "lick of proof" that Trent in

>fact hoaxed the picture, nor have the skeptics provided a lick  
>of proof that Trent was a practical joker, or lied, or any of the  
>sort.

>In fact the people that knew Trent claim otherwise. Naturally to  
>some, witness testimony doesn't mean anything, so we are back to  
>the cold hard evidence notion.

>If any so called neighbor of Trent's would have mentioned that  
>Trent was a practical joker, these same skeptics would have  
>pounced on that witness's testimony, and been advancing the  
>notion that we should believe everything that person has to say.

>>And when the technical discussions regarding any UFO case gets  
>>hot and heavy, it would seem that those without technical  
>>expertise seem to feel left out and respond with proclamations  
>>about "lack of proof" as if that were a significant contribution  
>>to the conversation or that they, themselves, had an ounce of  
>>"proof" to their collective names.

>Thus far the so called skeptics and  
>debunkers have not contributed an ounce of proof themselves.

Yawn.

As I said, no one has any proof, nor have I ever claimed to have  
any, Robert. As I pointed out, stating the obvious is not the  
same thing as contributing to the discussion at hand.

But while we're on the topic of proof, do you (or anyone else)  
have any proof that the neighbors claims are true about Trent?  
If so, then which claims have been proven? The ones that say he  
couldn't fake a photo. The ones that claim he would never do  
something like this? The ones that say he is honest to the point  
of never pulling a prank? You state the obvious about lack of  
proof, then seem to ignore the fact that it applies to  
everyone, including you. Please prove me wrong, because, as I  
said, I would really like the Trent photos to be real.

Of course, there is the possibility that you don't believe the  
claims of Trent's neighbors, yourself, and are just debating for  
the fun of it. At this point, I don't know which "impression" to  
believe. Should I choose one without some validation, here?

Robert writes:

>Please tell us what your (not anybody else's) standard of  
>proof is.

> >>list wouldn't even exist. So, stating the obvious  
isn't the same >>as contributing to the discussion at hand. The  
best we can do is > >Apparently you don't understand the  
obvious. Even if we had so >called "proof" the discussion would  
continue to go on and on. >Please don't let my remark cause you  
not to tell us what your >standards of proof are.

I agree that the debate will go on and on. But you have to  
admit, not using a little common sense only lengthens the debate  
artificially.

What is my standard of proof? Well, I guess that would depend  
on the case. In the case of Trent, I feel that seeing a common  
object like a truck mirror that looks like the mystery object in  
the photos would be enough for me. Of course, I suppose it is  
possible that there could be ET craft that just happens to  
look like a terrestrial object. But then again, if it can look  
like a truck mirror, then why not have it look like an airplane  
or a helicopter or a jet? That would be far less noticeable.

This is where "common sense" kicks in (for some, anyway) and  
says, "Wait a minute..." I mean, what are the odds that an ET  
craft would look like a truck mirror, you know? And if we accept  
that, then I suppose the ETs on Billy Meirs page just HAPPEN to  
look like the girls from Dean Martin's TV show (or where ever)  
or that the Adamski craft just HAPPENS to look like the  
electrical do-dad that came to light recently. I mean, there has  
to be an end to coincidences, don't you think? Otherwise, any  
photo of a piepan is fair game (even cherry flavor ;).

<respectful snip of usual Super Bowl landing analogy>

I wrote:

>>Of course, just try suggesting that UFOs are really planes or  
>>that SETI isn't a waste of time or that some abductions are not  
>>valid.

Robert relies:

>I agree with you on that one. Trying to tell the gullible  
>believers that a light in the sky is fact an airliner on final  
>approach will be scorned as much as a UFO investigator telling a  
>room full of skeptics that the Trent photos are likely real.

I think you missed my point. I wasn't suggesting that the light  
in the sky was an airliner instead of ET craft. I was actually  
pointing out that it could be an ET craft that LOOKED like an  
airliner. Makes as much sense to me as an ET craft that looks  
like a truck mirror.

Finally, I wrote:

>>There is also a difference between a believer and a zealot.  
>>Somewhere in the middle of these four horsemen is the very  
>>non-apocalyptic view of an average joe that finds UFOs  
>>interesting, likes to ask hard questions and doesn't always  
>>believe everything tossed up for a spike from either side of the  
>>net.

Robert wrote:

>I agree.

Careful. We can't start a trend, here.

I ended with:

>>Argumentative? Maybe. But hardly heresy. Ufology needs to grow  
>>up and stop being afraid of its own shadow.

Robert closed with:

>Over the years, I would observe that skeptics and debunkers are  
>the ones afraid of the UFO shadow.

Ahhhh. Another "impression", Robert?

Roger

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>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 14:12:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000 - Velez

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 22:46:57 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Previously, John wrote:

>But I'm still not quite  
>satisfied that what you and Jeff have found and presented to the  
>public in terms of justification of the hoax oppinion is  
>-conclusive- enough to justify dismissing the tape as a complete  
>hoax.

>One or two 'inconsistent frames' does not a hoaxed video make!

Hi, John!

Let's say that you had a series of photos of a UFO taken by one cameraman. Now, in a majority of the photos, the images look dead-on real. Then, in one of the photos, there is an obvious string supporting the UFO. Obviously, one could take the approach that:

- A) The aliens made the photo look that way to mess with us
- B) All the photos without the string are real.
- C) The string isn't really a string but an anomaly of the photographic process
- D) All the photos are fake.

Now, considering that video is made of thousands of "photos" strung together electronically, the analogy is clear. If just one has the tell-tale flaw, then the rest are suspect. Further, if one defies the laws of optics, then the rest are more than suspect; they are not to be trusted at all. Considering the way video is created, I would say that one or two 'inconsistent frames' does, indeed, make for a hoaxed video. There is no logical or technical explanation for how those frames would be different other than that the person doing the compositing messed up and skipped them.

Unless, of course, the aliens "made the video camera mess up".....

Hoo-boy.

Roger

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:49:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Ledger

>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:44:33 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Mark and Roger-Re your respective items below:

This is slightly off the mark [no pun Mark] however last evening I watched an episode of American Science Frontiers about neuroplasticity. These experiments showed how witnessed events could be influenced by other data introduced while reviewing these events. In this case Alan Alda was subjected to a little live scenario involving a couple having a picnic beside a river. Alda was asked to notice how many times each of the two people stood upright from their positions on a blanket on the riverbank. Rightly Alda reasoned that there was more to this experiment than what he was asked to observe.

Actually he was later shown photographs taken of the scenario and asked if the objects in the pictures were actually there at the time he watched it. He agreed with one photograph that showed the female drinking bottled water that in reality had not been part of the scenario and also an umbrella that had not been in the scenario.

Likely these would have been reasonable items to be expected at a picnic.

I can't get into the whole show here, mostly because I've forgotten most of it already however it explored many areas that we have been seeing here about the failure of human memory. It explores how memories are stored and how they can be influenced by other later but related events such as emotions and auditory inputs.

There is a likelihood of that program being repeated tonight at a later time on the PBS channels. I watched it late in any event off satellite last night.

Being an old duffer myself, I've been more sympathetic lately to those who decry witness memories of certain events. The program did not however get into traumatic memory which are more likely to be deeply embedded than common everyday events. JFK's assassination is one example. An upclose encounter with a UFO might be another. I'm sure that there are war veterans [tens of thousands] who would argue that there are detailed memories that they have that are accurate right down to little details and some they wish they could forget.

best,

Don Ledger

>>You want to know what "common sense" tells me? It tells me that,

>>if an ET wanted to really keep from being noticed as he/she/it  
>>flies about in the skies above us, then the craft of choice  
>>would look exactly like an airplane or a jet or a helicopter.  
>>You know what else common sense tells me? If ET life wanted to  
>>talk to us, they would do it in RF and not in some super  
>>advanced mode of communication that they know we wouldn't have a  
>>rat's ass chance of understanding. Know what else common sense  
>>tells me? That if ET life can read our minds, then they already  
>>know that we use hypnotic regression all the time and would plan  
>>accordingly.

>The problem, Roger, is this. You are making assumptions not  
>justified by the data.

>If the UFO data represents a real phenomenon, it seems to be  
>telling us, among other things...

>  
>1) UFO and whatever they represent don't really care about  
>talking to us any more than we care about talking to  
>grasshoppers.

>2) UFO don't care too much about being noticed, they just  
>don't want to be caught.

>So your propositions are rather strange in that they are not  
>driven by the data but by your assumption of how things should  
>be; and indeed, those assumptions seem to be directly  
>contradicted by the data. Thus, to complain about this is simply  
>circular reasoning ("the data is wrong because the data doesn't  
>look like it should if it were caused by something acting the  
>way I think it should").

>Such assumptions were what led to the development of epicycles  
>rather than a heliocentric system. They were what led to the  
>denial of the existence of meteorites. They were what led to the  
>frequent attempts by humans to create aircraft that fly the way  
>birds do.

>In other words, they are not only not relevant, but they also  
>get in the way of actually examining the data and drawing  
>conclusions from it.

>When dealing with an unknown phenomenon, deduction is not a safe  
>method of reasoning - induction (reasoning from specific data to  
>generalities) is at least safer. Why? Because until you have a  
>large volume of inductively valid conclusions, any theory that  
>can be imposed by deductive reasoning is science-fiction at best  
>and fantasy at worse.

>Please see:

><http://trochim.human.cornell.edu/kb/dedind.htm>

>for more on the differences between these types of reasoning.

>Now, mind you, I oppose deductive reasoning on both sides of the  
>belief fence. The data has just not been subjected to enough  
>induction to generate worthy higher level hypotheses of origin  
>and intent, or to claim the invalidity of all UFO reports on the  
>basis of the invalidity of a sample.

>So, far, for all the noise generated, few classifications of UFO  
>reports have been created. Those systems are needed in order to  
>pursue patterns in the data. Those patterns may be of use to OEH  
>(Objective Existence Hypothesis) or to MHH (Misperception /  
>Hallucination / Hoax Hypothesis) adherents. But the problem is  
>that very little work has been done on either side. The ETH  
>proponents argue the validity of individual cases and the MHH  
>proponents argue the invalidity of individual cases. At least  
>the ETH proponents are willing to use some criterion for  
>accepting or rejecting a report. The MHH adherents seem only  
>willing to reject reports, no matter how fantastic the required  
>explanation may be in denying the observational powers of the  
>witness, of instruments, of physics, or of perceptual psychology  
>as we know it. Nevertheless, I contend that without a ferment of  
>work in classification we are not going to get anywhere in  
>induction, and without induction we are not going to get  
>anywhere near any useful deduction. And that includes MHH.

>Common sense is not a good guide to science. Common sense does  
>very well at looking back at known phenomena, and does very

>poorly with phenomena outside a narrow range of size, time, and  
>distance. For instance, relativity, which is one of the most  
>highly verified theories in human history, violates common  
>sense. Rulers get shorter and longer. Gravity is a 4D dent in 3D  
>space. Clocks run at different rates when they fly at different  
>speeds or are in different gravity fields/. Who would have  
>though it, using common sense?

>So let's leave common sense out of deciding how UFOs should  
>behave and leave it in place when on the ground dealing with  
>witnesses. Once the witnesses pass every common sense test,  
>then, for crying out loud, move on and work with the data they  
>provide. Get something done beside squabbling.

>Don't believe in UFOs? Show how patterns in UFO reports can be  
>reliably compared with patterns in provably non-real phenomena  
>using impeccable and accepted statistical methods. Believe in  
>UFOs? Show what patterns exist in UFO reports and how they are  
>different from those present in provably non-real phenomena.  
>Doubt the validity of perception of elevation and angular size?  
>Take some subjects out into a field and test them on known  
>objects unpredictably presented, and make sure those objects  
>have an unpredictable appearance.

>Just try it.

>Have a look at:

><http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/methodology/doingsscienceonufos.htm>

>for some ideas on the real work that is waiting to be done.

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>Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

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>- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

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## Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

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Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

Last updated: 22 Nov 2000 15:05 GMT (Reuters)

NEW YORK (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. IBM.N said on Wednesday it sold the U.S. Air Force a supercomputer to help it to identify unidentified flying objects.

The Air Force's Space Surveillance Team, based in Maui, Hawaii, will use the supercomputer to hunt outer space for old satellites, foreign spacecraft, and other UFOs that may be hurtling toward Earth, IBM said.

The IBM system will be used to detect and identify some 9000 objects currently flying around in Earth's orbit. The computer can process 480 billion calculations per second -- making it about 40 times faster than the IBM "Deep Blue" supercomputer that defeated chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1997.

That processing capability will be used to improve blurry telescopic images of space objects, allowing Defense Department military officials to identify the object.

The new supercomputer was part of a \$10 million system upgrade, IBM said.

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## 'Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your Mind'

From: Ron Cecchini <[Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM](mailto:Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 08:16:10 -0500  
Subject: 'Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your Mind'

There's still a couple of showings left.

I highly recommend viewing this program, particularly for what it has to say about the malleability of our memories.

The other stunning revelation is that it's becoming more and more accepted that our neurophysiology is \*not\* fixed at birth, as was previously believed; i.e. the actual, physical structures of the brains can change based on the human's experience and so forth -- but it's the bit about memories that made me make this post.

Obviously, I would find this research applicable in the area of contactee/abductee research, as well as encounters that don't involve contact with other beings but where a long period of time may have lapsed.

(BTW, the program makes no mention of UFOs, ETs, etc.)

It was also interesting just how easily a false memory was created in Alan Alda. This is something I claim to experience myself, that I apparently seem to have memories of things that I find out later didn't happen (no, I don't think I'm an "experienter" ... "absent-minded" or "dork" is more like it).

Furthermore, some researchers are finding that under \*some\* very limited conditions (although this research is still in its infancy) they can tell -- they can actually see on their monitors -- when a person is "experiencing" or "replaying" a true memory versus a false memory. Again, no mention of "contactees", but they do mention the obvious implications for futuristic "lie detectors" and so forth.

Anyway, have a good holiday people.  
(non-U.S. people have a good weekend as well!)

Don't forget "Best of Cosmos" on Sunday ...

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Changing Your Mind  
<http://www.pbs.org/saf/1101/>

Investigate a spectrum of fascinating topics in the sciences and beyond with host Alan Alda, a genuine science buff whose participation in the program goes far beyond that of most documentary hosts. In the first episode of this popular series' 11th season, Alda meets two young women whose brains have remodeled themselves -- one temporarily in response to a week of being blindfolded, the other permanently after a devastating brain injury before birth. They are dramatic examples of "neuroplasticity" -- today's hot topic in brain research. Alda also joins researchers who have overthrown the conventional wisdom that adults can't grow new brain cells. Also new this month: SuperPeople (11/28), about folks who are pushing themselves to the limits of human performance.

Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your Mind  
Tuesday, 11/21 at 8pm on Ch. 2

Thursday, 11/23 at 8pm on Ch. 44  
Friday, 11/24 at 9pm on Ch. 44

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Next month looks to be another really good episode:

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Life's Really Big Questions  
<http://www.pbs.org/saf/1103/>

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

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>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto ' <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:08:38 -0500

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 14:05:24 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

><snip>

>>Sounds like they 'came forward' once they saw the TV program.  
>>You should bear in mind that when somebody has a UFO sighting  
>>(especially if it's a whopper of a sighting) the tendency would  
>>be to talk to only one or two very close or trusted  
>>individuals. The fear of being thought crazy or of being  
>>ostracized by social acquaintances for 'telling such tales'  
>>pretty much precludes that the witnesses would have been running  
>>around reporting to police or associates. I'm not surprised that  
>>they didn't report until the program aired. If anything, this  
>>detail lends an air of 'truth' to the story (fits in with the  
>>way people really behave) rather than one of deception.

>I know that I'm comparing apples to oranges here, but if such a  
>craft were witnesses over the skies of Washington there would be  
>more than a few people calling the local authorities. This  
>wasn't a "light in the sky" but a large craft that was moving  
>fairly slowly over a section of Mexico City (which is far larger  
>than the Nation's Capital).

Hiya Steve,

See my response to Josh Goldstein (in this same thread) about  
'big city' sightings and people reporting. ;)

>IMO, the fear "of being ostracized by social acquaintances for  
>'telling such tales'" seems to be much more likely on our side  
>of the border. Given the differences in our cultures, we need to  
>have a sociologist in this discussion.

Oye! No me pongas bravo! (Don't piss me off! <LOL>) I AM a  
Latino! Puerto Rican to be precise. You'd need a microscope to  
see the difference between our 'Latino' island culture and that  
of the Mexicans. Two ends of the same stick. Or as we say in  
Spanish,

"La misma mierda con palito diferente." ;)

If anything, Latino's, who are very 'social' and 'family'  
oriented, would be less likely to openly discuss a matter that  
they know would be looked upon with skepticism or disdain. They  
just wouldn't tend to bring up anything that they think might  
"alienate" their beloved family members. Or how they are thought  
of within the family.

The family members would most likely be concerned for the sanity  
and well being of their loved one. And being an "Old Fashioned  
Values" bunch, they would think the person is crazy. The

person would then become a topic of discussion where ever two or more tongue wagging family members would assemble. In short, it would be like defecating on the dinner table during a family reunion. Like that.

\_That\_ is how a Latino family might react. :)

>I would speculate that the sighting of a large unknown craft  
>(South of the Border) would cause many to seek help and advice  
>from religious leaders as to what it meant.

We're not all "good Catholics" Steve. I'm not "Catholic" at all. Neither is anybody else in my -large- family. The last thing a "Velez" would think to do is to go running to a Priest to confess! <LOL>That all or even many Latino's are Catholics who run to priests at the first sign of crisis, is just an old wives tale/stereotype.

>But these witnesses should have the opportunity to tell their  
>story and it should be investigated fully.

I agree 100%. The problem is, nobody is "doing it."

>I wouldn't want to pre-judge those who were interviewed, but  
>unless one wants to buy into the concept that those on the craft  
>were merely toying with us and only allowing certain people to  
>see the craft, the fact that so few witnesses have been found is  
>IMO significant.

It is Steve. I'm just not so sure that 'most folks' would run to report such a sighting to anyone. For all the reasons mentioned above. Ergo, few witnesses actually turn up to report.

If you knew nothing at all about UFOs or ufology, would you voluntarily and by yourself walk into a police station and report that you saw a UFO/flying saucer over your head?

Think about doing it as a 'real world event' and not just an intellectual exercise.

"Reporting" is not as easy to do as you'd first think eh? When you think about it in this way, you get to see what you actually have to put down on the line if you were to have to do it. It's just a damned hard thing to do period. Why do you think I showered GT with accolades for having the rocks to share his sighting report? You know me. I don't give away 'candy' that easily or that often. Reporting takes very real courage and a ton of agonizing and forethought. People think it's a joke. It's not. Public reporting of such a thing is one of the hardest things a person can do. ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 08:34:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 22:08:10 +0100  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>Hello Jim and UpDates,

>I must confess that I have not personally investigated this  
>video and I have only followed it for years on UFO UpDates, etc.

Hiya Josh,

You really should take more than a cursory look at it, and yes  
I'm bothered by the same questions that you are.

>The nagging questions I have are:

>Who has checked police logs, press, and any other sources  
>witnesses to a UFO might have contacted? What did they show?

>Did the two witnesses contact Jaime Maussion on their own  
>volition?

>Or was the area of the video canvassed to locate possible  
>witnesses?

>Did any investigators ask any leading questions?

>If a large number of people did not report a UFO, why?

>Once again, camera jitter and selective revelation to two does  
>not sound that kosher.

>I feel the same way when I read a report of 1 or 2 people seeing  
>a large UFO over New York City. I am not talking about abductee  
>or contactee reports but just witnessess to a plainly visible  
>object in a metropolitan area.

>My guess is that a large number of people would have witnessed  
>this object.

Yeah you'd think so. But the real deal is that few people ever  
look up in crowded urban environments so that cuts the number of  
potential witnesses way down right there. Also if was a cloudy,  
overcast day (as it appears to have been) there wouldn't have  
been many folks out perambulating around anyway.

I've got a good one just for you Josh. It'll help to illustrate  
a point about 'big city' sightings.

During the last major power failure in New York City, (1977 ?)  
My landlord's 17 Y.O. daughter and myself had a sighting. We  
were all, (my wife, myself, my landlord, his wife, and two of  
his daughters) sitting around on our front porch ruminating

about how long it was going to take to get power restored. From our street corner in Bay Ridge Brooklyn we could see the top half of the Twin Towers in lower Manhattan and a good portion of the downtown skyline. I decided to take a walk down to the corner to see if power had been restored in Manhattan. It was still daylight but approaching evening so I figured I might spot a few 'lights' on, on or in some of the buildings. My landlord's daughter (Regina) asked if she could accompany me and I said sure. Off we went.

When we got to the corner Regina let out a yelp and said, "What the Hell is that?" Suspended over the Twin Towers was a loooooong, all white, cigarette shaped 'thing' that had to be a quarter mile long. My jaw dropped and my eyes bugged out. When I turned to say something to Regina she was gone! She was running back up towards the house to either get everybody down to the corner or just to blurt out a report. I have no idea which.

I looked back at this 'thing' which was just hovering/suspended over the Towers when a really bright flash came out of it and it just disappeared. Right before my eyes it was gone. Poof. One second it's there, gonzo the next. I stood there dumbfounded half expecting the thing to reappear. It didn't.

We buzzed and buzzed about it for a couple of hours and then it was over. Later that night I'm laying in bed with a transistor radio to my ear and I'm listening for news reports or 'something' about that thing and the big flash, and how it had just disappeared and all. Nothing, absolutely nothing on any newscasts that whole night.

At about 3 or 3:30 AM I'm now listening to a call in talk show when a woman caller asks, " Did anybody else see that long white cylinder over the buildings downtown?" I sat up in bed.

"Did anyone see the flash?" she asked.

I spent the next two hours trying to get through to that radio station to confirm the lady's 'sighting' of that long white thing, whatever it was.

Just four years ago I saw a photo on the web that had appeared in either Life or Time Magazine (not sure which) that was taken on the day of the blackout of the Manhattan skyline taken from the Brooklyn/Queens side of the East River close to the Manhattan Bridge. It showed the long white thing over downtown Manhattan and was asking the question about what the 'thing' might be. If I can find it again I'll post the URL so interested folks can check it out.

The point is, something that big, over New York City, in broad daylight, and only myself, my landlord's daughter Regina, and that lady from Manhattan saw the thing? I don't think so. What I think it shows is that; most folks who have a 'major league freaky' sighting like that will have a strong tendency to keep their mouths shut about it. I honestly believe that keeping your mouth shut about such things is the norm. Not the exception.

That's why I'm not surprised about the number of witnesses re: the Mexico City UFO.

For what it's worth.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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## Re: ET Evidence - Sparks

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 09:11:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Sparks

>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:01:30 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
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>>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>>>antenna. As the  
>>>>rotation of the Earth swept the antenna past some particular  
>>>>point in the stellar sphere, a loud (15 decibels above  
>>>>background noise level) unmodulated radio signal came in.

><snip>

>>>>By various means, the scientists determined that the source was  
>>>>"stationary with respect to the stars" which seems to exclude  
>>>>satellites, Earth based echoes and other mundane causes. These  
>>>>>would either be stationary - rotating with the antenna, drifting  
>>>>like a signal bounced from the ionosphere, or in some ballistic  
>>>>or orbital trajectory like a satellite. The 'WOW' signal came  
>>>>from one particular point in the sky, as determined by the  
>>>>geometry and characteristics of the receiving antenna etc.

>>>John & Larry & List,

>>I can't find enough info to justify the conclusions that the WOW  
>>signal could not have come from a satellite, perhaps in a  
>>geostationary orbit, etc. From a geostationary orbit the signal  
>>would appear in a fixed location relative to the antenna and  
>>would have no ballistic trajectory or a detectable Doppler shift

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>>>I don't have the stellar coordinates at hand

><snip>

>Again I cannot find enough info to settle these points.

>>Brad

>Hello Brad:

>A major misunderstanding here, please re-read the original posts  
>(or the above).

>The source was determined to be fixed with respect to the stars,  
>\_not\_ the Earth as in geostationary or anything like that!

>That means one point in space, with no relation to the Earth's  
>rotation. This is made clear in the SETI link I provided  
>earlier.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry,

I don't believe it without sufficient data to justify it, which is what I originally said.

I could not find the alleged "stellar coordinates" and certainly saw no mention of an upper limit on how stationary the signal supposedly was with respect to the stars. It was detected for only 10 seconds from what I gathered -- in that amount of time geostationary coordinates would drift only about 1/9,000 of a degree of right ascension with respect to sidereal coordinates (about 0.0001 deg). There is no necessity that it would ever repeat if it came from a classified satellite possibly using certain bands for rare transmissions expected not to be monitored by opposing intelligence agencies, such as one-time only signal intended for an espionage agent on the ground.

Until these possibilities can be eliminated with real data, not opinions however assertedly authoritative, I will remain unconvinced.

Best wishes,

Brad

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

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Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 17:09:34 -0800  
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Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

List,

Unidentified space objects are being 'spun' as UFOs on a popular alternative news Website - IBM Sells Air Force New Supercomputer To Identify UFOs!

Here's what the IBM press release actually said. It's peppered with high-tech jargon that only Silicon Valley and hard-core Ufologists could truly love.

The supercomputer eye-in-the-sky imaging system ostensibly helps track all that space debris out there. Read the lines, or between 'em...

-eWarrior  
(Kurt Jonach)

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<http://www.ibm.com/news/2000/11/22.phtml>  
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### SUPERCOMPUTER HELPS U.S. IDENTIFY OBJECTS IN SPACE

The Maui High Performance Computing Center is using a powerful IBM SP supercomputer to identify objects in space, including old satellites, foreign spacecraft and unidentified objects.

The new supercomputer assembles photos of objects tracked by U.S. Air Force telescopes, helping to ensure the nation's defense, as well as the safety of NASA space flights. It can process 480 billion calculations per second and is 40 times faster than the IBM "Deep Blue" supercomputer that defeated chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1997.

The SP is the electronic brain that supports the system that locates, tracks and images satellites using ground based telescopes. The images are then digitally enhanced by the supercomputer, using algorithms to improve images in only three to five seconds.

The dramatic improvement in image quality produced by the IBM SP allows the government to identify space objects. In addition, close-up images of damaged spacecraft assist the government in determining the extent of the damage.

The new supercomputer achieves a peak processing capability of 480 billion calculations a second by harnessing the computing power of 320 IBM POWER3-II microprocessors, 224 gigabytes of memory and 2.9 terabytes of IBM disk.

The microprocessors are based on IBM's copper technology. Microprocessors built with copper provide superior performance to those that contain traditional aluminum because copper is a better electrical conductor than aluminum.

The center is at the University of New Mexico.

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## Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent

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Stig

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Pagasa debunks UFO sightings

By Minerva S. Zamora

CLARK FIELD -- Government scientists Tuesday debunked the recent UFO sightings in nearby Mabalacat town and Angeles city saying the mysterious lights seen by local residents last Friday evening came from a land-based light source.

Elmor Escosia, head of the Philippine Atmospheric and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) UFO team, said interviews gathered by his team indicated that the light came from a halogen spotlight usually used by business or commercial establishments to attract people.

Escosia, along with four other team members, went to Clark Field and San Fernando town to investigate reports of mysterious dancing lights seen by local residents at night.

He cited the team's discovery in Marilao, Bulacan last February where strange lights hovering at night were sighted in Novaliches, Quezon city and other parts of Bulacan.

Escosia said the mysterious lights emanated from a P250,000 halogen spotlight capable of beaming light at a 30-kilometer radius.

Last Friday, residents from Angeles City and Mabalacat were baffled when a strange light hovered above the skies from six to 11 p.m.

Incidentally, a weekend party-concert was being held along the Balibago entertainment district during the time of the sightings.

A halogen spotlight similar to Escosia's discovery in Bulacan was also used during the concert held in front of Sax Jazz Bar and Restaurant in Barangay Balibago.

In San Fernando, a similar halogen spotlight was also used at the Mr. Golf Driving Range and Restaurant two weeks ago.

Escosia noted that people normally tend to exaggerate what they see when they fail to identify the light source.

He also cited the alleged UFO sightings in Las Pinas and Cavite which later turned out to be man-made hot air balloons used every May 18 in celebration of Cavite's patron saint.

But Escosia said his team has yet to identify other unexplained UFO sightings including the saucer-like aircraft which

reportedly landed in Valencia, Ormoc city in 1984.

Escosia also said his team is set to investigate another UFO sighting in Negros Occidental. He said at least 10 persons reportedly saw a ball of light hovering for about 10 minutes last September 23.

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## US Air Force's Nuclear Flying Saucer

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[Non-Subscriber Post]

Popular Mechanics has now posted this article to their website, and it is available for public viewing. A real boon for those who did not manage to find a copy of the magazine.

<http://popularmechanics.com/popmech/sci/0011STSPAP.html>

Roger Cook,

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UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 5, Number 47  
November 23, 2000  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

### GIANT LUMINOUS UFO FLIES OVER RUSSIAN TROOPS IN THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS

A large luminous UFO flew over Russian troops dug in along the ridges in Dagestan during the early morning hours of Tuesday, November 14, 2000.

This region of the Caucasus Mountains, just west of the Caspian Sea, has been the scene of heavy fighting recently between Russian troops and soldiers of the breakaway republic of Chechnya and their Islamic guerrilla allies.

"Alarms went off at 1 a.m. local time yesterday (November 14, 2000) and an hour later. Confusion was extreme in the Dagestan hills bordering Chechnya."

"At 2 a.m. local time, the first lucid reports began to come in from the Magaramkent region on the Caspian Sea regarding the unidentified flying object which had caused Russian forces to sound 'Battle stations.'"

"Soldiers provided a detailed description of the object because they witnessed it for a long time as it slowly continued toward the (Caspian) sea. Some garrisons noticed that it was an object flying at low altitude, some 100 meters (330 feet above ground) and had three fluorescent lights above it with two-meter (six feet, seven inches) spaces between them, according to the Russian Ministry of the Interior in Dagestan."

"Scientists at the Russian Academy of Science in Dagestan were cautious and related their unwillingness to state if the object in question was indeed a UFO."

"Several civilian witnesses agreed on the description of the lights arrangement on the mysterious phenomenon while hesitating to ascribe its origin to a secret weapon of the Russian Army or some new weapon in the hands of the Islamic separatists."

STAVKA (Russian military command--J.T.) in Dagestan scrambled a flight of Sukhoi Su-27 jet fighters to intercept the UFO but "the jet fighters arrived--too late--into the pursuit."

"Acting quickly to forestall any possible rumors," the Russians "indicated that it could be a NATO spy plane interested in Russian military maneuvers in the Caucasus and the Caspian" regions.



On the rebel side, however, the Muslims hailed the UFO phenomenon as a sign from Allah.

"Muslim leaders in Dagestan were less ambiguous in their statements." They claimed "the strange phenomenon was a portent which bore a message from Allah himself. Even an imam (Islamic spiritual leader--J.T.) for Dagestan stated that without any doubt 'a djinn (genie--J.T.), an angel or another heavenly being, since Allah's Garden of Bliss is filled with these.'"

Three days later, the small Caucasus nation of Georgia, located 320 kilometers (200 miles) southwest of the Caspian Sea, suffered a mysterious nationwide power failure.

"Georgia's power grid failed Friday," November 19, 2000) throwing most of the Caucasus Mountain country of 5.3 million people into darkness and stranding rush hour subway passengers in the capital, Tbilisi, officials said."

"Some lights were flickering back on several hours after sunset. The Black Sea town of Batumi, which gets part of its power from neighboring Turkey, had some electricity."

"Hundreds of people gathered in dark streets Friday, sounding frantic and outraged. Some lit fires for light and warmth and chanted, 'Light! Light!' Motorists honked horns in protest. Most later went home."

"The late afternoon blackout occurred when 'the entire system, the whole grid, failed,' Minister of Fuel and Energy David Mirtskhuvala said, calling it 'a massive problem.'"

"'Cold, hunger, everything in ruins--people are fleeing Georgia,' said Valeri Beridze, 50, an engineer."

"Subway service was restored later in the evening after a breakdown that left riders shaking with anxiety. 'It was pitch dark, and I was scared,' said Ivesta Darsavelidze, 30, a teacher." (See the Spanish newspaper Diario de mallorca for November 15, 2000. Also the Chicago Tribune for November 18, 2000, "Protesters grow irate as blackouts plague ex-Soviet republic Georgia," Section 1, page 8. Many thanks to Scott Corrales and Edoardo Russo for the Spanish newspaper article.)

#### CHUPACABRA SIGHTED IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA

"The Laboulaye police are looking into reports of a strange apparition in the city's Belgrano neighborhood, although they dismiss the likelihood of it being an extra-terrestrial phenomenon."

Laboulaye is a small city in northern Argentina, just south of the border with Bolivia, located about 900 kilometers (540 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

"Regional Unit 10 of the Cordoba Provincial Police, headquartered in Laboulaye, is investigating the apparition of a creature that is described as 'being 'between a humanoid and a wolf.', allegedly seen by witnesses in this well-populated neighborhood."

"According to some locals, the creature moves nimbly between the shadows and is responsible for the deaths of small animals, which led them to recall a similar apparition seen last year in the city."

"According to the Circulo Ovniologico Riocuartense (Ufology Circle of Rio Cuarto--J.T.), which studies these phenomena, the apparition could be linked to the 'Chupacabra,' an alleged animal which has attacked goats and sheep in a number of locations in Cordoba" province.

"Resident Jesus Peralta was the first to claim that he saw it in an empty field in the Belgrano neighborhood, to the north of the department of Roque Saenz Pena."

"'It looks just like a curly dog but of great size, with red eyes, walking on all fours and standing on two (hind) legs to howl. It's swift and vanishes when one tries to (cast a beam of) light on it.' Peralta claims to have fired twice at it

without any effect."

"Several other witnesses tell of having seen it jump over a 2.2 meter (7-foot) barbed wire fence and run a 100-meter (330-foot) block in five seconds--twice as fast as the Olympic athletes who run such a distance."

"The disconcerting description reached the ears of the Comision Investigadopre de Contactos Extraterrestres (Investigatory Commission for Extraterrestrial Contacts, also known as COMEX--J.T.) of Rio Cuarto, a UFO study group,. Lucio Rossi, a member of COMEX, was the first to state that this could be the infamous 'Chupacabra' and advised that the group will visit the provincial city to collect eyewitness accounts and further observe the phenomenon." (See Megadiario de Rio Cuarto for November 19, 2000, and La Voz del Interior of Cordoba, Argentina for November 19, 2000. Muchas gracias a Gloria Coluchi y Scott Corrales, auto de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico para eses articulos de diario.)

(Chupacabras And Other Mysteries is available from Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk)

#### STRANGE SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN RENDLESHAM FOREST

"The first investigator to research the Rendlesham UFO sightings will return to the site of the alleged landing (in 1980) to search for other strange lights."

"Ufologist Brenda Butler claims there has been a marked increase in unidentified bright lights in recent weeks, which are centered upon Rendlesham Forest, close to the former American air base at Woodbridge."

"She will be among a group of UFO spotters from throughout East Anglia who will converge on the forest to spend time monitoring the skies to gain evidence to back up their claims."

"Mrs. Butler, who's writing a book about her UFO experiences, said, 'Reports of orange balls, white balls, little people (humanoids), discs, roaring noises, weird animal noises and footprints all go to show something is still not right in Rendlesham Forest.'"

"Mrs. Butler, a supervisor in a home for people with learning difficulties, said, 'Since 1980, there have been lots of sightings, but in the last two years an enormous number seen by members of Skywatch and by people living in the area.'"

'There is definitely something going on. If you take into account all these sightings, and I think they are coming in through a hole in time. To me, they look like holograms.'"

"She was the first person to investigate the 1980 incident close to the east gate at Woodbridge airfield after an American told a friend of Mrs. Butler's what he had seen."

"But it was not until 1983 that the story became world famous with the publication of an official memo written by the deputy base commander, Lt. Col. Charles Halt," USAF. (See the Evening Star of Suffolk, UK for November 17, 2000, "UFO expected to return after new sightings." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### "MILE-LONG" UFO SPOTTED IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA

On Friday afternoon, November 10, 2000, the male witness was outdoors at his rural home two miles southwest of Elk City, Oklahoma 10,500) in western Oklahoma when he saw a fast-moving group of black helicopters flying low over the prairie.

The witness described them as "five or six dark gray military helicopters."

The following day, Saturday, November 11, 2000, at 7:10 p.m., Oklahoma ufologist Jim Hickman "was contacted by the witness," who said "he was seeing" a UFO about one mile (1,600 meters) long "moving west of Elk City. He described the UFO as having three steady white lights and one blinking red (light). It was reported moving from the southeast to the southwest."

Hickman reported, "I immediately went outside my residence and to my southwest I saw a very bright white light approximately 20 degrees above the horizon. It appeared to be much brighter than aircraft landing lights. I was able to look at the object through binoculars. It did appear to have three bright white lights and one blinking red, just as described. I noticed a white 'beam' aimed at the ground that went out just as I was looking at it. I estimated that the object was the size of a pencil eraser held at arm's length."

"The witness described the object as seen in the southwest. I saw it to the southwest. There are three to four miles between the two of us.. I'm estimating that the object was two miles to the southwest of me at its closest approach. The wind was five to ten miles per hour (8 to 16 kilometers per hour) from the north at the time of the sighting."

"This got me interested so I jumped in my vehicle and drove to the area the witness had described. I could still see the object quite far off to the southwest, and it was a dull orange color. It had moved several miles in at least the five minutes it took me to get there."

"I watched the object continue to move to the southwest and disappear," Hickman added, "I decided to return to my residence at this time. A few minutes later, I received a call from the witness stating that they had seen the object suddenly disappear, and a bright yellow light flew straight up from it."

"There have been several sightings of a similar object near the towns of Foss, Canute and Clinton Lake here in Oklahoma, and it appears we are having another flap."

Elk City is on Interstate Highway I-40 approximately 113 miles (130 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City. (Many thanks to Jim Hickman for this report.)

#### WOMAN MOTORIST SEES A HOVERING UFO IN MINNESOTA

On Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 8:30 p.m., Mary F. left the seminar she had been teaching in Little Falls, Minnesota (population 4,000), got into her car and took Highway 27 east. It was a cold, snowy night with a very low cloud overcast, limited visibility and intermittent snow flurries.

As Mary drove east on Highway 27, heading for Pierz, Minn. (population 800), "driving alone during the snowstorm, I noticed very bright blue and white lights hovering at treetop level" beside the highway.

"I have no idea which direction it approached from," she added, "It made no sound at all."

Mary could see no object or fuselage, just the bright lights just above the trees, about 60 feet (18 meters) above the ground.

Little Falls is located 95 miles (152 kilometers) northwest of Minneapolis. (Email Form Report)

(Editor's Comment: It's unlikely that this was a passenger jetliner making its final approach. It was too low. And the nearest airport with a runway long enough to handle a passenger jet is here in Duluth--130 miles to the northeast.)

#### UNUSUAL UFO SIGHTED IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

On Wednesday, November 1, 2000, the witness, an 18-year-old male, was walking his dog near Union Street in Springfield, Massachusetts (population 220,000) when he spotted a strange light in the clear evening sky

"I was outside for perhaps five minutes before happening to look up, when I saw what looked like a Mars or Venus-sized white star-like object in deep space; then in four to seven seconds, it suddenly grew two to three times brighter (looking like Jupiter or Saturn's closest approach to Earth--witness) and then it seemed to get much closer to Earth for approximately two seconds. Then the white light almost simultaneously grew again in size to become approximately one-tenth of the moon's radius, and it gave off a circular-shaped spotlight effect that seemed

to almost beam down in my general direction some five blocks from downtown that was comparable to the effect from a lighthouse or a ground-based spotlight, only this was happening downward in my general direction from a position one to four miles (1,600 to 6,400 meters) overhead, with the object maintaining a static yet stationary position in the lower atmosphere."

"What was particularly odd to me was how far away the object was when I first noticed it and how quickly it came to be so visibly larger and close, never moving laterally in my direction.. The outer white light border was comparable to the moon's clean, crisp border but made of bright solid white light. The object and its white beaming circular light focused downward for several seconds, never wavering in intensity or size."

"Then, just as suddenly, it shrunk in size in reverse order, losing its intensity as it seemed to move directly upward and away from my position to an altitude that seemed to be several miles higher. Then the white light, approximately one-fifth of its former maximum size and intensity, moved off 30 to 40 degrees to the right and away from my position and faded out, leaving a short noticeably white-and-blue light streak whose tail was comet-like in appearance."

"What remained was an equally odd light blue/dark blue almost two-dimensional area filled with what looked like a hazy water-ripple halo effect which seemed to move in the same approximate direction as the blur of light (the UFO) . Within five to seven seconds, the halo effect was gone."

"I was transfixed during the entire 15-second event and watched it in its entirety and waited for perhaps 20 minutes after the event, just to see if something else might occur but nothing did."

Springfield is the third-largest city in Massachusetts and is located on Interstate Highway I-90, also known as the Mass Pike, and is located 90 miles (144 kilometers) west of Boston. (Many thanks to the Alberta UFO Group for this report.)

(Editor's Note: Springfield has a long history of UFO sightings. On December 20, 1909, during L'affaire Tillinghast or "the great airship invasion," an orange spherical UFO was seen hovering over the city.)

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#### READER FEEDBACK:

WHAT DOES THE HAMSTRUNG USA ELECTION HAVE TO DO WITH UFOs?

Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman of Maine writes, "Excuse me, but I don't know which John is responsible for this week's very pro-Bush and anti-Jewish statements, but could you explain to me what these have to do with UFOs? (See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 46) I find these comments very unfortunate and out of place in your usual otherwise great Roundup."

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That's it for this week. We'll be back in seven days with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then. And to our USA readers, enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner!

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>\_Something\_ causes the camera to rotate upward noticeably in  
>1/30 of a second causing the building edge to move down and the  
>smear to be obvious. What it was is not as important as the fact  
>that the UFO image was not smeared even though the building edge  
>was smeared.

<snip>

Hello Bruce:

To me at least, everything you have said about the entire video smacks of a superimposed image, i.e. a fake manufactured for profit.

I have removed the video case from my main database, and placed it into a list of discredited cases. I attach this list to one of my files in case someone asks " Why don't you have the XYZ affair in your database? "

That way its easy to look up, and I don't have to remember the details of every canard that comes down the pike.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>Subject: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

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>Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>Last updated: 22 Nov 2000 15:05 GMT (Reuters)

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Dear Stephen MILES Lewis:

Its about time. Their old MacIntosh was probably getting cranky,  
and gawd knows what dangerous junk is orbiting Earth as we type.

Literally anything that sorts wheat from chaff in this awful  
field is welcome.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I should add a small apology to anyone I earlier offended  
with some anti-MacIntosh comments earlier!

Its a bit like Fords versus Chevys, (to be generous) and a  
matter of personal preferences.

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 09:23:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:02:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Kaeser

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 18:14:13 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video -

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto ' <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:08:38 -0500

<snip>

John-

I was not aware of your background, and did not mean to classify  
... well, you know what I mean.

>We're not all "good Catholics" Steve. I'm not "Catholic" at all.  
>Neither is anybody else in my -large- family. The last thing a  
>"Velez" would think to do is to go running to a Priest to  
>confess! <LOL>That all or even many Latino's are Catholics who  
>run to priests at the first sign of crisis, is just an old wives  
>tale/stereotype.

>>But these witnesses should have the opportunity to tell their  
>>story and it should be investigated fully.

>I agree 100%. The problem is, nobody is "doing it."

Your comment about the culture being more family oriented and  
the core family group coming to the aid of its members to  
protect them is, I believe, a remnant of the "Christian"  
upbringing that most of those to come from Europe over the past  
five Centuries have brought with them. FYI, I was raised as a  
Unitarian, which is a far cry from being Catholic (and even  
Christian). I don't mean to perpetuate stereotypes, but the  
cultural lineage comes into play here, IMO. That being said, you  
would probably have a better handle on their reaction to the  
unknown than I.

>>I wouldn't want to pre-judge those who were interviewed, but  
>>unless one wants to buy into the concept that those on the craft  
>>were merely toying with us and only allowing certain people to  
>>see the craft, the fact that so few witnesses have been found is  
>>IMO significant.

>It is Steve. I'm just not so sure that 'most folks' would run to  
>report such a sighting to anyone. For all the reasons mentioned  
>above. Ergo, few witnesses actually turn up to report.

>If you knew nothing at all about UFOs or ufology, would you  
>voluntarily and by yourself walk into a police station and  
>report that you saw a UFO/flying saucer over your head?

>Think about doing it as a 'real world event' and not just an  
>intellectual exercise.

>"Reporting" is not as easy to do as you'd first think eh? When  
>you think about it in this way, you get to see what you



>\_actually\_ have to put down on the line if you were to have to  
>do it. It's just a damned hard thing to do period. Why do you  
>think I showered GT with accolades for having the rocks to share  
>his sighting report? You know me. I don't give away 'candy'  
>that easily or that often. Reporting takes very real courage and  
>a ton of agonizing and forethought. People think it's a joke.  
>It's not. Public reporting of such a thing is one of the hardest  
>things a person can do. ;)

We've all been down these roads before.

There is an assumption here that the witnesses that were found were not fully investigated, when in fact they may have been by Mexican UFO researchers. Witnesses in Mexico are no different than those in the US and I would suspect that all of the same limitations would apply. Veracity, from my perspective, has to be proven and cannot be assumed, when the goal is to prove something of this scope.

As I said, this needs to be examined and that examination needs to be published. What bothers me is that there are many people in Washington DC that I could approach and ask about a major sighting the day before and a percentage of them would probably admit to having seen it as well (even though I was making the story up on the spot). There is a percentage of the public that simply wants special attention, and it would be easy for them to be guided in their descriptions by an investigator who was trying to prove a pre-existing theory. I regret that some of this is probably going on in the abduction arena, which makes it far more difficult to get to the bottom of that particular mystery (IMO). I have found that by the time you dig through all the sociological and psychological factors, most anecdotal eyewitness testimony isn't worth all that much.

One factor in all of this that hasn't been mentioned is the fact that the provenance for the video is somewhat flawed. I don't believe that anyone actually located the individual who took the video, but Bruce indicated that the location of the building where it was shot was identified. In addition, I believe that he was able to trace it to a certain floor of that building that also (just by chance) has a video production firm on that side of the building. Given the fact that the video appears to be a very good hoax (given Jeff's analysis), it would seem that it was shot at a location that also housed the equipment that could do it.

All in all, I don't have particularly strong feelings about this case, and that many would like to investigate this further is not a bad thing. Unfortunately, ufology finds itself continuously chasing its own tail, trying to re-examine every facet of the genre over and over again as new researchers enter the fray.

John, I hope that you and everyone else has a tremendous Thanksgiving.

Steve

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 06:25:40 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:08:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 18:14:13 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video -

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>>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto ' <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:08:38 -0500

>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 14:05:24 -0500  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

<snip>

>>I know that I'm comparing apples to oranges here, but if such a  
>>craft were witnesses over the skies of Washington there would be  
>>more than a few people calling the local authorities. This  
>>wasn't a "light in the sky" but a large craft that was moving  
>>fairly slowly over a section of Mexico City (which is far larger  
>>than the Nation's Capital).

>Hiya Steve,

>See my response to Josh Goldstein (in this same thread) about  
>'big city' sightings and people reporting. ;)

>>IMO, the fear "of being ostracized by social acquaintences for  
>>'telling such tales'" seems to be much more likely on our side  
>>of the border. Given the differences in our cultures, we need to  
>>have a sociologist in this discussion.

>Oye! No me pongas bravo! (Don't piss me off! <LOL>) I AM a  
>Latino! Puerto Rican to be precise. You'd need a microscope to  
>see the difference between our 'Latino' island culture and that  
>of the Mexicans. Two ends of the same stick. Or as we say in  
>Spanish,

>"La misma mierda con palito diferente." ;)

Haah!

(And I'm no expert in languages!)

>If anything, Latinos, who are very 'social' and 'family'  
>oriented, would be less likely to openly discuss a matter that  
>they know would be looked upon with skepticism or disdain. They  
>just wouldn't tend to bring up anything that they think might  
>"alienate" their beloved family members. Or how they are thought  
>of within the family.

Ah John! Here I beg to differ, if only a little bit.

Of course the Latinos care about the opinions of their friends  
and families.

Like it or not - and I had a German grandmother - I have come to

the conclusion that a German would rather commit suicide than admit to a UFO sighting! If it were not for allied bombers during the war, my UFO map of Germany would be virtually vacant. Maps of France, Britain and Italy are jam packed with filtered \*U\* sightings in comparison

The Frenchman, the Italian, the Hispanic or even a Netherlandian, will eventually speak to someone, and say that they saw something strange in the sky. But, not Germany. The few reports that do come from Deutschland tend to originate from blatant crackpots.

It could just be something ordinary, that is not the point. My point is that certain cultures seem to be less inhibited about describing their experiences; no matter how goofy; while others are more afraid of the opinions of others.

Frankly, I admire and appreciate the free, open discussion of UFOs and other matters as shown by the less frightened cultures on Earth, even if this includes some inevitable junk.

Our worst enema is secrecy. That corks up everything.

Please credit your sources!

Please see further notes below ..

>The family members would most likely be concerned for the sanity and well being of their loved one. And being an "Old Fashioned Values" bunch, they would think the person is crazy. The person would then become a topic of discussion where ever two or more tongue wagging family members would assemble. In short, it would be like defecating on the dinner table during a family reunion. Like that.

>\_That\_ is how a Latino family might react. :)

>>I would speculate that the sighting of a large unknown craft >>(South of the Border) would cause many to seek help and advice >>from religious leaders as to what it meant.

>We're not all "good Catholics" Steve. I'm not "Catholic" at all. >Neither is anybody else in my -large- family. The last thing a >"Velez" would think to do is to go running to a Priest to >confess! <LOL>That all or even many Latino's are Catholics who >run to priests at the first sign of crisis, is just an old wives >tale/stereotype.

Un buen, feliz Dia de Pavos a Todos!

And apologies if I screwed that up as well!

Best dressings, regardless.

- Larry Hatch: BDDX, Ph.R, SSQK .. \*

\* GDDX (Gozador de Dos Equis)  
Ph.R (Doctorate in Rhubarb)  
SSQK (Still seeking the Queen's Knickers)

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

.. to which I might add:

"Quiet! The Schnertzmeirers are listening!  
Right next door!" - Somebody's grandmother.

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:09:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:34:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 05:27:12 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

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>Its about time. Their old MacIntosh was probably getting cranky,  
>and gawd knows what dangerous junk is orbiting Earth as we type.

>Literally anything that sorts wheat from chaff in this awful  
>field is welcome.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Larry-

I seem to recall that the HUBBLE repair mission a few years back replaced the main computer system with an updated model, based on the Intel 486 chip.

The Pentium had been out for several years and the Pentium II was already on the market, but the 486 processor had been fully tested and certified for use in Space technology and the older system was later installed.

Keep in mind that the processor that is still the most prominent in the world is (I believe) still the faithful old 8086 (which pre-dates the 80286 AT processor). While not utilized in computers any longer, it now helps to run all of our appliances and other devices that have become "smart".

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## Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:29:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:36:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent

>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 06:00:10 +0100  
>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>Source: "Sun.Star Cebu Electronic Edition"

><http://www.sunstar.com.ph/pampanga/index.html>

>Stig

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>Pagasa debunks UFO sightings  
>By Minerva S. Zamora

>CLARK FIELD -- Government scientists Tuesday debunked the recent  
>UFO sightings in nearby Mabalacat town and Angeles city saying  
>the mysterious lights seen by local residents last Friday  
>evening came from a land-based light source.

<snip>

Dear Stig:

The reporters (above) neatly avoided one of my favorite little bugaboos. They failed to say that the useless night-lights were in a "perfect triangle". For shame!

I defy anybody on this list to define a perfect triangle! Go ahead jello-brains, tell me what is and is not a "perfect triangle".

Better yet, provide an example of an imperfect triangle.

Ha ha ha ha!

Oh go eat yer turkey, and go back to sleep.

Best wishes regardless.

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 11:47:53 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:39:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 05:27:12 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 20:41:22 -0000  
>>From: Stephen MILES Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>>Source: Reuters.com

>>Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>>Last updated: 22 Nov 2000 15:05 GMT (Reuters)

><snip>

>Dear Stephen MILES Lewis:

>Its about time. Their old MacIntosh was probably getting cranky,  
>and gawd knows what dangerous junk is orbiting Earth as we type.

In a multiverse the size of ours that danger could take on a near infinite amount of twists and curls requiring an imperative for ever more informative resolution. Rocks and satellites do with range and azimuth, but you want the best look you can get at a UFO.

>Literally anything that sorts wheat from chaff in this awful  
>field is welcome.

I won't look for any chaff sorting here. We'll never see what that computer was designed to resolve. I'm skeptical of official veracity, and appreciate the choking cloak of the generally unjust secrecy. I think it pervades our whole society, is more apparent than our cognitive dissonance while allow us to accept, and is maintained by the aggregate manipulation we endure from a corporate media. Pardon my defiant obstinacy.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

>PS: I should add a small apology to anyone I earlier offended  
>with some anti-MacIntosh comments earlier!

Hey! They deserve whatever scorn they get! Kidding, but seriously, they have been wonderful for keeping IBM right up on its tippy-toes. I've used them both, and it seems that Apple presumes too much in the operation of its operating system and software. Everything is fine if you do it their way, but... IBM doesn't presume so much, or in the same manner, I don't know... I prefer the dos/win. It gives me more of the illusion that I can go, do, and be!

>>Its a bit like Fords versus Chevys, (to be generous) and a  
>matter of personal preferences.



Rhode Island to the rest of the solar system (short of the asteroid belt) is still pretty generous, hoss, and personal preferences have never been any proof of the quality of the choice. <g>.

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

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JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

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

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## Re: 'Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 12:54:46 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:40:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 16:54:47 -0500  
>From: Ron Cecchini <[Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM](mailto:Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM)>  
>Subject: 'Scientific American Frontiers: Changing Your Mind'  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>There's still a couple of showings left.

>I highly recommend viewing this program, particularly for what  
>it has to say about the malleability of our memories.

<snip>

>11th season, Alda meets two young women whose brains have  
>remodeled themselves -- one temporarily in response to a week of  
>being blindfolded, the other permanently after a devastating  
>brain injury before birth. They are dramatic examples of  
>"neuroplasticity" -- today's hot topic in brain research. Alda  
>also joins researchers who have overthrown the conventional  
>wisdom that adults can't grow new brain cells. Also new this  
>month: SuperPeople (11/28), about folks who are pushing  
>themselves to the limits of human performance.

Hi Ron,

What I would find much more interesting (because it is specific  
to most abductees) is the durability of memory in some  
situations. What are the mechanisms which prove this to be so?

One quite common report from perceived abductees and in my own  
case, is memories which persist over a lifetime. These are  
usually a recall of perceived events immediately after they  
occur or are perceived to have occurred. In my case, there are  
persistent "snapshot" memories lasting fifty-five years after  
they happened. Has anyone or will anyone investigate this aspect  
of memory?

I guess my point is, it's easy to look at pelicans, swamp gas  
and the planet Mongo (or Venus). But it's much more difficult to  
take the more positive approach and attempt to define the  
manner(s) in which a thing may be so, as opposed to taking all  
the methane and planets to the table, along with memory  
malleability and attempt to prove or imply how it may not be so.

Which applies to practically every UFO sighting & every claim of  
UFO abduction.

Jim

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia

From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 12:59:49 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:42:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 17:37:59 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>But the real deal is that few people ever look up in crowded  
>urban environments so that cuts the number of  
>potential witnesses way down right there. Also if was a cloudy,  
>overcast day (as it appears to have been) there wouldn't have  
>been many folks out perambulating around anyway.

To all,

Last year (Or the year before), I posted regarding, Maussan and his new witnesses he claimed to have found. He was speaking at the Project Awareness UFO Conference. It was either in Gulf Breeze or Clearwater, Florida.

Basically, this is what he said (And the audiotapes are available from the promoters if anybody doesn't believe me. But I have a decent memory and this is what I remember.

Maussan said that almost one hundred witnesses had come forward to say that they had seen the object in question. I knew this was a big deal because one of the major complaints people had was that there were so few witnesses to a huge daylight sighting.

This was right before a special was to air on Fox regarding the Mexico sighting. I asked Maussan or his producer (I forget which) if they were going to get this information to the Fox producers before they aired their show. I think he said yes.

Well, needless to say, we never heard anything about these new witnesses. In my mind, Maussan lost all credibility on that day.

Joe Murgia  
Editor, Open Mind News

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:15:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:46:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 13:54:02 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 11:39:41 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:14:44 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>>Date: Sat, 18 Nov 2000 23:01:37 -0600  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, Michel wrote:

>>On the other hand, it also doesn't help when skeptics rehash  
>>classic cases that have always been unexplained and will  
>>continue to be unexplained, and bring up mundane, conventional  
>>explanations when there is none.

>>You are no longer a skeptic if you've begun to do the job of a  
>>debunker. Unlike a skeptic, who simply says: "It can't be; I  
>>don't believe it", a debunker goes on to label the bonafide  
>>sighting with some stupid, mundane, conventional explanation for  
>>an event that, for all intent and purpose, has no mundane,  
>>logical explanation. Take it from a guy who has had enough  
>>practice after witnessing for himself, 17 separate sightings of  
>>UFOs since 1974.

>>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

>>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>>us who have, do...

>So let me make sure that I understand what you are saying:

>Only those that believe, at face value, all unsolved UFO claims  
>or have seen a UFO for themselves have the right to question the  
>existence of UFOs? If so, then what's the point of this  
>discussion list and why are you a participant?

>I've never heard anything so silly...

>Roger

You misunderstood what I was saying...

Blunt you want, blunt you get...

First of all, UFOs are not a belief system. Either they are  
real, or they're not. Second, they are far from being "at face  
value" since they have been thoroughly investigated, if not at  
the time they took place, then years later while being  
re-examined by competent researchers with scientific means.

It seems to me that a great number of people are not aware of these cases, specially those who couldn't care less about the UFO community, never mind being part of it. Folks who have not witnessed something for themselves, or are not familiar with the investigative work done by world-reknown UFO researchers...are the very same people who cry out for proof, evidence, whatever...for the reality of UFOs, Flying Saucers, Alien Spacecraft...whatever you want to call them.

I don't have to ask for such proof because I've seen. But there are a lot of Doubting Thomases out there. And if some UFO researchers happen to be part of that group (perhaps because they themselves don't have enough faith in their own facts) despite the good investigative work they may have done on some of these cases, then I feel sorry for them.

For the truth of this reality is as plain as the nose on their faces. If they can't see it, then that's too damn bad.

As for those people who couldn't care less about UFOs and related matters, they're not going to ask for any proof since they don't care about the subject, anyway.

I know for a fact that if anyone tries to gather evidence in order to convince other people, they will never succeed. And it sure doesn't help if they themselves do not "believe", "face up to" or "accept" this reality for themselves.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps  
Perspective intact....

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 21:00:01 -0000

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>>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 11:39:41 -0500

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>Michael wrote:

>>On the other hand, it also doesn't help when skeptics rehash  
>>classic cases that have always been unexplained and will  
>>continue to be unexplained, and bring up mundane, conventional  
>>explanations when there is none.

>Whoah there boy, 'classic cases that have always been  
>unexplained and will continue to be unexplained'?

>This is just the sort of 'believer' nonsense which makes them a  
>laughing stock. How on earth can you state that something 'will  
>continue to be explained'? How do you \*know\* that? Why would you  
>even believe something will never be explained. Where's your  
>curiosity, your dedication to research? Many 'classic' cases -  
>certainly in the UK- have been unexplained for years, and then  
>resolved. Which makes a mockery of: 'classic cases that have  
>always been unexplained and will continue to be unexplained'?

>If this sort of thinking is an example of 'believer' ufology  
>then it's still in the dark ages. At least Jerry puts up some  
>form of spirited, if misguided, defence to his statements.

>>You are no longer a skeptic if you've begun to do the job of a  
>>debunker. Unlike a skeptic, who simply says: "It can't be; I  
>>don't believe it",

>What a weird interpretation of what Michel believes sceptics  
>think. It's more like 'I'll not come to a conclusion until this  
>case is resolved'.

>>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

>Laugh? I nearly did, but I was too busy typeing... but Michel -  
>and we've been through it all before - what about the 'true  
>unknowns' which were resolved? Were they really 'true  
>unknowns' or just IFOs masquerading as 'true unknowns'? There  
>cannot be such a thing as a 'true unknown' simply because time  
>passes and things change. Just 'unknown, as of this moment in  
>time'.

>>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>>us who have, do...

>Sounds like blind faith to me. But whatever keeps you warm at  
>night eh?

>Happy Trails

>Andy  
>bingo card at the ready

If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
imagination.

If I look out onto the street and see a 1969 Ford Mustang, I am  
looking at a 1969 Ford Mustang, and not a 1976 Chevrolet Nova.  
There are no two ways about it. You see something, clear and  
distinct. It is what it is!

For example:

I look up in the sky and see a bright cigar-shaped object moving  
along at very low altitude, and at a fast rate of speed.

Someone screams out: It's a cruise missile! Can't be because I'm not  
anywhere near a military firing range.

Someone else says: Must be an airplane passing in front of the  
sun. Can't be because there was no sound. Low altitude,  
remember? Duh!

And so on...

Each time I saw something, I would go through my checklist...  
satellite, weather balloon, sun dogs, flare, aircraft,  
atmospheric condition, Planet, Star, etc, etc, etc.

Funny how eyewitnesses seemed to be looked upon as people who  
couldn't recognize an anomaly in the sky from a hole in the  
ground?

Those of us who have seen UFOs, Flying Saucers and/or their  
Occupants, sometimes up close and personal, we know what we saw.

Those who haven't, don't... period. Lord knows I try to gather  
some type of evidence or indication of there being something  
real here; not so that I can convince myself of this reality.  
But convince others of it. And it doesn't work!

We wouldn't be having these discussions day after day after day,  
if a proper database of all thoroughly investigated cases had  
been set up from the beginning. The bulk of the badly needed  
information is still being withheld by governments around the  
world.

But to the hard core skeptic, anything presented to them means  
absolutely nothing at all. They'll never be convinced.

I doubt they' believe their own government if they were to come  
forward and say so, because they lie all the time. Who'd believe  
them?

Point made...  
Over and out!

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video -

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>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:08:38 -0500

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>>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

><snip>

>>>I know that I'm comparing apples to oranges here, but if such a  
>>>craft were witnesses over the skies of Washington there would be  
>>>more than a few people calling the local authorities. This  
>>>wasn't a "light in the sky" but a large craft that was moving  
>>>fairly slowly over a section of Mexico City (which is far larger  
>>>than the Nation's Capital).

>>Hiya Steve,

>>See my response to Josh Goldstein (in this same thread) about  
>>'big city' sightings and people reporting. ;)

>>>IMO, the fear "of being ostracized by social acquaintances for  
>>>'telling such tales'" seems to be much more likely on our side  
>>>of the border. Given the differences in our cultures, we need to  
>>>have a sociologist in this discussion.

>>Oye! No me pongas bravo! (Don't piss me off! <LOL>) I AM a  
>>Latino! Puerto Rican to be precise. You'd need a microscope to  
>>see the difference between our 'Latino' island culture and that  
>>of the Mexicans. Two ends of the same stick. Or as we say in  
>>Spanish,

>>"La misma mierda con palito diferente." ;)

>Haah!

>(And I'm no expert in languages!)

>>If anything, Latinos, who are very 'social' and 'family'  
>>oriented, would be less likely to openly discuss a matter that  
>>they know would be looked upon with skepticism or disdain. They  
>>just wouldn't tend to bring up anything that they think might  
>>"alienate" their beloved family members. Or how they are thought  
>>of within the family.

>Ah John! Here I beg to differ, if only a little bit.

>Of course the Latinos care about the opinions of their friends  
>and families.

>Like it or not - and I had a German grandmother - I have come to  
>the conclusion that a German would rather commit suicide than  
>admit to a UFO sighting! If it were not for allied bombers  
>during the war, my UFO map of Germany would be virtually vacant.  
>Maps of France, Britain and Italy are jam packed with filtered  
>\*U\* sightings in comparison

>The Frenchman, the Italian, the Hispanic or even a  
>Netherlandian, will eventually speak to someone, and say that  
>they saw something strange in the sky. But, not Germany. The few  
>reports that do come from Deutchland tend to originate from  
>blatant crackpots.

>It could just be something ordinary, that is not the point. My  
>point is that certain cultures seem to be less inhibited about  
>describing their experiences; no matter how goofy; while others  
>are more afraid of the opinions of others.

>Frankly, I admire and appreciate the free, open discussion of  
>UFOs and other matters as shown by the less frightened cultures  
>on Earth, even if this includes some inevitable junk.

>Our worst enema is secrecy. That corks up everything.

>Please credit your sources!

>Please see further notes below ..

>>The family members would most likely be concerned for the sanity  
>>and well being of their loved one. And being an "Old Fashioned  
>>Values" bunch, they would think the person is crazy. The  
>>person would then become a topic of discussion where ever two or  
>>more tongue wagging family members would assemble. In short, it  
>>would be like defecating on the dinner table during a family  
>>reunion. Like that.

>>\_That\_ is how a Latino family might react. :)

>>>I would speculate that the sighting of a large unknown craft  
>>>(South of the Border) would cause many to seek help and advice  
>>>from religious leaders as to what it meant.

>>We're not all "good Catholics" Steve. I'm not "Catholic" at all.  
>>Neither is anybody else in my -large- family. The last thing a  
>>"Velez" would think to do is to go running to a Priest to  
>>confess! <LOL>That all or even many Latino's are Catholics who  
>>run to priests at the first sign of crisis, is just an old wives  
>>tale/stereotype.

>Un buen, feliz Dia de Pavos a Todos!

>And apologies if I screwed that up as well!

>Best dressings, regardless.

>- Larry Hatch: BDDX, Ph.R, SSQK .. \*

>\* GDDX (Gozador de Dos Equis)  
>Ph.R (Doctorate in Rhubarb)  
>SSQK (Still seeking the Queen's Knickers)

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

>.. to which I might add:

>"Quiet! The Schnertzmeirers are listening!  
> Right next door!" - Somebody's grandmother.

Dear Errol and List,

For some days ago until today, I've been reading all of your  
comments on a subject that strongly touches us here in Mexico,  
and that is the video called 'The Las Lomas Video'. The one  
recorded in August 6th. It's been for me sometimes amusing, but  
other concerning how too many opinions can be expressed without

any kind of field research, or without consulting who has been there for weeks, in order to learn a little more on a subject, that in Internet has certainly been very widely discussed, but very badly investigated. The truth.

We have spent money, time, effort and reputation in looking for all the elements to perform a real investigation - real field research. And we succeeded.

Jaime Maussan started and myself and other colleagues here were looking for eyewitnesses, traces, radar detection, official reports from our authorities, specific plans for merchandising and advertising using balloons, foreign companies based in Mexico City employing foreigners, etc.

We were not only watching a video clip!

Not just making hypothesis, but trying to get all the possible reality out of all the elements... And believe me, we did succeed...

I have not seen too many investigators or journalist here asking for details. Nobody asked us for permission to put this clip in Internet - if it was O.K. with us.

What is important is get the public really informed, so we have to thank to all those persons who allowed the public to watch what happened here in our skies. But what is incredible is that, after more than 3 years, there are people that still believe that we became rich, or that we paid the eyewitnesses to say what they said, or that we or somebody else fabricated this clip just to havet some fun with us and all the real researchers that came here to really investigate the facts...

As far as I can remember, there were only very few, like Giorgio Bongiovanni, from Italy; Michael Hesemann, from Germany; Jun-Ichi Yaoi, from Japan; Claire Kavanagh, from U.K., and maybe others, like Univision and NBC journalists, whose names I cannot remember... I know it very well, because the most of the witnesses, at this point, are really tired of repeating the same story everytime, as if they are not believed. They call us, in order to know if this or that researcher or journalist is real or somebody non-serious... Is a shame when people just talk without knowing the facts as they really happened...

This story has more than a video on it. They are witnesses that did not want to talk because of their positions regarding their homes (placed in a zone where it was illegal to be placed one time)... They were the recorders of this clip that were very afraid af a chief that harrassed and shouted them as he did at us...

There were people that suffered skin burns that we analysed and even worse, "illnesses" that I saw until a fatal point after an overexposition to the magnetic field of this ship... I have seen too many things around this area, where not only this time, but too many others, have seen UFOs surrounding... Hovering... Planes crashing there, and magnetic anomalies easily detectable are just a part of the puzzle where this Ovni de Las Lomas was placed by the history...

Is very sad when a whole case is judged just for one of its parts... Just one of its elements... Its as if somebody exists only if there is a document that proves his or her existence... And, shamefully, it happens very often in this world... Its as if the existence of everyone of us does not count at all as a fact, but just as a statistic...

Yes, I have to recognize that the work that Bruce and others have performed analysing this video is more than remarkable. I really thank them for doing this.

But, I remember when Jaime Maussan and I met Mr. Jeff Sainio the first time in Denver, at the Renaissance Hotel. We interviewed him (I have everything on video), and he offered very poor arguments to discredit the clip. He never replied to our questions regarding the eyewitnesses...

Is very easy just to say that the video was created on a computer, but tell me, is it possible for a computer to burn the skin of Mexican citizens? Or that we all are lunatics, seeing

UFOs, since 1991, in a wave that never ends and is very consistent, created by computers? Detected by radar controllers, and by pilots, some who come from your airlines from your countries?

It is also very easy to formulate statements lacking of realness and field research when oneself has never been in the site of the facts, and very comfortably asking everything through your computers...

I don't know where UFO research is falling down... I'm afraid to be hard, but everytime I see things like this, I believe less in some reserachers, and I'm certain that maybe behind it there are some other interests...

I don't know, but, dear Errol and List, I beg that you can continue keeping this List as the very remarkable forum it has been until now, not allowing some people to say things that have nothing to do with the spirit of the investigation.

(See above those disappointing words that somebody wrote in Spanish. Very cowardly and offensive to Spanish readers such as myself - a Mexican investigator and journalist)

Please, let's continue giving each other real "pearls" of knowledge and information on a subject that is very difficult and controversial, but in the end one of the most important of our times and lives.

My very best and deep regards to all of you.

Daniel Muñoz

P.S. - Excuse my English...

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Goldstein

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>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 22:08:10 +0100  
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>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Hello Jim and UpDates,

>>I must confess that I have not personally investigated this  
>>video and I have only followed it for years on UFO UpDates, etc.

>Hiya Josh,

>You really should take more than a cursory look at it, and yes  
>I'm bothered by the same questions that you are.

>>The nagging questions I have are:

>>Who has checked police logs, press, and any other sources  
>>witnesses to a UFO might have contacted? What did they show?

>>Did the two witnesses contact Jaime Maussion on their own  
>>volition?

>>Or was the area of the video canvassed to locate possible  
>>witnesses?

>>Did any investigators ask any leading questions?

>>If a large number of people did not report a UFO, why?

>>Once again, camera jitter and selective revelation to two does  
>>not sound that kosher.

>>I feel the same way when I read a report of 1 or 2 people seeing  
>>a large UFO over New York City. I am not talking about abductee  
>>or contactee reports but just witnessess to a plainly visible  
>>object in a metropolitan area.

>>My guess is that a large number of people would have witnessed  
>>this object.

>Yeah you'd think so. But the real deal is that few people ever  
>look up in crowded urban environments so that cuts the number of  
>potential witnesses way down right there. Also if was a cloudy,  
>overcast day (as it appears to have been) there wouldn't have  
>been many folks out perambulating around anyway.

>I've got a good one just for you Josh. It'll help to illustrate  
>a point about 'big city' sightings.

>During the last major power failure in New York City, (1977 ?)  
>My landlord's 17 Y.O. daughter and myself had a sighting. We  
>were all, (my wife, myself, my landlord, his wife, and two of  
>his daughters) sitting around on our front porch ruminating  
>about how long it was going to take to get power restored. From  
>our street corner in Bay Ridge Brooklyn we could see the top  
>half of the Twin Towers in lower Manhattan and a good portion of  
>the downtown skyline. I decided to take a walk down to the  
>corner to see if power had been restored in Manhattan. It was  
>still daylight but approaching evening so I figured I might spot  
>a few 'lights' on, on or in some of the buildings. My landlord's  
>daughter (Regina) asked if she could accompany me and I said  
>sure. Off we went.

>When we got to the corner Regina let out a yelp and said, "What  
>the Hell is that?" Suspended over the Twin Towers was a  
>loooooong, all white, cigarette shaped 'thing' that had to be a  
>quarter mile long. My jaw dropped and my eyes bugged out. When I  
>turned to say something to Regina she was gone! She was running  
>back up towards the house to either get everybody down to the  
>corner or just to blurt out a report. I have no idea which.

>I looked back at this 'thing' which was just hovering/suspended  
>over the Towers when a really bright flash came out of it and it  
>just disappeared. Right before my eyes it was gone. Poof. One  
>second it's there, gonzo the next. I stood there dumbfounded  
>half expecting the thing to reappear. It didn't.

>We buzzed and buzzed about it for a couple of hours and then it  
>was over. Later that night I'm laying in bed with a transistor  
>radio to my ear and I'm listening for news reports or  
>'something' about that thing and the big flash, and how it had  
>just disappeared and all. Nothing, absolutely nothing on any  
>newscasts that whole night.

>At about 3 or 3:30 AM I'm now listening to a call in talk show  
>when a woman caller asks, " Did anybody else see that long white  
>cylinder over the buildings downtown?" I sat up in bed.

>"Did anyone see the flash?" she asked.

>I spent the next two hours trying to get through to that radio  
>station to confirm the lady's 'sighting' of that long white  
>thing, whatever it was.

>Just four years ago I saw a photo on the web that had appeared  
>in either Life or Time Magazine (not sure which) that was taken  
>on the day of the blackout of the Manhattan skyline taken from  
>the Brooklyn/Queens side of the East River close to the  
>Manhattan Bridge. It showed the long white thing over downtown  
>Manhattan and was asking the question about what the 'thing'  
>might be. If I can find it again I'll post the URL so interested  
>folks can check it out.

>The point is, something \_that\_ big, over New York City, in broad  
>daylight, and only myself, my landlord's daughter Regina, and  
>that lady from Manhattan saw the thing? I don't think so. What I  
>think it shows is that; most folks who have a 'major league  
>freaky' sighting like that will have a strong tendency to keep  
>their mouths shut about it. I honestly believe that keeping your  
>mouth shut about such things is the norm. Not the exception.

>That's why I'm not surprised about the number of witnesses re:  
>the Mexico City UFO.

>For what it's worth.

Hello John,

Thanks for your post regarding people looking up and your report  
of your sighting. I remember in the past when you posted your  
opinion of New Yorkers not looking up to the sky. I am not  
doubting your report of your sighting, but afterwards did you  
call the police, the press, the FAA, the MUFON state section  
director, etc. to report it and also try to find out if others  
saw it?

I still find it hard to accept that a large UFO would be in  
broad daylight at low altitude in a metropolitan area and very

few people would report it to anyone. I wondered that about the Linda Cortile case also even though it was at night. Look what happened in Mexico with all the solar eclipse UFO videos and testimonials. I think in a built up area in Mexico City lots of people would be out on an overcast day. I think plenty of people would see a full size UFO hovering next to an apartment building. I'm not about to go down there and pursue my questions I posed in my previous post. Anyone doing so would begin by investigating those questions and many others.

John, if you did not fully check whether others had reported your blackout sighting your impression that it was only seen by a very few people is incorrect. I propose that we perform an experiment.

Let's build an object to resemble that white cylinder, a balloon perhaps, and stage a daytime simulation of that UFO over Manhattan. We could place observers on the ground in that location and have monitors checking all the places where people would report a sighting. Then we will vary the sightings.

One week later we could create a power blackout to simulate the original conditions. We could compare the reports to the previous ones. Maybe New Yorkers need something more stimulating to draw their attention skyward. What would you suggest?

Take care,

Josh

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 21:44:35 EST  
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>From: Kurt Jonach <[ewarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:ewarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 17:09:34 -0800

>List,

>Unidentified space objects are being 'spun' as UFOs on a popular  
>alternative news Website - IBM Sells Air Force New Supercomputer  
>To Identify UFOs!

>Here's what the IBM press release actually said. It's peppered  
>with high-tech jargon that only Silicon Valley and hard-core  
>Ufologists could truly love.

>The supercomputer eye-in-the-sky imaging system ostensibly helps  
>track all that space debris out there. Read the lines, or  
>between 'em...

>-eWarrior  
>(Kurt Jonach)

Hey, wait a sec... if I remember correctly the one alternative  
site I read, the headline was.....

"IBM Sells Air Force New Supercomputer To Identify UFOs"

Excuse me, but since when did "UFO" change it's meaning? It  
still means "Unidentified" dun'nit? And the altenative sight I  
read it on supported the entire article including the press  
release.

When I went to PhD school I lernt my marketing and advertising  
reel good. It says, "Put it all in the headline." This way it  
attracts attention to reading the entire thingy. Then you can  
make up your own mind.

Good journalism as long as the scrip contains the truth.

Just my two cents.

Jim

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 00:13:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 10:03:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Maccabee

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 13:19:36 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 19:33:18 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Mexico City Video [was: More On ABC.com's UFO2000]  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

I wrote:

>>I should have been more clear above. As a result of analyzing  
>>image smear using an automated computer program Jeff developed,  
>>he found that the whole video showed this effect of the UFO  
>>image being blurred less than the buildings. However, because of  
>>the fast shutter this effect was generally not easy to see with  
>>the naked eye. So let me say again, the analysis of every  
>>frame formed the statistical basis of Jeff's discovery. He  
>>informed me of that fact (after HOURS of analysis by both of  
>>us!)

>>For the expert: Jeff's program measured the image edge gradient  
>>for the UFO and for the building in each frame of the video. The  
>>edge gradient is large when the image is well focused and  
>>stationary (does not move during the frame time.) The edge  
>>gradient shrinks with defocus and with image blur due to motion.  
>>He discovered that the relative edge gradient of the UFO was  
>>about constant whereas the relative edge gradient of the  
>>building changed with the image motion from frame to frame. (The  
>>image motion from frame to frame is a measure of the rate of  
>>rotation of the camera about some axis... said motion being  
>>caused by hand vibration or mechanical vibration... and said  
>motion being the cause of the image smear.)

>Hi Bruce,

>Just hang in there a bit longer with me while I try to  
>understand exactly what you're talking about here. (If I'm not  
>completely clear on it I'm sure some other readers aren't  
>either.) I'll set this up so that you have a simple yes or no  
>set of responses to address. I thank you in advance for the time  
>you're taking to do it.>

>Yes, no?

>Jeff has written a piece of software that can measure the  
>gradient at the edge of selected portions within the video  
>frames. All (measured) edges (whether in motion or stationary)  
>should display the same amount of gradient change from frame  
>to frame. e.g. if building edge gradient changes, UFO edge  
>gradient should change equally regardless of the fact that one  
>internal element is stationary while the other is in motion. All  
>internal elements should display the exact same amount of "image  
>smear" in any selected frame. (?)>

Jeff's report is in the October 1998 MUFON Journal.

All internal elements of the picture, to the extent that they are real images of objects "out there" should have the same amount of smear due to camera motion. If one object, e.g., UFO, has its own motion relative to objects known to be stationary, e.g., buildings then there could be added smear or decrease in gradient, in the direction of the motion.

In this case, the horizontal edge gradient of the UFO was always greater than that of the gradient of the horizontal edge of the building. Horizontal edges (the UFO bottom, for example) provided the best edge data.

>Is this effect (edge smear) a uniform quantity from video to video or does it need to be recalibrated each time a new videotape is submitted?

The image edge gradient depends upon the quality of the focus as well as the presence or absence of motion of the image from frame to frame. If there were no motion from frame to frame there would, one presumes, be no motion during the time of a single frame. (unless the object moves away from a starting position and then returns to that position within 1/30 sec). If we see images of the building and make the logical assumption that the building isn't moving, but we find that the image shifts position in the video scene from frame to frame we can assume the motion is "apparent", resulting from camera motion rather than building motion. Thus the frame-to-frame shift of the image of an object known to be stationary provides a measure of the camera vibration (which is generally a combination of rotation and translation over small angles and distances).

Every object in the field of view should have this same camera vibration motion superimposed upon it. That means that every object in the field should have its edges smeared a bit. The edges which are smeared the most are those which are perpendicular to the direction of motion. In the Mexico City video we could easily see the up-down vibration as indicated by the vertical shift in position of the horizontal top edge of the building. It was the top edge that was smeared most noticeably.

So you have 4 possible phenomena which can make an edge not ideally sharp:

- 1) digitization (grain size in photography) and electronic noise
- 2) focus blur
- 3) camera motion
- 4) object motion

To separate out object motion you have to "calibrate" the system by measuring first the resulting edge gradients caused by 1, 2, and 3. This was done in the MC video by measuring the gradient of the horizontal building edge from frame to frame. One could easily see the gradient get large when the image did not move from frame to the next and one could see the gradient get small when there was a lot of image motion. This provided a relation between image motion and gradient. The same relation did NOT turn up in the horizontal edges (primarily the bottom edge that provided the best data) of the UFO image.

>What is the degree of accuracy (tolerances) of this edge smear detection method? In other words, is the accuracy of the measurement more like a homeplate umpire with a large strike zone, or one with a tight window for error? I would imagine that a certain amount of 'averaging' is being performed by Jeff's software. That's why I'm asking. The margin for error of the method used is an important detail for people to know. Weight can be assigned to the finding according to the level of accuracy.

There were many frames which, taken by themselves, would have been inconclusive or provide weak evidence for "differential smear" where this refers to the building edge being smeared more than the UFO image when there is some motion of the building image from frame to frame. But there were also numerous frames in which there was sufficiently large image motion of the building from frame to frame to provide an easily measurable

change in edge gradient.... but with no change in the edge gradient of the UFO.

And then there were the two frames where the building edge smear was so large as to be easily seen by the naked eye, whereas the eye cannot see a comparable smear of the edges of the UFO. See Mark Cashman's website for the comparison and further details of the analysis.

<snip>

>>In the Mexico City video of 1997 we are talking about  
>>'differential' image smear... the UFO image being smeared less  
>>than the building smear. In fact, it may be that the UFO image  
>>was hardly smeared at all even though the building image was  
>>smeared noticeably.

>What do you mean by, "may be" Bruce? Was it, or wasn't it? And  
>does this mean that the "UFO" was an externally created artifact  
>that was introduced into the video using 'software' or some  
>other artificial method?

This gets down into the "noise" of the measurement. I could not say that the gradient of the UFO image never changed because electronic noise of the camera (#1 above) causes the value of the gradient to change from frame to frame even in the absence of all other changes. However, the lack of correlation between the decrease in edge gradient of the building image when the frame-to-frame motion was large and the decrease in gradient of the UFO image when the motion was large was an effect (i.e., the lack of correlation) that was considerably above the noise level of the measurement.

SO, when I say, "may be" I am saying that the UFO image may have had no change in the edge gradient in spite of overall image motion, but I can't be certain that there was absolutely no change because there is an irreducible amount of "noise" or uncertainty in the measurement of edge gradient.

Again I emphasize that the conclusion which Jeff arrived at was based on effects that were considerably above the noise. It's really quite simple in a sense: measure the frame to frame motion of the building image. This magnitude of position shift changes from frame to frame. One also sees the edge gradient of the building changing from frame to frame, with the larger frame position shifts corresponding to the lower gradient values. Now you apply the same test to the UFO image: look how much it shifts from frame to frame and ask if there is a correlation between the magnitude of the frame shift and the amount of decrease in the edge gradient, Jeff's discovery was that, whereas there is a correlation with the building image, there is NOT a correlation with the UFO image.

>Has it been determined 'how' the hoax was accomplished?

Numerous computer whizzes demonstrated their capabilities to produce similar videos. However, that doesn't mean that we know for certain how it was created.

>If the "UFO" was an "on scene" device of somekind that the  
>hoaxers used, is it possible to determine if the camera's  
>distance from the buildings is the same or different from the  
>distance to the object/UFO?

Estimate is most likely it was a "video paste in" or insertion of an object on a real video background scene.

>If the distance to the buildings and the object are the same,  
>then that was one big "prop" and must have taken a whole crew of  
>people to manipulate.

>If it was a 'drop-in' then wouldn't there be other evidence of  
>it other than just inconsistencies in edge smear?>

Not necessarily, depending upon how well it is done.

The bottom line is that the video has "fingerprints of a hoax."

If the videographer ever came forward we would have to grill him severely and come up with some explanation for the lack of correlation between scene motion and UFO image edge blur before

we could accept the video as real.

As a matter of interest, should point out that Jeff and I began working on that video in November, 1997. By February we had completed a large amount of analysis which all seemed really good and convincing. Then Jeff decided to make a motion stabilized version of the video. This he did by creating a program that removed the image shift of the building from frame to frame from all other images in the frame, including the UFO. Thus all that was left was the motion of the UFO image across the scene. It was while applying this program and perfecting it that Jeff realized there was something wrong: the program had a difficulty in finding the edge of the building in many frames... because the edge was too smeared... but it had no trouble in finding the edge of the UFO because the edge was not smeared... or at least not smeared as much as the building edge. This was when he realized that the UFO image edge smear was not correlated with the hand vibration of the camera that smeared the building edge.

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:18:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 15:28:16 -0800  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>>What Bruce was referring to, in Jeff Saino's analysis, were the  
>>>higher frequency jitters of the video scenes associated with the  
>>>camera being hand held, not the low-frequency tracking motions.

>>>>Nonetheless, I think the witnesses seemed to be sincere and  
>>>>simply reporting what they had witnessed. Especially the little  
>>>>girl.

>>>>Rightly so. It's often been pointed out on this list that photos  
>>>>alone can't prove a UFO to be "genuine," but require witness'  
>>>>testimony in addition. Similarly, when you have both, it isn't  
>>>>enough to declare the case a hoax on the basis of photos or  
>>>>videos if sincere witnesses who could not have perpetrated any  
>>>>such hoax have spoken out on the reality of the event. The  
>>>>reason for such a rule, of course, is that the UFO pilots can  
>>>>maneuver their craft in such a manner as to fool photo or video  
>>>>analyzers who don't take into account that the UFO guys are more  
>>>>advanced and smarter than they are, and seem to possess a  
>>>>definite strategy in their interactions with us. In this Mexican  
>>>>City case, I've postulated that the UFO operators were able to  
>>>>maneuver their craft in synchronism to the video-camera jitters  
>>>>and perhaps to induce controlled jitters in the holder of the  
>>>>camera as well. Of course, this would require the UFO to be able  
>>>>to undergo very frequent, large accelerations...

>>>>Jim Deardorff

>>Hi Jim,

>>Jim, the Good Lord knows that we've been friends both on and off  
>>the list for quite awhile. You're one of my favorite UpDates  
>>people. But, with all due affection and respect, you are really  
>>pulling the old taffy wad a bit thin here! To the breaking  
>>point.

>>Yes, we can speculate that it is possible for technologically  
>>advanced (and maybe even telepathic) ET's to anticipate our  
>>every thought and action. But to say that, (assuming it was a  
>>real ET craft) the pilot or navigational computer on that thing  
>>would mess with just one or two frames of a videotape that was  
>>running, (and do it in 'real time') is really stretching what is  
>>already (and only) 'speculation.'

>Hi John,

>Like Bruce explained, the statistical analysis of all the frames  
>tended to show this feature.

>>Why would they bother?

>>1. If they wanted to be seen then why screw up the evidence?  
>>Seems counterproductive.

>>2. If they didn't want to be detected why not mess up the whole  
>>recording? Why screw around with just two frames?

>>3. If they messed with the tape in order to discred it it why  
>>did they drive their Mack truck through the lobby in the first  
>>place?

>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.

<snip>

>So I explain your 1), 2) and 3) above as being ill-posed in  
>their either/or implications, which omit the consideration that  
>the aliens have a strategy that involves more than just one goal  
>at a time.

Hi Jim,

You may be 100% correct for all I or anybody else knows. It seems that all we can do is to try to 'surmise' (from what we think we know) as to what the 'motives' behind the UFOs may be. As someone who wants/ needs solid and reliable answers to basic questions, I can ill afford to spend much time spinning my wheels speculating and posing suppositions. From my perspective my time is better spent looking for any and all -physical- or -hard- evidence that may or may not be available.

Speculation can be a useful tool when it is used to pose plausible or probable explanations/scenarios when it is based upon a set of known, albeit fragmented, facts. Or what we assume to be "facts." Fragmented facts is mostly what we have in ufology. I just don't think that pure speculation is of much use when it is taken out of its natural element, (the realm of theoretical ruminations/projections) and used as a 'yardstick' in an actively debated case. (The Mexico City UFO video)

Sure Jim, the aliens could have gone and messed with a couple of frames of a video as it was being recorded. But how in Heavens name are we ever to verify such a thing? Even if we prove it to be "real" how do we determine after the fact whether the builders and pilots of the vehicle were alien or human? We can't.

It is possible to determine (if the person doing the looking is experienced, lucky, and knowledgeable) if a piece of film or video has been doctored in some fashion. That seems like a much more do-able and reasonable goal than trying to figure out if aliens used "telepathy" or some other technological means to influence the edge smears on two different elements within any given/single video frame.

Hey man, I can listen to you all night. I'm open to hear what you have to offer in terms of providing a 'speculative' explanation for what may be going on. I just don't think it serves much purpose, or helps to 'advance the pawn' when it is introduced into a nuts and bolts discussion over the authenticity or integrity of an graven image on a piece of film or videotape.

Once we determine whether the image is or isn't "real" we can then move on to open and freewheeling speculation as to what it means. Or the 'why' of it. That's all I meant Jim. I hope I didn't couch my original response in terms that caused you to misunderstand my meaning. Like I said, for all any of us know, you may be hitting the nail squarely on the head. It's just that right now, that kind of 'guessing' isn't helping us to prove (one way or the other) whether that piece of video is real or faked.

>>Like trying to hide an elephant in a phone booth. Aside from the  
>>fact that it is nothing more than fun or freewheeling  
>>speculation, it just doesn't make any sense that they would do



>>that Jim. On any level. That I can think of anyway.

>If this response doesn't make sense, John, why doesn't it? To  
>the scientist who assumes that all aliens would have no concern  
>for, and would behave unethically with respect to society as a  
>whole, and throw it into sudden chaos, I can see it wouldn't  
>make sense. And to the scientist who assumes that ETs don't  
>exist or wouldn't be smarter than we, or wouldn't possess any  
>strategy of dealing with us, or couldn't get from there to here,  
>it may not make sense. But we needn't make such unfounded  
>assumptions. Aren't we a lot farther along in our understanding  
>than that after 53 years?

I honestly don't think that we know very much more than what we  
"knew" 50 years ago. At least in terms of the "motives" of the  
perps behind the UFO phenom. I have found that the deeper I  
look, the mukier and more confusing it becomes. If we had made  
some real progress and advances in our knowledge, (what we truly  
know) that wouldn't be the case. The more one would look onto  
the phenomenon the more one would know and understand. That just  
isn't the case. Ask yourself or any of the other List members if  
they don't feel as if they hopped onto the "merry-go-round  
running wild" when they delved into ufology.

Jim, for whatever it's worth, I agree with you. "If" we are  
being 'conditioned for open contact' much of what you say would  
make sense and seem appropriate. But the question before us is,  
is the Mexico City videoclip the real thing or a really good  
fake. If it cannot be determined one way or the other and all  
other prosaic avenues of investigation and explanation have been  
explored and exhausted, then maybe we can take a look at how  
the aliens might have had something to do with the discrepancies  
that Jeff and Bruce have found. We're just no where near  
exhausting all those more 'ordinary' explanations yet. I'm still  
trying to find out if it was "aliens" or a combination of  
"Photoshop and Ray Dream Studio" that was responsible for what  
we all saw on that tape.

>So I see the Mexico City video as expressing more of this alien  
>strategy, while exhibiting even a bit more of their advanced  
>capabilities, which can keep scientists guessing or jumping to  
>wrong conclusions if they wish, than we're used to. With this  
>strategy in mind, one doesn't have to dismiss witnesses' reports  
>for no good reason.

If the video is "real" then your speculations as to what the  
aliens are exhibiting (or not) take on greater weight and  
importance. In terms of determining the veracity of the recorded  
images it serves no constructive purpose. (at this point in time  
in the discussion) Nor does it bring us any closer to making a  
solid determination about the -reality- of the images on that  
tape.

First we find out if it looks like the real deal, then we talk  
about what the critters may be up to. It may turn out that the  
real critters behind the "UFO" are a bunch of bored graphic  
artists from that "computer graphics" company that was located  
in the same building where it has been determined the video was  
taken/ shot.

At the moment, between Jeff and Bruce's "statistically based/  
calibrated edge smear measuring software" findings, and the fact  
that a computer graphics outfit exists in the building where the  
video was shot seems to tip the scales in favor of the tape  
being a hoax. The only thing weighing in against it is the  
witness testimony. As you know, we know very little about them  
or the cameraperson that shot the video. It's the only reason  
(the witnesses) that I'm keeping this an open question in my own  
mind.

Let's follow this one through to the finish before we decide one  
way or the other. Then I'll join you in speculating about what  
the bugs may be up to. Lord knows I've got a heap of my own  
theories about that! :)

Warm regards,

John Velez

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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>Previously, John wrote:

>>But I'm still not quite  
>>satisfied that what you and Jeff have found and presented to the  
>>public in terms of justification of the hoax oppinion is  
>>-conclusive- enough to justify dismissing the tape as a complete  
>>hoax.

>>One or two 'inconsistent frames' does not a hoaxed video make!

>Hi, John!

>Let's say that you had a series of photos of a UFO taken by one  
>cameraman. Now, in a majority of the photos, the images look  
>dead-on real. Then, in one of the photos, there is an obvious  
>string supporting the UFO. Obviously, one could take the  
>approach that:

>A) The aliens made the photo look that way to mess with us

>B) All the photos without the string are real.

>C) The string isn't really a string but an anomaly of the  
>photographic process

>D) All the photos are fake.

>Now, considering that video is made of thousands of "photos"  
>strung together electronically, the analogy is clear. If just  
>one has the tell-tale flaw, then the rest are suspect. Further,  
>if one defies the laws of optics, then the rest are more than  
>suspect; they are not to be trusted at all. Considering the way  
>video is created, I would say that one or two 'inconsistent  
>frames' does, indeed, make for a hoaxed video. There is no  
>logical or technical explanation for how those frames would be  
>different other than that the person doing the compositing  
>messed up and skipped them.

Hi Roger,

I agree with all of the above with just one "but." Bruce stated  
that the software Jeff developed himself to measure 'edge smear'  
(motion blur or whatever you want to name it) was based on  
-statistical parameters.- In other words, 'averages.' I've asked

Bruce if he can tell us how reliable/accurate these types of measurements are. If the margin for error is large then less weight can be assigned to the finding. If it has a track record for accuracy then it does kind of slam the old coffin lid on the "tape debate."

Sorry, one more "but."

But then, you have the witness testimony to consider. In conjunction with the tape analysis we really need more information regarding the witnesses before we write the whole thing off. It just seems fair and reasonable to me to approach it 'wholistically' (taking -both- video and the witnesses into consideration) rather than just making a cursory dismissal of the witnesses based on a statistical discrepancy in the video alone.

Just my own opinion. I only wish that I had more knowledge of video analysis so that I could walk in Jeff and Bruce's footprints and follow the same trail with their level of understanding. As a layman I must admit that it is a bit of a challenge to fully 'grok' everything that is being presented on that side of the argument. I "get it" - it just isn't all that easy to follow for someone who is not as knowledgeable and experienced as they are.

>Unless, of course, the aliens "made the video camera mess  
>up"....  
>  
>Hoo-boy.

Well don't blow the possibility off until the last nail has been driven into the coffin. Although I do agree with you that the 'lid' has amost been slammed shut on this one. Let's see if we can't get more on those witnesses. Is anybody on the List friendly enough with Jaime Maussan to get him to participate in this discussion? (Bruce?)

Just an observation. This case is very similar to the Phoenix sighting of 1997 in that; the video was dismissed as "flares" from a military exercise, while there are a -ton- of eyeball witnesses that claim it was a "craft." There may not be as many witnesses available in the Mexico City video case but the parallels are there nonetheless.

It would go a long way towards answering many important questions if we can quiz Mr. Maussan. And get the info directly from someone "on the scene" as opposed to our own long distance "armchair" speculations about the value or quality of the witnesses and their testimony. Just seems like a reasonable way to approach it.

Regards,

John Velez, Seeker of Truth ;)

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 04:32:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:23:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 09:23:11 -0500

>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 18:14:13 -0500  
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>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 16:08:38 -0500

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>John-

>I was not aware of your background, and did not mean to classify  
>... well, you know what I mean.

>>We're not all "good Catholics" Steve. I'm not "Catholic" at all.  
>>Neither is anybody else in my -large- family. The last thing a  
>>"Velez" would think to do is to go running to a Priest to  
>>confess! <LOL>That all or even many Latino's are Catholics who  
>>run to priests at the first sign of crisis, is just an old wives  
>>tale/stereotype.

>>>But these witnesses should have the opportunity to tell their  
>>>story and it should be investigated fully.

>>I agree 100%. The problem is, nobody is "doing it."

>Your comment about the culture being more family oriented and  
>the core family group coming to the aid of its members to  
>protect them is, I believe, a remnant of the "Christian"  
>upbringing that most of those to come from Europe over the past  
>five Centuries have brought with them. FYI, I was raised as a  
>Unitarian, which is a far cry from being Catholic (and even  
>Christian). I don't mean to perpetuate stereotypes, but the  
>cultural lineage comes into play here, IMO. That being said, you  
>>would probably have a better handle on their reaction to the  
>unknown than I.

>>>I wouldn't want to pre-judge those who were interviewed, but  
>>>unless one wants to buy into the concept that those on the craft  
>>>were merely toying with us and only allowing certain people to  
>>>see the craft, the fact that so few witnesses have been found is  
>>>IMO significant.

>>It is Steve. I'm just not so sure that 'most folks' would run to  
>>report such a sighting to anyone. For all the reasons mentioned  
>>above. Ergo, few witnesses actually turn up to report.

>>If you knew nothing at all about UFOs or ufology, would you  
>>voluntarily and by yourself walk into a police station and  
>>report that you saw a UFO/flying saucer over your head?

>>Think about doing it as a 'real world event' and not just an  
>>intellectual exercise.

>>"Reporting" is not as easy to do as you'd first think eh? When  
>>you think about it in this way, you get to see what you  
>>\_actually\_ have to put down on the line if you were to have to  
>>do it. It's just a damned hard thing to do period. Why do you  
>>think I showered GT with accolades for having the rocks to share  
>>his sighting report? You know me. I don't give away 'candy'  
>>that easily or that often. Reporting takes very real courage and  
>>a ton of agonizing and forethought. People think it's a joke.  
>>It's not. Public reporting of such a thing is one of the hardest  
>>things a person can do. ;)

>We've all been down these roads before.

>There is an assumption here that the witnesses that were found  
>were not fully investigated, when in fact they may have been by  
>Mexican UFO researchers. Witnesses in Mexico are no different  
>than those in the US and I would suspect that all of the same  
>limitations would apply. Veracity, from my perspective, has to  
>be proven and cannot be assumed, when the goal is to prove  
>something of this scope.

Hiya Steve,

We need to get Jaime Naussan in on this discussion! I suggested  
in another post that maybe Bruce or someone else who has had  
dealings with Maussan would invite him to participate in this  
discussion. It would be nice to quiz the man who is "on the  
scene" and who has spoken to the witnesses (and hopefully  
investigated them) himself.

All we can do from here is "armchair speculate" the witness  
question to death. Let's try to hustle up Maussan! I'm sure many  
of us have a few pertinent questions to put to the man.

Regards,

Juan Velez De Rodriguez / My "formal" \_in Spanish\_ full name ;)

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## Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:27:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Evidence - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 19:33:12 EST  
>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: ET Evidence  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:01:30 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
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>only signal intended for an espionage agent on the ground.

>Until these possibilities can be eliminated with real data, not  
>opinions however assertedly authoritative, I will remain  
>unconvinced.

>Best wishes,

>Brad

Hello Brad:

I'm no SETI expert by a long shot. I paraphrased their original  
assertion that the source appeared fixed w/r to the stars.  
Here's some of their original text:

From the "Wow!" signal's temporal correspondence to the  
antenna pattern, we know that its source was moving with  
the background stars. From its Doppler shift signature (the  
local oscillator of the receiver was being chirped at a  
rate which corresponds to the Earth's motion with respect  
to the Galactic center of rest) we can eliminate  
terrestrial interference, aircraft or spacecraft from  
consideration.

The antenna coordinates indicated that the signal was

coming from no known nearby sun-like star, though at any time, in any direction, the antenna pattern encompasses on average about half a dozen distant stars. Most significantly, though over a hundred follow-on studies of the same region of the sky were performed, from several different radio observatories, the signal never repeated.

The original URL is:

<http://www.setileague.org/articles/calibwow.htm>

.. where I also read:

Figure 2 shows just such a graph of the output of the Ohio State 50-channel receiver during the transit through the antenna pattern of the "Wow!" source. Time is plotted horizontally, amplitude vertically, and frequency in the depth axis. The time increments are twelve seconds per sample. Each of the channels is 10 kHz wide; thus, a half MHz surrounding the hydrogen line is depicted. Note that the signal rises almost 15 dB above the background noise, in a single channel, then falls back into the noise, its amplitude pattern exactly coinciding with the known beamwidth pattern of the dish (including its feed-induced skew, and coma sidelobes).

Here is the link for "Figure 2" online ..

<http://www.setileague.org/articles/wowgraph.gif>

.. and just for grins, here is the computer printout tape where the technician wrote "WOW". The circled alfa-numeric "6EQUJ5" are only technical designations, not some sort of message. The actual signal was continuous wave (CW) i.e. unmodulated, unlike most satellite transmissions which are sending some specific information. This raises the possibility of a strange but natural source. Arguing against that is the non-repeatability of course.

<http://www.setileague.org/articles/wowsmall.gif>

Not having any special expertise, I cannot effectively argue against a mundane source, but only refer back to the people who wrote this article.

I skipped over all the difficult math here. See the original URL for that, its in some special font which would violate list rules among other things.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## LRV in Popular Mechanics

From: **Holger Isenberg** <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:04:13 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:28:19 -0500  
Subject: LRV in Popular Mechanics

In connection with the article in PM about the Lenticular Reentry Vehicle it is interesting, that a few month ago, a weather satellite made a picture which shows a very similar object as the escape capsule from this vehicle.

I cannot find the photo from the satellite at the moment. Maybe someone can help? It was on:

<http://sightings.com>

The PM article about the LRV is now online:

<http://popularmechanics.com/popmech/sci/0011STSPAP.html>

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## WOW signal [was: ET Evidence]

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:33:47 -0500  
Subject: WOW signal [was: ET Evidence]

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Hello again Brad:

A little more WOW-surfing turned up some more details.

From this URL:

<http://www.bigear.org/wow20th.htm#radec>

I read (in part):

For the strongest Wow! data point, the epoch 1950 right  
ascension shown on the computer printout was: 19h17m24s, while  
the corresponding declination was: -27 degrees and 3 minutes of  
arc (-27d03m).

This puts the source in the direction of the constellation  
Sagittarius (note, however, that the constellation gives just  
the general direction and provides negligible useful information

to an astronomer).

It turns out that prior to the occurrence of the Wow! signal, I made a mistake in the computer programming in dealing with the correction of the R. A. coordinate for the offset of the positive horn. I added the correction rather than subtracting it as I should have. I corrected this error when it was discovered, which, unfortunately, was after the Wow! source was detected.

Later in this article, I will compute the corrected value for R.A.

This was written by Dr. Jerry R. Ehman who gave his email address! Maybe he can answer questions on how a stellar-stationary source was determined, and Earth-orbiting sources were "ruled out".

<[jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu)>

As for the duration, Dr Ehman says:

How long was the signal present and was it "intermittent"? The computer printout showed 6 significant data points (with intensities ranging from 5 up to 30 sigmas). Each data point represented 10 seconds of data acquisition plus about 2 seconds of computer analysis. Thus, the signal lasted for about  $6 * 12 = 72$  seconds. The very curious thing about this signal was the fact that we should have seen it twice within a period of about 5 minutes as our two beams sequentially scanned the source, but we only saw one of the beam responses. Thus, if the signal came in the negative horn (the first one to be able to see the source), the signal could not have lasted more than about 2 minutes - 2.5 minutes or we would have seen it also in the second (positive) horn. Similarly, if the signal came in the positive horn .. the signal could also not have lasted more than about 2 minutes - 2.5 minutes or we would have seen it also in the first (negative) horn.

Thus, based on what I have just said, I would place [an upper] limit of about 2.5 minutes on the duration of the Wow! signal.

This page is a long and somewhat difficult read.

For the corrected coordinates, Dr. Ehman finally wrote:

... Thus, when R. A. increases by 5m, the galactic latitude decreases by 1.03d and the galactic longitude increases by 0.44d. Applying these rates linearly (OK for the small changes in R.A.), the corrected and deduced R.A.s for the two horns yield corrected galactic latitudes and longitudes as shown in the table below.

| Horn     | R.A.      | Galactic Longitude | Galactic Latitude |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Positive | 19h22m25s | -18.89d            | 11.65d            |
| Negative | 19h25m17  | -19.48d            | 11.90d            |

[where RA (right ascension) is in hours:mins:secs and Long/Lat is in decimal degrees. -LH ]

Dr. Ehman cautions against " making vast conclusions from half-vast data." adding:

Note that the words "ruled out", in scientific parlance, means "to assign a very low probability..".

More to the point, Ehman considers several possibly mundane sources:

Planets: The positions of all of the planets in our solar system were looked up in an ephemeris .. None of them were close to the Wow! source position. Of course, one would not expect a planet to be generating a narrowband radio emission. ... none of the planets were in the proper position in the sky.

Asteroids: Asteroids are essentially small planets. Hence, they have negligible magnetic fields and hence negligible non-thermal radiation. Since their masses and surface areas are so much smaller than our planets, they generate much less thermal radiation. However, the ephemeris was consulted for the

locations of some of the larger asteroids, but none were in the vicinity.

[Asteroids tend to lie on or near the planetary plane, while signal came from 11 or 12 degrees above that. -LH ]

Satellites: If a satellite from the U.S. or Soviet Union or other country were broadcasting around 1420 MHz, the Big Ear would have been easily able to detect it when it was in the beam. The frequency band around 1420 MHz (a few MHz on either side) was declared off limits for satellite transmission or earth-based broadcasting over the entire world. Thus, no satellite should have been sending out any transmission in this protected band. If a satellite were violating this agreement, it is quite possible for the signal to be narrowband. For example, the AM radio stations in the frequency range of around 0.5 - 1.6 MHz (500 - 1600 kHz) transmit over a bandwidth of approximately 10 kHz, the same bandwidth as each of the 50 channels in our receiver. [Note that the bandwidths of FM radio and television are much wider than 10 kHz.] An investigation of the orbits of all known satellites revealed that none were in our beam at the time of the Wow! source.

[ We should stress the word "known" of course. -LH ]

Aircraft: There are two major ways to rule out .. aircraft: (1) no aircraft transmitters operate in the protected radio band around 1420 MHz; and (2) aircraft move with respect to the celestial background. The Wow! source intensity pattern received matched almost perfectly the pattern expected from a small-angular-diameter (point) radio source on the "celestial sphere" (i.e., at such a large distance that there is no perceptible motion relative to the background stars). An aircraft, which would show a significant motion with respect to the stars, would also cause the received pattern of intensities to depart noticeably from that expected for a point source.

Spacecraft: A check was made for known spacecraft and none were near the direction of Wow!. In addition, a spacecraft is not supposed to be transmitting in the protected band.

From Dr. Ehman's cautious wording, I take it he is no wild-eyed visionary. Rather, this is a discussion of a point source that appears to have been stationary with respect to the stellar sphere.

A good read of his original article is recommended for those interested, again at the URL up top.

Further browsing may turn up some skeptical responses, which must also be considered of course.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:35:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Young

>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:36:10 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

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>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.  
>Consider ordinary sightings. They have presented themselves in  
>such a manner that those who can accept the possibility of their  
>reality can readily explore the matter and confirm this reality  
>to their own satisfaction. Those who can't, can complain that we  
>don't have hard physical evidence, or enough good videos, etc.,  
>and so don't have to believe what they are unable to accept due  
>to their preexisting belief in scientism, religion,  
>anthropocentrism, or similar reason. In walking this tightrope,  
>these aliens can get across a lot of information regarding their  
>technical and psychic capabilities and their concerns and  
>ethics. Their strategy seems to include presenting themselves to  
>us in such a manner that the UFO coverup doesn't come unraveled  
>before they think we're prepared for that. Hence they seem to  
>have kept their frequency of sightings at a level such that the  
>degree of belief in UFO reality stays somewhere around 50% --  
>much higher and a snowball effect of unraveling the coverup  
>prematurely would set in. In so doing, they have had to make  
>sure that science as a whole doesn't catch on to their reality,  
>and this they can easily do by making sure they don't leave too  
>much evidence behind, don't show themselves to too many people  
>at once or for too long, utilize advanced technology that  
>scientists will think is impossible, and even at times utilize  
>this technology and advanced knowledge so as to allow  
>single-minded scientists to come to the wrong conclusion if they  
>so desire. Examples of the latter include those where the UFO  
>poses like an airplane or helicopter though possessing  
>impossibly different flight characteristics or navigational  
>lights or noise level, etc.; these the skeptics can shrug off as  
>airplanes and helicopters, etc., combined with witness  
>fallibility, if they wish. Other examples abound where the UFO  
>was a point of light in the night sky, but made \*large\* zigzag  
>movements, but thereafter remaining motionless, appearing as a  
>normal star. These the astronomers who don't know better will  
>pass off as stars mistakenly thought to have moved through a  
>trick of the eye. With hundreds of thousands of UFO sightings in  
>the records, the fact that in none of these (none available to  
>us to study) did the aliens stick around long enough for the  
>news media to converge on it and confirm it publicly is  
>consistent with this strategy. If no such strategy were in  
>place, sheer statistics would indicate that a small percentage,  
>like 0.1% (?), would have stuck around for 24 hours or longer  
>and caused the UFO coverup to come unraveled.

Jim, John, List:

The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as evidence acceptable to science.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

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>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:09:52 -0500

>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 05:27:12 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

>I seem to recall that the HUBBLE repair mission a few years back  
>replaced the main computer system with an updated model, based  
>on the Intel 486 chip.

>The Pentium had been out for several years and the Pentium II  
>was already on the market, but the 486 processor had been fully  
>tested and certified for use in Space technology and the older  
>system was later installed.

>Keep in mind that the processor that is still the most prominent  
>in the world is (I believe) still the faithful old 8086 (which  
>pre-dates the 80286 AT processor). While not utilized in  
>computers any longer, it now helps to run all of our appliances  
>and other devices that have become "smart".

Would you believe our new International Space Station runs on a  
386 processor?

Roger

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 10:56:40 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:37:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Young

>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 19:55:56 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>This story has more than a video on it.

OK, but it seems to me that either the video is or is not questionable. What is your position on that, and if you accept the video as authentic, what is your answer to Bruce Maccabee's findings?

Have you considered the possibility that the video may have been produced after the sighting?

>They are witnesses that did not want to talk because of their >positions regarding their homes (placed in a zone where it was >illegal to be placed one time)... They were the recorders of this >clip that were very afraid of a chief that harassed and shouted >them as he did at us...

>There were people that suffered skin burns that we analyzed and >even worse, "illnesses" that I saw until a fatal point after an >overexposition to the magnetic field of this ship... I have seen >too many things around this area, where not only this time, but >too many others, have seen UFOs surrounding... Hovering... >Planes crashing there, and magnetic anomalies easily detectable >are just a part of the puzzle where this Ovni de Las Lomas was >placed by the history...

How many witnesses came forward before the broadcast of the video?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 10:19:23 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:41:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:15:57 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:46:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 13:54:02 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, Michel wrote:

>>>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>>>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>>>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>>>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

>>>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>>>us who have, do...

I replied:

>>So let me make sure that I understand what you are saying:

>>Only those that believe, at face value, all unsolved UFO claims  
>>or have seen a UFO for themselves have the right to question the  
>>existence of UFOs? If so, then what's the point of this  
>>discussion list and why are you a participant?

Michel now writes:

>First of all, UFOs are not a belief system. Either they are  
>real, or they're not. Second, they are far from being "at face  
>value" since they have been thoroughly investigated, if not at  
>the time they took place, then years later while being  
>re-examined by competent researchers with scientific means.

<snip>

>I know for a fact that if anyone tries to gather evidence in  
>order to convince other people, they will never succeed. And it  
>sure doesn't help if they themselves do not "believe", "face up  
>to" or "accept" this reality for themselves.

Hello, Michel!

I have never said that UFOs do not exist. What I have said is that witness testimony needs to be validated and that ufology should not be afraid to embrace this line of thought. It's all well and fine that you accept all UFO sightings at face value, whether they have been validated or not. However, you seem to be contradicting yourself above when you say, "I know for a fact that if anyone tries to gather evidence in order to convince other people, they will never succeed."

I refer to a previous post:

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>

>Date: Fri, 07 Apr 2000 18:06:16 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: An MP's Story - Roswell, NM, July 3rd, 1947

>Saying so does not constitute proof;  
>it's just somebody's opinion.

In which you wrote about UFO "proof", you claimed:

>Proof is hard to come by, but it isn't impossible to come by.

Therefore, it seems that the bar is raised or lowered, depending on your own personal bias about the subject or the degree to which you face adversity in your position. So, which is it? Can the existence of UFOs be proven or not? If it is your position that they can not, then why?

Of all the people that write in to this List, you are in the best position to photograph or document UFOs since, according to you, you've had 17 separate sightings since 1974. That's a lot of sightings, Michel. At this point I am not doubting your word. However, it seems odd to me that you protest the "doubters" in this world, but do not take full advantage of your good fortune regarding the sheer number of sightings you seem to be blessed with.

By the way, how many sightings have you had since, say, 1998? Please be specific.

Roger

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:43:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Roberts

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

Hi,

Michel wrote:

>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>imagination.

I wouldn't for a minute dispute the number of 'sightings' you claim to have had Michel. But I would dispute 'none of them has a conventional explanation'. Because you don't know that. Furthermore the history of witness perception (many examples given on this list) and of the seemingly inexorable trail from 'UFO' to 'IFO', indicates that your 'sightings' may well have a conventional (if unusual) explanation.

You are offering an opinion based on an experience. The sceptics are offering a whole history of UFO to IFO cases.

>If I look out onto the street and see a 1969 Ford Mustang, I am  
>looking at a 1969 Ford Mustang, and not a 1976 Chevrolet Nova.  
>There are no two ways about it. You see something, clear and  
>distinct. It is what it is!

But what about the many people who claim to have seen a UFO and their case is later resolved to an IFO? Or are you in some way 'special'?

>Funny how eyewitnesses seemed to be looked upon as people who  
>couldn't recognize an anomaly in the sky from a hole in the  
>ground?

Not at all. But there are serious, documented, problems with witness perception. To date no witness to a UFO has ever been able to demonstrate they have seen something 'exotic' (fill in your own choice of craft/spacehip, whatever).

>Those of us who have seen UFOs, Flying Saucers and/or their  
>Occupants, sometimes up close and personal, we know what we saw.

Er, except for the ones who did but were then proved to have been mistaken.

>We wouldn't be having these discussions day after day after day,  
>if a proper database of all thoroughly investigated cases had  
>been set up from the beginning.

I rather think we would.

>The bulk of the badly needed  
>information is still being withheld by governments around the  
>world.

I can't speak for the US government but I've delved, and am delving, long and deep into the history of UK government 'cover-ups' and I'm afraid it just isn't there (other than their cover up of ignorance).

>But to the hard core skeptic, anything presented to them means  
>absolutely nothing at all. They'll never be convinced.

Your opinion Michel. I'm happy to accept the most bizarre of human experiences - had a few myself - but the source of those experiences are in question. If you choose - and you obviously do - to go with the blind faith approach, simply because you have seen 'them', then that's fine. But you'll have to come up with something a little better to convince any sceptical UFO researcher.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 11:18:33 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:45:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexicol@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexicol@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 19:55:56 EST  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:14:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz

Previously, Mr. Munoz stated:

>We have spent money, time, effort and reputation in looking  
>for all the elements to perform a real investigation - real  
>field research. And we succeeded.

<snip>

>Not just making hypothesis, but trying to get all the possible  
>reality out of all the elements... And believe me, we did  
>succeed...

Okay. Okay. You succeeded, you succeeded! Where are the results?  
All I see are proclamations that you did all this wonderful  
research and that you "succeeded". However, despite all the  
verbiage that I snipped, none of it revealed anything of  
substance; only proclamation. Please publish the results of your  
"research" on this list for all of us to see. Otherwise, what's  
your point?

Moving on, Daniel wrote:

>There were people that suffered skin burns that we analysed and  
>even worse, "illnesses" that I saw until a fatal point after an  
>overexposition to the magnetic field of this ship...

<snip>

>Is very easy just to say that the video was created on a  
>computer, but tell me, is it possible for a computer to burn the  
>skin of Mexican citizens?

Uh, I'm not a physicist, but how easy is it to get burns from a  
magnetic field? This sounds a little fishy. I would think that  
any field strong enough to do that kind of damage to a person  
(assuming it could) would be so pervasive as to inhibit the  
entire video recording process for miles around!

Finally, Munoz writes:

>It is also very easy to formulate statements lacking of realness  
>and field research when oneself has never been in the site of  
>the facts, and very comfortably asking everything through your  
>computers...

Kind of like what you are doing with this post, I'm afraid.

Roger

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz

From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:19:07 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:55:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz

>From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 12:59:49 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 17:37:59 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>But the real deal is that few people ever look up in crowded  
>>urban environments so that cuts the number of  
>>potential witnesses way down right there. Also if was a cloudy,  
>>overcast day (as it appears to have been) there wouldn't have  
>>been many folks out perambulating around anyway.

>To all,

>Last year (Or the year before), I posted regarding, Maussan and  
>his new witnesses he claimed to have found. He was speaking at  
>the Project Awareness UFO Conference. It was either in Gulf  
>Breeze or Clearwater, Florida.

>Basically, this is what he said (And the audiotapes are  
>available from the promoters if anybody doesn't believe me. But  
>I have a decent memory and this is what I remember.

>Maussan said that almost one hundred witnesses had come forward  
>to say that they had seen the object in question. I knew this  
>was a big deal because one of the major complaints people had  
>was that there were so few witnesses to a huge daylight  
>sighting.

>This was right before a special was to air on Fox regarding the  
>Mexico sighting. I asked Maussan or his producer (I forget  
>which) if they were going to get this information to the Fox  
>producers before they aired their show. I think he said yes.

>Well, needless to say, we never heard anything about these new  
>witnesses. In my mind, Maussan lost all credibility on that day.

>Joe Murgia  
>Editor, Open Mind News

Dear Joe, Errol and List,

I just want to point that, in fact, Jaime said that because that was the intention. Unfortunately the Fox producers we were working with wanted, as they said, "just the most credible and spectacular witnesses", like Casandra (who declined to be interviewed, at least the first time, by them because she was tired of these people). And they had a very hard schedule, so they weren't able to spend weeks with us to interview all the witnesses home by home. As we did, once.

If you have ever managed TV budgets and productions, you certainly can understand Fox's behavior. In TV, time is gold, my friends.

Now, I think that if Jaime lost his credibility, it does not affect a case that remains as one of the most spectacular (and controversial) of all time. A case that I would like to have happened in the States, just to see how you could manage all this information.

Best regards.

Daniel Muñoz

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## Re: WOW Signal - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 15:22:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:00:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: WOW Signal - Hatch

Hello:

Regarding the assertion that the 1978 WOW signal was stationary with the stellar sphere ( as opposed to some motion indicating orbiting objects etc) I emailed Dr. H Paul Shuch Ph.D, executive director of the SETI league with a list of questions.

I got a quick relatively brief response, I quote it exactly and entirely below.

----- Original Message -----

Subj: Re: WOW signal stationary in stellar sphere?  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:23:34 -0500  
From: "Dr. H. Paul Shuch" <[n6tx@setileague.org](mailto:n6tx@setileague.org)>  
To: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
CC: [rcf@setileague.org](mailto:rcf@setileague.org)

At 06:01 AM 11/24/00 -0800, you wrote:

>Can one safely infer that the source was indeed  
>stationary w/r to the stars? If so, does this  
>at least suggest the sources was at some great  
>distance, stellar rather than planetary distance?

Larry,

All those competing hypotheses [satellites, space junk, planets -LH] were examined, and rejected.

Without going into the technical details (since time does not permit specifically answering each of your sub-questions), the answer to this one is an emphatic YES. Although the duration of the signal was short (in fact, 37 seconds at the half-power points), remember that the antenna was fixed, and this time would ONLY exactly match drift scan from Earth's rotation if the source were at stellar distances.

Further, Doppler shift from nearby sources (or reflection off of nearby targets) would have smeared the signal between adjacent receiver bins. Such was not the case.

Your specific questions are treated extensively in the literature. Use our search feature to do a key-word search on "Wow" on The SETI League website. That will turn up 56 references, many in online articles that are must reading for someone wishing to study the Wow! event in its entirety.

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 19:34:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:06:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnmexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnmexico1@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 19:55:56 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Muñoz  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
<snip>

>Dear Errol and List,

>For some days ago until today, I've been reading all of your  
>comments on a subject that strongly touches us here in Mexico,  
>and that is the video called 'The Las Lomas Video'.

Hi Daniel, hi All,

>(See above those disappointing words that somebody wrote in  
>Spanish. Very cowardly and offensive to Spanish readers such as  
>myself - a Mexican investigator and journalist)

I'm going to chalk up those words/opinions to a "misread" of what was being discussed. Language can be a problem for some of our International members. I'd only like to suggest to Daniel that he re-read the posting and the one that preceded it so that he can familiarize himself with the comments and questions that Steve had posted and with the 'context' of my responses. I'm sure he'll see that it was a simple case of misunderstanding.

Daniel, there was nothing insulting or offensive in anything that was said above. Once you get the gist of the conversation I'm sure you'll change your mind.

\*While I have your ear,....

Would it be possible for you to arrange for us to ask Jaime Maussan some questions regarding the number of witnesses that he interviewed and the details of the investigation that has been conducted to date? It would go a long way towards helping people on this side of the border to familiarize them selves about important details connected to the sighting.

Regards, and I regret that you misread my words to the point where you considered them insulting or offensive. Nothing of the kind was intended or implied.

John Velez

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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## Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:58:26 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:08:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent

>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:29:17 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 06:00:10 +0100  
>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>Source: "Sun.Star Cebu Electronic Edition"

>><http://www.sunstar.com.ph/pampanga/index.html>

>>Stig

>>\*\*\*

>>Pagasa debunks UFO sightings  
>>By Minerva S. Zamora

>>CLARK FIELD -- Government scientists Tuesday debunked the recent  
>>UFO sightings in nearby Mabalacat town and Angeles city saying  
>>the mysterious lights seen by local residents last Friday  
>>evening came from a land-based light source.

>><snip>

>Dear Stig:

>The reporters (above) neatly avoided one of my favorite little  
>bugaboos. They failed to say that the useless night-lights were  
>in a " perfect triangle". For shame!

>I defy anybody on this list to define a perfect triangle! Go  
>ahead jello-brains, tell me what is and is not a "perfect  
>triangle".

>Better yet, provide an example of an imperfect triangle.

>Ha ha ha ha!

>Oh go eat yer turkey, and go back to sleep.

>Best wishes regardless.

>- Larry Hatch

Hello listerions,

The original post that reported Phillipine scientists claimed those sightings were made from halogen lights reminds me of an incident this year in Germany. You may remember that several months ago on this list, in Filer's files, or one of the others, there was a report that a police officer and several other people in the town of Mochengladbach saw what appeared to be a UFO landing. It was investigated and was found to have been a prank caused by teenagers with stolen construction site halogen lights. They even fooled a member of the Polizei.

Tschus, Josh

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 16:58:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:54:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs  
>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:09:52 -0500

>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 05:27:12 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

><snip>

>>Its about time. Their old MacIntosh was probably getting cranky,  
>>and gawd knows what dangerous junk is orbiting Earth as we type.

>>Literally anything that sorts wheat from chaff in this awful  
>>field is welcome.

>I seem to recall that the HUBBLE repair mission a few years back  
>replaced the main computer system with an updated model, based  
>on the Intel 486 chip.

>The Pentium had been out for several years and the Pentium II  
>was already on the market, but the 486 processor had been fully  
>tested and certified for use in Space technology and the older  
>system was later installed.

>Keep in mind that the processor that is still the most prominent  
>in the world is (I believe) still the faithful old 8086 (which  
>pre-dates the 80286 AT processor). While not utilized in  
>computers any longer, it now helps to run all of our appliances  
>and other devices that have become "smart".

Hello Steve:

Yes, we rely on the tried and true, and not without good reasons.

In my first job in electronics, at Signetics in Sunnyvale,CA I was amazed to find a box on the wall with an old fashioned vacuum tube inside! It must have been part of a defunct intercom system. Siggy was bought out by Philips International, the original plant is almost entirely idle for years.

Very recently, my boss plunked an old guitar amp on the bench and asked if I could fix that. Lots of funky vacuum tubes again, two honking 6L6 tubes for the output.

Fortunately, the problem was simple, a shorted diode in the main bridge rectifier (60 cents! It should have cost a dime.) so now I'm a genius for a week, and the good old amp sounds fine.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia

From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:25:30 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:57:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia

>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexicol@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexicol@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:19:07 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Dear Joe, Errol and List,

>I just want to point that, in fact, Jaime said that because that  
>was the intention. Unfortunately the Fox producers we were  
>working with wanted, as they said, "just the most credible and  
>spectacular witnesses", like Casandra (who declined to be  
>interviewed, at least the first time, by them because she  
>was tired of these people). And they had a very hard schedule,  
>so they weren't able to spend weeks with us to interview all the  
>witnesses home by home. As we did, once.

Daniel,

I met you at the conference. I did not know that you were on this List. Thanks for trying to add your input. Unlike all of us, at least you were able to visit the site of the alleged sighting. Am I right about that? Just checking.

Are there really one hundred witnesses? If there are, then the fact that Fox didn't get to use them does not affect Jaime's credibility. What bothered me is that I never heard another word about those hundreds of witnesses. Not from Jaime and not from anyone else that did work on the case. Did you or anybody else interview these witnesses? If not, then it looks bad. I know some of them were reluctant to speak but how many out of the hundred do you have on tape?

>Now, I think that if Jaime lost his credibility, it does not  
>affect a case that remains as one of the most spectacular (and  
>controversial) of all time. A case that I would like to have  
>happened in the States, just to see how you could manage all  
>this information.

I think most people just want to see the data that you were able to collect. Is it viewable anywhere on the net?

In one of your earlier posts, you wrote:

>is it possible for a computer to burn the skin of Mexican  
>citizens? Or that we all are lunatics, seeing UFOs, since  
>1991, in a wave that never ends and is very consistent,  
>created by computers? Detected by radar controllers,  
>and by pilots, some who come from your airlines from  
>your countries?>

Daniel, there are people out there that believe everything you just wrote. I know a couple of them here in Tampa.

But as for people on this List.....

I don't think people are questioning all of the sightings that have occurred over the years in Mexico. I for one am very jealous of all the activity that Mexicans get to experience. I'd be happy with just one sighting!

But that's not the point. The point is this specific case. I was able to see the interviews with many of the witnesses that you were able to get on videotape. They seemed credible. But what do I know? But Bruce and Jeff's analysis makes sense too. So who do we believe?

As Bob said, maybe the sighting happened and then the video was hoaxed? Maybe?

>Best regards.  
>Daniel Muñoz

<P.S. - Excuse my English.>

By the way, your English is fine. I appreciate you taking the time to post your thoughts for us to read. I wish we had the kind of media coverage that you get in Mexico. One day soon our media will wake-up. Then again, maybe they won't.

Take care,

Joe

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## Re: LRV in Popular Mechanics - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:55:53 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:06:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: LRV in Popular Mechanics - Young

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:04:13 +0100 (CET)  
>From: Holger Isenberg <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: LRV in Popular Mechanics

>In connection with the article in PM about the Lenticular  
>Reentry Vehicle it is interesting, that a few month ago, a  
>weather satellite made a picture which shows a very similar  
>object as the escape capsule from this vehicle.

>I cannot find the photo from the satellite at the moment. Maybe  
>someone can help? It was on:

><http://sightings.com>

Holger, List:

Do you remember the giant "mothership" that George Filer wrote about in Filer's Files #50 -- 1999? It was on a satellite pix taken on December 17, 1999, at 14:45Z on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Geosynchronous Orbiting Environmental Satellite (GOES) in orbit.

It turned out to be in the same position and at the same time as the Moon. If the image was shaped like the Mechanics illustrative drawing, it could very likely have been a quarter Moon.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: WOW Signal - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:10:11 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:07:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: WOW Signal - Young

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 04:52:47 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: WOW signal [was: ET Evidence]

<snip>

>More to the point, Ehman considers several possibly mundane  
>sources:

<snip>

>Asteroids: Asteroids are essentially small planets. Hence, they  
>have negligible magnetic fields and hence negligible non-thermal  
>radiation. Since their masses and surface areas are so much  
>smaller than our planets, they generate much less thermal  
>radiation. However, the ephemeris was consulted for the  
>locations of some of the larger asteroids, but none were in the  
>vicinity.

>[Asteroids tend to lie on or near the planetary plane, while  
>signal came from 11 or 12 degrees above that. -LH ]

Larry, Brad, List:

The average asteroid has an orbital inclination of 9.7 degrees to the ecliptic and a few, such as Hidalgo, can have highly inclined orbits similar to those of some periodic comets. So a check of only larger asteroids may not rule out one of these locations.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: ebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:20:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:09:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: ebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:15:57 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:46:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

<snip>

>First of all, UFOs are not a belief system.

Dear Michel, Roger, List readers:

Opinion surveys have shown that close to 50% of adult Americans believe that UFOs could be ET craft, but only 12% or so say that they have seen one, themselves.

Tell that to the 38% or so who apparently believe in them even though they have never seen one, themselves. This is a giant pool of just waiting to experience the greatest thrill of their lives.

I will grant Michel that UFOs may not be a believe system to him.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:22:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:10:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:36:10 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.  
>>Consider ordinary sightings. They have presented themselves in  
>>such a manner that those who can accept the possibility of their  
>>reality can readily explore the matter and confirm this reality  
>>to their own satisfaction. Those who can't, can complain that we  
>>don't have hard physical evidence, or enough good videos, etc.,  
>>and so don't have to believe what they are unable to accept due  
>>to their preexisting belief in scientism, religion,  
>>anthropocentrism, or similar reason. In walking this tightrope,  
>>these aliens can get across a lot of information regarding their  
>>technical and psychic capabilities and their concerns and  
>>ethics. Their strategy seems to include presenting themselves to  
>>us in such a manner that the UFO coverup doesn't come unraveled  
>>before they think we're prepared for that. Hence they seem to  
>>have kept their frequency of sightings at a level such that the  
>>degree of belief in UFO reality stays somewhere around 50% --  
>>much higher and a snowball effect of unraveling the coverup  
>>prematurely would set in. In so doing, they have had to make  
>>sure that science as a whole doesn't catch on to their reality,  
>>and this they can easily do by making sure they don't leave too  
>>much evidence behind, don't show themselves to too many people  
>>at once or for too long, utilize advanced technology that  
>>scientists will think is impossible, and even at times utilize  
>>this technology and advanced knowledge so as to allow  
>>single-minded scientists to come to the wrong conclusion if they  
>>so desire. Examples of the latter include those where the UFO  
>>poses like an airplane or helicopter though possessing  
>>impossibly different flight characteristics or navigational  
>>lights or noise level, etc.; these the skeptics can shrug off as  
>>airplanes and helicopters, etc., combined with witness  
>>fallibility, if they wish. Other examples abound where the UFO  
>>was a point of light in the night sky, but made \*large\* zigzag  
>>movements, but thereafter remaining motionless, appearing as a  
>>normal star. These the astronomers who don't know better will  
>>pass off as stars mistakenly thought to have moved through a  
>>trick of the eye. With hundreds of thousands of UFO sightings in  
>>the records, the fact that in none of these (none available to  
>>us to study) did the aliens stick around long enough for the  
>>news media to converge on it and confirm it publicly is  
>>consistent with this strategy. If no such strategy were in  
>>place, sheer statistics would indicate that a small percentage,  
>>like 0.1% (?), would have stuck around for 24 hours or longer  
>>and caused the UFO coverup to come unraveled.

>Jim, John, List:

>The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable  
>hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as  
>evidence acceptable to science.

Hello Bob,

It's not acceptable as proof to science, but it remains a viable  
possibility. Therefore, it's certainly unscientific to dismiss  
it, especially when many other UFO reports point to the UFO  
pilots being capable of doing such.

Jim

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:26:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:12:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 03:57:19 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:36:10 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>So I explain your 1), 2) and 3) above as being ill-posed in  
>>their either/or implications, which omit the consideration that  
>>the aliens have a strategy that involves more than just one goal  
>>at a time.

>Hi Jim,

>You may be 100% correct for all I or anybody else knows. It  
>seems that all we can do is to try to 'surmise' (from what we  
>think we know) as to what the 'motives' behind the UFOs may be.  
>As someone who wants/ needs solid and reliable answers to basic  
>questions, I can ill afford to spend much time spinning my  
>wheels speculating and posing suppositions. ...

>Sure Jim, the aliens could have gone and messed with a couple of  
>frames of a video as it was being recorded. But how in Heavens  
>name are we ever to verify such a thing?

Hi John,

It simply becomes the best hypothesis after all else has been eliminated. We know it can't be a hoax because of the witnesses. That 12-year-old girl, Cassandra, described the UFO without ever having seen the video. As Maussan noted in MUFON J. of Aug. 1998 (p. 16), her father was a witness to her having excitedly told her to come outside and see the UFO, but thought that she was acting crazy, so he didn't go outside. Only after Maussan and crew arrived in the area with video cameras did she learn there was someone she could tell her sighting to who wouldn't say she was crazy.

On the other hand, we know that the UFO guys are capable of having maneuvered their craft such that Jeff Saino's analysis would make it seem it could have been an electronic hoax.

It's also worth pointing out that a hoaxist would have to have gone to a tremendous amount of clever work, making the faked UFO image wobble as well as rotate while traversing, during those 1000 or so video frames. So any such hoaxing could not have been any simple matter of emplacing and moving along a single fake image, as during the wobble and apparent rotation the image details change. No doubt all this is why no one has come up with their version of how a hoaxed video having that appearance could actually be accomplished, after three years.

>Even if we prove it to  
>be "real" how do we determine after the fact whether the  
>builders and pilots of the vehicle were alien or human? We  
>can't.



Unless some government possesses one or more UFO-like craft whose occupants, as well as the craft, can withstand the accelerations that accompany vertical movements of 10 feet and back in a couple 30ths of a second, we can rule out the human angle.

>It is possible to determine (if the person doing the looking >is experienced, lucky, and knowledgeable) if a piece of film or >video has been doctored in some fashion. That seems like a much >more do-able and reasonable goal than trying to figure out if >aliens used "telepathy" or some other technological means to >influence the edge smears on two different elements within any >given/single video frame.

Many more frames than two!

>Hey man, I can listen to you all night. I'm open to hear what >you have to offer in terms of providing a 'speculative' >explanation for what may be going on.

Those who consider themselves ufologists surely must have learned in the last 53 years that UFOs exist and can undergo terrific accelerations. If not, then there's indeed no hope that they could appreciate either this Mexican City video or the witnesses who saw the object that appeared on the video tape.

Those who realize the reality of Ed Walters' series of sightings and abduction can get a glimmer of how the Mexican City UFO could have accomplished its feat of moving erratically vertically and transversely in synchronism with the minor jitters of the hand-held video camera. This is by considering that "black dot" I keep mentioning, which jittered around on Ed's window pane while the UFO was present a good half mile away, making a thumping noise to attract his attention, and which disappeared as the UFO vanished. (See UFOs Are Real, pp. 34-35). Its importance as an aid to understanding the Mexican city case is that we can imagine that one or two small black dots like that were remotely emplaced on the hand-held video camera by the UFO pilot(s) during the time the UFO was around, and instantly transmitted back to the UFO every component of jittery acceleration and rotation that the camera underwent. And the craft maneuvered accordingly, so as to minimize the effect of hand-held jitter on its own image.

I'm not saying that's how they did it, mind you, as they might have any number of better ways to accomplish the same. Yet, it seems that scientifically inclined ufologists need to feel they can get a glimmer of how such-and-such was accomplished, by aliens whose science & technology could be 1000 centuries ahead of ours, before they can accept even the possibility that it can be accomplished.

>Once we determine whether the image is or isn't "real" we can >then move on to open and freewheeling speculation as to what it >means. Or the 'why' of it. That's all I meant Jim. I hope I >didn't couch my original response in terms that caused you to >misunderstood my meaning. ...

I understand, John, but with the alien capabilities being what they are, we need to rely heavily upon the witness testimony and credibility and sincerity rather than allowing hoax claims to go unchallenged. The latter claim, to be most credible, requires that there have been no honest witnesses plus requiring one or more hoaxers to come forward, admit to it and show exactly how they did it by recreating a new video just like it in front of trusted witnesses. Ignoring alien intelligence, cleverness and strategy is a loser. I'm glad you're not dismissing the witnesses.

Jim

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:14:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>Hi,

>Michel wrote:

>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>imagination.

>I wouldn't for a minute dispute the number of 'sightings' you  
>claim to have had Michel. But I would dispute 'none of them has  
>a conventional explanation'. Because you don't know that.  
>Furthermore the history of witness perception (many examples  
>given on this list) and of the seemingly inexorable trail from  
>'UFO' to 'IFO', indicates that your 'sightings' may well have a  
>conventional (if unusual) explanation.

>You are offering an opinion based on an experience. The sceptics  
>are offering a whole history of UFO to IFO cases.

>>If I look out onto the street and see a 1969 Ford Mustang, I am  
>>looking at a 1969 Ford Mustang, and not a 1976 Chevrolet Nova.  
>>There are no two ways about it. You see something, clear and  
>>distinct. It is what it is!

>But what about the many people who claim to have seen a UFO and  
>their case is later resolved to an IFO? Or are you in some way  
>'special'?

>>Funny how eyewitnesses seemed to be looked upon as people who  
>>couldn't recognize an anomaly in the sky from a hole in the  
>>ground?

>Not at all. But there are serious, documented, problems with  
>witness perception. To date no witness to a UFO has ever been  
>able to demonstrate they have seen something 'exotic' (fill in  
>your own choice of craft/spacecraft, whatever).

>>Those of us who have seen UFOs, Flying Saucers and/or their  
>>Occupants, sometimes up close and personal, we know what we saw.

>Er, except for the ones who did but were then proved to have  
>been mistaken.

>>We wouldn't be having these discussions day after day after day,  
>>if a proper database of all thoroughly investigated cases had  
>>been set up from the beginning.

>I rather think we would.

>>The bulk of the badly needed  
>>information is still being withheld by governments around the  
>>world.

>I can't speak for the US government but I've delved, and am  
>deliving, long and deep into the history of UK government  
>'cover-ups' and I'm afraid it just isn't there (other than their  
>cover up of ignorance).

>>But to the hard core skeptic, anything presented to them means  
>>absolutely nothing at all. They'll never be convinced.

>Your opinion Michel. I'm happy to accept the most bizarre of  
>human experiences - had a few myself - but the source of those  
>experiences are in question. If you choose - and you obviously  
>do - to go with the blind faith approach, simply because you  
>have seen 'them', then that's fine. But you'll have to come up  
>with something a little better to convince any sceptical UFO  
>researcher.

Hello Michel and Andy:

Michel: If each of your seventeen personal sightings defies  
conventional explanation, then you at least are calling them  
"trufos", a convenient term which means that mundane  
explanations are effectively ruled out.

Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
"trufo".

What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
trufo.

One space-junk burnout was so spectacular that skeptical friends  
telephoned to point it out. I guess I disappointed them by not  
taking the bait.

I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
you saw seventeen (17) of them.

Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
even a quarter of that number?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 02:27:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 08:23:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 10:19:23 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 00:15:57 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 08:46:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 13:54:02 -0600  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, Michel wrote:

>>>>Anyone who dares to challenge the classic cases of true unknowns  
>>>>(not those cases which eventually turned out to be IFOs) is not  
>>>>really familiar with the subject at all or the data that has  
>>>>been documented throughout the years by competent researchers.

>>>>Those who have not seen will never know for sure, but those of  
>>>>us who have, do...

>I replied:

>>>So let me make sure that I understand what you are saying:

>>>>Only those that believe, at face value, all unsolved UFO claims  
>>>>or have seen a UFO for themselves have the right to question the  
>>>>existence of UFOs? If so, then what's the point of this  
>>>>discussion list and why are you a participant?

>Michel now writes:

>>First of all, UFOs are not a belief system. Either they are  
>>real, or they're not. Second, they are far from being "at face  
>>value" since they have been thoroughly investigated, if not at  
>>the time they took place, then years later while being  
>>re-examined by competent researchers with scientific means.

><snip>

>>I know for a fact that if anyone tries to gather evidence in  
>>order to convince other people, they will never succeed. And it  
>>sure doesn't help if they themselves do not "believe", "face up  
>>to" or "accept" this reality for themselves.

>Hello, Michel!

>I have never said that UFOs do not exist. What I have said is  
>that witness testimony needs to be validated and that ufology  
>should not be afraid to embrace this line of thought. It's all  
>well and fine that you accept all UFO sightings at face value,  
>whether they have been validated or not. However, you seem to be  
>contradicting yourself above when you say, "I know for a fact  
>that if anyone tries to gather evidence in order to convince  
>other people, they will never succeed."

>I refer to a previous post:

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Apr 2000 18:06:16 -0400  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: An MP's Story - Roswell, NM, July 3rd, 1947

>>Saying so does not constitute proof;  
>>it's just somebody's opinion.

>In which you wrote about UFO "proof", you claimed:

>>Proof is hard to come by, but it isn't impossible to come by.

>Therefore, it seems that the bar is raised or lowered, depending  
>on your own personal bias about the subject or the degree to  
>which you face adversity in your position. So, which is it? Can  
>the existence of UFOs be proven or not? If it is your position  
>that they can not, then why?

>Of all the people that write in to this List, you are in the  
>best position to photograph or document UFOs since, according to  
>you, you've had 17 separate sightings since 1974. That's a lot  
>of sightings, Michel. At this point I am not doubting your word.  
>However, it seems odd to me that you protest the "doubters" in  
>this world, but do not take full advantage of your good fortune  
>regarding the sheer number of sightings you seem to be blessed  
>with.

>By the way, how many sightings have you had since, say, 1998?  
>Please be specific.

Dear Roger,

Since 1998, I've had 4 sightings.

And you're right...I made a mistake... got mixed up with the  
words proof and evidence... I should have said evidence.

Also, I do not accept every UFO sighting at face value.  
But I do accept all the classic cases, such as:

- 1) Roswell Incident
- 2) 1952 Washington, D.C. flyover, radar-visual case.
- 3) McMinnville, Oregon UFO photos.
- 4) 1954 landing cases in France, Brazil and elsewhere.
- 5) 1957 Levelland landings and E.M. effects on vehicles.
- 6) 1961 - Betty & Barney Hill case.
- 7) 1965 - massive power outage directly connected to UFOs.  
Another in New Mexico a few weeks later.
- 8) 1973 - Mansfield, Ohio...encounter between military  
helicopter and a UFO.
- 9) 1975 flyover of 4 UFOs near Falconbridge radar base, here in  
Ontario.
- 10) 1975 - Travis Walton case. I was lucky enough to talk to  
him on two occasions.
- 11) 1986 - Japan Airlines Flight encounter with large UFO.

I could go on and on and on. The list is endless.

I have faith in these cases and those who have (and are still)  
investigating them...

That's about the size of it...

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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## 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:54:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 09:57:28 -0500  
Subject: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:58:26 +0100  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings - Hatch

>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:29:17 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 06:00:10 +0100  
>>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>>Subject: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>>Source: "Sun.Star Cebu Electronic Edition"

>>><http://www.sunstar.com.ph/pampanga/index.html>

>>>Pagasa debunks UFO sightings  
>>>By Minerva S. Zamora

>>>CLARK FIELD -- Government scientists Tuesday debunked the recent  
>>>UFO sightings in nearby Mabalacat town and Angeles city saying  
>>>the mysterious lights seen by local residents last Friday  
>>>evening came from a land-based light source.

>>><snip>

>>Dear Stig:

>>The reporters (above) neatly avoided one of my favorite little  
>>bugaboos. They failed to say that the useless night-lights were  
>>in a " perfect triangle". For shame!

<snip>

>>Ha ha ha ha!

<snip>

>Hello listerions,

>The original post that reported Phillipine scientists claimed  
>those sightings were made from halogen lights reminds me of an  
>incident this year in Germany. You may remember that several  
>months ago on this list, in Filer's files, or one of the others,  
>there was a report that a police officer and several other  
>people in the town of Mochengladbach saw what appeared to be a  
>UFO landing. It was investigated and was found to have been a  
>prank caused by teenagers with stolen construction site halogen  
>lights. They even fooled a member of the Polizei.

>Tschus, Josh

Hello Josh!

Hey! I know what lox is, but what's "Tschus?" Some kind of



"schmear" maybe?

Anyhow, I am now digging thru piles of back issues of a couple of well known weekly UFO email newsletters.

(Oy! the pain...) I know its a tough job knocking out a weekly report, and sometimes the better sightings just don't materialize.

So what happens?

"Night lights in a perfect triangle."

"Religious miracles in Bozoland."

"Genuine Roquefort cheese at Safeway Supermarket! "

(That one actually happened!)

"Man leaves work in Ireland after a dreadful 24-hour shift... sees nite lites... suffers missing time.."

Once again: will somebody tell me what an imperfect triangle is? Curved sides maybe?

As for Roquefort cheese: Decades ago, my mom told me about some terrible lengthy and rather bitter lawsuit in this country (USA). Every dairy farm was making and selling "roquefort" out of cows milk (gasp!) and entirely away from the proper region in France.

The French won that battle, and we have "Bleu cheese" ever since. Anyhow, I found some genuine Roquefort at Safeway and popped for it. Oh, its great, especially on some San Francisco bread .. but is it worth the price?

My little 100 gram package cost me \$5.49 (US) which [click click] comes out to \$54.90 the kilo, just shy of \$25 a pound! Yes that's the same price as some lox, but a cheese doesn't have to fight its way upstream just to date another clammy fish.

How about the French themselves? Do they pay these prices .. around 430 French Francs the kilogram? I kinda doubt that.

Sorry for the off-topic rant. The cheese and bread go awfully nice with a good beer, and the cheese is best in tiny slivers. [unlike the beer. burp!]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I'm having definite email trouble with my ISP.

Some of my posts have failed to get thru, and incoming messages are coming in dead slow. The ISP blames it on holiday traffic. More likely its their technicians stuck in traffic on their way home for the holidays. -LH

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 02:49:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:01:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>Hi,

>Michel wrote:

>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>imagination.

>I wouldn't for a minute dispute the number of 'sightings' you  
>claim to have had Michel. But I would dispute 'none of them has  
>a conventional explanation'. Because you don't know that.  
>Furthermore the history of witness perception (many examples  
>given on this list) and of the seemingly inexorable trail from  
>'UFO' to 'IFO', indicates that your 'sightings' may well have a  
>conventional (if unusual) explanation.

>You are offering an opinion based on an experience. The sceptics  
>are offering a whole history of UFO to IFO cases.

>>If I look out onto the street and see a 1969 Ford Mustang, I am  
>>looking at a 1969 Ford Mustang, and not a 1976 Chevrolet Nova.  
>>There are no two ways about it. You see something, clear and  
>>distinct. It is what it is!

>But what about the many people who claim to have seen a UFO and  
>their case is later resolved to an IFO? Or are you in some way  
>'special'?

>>Funny how eyewitnesses seemed to be looked upon as people who  
>>couldn't recognize an anomaly in the sky from a hole in the  
>>ground?

>Not at all. But there are serious, documented, problems with  
>witness perception. To date no witness to a UFO has ever been  
>able to demonstrate they have seen something 'exotic' (fill in  
>your own choice of craft/spacecraft, whatever).

>>Those of us who have seen UFOs, Flying Saucers and/or their  
>>Occupants, sometimes up close and personal, we know what we saw.

>Er, except for the ones who did but were then proved to have  
>been mistaken.

>>We wouldn't be having these discussions day after day after day,  
>>if a proper database of all thoroughly investigated cases had  
>>been set up from the beginning.

>I rather think we would.

>>The bulk of the badly needed  
>>information is still being withheld by governments around the  
>>world.

>I can't speak for the US government but I've delved, and am  
>deliving, long and deep into the history of UK government  
>'cover-ups' and I'm afraid it just isn't there (other than their  
>cover up of ignorance).

>>But to the hard core skeptic, anything presented to them means  
>>absolutely nothing at all. They'll never be convinced.

>Your opinion Michel. I'm happy to accept the most bizarre of  
>human experiences - had a few myself - but the source of those  
>experiences are in question. If you choose - and you obviously  
>do - to go with the blind faith approach, simply because you  
>have seen 'them', then that's fine. But you'll have to come up  
>with something a little better to convince any sceptical UFO  
>researcher.

Dear Andy,

I reply by saying:

Yes, I do know that the things that I saw fall outside of any  
conventional explanation that may be put forth.

I believe that it may be a lot simpler to ID a UFO from an IFO  
than people would like to believe. We humans tend to complicate  
things all the time.

Perhaps those witnesses who originally assumed they were looking  
at a UFO did not take the time to assess the situation. I did.  
My sightings did not last seconds; they lasted for minutes,  
sometimes. Plenty of time to go through my checklist. Went from  
\_satellite\_ to \_ball lightning\_...which I've seen, incidentally!  
And they just don't match with anything.

Don't live near a military installation, so that's out. I don't  
live near a rocket launching facility, so that's out. I could go  
on.

Maybe the eyewitnesses you refer to have extremely poor  
judgment. I learned very quickly after a few mistakes not to  
\_jump the gun\_, as they say. I know the planets and the stars.  
I know constellations. I know about sprites and jets, but they  
occur above the atmosphere, so that's out, because what I've  
seen was \_in\_ the atmosphere. Highest altitude for my  
sightings: 6000 feet in a cloud bank. I do my homework. I  
guess some people don't. That's not my problem.

I still think that the number of genuine UFO reports far  
outweighs the number of IFO reports by a long shot!

This city is a mining town, with a very high concentration of  
mines. UFOs have been seen sucking power from electrical lines,  
causing power outages. Can a plane do that? I think not.

Sorry!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian  
MUFON Provincial Section Director  
Sudbury, Ontario,  
Canada

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## Re: WOW Signal - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 03:47:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:14:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: WOW Signal - Velez

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 15:22:06 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: WOW Signal

>Hello:

>Regarding the assertion that the 1978 WOW signal was stationary  
>with the stellar sphere ( as opposed to some motion indicating  
>orbiting objects etc) I emailed Dr. H Paul Shuch Ph.D, executive  
>director of the SETI league with a list of questions.

>I got a quick relatively brief response, I quote it exactly and  
>entirely below.

Hiya Larry,

Nice job man! Answered some of my questions. I love getting  
info 'right from the horses mouth.' Thanx for your time and  
effort Mr. Hatch. ;)

>"We Know We're Not Alone!"

I believe the last survey said, 51% of us! :)

Regards,

John Velez

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)  
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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## Re: Mexico City Video - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:19:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:21:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Kaeser

>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:19:07 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Now, I think that if Jaime lost his credibility, it does not  
>affect a case that remains as one of the most spectacular (and  
>controversial) of all time. A case that I would like to have  
>happened in the States, just to see how you could manage all  
>this information.

This won't become the "most spectacular (and controversial)  
[case] of all time" for the majority until some of the  
supporting evidence is documented, verified, and presented to  
the public.

For a case of this magnitude, the investigation seems to have  
far too simplistic and superficial given the evidence that has  
been presented.

The video has a fatal flaw identified through examination by  
researchers that many have confidence in.

While a few have remained 'on the fence' on this, many have  
decided to move on when faced with the choice of 'logical  
examination' or 'alleged supporting evidence'.

Steve

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## Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 05:16:59 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:24:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 14:26:24  
>From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 10:09:52 -0500

>>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 05:27:12 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

>>I seem to recall that the HUBBLE repair mission a few years back  
>>replaced the main computer system with an updated model, based  
>>on the Intel 486 chip.

>>The Pentium had been out for several years and the Pentium II  
>>was already on the market, but the 486 processor had been fully  
>>tested and certified for use in Space technology and the older  
>>system was later installed.

>>Keep in mind that the processor that is still the most prominent  
>>in the world is (I believe) still the faithful old 8086 (which  
>>pre-dates the 80286 AT processor). While not utilized in  
>>computers any longer, it now helps to run all of our appliances  
>>and other devices that have become "smart".

>Would you believe our new International Space Station runs on a  
>386 processor?

Dear Roger:

Not only would I believe that the ISS runs on a 386, but I have  
a spare 386, complete with a 5.25-inch flexible drive, just in  
case the ISS gets its floppies bent.

Somewhere in this or previous residences, there are or were the  
humble cables which transferred years of work and info, good and  
bad, from one old clunker to the the next.

Two dollars worth of wire. A six dollar microprocessor. I just  
discovered a phony plastic cork in an otherwise honest looking  
wine bottle. There is goodness and honesty in old things. This  
being a two litre wine bottle, I am loathe to say much more and  
apologize for any previous indiscretions, real or imaginary.

BTW my ISP is having email difficulties. I sent in four (4) test  
messages, each serially numbered. Msg #2 came in first if that  
says anything.

Please bear with me.

Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 14:35:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:29:04 -0500  
Subject: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

Hi,

Recently on the list a lot has been spoken about misperception in conjunction with UFO cases.

I would like to ask those researchers who are putting this forward the following:

Are you telling us that the UFO footage being filmed by Christopher Martin is Misperception?

Or is the footage too near the mark?

I am beginning to feel that the neglect of any research into the footage filmed by Christopher Martin (For those who have not seen this you can see a small capture of this at my web site:

[www.thelosthaven.co.uk](http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk)

click on the intruders link) from those prominent UK investigators does show a remarkable aspect of selectiveness on their part.

I would also offer that the footage does represent a huge whole in the arguments of sceptics, who rant and rave about such applied psychological answers in relation to the UFO enigma. (The footage shows objects under intelligent control).

We require hard evidence of UFO reality, we are being given this, by the remarkable film footage of Chris Martin. (The footage stunned those who attended the Leeds UFO Mag Conference in September).

We should debate this case, it has too much good footage for it to be denied.

It could well be a UFO waiting to be an IFO but deadly silence on this case from UK sceptics is making me wonder.

Roy..

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

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Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:38:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:34:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net](mailto:rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 09:34:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 10:47:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 02:27:54 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 08:23:54 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 10:19:23 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I wrote:

>>Of all the people that write in to this List, you are in the  
>>best position to photograph or document UFOs since, according to  
>>you, you've had 17 separate sightings since 1974. That's a lot  
>>of sightings, Michel. At this point I am not doubting your word.  
>>However, it seems odd to me that you protest the "doubters" in  
>>this world, but do not take full advantage of your good fortune  
>>regarding the sheer number of sightings you seem to be blessed  
>>with.

>>By the way, how many sightings have you had since, say, 1998?  
>>Please be specific.

Michel replied:

>Since 1998, I've had 4 sightings.

>And you're right...I made a mistake... got mixed up with the  
>words proof and evidence... I should have said evidence.

Hello, Michel.

At this point, I would question either regarding your sightings.

I refer to this previous post:

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 14:53:36 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 15:08:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos

At the end of which, you signed off with:

>Michel M. Deschamps  
>MUFON provincial Section Director for Sudbury, Ontario, Canada,  
>UFO Researcher/Historian & UFO eyewitness to 14 separate sightings (1974 -  
>1998).

Now, a recent post:

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Nov 2000 11:39:41 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2000 14:14:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

In which you maintain:

>Take it from a guy who has had enough  
>practice after witnessing for himself, 17 separate sightings of  
>UFOs since 1974.

So, here's where it falls apart, Michel.

A) You claim a total of 17 separate sightings since 1974.

B) You claim 14 separate sightings during 1974-1998

C) You claim 4 separate sightings since 1998

Simple math says that 4 + 14 is a total of 18, not 17.

For someone that protests loudly when "eyewitness testimony" is doubted, you should really make more of an effort to keep your stories straight. It's obvious discrepancies like this that prove my point: Testimony has to be validated.

Frankly, at this point, I am suspect of all your claims regarding sightings.

Roger

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From: Paul Stonehill <[rurc@earthlink.net](mailto:rurc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 08:31:37 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 11:39:36 -0500  
Subject: Russian UFO Info Sources

For those interested in Russian UFO cases, my advice is to contact Messers. Subbotin or Gershteyn.

Need their addresses? Write to me at:

[rurc@earthlink.net](mailto:rurc@earthlink.net)

I have primarily limited my UFO research to the period between 1917-1991(USSR); as well as other aspects of anomalous phenomena in Ancient Russia, the Russian Empire, USSR, Russian Federation.

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Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 11:06:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 14:42:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

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Larry,

I'd be interested in just where you draw the line between  
reality and fiction, or between the possible and the impossible.

I take it you believe that some UFOs are 'genuine' and that they  
can undergo tremendous accelerations without falling apart or  
injuring their occupants? Or do you not accept even that much?

Do you accept that some UFOs can maneuver like a falling leaf?  
That some can vanish abruptly from our sight?

Do you accept that some UFOs (along with their occupants) can  
remotely disarm, or otherwise tamper with, nuclear weapons  
within a nuclear missile site?

Do you accept the likely genuineness of reports that a UFO in  
the distance remotely caused a camera to take a picture, or, in  
other cases, caused the camera to fail to function (rather like  
automobiles, etc.)?

Do you accept the reports that UFOs can instantaneously respond  
to a witness's thoughts or to a movement of their flashlight



beam by abruptly moving much closer or similar maneuver?

Can you accept the reality of the flickering black dot that Ed Walters observed on his window pane while he was getting ready to photograph the UFO that had showed up in the distance? And that his camera then took a picture of it before he pressed the shutter button?

Would you, as a caveman, accept the possibility that men could some day travel to the Moon, walk on its surface and return?

You see what I'm getting at. Please let us know where you stand.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 15:10:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 16:02:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:26:34 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 03:57:19 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>>>So I explain your 1), 2) and 3) above as being ill-posed in  
>>>their either/or implications, which omit the consideration that  
>>>the aliens have a strategy that involves more than just one goal  
>>>at a time.

>>Hi Jim,

>>You may be 100% correct for all I or anybody else knows. It  
>>seems that all we can do is to try to 'surmise' (from what we  
>>think we know) as to what the 'motives' behind the UFOs may be.  
>>As someone who wants/ needs solid and reliable answers to basic  
>>questions, I can ill afford to spend much time spinning my  
>>wheels speculating and posing suppositions. ...

>>Sure Jim, the aliens could have gone and messed with a couple of  
>>frames of a video as it was being recorded. But how in Heavens  
>>name are we ever to verify such a thing?

Hi Jim, hi All,

>Hi John,

>It simply becomes the best hypothesis after all else has been  
>eliminated. We know it can't be a hoax because of the witnesses.

The "witnesses" are the only thing keeping this alive for me at  
this moment. Daniel Munoz sounded upset that the witnesses and  
the Mexican material (collected since 1991) was being ignored in  
our dialog on the List.

EBK is lurking in the background to strike me dead if I'm about  
to tell a lie, but for the longest time I have been a major  
(on List) proponent of the Mexican UFO cases.

I used to fight hammer and tong with some heavy weight skeptics  
(that used to patrol this List) over the value of all the  
witness and video material that was coming from South of the  
Border.

It isn't just Mexico either. Tom King in Arizona, myself here in  
New York and several others in the US and Canada have been  
videotaping those same objects for years.

We really need to talk to Maussan or whoever actually conducted

a formal investigation of this case. We need to hear what the witnesses reported, if there were any discrepancies in their accounts from one to the other, (do they all report seeing the same thing) and if any background checks were conducted on the main witnesses. (Are they 'stand up' people whose word can be trusted).

There's just a awful lot we still don't know, and I need more info before I can catalog this one in my head one way or the other.

>I understand, John, but with the alien capabilities being what  
>they are, we need to rely heavily upon the witness testimony and  
>credibility and sincerity rather than allowing hoax claims to go  
>unchallenged.

I don't think we're allowing anything to go unchallenged. That's why you are posting to this thread and why I got into that Q&A with Bruce about the methods they used to make their determination. (For which I thank Bruce for his patience and the time he took to respond to all my many queries.)

I was carefully trained to question everything Jim. I don't come by any of my beliefs concerning UFOs or their occupants lightly or easily. I'm ten times rougher on myself than I am on anybody else when it comes to asking questions and peeking into every nook and cranny.

>I'm glad you're not dismissing the witnesses.

Like I said, after my talk with Bruce regarding the video, the witnesses are the only real reason I still have my teeth sunk into the neck meat of this case. We shouldn't let go until we are satisfied that all the bases have been covered and that the witness testimony has been accounted for.

Also, bear in mind that what Bruce and Jeff are saying is; that based on their own analysis, the video may show the 'fingerprints' of a hoax based on the findings of a piece of software that relies on preset (by Jeff who developed the software) statistical parameters. Nowhere have I heard Bruce, Jeff, or anybody else declare the video a 'blatant' or a 'definite' hoax. They leave room in their own diagnosis for error. I'm sure they are leaving the back door open just a crack because they haven't brought any direct or undisputable evidence of a hoax to the table. They have not offered any hard proof that the video image was in point of fact a 'drop-in' or how it was accomplished. What Jeff and Bruce have offered is a single (though significant) potential indicator that a hoax may have been perpetrated.

That's a long way from; "Ladies and Gents this video is a concocted hoax. This the evidence for it, a,b,c,d, and here is how it was accomplished e,f,g, etc. We haven't heard that have we? Which means that the Fat Lady hasn't sung yet!

The video, (although wounded and bleeding on the floor) is still alive, and we have yet to hear from any of the witnesses or the Mexican investigators. There's a lot left to do before we can even begin to think about "making up our minds" regarding this video/case. It's way too important a document (either as proof of a UFO or of a hoax) to let it go by too easily or without picking the bones clean before we move on to feed on the next thing. ;)

Warm regards,

John

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[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)

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>Bob Young

Dear Jim, Bob, Listers and Errol,

First, let me congratulate you, Jim, on an excellent monograph. I wish the hell I wrote that, however my perspective is not nearly as good and unbiased as yours. Intellectually it is, but when back is forced up against wall, I cave.

Last, Mr. Bob, I maintain that science, presumably mainstream, would consider almost anything in this venue to be unfalsifiable, as a result of the fact that there is no hard evidence, no formulae, with which to demonstrate the phenom scientifically. And as everyone knows, scientists can't take a joke. So, temporarily and in my opine, the hell with 'em.

That we are anthropocentric is a given. However our perspective is evolving, unless no one is noticing what I am. We are becoming more and more open in our world view. The time for a major change in our paradigm is nigh. Sorry to use that word, as it reminds me of a world I never liked anyway.

A greater spirituality, openness to new paradigms, New Age may have greater value than those who malign it assignt.

And along with such an openness might very well be that one, single equation science has been looking for since Einstein. And in it, as Hawking implied, might even be a place for God. The joker who wrote about God, the Universe and Everything, might actually have been so dead right that it would surprise him when it happens. Might even turn over in his halo.

Jim Mortellaro,  
Friend of Jamis, but not that other guy ...

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Air Force Buys Supercomputer to Identify UFOs - Hatch

>>I seem to recall that the HUBBLE repair mission a few years back  
>>replaced the main computer system with an updated model, based  
>>on the Intel 486 chip.

>>The Pentium had been out for several years and the Pentium II  
>>was already on the market, but the 486 processor had been fully  
>>tested and certified for use in Space technology and the older  
>>system was later installed.

>>Keep in mind that the processor that is still the most prominent  
>>in the world is (I believe) still the faithful old 8086 (which  
>>pre-dates the 80286 AT processor). While not utilized in  
>>computers any longer, it now helps to run all of our appliances  
>>and other devices that have become "smart".

>Would you believe our new International Space Station runs on a  
>386 processor?

>Roger

It doesn't surprise me, Roge. Hell, back as late as the  
seventies our space program employed vacuum tubes. Besides,  
after all the success NASA has demonstrated with Metric vs.  
English measurement, I believe they should reconsider the old  
8080.

I had one until 1997. Worked great. It was the only computer I  
ever had which never crashed. In a decade, it never crashed.

Jim

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 16:40:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:01:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 23:25:30 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:19:07 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Murgia  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>I don't think people are questioning all of the sightings that  
>have occurred over the years in Mexico. I for one am very jealous  
>of all the activity that Mexicans get to experience. I'd be  
>happy with just one sighting!

Latin American press are more open than ours. Talk shows too.  
Last week I saw a Mexican talk show, here in Miami, the guest  
were Jaime Maussan, two police officers that witnesses a UFO  
this January in the Mexican capital, the journalist who took the  
photos, two airline pilots who had an encounter with a UFO; one  
of the pilot described a collision and the bump left at his  
airplane before it land!. Two airport controllers describing the  
UFOs at their radars and the fear of their responsibility in a  
case of a collision. And, also, two skeptic.

I haven't see yet an american talk show like that. It will  
change general people opinion in the US about the UFO  
phenomenon. It will hurt many interest (military). But, since  
the program is in Mexico and in Spanish, WHO CARE...It took TWO  
MONTH, for the January Mexico City sighting, to cross the  
border.

People, in the US, has the tendency to put a doubt if an UFO  
sighting are not been study by a small well known american  
investigators. There are very good, the same as not to good,  
latin american investigators. Most of them work in touch with  
american counterpart. The problem is; news and data communication.

Daniel has a lot of data. I have seeing it!. The problem is, who  
has the time and the expertise to translate to English, and  
after that, did you still doubt it?

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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## Moscow's 'Museum of Parapsychology & Ufology'

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Subject: Moscow's 'Museum of Parapsychology & Ufology'

Source: The Moscow Times,

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2000/11/24/106.html>

Stig

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ESP, ET and Psychotherapy

By Leila Rejali

Finding the Museum of Parapsychology and ufology was about as easy as spotting a UFO in the brilliant night skies above Moscow.

And asking passers-by if they knew where the museum was elicited only bemused smiles and shakes of the head - perhaps because museum staff prefer to refer to it as "The Center of Psychoanalysis and Relaxation Research, School of Success 777."

Extrasensory perception, telekinesis, levitation and the like have never had this reporter levitating with excitement. But aliens - now they're a different thing altogether. For a start, I actually saw no less than three of them on my way back from the museum.

What can I say? Another person might not have noticed this minor detail but I have trained myself as an alien detector for many years now and I know an extraterrestrial when I see one.

The museum itself is a tiny little place with only two rooms actually devoted to exhibits. One of them has photographs of various people apparently engaged in moving objects through the power of their minds, plus drawings of various extraterrestrials and spaceship landings; the other houses computers equipped to monitor the spiritual powers of visitors.

Museum director Andrei Lee (at right), who said he himself has "certain psychic capabilities" and happens to be a doctor of psychiatry, led me to a third room that is not officially part of the exhibition - it contains a curious-looking wooden board with nails protruding from it.

The room, it turns out, is where Larisa Weiss, who owns the building that houses the museum and rents space to the museum, conducts what she calls "psychotherapy sessions," which consist of soothing speech, holding hands and a great deal of relaxation.

"A group of Japanese people came to study with [Lee] to develop their extrasensory skills," Weiss said. "I told them to lie down on the bed of nails and, at first, they were too scared. But then I just asked them what their dreams were and relaxed them so much that, by the end, they were stretched out on the bed and loving it."

More was revealed about the museum when I returned for a second (unannounced) visit. For one thing, the "assistant" who answered the door wouldn't let me in, informing me that Lee had disappeared without a trace and that her boss, Weiss, had closed the museum to all comers for spring cleaning - in late November?

In light of recent snows, of course, spring cleaning seemed to me to be an unreasonable moment for such an undertaking, so I persisted until Weiss herself emerged.

Several whispered consultations and covert gestures later, I was whisked away to an office upstairs without having been allowed to get a look inside the museum. Perhaps the aliens had finally invaded it and torn everything down, incensed by the very unflattering images of themselves hanging on the walls? Frankly, I'd be the last person to blame them. Anyway, their antics afforded me an extremely entertaining hour with Weiss, who described her abilities thus: "People call me 'psychic.'"

Weiss told me the story of her first brush with UFOs: In 1990, she took a vacation to an area near Lake Baikal with her three children. While there, her 6-year-old son spotted a "bright orange object similar to a flying saucer."

The object hovered above the lake for about 15 minutes, long enough for Weiss to whip out her camera and take 36 photographs - which she later sold to daily Moskovsky Komsomolets.

Unfortunately, these photographs are not on display at the museum. But Weiss isn't that interested in UFOs anyway.

"If UFOs want to fly around, let them fly," she said. "I think there are more interesting things in life, like the power human beings themselves have." But then again Weiss has more serious - if equally wearisome - things on her mind these days.

"I have to help out the FSB.

"A boy has disappeared and they want me to find out where he is by means of clairvoyance," she said. "I've been doing this for 20 years and frankly, I've had enough of it."

The Museum of Parapsychology and ufology (Muzei Parapsikhologii i Ufologii) is located at 9/8 Bolshoi Gnezdokovitsky Pereulok, Bldg. 3, second floor. Metro Tverskaya. Tel. 470-8602. Open 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

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## Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Video - Mortellaro

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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:07:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Video - Mortellaro

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:38:43 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:36:10 -0800  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

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>>>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>>>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.  
>>>Consider ordinary sightings. They have presented themselves in  
>>>such a manner that those who can accept the possibility of their  
>>>reality can readily explore the matter and confirm this reality  
>>>to their own satisfaction. Those who can't, can complain that we  
>>>don't have hard physical evidence, or enough good videos, etc.,  
>>>and so don't have to believe what they are unable to accept due  
>>>to their preexisting belief in scientism, religion,  
>>>anthropocentrism, or similar reason. In walking this tightrope,  
>>>these aliens can get across a lot of information regarding their  
>>>technical and psychic capabilities and their concerns and  
>>>ethics. Their strategy seems to include presenting themselves to  
>>>us in such a manner that the UFO coverup doesn't come unraveled  
>>>before they think we're prepared for that. Hence they seem to  
>>>have kept their frequency of sightings at a level such that the  
>>>degree of belief in UFO reality stays somewhere around 50% --  
>>>much higher and a snowball effect of unraveling the coverup  
>>>prematurely would set in. In so doing, they have had to make  
>>>sure that science as a whole doesn't catch on to their reality,  
>>>and this they can easily do by making sure they don't leave too  
>>>much evidence behind, don't show themselves to too many people  
>>>at once or for too long, utilize advanced technology that  
>>>scientists will think is impossible, and even at times utilize  
>>>this technology and advanced knowledge so as to allow  
>>>single-minded scientists to come to the wrong conclusion if they  
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>>>and caused the UFO coverup to come unraveled.

>>Jim, John, List:

>>The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable  
>>hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as  
>>evidence acceptable to science.

>Dear Bob:

>Its much worse than falsifiable, its downright pathological.

>Here we have a Ph.D, - Deardorff in this case - presenting the  
>theory that the aliens not only hid themselves from the  
>countless millions in Mexico City, but that they went to the  
>trouble to jiggle their UFO so perfectly as to mimic the random  
>hand motions of some person taking the video!

>That has to be the saddest assertion I have ever seen on this  
>List.

>It makes the questions raised by skeptics pale in comparison.

>I am amazed that nobody else throws up a flag. Where are you  
>all?

Dear Lawrence of Hatchdom and Listers, including the head  
Lister,

I cannot speak for anyone else, in spite of the fact that I  
often try. However, and regarding your queery, query, I've been  
sitting here trying real hard not to comment. For two reasons.

One, these comments are a bizarre conundrum.

Second, so is the conundrum itself, bizarre. The reason for  
sitting here on my hands, is the attempt to figger our which is  
bizzarrer!??!

Jim

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 19:26:16 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:08:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Young

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:22:22 -0800  
>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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>Hello Bob,

>It's not acceptable as proof to science, but it remains a viable  
>possibility. Therefore, it's certainly unscientific to dismiss  
>it, especially when many other UFO reports point to the UFO  
>pilots being capable of doing such.

Hi, Jim, List:

What I have a problem with, in a line of thought like this, is  
that there is no way to tell the difference. If the ETs can  
disguise themselves like planes (and let's face it, how hard  
would it be to put a couple anti-collision beacons and a red and

green light on their saucers?) why are there UFO reports of things that don't look like planes? This hypothesis allows its proponents to claim that they have proof of UFOs as ET craft, let's say, when anything is seen in the sky. There is no way to advance knowledge.

If one wants to propose this hypothesis, then how can it be falsified? Well, I'm not sure I can think of a way, can you?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:11:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 09:34:44 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net](mailto:rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 02:27:54 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 08:23:54 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

<snip>

>>Take it from a guy who has had enough  
>>practice after witnessing for himself, 17 separate sightings of  
>>UFOs since 1974.

>So, here's where it falls apart, Michel.

>A) You claim a total of 17 separate sightings since 1974.

>B) You claim 14 separate sightings during 1974-1998

>C) You claim 4 separate sightings since 1998

>Simple math says that 4 + 14 is a total of 18, not 17.

>For someone that protests loudly when "eyewitness testimony" is  
>doubted, you should really make more of an effort to keep your  
>stories straight. It's obvious discrepancies like this that  
>prove my point: Testimony has to be validated.

>Frankly, at this point, I am suspect of all your claims  
>regarding sightings.

Actually, 18 is the correct number, but I keep forgetting about  
the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
before eventually disappearing.

I apologize...

Michel M. Deschamps

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<snip>

>I still think that the number of genuine UFO reports far  
>outweighs the number of IFO reports by a long shot!

Hi, Michel:

Are you saying that most UFO reports represent True UFOs? Do you have a guess as to what the ratio of UFOs vs potential IFOs in a large sample of UFO reports might be?

Can you offer some suggestions for sorting these out, do you have a checklist of things which you think can definitely allow us to ID True UFOs?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Campinas, Brazil?

From: Manuel Borraz <[maboay@teleline.es](mailto:maboay@teleline.es)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:11:16 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:29:39 -0500  
Subject: Campinas, Brazil?

Does anyone know if the original report by Dr. Olavo Fontes about the Campinas (Brazil) incident on December 14, 1954, is available on the Internet?

If not, is there any possibility of getting a copy?

(A quick reminder of the case: three disc-shaped objects over Campinas; one of them, "in trouble", emitted a thin stream of silvery liquid; some samples were collected and analyzed).

Best regards,

Manuel Borraz

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 21:32:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:49:18 -0500  
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>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 15:10:46 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

<snip>

>I was carefully trained to question everything Jim. I don't  
>come by any of my beliefs concerning UFOs or their occupants  
>lightly or easily. I'm ten times rougher on myself than I am on  
>anybody else when it comes to asking questions and peeking into  
>every nook and cranny.

>>I'm glad you're not dismissing the witnesses.

>Like I said, after my talk with Bruce regarding the video, the  
>witnesses are the only real reason I still have my teeth sunk  
>into the neck meat of this case. We shouldn't let go until we  
>are satisfied that all the bases have been covered and that the  
>witness testimony has been accounted for.>

>Also, bear in mind that what Bruce and Jeff are saying is; that  
>based on their own analysis, the video may show the 'fingerprints'  
>of a hoax based on the findings of a piece of software that relies  
>on preset (by Jeff who developed the software) statistical  
>parameters. Nowhere have I heard Bruce, Jeff, or anybody else  
>declare the video a 'blatant' or a 'definite' hoax. They leave  
>room in their own diagnosis for error. I'm sure they are leaving  
>the back door open just a crack because they haven't brought  
>any direct or undisputable evidence of a hoax to the table.  
>They have not offered any hard proof that the video image was  
>in point of fact a 'drop-in' or how it was accomplished. What  
>Jeff and Bruce have offered is a single (though significant)  
>potential indicator that a hoax may have been perpetrated.>

>That's a long way from; "Ladies and Gents this video is a  
>concocted hoax. This the evidence for it, a,b,c,d, and here is  
>how it was accomplished e,f,g, etc. We haven't heard that  
>have we? Which means that the Fat Lady hasn't sung yet!

Let's be clear about the technical analysis vs witness  
testimony. Those of you who are very perceptive and  
"recollective" may recall that in a message a few days back I  
said that the witness testimony might be real and the video a  
fake (or something like that).

It has been my impression that Jeff is quite confident of his  
analysis and made an extra effort to point out that the computer  
analysis was completely unbiased. He simply asked it to compare  
the edge gradient of the build and of the UFO with the image  
shift from frame to frame. If the shift was zero the gradient  
would be some value. As the shift increases the gradient should  
shrink in proportion. It did for the building, but not for the  
UFO. At the largest image shifts the building image was totally  
smeared and the edge gradient was small but not the UFO. It  
seemed "immune" to the magnitude of image shift. And then there  
are the two frames where you don't need a computer to see the  
handwriting on the wall. Hence the "fingerprints of a hoax."

Any person defending the video must come up with a good reason that explains the hard data!. Jim has made a proposal that the real UFO out there moved up and down in 1/30 of a second or less just enough to avoid image edge smear. Perhaps there is another reason. Perhaps someone can show that Jeff's result is an artifact of the analysis.

There was another test applied: beside image shift up-down and left right there is also image rotation. For each change from frame to frame the image can rotate slightly about some axis that could lie within the scene or outside the scene. In the MC video there was very little rotation (much less than a degree) in most cases. However as the UFO image passed over the first building there was a strange event: a sudden, about 2 degree, rotation of the scene. This was determined by looking at the vertical and horizontal edges of the building from one frame to the next. This rotation, probably a result of hand vibration, occurred in a couple of frames, almost like a rotatory oscillation. Guess what? You guessed it: the UFO image did not participate in the rotation.

I should point out that another guy, a video "amateur" he called himself (Ha!) contacted me. He wanted to send me a video he made on the computer as a test to see if he could create something like the MC video. Well, what he sent me 'floored' me. Jeff had worked for weeks to create a stop-motion version (where the buildings are constant from frame to frame and the only remaining motion is (a) the buildings passing through the scene and (b) the UFO image itself undergoing its proper motion - as if the camera had been solidly on a tripod but panned slowly to keep the UFO in the field of view..

Anyway, the video this guy sent was better than Jeff's. It showed the UFO motion relative to the buildings which were as solid as a rock!). When I told him Jeff had found some frames where this rotation occurred for the buildings but not for the UFO, this guy produced a second video which emphasized the 'rotatory bounce' of the UFO image relative to the buildings. Not that this 'rotatory bounce' was due to the camera and hence should have shown up in the UFO motion as well as the building motion from frame to frame. Instead, this guy's video clearly showed that the UFO image did not follow the motion of the building image.

OK, so there are fingerprints of a hoax in the video.

What about the witnesses?

At the time Jeff and I were sweating over this video, frame by frame and field by field (60 fields per second) and I was writing an article for the MUFON journal outlining our results (but before Jeff began the stabilized scene analysis that turned up the 'fingerprints') I was in communication with the Elders who were in Mexico City with Maussan interviewing witnesses. I was aware that, if the witnesses were recalling - over a month later - the exact dates of their sighting, (Aug 6) then there was a reasonably good correlation between the sighting reports and the UFO video. However, I was never able to establish 100% correlation. Perhaps that could have happened with further work, I don't know. It seemed to me that witness testimony alone would have provided information for triangulation. Was that ever done? I don't know.

If there is a case here it must first be solidly established by witness testimony. Then we can start to study the video again... and appeal for the videographer to finally come forward.

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## Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At Military

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Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 03:55:45 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:52:41 -0500  
Subject: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At Military

Forwarded from 'alt.paranet.ufo'.

Stig

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At Military Academies?  
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 02:51:25 GMT  
From: Cliff Gieseke <[cliffg@texas.net](mailto:cliffg@texas.net)>  
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo

Has anyone run into any former Soviet military officers who claim they were taught at their military academy that the earth is being visited by extraterrestrials?

An army major from Kazakstan I met recently told me that this had been included in his academy training in the former Soviet Union. It was only briefly mentioned, he said, but it was, he claims, part of their curriculum.

Cliff Gieseke

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 08:48:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

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>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>>Hi,

>>Michel wrote:

>>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>>imagination.

<snip>

Hi Larry, Michel, All,

Larry writes:

>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>"trufo".

Luck of the draw Larry and no real reason to be skeptical of Michels claim. I have that many 'sightings' in any given three year period! I too have spent almost 30 years studying the sky- both day and night time versions. I can tell the difference between a balloon, a bird, an airplane etc. and even if I say so myself, I am good at it. I know some few people that have fairly regular sightings of objects which do not display any of the characteristics of conventional 'sky objects.' I have been recording them on film and video for years now. So have guys like Tommy King from Arizona, that priest down in Mexico City (sorry, don't recall his name at the moment) and several others. It's not hard for me to believe Michel when he states that he has had 17 sightings of objects that are best catagorized as "UFOs."

The reason you give for being skeptical of the number of Michel's sightings that may represent actual UFOs is that, you haven't had the luck (or 'misfortune' depending on your point of view) of having seen one of these 'things' for yourself.

I'm sure that's the same thing the Pope said to Galileo about his 'sighting reports' of Jupiters' moons. ;)

>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite

>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>trufo.

Take the time to get to know Michel. I think you'll find that he is not an "incautious" observer. 'Some' of the folks that are reporting these "regular" UFO sightings turn out to be trained or experienced observers. We just have to take the time to ask them what that 'experience' is before we dismiss their observations as "incautious." I know I get pissed when I'm dismissed out of hand by someone who knows nothing about me or what my 'sky observing' experience might consist of.

>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

Maybe not Larry. But it's still -no reason- to dismiss the claims of another that -they- have had repeated sightings.

>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>even a quarter of that number?

I have three to six a year Larry. If you're asking me, I think Michel's odds are good that he'll have -another- sighting. He 'may be' doing something that you're not. Maybe it's not him!

Grab a brew, a hunk of bread, and a slice of that expensive Frenchie bleu cheese and enjoy the pix I am attaching just for you. I can just imagine how frustrated you must feel that after so many years of looking, you haven't had much luck spotting a UFO and here is this 'smarty pant's Michel reporting 17 of em! <LOL> This is a little something to help 'scratch your itch.' ;)

Enjoy the pix Larry. I am including sighting description number two for my friend Jim Deardorf. I have accumulated a heap of video of these unidentified flying objects over the last 5 years. This is just a sampling of one of those many sightings. I'm not sure how many there are by now, but I can tell you that's its more than 17. If you are having trouble believing Michel, I don't stand a snowball's chance in Hell with you. <LOL>;)

Here are the details first: (The "List version" of my report)

Daytime.

This 'thing' (disc shaped, silver metallic object) was up approx. 800 to 1200 ft. high in altitude. I guesstimate it must have been some 20 to 30 ft. or so across in diameter. It approached my location in a straight line from the Southwest. It stopped overhead, hovered, and then slowly began to tumble end over end while maintaining the same position in the sky. It tumbled for a half-a-minute or so, then it stopped tumbling, hovered for a few seconds, and then it took off in the same direction it had come from! No wings, no engines, no sound.

How it really went down: (For you Jim.)

I went out back to skywatch/look for UFOs. I had just stuck my head out of my back door to check out the sky and seeing conditions when I spotted the disc approaching. I hollered for Margie (my wife) to bring me the videocam because I didn't want to take my eyes off of it for a nanosecond.

I was mumbling out loud, "don't disappear yet, I want to get you on video" when the disc stopped dead in its tracks. It hovered there for a few seconds. Next; I felt Margie tap me on the shoulder, I reached around and grabbed the camera, fired it up, pushed all the right buttons, put it up to my eyes, got the disc centered in the view and hit the record button.

The disc began to tumble.

It performed as I already described up above, and just as it was pulling away, I saw the low battery icon in the finder of my Sony.

End of recording. And after it flew off and faded from view so was the sighting. It was like it came to be photographed and then split. But that's all pure speculation on my part. ;)

Warm regards,

John Velez

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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## Re: Mexico City Video - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:28:27 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 08:50:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Stacy

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers :i>  
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2000 1:42 PM  
Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

<snip>

>Can you accept the reality of the flickering black dot that Ed  
>Walters observed on his window pane while he was getting ready  
>to photograph the UFO that had showed up in the distance? And  
>that his camera then took a picture of it before he pressed the  
>shutter button?

>Would you, as a caveman, accept the possibility that men could  
>some day travel to the Moon, walk on its surface and return?

>You see what I'm getting at. Please let us know where you stand.

Jim,

Here's where I stand -- with one simple question:

Is there anything the aliens can't do, in your mind?

I think you see what I'm getting at, too.

Your whole line of argument is circular reasoning at its most  
decidedly uncircumspect.

Offered evidence of an outright hoax or merely a demonstrated  
deficiency of evidence (in whatever case), your retort is, and  
always has been: that's the way the aliens intended and  
engineered it, never mind that we don't yet have  
incontrovertible evidence of alien visitation.

But have heart, ignorance, after all, amounting to UFO bliss.  
And the latter you have in rational-mind-numbing superabundance.

Merry Christmas,

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:05:07 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 08:52:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Gates

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

<snip>

>Hello Michel and Andy:

>Michel: If each of your seventeen personal sightings defies  
>conventional explanation, then you at least are calling them  
>"trufos", a convenient term which means that mundane  
>explanations are effectively ruled out.

>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>"trufo".

>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>trufo.

>One space-junk burnout was so spectacular that skeptical friends  
>telephoned to point it out. I guess I disappointed them by not  
>taking the bait.

>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>even a quarter of that number?

Personally I have seen over 15 Minuteman missile launches from a distance at Vandenburg since the 70s. I watch the so called unclassified launch schedule and generally catch at least one or two a year.

Had a friend tell me that because he had never seen one, he thought it was absolutly ludicrous that anybody could "see" (as opposed to watching any media coverage) the missile going off because he had never seen one himself in all those years.

I guess the point being is that just because we haven't seen with our own eyes, doesn't mean its not true, just means we haven't seen it yet.

Cheers,

Robert

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### ABC Poll - Visitors? 25% of Americans Suspect So

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Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 07:21:08 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:30:56 -0500  
Subject: ABC Poll - Visitors? 25% of Americans Suspect So

Source: Entertainment Wire.

This ABCNews.com survey was conducted by telephone Oct. 4-8, 2000, among a ranAdom national sample of 1,007 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. Fieldwork by ICR-International Communications Research of Media, Pa. Analysis by Gary Langer. ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com on the Internet at:

<http://www.abcnews.com/sections/us/PollVault/PollVault.html>

Stig

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Alien Visitors? A Quarter of Americans Suspect So, According to an ABCNEWS.com Poll

ABCNEWS.com Poll Conducted in Correlation with ABCNEWS.com's Webcast, "Chris Wallace's Internet Expose: UFO2000"

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"Greetings, Earthling. Take us to your leader."

Updated 5:32 PM ET November 20, 2000

NEW YORK (ENTERTAINMENT WIRE) - Some 25% of Americans might not be surprised by that salutation, that's how many suspect that alien beings have paid a visit to this earthly realm.

Most of them don't know it, of course. Two-thirds of those who think aliens have visited concede that it's just speculation on their part. Just a third of them believe there's actual evidence of alien stopovers, which could range from Ezekiel to Roswell, N.M., by way of the Incas.

A larger group believes intelligent life exists in a physical form on other planets: 47 percent think that's the case, while about as many, 45 percent, do not believe.

There are some demographic differences: Men are a bit more apt than women to believe intelligent alien life exists, 51 percent to 43 percent. Younger adults are more credulous. But less-educated adults are more dubious, as are Republicans. No alien tax cut for them.

This poll was done in support of "Chris Wallace's Internet Expose" special on UFOs on ABCNEWS.com. See

<http://abcnews.go.com/onair/correspondents/wallace/internetexpose>.

NET TABLE

Aliens have not visited 61

Aliens have visited 45



No opinion 16  
Don't Exist 27  
Exist, haven't visited 12

IF VISITED

Do you say that based on evidence you've seen or read, or is it just your speculation?

Evidence 33  
Speculation 66  
No opinion 1

Do you believe in intelligent life on other planets?

.....Yes.....No  
All.....47%.....45  
Men.....51.....42  
Women.....43.....47  
Age 18-34.....55.....41  
Age 35+.....44.....47  
Democrats.....53.....38  
Independents.....49.....45  
Republicans.....38.....55  
High school or less.....43.....49  
Some college or more.....51.....41

Among those who think intelligent aliens exist, just under six in 10 take the next step, which is to think they've physically visited Earth. This computes to 27 percent of all adults, or more than enough to keep Star Trek reruns on air well into the next millennium.

Note: the language in this poll was crafted to exclude spiritual alien life and telepathic alien visits.

As noted, 66 percent of those who think aliens have visited say that's "just speculation" on their part, as opposed to an opinion based on evidence they've seen or read. The number who think there's actual evidence of alien visits translates to nine percent of the adult population. For comparison, in a famous question some years back, eight percent said Elvis might still be alive. Perhaps - and perhaps he's only visiting.

METHODOLOGY - This ABCNews.com survey was conducted by telephone Oct. 4-8, 2000, among a random national sample of 1,007 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. Fieldwork by ICR-International Communications Research of Media, Pa. Analysis by Gary Langer. ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com on the Internet at:

<http://www.abcnews.com/sections/us/PollVault/PollVault.html>

Here are the full results:

Do you think intelligent life exists in a physical form on other planets, or not?

.....Yes.....No.....No opinion  
10/8/00.....47.....45.....8

(IF YES) Do you think intelligent beings from other planets have or have not physically visited the Earth?

.....Have.....Have not....No opinion

10/8/00.....57.....34.....9

NET TABLE :

Aliens haven't visited 61

Aliens have visited: 9

No opinion 18

Evidence..Speculation 12

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## U.S. Navy & UFO Research

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Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 22:28:53 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:33:30 -0500  
Subject: U.S. Navy & UFO Research

<http://www.history.navy.mil/fags/fag29-1.htm>

I think all researchers will find this site to be of interest. I did, several years ago, and do strongly recommend it.

Paul Stonehill

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## Feedback on 'Wow' 20th Anniversary Report

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 03:38:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:37:23 -0500  
Subject: Feedback on 'Wow' 20th Anniversary Report

Dear list:

Here is a kind response from Dr. Jerry R. Ehman Ph.D to some questions I posed w/ref to the 1978 WOW SETI signal.

----- Original Message -----

Subj: Feedback on Wow 20th Anniversary Report  
Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:58:47 -0500  
From: J. Ehman <[jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu)>  
To: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>

Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)> wrote:

>Dear Dr. Ehman:

>In a recent email exchange here, the WOW signal  
>came up. The discussion hinges on the signal  
>coming from some source, stationary with respect  
>to the stars.

>In your detailed article:

><http://www.bigear.org/wow20th.htm#radec>

>.. you discuss several possibilities: space-junk,  
>satellites and so forth.

>Some questions remain, and I may have missed  
>something here:

>1) Was the signal of sufficient duration to  
>effectively "rule out" conventional sources?

Larry, the duration of the signal (about 72 seconds) was the length of time that we would see a celestial source, given Big Ear's beamwidth and the speed of the rotation of the earth. I'm not sure what you mean by "conventional sources". An earth-based source (which we might call interference) could have either been much shorter than 72 seconds or else could have lasted much longer than 72 seconds, and, in either case, we would not have seen the pattern we did (the beam pattern) for such a terrestrial source.

>2) Was WOW loud and long enough to make a  
>reflected Earth signal extremely unlikely?

I'm not sure of the geometry of the reflected earth signal you are suggesting. I don't see how an earth-based signal could be reflected off a piece of space debris and still give us the pattern of the signal we saw.

>3) How much confidence can one safely give to the  
>star-stationary theorem... perhaps in terms of  
>probabilities... regardless of the actual source?

I give it a very high probability. I did calculations that

showed the correlation coefficient between the "Wow!" signal pattern and the pattern we see with strong celestial sources to be over 0.992 (where 1.000 is perfect correlation). This correlation is so high that it is very hard to imagine anything other than a celestial source being responsible for our signal.

>4) If the star-stationary assertion is deemed to  
>be true, does this imply a very distant source,  
>i.e. stellar vs planetary or orbital distances?

Yes. No object in earth orbit stays fixed with respect to the celestial sphere. All satellites and space junk move with respect to the stars (even geosynchronous satellites move with respect to the stars). So the distance is well beyond the moon and probably beyond Mars.

>Sorry for all the knotty questions!

No problem. I hope I've responded adequately to your questions.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

(-: Jerry (Wow!) Ehman :-)

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## Re: WOW Signal - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 03:27:46 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:45:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: WOW Signal - Hatch

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:10:11 EST  
>Subject: Re: WOW Signal  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 04:52:47 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: WOW signal [was: ET Evidence]

><snip>

>>More to the point, Ehman considers several possibly mundane  
>>sources:

><snip>

>>Asteroids: Asteroids are essentially small planets. Hence, they  
>>have negligible magnetic fields and hence negligible non-thermal  
>>radiation. Since their masses and surface areas are so much  
>>smaller than our planets, they generate much less thermal  
>>radiation. However, the ephemeris was consulted for the  
>>locations of some of the larger asteroids, but none were in the  
>>vicinity.

>>[Asteroids tend to lie on or near the planetary plane, while  
>>signal came from 11 or 12 degrees above that. -LH ]

>Larry, Brad, List:

>The average asteroid has an orbital inclination of 9.7 degrees  
>to the ecliptic and a few, such as Hidalgo, can have highly  
>inclined orbits similar to those of some periodic comets. So a  
>check of only larger asteroids may not rule out one of these  
>locations.

Hi Bob:

Point well taken, asteroids are not excluded anyway since they  
only checked the larger ones, and not all of those from what I  
read.

Question is, how would an asteroid transmit a carrier frequency  
in the megahertz range, well above the background noise level?

A reflected signal would be far weaker I take it, and the object  
would need to be metallic and not tumbling with ref. to our  
vantage point.

I have a response from Dr. Ehman about these matters, he was the  
original SETI scientist on the WOW event. I will post this  
shortly.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## WOW Signal Details

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 05:31:00 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:49:05 -0500  
Subject: WOW Signal Details

Dear list:

Some technical details about the 1978 WOW signal recently discussed may be in order.

This signal came in during a long-running (record setting actually) study of stellar radio sources, in which some 20,000 presumably natural sources were discovered... about half of them unknown at the time.

On 15AUG1978 at 23:16:01 hrs EDT (local Eastern Daylight time) the notable "WOW" signal was received at the then huge Big Ear radio telescope in Delaware, OH, USA.

From this website:

<http://www.bigear.org/>

I read that the Big Ear Radio Telescope (now demolished) -- a Kraus-type radio telescope... covered an area larger than 3 football fields.

The WOW signal registered on a printout from an IBM 1130 computer then used to analyze radio frequencies and strengths.

The narrow-band WOW signal came in at 1420.4556 MHz (+/- 0.005 MHz) with an amazing peak Signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of 30.76. i.e., the signal was over 30 times louder than the ever-present natural background noise.

This is right in the fabled "water hole" radio band often suggested as a likely part of the radio spectrum for interstellar signaling of the artificial kind.

(Big Ear was also renowned for the discovery of some of the most distant objects in the universe.)

At the center of this huge parabolic reflector were two aluminum cones used as receiver horns. A special circuit alternated between them 79 cycles per second (79 Hz) subtracting one signal from the other to further reduce irrelevant noise.

Oddly, and very sadly, the WOW signal only came in on one of these horns, and an oversight in the original software does not permit the scientists to determine which one! (Subsequent experiments and analysis proved fruitless.)

As a result, there are not one but two Right Ascensions (R.A. analogous to stellar longitude East - West) but a single Declination (North- South) coordinate.

The two feed horns, arbitrarily called "positive and negative" were oriented East and West of one another, some 4.69 feet apart (just under 143 cm).

As the Earth rotates, the "sweet spot" of this antenna would sweep the entire sky once in a sidereal day, (which lasts 23 hours, 56 mins, 4.09 secs due to the Earth orbiting our Sun at the same time.)



As the sweet spot swept past the WOW signal, for some 72 seconds or so, it increased and decreased back down to background noise level in the familiar bell shaped curve as one might expect. This eliminates possible ground based transmitter interference as a source.

Given the longitudinal (RA) ambiguity, but known declination (N-S "tilt") and tons of gosh-awful math, scientists arrived at two possible points in the sky:

For Right Ascension (RA)

POS horn hypothesis: 19hrs,25mins,31secs (+/- 10secs)  
NEG horn hypothesis: 19hrs,28mins,22secs (+/- 10secs)  
Declination (both) 26 degra 57 mins (+/- 20 mins)  
[ all figures corrected to epoch 2000 A.D. by Ehman ]

Consulting my dandy 75-cent star chart (Edmund Scientific 1966) I find a spot in Sagittarius, very roughly between the star Nunki and some structure designated M55.

If I recall correctly, there was nothing particularly interesting in that direction other than the WOW signal itself.

I have sent a nice message from Dr. Jerry Ehman, the original radio astronomer. It was he that circled some S/N indicators on the original printout, and then impulsively wrote "WOW" to the left of them... in the same red pen.

The circled figures were as follows:

"The signal-strength sequence "6EQUJ5" in channel 2 of the computer printout thus represents the following sequence of signal-to-noise ratios (S/N):

6 --> (6 up to 7)  
E --> (14 up to 15)  
Q --> (26 up to 27)  
U --> (30 up to 31)  
J --> (19 up to 20)  
5 --> (5 up to 6). .. "

This was hastily misinterpreted by some as a "message".

In fact, there was no message... just a steady carrier frequency, unmodulated, as if some DJ forgot to play the music and fell asleep instead.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

"Ah Bartleby, Ah humanity."

(Bartleby the Scrivener)

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## Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 15:37:42 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:56:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:54:22 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Perfect Triangles & Useless Night Lights

<snip>

>>>Hello listerions,

>>>The original post that reported Phillipine scientists claimed  
>>>those sightings were made from halogen lights reminds me of an  
>>>incident this year in Germany. You may remember that several  
>>>months ago on this list, in Filer's files, or one of the others,  
>>>there was a report that a police officer and several other  
>>>people in the town of Mochengladbach saw what appeared to be a  
>>>UFO landing. It was investigated and was found to have been a  
>>>prank caused by teenagers with stolen construction site halogen  
>>>lights. They even fooled a member of the Polizei.

>>>Tschus, Josh

>Hello Josh!

>Hey! I know what lox is, but what's "Tschus?" Some kind of  
>"schmear" maybe?

<snip>

Hi listerions,

Before I respond to Larry's post I would like to preface it by  
posting something UFO related to the list. Otherwise good ole  
Errol won't like me taking up bandwidth with my off-topic  
response to Larry's off-topic. Of course I can think of a few  
Listerions who take up a lot of bandwidth with off-topic  
escapades.

Fellow Listerions - let's lay-off discussing and passing  
judgement on the Mexico City sighting until an investigation is  
posted. Otherwise we are just pissing in the wind. The video has  
been thoroughly analyzed. In crude terms it is "put up or shut  
up time". Is there an investigation with evidence to support the  
statements of Daniel Munoz and Jaime Maussan? Tomorrow I'll go  
into my catacomb and dig into my musty MUFON Jpurnal stacks to  
read their original article on the sightings. I remember years  
ago when we extensively discussed it on this List. Perhaps I'll  
go into the archives. But I am most concerned with these new  
claims such as burns and 100 witnesses. I want to see evidence  
or else I'm going outside and pissin' in the wind.

Mr. Munoz please post your case for your statements pronto.

Hi Larry old chum,

It is 3:00AM in Berlin and I just finished work - music.....  
Gotta unwind and keep up with UpDates. At this hour I was forced  
to wade through your off-topic post. You live in the part of

California I come from, so my first thought was that you smoked some of that stuff they grow out there - the leading crop of the state. But before this reply I read your next post. Aha! So you drank two liters of wine and found yourself sitting there strangely admiring the plastic cork - what a metaphor for these times on earth - and fell into a melancholy haze, longing for how things were made so much better in the past. That explains it,

Larry. If you had not had the wine but smoked California's finest your post would have been more to the point, as mine often are <g>. I worried that maybe you had an overdose of Safeway discount Roquefort.

As I sit here now I reminisce about some great old days in San Francisco in the 1960s when my girlfriend and I would go into the Safeway in the Marina and buy a bottle of wine, some sourdough bread and cheese (usually Tillamook). Then we would frolic along the waterfront. Ah, the blush of youth and cheap wine.

No, tschus is not an edible. I placed it followed by a comma before my name because it simply means bye. To get cozy (the German equivalent of bye bye) you sweetly say "Tschusi". Pronounced like tschoosea with the accent on the first syllable. It was fun to discover words and phrases when I came here. I was surprised the first time I exited a paid parking garage. The arm lifted and I started to exit when I noticed a sign was lit up over the exit wishing me a Gute fahrt! I thought that was good health advice until I found out it really means good drive.

Keep 'em flying,

Josh

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:09:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:58:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 14:35:52 +0000  
>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: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

<snip>

>Roy..

>[www.thelosthaven.co.uk](http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk)

Hello Roy:

If you could, please give URL links as

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

with the http part and all.

This is translated into a link we can click on directly; not one we must tediously type in by hand, introducing possible errors.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:59:02 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:00:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 11:06:55 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:38:43 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Jim, John, List:

>>>The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable  
>>>hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as  
>>>evidence acceptable to science.

>>Dear Bob:

>>Its much worse than falsifiable, its downright pathological.

>>Here we have a Ph.D, - Deardorff in this case - presenting the  
>>theory that the aliens not only hid themselves from the  
>>countless millions in Mexico City, but that they went to the  
>>trouble to jiggle their UFO so perfectly as to mimic the random  
>>hand motions of some person taking the video!

>>That has to be the saddest assertion I have ever seen on this  
>>List.

>>It makes the questions raised by skeptics pale in comparison.

>>I am amazed that nobody else throws up a flag. Where are you  
>>all?

>Larry,

>I'd be interested in just where you draw the line between  
>reality and fiction, or between the possible and the impossible.

>I take it you believe that some UFOs are 'genuine' and that they  
>can undergo tremendous accelerations without falling apart or  
>injuring their occupants? Or do you not accept even that much?

Yes, I can accept that based on numerous accounts.

>Do you accept that some UFOs can maneuver like a falling leaf?  
>That some can vanish abruptly from our sight?

Yes again. The vanishing act could be some sort of sophisticated  
camouflage, or something else entirely.

>Do you accept that some UFOs (along with their occupants) can  
>remotely disarm, or otherwise tamper with, nuclear weapons  
>within a nuclear missile site?

Questionable, but not out of the question, if we hypothesize highly advanced technology.

>Do you accept the likely genuineness of reports that a UFO in  
>the distance remotely caused a camera to take a picture, or, in  
>other cases, caused the camera to fail to function (rather like  
>automobiles, etc.)?

There are many car cases yes. As regards camera effects, a camera malfunction is far far more common than one which takes a shot unassisted by the owner. I'd have to dig deep to find one (other than Walters, see below .. )

>Do you accept the reports that UFOs can instantaneously respond  
>to a witness's thoughts or to a movement of their flashlight  
>beam by abruptly moving much closer or similar maneuver?

Mind-reading is a bit of a stretch. I'm not ready to climb that far out on a limb. There are reports of UFOs responding to flashlights and other signals. Some of these seem reasonably credible.

>Can you accept the reality of the flickering black dot that Ed  
>Walters observed on his window pane while he was getting ready  
>to photograph the UFO that had showed up in the distance? And  
>that his camera then took a picture of it before he pressed the  
>shutter button?

Frankly, I have serious doubts about the entire Walters story, that part included. How can you call that a "reality" when his entire story is held in question by so many others?

>Would you, as a caveman, accept the possibility that men could  
>some day travel to the Moon, walk on its surface and return?

As a caveman, I would probably scoff at the possibility; unable to visualize the science and technology required.

>You see what I'm getting at. Please let us know where you stand.  
>  
>Jim Deardorff

Simple: As I read it, you have the UFO so carefully zeroed in on the (single) videocam, that it can instantaneously cancel out hand-jiggle effects by its own proper motions.

Suppose there were several other video-cameras, lots of newsmen and tourists in Mexico City probably carry them. Each will have its own peculiar hand jiggle when shooting footage. The UFO would require entirely separate sets of anti-jiggle maneuvers for each camera!

What would be the purpose of all this? Just to make any video "look" fake?

By far the simplest assumption is that the saucer image was superimposed onto a genuine shot panning some tall buildings.

Having the UFO dance in perfect synch with the hand motion of one particular camera (the video presented for sale) is such a stretch that I'm amazed anyone would ever suggest it.

Sorry.

- Larry Hatch

PS: I hear you have a website up. If so, Would you like to provide a URL we can click on? That might shed some light on your opinions of this and similar matters.

-LH

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:09:26 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:03:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 18:28:31 -0500  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 09:34:44 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net](mailto:rakDebunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?a@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I wrote:

>>So, here's where it falls apart, Michel.

>>A) You claim a total of 17 separate sightings since 1974.

>>B) You claim 14 separate sightings during 1974-1998

>>C) You claim 4 separate sightings since 1998

>>Simple math says that 4 + 14 is a total of 18, not 17.

>>For someone that protests loudly when "eyewitness testimony" is  
>>doubted, you should really make more of an effort to keep your  
>>stories straight. It's obvious discrepancies like this that  
>>prove my point: Testimony has to be validated.

>>Frankly, at this point, I am suspect of all your claims  
>>regarding sightings.

Michel replies:

>Actually, 18 is the correct number, but I keep forgetting about  
>the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

>A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
>which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>before eventually disappearing.

>I apologize...

Michel,

Apology accepted, for what ever it's worth. But, I don't think you seem to understand the point, here. Are we to take you at your word about these sightings? Have you had so many that you've reached the point of forgetting a sighting? Are you that casual about it?

Most of us would give anything to have a single close encounter in our entire life. You seem to have a sighting every 16 months, on average! Not only that, but you maintain that these sightings are the source of your convictions regarding the existence of ET craft and the like. However, the previous description you give of "a small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky, which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds before eventually disappearing" is hardly ground breaking, by anyone's standards. The fact that you forgot about it certainly points out how unaffected you were by the event.



I think you must see the problem that exists, here.

My position is that testimony is valuable once it has been validated. Your position is that testimony should not have to be validated to be valuable. However, you present a pretty poor standard for what constitutes "valid testimony", don't you think? After all, anyone that continually signs off with a self inflated moniker like the following

>Michel M. Deschamps  
>MUFON provincial Section Director for Sudbury, Ontario, Canada,  
>UFO Researcher/Historian & UFO eyewitness to 14 separate sightings (1974 -  
>1998).

had better put up a better front than you've presented. You can apologize all you want for being "forgetful", but all you've done is reinforce my point that memory can't always be trusted when it comes to witness testimony.

Roger

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## UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:05:43 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Hatch

Hello again!

At the risk of beating the WOW event to death, I looked up UFO sightings for the single month of August, 1978. Since the WOW signal came in on the 15th of August, a period of +/- 15 days or so seems like a nice short study.

I found 51 records in the \*U\* Database for AUG 1978, 20 in North America, 18 in Western Europe, 5 in South America and the rest scattered elsewhere.

In North America, 4 were in Massachusetts, 3 in Indiana, 2 in Ohio, one in Nova Scotia and one each in various other states/provinces.

Mapping these alone, there is an interesting scatter-band of sightings from about 95 degrees west extending East to 70 dgrs West, between longitudes 38 to 44 degrees North. This stretches across the midwest from (roughly) the Missouri river between northern MO state to New England.

The plains and rockies West of this thinly populated band are quite empty until we get to a lone sighting in Northern California.

Delaware, OH (the Big Ear antenna) is at the rough center of the midwest scatter band.

One statistical feature of the \*U\* database breaks down sightings by Right Ascension (i.e. which part of the stellar sphere is directly over the meridian at the date/time/location of UFO sightings).

Listings with imprecise/unknown dates/times are excluded of necessity, so only 38 of the 51 listings were automatically counted - no dimpled ballots!

Dividing the starry sky into 24 "hours" of Right Ascension (and ignoring declination entirely) one might expect this breakdown to divide out to one or two sightings per each hour of RA.

Oddly enough, there was a peak of seven (7) sightings with RA of 19 hours... (plus/minus 30 minutes RA). The WOW signal came from that same slice of sky, 19hrs, 25 or 28 mins RA.

The local time of day breakdowns peaked out between 23:00 and 2359 hrs. The WOW signal came in at 23:16 hrs EDT in Ohio.

Nobody should draw statistical conclusions from this, the numbers are far, far too small.

During the single month AUG 1978, the busiest days were AUG 5, 17, 27 and 28th. For 15AUG78, the day of the actual WOW signal, there is only one UFO sighting listed, in La Paz, Bolivia.

A man was reportedly awakened by an odd buzzing sound. A silver fuselage or cigar hovered motionless. It gave off a green glow. The man thought he could make out porthole-like features on the side. (Source: UFO Roundup, J.Trainor, Vol.2 #35)

Sightings trailed off after 1978, into a long trough of relative inactivity through the 1980s.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 16:26:12 -0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:07:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Ticchetti

>From: Manuel Borraz <[maboay@teleline.es](mailto:maboay@teleline.es)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Campinas, Brazil?  
>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:11:16 +0100

>Does anyone know if the original report by Dr. Olavo Fontes  
>about the Campinas (Brazil) incident on December 14, 1954, is  
>available on the Internet?

>If not, is there any possibility of getting a copy?

>(A quick reminder of the case: three disc-shaped objects  
>over Campinas; one of them, "in trouble", emitted a thin stream  
>of silvery liquid; some samples were collected and analyzed).

Hello Manuel,

Dr. Olavo Pontes isn't available on the Internet, but I will try to help you, ok?

Regards,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
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## Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 12:41:18 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:18:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 19:26:16 EST  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Young

>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 22:22:22 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

Previously, Jim wrote:

>>>>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>>>>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.  
>>>>Consider ordinary sightings.

><snip>

>>>>Examples of the latter include those where the UFO  
>>>>poses like an airplane or helicopter though possessing  
>>>>impossibly different flight characteristics or navigational  
>>>>lights or noise level, etc.; these the skeptics can shrug off as  
>>>>airplanes and helicopters, etc., combined with witness  
>>>>fallibility, if they wish.

Bob replied:

>What I have a problem with, in a line of thought like this, is  
>that there is no way to tell the difference. If the ETs can  
>disguise themselves like planes (and let's face it, how hard  
>would it be to put a couple anti-collision beacons and a red and  
>green light on their saucers?) why are there UFO reports of  
>things that don't look like planes? This hypothesis allows its  
>proponents to claim that they have proof of UFOs as ET craft,  
>let's say, when anything is seen in the sky. There is no way  
>to advance knowledge.

Hi, Bob!

This is exactly the problem I've been trying to point out. On the one hand, we have UFO cases like the Trents where the mystery object looks suspiciously like a truck mirror. However, where as proponents will give a variety of contrived technical reasons why the object could, coincidentally, look like a truck mirror without actually BEING a truck mirror, the more logical notion that UFOs might appear as planes, jets or helicopters is considered absurd.

Why? Because there are no reported cases of UFOs appearing as planes, jets or helicopters!

Of course, why would there be if the intent of the ET was to go unnoticed? Therefore, all you have left are reports of craft that don't look like terrestrial objects (except for truck mirrors) or identifications so vague as to be heavily influenced by personal bias or vested interest. In short, due to lack of "proof", people rationalize whatever they want or do not want to

see. This includes both debunkers and believers, alike, I'm afraid.

Then you have the situation where ETs are so vastly superior that they not only take on the shape of terrestrial objects like planes, jets and helicopters (but not truck mirrors), but they have a galactic sense of humor, as well. They stir up trouble by selectively choosing WHO will get to see them out of thousands of potential witnesses. But they don't stop there! They go so far as to screw around with only two frames out of thousands that make up video documentation of their flight!

As Bob has correctly pointed out, if you buy into this line of thought, then anything photographed is potential ET craft; from the Goodyear blimp to a flock of pelicans. Why not? A flock of pelicans would be a lot less noticeable than obvious flying saucers.

"Unfalsifiable"? I don't have a problem with a theory that is unfalsifiable if it makes sense. The inability to falsify a theory doesn't inherently mean that the theory has a problem. On the contrary, the inability to prove a theory wrong is generally a good sign of a strong argument by the theorist.

However, there is a difference between a theory that is unfalsifiable and simply making it up as you go along, like we see presented in reference to the Mexico UFO footage.

Roger

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## Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 19:42:24 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:21:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:54:22 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Perfect Triangles & Useless Night Lights

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 01:58:26 +0100  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings - Hatch

>>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 07:29:17 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>>>Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2000 06:00:10 +0100  
>>>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>>>Subject: Philippine Government's UFO Team On Recent Sightings

>>>>Source: "Sun.Star Cebu Electronic Edition"

>>>><http://www.sunstar.com.ph/pampanga/index.html>

>>>>Pagasa debunks UFO sightings  
>>>>By Minerva S. Zamora

>>>>CLARK FIELD -- Government scientists Tuesday debunked the recent  
>>>>UFO sightings in nearby Mabalacat town and Angeles city saying  
>>>>the mysterious lights seen by local residents last Friday  
>>>>evening came from a land-based light source.

>>>><snip>

>>>>The reporters (above) neatly avoided one of my favorite little  
>>>>bugaboos. They failed to say that the useless night-lights were  
>>>>in a " perfect triangle". For shame!

<snip>

>>The original post that reported Phillipine scientists claimed  
>>those sightings were made from halogen lights reminds me of an  
>>incident this year in Germany. You may remember that several  
>>months ago on this list, in Filer's files, or one of the others,  
>>there was a report that a police officer and several other  
>>people in the town of Mochengladbach saw what appeared to be a  
>>UFO landing. It was investigated and was found to have been a  
>>prank caused by teenagers with stolen construction site halogen  
>>lights. They even fooled a member of the Polizei.

>>Tschus, Josh

>>Hello Josh!

>>Hey! I know what lox is, but what's "Tschus?" Some kind of  
>>"schmeear" maybe?

>Anyhow, I am now digging thru piles of back issues of  
>a couple of well known weekly UFO email newsletters.

<snip>

Hi Larry,

I'm not sure if it will help now, but you can use the search box on the UFOINFO site to search the bulletins that I have. Single word searches probably work best - once you get a list of results you can then search within those results.

Database is usually updated around midnight Fridays or early on Saturday morning.

Hope this is of some use to you.

John Hayes

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 13:10:01 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:23:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Message-ID: <[a6.c7de90c.2751b2a8@aol.com](mailto:a6.c7de90c.2751b2a8@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 19:26:16 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

<snip>

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>that there is no way to tell the difference. It the ETs can  
>disguise themselves like planes (and let's face it, how hard  
>would it be to put a couple anti-collision beacons and a red and  
>green light on their saucers?) why are there UFO reports of  
>things that don't look like planes?

Hi Bob, list:

Indeed, if they disguise themselves perfectly like either man-made or natural objects, then we wouldn't have any clue that they were UFOs in disguise. So to the extent that that may have been happening, there's no way we can learn of it. However, through "minor" inconsistencies they have let us know in many instances that these were no man-made or natural objects. Their lighting, though often of red and green lights, either doesn't conform to our rules, or contains one or more additional lights of colors our planes never use, and/or they make no sound, or maneuver too fast or slow, etc. So they achieve two objectives at the same time -- resemble man-made objects to those who don't look at all closely, or who don't want to look closely, while giving away the fact that they're not man-made objects to those who can accept that possibility and who pay attention to the details.

>This hypothesis allows its  
>proponents to claim that they have proof of UFOs as ET craft,  
>let's say, when anything is seen in the sky. There is no way  
>to advance knowledge.

Anything? Evidently not. As noted above, if they should make the perfect disguise, we wouldn't know the difference, it wouldn't look like anything remarkable to a witness, and it wouldn't get reported as any UFO.

>If one wants to propose this hypothesis, then how can it be  
>falsified? Well, I'm not sure I can think of a way, can you?

If it's the only remaining hypothesis after all other possibilities have been exhausted, well... remember Sherlock Holmes!

The witnesses indicate that the hoax hypothesis is not viable for the Mexican City case. If there had been no witnesses, then one could claim it was a hoax and probably be unchallenged in that claim. The hypothesis might then be said to have been falsifiable. Also, the absence of video-tapers coming forward and explaining in detail exactly how they pulled off any such video hoax is consistent with it not being any hoax. If they had come forward and succeeded in showing how they did it, then the hypothesis would be falsified in that case. Their failure to come forward is consistent with the case being genuine, for the

usual reasons why even mere UFO witnesses hesitate to come forward. The failure of anyone in the past three years of making up their own video tape simulation of the event to demonstrate how easily this could be done is also consistent with it not being any hoax, no doubt because it would entail a lot of hard work and yet the real thing would look more convincing in comparison.

The Mexican City video having the "fingerprints of a hoax" then is best accepted as showing the fingerprints of the aliens. It was many years ago that enough evidence had already surfaced to strongly suggest to Stan Gordon of PA MUFON that the UFO aliens can plan their sightings to nearly coincide with, or occur within about an hour of, some real event such as a fireball. Then those who don't wish to accept it as an alien event can claim it was the natural event and that the witnesses were mixed up in their reported times of the event, or their reported descriptions. Those who can accept it as the UFO it really was, when study justifies it, then can examine it all more closely, note the veracity of the witnesses, etc., and realize it was no natural event. Thus, in such cases the aliens seem not to wish to shatter the world views of those who can't accept their existence or presence. At the same time, they seem not to desire to present any UFO event so convincingly or directly that the UFO coverup becomes abruptly uncovered. They can accomplish several goals in any one event. They seem to be masters of deception as well as Masters of the Skies.

Jim Deardorff

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## The Cydonian Imperative: Martian 'Graveyard'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 13:30:37 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:25:10 -0500  
Subject: The Cydonian Imperative: Martian 'Graveyard'

11-26-00

The Cydonian Imperative

For Immediate Release

John Dyck has rendered a preliminary surface view of the "graveyard" formations discussed on Page 9. A scaled version of this intriguing profusion of triangles can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

Mac Tonnies  
The Cydonian Imperative

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## Saturn Moon Mimas & 'Deathstar'?

From: **Holger Isenberg** <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 00:35:24 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:27:49 -0500  
Subject: Saturn Moon Mimas & 'Deathstar'?

From our series 'How Did They Know It, And When?'

Do you know, if there are any pictures of Saturn moon Mimas and its crater Herrschel before the ones from Voyager 1 in 1980 and before Star Wars from 1977? I guess not!

Look at this striking similarity between the Death Star (120 km diameter) from Star Wars and Mimas (392 km):

<http://mars-news.de/movies/deathstar2.jpg>

<http://mars-news.de/movies/mimas.jpg>

Also note, the latitude of the reflector on the Death Star. It is precisely at "Hoagland-Coordinate" 19.47°N!

And not to forget the very low density of Mimas. It is with 1.17 g/cm<sup>2</sup> just slightly over Water, so it could be made of a heavy material like metal or glass and hollow inside.

I do not buy the explanation of astronomers, that it is made completely out of water ice. Imagine a snowball hit by an object which could produce such a crater as Herrschel. It would simply burst in pieces.

Holger Isenberg

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 16:02:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:41:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 21:32:51 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Any person defending the video must come up with a good reason  
>that explains the hard data!. Jim has made a proposal that the  
>real UFO out there moved up and down in 1/30 of a second or less  
>just enough to avoid image edge smear. Perhaps there is another  
>reason. Perhaps someone can show that Jeff's result is an  
>artifact of the analysis.

>There was another test applied: beside image shift up-down and  
>left right there is also image rotation. For each change from  
>frame to frame the image can rotate slightly about some axis  
>that could lie within the scene or outside the scene. In the MC  
>video there was very little rotation (much less than a degree) in  
>most cases. However as the UFO image passed over the first  
>building there was a strange event: a sudden, about 2 degree,  
>rotation of the scene. This was determined by looking at the  
>vertical and horizontal edges of the building from one frame to  
>the next. This rotation, probably a result of hand vibration,  
>occurred in a couple of frames, almost like a rotatory  
>oscillation. Guess what? You guessed it: the UFO image did not  
>participate in the rotation.

If the aliens could sense the camera's rotational accelerations, as perhaps by means of molecular sized strain gauges and transmitters within a "black dot" that may have been remotely attached to the camera just before the videotaping began, I'd surmise their black-dot device could sense angular accelerations as well. The UFO would be able to maneuver itself in the proper segment of an arc so as to negate the associated blurring due to camera rotation just as well as doing so with vertical and horizontal movements to negate vertical and transverse camera jitters. Or, if the UFO was at the center of the frame, it need only have rotated itself that amount, at high angular frequency, superimposed upon its other motions.

On the upper left of the building that temporarily eclipsed the UFO, there is a square panel that is relatively bright, perhaps brighter than the UFO image. Bruce, did you by any chance, in your light-intensity study, measure whether this panel, or parts of it, was indeed slightly brighter or lighter than the UFO? If so, from this could you say anything about whether the "paste on lighter" instruction for an electronic hoax would have worked there? I.e., should this panel have appeared slightly darker if an e-UFO was passing by?

Jim Deardorff

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From: Michael Wysmierski <[wufor@ldnet.com.br](mailto:wufor@ldnet.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 23:26:11 -0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 10:43:16 -0500  
Subject: Free Download - Issues 1 & 2 of CE-BK!

Greetings,

Good news! A free download of issues 1 and 2 of Close Encounters of the Brazilian Kind - CE-BK is now on line at [www.ce-bk.com](http://www.ce-bk.com).

Also, view exclusive photos of a a UFO landing site in São João da Boa Vista, São Paulo.

All the best,

Michael Wysmierski

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 19:39:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:54:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 18:28:31 -0500

>Actually, 18 is the correct number, but I keep forgetting about  
>the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

>A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
>which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>before eventually disappearing.

>I apologize...

>Michel M. Deschamps

Hello Michel:

OK, 18 sightings, not an issue.

The 18th one at Denise's house sounds an awful lot like the  
apparent space-junk re-entry I saw a few years back.

Spectacular really, it would flare up and down, different colors  
in succession, as if different materials were flaming up in the  
atmosphere in sequence.

As for the shape, its about impossible to say given it was  
hidden in its own surrounding plasma. Any oddly shaped object  
seen at great distance will seem to resolve into an oval  
shape... or more or less "round" if its far enough away...  
finally a pinpoint of light at greatest visible distance.

I take it your object did no maneuvers, but simply kept going on  
a more or less ballistic curve. If you call this a UFO, then I  
have no problem with anyone having seen 10, 20 or more over the  
years.

For me, the simplest assumption is that it was mundane, as in  
manmade or possibly natural. I wouldn't be putting it into a UFO  
catalog.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At

From: Alex Persky <[alexvi@mail.ru](mailto:alexvi@mail.ru)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 07:59:05 +0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:58:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 03:55:45 +0100  
>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At Military Academies?

<snip>

>Subject: Soviet Recognition Of Visitors Taught At Military Academies?  
>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 02:51:25 GMT  
>From: Cliff Gieseke <[cliffg@texas.net](mailto:cliffg@texas.net)>  
>Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo

>Has anyone run into any former Soviet military officers who  
>claim they were taught at their military academy that the earth  
>is being visited by extraterrestrials?

>An army major from Kazakstan I met recently told me that this  
>had been included in his academy training in the former Soviet  
>Union. It was only briefly mentioned, he said, but it was, he  
>claims, part of their curriculum.

Hi everyone,

Michael Gershtein <[ufo\\_miger@chat.ru](mailto:ufo_miger@chat.ru)>, Russian UFO researcher,  
wrote the following regarding your question (in Russian):

"The fact is that the military in Kazakhstan paid much more attention to the UFO phenomena and as far back as in 1990 they placed their equipment for UFO research to the disposal of civilian ufologists-enthusiasts, besides they did not make top secrets from UFO sightings. I know that some of the ufologists were invited to give lectures to military academies there, so I'm not surprised by this post. However it is too short to make sense of it." (Nov 27, 2000).

Sincerely,

Alex Persky

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 01:18:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 13:00:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Velez

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 21:32:51 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 15:10:46 -0500  
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>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

><snip>

>>I was carefully trained to question everything Jim. I don't  
>>come by any of my beliefs concerning UFOs or their occupants  
>>lightly or easily. I'm ten times rougher on myself than I am on  
>>anybody else when it comes to asking questions and peeking into  
>>every nook and cranny.

>>>I'm glad you're not dismissing the witnesses.

>>Like I said, after my talk with Bruce regarding the video, the  
>>witnesses are the only real reason I still have my teeth sunk  
>>into the neck meat of this case. We shouldn't let go until we  
>>are satisfied that all the bases have been covered and that the  
>>witness testimony has been accounted for.>

>>Also, bear in mind that what Bruce and Jeff are saying is; that  
>>based on their own analysis, the video may show the 'fingerprints'  
>>of a hoax based on the findings of a piece of software that relies  
>>on preset (by Jeff who developed the software) statistical  
>>parameters. Nowhere have I heard Bruce, Jeff, or anybody else  
>>declare the video a 'blatant' or a 'definite' hoax. They leave  
>>room in their own diagnosis for error. I'm sure they are leaving  
>>the back door open just a crack because they haven't brought  
>>any direct or undisputable evidence of a hoax to the table.  
>>They have not offered any hard proof that the video image was  
>>in point of fact a 'drop-in' or how it was accomplished. What  
>>Jeff and Bruce have offered is a single (though significant)  
>>potential indicator that a hoax may have been perpetrated.>

>>That's a long way from; "Ladies and Gents this video is a  
>>concocted hoax. This the evidence for it, a,b,c,d, and here is  
>>how it was accomplished e,f,g, etc. We haven't heard that  
>>have we? Which means that the Fat Lady hasn't sung yet!

>Let's be clear about the technical analysis vs witness  
>testimony. Those of you who are very perceptive and  
>"recollective" may recall that in a message a few days back I  
>said that the witness testimony might be real and the video a  
>fake (or something like that).

Bruce responded:

>It has been my impression that Jeff is quite confident of his  
>analysis and made an extra effort to point out that the computer  
>analysis was completely unbiased. He simply asked it to compare  
>the edge gradient of the build and of the UFO with the image  
>shift from frame to frame. If the shift was zero the gradient  
>would be some value. As the shift increases the gradient should

>shrink in proportion. It did for the building, but not for the  
>UFO. At the largest image shifts the building image was totally  
>smear and the edge gradient was small but not the UFO. It  
>seemed "immune" to the magnitude of image shift. And then there  
>are the two frames where you don't need a computer to see the  
>handwriting on the wall. Hence the "fingerprints of a hoax."

Bruce, did that apply to all the 'non-UFO' elements in the  
frame(s)? In other words, did you guys check other elements  
within the view to determine if it was only the UFO that was  
'out of synch' with everything else. You have already mentioned  
checking out the edge gradient of the building vis-a-vis the UFO  
from frame to frame, but was the edge gradient of any other  
element in the view then compared to either the building edge or  
the UFO? Even if for no other reason than to determine if the  
UFO was the 'only thing' exhibiting this anomaly. It would be a  
sure fire way to validate both the method and the accuracy of  
the software used to make the gradient measurements.

>Any person defending the video must come up with a good reason  
>that explains the hard data!. Jim has made a proposal that the  
>real UFO out there moved up and down in 1/30 of a second or less  
>just enough to avoid image edge smear. Perhaps there is another  
>reason. Perhaps someone can show that Jeff's result is an  
>artifact of the analysis.

I'm no where near as knowledgeable about the software or the  
math involved to carry on such an inquiry. (as are some others  
on this List.) I'll leave a debate as technical as that one  
would have to be to those who are much better qualified or  
informed than myself. I'm flying by the seat of my pants and  
relying on my own wits, - which should explain why I have so  
many questions! <LOL>Also, because I had the chance to hear  
some testimony from two of the witnesses on that Maussan video  
that I translated into English.

Regarding the above; I always pay very careful attention to the  
words that people choose. A lot of the speakers own subconscious  
material/underlying thoughts etc. 'can be' revealed that way. Up  
above you say; "Perhaps someone can show that Jeff's result is  
an artifact of the analysis." The 'catchy little phrase' that  
yanked my radar cable was, "artifact of the analysis."

Perhaps Bruce! I sure as hell won't be the one that does it, but  
"perhaps" indeed. ;) At any rate, a decent look at the method  
used to arrive at the determination is a necessary thing to do  
in any event. Again I'd like to thank you for being so  
forthcoming and open with your information. I wish more research  
people were like you Bruce. Willing to get down in the trenches  
and explain/talk about what you do and how you do it. It's what  
a healthy UFO study/research community -should be- all about.  
Just wanted you to know that I respect the time/effort you take  
to do it. Right or wrong, agree or disagree, you're a good man  
Charlie Brown and 'doin it the right way.' The "People" really  
do have a "right" to know. ;) Better they get it from people who  
are knowledgeable than the side-showmen that lurk in every dark  
ufological corner.

>There was another test applied: beside image shift up-down and  
>left right there is also image rotation. For each change from  
>frame to frame the image can rotate slightly about some axis  
>that could lie within the scene or outside the scene. In the MC  
>video there was very little rotation (much less than a degree) in  
>most cases. However as the UFO image passed over the first  
>building there was a strange event: a sudden, about 2 degree,  
>rotation of the scene. This was determined by looking at the  
>vertical and horizontal edges of the building from one frame to  
>the next. This rotation, probably a result of hand vibration,  
>occurred in a couple of frames, almost like a rotatory  
>oscillation. Guess what? You guessed it: the UFO image did not  
>participate in the rotation.

Same question I had above, was the UFO the only element in  
the frame(s) that "did not participate?" Was any other element  
(other than the building edge) used to make the comparisons?  
Eliminating a few other elements that may lend themselves to  
edge gradient measurements would isolate the UFO as the  
"foreigner" in the whole scene.

>I should point out that another guy, a video "amateur" he called  
>himself (Ha!) contacted me. He wanted to send me a video he made

>on the computer as a test to see if he could create something  
>like the MC video. Well, what he sent me 'floored' me. Jeff had  
>worked for weeks to create a stop-motion version (where the  
>buildings are constant from frame to frame and the only  
>remaining motion is (a) the buildings passing through the scene  
>and (b) the UFO mage itself undergoing its proper motion - as if  
>the camera had been solidly on a tripod but panned slowly to  
>keep the UFO in the field of view..

It would be really interesting to see them played side-by-side.  
Maybe you can post a short .avi clip from each video on your  
website! I know I'd love to see em. ;)

>What about the witnesses?

>At the time Jeff and I were sweating over this video, frame by  
>frame and field by field (60 fields per second) and I was  
>writing an article for the MUFON journal outlining our results  
>(but before Jeff began the stabilized scene analysis that turned  
>up the 'fingerprints') I was in communication with the Elders  
>who were in Mexico City with Maussan interviewing witnesses. I  
>was aware that, if the witnesses were recalling - over a month  
>later - the exact dates of their sighting, (Aug 6) then there  
>was a reasonably good correlation between the sighting repots  
>and the UFO video. However, I was never able to establish 100%  
>correlation. Perhaps that could have happened with further work,  
>I don't know. It seemed to me that witness testimony alone  
>would have provided information for triangulation. Was that ever  
>done? I don't know.

I have asked Daniel Munoz or yourself if it would be possible  
for either of you to round up Mr. Maussan for us. He seems to be  
a central character in terms of the witnesses and other  
researchers that have been reporting directly to him. Seems like  
he'd have a good 'overview' of all the research that has been  
conducted since the sighting. We really do need to learn more  
about the witnesses and what they are reporting. Without that  
major component, (the witnesses) our ability to make up our own  
minds about the case becomes hopelessly crippled.

>If there is a case here it must first be solidly established by  
>witness testimony. Then we can start to study the video again...  
>and appeal for the videographer to finally come forward.

Man, getting the videographer to come forward would be such a  
telling/revealing thing! Bruce, can you get in touch with  
Maussan and ask him if he'd be gracious enough to spend a little  
time with a few 'gringo's' who are genuinely curious and  
interested in the Mexico City case(s)? It would really help us  
all to make determinations for ourselves about these cases based  
on solid and reliable information.

And in the end... isn't that what it's all about! ;)

Regards,

John Velez, just another schmuck that has a burning need to  
know! ;)

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[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)

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

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## Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 13:01:47 -0500  
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>Subject: Campinas, Brazil?  
>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:11:16 +0100

>Does anyone know if the original report by Dr. Olavo Fontes  
>about the Campinas (Brazil) incident on December 14, 1954, is  
>available on the Internet?

>If not, is there any possibility of getting a copy?

>(A quick reminder of the case: three disc-shaped objects  
>over Campinas; one of them, "in trouble", emitted a thin stream  
>of silvery liquid; some samples were collected and analyzed).

Hello Manuel:

Mark Cashman has an excellent presentation on his Temporal Doorway website. It appears to be the original Fontes article, or something just as good.

Sorry about the long URL. If truncated, you may need to piece it together manually.

Its worth it.

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/physicalevidence/ubtatubamagnesium/index.htm>

I heard vague rumors about the same sample(s) being re-analyzed in recent years, but I have no further details to offer.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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- \* Bacteria from Space? Scientists Discover Possible Extraterrestrial Microbes in Upper Atmosphere
- \* More Evidence Found Suggesting Water on Mars
- \* The Martian 'Monolith Graveyard'
- \* The Cydonian Imperative: Martian "Graveyard"
- \* The CSETI Disclosure Project - Update and Status
- \* IBM Sells Air Force New Supercomputer To Identify UFOs
- \* Govt UFO Team Probes Pampanga 'Dancing Lights' in Philippines
- \* Moscow's 'Museum of Parapsychology & Ufology'
- \* 'Hole-Punched Clouds' Over Melbourne, Australia
- \* Prime Lunar Real Estate for Sale - But Hurry
- \* Trend-Setters Offered Robotic Clothes
- \* West Nile Virus Spreading Worldwide

BACTERIA FROM SPACE? SCIENTISTS DISCOVER POSSIBLE  
EXTRATERRESTRIAL MICROBES IN UPPER ATMOSPHERE

An international team of scientists has recovered microorganisms in the upper reaches of the atmosphere that could have originated from outer space, a participant in the study said Friday. The living bacteria, plucked from an altitude of 10 miles (16 km) or higher by a scientific balloon, could have been deposited in terrestrial airspace by a passing comet, according to the researchers. The microorganisms are unlike any known on Earth, but the astrobiologists "want to keep the details under wraps until they are absolutely convinced that these are extraterrestrial," said study participant Chandra Wickramasinghe, a noted scientist at Cardiff University in Wales...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/11/24/alien.microbe.claim/index.html>

#### MORE EVIDENCE FOUND SUGGESTING WATER ON MARS

NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, currently orbiting Mars, simultaneously snapped both a wide-angle and high-resolution view of Hale crater that show gullies - possibly carved by water - in the peaks of sand dunes inside the crater...

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0011/20msggullies/>

#### THE MARTIAN 'MONOLITH GRAVEYARD'

A recent image from the Mars Global Surveyor shows an unusual arrangement of triangular objects in the Martian sands. Yet more anomalies to add to an already long list. Are they natural or the remains of partially buried 'monoliths'?...

[http://209.196.158.209/mars/monolith\\_graveyard.html](http://209.196.158.209/mars/monolith_graveyard.html)

#### THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE: MARTIAN "GRAVEYARD"

John Dyck has rendered a preliminary surface view of the "graveyard" formations discussed on Page 9...

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

#### THE CSETI DISCLOSURE PROJECT - UPDATE AND STATUS

In the past 4 or 5 months, CSETI has been able to identify, contact and film nearly 90 military, intelligence and government witnesses to UFO events and projects. Many of these interviews and accompanying evidence are definitive and will be able to establish the reality of the UFO/ET subject as well as the nature and purpose of the secrecy surrounding it...

<http://www.cseti.org/position/greer/disclosureupdate01.htm>

#### IBM SELLS AIR FORCE NEW SUPERCOMPUTER TO IDENTIFY UFOS

International Business Machines Corp. IBM.N said on Wednesday it sold the U.S. Air Force a supercomputer to help it to identify unidentified flying objects. The Air Force's Space Surveillance Team, based in Maui, Hawaii, will use the supercomputer to hunt outer space for old satellites, foreign spacecraft, and other UFOs that may be hurtling toward Earth, IBM said...

<http://www.sightings.com/general5/ide.htm>

#### GOVT UFO TEAM PROBES PAMPANGA 'DANCING LIGHTS' IN PHILIPPINES

A government team investigating unidentified flying objects (UFOs) is expected to arrive here today to investigate the mysterious light that danced in the sky for five hours over this town and nearby Angeles City last Friday night...

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

#### MOSCOW'S 'MUSEUM OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY AND UFOLOGY'

Finding the Museum of Parapsychology and Ufology was about as easy as spotting a UFO in the brilliant night skies above Moscow. The museum itself is a tiny little place with only two rooms actually devoted to exhibits. One of them has photographs of various people apparently engaged in moving objects through the power of their minds, plus drawings of various extraterrestrials and spaceship landings; the other houses computers equipped to monitor the spiritual powers of visitors...

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2000/11/24/106.html>

#### 'HOLE-PUNCHED CLOUDS' OVER MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

A unusual cloud formation appeared in skies over the Space Coast on Thursday caused by ice crystals and enhanced by the jet stream. There is no scientific term for the cloud display you see above. The National Weather Service calls the formation "hole-punch" clouds because of the oval-shaped opening. The image was captured by meteorologists Matt Bragaw and Peter Blottman at the weather service office in Melbourne on Thursday morning...

<http://www.floridatoday.com/news/columnists/larimer/1112001arimer.htm>

#### PRIME LUNAR REAL ESTATE FOR SALE - BUT HURRY

Want to buy a piece of land that promises lots of quiet and great views of the stars? There's a sale going on that's out of this world. But hurry, the price will soon rise astronomically. Hollywood celebrities, ex-U.S. presidents, "Star Trek" actors and NASA employees have joined in the rush to call a piece of the moon their own. The brainchild behind the lunar real estate development is Dennis Hope, a U.S. entrepreneur who asserts he secured legal ownership of the moon and most other bodies in the solar system...

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/11/20/lunar.land/index.html>

#### TREND-SETTERS OFFERED ROBOTIC CLOTHES

Fashionable folk who simply must have the latest designer labels can now don the smartest gear of all: "Intelligent clothing." For scientists have stitched up jackets, shirts and trousers with mobile phones and even mini-computers for a walkie-talkie wardrobe...

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/ptech/11/22/brussels.clothes/index.html>

#### WEST NILE VIRUS SPREADING WORLDWIDE

It is one of the deadliest new viruses to have emerged on the planet, and in the past few months it has begun to terrorise a growing list of victim nations. West Nile Fever looks set to become a global threat for the twenty-first century. Last month the disease killed 12 Israelis; France and Jordan reported outbreaks; and US scientists warned the disease has probably spread across the nation, threatening new eruptions in areas such as the Gulf coast...

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

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 13:06:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

>>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>>>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>>>imagination.

><snip>

>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>>"trufo".

>Luck of the draw Larry and no real reason to be skeptical of  
>Michels claim. I have that many 'sightings' in any given three  
>year period! I too have spent almost 30 years studying the sky-  
>both day and night time versions. I can tell the difference  
>between a balloon, a bird, an airplane etc. and even if I say so  
>myself, I am good at it. I know some few people that have fairly  
>regular sightings of objects which do not display any of the  
>characteristics of conventional 'sky objects.' I have been  
>recording them on film and video for years now. So have guys  
>like Tommy King from Arizona, that priest down in Mexico City  
>(sorry, don't recall his name at the moment) and several others.  
>It's not hard for me to believe Michel when he states that he  
>has had 17 sightings of objects that are best catagorized as  
>"UFOs."

John, I agree with you as I do not find multiple sightings of  
true UFOs unusual. I, myself, have had dozens of sightings of  
real unidentifieds over the decades, both daytime and nighttime.

>The reason you give for being skeptical of the number of  
>Michel's sightings that may represent actual UFOs is that, you  
>haven't had the luck (or 'misfortune' depending on your point of  
>view) of having seen one of these 'things' for yourself.

>I'm sure that's the same thing the Pope said to Galileo about  
>his 'sighting reports' of Jupiters' moons. ;)

>>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
>>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>>trufo.

>Take the time to get to know Michel. I think you'll find that he  
>is not an "incautious" observer. 'Some' of the folks that are  
>reporting these "regular" UFO sightings turn out to be trained  
>or experienced observers. We just have to take the time to ask  
>them what that 'experience' is before we dismiss their  
>observations as "incautious." I know I get pissed when I'm  
>dismissed out of hand by someone who knows nothing about me or  
>what my 'sky observing' experience might consist of.

>>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

>Maybe not Larry. But it's still -no reason- to dismiss the  
>claims of another that -they- have had repeated sightings.

>  
>>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>>even a quarter of that number?

>  
>I have three to six a year Larry. If you're asking me, I think  
>Michel's odds are good that he'll have -another- sighting. He  
>'may be' doing something that you're not. Maybe it's not him!

>Grab a brew, a hunk of bread, and a slice of that expensive  
>Frenchie bleu cheese and enjoy the pix I am attaching just for  
>you. I can just imagine how frustrated you must feel that after  
>so many years of looking, you haven't had much luck spotting a  
>UFO and here is this 'smarty pant's Michel reporting 17 of em!  
><LOL>This is a little something to help 'scratch your itch.' ;)

>Enjoy the pix Larry. I am including sighting description number  
>two for my friend Jim Deardorf. I have accumulated a heap of  
>video of these unidentified flying objects over the last 5  
>years. This is just a sampling of one of those many sightings.  
>I'm not sure how many there are by now, but I can tell you  
>that's its more than 17. If you are having trouble believing  
>Michel, I don't stand a snowball's chance in Hell with you.  
><LOL>;)

>Here are the details first: (The "List version" of my report)

>Daytime.

>This 'thing' (disc shaped, silver metallic object) was up  
>approx. 800 to 1200 ft. high in altitude. I guesstimate it must  
>have been some 20 to 30 ft. or so across in diameter. It  
>approached my location in a straight line from the Southwest. It  
>stopped overhead, hovered, and then slowly began to tumble end  
>over end while maintaining the same position in the sky. It  
>tumbled for a half-a-minute or so, then it stopped tumbling,  
>hovered for a few seconds, and then it took off in the same  
>direction it had come from! No wings, no engines, no sound.

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Bill Hamilton

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 08:43:36 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 13:09:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:05:07 EST  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Gates

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

Previously, Larry wrote:

>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>>"trufo".

>  
>>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
>>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>>trufo.

>>One space-junk burnout was so spectacular that skeptical friends  
>>telephoned to point it out. I guess I disappointed them by not  
>>taking the bait.

>>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

>>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>>even a quarter of that number?

Robert replies:

>Personally I have seen over 15 Minuteman missile launches from a  
>distance at Vandenburg since the 70s. I watch the so called  
>unclassified launch schedule and generally catch at least one or  
>two a year.

>Had a friend tell me that because he had never seen one, he  
>thought it was absolutely ludicrous that anybody could "see"  
>(as opposed to watching any media coverage) the missile going off  
>because he had never seen one himself in all those years.

>I guess the point being is that just because we haven't seen  
>with our own eyes, doesn't mean its not true, just means  
>we haven't seen it yet.

Happy holidays, Robert!

Hope things are well with you.

To the point at hand:

First off, there is a fundamental difference between your sightings and Michel's. Mainly that we know for an absolute fact that Minuteman missiles exist! Does this mean that you have to be telling the truth regarding your claims? No, but the dynamics are totally different. No one cares if you spotted even 100 Minuteman launches or not. On the other hand, we are all dying



to witness even one true "close encounter". Therefore, anyone that can truly claim such a thing does become somewhat of a celebrity, at least within UFO circles.

Second, Michel strongly protests when "eyewitness testimony" isn't taken at face value. However he, himself, is so apparently casual as to have lost track of the number of his sightings, even though these sightings are supposedly the basis for his solid convictions regarding ET life. That is tantamount to my Baptist grandmother "forgetting" that she ran into Jesus on her way to the supermarket.

Third, despite his pleas for belief about ET life, he has inexplicably avoided using his "gift" for sightings to arrange for documentation of what could be some of the best UFO shots that ever existed! I mean, if his 17 or 18 sightings (pick a number) are THAT significant as to be the basis for absolute conviction regarding ET life, then they must be pretty up close and personal, don't ya think?

In short, his stories are inconsistent regarding number, significance of event, and efforts regarding documentation. I find his credibility pretty low. Again, another classic example of why witness testimony needs to be validated.

King Roger

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## Re: WOW Signal Details - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:40:23 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 13:12:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: WOW Signal Details - Sparks

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 05:31:00 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: WOW Signal Details

>Dear list:

Hi Larry!.

I appreciate all the effort you've made into getting us the facts about this fascinating signal detection. I plan on posting soon at length. Just a few quick corrections:

>Some technical details about the 1978 WOW signal recently  
>discussed may be in order.

<snip>

>On 15AUG1978 at 23:16:01 hrs EDT (local Eastern Daylight time)  
>the notable "WOW" signal was received at the then huge Big Ear  
>radio telescope in Delaware, OH, USA.  
<SNIP>

The date was in 1977 rather than 1978. The time was from about 23:15:26 (11:15:26 PM) EDT to about 23:16:36 +/-2 seconds each, for a duration of about 70 seconds, not the 72 seconds I keep seeing all over. The last 2 seconds of each 12-second cycle was for computer analysis of the previous 10 seconds of signal reception and averaging.

Most of the data on this signal was not directly measured but was based on modeling assumptions that may or may not be correct in all cases.

>The narrow-band WOW signal came in at 1420.4556 MHz (+/- 0.005 MHz) with an amazing peak Signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of 30.76. >i.e., the signal was over 30 times louder than the ever-present >natural background noise.  
<SNIP>

The signal amplitude of 30.76 is a best-fit value fitting the curve of data points to a bell-shaped Gaussian curve. The actual measurement is assumed to be between 30 and 31. Worst of all, we can't be absolutely sure even about that because there is a 35-level ambiguity in the computer printout and technically a slight chance that it really represents 65 to 66 or even higher.

>Oddly, and very sadly, the WOW signal only came in on one of >these horns, and an oversight in the original software does not >permit the scientists to determine which one! (Subsequent >experiments and analysis proved fruitless.)

>As a result, there are not one but two Right Ascensions (R.A. >analogous to stellar longitude East - West) but a single >Declination (North- South) coordinate.  
<SNIP>

>As the sweet spot swept past the WOW signal, for some 72 seconds  
>or so, it increased and decreased back down to background noise  
>level in the familiar bell shaped curve as one might expect.  
>This eliminates possible ground based transmitter interference  
>as a source.

It was about 70 seconds as I stated above. And we actually only know that the signal came in sometime during the 10-second segment of signal reception. It could be almost 10 seconds less at both ends of the interval for a duration of about 50 seconds. It is assumed that since the data points fit a bell-shaped curve so nicely that most of the 10-second intervals were filled with signal above noise level (thus about 70 seconds total). However I have been unable to find an exact curve on the Web to see exactly how far the "tails" do project timewise, and I don't feel like digging out math tables to deduce it myself just to pin it down by a few seconds more -- given the overall level of uncertainty it's probably not warranted.

>Given the longitudinal (RA) ambiguity, but known declination  
>(N-S "tilt") and tons of gosh-awful math, scientists arrived at  
>two possible points in the sky:

>For Right Ascension (RA)

>POS horn hypothesis: 19hrs,25mins,31secs (+/- 10secs)  
>NEG horn hypothesis: 19hrs,28mins,22secs (+/- 10secs)  
>Declination (both) 26 degra 57 mins (+/- 20 mins)  
>[ all figures corrected to epoch 2000 A.D. by Ehman ]

<snip>

Even here where the assumptions are more obvious -- they don't even know which antenna horn the signal came through (hence the 0.7 degree ambiguity in RA) -- there are still more hidden assumptions underlying even these. The signal could have come through sidelobes of the antenna in still different directions than those given and it is not clear that all of the sidelobes have been fully mapped, including those that could come from ground interference. The width of the sidelobes being different could be overcome by the signal itself. The error bars are actually HPBW's (half power beam widths). The actual full-widths down into the noise level are almost double these in angular size.

Best regards,

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 15:51:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 20:24:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>Date: 27 Nov 2000 06:33:20 -0800  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
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>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

>>>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>>>>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>>>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>>>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>>>>imagination.

>><snip>

>>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>>>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>>>"trufo".

>>Luck of the draw Larry and no real reason to be skeptical of  
>>Michels claim. I have that many 'sightings' in any given three  
>>year period! I too have spent almost 30 years studying the sky-  
>>both day and night time versions. I can tell the difference  
>>between a balloon, a bird, an airplane etc. and even if I say so  
>>myself, I am good at it. I know some few people that have fairly  
>>regular sightings of objects which do not display any of the  
>>characteristics of conventional 'sky objects.' I have been  
>>recording them on film and video for years now. So have guys  
>>like Tommy King from Arizona, that priest down in Mexico City  
>>(sorry, don't recall his name at the moment) and several others.  
>>It's not hard for me to believe Michel when he states that he  
>>has had 17 sightings of objects that are best catagorized as  
>>"UFOs."

Hi Mr. Bill, hi All,

>John, I agree with you as I do not find multiple sightings of  
>>true UFOs unusual. I, myself, have had dozens of sightings of  
>real unidentifieds over the decades, both daytime and nighttime.

Thanx for chiming in in support Bill. As I wrote the post I

could almost hear the thoughts of some of those who would eventually read it. I've been down this road before. I'm glad that you are around to confirm some of my statements. Multiple sightings by one person are not as "unusual" as many would think.

I wrote in the original:

>>How it really went down: (For you Jim Deardorff)

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>>on the shoulder, I reached around and grabbed the camera,  
>>fired it up, pushed all the right buttons, put it up to my eyes,  
>>got the disc centered in the view and hit the record button.

Bill responds:

>Years ago I experienced interactions similar to what you  
>describe.

I used to be in almost daily touch with Tom King. I know that he had several "interactive" sightings/encounters himself. This is the first time that I have made mention of the "interactive" component of 'some' of the sightings. Mostly I did it for Jim Deardorff because he is currently getting his keister kicked all up and down the street on the List for even suggesting such a thing is possible. I didn't think that his introduction of the 'alien-ufo / witness interaction' component was 'timely' in regard to the discussion we were having about the Mexico City UFO video, but that doesn't mean that I completely disagree with him either. Like it or not (and believe me I have fought with the idea) there is in some instances a definite "interaction" between the witness and the UFO/or its occupants. I don't like to bring it up because it's hard enough to prove that the things we are seeing and photographing are the genuine article without introducing the -fact- that it is possible to conduct a form of telepathic communication with the objects. (Where the object responds to the 'thoughts' of the observer.) I have had at least four such encounters. And don't even think to ask me to 'explain' it or to 'prove' it. It just is. It happens. How it works or why is beyond my ken.

>Also attempted experiments with light beam transceivers, a kind of  
>UFO SETI, but not much proactive search or attempted communication  
>is done these days, except for people like Tom King.

It's the same reason why I don't post any more of my sighting pix or even report a sighting to the List anymore. After awhile it gets really frustrating (not mention a drain) to have deal with the "armchair" arguments and theories of people who have never even seen (much less studied) a single frame of our videos. There is strength in numbers and if there are enough of us throwing reports and video/film at the people we're bound to make an impression sooner or later.

But it's like banging your head (hard) up against a stone wall. Many of them just think we must be crazy or lying and blow all of it off without so much a cursory look-see. Many is the time that I don't think it's worth it either. I'm still here because I have the truth on my side and because I don't like to back down from anything or anybody. It's more of a 'challenge' to me than it is a pain in the as\*.

It's good to have you back though! ;)

Hey Bill, I'd really be interested to hear about your own "interactive" UFO sightings if you wouldn't mind sharing them.  
;)

Warm regards,

John Velez, fellow skywatcher

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:55:40 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:47:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:28:27 -0600

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;;>  
>Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2000 1:42 PM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>Can you accept the reality of the flickering black dot that Ed  
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>>that his camera then took a picture of it before he pressed the  
>>shutter button?

>>Would you, as a caveman, accept the possibility that men could  
>>some day travel to the Moon, walk on its surface and return?

>>You see what I'm getting at. Please let us know where you stand.

>Jim,

>Here's where I stand -- with one simple question:

Dennis,

Larry has let us know where he stands with respect to that flickering black dot that Ed observed, but you haven't yet. You said "Here's where I stand" but failed to state where you stand.

>Is there anything the aliens can't do, in your mind?

I'm sure there're plenty of things they can't do, how much or how little depending upon how many thousands of centuries more evolved than us the particular aliens involved are. I'm in no position to guess what they can't do, and can only point to the evidence telling us what they can do. For now, let's just stick to what the UFO evidence suggests they can do. Larry pointed out one thing it would seem they couldn't do.

And what's your personal answer to the caveman question?

Jim Deardorff

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:51:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:59:02 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 11:06:55 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:38:43 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
>>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>Jim, John, List:

>>>>The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable  
>>>>hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as  
>>>>evidence acceptable to science.

>>>>Dear Bob:

>>>>Its much worse than falsifiable, its downright pathological.

>>>>Here we have a Ph.D, - Deardorff in this case - presenting the  
>>>>theory that the aliens not only hid themselves from the  
>>>>countless millions in Mexico City, but that they went to the  
>>>>trouble to jiggle their UFO so perfectly as to mimic the random  
>>>>hand motions of some person taking the video!

>>>>That has to be the saddest assertion I have ever seen on this  
>>>>List.

>>>>It makes the questions raised by skeptics pale in comparison.

>>>>I am amazed that nobody else throws up a flag. Where are you  
>>>>all?

>>Larry,

>>I'd be interested in just where you draw the line between  
>>reality and fiction, or between the possible and the impossible.

>>I take it you believe that some UFOs are 'genuine' and that they  
>>can undergo tremendous accelerations without falling apart or  
>>injuring their occupants? Or do you not accept even that much?

>Yes, I can accept that based on numerous accounts.

>>Do you accept that some UFOs can maneuver like a falling leaf?  
>>That some can vanish abruptly from our sight?

>Yes again. The vanishing act could be some sort of sophisticated

>camouflage, or something else entirely.

>>Do you accept that some UFOs (along with their occupants) can  
>>remotely disarm, or otherwise tamper with, nuclear weapons  
>>within a nuclear missile site?

>Questionable, but not out of the question, if we hypothesize  
>highly advanced technology.

Hi Larry,

Thanks for giving straightforward responses. I surmise that where a lot of scientists go astray is in assuming that science could never advance more than a century or two ahead of our own, whichever year or century we're in. They can't fathom that science & technology & other learning could continue advancing for centuries, hundreds of centuries and thousands of centuries, for alien civilizations that survive.

>>Do you accept the likely genuineness of reports that a UFO in  
>>the distance remotely caused a camera to take a picture, or, in  
>>other cases, caused the camera to fail to function (rather like  
>>automobiles, etc.)?

>There are many car cases yes. As regards camera effects, a  
>camera malfunction is far far more common than one which takes a  
>shot unassisted by the owner. I'd have to dig deep to find one (  
>other than Walters, see below .. )

I've read of several such cases, but don't have them handy in my records.

>>Do you accept the reports that UFOs can instantaneously respond  
>>to a witness's thoughts or to a movement of their flashlight  
>>beam by abruptly moving much closer or similar maneuver?

>Mind-reading is a bit of a stretch. I'm not ready to climb that  
>far out on a limb. There are reports of UFOs responding to  
>flashlights and other signals. Some of these seem reasonably  
>credible.

A key point is that the response seems instantaneous, not five or ten seconds later after the UFO pilot has shifted gears and plotted a course.

>>Can you accept the reality of the flickering black dot that Ed  
>>Walters observed on his window pane while he was getting ready  
>>to photograph the UFO that had showed up in the distance? And  
>>that his camera then took a picture of it before he pressed the  
>>shutter button?

>Frankly, I have serious doubts about the entire Walters story,  
>that part included. How can you call that a "reality" when his  
>entire story is held in question by so many others?

I respect Bruce's work on the case, as well as the corroborating Gulf Breeze evidence. The fact that quite a few other ufologists don't accept it merely means they don't want to think of the implications of its being real. They're not ready to accept it. So what? The aliens involved in the UFO phenomenon appear to realize that this reaction will often occur, and so they haven't so far forced anyone to accept what they can't, except perhaps for isolated individuals who bear the brunt of close-up sightings, encounters or abductions. It took until about 1985 before a substantial fraction of ufologists decided they had been wrong about dismissing all abductees the way they do contactees. Now it's probably a majority who take abductions seriously, due to their sheer numbers and the credibility of the experiencers. So whether it's many or few who understand a phenomenon to be real has little to do with its actual reality.

>>Would you, as a caveman, accept the possibility that men could  
>>some day travel to the Moon, walk on its surface and return?

>As a caveman, I would probably scoff at the possibility; unable  
>to visualize the science and technology required.

>>You see what I'm getting at. Please let us know where you stand.

>>Jim Deardorff

>Simple: As I read it, you have the UFO so carefully zeroed in on  
>the (single) videocam, that it can instantaneously cancel out  
>hand-jiggle effects by its own proper motions.

>Suppose there were several other video-cameras, lots of newsmen  
>and tourists in Mexico City probably carry them. Each will have  
>its own peculiar hand jiggle when shooting footage. The UFO  
>would require entirely separate sets of anti-jiggle maneuvers  
>for each camera!

That would indeed seem to be an impossibility! But I haven't  
heard that any other videos of that event were taken or made  
available.

>What would be the purpose of all this? Just to make any video  
>"look" fake?

As I've been saying to John Velez, they purposely leave the  
sighting or video ambiguous in one or more ways, if it's a  
pronounced event, so that skeptics who would be psychologically  
devastated if they were suddenly forced to learn the reality of  
it, can continue to deny it. At the same time, they leave enough  
evidence within the same event to show those who can look into  
the situation more fully, and who can place it within the  
context of the UFO phenomenon as a whole, that its a real event.  
In the Mexican City case, it's mainly the fact that there were  
witnesses to it, who were found to be credible by Jaime Maussan,  
which the positive skeptics can take into account instead of  
ignoring. So, is it so hard to understand that these aliens are  
capable of fulfilling two or more aims with one UFO event?  
Namely, (1) providing evidence of their existence to those who  
can accept it, and (2) providing ambiguous or deceptive evidence  
in addition, by means of their advanced technology, that can  
allow skeptics to consider only the ambiguous evidence and  
dismiss the unambiguous evidence. That video doesn't look like  
a fake to those who can comprehend that it could be real,  
expecially if they've looked at all into alien strategy the past  
50 years.

>By far the simplest assumption is that the saucer image  
>was superimposed onto a genuine shot panning some tall  
>buildings.

But remember, it would not have been a single saucer image that  
the supposed hoaxers would have had to superimpose. It would  
have required how many? 20 or 30 or 50 separate images, pasted  
in one after the other in the proper combination, every frame or  
two, to make the craft appear to be rotating about its vertical  
axis while wobbling in a precessing manner at the same time as  
it traversed.

I don't see the simplicity in that assumption of yours.

>Having the UFO dance in perfect synch with the hand motion of  
>one particular camera (the video presented for sale) is such a  
>stretch that I'm amazed anyone would ever suggest it.

As you've noted, the idea that aliens can communicate with each  
other via telepathy (read minds) and also with abductees is  
similarly quite a stretch for you. In our business, minds need  
to be stretched, in a variety of different ways. Why should  
anyone on this UFO list take pride in having an inflexible mind?

>- Larry Hatch

>PS: I hear you have a website up. If so, Would you like to  
>provide a URL we can click on? That might shed some light on  
>your opinions of this and similar matters.

>-LH

I've posted it here before. It's:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Bowden

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>Subject: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>Hi,

>Recently on the list a lot has been spoken about misperception  
>in conjunction with UFO cases.

>I would like to ask those researchers who are putting this  
>forward the following:

>Are you telling us that the UFO footage being filmed by  
>Christopher Martin is Misperception?

>Or is the footage too near the mark?

>I am beginning to feel that the neglect of any research into the  
>footage filmed by Christopher Martin (For those who have not  
>seen this you can see a small capture of this at my web site:

>[www.thelosthaven.co.uk](http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk)

>click on the intruders link) from those prominent UK  
>investigators does show a remarkable aspect of selectiveness on  
>their part.

>I would also offer that the footage does represent a huge whole  
>in the arguments of sceptics, who rant and rave about such  
>applied psychological answers in relation to the UFO enigma.  
>(The footage shows objects under intelligent control).

>We require hard evidence of UFO reality, we are being given  
>this, by the remarkable film footage of Chris Martin. (The  
>footage stunned those who attended the Leeds UFO Mag Conference  
>in September).

>We should debate this case, it has too much good footage for it  
>to be denied.

>It could well be a UFO waiting to be an IFO but deadly silence  
>on this case from UK sceptics is making me wonder.

Good post Roy,

The record shows the List was informed of this new footage (I even wrote privately to some researchers) all was met with the same 'deadly silence' you mentioned.

Curiouser and Curiouser.

Whilst Chris Martins footage shows a definite airborne anomaly it does not by any means show dust particles, lens reflections or a pie plate on a wire.

I would have thought that alone would have caused some conversation but no.

Whoever see's the footage seems to loose the ability to communicate.

Even more Curiouser.

Perhaps 50 years from now we will all be happy to discuss the matter.

Until then,

Dave Bowden

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Secrecy News -- 11/27/00

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SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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A new report of the Department of Defense Inspector General (IG) finds that the conduct of former Deputy Secretary of Defense (and former Director of Central Intelligence) John M. Deutch with respect to the handling of classified information during and after his tenure at the Pentagon was "egregious."

The new IG report, dated August 28, follows a report on the Deutch matter from the CIA Inspector General that was issued last February. A parallel investigation was completed by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in May. And yet another inquiry was initiated by the Department of Justice which is still pending.

The new DOD IG report was first reported by Tony Capaccio of Bloomberg News and Defense Week.

The report focuses on the disposition of the various computers that were used by Deutch while he served at the Pentagon. Pentagon investigators criss-crossed the country looking for discarded computers that Deutch might have used, arriving at one point at a Mennonite School in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where five computers and six loose hard drives were retrieved. (Only one of the hard drives at the school turned out to have DOD-related information on it but it was unclassified and, in any case, unattributable to Dr. Deutch.)

The inspector general report does not provide a damage assessment, but specifically criticizes Deutch's storage of classified files on the computer used to access his AOL account. "Dr. Deutch's practice of using computers in this manner was extremely risky in that a computer 'hacker' could have gained on-line access to Dr. Deutch's computer and the information stored in temporary files on the hard drive."

The security violations committed by Deutch have frequently been compared to those committed by Wen Ho Lee to highlight the sharp discrepancy in the government's handling of the two cases.

But in several respects, the Deutch case bears closer comparison to that of Dr. Glenn Seaborg, the esteemed Nobel laureate who chaired the Atomic Energy Commission from 1961 to 1971, and who was accused by the Department of Energy in the 1980s and early 1990s of improperly storing classified information at his home.

Both the Deutch and Seaborg cases involved agency heads. Both men kept a daily diary in which classified information was found. And both stored their diaries and related records in unsecure facilities at their homes. (Seaborg's records were all hardcopy, however, and immune to hypothetical cyber-theft.)

The different outcomes of the two cases tell us something about the shift in the political climate that has taken place. The Seaborg case was handled with kid gloves. "Considerations of Dr. Seaborg's stature precluded more aggressive action," said one senior security official quaintly. Third parties consistently sided with Seaborg in his dispute with the Energy Department. Senator Moynihan even introduced legislation that would have required DOE to declassify Dr. Seaborg's journal and return it to him. In contrast, Dr. Deutch has been roundly vilified and investigated over and over again. Roughly speaking, the Seaborg case is to the Deutch case what the Deutch case is to the Wen Ho Lee case. There is, in other words, a shifting and somewhat arbitrary double standard at work.

A copy of the new DoD Inspector General report may be found here:

[http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/ig\\_deutch.html](http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/ig_deutch.html)

#### CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ONLINE

Several transcripts of Congressional hearings on secrecy, security or intelligence topics have been published lately and are available online as follows:

"The Public Interest Declassification Act," a hearing before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, July 26, 2000:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2000/pidahrng.html>

"Safety and Security Oversight of the New National Nuclear Security Administration," a hearing before two subcommittees of the House Commerce Committee, March 14, 2000:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2000/nnsahrng.html>

"Russian Threats to United States Security in the Post-Cold War Era," a hearing before the House Government Reform Committee, January 24, 2000. This is an eccentric spectacle on the potential for Russian sabotage directed at domestic U.S. targets:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000\\_hr/hr\\_012400.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_hr/hr_012400.htm)

"The National Intelligence Estimate on the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States," hearing before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, February 9, 2000:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000\\_hr/hr\\_020900.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_hr/hr_020900.htm)

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## Filer's Files #47 -- 2000

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Filer's Files #47 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern November 27, 2000, Sponsored by Electronic Arts - Webmaster C. Warren  
<http://www.filersfiles.com>. - [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com).

### SPACE WEATHER

The first of several coronal mass ejections now heading toward Earth hit our planet's magnetosphere between 0500 and 0600 UT on November 26, 2000. Geomagnetic activity could become severe during the next 48 hours as one shock wave after another reaches Earth. We encourage sky watchers to be alert for the Northern Lights at middle and perhaps even low-latitudes tonight. <http://www.spaceweather.com>. New reports indicate bacteria may come from space.

UFO ACTIVITY HEATS UP with reports around the United States .

New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Texas

### NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING WING

SEABROOK -- Kenny Young reports the witness was driving north on Route 95 and saw what he thought was a large plane coming in for a landing at Peas International Airport at 5:00 PM. It looked like a wingspan, however it had an unusual light pattern that caught my attention. The witness stated, "The left wing (or what I assumed was a wing) had four white lights equidistant from one another." These four lights were blinking like an automobile directional signal. The right wing had two lights, a white and a red and appeared to be at the inside and outside ends of the "wing." The blinking in unison of the four white lights made me think the craft was having electrical problems. As my perspective changed while driving I could see that the craft, which appeared to be at about 1000 feet was actually hovering and not a landing jet plane. A few moments after this realization I tried to see if this was a blimp or some other recognizable craft. Then, as I watched, the craft split into two: the left went down and the right went up. The two maintained close proximity to one another. Then, to my amazement, a star like fireball was shot/ejected in a northerly direction. I heard no noise and saw no muzzle blast. The fireball held a straight trajectory until disappearing from view in the distance. I pulled into a rest area and parked my car. I watched as the two crafts slowly hovered in a south westerly direction. The entire event lasted approximately fifteen minutes. Thanks to Kenny Young U F O R e s e a r c h  
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/> [ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)

### NEW YORK LOW FLYING UFOS

LONG ISLAND -- George Krug writes, Hi, just a quick note to say that I just read the article regarding the silent craft witnessed on the South Shore. I live in Farmingdale near Republic Airport. I saw one of those craft about 1 or 1 1/2 years ago around midnight. It was immense, very low, red light in the center. Strobe lights spaced on both sides of that and further away another strobe type light smaller and all the lights moved at different speeds. What was remarkable to me was

the fact there was no sound. It moved slowly and was very low over the houses. I estimated the size of this object was at least 240 feet or more using the properties as a gauge. It was a moonless night. It continued east and went over the airport. I reported this to MUFON. Thanks to Helen K

#### NEW YORK FLYING TRIANGLES

FREEPORT -- Peter B writes as a regular reader of the 'files' and a pilot I felt compelled to comment on the sightings reported last week near J. F. Kennedy Airport by Ruth. She states she saw, "a group of seven to eight craft flying one by one, at 2 to 4 minute intervals, heading due south, then eventually turning slightly to the right, going out over the ocean. This always happens between 5:30 to 6:00 AM at low altitudes. I am located in a flight path for planes from Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports and these are different. These craft fly much slower and much lower than the commercial planes."

Ruth is clearly seeing the early morning arrivals to JFK. On this particular morning sounds like they were using the approaches to runway 33 Left and 33 Right. Arriving from Europe they pass over DPK (Deer Park VOR) and depending on volume of traffic, head south over the water or more inland (i.e. the Meadowbrook) before heading south over the ocean then west to land on 33 which lands them to the Northwest. The 2 to 4 minute intervals" was a dead giveaway.

"I am not sure of the exact size, since they are always seen at night or very early morning before sunrise. Ruth says, "Lighting on these crafts consists of two very bright white strobes, one on each side, which flash simultaneously, and one red light on the underside, in the center, which flashes alternately." There is never any sound!" Again clearly jet arrivals to JFK. I too have noticed some new interesting light/strobe patterns lately. There is big emphasis on collision avoidance and they do appear to give the aircraft a very triangular appearance at night. As for the lack of sound, on the ILS these aircraft have the power back and are usually doing about 200-250 Knots. At these speeds with today's turbofan technology, they are VERY quiet indeed. Depending on the amount of traffic stacked up on the ILS the arrival pattern will vary. Any where from remaining south of the beach, to flying up the Meadowbrook Highway and making a sharp turn over Garden City to the Southwest to JFK. They are allowed to fly down to 1500 ft, so they can come down pretty low if the weather is bad. Thanks to Peter B PTBPILOT

#### PENNSYLVANIA CRESCENT SHAPED OBJECT

DOUGLASSVILLE --The sky was clear, dark, stars were prominent. I was sky surfing on November 25, 2000, and saw a crescent shaped craft heading east, while I was facing southeast at 10:30 PM. The object was about at 1000 feet, and appeared to sparkle with multi-colored lights of yellow, blue, red, green and white. It was beautiful. It moved slowly, then turned coming toward me, went in an ark over me, still high, at about 800+ feet. It then turned to the east again, and I watched it until it was out of my field of vision. I could not identify it as anything we have in the air now. It was awesome. My girlfriend and her husband also saw it, and thought it was spectacular.

PENNSYLVANIA ASTEROID OR METEOR OVER MOSCOW -- Hello, my name is Sandra De Pew, could you let me know if there was any meteoric activity on the night of October 30, 2000? Traveling home around 10:00 PM on a very cold and clear night on Route 380 East going toward the Poconos , I took the Elmhurst Exit to Rout 435 South going towards Moscow, Pa. There were no streetlights or other cars around to cause distractions or reflections. I saw a bright orange fireball with a long orange tail go across the night sky from left to right across the line of vision. It was not too high above the mountain line as I could see it at the top of my windshield without looking upwards. It was moving much faster than any plane or jet, and was going in a horizontal straight line. It reminded me of the much televised Scud missiles of Desert Storm. Can you verify that maybe this was part of a significant meteor or asteroid event? Thanks to Sandra De Pew - Sdepew@allied-services.org.

Editor's Note: There has been a series of meteor and UFO reports. Yours sounds like a meteor.

#### DELAWARE LARGE "STEALTH" STYLE CRAFT

DOVER -- My family was driving south on Route 113 at mile marker 46. in Delaware, when we saw bright "airplane" lights approximately two miles away on November 3, 2000. We continued to drive towards the lights at 7:40 PM. As we approached the lights, we thought they might be from an athletic field, however; as we got closer, we could clearly see a "Stealth" shaped aircraft. The ends of the wings curved inward toward the fuselage. The aircraft appeared to be the size of a large passenger jet. The aircraft hovered 200 to 300 feet off the ground, as we passed within 200 feet of its location over a field on the side of the highway, near a stand of trees. There was no sound that we could hear over the "road noise" of our van. We were very excited and I turned our van around in the highway median and went back for another look. The aircraft moved across the road in front of us and off in a northeast direction. We lost sight of the aircraft as we drove by a stand of trees, and when we cleared the trees, the aircraft was gone. The aircraft appeared to have three lights on the front of each wing which projected from the nose of the aircraft. There was also a red blinking light in the middle of the plane. At the time, we were six miles or so from the Dover Air Force Base. I think this may have been an experimental military jet, but I have never heard of a jet this large capable of hovering like a Harrier Jet. There were many cars on the road at the time, and we are sure that many other drivers must have seen the aircraft. I reported the sighting to the Delaware State Police the next morning we've never hear of, or seen anything like this. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

#### TEXAS FLYING TRIANGLE

HOUSTON - Mike Tamburri, an attorney and his fiancé were watching the clear star studded night sky from their deck four stories up that overlooks the city. They were watching numerous aircraft landing at Hobby and Houston International Airports on November 26, 2000, the last night of the Thanksgiving weekend. At 8:40 PM, a huge Flying Triangle moved over the city blocking out the stars with numerous lights along the three edges of the craft. Almost all other aircraft in the sky had blinking and strobing lights. This craft stood out because of its size and lack of collision avoidance lights. The craft was at least double the size of 747, one of the largest aircraft in the world. The craft made absolutely no sound. They ran to get their camera but the craft was gone before they could get it on film. Thanks to Mike Tamburri for calling in with his sighting.

TEXAS UFOs INSIDE CONTRAILS -- Marilyn Ruben writes, "We have just received very interesting chemtrail photos at the Alien Abduction Experience and Research web site." The photos were taken July 20, 2000, by Lynn Stokes who was in a grocery store parking lot in San Antonio, Texas. When Mr. Stokes looked up at the sky, he saw massive chemtrails being sprayed by jet aircraft. He ran back into the store to buy a disposable camera and took photos of the chemtrails. Much to his surprise, when the photos were developed, one of them showed a large round object streaking through the sky with an orangish tail. The witness explained he did not see the round object in the sky at all while he was taking pictures. A close up of the photos indicates up to seven unidentified objects in the vicinity of the chemtrails. One of these objects is enlarged and enhanced at the web site. The photos may be seen at the web site for Alien Abduction Experience and Research , <http://www.abduct.com/> or at <http://www.abduct.com/photos/pn006.htm> Thanks to Marilyn Ruben

VICTORIA --- My name is Steve Antrich. I am a Houston Chronicle carrier and I am out between the hours of 2 and 9:00 AM. I usually watch the skies at night since I have an extensive rural route in the Schulenburg/Flatonia/Moulton/Shiner area about 45 miles from Victoria. This morning on November 22, 2000, in the southern sky I saw a white/orange light fairly close to the horizon, hold your arm out, close your hand (not fist, but with fingers extended and together) and it was four finger widths above the horizon. I would guess about 25 degrees above the horizon. I dismissed it as a weather balloon reflecting the rising sun. BUT was it? The sun was still below

the eastern horizon. The sky wasn't that bright at 5:10 AM. The craft was pretty much stationary. I know what a flying plane looks like when it flies into a sunrise/sunset. It wasn't a plane! I'm pretty sure it wasn't a planetary phenomena, but I'm not positive, my astronomy is a little rusty. Thanks Steve Antrich [santrich@cyrunner.net](mailto:santrich@cyrunner.net) and Whitley Strieber-[whitley@strieber.com](mailto:whitley@strieber.com)

#### IDAHO NOT INDIANA FLYING TRIANGLE HOVERS ABOVE HUNTERS

CHALLIS -- In Filer's Files #45 I reported on a case on a September 27, 2000, where three hunters spotted a large UFO over their camp. This sighting occurred in Idaho and not Indiana. The hunters saw a dark triangular object floating silently above them. This was a dry camp, so alcohol couldn't be blamed for what they saw at 9:45 PM They saw a craft with rounded dark edges and a flat bottom that had a texture like suede leather and was colored gold-gray. He said that after he shined his light on the object it throttled up with a deep low sound of intense power and floated straight up and then forward up a steep canyon moving like a hockey puck sliding on ice.

Two other campers grabbed their binoculars to check it out until it moved out of sight. There were three lights, one on each corner of the triangle. Each light was about 10 feet in diameter and glowed like a dim dome light. Another light in the center was described as being 20 feet in diameter, protruding below the bottom of the object about eight feet. It was deep red and pulsed once a second. Peter Davenport wrote, "Just for your information, the report from Challis, ID, is from the National UFO Reporting Center, not from NIDS. Thanks to Peter Davenport."

#### CATTLE MUTILATIONS

Researcher Don Ware writes, "I agree that UFOs are responsible for most bovine mutilations." I have seen much evidence that the blood and the tissues around the orifices that contain the amino acids needed for new tissue growth are used to feed our hybrid babies, "Homo alterios spacialis." There are many. It is a joint human/Zeta program. The last time we got such a genetic upgrade, Adam and Eve produced a genetically improved population of a million before Eve screwed up, according to "The Urantia Book." That was 43,000 years ago. Thanks to Don Ware, [donware@earthlink.net](mailto:donware@earthlink.net) (earthlink.net)

#### RUSSIA: FLYING SAUCER JEOPARDIZES ARMY NEAR CHECHNYA

MAJACHKALÁ - Last week we reported on a UFO over Russian troops near Daguestan, a Republic bordering Chechnya on November 14, 2000. Apparently Russian aircraft were launched to intercept a low flying UFO near the Caspian Sea. Muslim rebels are fighting against Russian forces north of the Caucasus for over a year and a half. The UFO caused the Russian to sound battle stations. Some garrisons noted the object was flying at low altitude of only a 100 meters and had three fluorescent lights above with two meter spaces between them. The Muslim rebels hailed the UFO phenomenon as a sign from Allah. Muslim leaders in Dagestan claimed "the strange phenomenon was a portent which bore a message from Allah himself. An Islamic spiritual leader stated that, "Without any doubt it was 'a JINN, an angel or another heavenly being, since Allah's Garden of Bliss is filled with these.'"

Editors Note: Powerful Islamic forces are rising in the Middle East using UFOs as an influential motivating factors. Islamic forces are fighting in Israel, Iraq, and Russia. To help you understand the significance of these sightings, I have included the following data about JINNS and UFOs.

#### THE TRUE NATURE OF THE "UFO ENTITIES"

Gordon Creighton of Flying Saucer Review writes: One of the more curious features of the followers of the various religions is that, being so dogmatically certain that in their own particular little faith they already possess the whole truth about all things in Heaven and Earth, it almost never occurs to any of them to look elsewhere and find out what the followers of other religions may know or may have discovered. This is certainly a pity, for study of all the great world religions - and notably Islam one of the world's great religions - yields

valuable clues as to the true nature of the "UFO Phenomenon" Islam knows, in fact, of the existence of three entirely separate and distinct species of intelligent beings in the Universe, and indeed can furnish surprisingly precise details regarding their natures and roles and activities. Angels, Men, and JINNS.

The first category is that of the Angels or Messengers. The second are Men, with planetary physical bodies assembled from the mineral and chemical elements of our Periodic Table. The third category, is the category of those beings created before man was who are referred to collectively in Arabic as Al-Jinn that means. "to hide or to conceal" indeed a very fitting derivation for the name of these creatures. Whereas the bodies of Angels are of light, the bodies of Al-Jinn consist of "essential fire", or "essential flame", or "smokeless fire", or "smokeless flame." It is specifically stated in the Qur'an (Surah XV, 26 and 27) that they were created before mankind and some scholars speculate these might be the "Pre-Adamic men" whose existence is hinted at here and there in the "Holy Bible." Western occultists have tried to describe them as ether, or as etheric or astral planes. I have also seen it suggested that some sort of plasma is indicated.) The Source of the Jinns is not very distant from us, yet at the same time somehow very far from us. In other words, on some other dimension, or in some other Space/Time framework, "right here", some other Universe that is here, behind Alice's mirror: "a mirror-universe on the other side of the Space-Time Continuum" as it has been neatly put by some investigators.

Although, the Qur'an (Koran) is not clear on this, it looks as though some of the Jinns could be fully physical and what we call extraterrestrials, while other species of them are of an altogether and finer sort of matter, corresponding to what various UFO investigators have tried to indicate by such terms as "ultraterrestrial" or "metaterrestrial". In thinking about these ideas, we might bear in mind the theory of the Russian philosopher P. D. Ouspensky regarding the possible existence of other, more subtle, levels of matter on which the elements of the Periodic Table of our own chemical world are repeated -- and, if I understand him aright, repeated more than once, on more than one level. The early writings of Dr. Meade Layne in the USA about the "Dense Etheric World" from which he maintained that the UFO entities and their craft originated should also be borne in mind. (His book *The Coming of the Guardians*, was published in 1958, and may prove to have been very important.) Certain of the benevolent Jinns may well be our "Guardians".

That there is some close affinity, or some link of destiny between Jinns and Mankind seems certain, for although the vast majority of the Jinns are devils, shaytans, nevertheless we are assured in the Qur'an that some among their many species are "goodies" and are capable of salvation. For it is specifically stated that Muhammad was sent as a Messenger to both Mankind and the Jinns, so that, in the Final Days, some of the Jinns will enter into Paradise, while the rest of them will be cast down into Hell. Their revelation to IBLIS, the Top Devil (= "SATAN") is in general somewhat obscure. In the Qur'an Iblis is certainly described as a Jinn, but elsewhere in the Qur'an he is also described as an Angel. (Surely the explanation is that Iblis is that same high being, originally of Angelic status, who rebelled against God and is named in the Christian texts as "Lucifer") Had we the space, much more might be said about the Jinns and their doings, but only a brief account of their main characteristics can here be given. Their principal features, as listed below, are as I have gathered them from all the Muslim written and traditional sources that I have been able to consult over the past 15 years. The reader can see for himself the parallels with the reported features of UFO entities and can draw his own conclusions.

The Chief Characteristics of the Jinns are: 1. In the normal state they are not visible to ordinary human sight. 2. They are, however, capable of materializing and appearing in the physical world. And they can alternately make themselves visible or invisible at will. 3. They can change shape, and appear in any sort of guise, large or small. 4. They are able also to appear in the guise of animals. 5. They are inveterate liars and deceivers, and delight in bamboozling and misleading mankind with all manner of nonsense. (See the average

Spiritualist séance for examples of their activities, and also the usual "communications" from UFO entities in close-encounter cases.) 6. They are addicted to the abduction or kidnapping of humans. (The Scotsman Robert Kirk, who wrote "The Secret Commonwealth" in 1691, evidently "knew more than was good for his health", and was killed by them.) 7. They delight in tempting humans into sexual intercourse and liaisons with them, and Arabic literature abounds with accounts of this kind of contact by mankind with both the "goodies" and the "baddies" among the Jinns. There are also even a considerable number of accounts of encounters between the "goodies" and famous Muslim saints.

In official Islam - and this cannot be over-emphasized - the existence of the Jinn's has always been completely accepted, even legally, and even to this day, in Islamic jurisprudence. The full consequences implied by their existence were worked out long ago. Their legal status, in all respects, was discussed and fixed, and the possible relations between them and mankind -- especially in relation to questions of marriage and property! - were seriously examined by jurists, as the greatest and most authoritative Western source, the Encyclopedia of Islam, confirms. Stories of sexual commerce between Jinn's and mankind have been of perennial interest to Arab readers, and it is important at this point to mention that in Chinese literature there is also a considerable tradition of this sort which awaits examination by Ufologists. The great Arabic literary catalogue known as the Fihrist, compiled in the year 373 of the Muslim Calendar (= A.D. 995) by Muhammad bin Ishaq bin Abi Ya'qub al-Nadim al-Warraaq al-Baghdadi, lists no less than sixteen works dealing with this theme. (Compare also the European occultists' records of sexual contact between men and female Sylphs, as well as the copious medieval Christian records relating to Incubi and Succabae. Thanks to Gordon Creighton and Flying Saucer Review Vol. 29, No. 5

#### SCIENTISTS REPORT 'ALIEN' LIFE'

LONDON'S DAILY MAIL NEWSPAPER reported on November 25, 2000, that scientists in Wales said they discovered what may be a tiny form of primitive alien life that a passing comet may have dropped into Earth's atmosphere, reported Wednesday. Researchers said that in the filter of a high-flying balloon operated by the Indian Space Research Organization, they found a strain of bacteria unlike anything on Earth. The bacteria were found at an altitude of 10 miles and scientists from the ISRO, Cardiff University and the University of Wales College of Medicine said it may have come from a comet on a close approach to earth, according to the Daily Mail. Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe, who is based at Cardiff University, said the discovery marked "the first time we have had direct evidence for the hypothesis that comets seed life on other planets." Wickramasinghe and astronomer Fred Hoyle suggested the theory of "panspermia" more than two decades ago, that the seeds of life, either DNA or microbes, could be carried by asteroids or comets and dropped off on planets such as earth to germinate life. The bacteria found in the balloon's filter "is a hitherto unknown strain," Wickramasinghe said. "It is so different from anything we've seen before that there are only two possible explanations." One, he told the Daily Mail, is that "organisms have been lifted from the earth to great heights in the skies and have somehow multiplied there and changed over time." The second, he said, is "that this is an example of primitive alien life." The newspaper said samples of the bacteria are under study at Cardiff's Astrobiology Center, which Wickramasinghe and other scientists from ISRO, Cardiff University and the College of Medicine have teamed up to form. Copyright 2000 by UPI.

Editor's Note: The Earth is being hit almost daily by meteorites, cosmic dust, coronal mass ejections, and apparently now bacteria.

#### AIR FORCE BUYS IBM SUPERCOMPUTER TO IDENTIFY UFOs

Sam Sherman writes that International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) announced it sold the U.S. Air Force a supercomputer to help it to identify unidentified flying objects. The Air Force's Space Surveillance Team, based in Maui, Hawaii, will use the supercomputer to hunt outer space for old satellites, foreign spacecraft, and other UFOs that may

be hurtling toward Earth, IBM said. The IBM system will be used to detect and identify some 9000 objects currently flying around in Earth's orbit. The computer can process 480 billion calculations per second to help improve blurry telescopic images of space objects. Thanks to Sam Sherman FLEXARET2

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#### 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 unlikely 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

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## Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:04:09 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:59:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Sparks

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

>Hello again!

>At the risk of beating the WOW event to death, I looked up UFO  
>sightings for the single month of August, 1978. Since the WOW  
>signal came in on the 15th of August, a period of +/- 15 days or  
>so seems like a nice short study.

Wrong year old buddy. It was 1977.

Brad

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## Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <[maboay@teleline.es](mailto:maboay@teleline.es)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 01:10:48 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:01:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Borraz

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 00:23:09 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Campinas, Brazil?

>>From: Manuel Borraz <[maboay@teleline.es](mailto:maboay@teleline.es)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Campinas, Brazil?  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:11:16 +0100

>>Does anyone know if the original report by Dr. Olavo Fontes  
>>about the Campinas (Brazil) incident on December 14, 1954, is  
>>available on the Internet?

>>If not, is there any possibility of getting a copy?

>>(A quick reminder of the case: three disc-shaped objects  
>>over Campinas; one of them, "in trouble", emitted a thin stream  
>>of silvery liquid; some samples were collected and analyzed).

>Hello Manuel:

>Mark Cashman has an excellent presentation on his Temporal  
>Doorway website. It appears to be the original Fontes article,  
>or something just as good.

>Sorry about the long URL. If truncated, you may need to piece it  
>together manually.

>Its worth it.

><http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/physicalevidence/ubtatubamagnesium/index.htm>

>I heard vague rumors about the same sample(s) being re-analyzed  
>in recent years, but I have no further details to offer.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry:

This is just another case (Ubatuba, 1957(?) ), with metallic  
samples too. However, thanks for the interesting link.

Manuel

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## Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:36:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:02:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Maccabee

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

<snip>

>Sightings trailed off after 1978, into a long trough  
>of relative inactivity through the 1980s.

Yes, but, for what it is worth, there were some famous sightings  
after Aug. 1978 Valentich disappearance in October New Zealand  
Dec. 31, 1978.

I seem to recall sightings off the coast of Naples, Italy in  
December of that year (but might be mixing it up with some other  
time).

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:36:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:05:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Maccabee

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 16:02:39 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

<snip>

>On the upper left of the building that temporarily eclipsed the  
>UFO, there is a square panel that is relatively bright, perhaps  
>brighter than the UFO image. Bruce, did you by any chance, in  
>your light-intensity study, measure whether this panel, or parts  
>of it, was indeed slightly brighter or lighter than the UFO? If  
>so, from this could you say anything about whether the "paste on  
l>ighter" instruction for an electronic hoax would have worked  
t>here? I.e., should this panel have appeared slightly darker if  
>an e-UFO was passing by?

Because one doesn't know a priori how bright the "panel" or  
window 'should' be, all one can do is ask the question: "did the  
brightness change as the UFO seemed to go behind it?"

As I recall, the answer is, there was no change.

We had hoped this would be a window through which one could see  
the UFO passing by... which definitely would have changed its  
apparent brightness if light were shining through it. There was  
no change, however.

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## Martian 'Monoliths' Pose Questions

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 17:10:28 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:06:33 -0500  
Subject: Martian 'Monoliths' Pose Questions

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Martian "Monoliths" Pose Questions\*

by Mac Tonnies

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<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

1.) Intelligent layout?

Additional independent study indicates that the so-called "Monolith Graveyard" (see top of page) may be an artificial arrangement. The regularity, shape and spacing of the projections appears totally unique: they're not sand dunes (in fact, the surrounding terrain is usually flat) or "hills" in any useful sense of the word. And it's just possible that the features seen in the existing MGS frame conform to nonrandom patterns (see image), an almost irrefutable sign of intelligence.

[image]

If this is true, then the "Graveyard" might be a more elaborate version of Stonehenge, with its own share of astronomical alignments; if the "Graveyard" is a deliberate layout, then it's doubtful if the positions of the individual triangular "monoliths" is arbitrary. If alignments with celestial objects (or conformation to some other pattern or design) can be empirically demonstrated, then the monoliths on Mars, like the one in Kubrick's "2001," might constitute the "smoking gun" for extraterrestrial intelligence.

2.) Context

The Martian monoliths get more interesting. Using NASA's Armchair Astronaut software, it was determined that the monoliths appear in the region shown below:

[image]

A closer look shows a large circular anomaly (an eroded crater?) alongside what appears to be a cylinder of some kind.

[image]

The impression is of a marker or shrine. The feature's discover (see link below) likens its appearance to a sundial.

3.) Afterword

As always, additional photos (and a fair amount of computer time) are necessary to test this hypothesis. More information on this enigma can be found here, where I first learned on these

formations. I offer my congratulations to this site's author for presenting this subject in a sane format.

[image]

John Dyck has computer-rendered a view of the Martian triangles by using elevation data provided by the black and white MGS image. While some elements of Dyck's color version are necessarily speculative, this still gives a very good idea of what these peculiar features would look like from the ground. The question remains: What are they?

-end-

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## Re: Feedback on 'Wow' 20th Anniversary Report -

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:13:35 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:10:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Feedback on 'Wow' 20th Anniversary Report -

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 03:38:43 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Feedback on 'Wow' 20th Anniversary Report

>Dear list:

>Here is a kind response from Dr. Jerry R. Ehman Ph.D to some  
>questions I posed w/ref to the 1978 WOW SETI signal.

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

>Subj: Feedback on Wow 20th Anniversary Report  
>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 07:58:47 -0500  
>From: J. Ehman <[jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:jehman@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu)>  
>To: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>

>Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>wrote:

>>Dear Dr. Ehman:

>>In a recent email exchange here, the WOW signal  
>>came up. The discussion hinges on the signal  
>>coming from some source, stationary with respect  
>>to the stars.

>>In your detailed article:

>><http://www.bigear.org/wow20th.htm#radec>

>>.. you discuss several possibilities: space-junk,  
>>satellites and so forth.

>>Some questions remain, and I may have missed  
>>something here:

>>1) Was the signal of sufficient duration to  
>>effectively "rule out" conventional sources?

Hi Larry,

Thanks for interacting with the "big shots" on this WOW! signal.  
If nothing it gives us a fascinating look into the workings of  
SETI on an important issue. It's also interesting to see  
interaction between UFO and SETI communities however tenuous (I  
don't know if Ehman realizes this is a UFO discussion list).

>Larry, the duration of the signal (about 72 seconds) was the  
>length of time that we would see a celestial source, given Big  
>Ear's beamwidth and the speed of the rotation of the earth.  
>I'm not sure what you mean by "conventional sources". An  
>earth-based source (which we might call interference) could  
>have either been much shorter than 72 seconds or else could  
>have lasted much longer than 72 seconds, and, in either case,  
>we would not have seen the pattern we did (the beam pattern)  
>for such a terrestrial source.

I don't know why Ehman keeps talking about a 72-second duration.  
He explains very clearly on his webpage article

(<http://www.bigear.org/wow20th.htm>) that the last 2 seconds are not signal reception but computer activity. Also one cannot be sure the signal was received during the entire 10-second intervals at the beginning and end. Hence the duration was from 50 to 70 seconds and more likely closer to the latter.

As for the "pattern" matching, he is basing this on an assumption of the bell-shaped "pattern" of signal strengths being caused by the earth's rotation sweeping the Ohio State Big Ear antenna across the sky and across an assumed source fixed in position on the celestial sphere. But this "pattern" of a bell-shaped Gaussian curve or cosecant-squared curve is not unique to Ohio State's antenna and the pattern could be caused by a transmitter doing the sweeping motion rather than the receiver. The approximately bell-shaped curve is actually common among both transmitting and receiving antennas. The shape of the curve of data points could be caused by a transmitter sweeping across the earth (including Ohio State) from a relatively motionless location with respect to the earth, i.e., from an aircraft headed towards or away from the Big Ear or from a geostationary satellite. (More on this in a later posting.)

The only thing arguing for a celestial fixed source is the precise duration of the signal supposedly matching the beamwidth of the Ohio State antenna and that is in some doubt. Given that this is the crux of the whole question of the signal's origin there should be or have been an intense focus on the beamwidth and signal duration, but there really has not. I will discuss this in a later posting.

>>2) Was WOW loud and long enough to make a  
>>reflected Earth signal extremely unlikely?

>I'm not sure of the geometry of the reflected earth signal you  
>are suggesting. I don't see how an earth-based signal could  
>be reflected off a piece of space debris and still give us the  
>pattern of the signal we saw.

If the space "debris" consisted of a parabolic antenna on a derelict spacecraft it would generate exactly the same bell-shaped curve that the Ohio State receiving antenna would create.

>>3) How much confidence can one safely give to the  
>>star-stationary theorem... perhaps in terms of  
>>probabilities... regardless of the actual source?

>I give it a very high probability. I did calculations that  
>showed the correlation coefficient between the "Wow!" signal  
>pattern and the pattern we see with strong celestial sources  
>to be over 0.992 (where 1.000 is perfect correlation). This  
>correlation is so high that it is very hard to imagine  
>anything other than a celestial source being responsible for  
>our signal.

Again, this correlation coefficient is as to the shape of the curve and many antennas can do the same (see what I said above). It has nothing to do with the location being fixed in the celestial sphere, as I pointed out earlier.

>>4) If the star-stationary assertion is deemed to  
>>be true, does this imply a very distant source,  
>>i.e. stellar vs planetary or orbital distances?

>Yes. No object in earth orbit stays fixed with respect to the  
>celestial sphere. All satellites and space junk move with  
>respect to the stars (even geosynchronous satellites move with  
>respect to the stars). So the distance is well beyond the moon  
>and probably beyond Mars.

<snip>

Again, the transmitter antenna could have swept the earth from a non-celestially-fixed location. It would not have had to be beyond the moon or Mars.

Best regards,

Brad

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 04:47:37 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:12:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:09:11 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>Hello Roy:

>If you could, please give URL links as

> <http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

>with the http part and all.

>This is translated into a link we can click on directly; not  
>one we must tediously type in by hand, introducing possible  
>errors.

>Best

> Larry Hatch

Dearest Larry,

I am sorry. I post the link to take you straight to Chris  
Martin's Footage.

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/Chrismart.htm>

Perhaps you may wish to contribute some thoughts on the footage?  
I know you have a great deal of experience of the UFO subject.

Regards,

Roy..

"Listen Can you hear the Pin Drop "

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:17:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:15:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>Date: 27 Nov 2000 06:33:20 -0800  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

<snip>

>I do not find multiple sightings of true UFOs unusual. I, myself,  
>have had dozens of sightings of real unidentifieds over the decades,  
>both daytime and nighttime.

Hi, Bill:

In 1993 you reported in the MUFON Journal seeing UFOs which you named "Skydancers". I submitted an article identifying many of these as daylight observations of Venus, but my article was not accepted for publication. Following is my article for the information of folks on this List. Your comments are invited:

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VENUS: AN EXPLANATION FOR MANY "SKYDANCER"  
UFO SIGHTINGS

Questionable astronomical assumptions can lead one astray  
By Robert R. Young

Bill Hamilton reported 1993 UFO observations at Antelope Valley, California, in MUFON UFO Journal (April 1994). He ruled out an astronomical explanation for a number of reasons, all of which were wrong.

Questionable astronomical assumption #1: Hamilton wrote that "silvery" or "white" UFOs which "hovered motionless" were at a "very high altitude". The distance of an unknown object cannot be determined by a single observer unless there are known reference objects at known distances from it.

Questionable astronomical assumption #2: Hamilton wrote that these objects could not be planets because only novae have been seen in the daylight sky. He must have meant supernovas (exploding stars) since no known nova (a less catastrophic event) has ever been seen with the naked eye in daylight. The last supernova seen in daylight was Kepler's Star in 1604. (Illingworth)

Hamilton is wrong about Venus, which can be found in the daylight sky with the naked eye if one knows where to look. (Sidgwick) In fact, experienced amateur observers of the planet often prefer to observe it in daylight. (Bishop) The first observation of "critter" occurred June 8 at 11 A.M. when Archie was observing circling birds. He described the object as a "dim daytime star" which was "round and bright white" and "stationary" when viewed in 7 and 10 power binoculars. Many subsequent observations were also made with binoculars.

Questionable astronomical assumption #3: Hamilton reasoned that since Venus was seen rising in the early morning hours before

the Sun (that is, west of the Sun), it could not have been the UFOs seen later. But since Venus and the Sun move together across the sky as the Earth turns, it would still be west of the sun. All four positions given by Hamilton (see Table) for observations of ufos place them west of the sun!

TABLE - "UFO" observations vs. Venus position (Tellstar)

Observer: Date/time: "UFO" Azimuth, Altitude: Venus Az. Alt.

|                           |      |       |         |        |        |     |        |
|---------------------------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-----|--------|
| Archie                    | 6/8  | 11:00 | 225 deg | 30 deg | 219    | 60  |        |
| Archie                    | 7/5  | 11:45 |         |        | "high" |     | 244    |
| 58                        |      |       |         |        |        |     |        |
| Hamilton, Pam and Archie  | 8/14 | 12:15 | 262     | 80-85  |        | 250 | 61     |
| Hamilton, Mike and Steve  | 8/21 | 12:05 | 250     | 75     |        |     | 243 65 |
| Hamilton, Drue and Archie | 8/28 | 12:11 | 240     | 85     |        | 240 | 64     |

None of the positions given are exactly that of Venus except for the August 8th azimuth, but how accurate are the positions given by the observers? The only sighting given which includes a known astronomical object for comparison is on August 14 when Hamilton, Pam and Archie saw an object one binocular field "west" of the moon, which they said was at "about 80-85 degrees elevation." Consulting an ephemeris one finds that at that time the moon was 65 degrees high, an error of 15-20 degrees. If we give the observers the benefit of the doubt and assume that this is the maximum error that they ever made in their measurements, three of the four reported locations for UFOs and Venus are within this error box.

On August 14 Venus was 7 degrees east of the Moon, at almost exactly the 6 degree diameter of the 10 X 50 Bushnell binoculars that they used (Sky & Telescope). If one assumes that the observer confused the object's direction as "east" instead of "west", Venus could have been in the field of view.

In three out of four cases, elevations given for the UFOs are greater than Venus, as was the Moon's for August 14 (80-85 degrees instead of its actual height, 61 degrees). Experienced astronomical observers know that this is a common error. Most people report any object over 45 degrees (half-way up) to be "overhead".

Multiple pictures were taken by the Antelope Valley observers, but no examples were published. Pictures of Venus in a daylight sky are not difficult (Schaeffer), and therefore do not prove that the objects were extraordinary. The claim is made that multiple photographs would for some reason be harder to explain than single pictures for nearly motionless objects visible for over an hour, but no reasons are given.

Several examples of "UFO" motion are given. On July 22 Archie is said to have noticed the object begin to move as soon as he raised his binoculars. The UFO later maneuvered like a fly or a bee. I own a pair of 10 power binoculars and use them often for astronomy. I can attest that it is nearly impossible to hold them steady without the use of a tripod. This claim of unusual motion does not prove the objects were extraordinary.

A number of sightings described by some witnesses seem quite different than the "Skydancer" and "critter" UFOs. There is no discussion of how possible aircraft from the nearby Edwards Air Force Base complex were ruled out for these sightings.

The "filtering out" of possible astronomical explanations for day or night UFO sighting reports should be one of the first things done by investigators. One should consult a local planetarium; an astronomy club; a library for an ephemeris such as the U.S. Naval Observatory's yearly Nautical Almanac; the monthly magazines Sky & Telescope or Astronomy; a basic observational astronomy reference, such as Bishop or Sidgewick; or one of the many inexpensive computer programs now available.

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Inc.

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:51:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:19:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 19:39:49 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 18:28:31 -0500

>>Actually, 18 is the correct number, but I keep forgetting about  
>>the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

>>A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
>>which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>>before eventually disappearing.

>>I apologize...

>OK, 18 sightings, not an issue.

>The 18th one at Denise's house sounds an awful lot like the  
>apparent space-junk re-entry I saw a few years back.

>Spectacular really, it would flare up and down, different colors  
>in succession, as if different materials were flaming up in the  
>atmosphere in sequence.

>As for the shape, its about impossible to say given it was  
>hidden in its own surrounding plasma. Any oddly shaped object  
>seen at great distance will seem to resolve into an oval  
>shape... or more or less "round" if its far enough away...  
>finally a pinpoint of light at greatest visible distance.

>I take it your object did no maneuvers, but simply kept going on  
>a more or less ballistic curve. If you call this a UFO, then I  
>have no problem with anyone having seen 10, 20 or more over the  
>years.

>For me, the simplest assumption is that it was mundane, as in  
>manmade or possibly natural. I wouldn't be putting it into a UFO  
>catalog.

Nor if seen with binoculars, which it was. A simple re-entry of  
anything is easy to ID. This wasn't it...

Sorry again. Good observational skills after very few mistaken  
identity problems earlier, during 2nd sighting in October 1990.  
40-foot red and white pulsating mass hovering to abandoned radar  
base.

Michel



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## NASA Mars Viking Project Scientist Dies

From: Kurt Jonach <[ewarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:ewarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 23:12:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:20:25 -0500  
Subject: NASA Mars Viking Project Scientist Dies

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NASA MARS VIKING PROJECT SCIENTIST DIES

Dr. Gerald Soffen, NASA's lead scientist for the Viking Mars Project, passed away last Friday, November 24.

Soffen was the man who first introduced the Face on Mars at a NASA press conference on July 25, 1976 saying, "Isn't it peculiar what tricks of lighting and shadow can do?"

Soffen told the press that when another image was taken a few hours later the effect of a human visage went away.

Richard Hoagland, in 'The Monuments of Mars' challenged Soffen's initial assertion by pointing out that frame 35A72 was captured at approximately 6:00 p.m., and that "'a few hours later' would, by necessity, have been taken in total darkness." Soffen later recanted his statement.

Vince DiPietro and Greg Molenaar, two NASA computer imaging experts, later tracked down a second, corroborating image of the Face that had been misfiled in the National Space Science Data Center archives.

DiPietro and Molenaar's subsequent digital imaging enhancements of this enigmatic Martian landform sparked a controversy that continues to this day.

NASA's announcement described Soffen as a guiding force in their effort to search for life elsewhere in the Universe.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin praised Soffen's passion for space exploration saying, "Gerry's lasting legacy to us is he helped usher in a new era of discovery that will bring a new understanding of fundamental life processes on Earth and throughout our Universe."

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## 'Polaris'?

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 02:49:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:22:35 -0500  
Subject: 'Polaris'?

Hi All,

Nope, not the star! ;)

I received an inquiry today about a US military (?) project called "Polaris". It is supposed to be a massive excavation that is being conducted in the extreme Northwest somewhere. Purpose unknown. Does anybody have any info on it? I never heard of it myself. I checked UFO Mind and the search engine at the Black Vault, etc. etc. - nothing, nada, zippo, zero.

I now know way more than I ever wanted to about the 'star' Polaris. Nothing about this alleged military project.

I'd appreciate any info.

Thanx,

John Velez ;)

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)  
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  
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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 02:50:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:27:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

<snip>

>End of recording. And after it flew off and faded from view so  
>was the sighting. It was like it came to be photographed and  
>then split. But that's all pure speculation on my part. ;)

Hello John:

Its indeed a shame I wasn't there to see it myself.

Disappointing as it is, I must rely on the sightings of others  
just to maintain an interest in this frustrating field.

No camera shot is the same as seeing something with ones own  
eyes. If somebody just mailed me those 6 frames with no  
explanation, I would dismiss them as a blimp or a balloon.

Somewhere I have a really great shot, good resolution and  
detail, of an object with a somewhat similar (ovoid) shape.

I was eyewitness for that one, a Goodyear type blimp over a big  
Stanford football game taken from my former balcony in Menlo  
Park, CA.

I waited until the obvious giveaways (flaps, logos etc.) were  
rotated away from my vantage point and then shot the photo for a  
lark. It came out nicely!

I suppose Bruce could pick it to pieces in short order, but it  
would look darn good to a newcomer.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 02:56:19 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:31:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:05:07 EST  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

><snip>

>>Hello Michel and Andy:

>>Michel: If each of your seventeen personal sightings defies  
>>conventional explanation, then you at least are calling them  
>>"trufo", a convenient term which means that mundane  
>>explanations are effectively ruled out.

>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>>"trufo".

>>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
>>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>>trufo.

>>One space-junk burnout was so spectacular that skeptical friends  
>>telephoned to point it out. I guess I disappointed them by not  
>>taking the bait.

>>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

>>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>>even a quarter of that number?

>Personally I have seen over 15 Minuteman missile launches from a  
>distance at Vandenburg since the 70s. I watch the so called  
>unclassified launch schedule and generally catch at least one or  
>two a year.

>Had a friend tell me that because he had never seen one, he  
>thought it was absolutely ludicrous that anybody could "see"  
>(as opposed to watching any media coverage) the missile going off  
>because he had never seen one himself in all those years.

>I guess the point being is that just because we haven't seen  
>with our own eyes, doesn't mean its not true, just means  
>we haven't seen it yet.

Hello Robert!

Fair enough. I recall the story of some hick who wouldn't  
believe in a Giraffe until he saw one himself.

Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

Finally someone took him to a zoo, and there's this perfect giraffe, insanelly long neck, horns with balls at the end .. stripes .. chewing on leaves.

The hick wandered off in a half-daze muttering "Ain't no such animal .."

Best!

- Larry Hatch

PS: I don't see how anyone could question the verity or visibility of a missile launch; not in recent decades anyhow.

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## Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 03:38:45 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:33:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights -

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 19:42:24 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Perfect Triangles' & Useless Nightlights

<snip>

>Hi Larry,

>I'm not sure if it will help now, but you can use the search box  
>on the UFOINFO site to search the bulletins that I have. Single  
>word searches probably work best - once you get a list of  
>results you can then search within those results.

>Database is usually updated around midnight Fridays or early on  
>Saturday morning.

>Hope this is of some use to you.

>John Hayes

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>Official Archives for UFO Roundup, UK UFO Network Bulletin,  
>AUFORN Australian UFO Reports and Experiences, UFO + PSI  
>Magazine plus archives of Filer's Files and Oz Files.

Hello John!

Josh explained about Tschus, its tchust a sort of farewell  
greeting.

Anyhow, your archives of UFO Roundup, Filers Files etc. are  
indeed a resource. I've used them myself, and the lookup  
mechanism is a real help.

I have two links on my " How to Report a UFO " page directly to  
pages on your website for that purpose.

People who want to look up recent sightings sometimes email, and  
I cannot list them all here for several reasons.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Cashman

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 17:32:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:42:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Campinas, Brazil? - Cashman

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 00:23:09 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Campinas, Brazil?

>>From: Manuel Borraz <[maboay@teleline.es](mailto:maboay@teleline.es)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Campinas, Brazil?  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 01:11:16 +0100

>>(A quick reminder of the case: three disc-shaped objects  
>>over Campinas; one of them, "in trouble", emitted a thin stream  
>>of silvery liquid; some samples were collected and analyzed).

>Hello Manuel:

>Mark Cashman has an excellent presentation on his Temporal  
>Doorway website. It appears to be the original Fontes article,  
>or something just as good.

The Ubatuba article is the original one, but it is not the one  
he mentions. The article he is discussing has to do with some  
material gathered from some hanging laundry after the described  
incident, which, IIRC was determined to be tin.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
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- 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: LRV in Popular Mechanics - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 19:04:55 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:45:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: LRV in Popular Mechanics - Balaskas

>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 13:04:13 +0100 (CET)  
>From: Holger Isenberg <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: LRV in Popular Mechanics

>In connection with the article in PM about the Lenticular  
>Reentry Vehicle it is interesting, that a few month ago, a  
>weather satellite made a picture which shows a very similar  
>object as the escape capsule from this vehicle.

>I cannot find the photo from the satellite at the moment. Maybe  
>someone can help?

<snip>

Hi Holger.

I think you are looking for Bruce Maccabee's article (see below) about the satellite photo taken of the Earth which contained, what seemed to me at least, a spacecraft that closely resembled the escape capsule of the secret U.S. saucer-shaped spacecraft described in the Popular Mechanics article.

<http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

If you go to the UFO UpDates Mailing List Archives:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/oct/m14-007.shtml>

you will also find my original comments regarding this possible connection which was posted on October 14 of this year.

Nick Balaskas

P.S. I really enjoyed looking through your web site. Although some of your interpretations of some very real and unusual things photographed, by the Mars landers for example, may be a little too good to be true (eg. moving alien life forms), you certainly do have a sharp eye for details. As for Mars having a blue sky rather than a red one, if one does the same simple experiment I did\*, I think others will also agree with us that the Martian sky has to be blue too.

\*Find photos of the Viking landers taken on the Earth and compare the shades of red, white and blue on the U.S. flag painted on these landers with photos of the same flags on the landers when were on the surface of Mars.

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:22:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 22:49:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:09:26 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

>>A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
>>which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>>before eventually disappearing.

>>I apologize...

>Apology accepted, for what ever it's worth. But, I don't think  
>you seem to understand the point, here. Are we to take you at  
>your word about these sightings? Have you had so many that  
>you've reached the point of forgetting a sighting? Are you  
>that casual about it?

>Most of us would give anything to have a single close encounter  
>in our entire life. You seem to have a sighting every 16 months,  
>on average! Not only that, but you maintain that these sightings  
>are the source of your convictions regarding the existence of ET  
>craft and the like. However, the previous description you give  
>of "a small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the  
>sky, which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>before eventually disappearing" is hardly ground breaking, by  
>anyone's standards. The fact that you forgot about it certainly  
>points out how unaffected you were by the event.

>I think you must see the problem that exists, here.

>My position is that testimony is valuable once it has been  
>validated. Your position is that testimony should not have to be  
>validated to be valuable. However, you present a pretty poor  
>standard for what constitutes "valid testimony", don't you  
>think? After all, anyone that continually signs off with a self  
>inflated moniker like the following

>>Michel M. Deschamps  
>>MUFON provincial Section Director for Sudbury, Ontario, Canada,  
>>UFO Researcher/Historian & UFO eyewitness to 14 separate sightings  
>>(1974 - 1998).

>had better put up a better front than you've presented. You can  
>apologize all you want for being "forgetful", but all you've  
>done is reinforce my point that memory can't always be trusted  
>when it comes to witness testimony.

Roger,

First of all, you have to look at the whole picture.

Sudbury, Ontario, Canada is the nickel capital of the world, with INCO and Falconbridge as its main employers. These two companies are in the forefront of mineral exploration, extraction and refining. Flying saucers have been seen by many credible witnesses here since 1947. Other sightings were made back in 1914 and 1916. This area, with its high concentration of mines located on the rim of an asteroid impact site, is a magnet for UFOs.

People have been overflowed by these objects as close as 50 feet. Several power outages have been directly linked to them.

My father moved his family here from Northern Quebec in December 1968; we had just missed a large rash of sightings that had been taking place since 1966.

I had my first sighting in 1974, when I was nine years old.

But my other sightings began almost 20 years later, with my second observation which took place on October 9, 1990.

I have found official reports of my first sighting which had been witnessed by other people and reported to the radar base, at the time. During other occasions, there were people present.

One thing you have to keep in mind: I never went out looking for them. These sightings were all \_accidents\_. Therefore, I did not expect to see anything and most of the time, I was not equipped to view or photograph them.

I've heard the same thing from other witnesses who say that, after their initial sighting, will carry a camera and/or binoculars wherever they go. I don't always do this.

Frankly, I don't care that much since I've had so many sightings; I am kind of casual about it because I know Flying saucers are real.

If you've never seen anything, you can't know for sure. But believe me, if you ever do see something, you won't be able to deny it to yourself... eventually.

It took me a long while to accept what I had seen, and each time, I had a hard time believing what my eyes saw or what my camcorder captured on tape.

The only questions I ask myself now is not \_Are We Alone?\_. But 1) Who are they?, 2) Where are they from?, 3) Why the hell are they here? and 4) What's in it for mankind?.

One more thing: Just because I never went to College or University, it does not mean that I don't know what I'm looking at! When you see something like this, whether it's last year...or fifty years ago...it is etched in your mind forever. You never forget it!

For those people who know me, my credibility is never questioned.

Michel

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From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:47:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 23:25:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
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>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>>>Hi,

>>>Michel wrote:

>>>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>>>imagination.

><snip>

>Hi Larry, Michel, All,

>Larry writes:

>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for maybe 25  
>>years. I have yet to see a single event that I would call a  
>>"trufo".

>Luck of the draw Larry and no real reason to be skeptical of  
>Michels claim. I have that many 'sightings' in any given three  
>year period! I too have spent almost 30 years studying the sky-  
>both day and night time versions. I can tell the difference  
>between a balloon, a bird, an airplane etc. and even if I say so  
>myself, I am good at it. I know some few people that have fairly  
>regular sightings of objects which do not display any of the  
>characteristics of conventional 'sky objects.' I have been  
>recording them on film and video for years now. So have guys  
>like Tommy King from Arizona, that priest down in Mexico City  
>(sorry, don't recall his name at the moment) and several others.  
>It's not hard for me to believe Michel when he states that he  
>has had 17 sightings of objects that are best catagorized as  
>"UFOs."

>The reason you give for being skeptical of the number of  
>Michel's sightings that may represent actual UFOs is that, you  
>haven't had the luck (or 'misfortune' depending on your point of  
>view) of having seen one of these 'things' for yourself.



>I'm sure that's the same thing the Pope said to Galileo about  
>his 'sighting reports' of Jupiters' moons. ;)

>>What I have seen, a number of times, are blimps, satellite  
>>re-entries etc. which an incautious observer might mistake for a  
>>trufo.

>Take the time to get to know Michel. I think you'll find that he  
>is not an "incautious" observer. 'Some' of the folks that are  
>reporting these "regular" UFO sightings turn out to be trained  
>or experienced observers. We just have to take the time to ask  
>them what that 'experience' is before we dismiss their  
>observations as "incautious." I know I get pissed when I'm  
>dismissed out of hand by someone who knows nothing about me or  
>what my 'sky observing' experience might consist of.

>>I don't think you can reasonably expect a person who has never  
>>seen a single genuine UFO to not be a bit skeptical when you say  
>>you saw seventeen (17) of them.

>Maybe not Larry. But it's still -no reason- to dismiss the  
>claims of another that -they- have had repeated sightings.

>>Can you imagine the odds against some random observer seeing  
>>even a quarter of that number?

>I have three to six a year Larry. If you're asking me, I think  
>Michel's odds are good that he'll have -another- sighting. He  
>'may be' doing something that you're not. Maybe it's not him!

>Grab a brew, a hunk of bread, and a slice of that expensive  
>Frenchie bleu cheese and enjoy the pix I am attaching just for  
>you. I can just imagine how frustrated you must feel that after  
>so many years of looking, you haven't had much luck spotting a  
>UFO and here is this 'smarty pant's Michel reporting 17 of em!  
><LOL>This is a little something to help 'scratch your itch.' ;)

>Enjoy the pix Larry. I am including sighting description number  
>two for my friend Jim Deardorf. I have accumulated a heap of  
>video of these unidentified flying objects over the last 5  
>years. This is just a sampling of one of those many sightings.  
>I'm not sure how many there are by now, but I can tell you  
>that's its more than 17. If you are having trouble believing  
>Michel, I don't stand a snowball's chance in Hell with you.  
><LOL>;)

<snip>

John,

I wish to thank you for the support you've given me.

Maybe what I should do is provide a complete listing of my  
sightings online. That way, the List members would be able to  
get a better picture of what I was trying to describe in terms  
of high strangeness.

Now, if they decide that what I saw was something other than a  
UFO, flying saucers, whatever...then they would be the ones  
making a mistake, because their explanations would not fit the  
things that I saw...

Then, I think their credibility, just like their common sense,  
would go out the window!

cordially,

Michel

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## Russian Sources

From: Paul Stonehill <[rurc@earthlink.net](mailto:rurc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 11:39:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:06:29 -0500  
Subject: Russian Sources

Kazakhstan-USSR

The best source may be Mr. Mikhail Yel'tsin (no relation), who resided in Kazakhstan, and conducted several important expeditions to the Tien Shen Mountains. He had solid ties to the local military, and law enforcement officers; some joined his expeditions. His ufology experts presented lectures at the local military colleges. I personally do not believe that the Soviet military academies would teach that aliens visited the Earth. They might phrase it differently. In my book THE SOVIET UFO FILES, I mention Soviet Central Asia several times. Besides Messers. Gershtein and Yeltsin, I would also contact Mark Shteinberg, a former career Soviet officer, now residing in New York; a writer and journalist.

Soviet Institute for Management Issues

I found a curious mention of the Soviet Institute for Management Issues. Apparently, UFO ("flying saucer") phenomenon was one of their "issues". This was revealed in an interview, reprinted in a Russian-American newspaper. The person who was interviewed was one of the officials at the Institute. This is the first mention of this Institute and Soviet UFOs I'd ever seen. Those who need more details, please contact me.

Russian And Russian Sources

<http://onwin.wplus.net/incredible/incredib.htm>

There is a great publication, available in English, too, from Russia. You can also send your inquiries there.

A noted Russian ufologist, Yuri Smirnov, publisher of Chetvortoye Izmereniye i NLO newspaper can be found on this site. He is capable of responding to English-language inquiries: <http://www.yarosufo.boom.ru/>

In my native Ukraine, one of the best sources is Dr. Rubtsov. You can email him at:

[riap777@chat.ru](mailto:riap777@chat.ru)

English is no problem. He recently published an excellent response to Platov/Sokolov "revelations" about Soviet ufology. ("History of State-Directed UFO Research in the USSR" by Dr. Yuliy Platov and Colonel (ret.) Boris Sokolov. )

Ufology is being studied in Ukraine.

Reliable researchers: Lithuania/Russia

For those who seek reliable English-language research from the former Soviet Union, besides people I have mentioned previously, I would like to add Mr. Anatoly Kutovoj's name. He is fluent in English, resides in Lithuania; has extensive contacts throughout Russia. I have followed his research endeavors, and am

impressed. he has no hidden agendas, and does not denigrate Western researchers (the same goes for the people I have listed in my previous letters).

It is because of people like him, as well as Messers Subbotin, Gershtein, Rubtsov, and Chernobrov that post-Soviet ufology is alive. Some agree with me, some disagree, but they do so in a pleasant, affable, civilized manner. They possess a wealth of knowledge, and great databases. I am not nearly as savvy, when it comes to technology, as Mr. Kutovoy is.

My main purpose in presenting the above-mentioned individuals is to introduce ufologists who reside in the West and the Orient to the new breed of UFO researchers in Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, and so forth.

Here is how you can reach Mr. Kutovoj, (and at the same time check out Nick Subbotin's research):

[Nikolay.Subbotin@psu.ru](mailto:Nikolay.Subbotin@psu.ru)

<http://ufo.psu.ru/>

Once on the website, go to the English-language page. I think you will enjoy the research presented therein.

Mr. Kutovoy has an extensive collection of materials about Felix Zigel.

Paul Stonehill

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## Russian Physicist Lost

From: Paul Stonehill <[rurc@earthlink.net](mailto:rurc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:30:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:10:36 -0500  
Subject: Russian Physicist Lost

This news item was just received from Russia, from the Kosmopoisk research Group:

A famous physicist was lost in an anomalous area. His relatives made a report to official entities, and asked the Kosmopoisk to help them organize the search. Should there be no results until Friday, December 1st, the search will resume at the exact location. The Kosmopoisk has asked veterans of its expeditions, who are ready to join the search after December 1st, to confirm their participation, and to await notification.

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Here is how the group describes itself:

MAI-Kosmopoisk". SpaceSearch Search Group.

MAI-Kosmopoisk search group consists of 30 permanent members and approximately 300 volunteers from a number of Russia regions who either participate in the expeditions on their own or assist the group in a number of ways.

The group's database lists up to five thousand researchers and explorers all around the Russia.

Since 1982, the group had carried out 53 expeditions in the different regions of former USSR and Russia, including Moscow region, Ural, Volga region, Caucasus, Siberia, Baltic countries, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Crimea.

The expeditions?

Teams included from 2 to 70 persons - both schoolchildren and professionals with academic degrees.

The expedition's purposes included complex search, astronomical observations, meteorite searches, ufological observations and research, archeology, ethnography etc.

The group had organized and carried out the expedition to the Podkamennaya Tunguska region to the 1908 explosion place as well as the searches to the mysterious explosions? places in the Volgograd region. Also six meteorite search parties were conducted in Kaluga, Ulyanovsk and Tver regions. The expeditions to Yaroslavl region and Uzbekistan are under preparation. (sic)

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>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 19:49:31 EST  
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><snip>

>>I still think that the number of genuine UFO reports far  
>>outweighs the number of IFO reports by a long shot!

>Hi, Michel:

>Are you saying that most UFO reports represent True UFOs? Do you  
>have a guess as to what the ratio of UFOs vs potential IFOs in a  
>large sample of UFO reports might be?

>Can you offer some suggestions for sorting these out, do you  
>have a checklist of things which you think can definitely allow  
>us to ID True UFOs?

Bob,

I was simply saying that my sightings were True UFOs. As for  
someone else's sightings, I don't know. But since I saw True  
UFOs, why couldn't someone else see True UFOs, right?

I'm not that special...

Michel

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>Hello Michel:

>OK, 18 sightings, not an issue.

>The 18th one at Denise's house sounds an awful lot like the  
>apparent space-junk re-entry I saw a few years back.

>Spectacular really, it would flare up and down, different colors  
>in succession, as if different materials were flaming up in the  
>atmosphere in sequence.

>As for the shape, its about impossible to say given it was  
>hidden in its own surrounding plasma. Any oddly shaped object  
>seen at great distance will seem to resolve into an oval  
>shape... or more or less "round" if its far enough away...  
>finally a pinpoint of light at greatest visible distance.

>I take it your object did no maneuvers, but simply kept going on  
>a more or less ballistic curve. If you call this a UFO, then I  
>have no problem with anyone having seen 10, 20 or more over the  
>years.

>For me, the simplest assumption is that it was mundane, as in  
>manmade or possibly natural. I wouldn't be putting it into a UFO  
>catalog.

Larry,

Why is it that UFO sightings have to be exciting and fantastic?  
Some of the sightings I've had were the most boring ones  
compared to the others, but still fell out side of the  
man-made or natural phenomena bracket.

We humans have a tendency to complicate things all the time.  
I'm betting that UFOs are a lot simpler to distinguish from  
everyday things than we tend to believe.

At least, most of us UFO eyewitnesses know this for a fact.



Michel

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From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:44:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:18:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:55:59 -0800  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:59:02 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

Previously, Jim wrote:

>I surmise that  
>where a lot of scientists go astray is in assuming that science  
>could never advance more than a century or two ahead of our own,  
>whichever year or century we're in. They can't fathom that  
>science & technology & other learning could continue advancing  
>for centuries, hundreds of centuries and thousands of centuries,  
>for alien civilizations that survive.

Larry had written:

>>By far the simplest assumption is that the saucer image  
>>was superimposed onto a genuine shot panning some tall  
>>buildings.

Jim replies:

>But remember, it would not have been a single saucer image that  
>the supposed hoaxers would have had to superimpose. It would  
>have required how many? 20 or 30 or 50 separate images, pasted  
>in one after the other in the proper combination, every frame or  
>two, to make the craft appear to be rotating about its vertical  
>axis while wobbling in a precessing manner at the same time as  
>it traversed.

>I don't see the simplicity in that assumption of yours.

Hello, Jim.

Here's the odd thing about your position. On the one hand, you give the proposed ETs an incredible benefit of the doubt, not only regarding their very existence, but in regard to how far advanced they are in their technology. On the other hand, you seem to ignore present day human technology that would allow for the faking of the very image you base your assumptions on!

I speak of simple, off the shelf non-linear programs like Premier, made by Adobe, or Reel Time, made by Pinnacle, or Speed Razor, or Avid, or Media 100, or DPS's Velocity system, just to name a few. ALL of these systems are available for less than \$5,000 and will work on any PC based system with at a minimum of 256 megs of RAM and a mere 350MZ processor. These systems ALL allow for sophisticated layering and programming moves of objects to be placed in pre-existing footage. They can layer up to 99 different tracks of video and produce mattes that defy detection, if used properly. And, unlike your assumption, this does NOT have to be done on a frame-by-frame basis. I use Premier all the time in my effects work and the kind of moves

necessary in the Mexico footage are simple to program.

This isn't technology that won't be around for thousands of centuries in another star system. This is technology that is available here and now to any Santilli wanna-be.

Most importantly, it is a technology that you purposely ignore in favor of "alien magic".

Roger

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 23:06:48 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:20:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:22:10 -0500  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 11:09:26 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>Most of us would give anything to have a single close encounter  
>>in our entire life. You seem to have a sighting every 16 months,  
>>on average! Not only that, but you maintain that these sightings  
>>are the source of your convictions regarding the existence of ET  
>>craft and the like. However, the previous description you give  
>>of "a small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the  
>>sky, which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>>before eventually disappearing" is hardly ground breaking, by  
>>anyone's standards. The fact that you forgot about it certainly  
>>points out how unaffected you were by the event.

Michel replies:

>Frankly, I don't care that much since I've had so many  
>sightings; I am kind of casual about it because I know Flying  
>saucers are real.

>If you've never seen anything, you can't know for sure. But  
>believe me, if you ever do see something, you won't be able to  
>deny it to yourself... eventually.

>It took me a long while to accept what I had seen, and each  
>time, I had a hard time believing what my eyes saw or what my  
>camcorder captured on tape.

>For those people who know me, my credibility is never  
>questioned.

Hello, again!

So let me get this straight; you know flying saucers are real  
because you have video tape of them?

Do the people that know you believe you because they are your  
friends or because you have shown them video tape of something  
that clearly, unquestionably, without a doubt looks like a  
flying saucer? Is this the source of your conviction?

It's showtime, Michel! Show us the best, clearest frame of a  
flying saucer you have. If it looks anything like a flying  
saucer, I will apologize on this List and send you a bottle of  
fine wine. If it doesn't, then...

Roger

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 23:19:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:22:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:36:34 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 16:02:39 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>On the upper left of the building that temporarily eclipsed the  
>>UFO, there is a square panel that is relatively bright, perhaps  
>>brighter than the UFO image. Bruce, did you by any chance, in  
>>your light-intensity study, measure whether this panel, or parts  
>>of it, was indeed slightly brighter or lighter than the UFO? If  
>>so, from this could you say anything about whether the "paste on  
>>lighter" instruction for an electronic hoax would have worked  
>>here? I.e., should this panel have appeared slightly darker if  
>>an e-UFO was passing by?

>Because one doesn't know a priori how bright the "panel" or  
>window 'should' be, all one can do is ask the question: "did the  
>brightness change as the UFO seemed to go behind it?"

>As I recall, the answer is, there was no change.

>We had hoped this would be a window through which one could see  
>the UFO passing by... which definitely would have changed its  
>apparent brightness if light were shining through it. There was  
>no change, however.

Bruce,

Doesn't this imply, then, that if there were an e-hoaxer, he did not use the "paste on lighter" command, contrary to what Jeff Saino assumed? Most of the underside of the UFO appeared to be slightly darker than the left-hand third and right-hand third of that panel. So the paste-on lighter instruction would then have caused a small change in apparent brightness there, as if it had been an open two-way window.

Jim

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## Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 03:14:26 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:54:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:36:22 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

><snip>

>>Sightings trailed off after 1978, into a long trough  
>>of relative inactivity through the 1980s.

>Yes, but, for what it is worth, there were some famous sightings  
>after Aug. 1978 Valentich disappearance in October New Zealand  
>Dec. 31, 1978.

>I seem to recall sightings off the coast of Naples, Italy in  
>December of that year (but might be mixing it up with some other  
>time).

Hello Bruce:

I meant that the years after 1978 trailed off, at least in my sightings counts.

Year - Count  
1977 - 465  
1978 - 569  
1979 - 342  
1980 - 237  
1981 - 200  
1982 - 145  
1983 - 104 .. and so on.

Things started trending back up a bit in the late 1980s.

1978 was a really busy year for Italy in any case.

Here's just one month's worth starting in mid-August. Other catalogs will no doubt have many more.

1978/08/19 MONTE del LAGO,ITL:  
1978/08/22 BOLZANO,ITL:  
1978/08/28 LIVORNO,ITL:  
1978/09/xx PENNA St.ANDREA,ITL:  
1978/09/02 SAN MICHELE,ITL:HISS:  
1978/09/06 SASSELLO,ITL:  
1978/09/13 SPINETTA MARENGO,ITL:  
1978/09/14 SAN BASILIO,ITL:  
1978/09/14 VIGNALE MONFERRATO,ITL:  
1978/09/15 off FIUMICINO,ITL:  
1978/09/16 off CECINA,ITL:  
1978/09/16 S.TERESA/GALLURA,ITL:  
1978/09/16 SPINETTA MARENGO,ITL:  
1978/09/17 TORRITA di SIENA,ITL:



1978/09/18 nr ROMA,ITL:  
1978/09/18 S.GIORGIO/NOGARO,ITL:

(Details omitted for brevity.)

Most of these come from Maurizio Verga's ITACAT Catalog, various issues of LDLN, FSR etc. which were available here.

I can look up Naples area events for December if you like.

I agree that at least some of the best sightings seem to occur during slow months and years.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 02:22:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:57:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hatch

>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 04:47:37 +0000  
>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: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:09:11 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>>Hello Roy:

>>If you could, please give URL links as

>><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

>>with the http part and all.

>>This is translated into a link we can click on directly; not  
>>one we must tediously type in by hand, introducing possible  
>>errors.

>Dearest Larry,

>I am sorry. I post the link to take you straight to Chris  
>Martin's Footage.

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/Chrismart.htm>

>Perhaps you may wish to contribute some thoughts on the footage?  
>I know you have a great deal of experience of the UFO subject.

>Regards,

>Roy..

>"Listen Can you hear the Pin Drop "

Hello Roy: (please have pin ready)

Thanks for the specific URL, it came right in.  
I had to do some work unzipping the file  
capture2b.zip (my browser couldn't do it  
automatically). WinZip did however.

I saw one and then two "boxes" dancing around  
the screen as if the cameraman had shaky hands.  
At times there were more.

Unless I'm mistaken, The "boxes" appear to be over-enlarged  
pixels, i.e. one, two or three night-lights maneuvering with  
respect to one another (in addition to camera jiggle of course.  
)

There are no other objects (trees etc.) to put things in  
perspective, just lights dancing in the blue.

Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hatch

There isn't much I can add to that.

Best wishes (now drop the pin please!)

- Larry Hatch

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## Turkish Announcements

From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 13:00:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 19:12:38 -0500  
Subject: Turkish Announcements

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From: Haktan Akdogan <[ufotr@netone.com.tr](mailto:ufotr@netone.com.tr)>  
To: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:36:43 +0200  
Subject: TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Third Annual International New Age Symposium Of Eastern  
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have just been established and we are so happy that a lot of  
important UFO & NEW AGE titles by world's leading Scientists,  
Researchers, Abductees and Contactees in this field, will soon  
be available in Turkish to the people of Turkey

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Phenomena explainable through experiment and objective  
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Psychic Phenomena,

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Phenomena,

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to serve the promotion of higher moral principles and spiritual values,

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It also produces multimedia publications (audio - video tapes, bulletins,..etc),

Broadcasts Television and Radio Programmes: We have produced and broadcasted 40 episodes of weekly documentary TV. Programme about UFOs called 'UFO Reality', on two of the most watched national TV. Channels (Star TV and Channel 6) of Turkey.

We have also hosted a weekly Radio programme about UFOs and Psychic Phenomena at 'Cool FM' for a long period of time..

Our founder and chairman Mr. Haktan Akdogan has appeared on more than 55 national TV shows and been on countless radio programs..

The interviews made with Mr. Akdogan, have also taken place in numerous national newspapers and magazines. Mr. Akdogan continues to speak at numerous national and international conferences..

We have just established 'The Sirius Publishing House' and are so happy that a lot of important UFO & New Age related books by world's most important scientists, researchers, abductees and contactees will soon be available in Turkish to the people of Turkey... (all applications are welcome)

By utilising every source of knowledge, explains the issues related to the spiritual being with a global understanding; experimental work, surveys, field studies, and literature studies related to this issue are carried out, evaluated and then communicated through mass media services, communication systems and national and international conferences,

'Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center' would also like to inform you of the 'Third Annual International UFO and New Age Symposium of Eastern-Europe, Balkans and Middle-East' which will take place on the 17th and 18th of November 2001 in Istanbul by the participation of world's leading Scientists, Researchers, Abductees and Contactees. This follows the First and Second International UFO and New-Age. The First one took place on the 20th and 21st of February 1999 in Istanbul and was attended by over 5200 people from Turkey and from various neighbouring countries. It also attracted mass media coverage of over 285 journalists and reporters from different countries.

The speakers at the First International UFO & NEWAGE Symposium were:

|                     |                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Erich von Daniken   | (Researcher - Writer)                                  |
| Stanton T.Friedman  | (Nucleer Physicist - Researcher - Writer)              |
| Budd Hopkins        | (Expert on Abduction - Researcher - Writer)            |
| Micheal Lindemann   |                                                        |
| Dr. Bruce Maccabee  | (Physicist - Researcher - Writer)                      |
| Prof. John E. Mack  | (Harvard Univ. Psychology Sciences - Abduction Expert) |
| Prof. Brian O'Leary | (NASA Astronaut - Physicist - Astronomer - Writer)     |
| Marina Popovich     | (Russian Cosmonaut - Test Pilot - Researcher - Writer) |
| Travis Walton       | (Abductee - Writer)                                    |

George Wingfield (Researcher - Writer)

The Speakers for The Second International Symposium which took place recently on the 23rd of June through 25th of June 2000, were:

Sheldan Nidle (Contactee - Writer)  
Wendelle Stevens (Ret. Lt. Col. US Air Force - Researcher - Writer)  
Derrel Sims (CIA Ex-Officer - Researcher -Writer)  
Nick Pope (High Executive Officer U.K. Ministry of Defense - Writer)  
Lyssa Royal (Contactee - Writer)  
Donald Ware (Ret. Lt. Col. USAF - International UFO Congress Director)  
Robert O. Dean (Ret. Command Serg. Major, USAF - NATO - Writer)  
Marcia Schafer (Contactee - Writer)  
K.T. Frankovich (Contactee - Writer - Film Producer)  
Kelly Cahill (Abductee - Writer -Researcher)  
Budd Hopkins (Abduction Expert - Researcher - Writer)  
Prof. John E. Mack (Harvard Univ. Psychology Sciences - Abduction Expert)  
Stanton T. Friedman (Nuclear Physicist - Researcher - Writer)  
Sean D. Morton (TV-Film Producer on UFO&Psychic - Writer -Researcher)

Besides these Annual International Symposiums, we also organise Special Events of world's leading contactees and channelers in this field. For example; we had recently organised the "P'TAAH Event" by Jani King in Istanbul on the 22nd through 25th of September 2000.

Mankind is now more than ever in need of a unifying knowledge. Humanity must evolve hand in hand in accordance with the Law of Universal Mutual Assistance and Solidarity.

Love and Light,

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
Date: 29 Nov 2000 07:14:24 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 22:42:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 15:51:06 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>>Date: 27 Nov 2000 06:33:20 -0800  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 00:24:41 -0800  
>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>>>From: Andy Roberts <[AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 17:13:32 -0000

>>>>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 01:56:31 -0500

>>>>>>>If IFOs is all you want, IFOs is all you get....

>>>>>>>I have had 17 personal sightings since 1974, and none of them  
>>>>>>>has a conventional explanation, by any stretch of the  
>>>>>>>imagination.

>>>><snip>

>>>>Seventeen! I have been sky-watching as time permits for  
>>>>maybe 25

<snip>

>Hi Mr. Bill, hi All,

>>John, I agree with you as I do not find multiple sightings of  
>>>true UFOs unusual. I, myself, have had dozens of sightings of  
>>real unidentifieds over the decades, both daytime and nighttime.

>Thanx for chiming in in support Bill. As I wrote the post I  
>could almost hear the thoughts of some of those who would  
>eventually read it. I've been down this road before. I'm glad  
>that you are around to confirm some of my statements. Multiple  
>sightings by one person are not as "unusual" as many would  
>think.

>I wrote in the original:

>>>How it really went down: (For you Jim Deardorff)

>>>I went out back to skywatch/look for UFOs. I had just stuck  
>>>my head out of my back door to check out the sky and seeing  
>>>conditions when I spotted the disc approaching. I hollered for  
>>>Margie (my wife) to bring me the videocam because I didn't want  
>>>to take my eyes off of it for a nanosecond.

>>>I was mumbling out loud, "don't disappear yet, I want to get  
>>>you on video" when the disc stopped dead in its tracks. It  
>>>hovered there for a few seconds. Next; I felt Margie tap me  
>>>on the shoulder, I reached around and grabbed the camera,  
>>>fired it up, pushed all the right buttons, put it up to my eyes,  
>>>got the disc centered in the view and hit the record button.

>Bill responds:

>>Years ago I experienced interactions similar to what you  
>>describe.

>I used to be in almost daily touch with Tom King. I know that he  
>had several "interactive" sightings/encounters himself. This is  
>the first time that I have made mention of the "interactive"  
>component of 'some' of the sightings. Mostly I did it for Jim  
>Deardorff because he is currently getting his keister kicked all  
>up and down the street on the List for even suggesting such a  
>thing is possible. I didn't think that his introduction of the  
>'alien-ufo / witness interaction' component was 'timely' in  
>regard to the discussion we were having about the Mexico City  
>UFO video, but that doesn't mean that I completely disagree with  
>him either. Like it or not (and believe me I have fought with  
>the idea) there is in some instances a definite "interaction"  
>between the witness and the UFO/or its occupants. I don't like  
>to bring it up because it's hard enough to prove that the things  
>we are seeing and photographing are the genuine article without  
>introducing the -fact- that it is possible to conduct a form of  
>telepathic communication with the objects. (Where the object  
>responds to the 'thoughts' of the observer.) I have had at least  
>four such encounters. And don't even think to ask me to  
>'explain' it or to 'prove' it. It just is. It happens. How it  
>works or why is beyond my ken.

John, this is one of the essential factors in observing UFOs and  
Dr. Richard Haines refers to it as a CE-5, the human interaction  
with UFOs. It was also paramount in establishing the sighted  
object as something beyond normal, conventional flying objects.

The telepathic interaction I experimented with as a teenager  
proved to me that something paranormal was in our skies. My  
friend Yves Lauriault and I conducted this experiment in the  
1950s and succeeded. We actually attempted to communicate our  
desire to see flying saucers via telepathy and it worked! Our  
first sighting was of a number of red-glowing discs that  
manuevered according to our mental requests - it was eerie to  
begin with, but I felt like we were breaking ground. These red  
discs were turn or follow one another on request. We directed  
these mental requests at a private aircraft as a control and, of  
course, no response. It was at that moment that I knew that we  
were interacting with something unearthly and definitely not  
from here.

You would think that scientific experiments along this line  
should stimulate further investigation and others to set-up even  
more rigourous experiments to attempt two-way communication with  
the guiding intelligence behind the UFOs, but now over 40 years  
have passed and the only person I have seen attempt these  
activities is Dr. Steven Greer who has been treated with  
contempt. I am not endorsing Greer here, but at least he  
experimented with CE-5s and I do not see others doing much.  
Light beam transceiver communication was pioneered by John Otto  
and he also got results, but he has long been forgotten.

One person who studied this interactivity was Professor  
Rutledge.

He describes it in his book:

AUTHOR: Rutledge, Harley D.  
TITLE: Project Identification : the first scientific field  
study of UFO phenomena  
PUBLISHER Englewood Cliffs, N.J. : Prentice-Hall, c1981.  
265 p., [16] p. of plates : ill. ; 24 cm.



Includes bibliographical references and index.

I also recommend:

Ce-5: Close Encounters Of The Fifth Kind

By: Haines, Richard F. // Foreword by Greer, Stephen // Foreword  
by Rodeghier, Mark

Edition #1999//Trade Paper

700 pages

"CE-5" is the ultimate reference of real data on the hottest topic in UFOs. This book documents, explains, and questions nearly 250 UFO incidents from around the world where people have deliberately tried to have contact with UFO phenomena or alien beings and succeeded.

Publication Date: March 1999

Publisher: Sourcebooks, Inc.

Both of these books discuss the interaction factor so you might say it is part of the growing field of ufological studies.

>>Also attempted experiments with light beam transceivers, a kind of  
>>UFO SETI, but not much proactive search or attempted communication  
>>is done these days, except for people like Tom King.

>It's the same reason why I don't post any more of my sighting  
>pix or even report a sighting to the List anymore. After awhile  
>it gets really frustrating (not mention a drain) to have deal  
>with the "armchair" arguments and theories of people who have  
>never even seen (much less studied) a single frame of our  
>videos. There is strength in numbers and if there are enough of  
>us throwing reports and video/film at the people we're bound to  
>make an impression sooner or later.

I welcome skeptics, but some just approach us and say "where is the hard evidence?" or "Prove to me that UFOs are real!" My answer is "Study the literature, watch the videotapes, talk to the researchers and investigators, do your homework, then come back and ask your questions". Proof is a subjective experience. It is the mental state of reaching a conviction by the complex interaction of examining evidence, perceiving consistency and relationships during the examination, and a little dash of intuition before something is accepted as proven. There is also the sheer numbers of those who are in agreement.

We should be stepping beyond the passive collection of evidence and actively going out in the field to attempt observation and recording of UFO events, and when convinced that there is a guiding intelligence behind these, to attempt to communicate with it. That is what gives us the real jump on the SETI scientists.

Bill

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 15:53:10 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 22:46:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

Dave wrote:

>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:12:06 +0000  
>From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>Good post Roy,

>The record shows the List was informed of this new footage (I  
>even wrote privately to some researchers) all was met with the  
>same 'deadly silence' you mentioned.

>Curiouser and Curiouser.

Hi Dave,

Well I am staggered, it seems now that a case which has excellent footage to back it up, has been thrown into the debating arena and suddenly everything goes quiet?

I think what some of the sceptics have been saying on Updates regarding Misperception, Dust balls straight out of your Hoover bag seems to fall down completely with the footage of Chris Martin. I think I can say that this footage is a clear marker for real UFO events happening here in the UK. The question must surely be asked, if Chris is filming this kind of footage is he alone in doing so? It raises the possibility of other excellent UFO footage out there somewhere in the UK.

>Whilst Chris Martins footage shows a definite airborne anomaly  
>it does not by any means show dust particles, lens reflections  
>or a pie plate on a wire.  
>I would have thought that alone would have caused some  
>conversation but no.

Exactly my point. Here with have on film, objects performing great manoeuvres in the sky ( Daylight Mostly) and they seem to hang around long enough for Chris to capture some of their strange and puzzling movements. Now I have to mention, that having colleagues around the UK can be a benefit, by this I mean they get to see lectures in their living regions. And of course this information becomes of interest if certain speakers begin to put the notion that all UFO sightings are solvable. If this is the case, then they are being selective on their UFO related issues and are not in fact mentioning such film DATA as that of Chris Martin. The question should be why? Again I ask, is the footage of Chris Martin too near the mark?

To counter balance this approach by some of the UK sceptics, Chris has taken on a kind of UK tour of open minded UFO groups in the UK, and by all accounts this has gone down well. Please remember, Chris has his footage to back most of his lectures up. Usually evidence is required by those sceptics who refuse to accept the notion of UFOs under intelligent control. Is there a different agenda running here in the UK, concerning excellent UFO footage like that of Chris Martin's?

Perhaps these much put ideas and theories like everything is

misperception and such like, can now be readily disputed as we do have hard DATA to debate.

>Whoever see's the footage seems to loose the ability to >communicate.

>Even more Curiouser.

I have seen sceptical friends of mine gob-smacked by Chris's UFO footage, they have not been able to come to any idea of what is on Chris martins tapes. I can recall when I first posted the information on the footage top this list, and subsequently receiving a lambasting from certain sceptics who hadn't even looked into the case in any detail, I also recall the mention of these sceptics going to see the leeds Chris Martin lecture and they would post their review, and I am still waiting for these people to do so! It seems that all the shouting and attacks I suffered were not in vain, as now they have nothing to put forward which proves their argument.

It's no good just saying we haven't looked at the Chris Martin case, because the UK researchers who subscribe to this list do have a wide and varied opinion on a lot of past and present UFO cases?

>Perhaps 50 years from now we will all be happy to discuss the >matter.

>Until then,

>Dave Bowden

Dave, a sad indictment of UFO research today, sceptics scream and rant about evidence of UFO DATA which is above average and needs to show some kind of intelligent control and here we are just me and you Dave debating it. Perhaps when we are in our seventies we may be able to chip in to the future Chris Martin UFO footage debate.

Regards,

Roy..

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
Date: 29 Nov 2000 07:56:18 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 22:52:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hamilton

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:17:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>>Date: 27 Nov 2000 06:33:20 -0800  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

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>>I do not find multiple sightings of true UFOs unusual. I, myself,  
>>have had dozens of sightings of real unidentifieds over the decades,  
>>both daytime and nighttime.

>Hi, Bill:

>In 1993 you reported in the MUFON Journal seeing UFOs which you  
>named "Skydancers". I submitted an article identifying many of  
>these as daylight observations of Venus, but my article was not  
>accepted for publication. Following is my article for the  
>information of folks on this List. Your comments are invited:

My comments are listed below. Thank you Robert.

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>VENUS: AN EXPLANATION FOR MANY "SKYDANCER"  
>UFO SIGHTINGS

>Questionable astronomical assumptions can lead one astray  
>By Robert R. Young

>Bill Hamilton reported 1993 UFO observations at Antelope Valley,  
>California, in MUFON UFO Journal (April 1994). He ruled out an  
>astronomical explanation for a number of reasons, all of which  
>were wrong.

>Questionable astronomical assumption #1: Hamilton wrote that  
>"silvery" or "white" UFOs which "hovered motionless" were at a  
>"very high altitude". The distance of an unknown object cannot  
>be determined by a single observer unless there are known  
>reference objects at known distances from it.

As I have said before I could not determine the distance of this  
unknown object and only noted that it was at a very high  
altitude as it took binoculars to see it clearly at all.

>Questionable astronomical assumption #2: Hamilton wrote that  
>these objects could not be planets because only novas have been  
>seen in the daylight sky. He must have meant supernovas  
>(exploding stars) since no known nova (a less catastrophic  
>event) has ever been seen with the naked eye in daylight. The  
>last supernova seen in daylight was Kepler's Star in 1604.  
>(Illingworth)

>Hamilton is wrong about Venus, which can be found in the  
>daylight sky with the naked eye if one knows where to look.

>(Sidgwick) In fact, experienced amateur observers of the planet  
>often prefer to observe it in daylight. (Bishop) The first  
>observation of "critter" occurred June 8 at 11 A.M. when  
>Archie was observing circling birds. He described the object  
>as a "dim daytime star" which was "round and bright white"  
>and "stationary" when viewed in 7 and 10 power binoculars.  
>Many subsequent observations were also made with  
>binoculars.

I checked out this object reported to me by a security guard because I was skeptical of his repeated sightings. I entertained the idea initially that he could be observing Venus in the daytime sky though Venus is almost impossible to see in hazy California skies. I ruled out Venus as soon as I saw it move. However, I cannot say that all observations reported by Archie ruled out Venus.

>Questionable astronomical assumption #3: Hamilton reasoned that  
>since Venus was seen rising in the early morning hours before  
>the Sun (that is, west of the Sun), it could not have been the  
>UFOs seen later. But since Venus and the Sun move together  
>across the sky as the Earth turns, it would still be west of the  
>sun. All four positions given by Hamilton (see Table) for  
>observations of ufos place them west of the sun!

Since this was a repeater and came into view almost, but not every day and stay for 1 to 2 hours then move out I was able to make further observations to help rule out astronomical and aeronautical sources.

Venus and the sun may move together and cover 1 degree of arc in 4 minutes, but this object did not share that motion but appeared to be fixed with respect to the earth. In fact, we videotaped it for a duration of 2 hours and it should have moved 30 minutes of arc westward and yet it was still directly overhead. When it moved it would either

- 1) appear to vanish instantly or
- 2) move slowly and appear to be tumbling as the surface reflections would alter to give that appearance
- 3) move at such blinding speed that in 1 second it had reached the far end of the western sky and appear to be only about 10-15 degrees above the horizon.
- 4) move slowly eastward, then reverse its path of travel 180-degrees and move westward.

These additional observations proved to me that I was not observing Venus.

>TABLE - "UFO" observations vs. Venus position (Tellstar)

| >Observer:          | Date/time: | "UFO" Azimuth, | Altitude: | Venus Az. | Alt. |     |  |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----|--|
| >Archie             | 6/8 11:00  | 225 deg        | 30 deg    | 219       | 60   |     |  |
| >Archie             | 7/5 11:45  |                |           | "high"    |      | 244 |  |
| >58                 |            |                |           |           |      |     |  |
| >Hamilton, Pam and  |            |                |           |           |      |     |  |
| > Archie            | 8/14 12:15 | 262            | 80-85     | 250       | 61   |     |  |
| >Hamilton, Mike and |            |                |           |           |      |     |  |
| > Steve             | 8/21 12:05 | 250            | 75        |           | 243  | 65  |  |
| >Hamilton, Drue and |            |                |           |           |      |     |  |
| > Archie            | 8/28 12:11 | 240            | 85        | 240       | 64   |     |  |

>None of the positions given are exactly that of Venus except for  
>the August 8th azimuth, but how accurate are the positions given  
>by the observers? The only sighting given which includes a known  
>astronomical object for comparison is on August 14 when  
>Hamilton, Pam and Archie saw an object one binocular field  
>"west" of the moon, which they said was at "about 80-85 degrees  
>elevation." Consulting an ephemeris one finds that at that time  
>the moon was 65 degrees high, an error of 15-20 degrees. If we  
>give the observers the benefit of the doubt and assume that this  
>is the maximum error that they ever made in their measurements,  
>three of the four reported locations for UFOs and Venus are  
>within this error box.

>On August 14 Venus was 7 degrees east of the Moon, at almost  
>exactly the 6 degree diameter of the 10 X 50 Bushnell binoculars

>that they used (Sky & Telescope). If one assumes that the  
>observer confused the object's direction as "east" instead of  
>"west", Venus could have been in the field of view.

>In three out of four cases, elevations given for the UFOs are  
>greater than Venus, as was the Moon's for August 14 (80-85  
>degrees instead of its actual height, 61 degrees). Experienced  
>astronomical observers know that this is a common error. Most  
>people report any object over 45 degrees (half-way up) to be  
>"overhead".

>Multiple pictures were taken by the Antelope Valley observers,  
>but no examples were published. Pictures of Venus in a daylight  
>sky are not difficult (Schaeffer), and therefore do not prove  
>that the objects were extraordinary. The claim is made that  
>multiple photographs would for some reason be harder to explain  
>than single pictures for nearly motionless objects visible for  
>over an hour, but no reasons are given.

I have been unable to photograph Venus in the California desert during daylight hours, but I am willing to attempt this and compare the result with the earlier photos.

By the way did I mention that two or more of these objects were visible at the same viewing time. In fact at the end of our video recording of skydancer, a second skydancer appears and moves eastward within a degree or two of the first object. It also appeared to be tumbling. In magnified video frames, the tumbling object appears to blink on and off (appear and disappear).

>Several examples of "UFO" motion are given. On July 22 Archie is  
>said to have noticed the object begin to move as soon as he  
>raised his binoculars. The UFO later maneuvered like a fly or a  
>bee. I own a pair of 10 power binoculars and use them often for  
>astronomy. I can attest that it is nearly impossible to hold  
>them steady without the use of a tripod. This claim of unusual  
>motion does not prove the objects were extraordinary.

We did mount both videocam and telescopes on tripods at a later time. I braced my binoculars because I am all too aware of the unsteady motion of my hands, but we still saw this object dash out of the field of view or move in wide erratic circles!

>A number of sightings described by some witnesses seem quite  
>different than the "Skydancer" and "critter" UFOs. There is no  
>discussion of how possible aircraft from the nearby Edwards Air  
>Force Base complex were ruled out for these sightings.

We called Edwards AFB to report our sightings and check into experimental aircraft activity, even though something beyond jet propulsion might be in use for the apparent "warp" speed this object could attain, but they could not confirm any experimental aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting, but did show an interest in meeting with us and discussing these sightings further (not investigating because the USAF no longer investigates sightings - right? :))

>The "filtering out" of possible astronomical explanations for  
>day or night UFO sighting reports should be one of the first  
>things done by investigators. One should consult a local  
>planetarium; an astronomy club; a library for an ephemeris such  
>as the U.S. Naval Observatory's yearly Nautical Almanac; the  
>monthly magazines Sky & Telescope or Astronomy; a basic  
>observational astronomy reference, such as Bishop or Sidgewick;  
>or one of the many inexpensive computer programs now available.

Drue and I did most of the above. We checked on the computer and astronomy magazine. We also have a local astronomy club. As an amateur I am looking at joining as soon as I get my now damaged telescope replaced. I was using a wide-field Orion refractor.

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## Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 12:12:45 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 22:57:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In August 1978 - Young

>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

>At the risk of beating the WOW event to death, I looked up UFO  
>sightings for the single month of August, 1978. Since the WOW  
>signal came in on the 15th of August, a period of +/- 15 days or  
>so seems like a nice short study.

>I found 51 records in the \*U\* Database for AUG 1978, 20 in north  
>America, 18 in Western Europe, 5 in South America and the rest  
>scattered elsewhere.

<snip>

>One statistical feature of the \*U\* database breaks down  
>sightings by Right Ascension (i.e. which part of the stellar  
>sphere is directly over the meridian at the date/time/location  
>of UFO sightings).

>Listings with imprecise/unknown dates/times are excluded of  
>necessity, so only 38 of the 51 listings were automatically  
>counted - no dimpled ballots!

>Dividing the starry sky into 24 "hours" of Right Ascension (and  
>ignoring declination entirely) one might expect this breakdown  
>to divide out to one or two sightings per each hour of RA.

>Oddly enough, there was a peak of seven (7) sightings with RA of  
>19 hours... (plus/minus 30 minutes RA). The WOW signal came  
>from that same slice of sky, 19hrs, 25 or 28 mins RA.

>The local time of day breakdowns peaked out between 23:00 and  
>2359 hrs. The WOW signal came in at 23:16 hrs EDT in Ohio.

>Nobody should draw statistical conclusions from this, the  
>numbers are far, far too small.

Hello Larry, List:

Remember the movie "Contact"? The signal came from Right  
Ascension 18 hours, Declination 39 minutes. I remember sitting  
in the movie theatre thinking, "18 hours... 18 hours... the  
summer sky!" The star where the ET signal came from in the movie  
was Vega, brightest star in the Summer Sky at the latitude of  
the States, and part of the famous Summer Triangle.

Well, when I was reading your post and the RA of the WOW source,  
I thought about that movie. It occurred to me that Carl Sagan,  
who wrote the book and screenplay, probably had the WOW incident  
in his mind. I checked the recent biography by Keay Davidson,  
Carl Sagan, A Life (Wiley, 1999), but saw nothing about this.

Anywhoo... back to List Topic: While reading your post all of  
this got me thinking about this celestial position. I wondered  
what might account for this seeming correlation you have pointed  
to. Since the Sidereal Time of the two are close, might the date  
be the thing? I'd remembered that the 'scope was a fixed array



which used the motion of the Earth to sweep the sky.

There is a neat SETI site <http://www.bigear.org/about.htm> which includes a sort of memorial to the Krause radio telescope, which was demolished for a golf course. Typical! This site includes this good description:

"The telescope was a "drift field" design: that is, the rotation of the Earth scanned it in "right ascension" or RA across the sky from west to east (so the sky looked like it was moving east to west). The flat tiltable reflector was adjusted to point to a position in the south along the "meridian" line from south to north: that position was the "declination" of the telescope."

It so happens that on that date at about 11:15 local time, the telescope picked up the WOW signal, as you pointed out. This happens to be during the statistical daily peak of UFO reports. On your site your Siderial Histogram present this very well, with a daily peak at from 18 to 23 hours local time, with a peak at 21 hours.

This seems to be a statistical coincidence because this long noted daily peak around midnight is, of course, something that happens year-round, with different sidereal times at midnight, as the seasonal sky changes.

As you noted, this is not too significant a "bump", anyway.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: Toronto List <>  
>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

Larry, List:

In my recent post about the WOW signal, I meant to refer to your Hourly Sightings Histogram, showing a peak of UFO sightings around the midnight hours, not your Sidereal Histogram.

But, now that I mentioned it, why do you think UFO reports cluster around the 18 to 23 hours in Right Ascension. I believe that it is due to the fact that this is in the summer months for the midnight hours.

For evidence is this, I refer to your Days of the Year Histogram, with its modest peak during the summer, which is also probably related to the modest peak for the Sidereal Histogram.

Hey, man: hours of fun riffling through your stuff.

Clear skies,

Bob

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Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 18:21:54 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:10:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Bowden

>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 06:38:43 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2000 09:07:52 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2000 10:36:10 -0800  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>>>Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 17:12:10 -0500  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: More On ABC.com's UFO2000

>><snip>

>>>Suppose for a moment that the aliens are smart enough to have  
>>>more than one purpose in mind for many of their actions.  
>>>Consider ordinary sightings. They have presented themselves in  
>>>such a manner that those who can accept the possibility of their  
>>>reality can readily explore the matter and confirm this reality  
>>>to their own satisfaction. Those who can't, can complain that we  
>>>don't have hard physical evidence, or enough good videos, etc.,  
>>>and so don't have to believe what they are unable to accept due  
>>>to their preexisting belief in scientism, religion,  
>>>anthropocentrism, or similar reason. In walking this tightrope,  
>>>these aliens can get across a lot of information regarding their  
>>>technical and psychic capabilities and their concerns and  
>>>ethics. Their strategy seems to include presenting themselves to  
>>>us in such a manner that the UFO coverup doesn't come unraveled  
>>>before they think we're prepared for that. Hence they seem to  
>>>have kept their frequency of sightings at a level such that the  
>>>degree of belief in UFO reality stays somewhere around 50% --  
>>>much higher and a snowball effect of unraveling the coverup  
>>>prematurely would set in. In so doing, they have had to make  
>>>sure that science as a whole doesn't catch on to their reality,  
>>>and this they can easily do by making sure they don't leave too  
>>>much evidence behind, don't show themselves to too many people  
>>>at once or for too long, utilize advanced technology that  
>>>scientists will think is impossible, and even at times utilize  
>>>this technology and advanced knowledge so as to allow  
>>>single-minded scientists to come to the wrong conclusion if they  
>>>so desire. Examples of the latter include those where the UFO  
>>>poses like an airplane or helicopter though possessing  
>>>impossibly different flight characteristics or navigational  
>>>lights or noise level, etc.; these the skeptics can shrug off as  
>>>airplanes and helicopters, etc., combined with witness  
>>>fallibility, if they wish. Other examples abound where the UFO  
>>>was a point of light in the night sky, but made \*large\* zigzag  
>>>movements, but thereafter remaining motionless, appearing as a  
>>>normal star. These the astronomers who don't know better will  
>>>pass off as stars mistakenly thought to have moved through a  
>>>trick of the eye. With hundreds of thousands of UFO sightings in

>>>the records, the fact that in none of these (none available to  
>>>us to study) did the aliens stick around long enough for the  
>>>news media to converge on it and confirm it publicly is  
>>>consistent with this strategy. If no such strategy were in  
>>>place, sheer statistics would indicate that a small percentage,  
>>>like 0.1% (?), would have stuck around for 24 hours or longer  
>>>and caused the UFO coverup to come unraveled.

>>Jim, John, List:

>>The trouble with all of this is that it is an unfalsifiable  
>>hypothesis, and thus will never be considered as science or as  
>>evidence acceptable to science.

>Dear Bob:

>Its much worse than falsifiable, its downright pathological.

>Here we have a Ph.D, - Deardorff in this case - presenting the  
>theory that the aliens not only hid themselves from the  
>countless millions in Mexico City, but that they went to the  
>trouble to jiggle their UFO so perfectly as to mimic the random  
>hand motions of some person taking the video!

>That has to be the saddest assertion I have ever seen on this  
>List.

>It makes the questions raised by skeptics pale in comparison.

>I am amazed that nobody else throws up a flag. Where are you  
>all?

Hi Larry,

Sorry about the delay in replying, Christmas is a comin' and  
I've got kids want their Barbies.

I would have thrown up the flag long ago had I not recalled an  
account from last year about someone walking around crop circles  
in the UK dressed as Jesus Christ. This person was apparently  
walking around blessing everyone.

My take is, these guys exist, pay them no attention unless they  
can prove their outlandish claims.

Jim's theories are presented as though they were fact. Let's not  
forget they are just theories. Jim can no more prove his  
theories as the guy in the crop circle can prove he really is  
Jesus Christ.

I must admit I've read some of Jim Deardorff's mails with some  
amusement and like yourself I do wonder why no-one has pointed  
out some things.

Perhaps in Jims world we're all inferior and he has some special  
knowledge.

Or perhaps Jim only thinks he has.

Although somehow I don't think he would be ready to to take that  
leap.

Till later,

Dave Bowden

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 14:51:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Velez

>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 02:50:30 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 00:02:44 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

><snip>

>>End of recording. And after it flew off and faded from view so  
>>was the sighting. It was like it came to be photographed and  
>>then split. But that's all pure speculation on my part. ;)

>Hello John:

>Its indeed a shame I wasn't there to see it myself.

>Disappointing as it is, I must rely on the sightings of others  
>just to maintain an interest in this frustrating field.

>No camera shot is the same as seeing something with ones own  
>eyes. If somebody just mailed me those 6 frames with no  
>explanation, I would dismiss them as a blimp or a balloon.

I guess it's a good thing that I included an "explanation" eh!

That is precisely why I don't post images to the List anymore. I got sick and tired of having people debate and dismiss the pictures - out of hand - without ever having looked at, or analysing carefully a single frame of it for themselves. "Armchair" photoanalysts! Unbelievable.

I have developed a 'tendency' myself; I now tend to 'dismiss' the people who dismiss my pictures without ever having studied them as, biased, and intellectually dishonest. The other (and much more deeply insulting) part of it is, the 'implication' in their mindless (and mentally lazy) dismissal is that whoever is submitting the photo evidence is a liar and a cheat.

Back in the days, folks could easily find themselves on the other end of a 'duel with deadly weapons' for thoughtlessly smearing a man's name, character, and reputation that way, folks used to make absolutely sure they were correct before making such remarks. It was literally a 'life or death' situation to accuse somebody of being a liar or a cheat without having having some convincing proof for it. The 'false bravado' displayed by so many today is directly attributable to the safety cushion that is provided by having a computer screen between themselves and the person they are insulting. People will feel free to say things via e-mail that they would never say to a person's face. It's a shameful form of electronically enabled demonstrations of cowardice. (A rose by any other name is still but a rose.)

It may sound brutish and violent, but there's something 'right' and 'psychologically healthy/socially correct' about being able to punch the person (who offers no proof, but calls you a liar in public anyway,) right in their mouth. That's the 'safety

cushion' that the internet cowards hide behind and take full advantage of. In the neighborhood I grew up in if you had something you couldn't say right to a man's face, you kept your mouth shut. Brutish and violent though it may be, it's honest and honorable. There's a lot to be said for that kind of a 'code of ethics.'

I'm glad you're not like some of those others. ;)

>Somewhere I have a really great shot, good resolution and  
>detail, of an object with a somewhat similar (ovoid) shape.

Sorry about the resolution and detail. I'm using the video capture capability that came with my old 8500 powermac, (which is nowhere near as good as a dedicated video capture card) and I get a lot of image degradation and frame dropout whenever I transfer something from tape to hard disc. The original 8mm videotape is much clearer (better resolution) than those JPGs. In this case it's the hardware, not me.

>I was eyewitness for that one, a Goodyear type blimp over a big  
>Stanford football game taken from my former balcony in Menlo  
>Park, CA.

>I waited until the obvious giveaways (flaps, logos etc.) were  
>rotated away from my vantage point and then shot the photo for a  
>lark. It came out nicely!

Ok, what do your blimp pictures have to do with my pix? I don't photograph/videotape blimps. Man has not created a blimp that can move the way the things that I record move.

Damn I'd love to have you standing next to me when one or more of these buggers are buzzing around up there. Darting from one spot to another, hovering, creating triangular formations that then begin to rotate slowly around a common (invisible) central axis point. Some of the manouvers are breathtaking. I was watching a stationary, glowing, white sphere one day (through 7x50 binocs) when quite suddenly, from above the object I was observing, comes a second \_identical\_ object, spins around the one I was watching, twice, (two tight, fast orbits) and then it shoots off at incredible speed. Zipped out of the vicinity at Warp 10, Larry. Know of any "blimps" that can haul-ass like that?

How about three high altitude blimps that can come together and form a perfect triangle and then rotate about a common axis without losing formation? Ever hear of those?

Me neither.

>I suppose Bruce could pick it to pieces in short order, but it  
>would look darn good to a newcomer.

I offered Bruce \_all\_ of my tapes over a year ago. He was too busy 'at the time' to work on any of them. That's cool, he's a busy man. As for fooling "newcomers," -screwing with people's heads via e-mail is tailor made for kids who like to make crank calls and play 'ring and run.' Or, in the case of an adult, a person with no sex life. At 51 I'm not nimble enough to play ring & run. And in case you're wondering, I have a happy, healthy, satisfying sex life. <LOL>

I'm too busy with the 'real thing' to mess with fakes. Or fakers who pretend they know what they're talking about.

Warm regards,

John Velez, witness

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[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@space-lab.net](mailto:jvif@space-lab.net)

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## Calling Jaime Maussan!

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 17:14:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:32:45 -0500  
Subject: Calling Jaime Maussan!

Hi All,

Has anyone (that knows him) contacted Jaime Maussan to ask if he'll join us for a short bit to share what he knows about the Mexico City UFO video case?

If not, can anybody provide me with an e-mail address for him (that will reach him) so that I can invite him/ask him, myself? I just want to know what the story is with the witnesses and details of the Mexican end of the "investigation."

As it stands right now, we don't even know if a co-ordinated investigation was conducted, or by whom. It seems a lot of individuals got their hands into the case, but we haven't heard anything from anybody that sounds as if it represents the results of a concerted or formal investigation.

Unless I missed some posts! ;)

Regards and thanx for the help.

John Velez, asking: "Que esta pasando en Mexico?"

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## Phil Klass - Sleeping?

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 14:54:42 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:34:28 -0500  
Subject: Phil Klass - Sleeping?

Hi there folks-

Wondering if anyone out there has a photo of Klass when he was sleeping during, I believe, a MUFON Symposium?

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>  
(beCAUS you demanded it yet again! UFO Dirtbag of the Month)

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 16:29:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:37:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:44:58 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 12:55:59 -0800  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 06:59:02 -0800  
>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video

>Previously, Jim wrote:

>>I surmise that  
>>where a lot of scientists go astray is in assuming that science  
>>could never advance more than a century or two ahead of our own,  
>>whichever year or century we're in. They can't fathom that  
>>science & technology & other learning could continue advancing  
>>for centuries, hundreds of centuries and thousands of centuries,  
>>for alien civilizations that survive.

>Larry had written:

>>>By far the simplest assumption is that the saucer image  
>>>was superimposed onto a genuine shot panning some tall  
>>>buildings.

>Jim replies:

>>But remember, it would not have been a single saucer image that  
>>the supposed hoaxers would have had to superimpose. It would  
>>have required how many? 20 or 30 or 50 separate images, pasted  
>>in one after the other in the proper combination, every frame or  
>>two, to make the craft appear to be rotating about its vertical  
>>axis while wobbling in a precessing manner at the same time as  
>>it traversed.

>>I don't see the simplicity in that assumption of yours.

>Hello, Jim.

>Here's the odd thing about your position. On the one hand, you  
>give the proposed ETs an incredible benefit of the doubt, not  
>only regarding their very existence, but in regard to how far  
>advanced they are in their technology.

Roger,

If they can get here from there with craft that can withstand  
many hundreds of g's acceleration, and can suddenly vanish from  
sight, they're very, very far advanced over us. Why forget that  
simple fact?

>On the other hand, you  
>seem to ignore present day human technology that would allow for

>the faking of the very image you base your assumptions on!

>I speak of simple, off the shelf non-linear programs like  
>Premier, made by Adobe, or Reel Time, made by Pennacle, or Speed  
>Razor, or Avid, or Media 100, or DPS's Velocity system, just to  
>name a few. ALL of these systems are available for less than  
>\$5,000 and will work on any PC based system with at a minimum of  
>256 megs of RAM and a mere 350MZ processor. These systems ALL  
>allow for sophisticated layering and programming moves of  
>objects to be placed in pre-existing footage. They can layer up  
>to 99 different tracks of video and produce mattes that defy  
>detection, if used properly. And, unlike your assumption, this  
>does NOT have to be done on a frame-by-frame basis. I use  
>Premier all the time in my effects work and the kind of moves  
>necessary in the Mexico footage are simple to program.

But you didn't even mention how one would cause the UFO image to  
precess and also rotate. And evidently you're not permitted to  
use the "paste on lighter" command, since the brightness of the  
panel doesn't seem to darken as the UFO goes behind the building  
top.

If it's so simple, why don't you get hold of a similar city  
scene and fake up a few minute's worth of UFO video with the  
same level of complexity? No one else has yet done it. Show us!  
If you could accomplish it with the same level of realism as in  
the Mexico City video, you'd make quite a splash. Your UFO image  
must precess as well as rotate quickly, and pass behind the top  
of a building having a light-colored panel near the top.

In the meantime, some of us are still waiting for you to come up  
with that truck mirror!

Jim Deardorff

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## Sasovo And The Lost Scientist

From: Paul Stonehill <[rurc@earthlink.net](mailto:rurc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 17:08:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:42:17 -0500  
Subject: Sasovo And The Lost Scientist

Here is an update from the Kosmopoisk Group. To reach them, use this ee-mail address:

[kosmopoisk@kosmopoisk.null.ru](mailto:kosmopoisk@kosmopoisk.null.ru)

(Ask for Vadim Chernobrov, or Mr. Aleksadrov. Mr. Chernobrov is a seasoned, experienced field researcher. More about him in 'The Soviet UFO Files' and my new book - along with Philip Mantle - about UFO research in Russia/CIS).

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Attention! Urgent! Utmost importance!

In addition to the previous announcement:

Kulanin Nikolay Victorovich, year of birth 1949, employee of the Shmidt Joint Institute of the Earth Physics, planned to conduct magnometric research in the Sasovo Crater, and in the Ulyanovsk region. He phoned home on a daily basis, the last time he did so was on Thursday, the 23rd of November. He informed them that he is staying at an inn, in Sasovo. However, when all three city inns/hotels were called, it was determined that he was not registered there.

Should there be no positive information by Friday, December 1, volunteers will depart for Sasovo, and perhaps, Ulyanovsk.

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What is the significance of Sasovo?

Read the following. Philip and I will have more details of this very strange case in our book.

<http://www.science-frontiers.com/sf093/sf093g13.htm>

The story is by no means over...

Paul Stonehill  
Russian Ufology Research Center

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## UFO\*BC Xmas Gift Suggestions

From: David Pengilly - UFO\*BC <[david\\_pengilly@dccnet.com](mailto:david_pengilly@dccnet.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 20:24:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:47:09 -0500  
Subject: UFO\*BC Xmas Gift Suggestions

The following items are linked from our Homepage, under "What's New".

1) UFO\*BC Christmas Gift Suggestions

- [http://www.ufobc.org/BC\\_Store/special2000.htm](http://www.ufobc.org/BC_Store/special2000.htm)
- If you have any of those hard-to-buy-for people on your Xmas list, then we might be able to help. Please view our sale items.
- The new Alien Bookends really set off a UFO book collection.

2) "A Cut Above the Rest"

- [http://www.ufobc.org/BC\\_Abductions/cutabove.htm](http://www.ufobc.org/BC_Abductions/cutabove.htm)
- After a strange experience in a secluded location, a logger suddenly develops artistic and poetic talents.
- Visit "The Outpost" in Squamish to view his work.

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 21:07:42 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:48:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Young

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 19:22:42 -0500

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 19:49:31 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>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: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 02:49:02 -0500

>>>I still think that the number of genuine UFO reports far  
>>>outweighs the number of IFO reports by a long shot!

>>Hi, Michel:

>>Are you saying that most UFO reports represent True UFOs? Do you  
>>have a guess as to what the ratio of UFOs vs potential IFOs in a  
>>large sample of UFO reports might be?

>>Can you offer some suggestions for sorting these out, do you  
>>have a checklist of things which you think can definitely allow  
>>us to ID True UFOs?

>Bob,

>I was simply saying that my sightings were True UFOs. As for  
>someone else's sightings, I don't know. But since I saw True  
>UFOs, why couldn't someone else see True UFOs, right?

Michel:

Yes, there is no reason why someone else couldn't see the that  
sort of things that you did, unless what either of your saw was  
truly unique and a one-time event.

One question that I use when investigating a sighting I picked  
up years ago from reading something by Allen Hynek or Allan  
Hendry, I forget which now. That is the question, What natural  
or man-made object or or phenomenon most closely resembled what  
you saw and list the reasons you thought it was not that type of  
object. When one looks into the reasons that people think that  
something they have seen is unique or unusual, it often turns  
out that they are mistaken about one or more reasons.

I have found that this helps get a handle on what it was that  
was unusual about their experience or sighting. Of course you  
have to be careful that you don't just use this question as a  
broom to sweep everything under the carpet or into the IFO bin.

It would be interesting to see how you would use these two  
questions to consider one of your sightings.

Clear skies,



Bob

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 21:43:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:57:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Mortellaro

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:47:37 -0500

<snip>

>Maybe what I should do is provide a complete listing of my  
>sightings online. That way, the List members would be able to  
>get a better picture of what I was trying to describe in terms  
>of high strangeness.

>Now, if they decide that what I saw was something other than a  
>UFO, flying saucers, whatever....then they would be the ones  
>making a mistake, because their explanations would not fit the  
>things that I saw...

>Then, I think their credibility, just like their common sense,  
>>would go out the window!

Dear Michel, List, Errol,

What an interesting idea. As if this lost list has not had a surfeit of evidence thrust in their respective faces, eyes and other sensory organs, only to be forced by some irresistible force of their paradigmical nature (I invented that word, how do you like it?) to reject and malign not only the list of sightings but the photos and whatever else is thrust in their faces. Intellectus interruptis.

Talk about run on sentences, but it was worth it.

If this sounds like a man who is convinced that no one on this or any other List, with the exception of those who have experienced these phenomena believe you, then you are quite correct, sir.

I've sat here for about three years reading a good deal of the stuff posted, including my own stuff. And you wanna know something? Nothing is revealed. When I was a member of a support group, I was told this was "the" premier place on which to garner some measure of hopeful import, a place where the best of the best congregated in order to debate that which we who have experienced the phenom, debate with ourselves every waking moment of our lives.

The sightings, the experiences, we have nothing better to do than admit to either implication or outright accusations of our insanity; they wish only to expose our stupidity, our utter and complete gullibility. Such guile you have, Michel. What balls I have and so many like me, like you, to believe our own senses, our own memories. How can you be so stupid as to consider that what you've seen is nothing more than swamp gas or bovine defecation, or perhaps the planet what-the-hell-ever?

They swarm like busy bees over honey trying to take it apart. Like some on this list who tune in occasionally to make a

statement of their opinion, which is about as valued by such as us, as a lump on a frog.

So who is maligned in the end? Not us, pal. Only the maligners. Only the whiners. They know who they are. They sit in front of their computer screens thinking of new ways to attempt making an ass out of you and me. Based purely on their own ass-umptions sometimes disguised as erudition and science.

The good guys? Are people who have an open mind. The others? The people who have it shut as tight as... well, allow me the honor of avoiding the metaphor. It ain't nice. And neither am I right now. But I truly believe that this needs to be said.

Please Doctor Errol, Sir... this is not an indictment of you. You, who work tirelessly on this List, only to have to produce a plethora of culpable ignorance in large measure from those who should not be culpably ignorant. And we, only to hope beyond hope that someone will come up with something.

To be truthful, there is a need for skepticism. But there is a much greater need for truth. And sometimes, the truth is a lot harder to investigate than the skeptacists' mouths.

Which is worth your time? Or mine? Which is to say, that sometimes, what is said here, someone's experience, perceived or absolute, is of greater import to investigate. Sometimes, it is more important to take a position and investigate a memory as if it were a truth and go from there.

Ah hell. Who am I kidding?

God bless America and all the ships at sea. Dit dah dit dah dit. Dah dit dah.

Mortellaro

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## [canufo] Declassified Canadian UFO Files

From: **Martin Jasek** <[mjasek@yknet.yk.ca](mailto:mjasek@yknet.yk.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 20:52:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 09:00:52 -0500  
Subject: [canufo] Declassified Canadian UFO Files

Hello group

A few weeks ago I received in the mail a copy of 5 microfilm reels showing declassified Canadian UFO sighting reports, RG(Record Group)-24 and RG-77. I know there are a few on this list that have gone through some (or all?) of these. Any ways, I have them as long as I want since I bought them. \$30 each after shipping and GST. I could use some help. Anybody have the legend what each piece of information designated by a letter stands for on the sighting report forms?

A:  
B:  
C:...

They typically standing for such things as date, location, color, etc. I believe this is the NRC report form. Is the military one used in CIRVIS reports equivalent?

Has anybody come up with some sort of index for these microfilm reels. I am planning to get a bunch of volunteers together and pick out all the Yukon sightings. While we are at it, it may be a good idea for us to jot down a basic index of what is on them. By basic, I mean Date and location.

Martin

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 00:00:57 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 09:02:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Gates

>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 23:06:48 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>It's showtime, Michel! Show us the best, clearest frame of a  
>flying saucer you have. If it looks anything like a flying  
>saucer, I will apologize on this List and send you a bottle of  
>fine wine. If it doesn't, then...

Unless of course it has some vague resemblance to a mirror or  
sorts..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 05:48:19 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 09:40:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Hale

Larry wrote:

>Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 02:22:15 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>Hello Roy: (please have pin ready)

>Thanks for the specific URL, it came right in.  
>I had to do some work unzipping the file  
>capture2b.zip (my browser couldn't do it  
>automatically). WinZip did however.

>I saw one and then two "boxes" dancing around  
>the screen as if the cameraman had shaky hands.  
>At times there were more.

>Unless I'm mistaken, The "boxes" appear to be over-enlarged  
>pixels, i.e. one, two or three night-lights maneuvering with  
>respect to one another (in addition to camera jiggle of course.

>There are no other objects (trees etc.) to put things in  
>perspective, just lights dancing in the blue.

>There isn't much I can add to that.

>Best wishes (now drop the pin please!)

Hi Larry,

Well let's get this ball rolling shall we!

Firstly I should mention that, the footage on my site is compressed down to a small file, hence the shaky over pixel appearance. But if you would like to really look at this case, I am sure that Dave Bowden would not mind sending you a high quality CD of this footage and more.

Chris does have a big library of footage, which does include trees, houses aeroplanes etc., all in the same shot as the UFOs, if that is what you are looking for then this is on tape. This footage if viewed at the high quality standard of the CD which Dave has is remarkable, that is one of the main reasons I am pushing this footage to be debated, it is rare to get high quality UFO video footage, and Chris has managed to get it.

So please do not judge the whole Chris Martin footage from my web site, that footage is only there to let people find out about Chris and his footage. You will not be let down in asking for the CD from Dave, and you will be able to have a better judgement on the whole footage itself.

Thanks Larry for taking the time to write about this case, it's a pity the UK guys aren't so vocal!

Best,

Roy . .

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

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## Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 02:22:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 10:16:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark? - Velez

>Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 15:53:10 +0000  
>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: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>Dave wrote:

>>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:12:06 +0000  
>>From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Misperception Or Too Near The Mark?

>>Good post Roy,

>>The record shows the List was informed of this new footage (I  
>>even wrote privately to some researchers) all was met with the  
>>same 'deadly silence' you mentioned.

>>Curiouser and Curiouser.

>Hi Dave,

>Well I am staggered, it seems now that a case which has  
>excellent footage to back it up, has been thrown into the  
>debating arena and suddenly everything goes quiet?

Hello Roy, Dave, All,

This is 'par for the course' gentlemen. I have viewed one of the clips that you have posted at the website. This is exactly the same kind of "UFO" video that has been coming out of Mexico since 1991. Tom King, Bill Hamilton, John Bro, myself, and several others have been recording daylight objects performing all kinds of wild acrobatics for years. I'm talking about UFOs, not balloons, birds, airplanes, or blimps.

It all gets ignored.

Chris's video is great because it is so close-up. But it's no different from many other recordings that people have been submitting for quite some time. Maybe you're all fired up because the video originates in England. But where have you been on the material that has been coming out of Mexico all this time? Haven't you seen how it is all dismissed as the results of videotaped "Party balloons" or a product of "Adobe Premiere"? Why would you expect Chris's video to receive different treatment?

You're not going to get a big rise out of anybody on this side of the pond I can promise you that. I've seen it time and again. Video has been labelled unsuitable as evidence for anything only because software exists that can reproduce anything that you can imagine. We're caught in a catch 22. The only way that Chris or myself or anybody else can prove that we saw what we claim we saw is to record the event as best we can. Film or video. But the minute you make your report and try to back it up with your film/video it gets dismissed because "anybody can fake it,"... and then, it gets ignored.



Good luck drumming up interest in Europe for Chris's video. Here, it's just another video that could have been faked by anybody with the right software.

And, it doesn't matter if the video is a recording of an actual real time event. Real or not, if can be faked then it must be, and it gets dumped into the circular file! The anti-UFO people have everybody convinced that everybody is lying, that all video or film is fake, and that you cannot trust your own eyes, or your own memory.

"You know where to put the cork!" -- 'Tommy' - The Who

How "psychologically healthy" does that all that sound to you Bunky?

Sorry more folks aren't paying attention. Chris's video is a valuable/excellent document. And yes, you'll probably still be debating Chris's video 17 years from now. ;)

Regards gents,

John Velez, Been dere, done dat!

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@space-lab.net](mailto:jvif@space-lab.net)

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

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## Re: UFO sightings in August 1978 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 01:46:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 10:41:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO sightings in August 1978 - Hatch

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 12:53:40 EST  
>Subject: Re: UFO sightings in August 1978  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 08:42:49 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: Toronto List <>  
>>Subject: UFO sightings in August 1978

>Larry, List:

>In my recent post about the WOW signal, I meant to refer to your  
>Hourly Sightings Histogram, showing a peak of UFO sightings  
>around the midnight hours, not your Sidereal Histogram.

>But, now that I mentioned it, why do you think UFO reports  
>cluster around the 18 to 23 hours in Right Ascension. I believe  
>that it is due to the fact that this is in the summer months for  
>the midnight hours.

>For evidence is this, I refer to your Days of the Year  
>Histogram, with its modest peak during the summer, which is also  
>probably related to the modest peak for the Sidereal Histogram.

>Hey, man: hours of fun riffling through your stuff.

Hi Bob!

The hourly histogram for all data shows a definite buildup during the night hours. The peak appears to be around 2100-2200 hrs ( 9:00 or 10:00 PM ) and no doubt it is a combination of night, plus the fact lots of people haven't gone to bed yet.

Vallee and others have theorized the same peak would shift into the wee hours if somehow normalized to account for potential witnesses in bed asleep! I tend to agree, but have no reliable way to test the theory. Here's the graph for all data online:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/HOURLY.html>

This peak of night sightings, superimposed on the somewhat higher summer sightings counts, must indeed have a big effect on the sidereal distribution.

To test this, I captured three "sidereal" screens and converted them to .gif images. These are:

- a) All data for all months ( AllMonths.gif)
- b) June,July,Aug + Sept only (AllSummer.gif)
- c) All months \_except\_ J+J+A+S ( NoSummer.gif)

These images are clear and reasonably short, roughly 12 to 17 KB each. I will send all three to anybody who wants to look.

Please email me offlist <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)> and ask for the three Sidereal gif files.

Here's what they show:

a) For the hours 0 - 15 RA (right ascension or stellar longitude) sightings counts are from 400 to 508, i.e. middling and surprisingly steady. Then counts build up as follows

Hrs Sightings  
RA Count

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| 17 | 507 |
| 18 | 595 |
| 19 | 683 |
| 20 | 694 |
| 21 | 758 |
| 22 | 624 |
| 23 | 568 |

The link below shows essentially the same screen:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/SIDEREAL.html>

b) For Summer Months only (all dates in June, July, August and September) I get a much different picture. (AllSummer.gif ...ask for attachment)

The curve swoops from a low level in the low hours (RA) smoothly up to a rather grandiose peak at 19 hrs RA... no doubt (but not entirely) due to the superimposition of Summer and late evening sightings as Bob suggests. This curve trails right back down for the "last" hours/RA 21, 22 and 23, but not so low as the "first" hours.

c) For all months except the four Summer months, (Jn Jy Ag Sp excluded ) I get an entirely different picture. (NoSummer.gif ...ask for attachment)

This one surprises me in fact.

All "hours" of RA are pretty much at the same general levels .. except for a pronounced trough of sightings counts between 13 and 20 hrs/RA. This falls into a "pit" of inactivity between 18 and 18 hrs/RA that is about half the counts of the "general" level.

I'm not prepared to speculate what this might imply, if indeed anything. If at all interested, I invite list readers to email for the three .gif files and take a squint at them.

One last note:

I show 6914 listings for the 4 months (JJAS) for 39% of my data, about 1728 cases per month.

I show 10833 cases for the other 8 months, around 61% of data, about 1354 cases per month.

This is no surprise at all. People are up later... outdoors... in the woods, on the highway, out in the countryside more in the Summer.

Seasons are reversed South of the Equator, but the majority of my listings (88%) are in the Northern Hemisphere so these data will predominate.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 02:57:37 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 10:45:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Hatch

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 20:56:28 -0500

>>Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2000 19:39:49 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?

>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot?  
>>>Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 18:28:31 -0500

>>>Actually, 18 is the correct number, but I keep forgetting about  
>>>the one sighting I had at my friend Denise's house.

>>>A small dark grey oval-shaped object travelling across the sky,  
>>>which would flare up 6 or 7 times at intervals of 7 seconds  
>>>before eventually disappearing.

>>>I apologize...

>>Hello Michel:

>>OK, 18 sightings, not an issue.

>>The 18th one at Denise's house sounds an awful lot like the  
>>apparent space-junk re-entry I saw a few years back.

>>Spectacular really, it would flare up and down, different colors  
>>in succession, as if different materials were flaming up in the  
>>atmosphere in sequence.

>>As for the shape, its about impossible to say given it was  
>>hidden in its own surrounding plasma. Any oddly shaped object  
>>seen at great distance will seem to resolve into an oval  
>>shape... or more or less "round" if its far enough away...  
>>finally a pinpoint of light at greatest visible distance.

>>I take it your object did no maneuvers, but simply kept going on  
>>a more or less ballistic curve. If you call this a UFO, then I  
>>have no problem with anyone having seen 10, 20 or more over the  
>>years.

>>For me, the simplest assumption is that it was mundane, as in  
>>manmade or possibly natural. I wouldn't be putting it into a UFO  
>>catalog.

>Larry,

>Why is it that UFO sightings have to be exciting and fantastic?  
>Some of the sightings I've had were the most boring ones  
>compared to the others, but still fell out side of the  
>man-made or natural phenomena bracket.

>We humans have a tendency to complicate things all the time.  
>I'm betting that UFOs are a lot simpler to distinguish from

>everyday things than we tend to believe.

>At least, most of us UFO eyewitnesses know this for a fact.

>Michel

Hello Michel:

I never implied that sightings need be exciting or fantastic. In fact, some of the more fantastic ones raise high doubts in my mind... contactee reports for example.

I merely asked if the flaring ovoid maneuvered or not.

Other than that, its probably better to drop the entire matter.

Good luck:

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:37:32 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 10:48:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 16:29:29 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2000 08:37:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video - Deardorff

>>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 21:44:58 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Mexico City Video  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, Jim wrote:

>>>But remember, it would not have been a single saucer image that  
>>>the supposed hoaxers would have had to superimpose. It would  
>>>have required how many? 20 or 30 or 50 separate images, pasted  
>>>in one after the other in the proper combination, every frame or  
>>>two, to make the craft appear to be rotating about its vertical  
>>>axis while wobbling in a precessing manner at the same time as  
>>>it traversed.

>>>I don't see the simplicity in that assumption of yours.

I replied:

>>Here's the odd thing about your position. On the one hand, you  
>>give the proposed ETs an incredible benefit of the doubt, not  
>>only regarding their very existence, but in regard to how far  
>>advanced they are in their technology.

Jim now writes:

>If they can get here from there with craft that can withstand  
>many hundreds of g's acceleration, and can suddenly vanish from  
>sight, they're very, very far advanced over us. Why forget that  
>simple fact?

Jim,

It's not a fact. You would like it to be a fact. But the truth is you are giving your proposed ETs more slack than you do the human race. While you acknowledge the ETs super advanced technology to justify any problems with the video you, ironically, ignore human based technology that would logically account for the very video you claim proves your point.

Regarding such, I had written:

>>I speak of simple, off the shelf non-linear programs like  
>>Premier, made by Adobe, or Reel Time, made by Pennacle, or Speed  
>>Razor, or Avid, or Media 100, or DPS's Velocity system, just to  
>>name a few. ALL of these systems are available for less than  
>>\$5,000 and will work on any PC based system with at a minimum of  
>>256 megs of RAM and a mere 350MZ processor. These systems ALL  
>>allow for sophisticated layering and programming moves of  
>>objects to be placed in pre-existing footage. They can layer up  
>>to 99 different tracks of video and produce mattes that defy  
>>detection, if used properly. And, unlike your assumption, this  
>>does NOT have to be done on a frame-by-frame basis. I use  
>>Premier all the time in my effects work and the kind of moves

>>necessary in the Mexico footage are simple to program.

Jim replied:

>But you didn't even mention how one would cause the UFO image to  
>precess and also rotate. And evidently you're not permitted to  
>use the "paste on lighter" command, since the brightness of the  
>panel doesn't seem to darken as the UFO goes behind the building  
>top.

Jim, the systems will do all of that and more. And by the way, the "paste on lighter" command is not even a function one would consider using when programming a layered move like the one seen in the video footage. It is obvious that you have done zero research in this matter. But then again, why would you? Bruce has clearly illustrated the problems with the video. You use the same argument that fundamental religious types do in their argument that the earth is only 5000 years old. When presented with the geological record or the fossils of dinosaurs that date back millions of years, their answer is that God, with all His powers, created the Earth with a false geological and fossil record to test those that don't "believe". I have no doubt that you have a bumper sticker that reads,

"The aliens did it. I believe it. And that settles it."

Continuing, Jim wrote:

>If it's so simple, why don't you get hold of a similar city  
>scene and fake up a few minute's worth of UFO video with the  
>same level of complexity? No one else has yet done it. Show us!  
>If you could accomplish it with the same level of realism as in  
>the Mexico City video, you'd make quite a splash. Your UFO image  
>must precess as well as rotate quickly, and pass behind the top  
>of a building having a light-colored panel near the top.

The issue isn't about simplicity, Jim. It's about the make-believe technology of the make-believe aliens that you prefer over the real technology of real humans you give no credit to because it would threaten your position on the issue.

Finally, Jim wrote:

>In the meantime, some of us are still waiting for you to come up  
>with that truck mirror!

I've presented the truck mirror that does the trick for me. Does it do the trick for you? Nothing would, I think, because the aliens could just be faking us out.

Roger

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## Re: [canufo] Declassified Canadian UFO Files -

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>To: canufo <[canufo@egroups.com](mailto:canufo@egroups.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2000 20:52:24 -0700  
>Subject: [canufo] Declassified Canadian UFO Files

>Hello group

>A few weeks ago I received in the mail a copy of 5 microfilm  
>reels showing declassified Canadian UFO sighting reports,  
>RG(Record Group)-24 and RG-77. I know there are a few on this  
>list that have gone through some (or all?)of these. Any ways, I  
>have them as long as I want since I bought them. \$30 each after  
>shipping and GST. I could use some help. Anybody have the legend  
>what each piece of information designated by a letter stands for  
>on the sighting report forms?

>A:  
>B:  
>C:...

>They typically standing for such things as date, location,  
>color, etc. I believe this is the NRC report form. Is the  
>military one used in CIRVIS reports equivalent?

>Has anybody come up with some sort of index for these microfilm  
>reels. I am planning to get a bunch of volunteers together and  
>pick out all the Yukon sightings. While we are at it, it may be  
>a good idea for us to jot down a basic index of what is on them.  
>By basic, I mean Date and location.

Hi Martin,

The A,B,C code designation is from the CFAO 71-6 reporting form.

A means Date and time of sighting [UCT Time]

B Condition of sky [clear, cloudy, hazey etc.]

C I dentification of observer

D Location of observer at the time of sighting

E Identification of other persons present and observing  
UFO

F Description of sighting [shape, colour, altitude,  
movement]

G Duration of observation of UFO[s]

H Other relevent information

You will sometimes see two of the letters together which means  
that information concerning both codes should be included there.

The CFAO 71-6 form is the military form. CFAO means Canadian  
Forces Action Order.

The Canadian National Research Council never investigated UFOs

unless they were determined to be meteors etc. That all they were interested in. After the Royal Canadian Air Force's Air Desk was shut down in Ottawa, Canada [at least publicly it seems] stopped investigating UFOs. NRC took over in January of 1968. Unification of the forces was one of the reasons.

CIRVIS reports were/are made in accordance [in Canada and the United States] with their civil air regulations. FARs in the States and now CARs in Canada.

I mentioned before that I have the CERVIS report and the inherent form on disk and never got an answer from anybody. It's 76 pages long. BTW, a fellow by the name of 'UFO Joe' - Joe Daniels - had a classification set-up for the Micro-Film material, but he dropped out of sight a year or so ago due to family problems. He also had a way of viewing the MFs privately. If anybody knows his address maybe they could contact him. He's in Canada, I think out West somewhere, perhaps Manitoba. Maybe Chris Rutkowski knows him?

Don Ledger

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