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>Subject: Re: Book Search
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 11:13:32 -0600

>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 17:13:24 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>>Subject: Book Search?

>>Does anyone on this List know where I could get a copy of 'Life
>>And Bizarre Crimes Of Spring Heeled Jack', by Peter Haining?

>>I don't have an ISBN No. so it's been a bit of a job tracking it
>>down. Any help would be greatly appreciated and I am willing to
>>pay for a copy.

>>Please contact me on the above address.

>No, but if you find two copies, I'll take one!

I suppose I could start a vicious on-line auction war for my
ex-public library copy which I'd be happy to get rid of!
Seriously, it is very flawed and of little research value. Mike
Dash's article is a far better source.

John Rimmer

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>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 11:15:34 EST
>Subject: To Be or Not To Be
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Natural for a man to think about not being. But for so many
>perceived abductees, its a question raised nearly every day of
>our existence. Especially among those who suffer real physical
>pain, as so many of us do.

<snip>

>Pain. Intractable and too much for anyone to bear. Additive to
>the pain we share, is the issue of abuse. We are abused by
>ordinary people who mean no real harm. They make fun, make
>jokes and generally make us feel terribly uncomfortable. In the
>media, we are treated like nutcases. They make amusing cartoons
>about people who have experienced the abduction phenom.

>Then come the skeptibunkers. Followed by the Fill Classes and
>those who cannot tolerate anything which is outside of their own
>paradigm. You can tell these people from the genuine skeptic.
>They are the angry ones, spewing strength of their own
>convictions whilst vigorously denying ours.

<snip>

What is this all about - heartfelt though it may be? Is it a plea that abductees should never be questioned for fear that it will add to their pains? Is it an attempt to make sceptical researchers feel guilty for daring to challenge some of the claims made by abductees? Is it a general "hands off, we're fragile" warning?

There are many people who are not abductees who suffer terrible pain - I know, I have lived amongst some.

There are many abductees who suffer no pain as a result of their experience - I know, I have talked and laughed with some.

If Jim does not want to deal with the "skeptibunkers" and finds their convictions and alleged anger painful, one wonders why he contributes so much to this list.

John Rimmer

Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk

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Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 19:17:07 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 08:38:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Young

>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 06:37:02 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life
>To: updates@sympatico.ca >>

Roger, List:

The other thing about a red dwarf is that the area in the planetary system which would be conducive to life would be much closer in and much more limited. Of course many of the new planets being found seem to be in strange systems (compared to our own) and some have planets very close to the star.

This is an interesting line of speculation. But, anybody who is able to travel interstellar distances would have the ability to vidoe or observe in day or night. Personally, I think that robots would be a far more likely possibility anyway.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:50:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 08:41:21 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 14:17:50 -0800

>About faking alien autopsies you can't miss:

><http://www.trudang.com/autopsy/autopsy.html>

Serge,

What is the meaning of this post?

I don't get it. This link is one of the main reasons that the AA has been consigned to the trash bin.

And pardon the language but this link is a bunch of BS, pure and simple. You must examine the footage to understand the vast difference between what is depicted at this site and the AA.

The other links are OK but you misspelled autopsy (see below authopsy) so only seven matches show.

<http://www.google.com/search?q=%22Alien+authopsy%22&num=100&hl=en&lr=&safe=off>

>Others might try a pilgrimage to the archives of UFO UpDates:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/>

These archives, while complete are too difficult to navigate for the average surfer.

I still think the most complete synopsis is the following:

<http://hesemann.m-n-d.com/beyondroswell.html>

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Re: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 03:48:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 19:05:46 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences - Velez

>From: [Antonio Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com](mailto:Antonio.Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com)
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:40:49 -0500
>Subject: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Hi Guys,

>Do you know if there have ever been any documented UFOs
>encounters with any kind of military forces in Mexico and/or the
>US? If so, could you tell me when and how important these
>encounters were?

>I am collecting information about these specific UFO/Military
>encounters and I would greatly appreciate your help.

Hi Antonio,

I'm not sure if this qualifies but, in the UFO video compilation "Messengers of the Stars" that was produced by Brit & Lee Elders in the mid 90s, there are a few clips taken in and around Mexico City showing UFOs in conjunction with military activity. In one clip an "object" (UFO) flies right through the middle of a formation of military helicopters. The choppers were overflying the city as a part of a holiday airshow/celebration. Somebody on the ground was taping and caught the the incident on tape.

There's another clip showing a group of about 5 or 6 fighters that are being videotaped by a ground observer. While the cameraman is panning to follow the planes, they pass by a stationary (object/UFO.) One of the planes breaks formation in an attempt to go back and get a closer look at the thing when the UFO suddenly begins to accelerate and leaves the area by going up! (As opposed to flying off in a straight line away from the pursuing plane.)

There is a third clip taken during an event/parade involving the military when the camera person spots an object/UFO hovering overhead (maybe the UFO occupants were checking out the parade!) and he begins to film the odd object in the sky rather than the festive doings on the ground. :)

Get your hands on a copy of this tape and check it out for yourself.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Lawn & Media - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 04:01:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 19:08:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Lawn & Media - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lawn & Media [was: Joseph Smith]
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 10:57:22 -0600

>From: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers :>
>Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2001 8:22 AM
>Subject: Re: Lawn & Media [was: Joseph Smith]

>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 15:54:59 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

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>>John (*I don't 'turn tricks' for nobody) Velez

>>(*) With the exception of 'Strange Days,...Indeed'. I do it out of
>>my love, friendship, and very high personal regard for Errol. I
>>would walk through Hell on my knees if the Wookie asked me to.

Hiya Alfred,

You responded:

>Yeah -- but would ya wear a little Sailor suit while listening
>to him croon a litany of dirty ditties?

Only if I get to burn a big doobie of "Lawn" first! <-(Keeping it
topical) After that, he can recite his ditties in (or into) his
underwear for all I'll care. ;)

*Chris Rutkowski wrote to tell me that if Errol does ask, I should
hold out for golf cart! <LMAO>

Geez, even when you try to say something nice about somebody on
UpDates, you get ridden like a dime store pony. This List is a
tough neighborhood man! :)

Warm regards, and a compulsory mention of something 'UFO'
related to you. "Implants."<-(have to keep it 'topical' or EBK
won't post this!)

John (if I have to wear a sailor suit and look like one of the
Village People, why can't I be the Indian instead,) Velez

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Face on Mars Re-Imaged

From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 19:13:10 -0500
Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged

BREAKING : FACE ON MARS RE-IMAGED

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Electric Warrior : Mars Online February 1, 2001
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/MarsOnline008.htm>

CYDONIA 2001

NASA has released seven new images of the Cydonia region on Mars, including a close-up of the Face.

"This is the area where popular books, magazine articles, tabloids and other news/infotainment media have speculated that some of the hills and mesas were artificially-shaped by extraterrestrial intelligence into forms such as a pyramid, a cone, and, most publicized, a face," says Malin Space Science Systems (MSSS).

Last April NASA released all images of the region that had been taken by the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) until that time. The new set of images, released January 31, includes all images acquired since April 2000.

According to MSSS, continuing public interest in the region prompted them to command the Mars Orbital Camera (MOC) to take a picture whenever the Global Surveyor spacecraft flew over the region. Michael Malin of MSSS designed and developed the MOC for JPL.

The new close-up of the Face captures a large portion of the western side of the famous Martian landform. The eastern side has never been adequately imaged by either MGS or Viking missions, having been either obscured from view or unresolved in deep shadow.

The western side of the Face covers an area where the eye socket should be, if the mile-long mesa was indeed intentionally designed to look like a face.

The 'artificiality hypothesis' put forth by advocates of the Face predicts that more face-like features should appear as higher resolution images capture more detail. Enigmatically, the new image renders features that might be interpreted as an eyeball and pupil.

Another anomaly known as the Cliff was also imaged in the past year. This feature can be described as a strait, wall-like landform, which rises inexplicably in the midst of the ejecta from a nearby crater.

Mars anomaly researchers have asked how it was that the Cliff was not covered by the crater ejecta on impact, speculating that the anomaly may be an artificial structure constructed some time after the crater was formed.

The new image of the Cliff is marred by data loss, but may provide researchers with enough information to resolve their questions.

To help resolve the Martian enigmas, Mars researchers have been clamoring for new, high-resolution images of the Face on Mars and other Cydonia anomalies like the Cliff. They just got them.

IMAGES

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

THE ELECTRIC WARRIOR
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Silicon Valley, CA

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Re: Joseph Smith - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 21:28:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 19:14:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith - Hatch

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 23:37:46 EST
>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 01:21:27 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

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>>This is just my personal opinion of course, but the more a
>>space-alien contactee resembles a religious contactee, the more
>>my BS buzzer sounds!

>Hi Larry,

>My favorite :) out of the whole bunch is when I hear some of the
>"believers" advocating and telling us how the space brothers are
>going to come and save the planet from:

- >a) nuclear war
- >b) nuclear winter
- >c) global warming
- >d) global cooling
- >e) all of the above.

>In other words the grey, bug eyed, pointy ear, "messiah" has
>just shown up to save earth from all of its ills and disasters.
>An even better favorite a few years ago was when one of the
>dudes from the Montauk project was claiming to have remote
>viewed a Grey alien. The Grey preferred to guzzle draino for
>nourishment. Quite a contrast from the Bill Moore TV special
>in which the alleged govt insiders revealed that the Greys like
>strawberry ice cream.....

>>I hope this doesn't offend anyone, but that's probably asking
>>too much.

>Not to worry, my posting has probably just outraged and number
>of people, so they will have promptly forgotten about your
>post...:)

Hello Robert, and thanks for the diversion!

It seems to me that the more outre new-age groups have simply
replaced old traditional religions with fresh new logical
lasagna. The details don't have to make sense. That's for
rationalistic nit-pickers and egg-headed scientists.

If I were an alien "space-brother" I would probably find
something more interesting to do than save humanity from the
ravages of war, human nature and entropy. I would certainly
not seek out some self-styled guru as the sole outlet for my
cosmic revelations. I guess I would just remain silent and enjoy
the show; but heck, that's just me.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 13:19:37 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:13:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001

The Real X-Files - Hot Gossip UK
<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/x-files.html>

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by Georgina Bruni

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One big surprise for me was to learn how several of the scientists have a fascination with UFOs. In fact Dr Illobrand Von Ludwiger (formerly DASA, Germany) is a director of the international UFO group, MUFON. Professor John Allen (Prof. Aerospace Science Cranfield and Kingstone Universities) actually gave a lecture about UFOs a few years ago. Dr Jean-Pierre Petit is another who showed an interest and others who I shall not name because they are still employed in government and private companies. Nick Cook, Aviation Editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, joined Nick Pope and I for lunch and we discussed his excellent TV programme on black projects and UFOs. Marc Pilkington from Fortean Times was also present and none other than Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine (UK), who has published much on this subject in recent issues of the magazine.

For more details of the event and full list of speakers present visit:

www.workshop.cwc.net

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One big surprise for me was to learn how several of the scientists have a fascination with UFOs. In fact Dr Illobrand Von Ludwiger (formerly DASA, Germany) is a director of the international UFO group, MUFON. Professor John Allen (Prof. Aerospace Science Cranfield and Kingstone Universities) actually gave a lecture about UFOs a few years ago. Dr Jean-Pierre Petit is another who showed an interest and others who I shall not name because they are still employed in government and private companies. Nick Cook, Aviation Editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, joined Nick Pope and I for lunch and we discussed his excellent TV programme on black projects and UFOs. Marc Pilkington from Fortean Times was also present and none other than Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine (UK), who has published much on this subject in recent issues of the magazine.

For more details of the event and full list of speakers present visit:

www.workshop.cwc.net

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"You Can't Tell The People". The Definitive Account of the Rendlesham
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Nick Pope's Weird World

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Subject: Nick Pope's Weird World

NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD
Hot Gossip UK

Welcome to the February 2001 round-up of news, views and gossip on UFOs, alien abductions, the paranormal, and much more.

PEER Perspectives

The latest issue (Number Three) of PEER Perspectives is now available, and is a must for anybody involved in working with abductees. It's also highly recommended for serious researchers and those with a more general interest. PEER is the acronym of the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, which was founded by Dr John Mack in 1993. Check out www.peermack.org for details about PEER, and information on the various books, videos, newsletters and other information available. Aside from information about cases, research and other relevant matters, the latest newsletter is offering copies of Alien Discussions (the 684 page hardback containing the complete proceedings of the Abduction Study Conference held at MIT in June 1992) for just forty dollars. This is essential reading for all those with an interest in alien abductions.

Vanishing Twin Syndrome

Still on the subject of alien abduction, so-called Missing Foetus Syndrome is one of the most controversial claims made by abduction researchers. Although I'm aware of cases from other investigators, and from the literature, I haven't come across this in my own work - official or personal. As a timely warning, however, comes new research on a recognised medical condition, Vanishing Twin Syndrome. This occurs when a woman expected to bear twins only gives birth to a single baby. Although rare, such cases are not unheard of, and work is being done by Dr Andreas Busjahn at Humboldt University. The condition is thought to relate to the PPAR gamma gene on chromosome 3, which is concerned with fat metabolism and weight. If twins carry different variants of the gene, one twin can develop at the expense of the other. Twins show up in very early scans, but before long, only one foetus will continue to develop. Researchers believing they have cases of Missing Foetus Syndrome should be careful about making such claims, when a rare but recognised medical phenomenon may have occurred.

Ghosts at the MOD

The January edition of the MOD's house journal Focus contained a fascinating piece about the MOD guard service, which spoke about ghosts in MOD Main Building (as opposed to the spooks). Despite being a modern building, it's built on the site of the old Whitehall Palace, and indeed Henry VIII's wine cellar still survives in the basement. Apparently a number of guards on night patrol have heard footsteps when nobody else was present. I've worked a few night shifts myself, during the Gulf War, and can testify that it can be a little creepy. There were certainly some spooky goings-on recently, concerning the launch party for

Georgina's book *You Can't Tell The People*, which was held in the old Wine Cellar. The full story of all these shenanigans is known to only a few, and certainly raises some interesting issues about handling of the UFO issue. More on this some other time ... maybe.

Public Image

Rumours continue to fly concerning last September's UFO Conference at Leeds, organised by UFO Magazine. Specifically, some comments were made by one of the speakers, who wasn't happy with the arrangements for the gala dinner, where speakers sat on tables with those attendees who had bought tickets. All I can say is that it wasn't me. I enjoy meeting new people, hearing their views and - sometimes - hearing about their experiences. I've become involved in several fascinating new cases this way, and wouldn't miss it for the world. Ufologists should be accessible and accountable to the people who buy their books and attend their lectures. If I'd paid good money and travelled long distances to hear people speak, I'd expect to be able to chat to them at some stage over the course of the conference. And if I'd paid more money for a dinner, I think I'd be a little aggrieved if the speakers were cordoned off on a table of their own. If you see me at a conference and want to chat, please feel free to come up and say hello.

Intruder Alert

Back yet again to the subject of abductions, Volume 2, Number 4 of IF, the bulletin of the Intruders Foundation has also just hit the streets. Founded by Budd Hopkins, this group - like PEER - seeks to help abductees and experiencers come to terms with what's happened to them, and serves to highlight important new research on the subject. It's a fascinating mixture of theory and casework, and again, is highly recommended for anyone interested in the subject. Check out www.intrudersfoundation.org for more details.

More Telepathy

Several people asked where they could get more information about the telepathy experiments that I wrote about in last month's column. Check out Issue 143 (February 2001) of *Fortean Times* or click on their website at www.forteantimes.com for further details.

Flying Saucer Review

While on the subject of websites, I should mention that *Flying Saucer Review* has a new and updated one. Check out www.fsreview.net for the details about FSR, and how to subscribe.

First Contact

As the old NLP rule says, if what you're doing isn't working ... try something else. That's what SETI researchers are doing, as they begin increasingly to wonder whether signals from intelligent extraterrestrials might be carried in laser bursts as opposed to radar signals. A dedicated research effort gets underway early next year when the Optical Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Telescope currently under construction at Harvard University goes fully operational. Good luck and happy hunting!

Nick Pope
February 2001

Nick Pope's four books, *Open Skies*, *Closed Minds*, *The Uninvited*, *Operation Thunder Child* and *Operation Lightning Strike* are available from all good bookshops and from the usual Internet book sites. His British publishers are Simon & Schuster. In America, his first two books are published in hardback by The Overlook Press and in mass-market paperback by Dell Publishing.

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Re: Lawn & Media - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 08:02:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:17:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Lawn & Media - Evans

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 10:57:22 -0600
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Lawn & Media [was: Joseph Smith] - Lehmborg

Previously, Alfred wrote of our host:

>Yeah -- but would ya wear a little Sailor suit while listening
>to him croon a litany of dirty ditties? We're WAY too nice to
>this guy! He's from Canada for God's sake! Canada! Think about
>him beaming his seditious science fiction into the heartland of
>the United States like Ming from the planet Mongo -- a
>ufological death ray of alien apologetics and propaganda! He
>must be stopped -- nipped in the bud! I'm writing Sen. Ashcroft
>an angry letter! America must be kept pure and unpolluted by
>this north of the border flying saucer scourge! Ashcroft'll put
>the brakes on his insidious alien agenda! Be warned!

But - but - but...

Ashcroft is... is one of... _them_.

Notice how he never blinks? Notice the mechanical delivery of
his words, as if they were pre-recorded?

Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Roger (pod) Evans

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Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Evans

From: **Roger Alien Life**
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 08:12:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:20:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Evans

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 19:17:07 EST
>Subject: Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Young
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 06:37:02 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>Seriously, this is very interesting info. It might also explain
>why so many sightings and contacts are at night, as well. It's
>too bad that the lid on Roswell and other possible encounters is
>so tight. If we could examine the dark lenses that supposedly
>cover the eyes of dead ETs, we might be able to measure the
>density of the lens and extrapolate what Red Dwarf system that
>particular ET was originally from.

>Has anyone done any calculations about how much heat a Red Dwarf
>puts out? I know they don't put out much light. However, there
>are life forms at the bottom of the ocean that exist on heat
>thermals only. Wouldn't it be interesting if life forms from
>other worlds developed in this way? If they have little or no
>light, then either their eyesight would be more advanced (hence
>the "cat eye" shape so commonly reported) or perhaps they would
>have also developed their telepathic abilities as an "assist"
>for communication in a dark world.

Bob replied:

>The other thing about a red dwarf is that the area in the
>planetary system which would be conducive to life would be
>much closer in and much more limited. Of course many of
>the new planets being found seem to be in strange systems
>(compared to our own) and some have planets very close to
>the star.

>This is an interesting line of speculation. But, anybody who
>is able to travel interstellar distances would have the ability
>to vidoe or observe in day or night. Personally, I think that
>robots would be a far more likely possibility anyway.

Hi, Bob!

Yes, I have always thought that robotic probes were the most likely candidate for ET visitation to our humble planet. I mean after all, if we can do it, ETs must be able to, also. However, my real interest is in what kind of life would exist in worlds evolving near a Red Dwarf, with its limited heat. Again, does anyone out there have any info on the estimated heat from one of these bad boys?

Roger

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Consumer Mail Panel

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 09:09:00 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:23:02 -0500
Subject: Consumer Mail Panel

Folks,

My wife has for a long time participated in surveys put out by a group called the "Consumer Mail Panel". This means she periodically receives a survey to fill out on some topic or another - often new product oriented - sometimes not.

In any case, this week she rather sheepishly approached me with one of these surveys, and asked I'd mind filling it out - seems this time the instructions at the top said the survey is for "YOUR HUSBAND". Not only that, it was huge as these things go - 18 pages of small print questions with multiple choice answers. At first I balked, but then out of curiosity decided to play with it - doing a page or two a day during breakfast as I had time.

So what's the relevance to this venue? Well, this morning I reached page 6. The question section ending on page six has 216 questions, each to be answered by circling one of six numbers to its right:

- 1 definitely disagree
- 2 generally disagree
- 3 moderately disagree
- 4 moderately agree
- 5 generally agree
- 6 definitely agree

The questions range all over the map, but the following sequence did catch my eye ...

- 217. It is important to me to wear clothes of the latest style.
- 218. Most welfare recipients are lazy cheats.
- 219. I believe in God.
- 220. I believe beings from other planets have visited Earth.
- 221. If a cashier accidentally gives you too much change, I say its OK to keep it.

Etc etc

One has to question the design and motivation behind such questionnaires. 220 might be there for no other reason except to determine if the respondent is a "flake". Or one wonders if such a question was commissioned by a Consumer Mail Panel customer for more significant reasons.

Just a random bone tossed out for your indigestion. Possibly much ado about nothing ...

-Brian C.

PS. Since all question responses are supposedly confidential,
note that I've refrained from providing mine here :-)

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From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:33:21 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 6, Number 5
February 1, 2001
Editor: Joseph Trainor

NEW WEIRD CREATURE SIGHTED IN CALAMA

A new weird creature was sighted in a rural district of Calama, a city in northern Chile that has been the scene of many Chupacabra sightings during the past year. Residents claimed that the new creature killed several dogs in the barrios of La Banda and Villa San Rafael.

"The residents remain fearful of a creature they have described as 'unknown' but left behind clear evidence of its passing."

"First the people heard 'aircraft noises' passing overhead; then they saw 'the appearance of a strange creature measuring 50 centimeters (20 inches) on height, humped and leaden (gray) in color. While looking for traces of the animal, they have found several balls of strange hair, which have been collected for subsequent analysis. Footprints of the creature were found on the ground'" in Villa San Rafael.

"They have also heard screams coming from dogs 'as if they were being killed because they (the screams) are truly terrifying.'"

"They further stated that the predator generates some type of energy that affects human beings and must coincide with the energy it needs to levitate."

In La Banda, "other residents did not conceal their suspicions regarding the large number of dead dogs turning up at that location."

"The other day (Wednesday, January 24, 2--1) they found two dogs slain at night (and their carcasses--S.C.) had disappeared by morning. 'I was surprised to find traces of the animals' having been dragged since there were hairs found on the ground,'" one resident said.

(Editor's Note: This new mysterious predator does not have a name yet, so let me suggest one--Mataperro, which is Spanish for dog killer.)

Not to be outdone, the Chupacabras continued their year-long rampage in the Calama region.

"In recent days, the name of the 'mythic Chupacabras' has been heard more and more. Dozens of paranormal researchers have bought plane tickets to the 'Land of Sun and Copper' (Calama--J.T.) to verify on-site the appearance of strange creatures. and the prints left behind on a small farm in La Banda de Calama."

"Residents of La Banda state that the strange noises have been heard in recent nights, A woman who declined to be identified revealed that 'Last night (Thursday, January 25, 2001) my children were playing in the paddock and they suddenly came running back home, frightened after having heard strange footsteps coming from inside the yard. They asked me to please believe them when they said that something was moving around the place, and refused to go outdoors again.'"

"She said that people often visit the community offering money in exchange for the silence of those residents who have been affected by the Chupacabras."

Hair samples were found at the site where the creatures had attacked, leaving local residents in the grip of fear.. They have formed a group and all of them, in one way or another, have had contact with either the Chupacabras or with unidentified flying objects."

"Sanra, one of the leaders of the group, which includes ten residents of Calama, claims having seen the Chupacabra near the Top Star Bridge 'around midnight or slightly later, but it's hairy and can stand on two legs when it wants to. It goes out alone often, and there could be more than one of them out there.'"

"Furthermore, the rest of her friends have not only seen the Chupacabra, but also UFOs in the vicinity of the local airport."

"'Specifically, four (UFOs) flying in formation, and we know they weren't airplanes because of the speed at which they were seen to fly,'" she added.

Calama ufologist Jaime Ferrer has been collecting Chupacabra and Mataperro hair samples and taking plaster casts of the strange footprints. His investigation is continuing. (See La Estrella del Loa for January 26, 2001, "Mysterious animal leaves prints in La Banda," and La Estrella del Norte for January 27, 2001, "New Chupacabra evidence found." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico y tambien Floria Coluchi para esos articulos de diario.)

MYSTERIOUS SKY BOOM RATTLES HOUSTON, TEXAS

"A loud bang that rattled windows shortly after midnight sent some residents from far east Houston out into the streets looking for a cause that has not yet been found."

"Emergency crews that responded to calls from the neighborhood around the 10200 block of Gloria Drive were unable to find either a cause for the blast or any damage, although residents said the windows rattled and the houses shook."

"Houston Fire Department spokesman Jay Evans said the cause probably was a 'flare,'" from one of the local oil refineries. "But which one could not be determined."

"Evans explained that combustible gases being released to a flare sometimes accumulate and mix with air before they ignite, and then go off with a loud bang."

(See the Houston Chronicle for January 26, 2001, "Mysterious blast rattles neighborhood." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: A UFO Roundup reader contacted us last week, pointing out that the sky boom in Ashtabula, Ohio was followed a week later by an earthquake in Cleveland, 90 miles to the west, that measured 4.7 on the Richter scale. She suggested that the Ashtabula boom may have been a "pre-quake" rather than a departing UFO. Let's keep an eye on Houston during the coming weeks, eh?)

MYSTERIOUS SKY BOOMS HEARD ON CAPE FEAR, NORTH CAROLINA

"Mysterious booming noises that have shaken the Cape Fear coast from time to time returned last week, prompting calls to meteorologists and earthquake specialists from concerned

residents."

"The National Weather Service received several phone calls concerning houses shaking and unexplained loud noises about 11 p.m. Thursday," January 25, 2001. "

"'I thought we were having an earthquake and ran to get my children,' said Sarah McKenzie, who lives in an apartment complex in Wilmington, N.C. (population 65,000)."

"The National Earthquake Information Center in Boulder, Colorado detected no major earth movement in the area, said Richard Anthony, the National Weather Service meteorologist for the Wilmington area."

"The Center received calls stretching from the University of North Carolina's campus a;; the way to Blades County."

"'I have experienced the shakings, and I have heard the noises,' Anthony said, 'They may be traumatic, but no one has a really good explanation for them.'"

"Meteorologists told callers that it might have been the 'Seneca Guns' referring to a folk legend about the mysterious seasonal booms that irregularly rattle the shoreline along the lower Cape Fear."

(Editor's Note: Charles Fort noted a similar phenomenon in India, known as 'the Barisal Guns.')

"The legend dates back to the Nineteenth Century. After finding no explanation for the strange sounds, area residents concocted a myth about the Seneca Indians being edged out of their land by the Europeans' arrival. The sounds were supposedly the Indians returning for revenge with the white man's own weapons."

"Wilmington geologists and others are researching the noises."

"Meanwhile, some area residents are a little shaky."

"'I wish someone would tell me what it is,' Ms. McKenzie said."

Wilmington is on Interstate Highway I-40 approximately 130 miles (208 kilometers) south of Raleigh, the state capital. (See the Winston-Salem, N.C. Journal for January 28, 2001, "Mysterious noise returns.")

(Editor's Comment: Maybe North Carolina's Cape Fear area is in for an earthquake, too. Let's see what happens in a week or so.)

HOVERING UFO CLOSES AIRPORT IN SOUTHERN SIBERIA

"An airport in southern Siberia was shut down for an hour and a half Friday," January 26, 2001 "an unidentified flying object (UFO) was detected hovering above the runway, the (Russian) Interfax news agency reported."

"The crew of an Ilyushin Il-76 cargo plane refused to take off, claiming they saw a luminescent object hovering above the runway of Siberia's Barnaul regional airport., local aviation company director Ivan Komarov was quoted as saying."

"The crew of another cargo plane refusing to use the runway" at Barnaul "for the same reason, landed their jet at another airport, Komarov said."

"The UFO took off and vanished from the airport 90 minutes later, according to the Interfax report."

Barnaul is a mid-sized city in southern Siberia, located 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Novosibirsk and about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) east of Moscow, the capital of Russia. (See the Agence France Presse report for January 27, 2001. Merci beaucoup a l'Ambrovista pour cette nouvelles.)

EIGHT UFOs SIGHTED IN MALAYSIA

"Eight unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were spotted in USJ" near Kuala Lumpur "and in Gopeng, Perak province, Malaysia on Sunday, January 21, 2001."

The nation of Malaysia, in Southeast Asia, has had several UFO flaps during the past few years.

In USJ, near the national capital of Kuala Lumpur, a housewife told the New Straits Times that "she and her son had seen two UFOs--red in color--moving towards Kampung and Rawang at 10 p.m." that Sunday night.

Mrs. Dahlia Bidin "called the New Straits Times at 10:40 p.m. to say she saw six UFOs--orange in color--in the sky over Gopeng."

"'I am seeing them now. So are a lot of other people. It's causing a stir. Please check with the Ipok Airport and tell me what they are,' she said."

"Her husband, Ismail Bidin, who is the honorary secretary for an orphanage in Sungai Itek, Gopeng, said he was among the first to see the UFOs."

"'All of the 38 children there saw the objects, so did their religious teachers and the villagers from neighboring Kampung Pintu Padang.'"

"He said the UFOs appeared to be in formation and then formed a straight line. The objects were seen for about ten minutes before they disappeared."

"A policeman in the Gopeng police station, when contacted about 20 minutes later" by the newspaper, "said he had not received any information about the sightings."

"A spokesman for the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang said no such objects were tracked" on radar. (See the New Straits Times for January 22, 2001, "UFO sightings in USJ and Gopeng." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

LARGE TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN IN DERBYSHIRE DALES

A large triangular UFO was seen in the Derbyshire Dales region of UK last week.

"UFO spotters should start looking at the skies again., following one of the most spectacular sightings in the (Derbyshire) Dales yet."

"Now the little green men are back. At 11:20 p.m. Wednesday (January 17, 2001), 44-year-old Anne Saunders of Matlock saw a spaceship hovering over Crich."

"She said, 'I looked through the bedroom window and saw a massive triangle in the sky. I thought, Good God! I am a sceptic--or at least I was--I thought it was a reflection in my glasses. But it was no reflection.'"

"After further investigation, mom-of-two Mrs. Saunders said she couldn't believe her eyes. The retired local government official and her husband studied the craft for three minutes."

"The triangle was full of pulsating coloured lights with a black centre. It made no noise."

"Then the front-end bit broke away, continued Mrs. Saunders, and flew across the sky at tremendous speed towards the Masson Hillside. When it stopped, there was no definition. It was just a random shape of pulsating lights clustering together."

"'I was absolutely gobsmacked (astounded--J.T.) I was looking from one to the other and thinking I must be dreaming. It was massive. This has entirely convinced me to be a (UFO) believer.'"

Mrs. Saunders is no going to bed at night with binoculars and a camera--just in case."

For more on the recent UFO sightings in Derbyshire Dales, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 52 for December 28, 2000, "UFOs seen repeatedly in Derbyshire Dales, UK," page 3. (Mrs. Saunders's sighting can be found in the Matlock Mercury for January 17, 2001. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

FAMILY OF SIX SEES A FIERY UFO OVER MELBOURNE

On the night of Thursday, January 26, 2001, Wendy Plenaar reports, "while driving home from a restaurant, my husband, myself and our four children saw a blazing light, not exactly fire, in the night sky. It was running very fast and we could only see the flames, not really any (definable) shape of whatever we saw."

"After a few seconds, it seemed to just peter out and die. We were traveling northwards, and the object was moving fast in the opposite direction (south)."

"I think this must have been visible to quite a few other people if they happened to look up at that time," she added. (Many thanks to Wendy Plenaar for this report.)

TWO SPHERICAL UFOs SEEN IN PORTLAND, OREGON

On Thursday, January 11, 2001, at 8:20 p.m., Ernest C. and his daughter were outdoors in Portland, Oregon's largest city, "facing south, looking about straight up" when "we saw two large globes hovering in the sky. The objects were straight up. They were just hovering in the sky. They were large round white globes."

"My friend from work says he saw a reporter on Channel 8 reporting the same thing. He said the report matched up with what my daughter and I saw." (Email Form Report)

BLACK HELICOPTERS SEEN IN ALBERTA AND WYOMING

On Sunday, January 21, 2001, at 2:34 p.m., Steve Volk, who lives in Edmonton, in Canada's Alberta province, said he was downloading some files from the Internet onto his home computer "when a black helicopter flew not more than 100 feet (30 meters) over my house. It then flew a half-circle back and forth within viewing distance. I videotaped the whole thing for 20 minutes. This is precisely what I mean about harassment of Americans living in Canada!"

On Saturday, January 20, 2001, at 10:45 a.m., Charles M. was driving home to his ranch near Powell, Wyoming (population 5,600). He was driving south on Highway 10 midway between Powell and the Montana state line when he heard the sound of a helicopter engine.

"I was driving along, and I looked out the (truck) cab's passenger window (i.e. to the west--J.T.), and I saw a herd of elk browsing at the edge of the woods," he reported, "That's when I heard the chopper's engine roaring. I slowed down to see what was going on. It was a (UH-60) Blackhawk. It was all black with no markings on it. It came in low over the trees, flying south. It spat out two plumes of white smoke. It was like a cropduster, but it was spraying the elk. The chopper flew around just south of me for a minute or two, then swung around to the southeast towards Cody." (Many thanks to Steve Volk and Frank Running Elk for these reports.)

ROUNDUP CORRIGENDA:

Concerning last week's issue, UFO Roundup, volume 6, number 4 for January 25, 2001, we have a couple of corrections to make.

In "Triangular UFO hovers over the Isle of Man": page 3, the correct date of this encounter was Sunday, January 14, 2001 and not Friday, January 19th.

In "Loren Coleman's classic is back in print," page 6, the year of publication of Coleman's Mysterious America by Faber & Faber was 1983, not 1982. Loren also stated "I'm not a professor of biology at the University of Southern Maine, but of the social impact of documentary film."

UFO Roundup regrets the errors.

From the UFO Files...

1942: BINOOMEA, AUSTRALIA'S UNDERGROUND WORLD

The small city of Orange, in the Western Plains of New South Wales, Australia, is best known for its thriving fruit orchards and its reputation as the hometown of Andrew Boyle "Banjo" Peterson, the composer who wrote Waltzing Matilda.

Little do local residents realize it but, about 200 meters (660 feet) below the intersection of Byng and Anson Streets, is a large cavern that may be linked to Binoomea, the legendary underground world of the Aborigines.

According to Australian paranormal researcher Rex Gilroy, Aboriginal people speak of their ancestors "walking under the mountains" of the Great Dividing Range. A vast network of interlocking caverns and tunnels, similar to the Flint Ridge and Mammoth Cave system in the USA's state of Kentucky, stretches hundreds of kilometers from Tamworth, N.S.W. south to Canberra, the national capital.

Chief among these Aboriginal legends is that of Binoomea, a vast underground cavern with cathedral-high ceilings and a large underground lake.

It all sounds a bit like the poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge... "Where Alph the sacred river ran/Through caverns measureless to man/Down to a sunless sea."

Binoomea is said to be inhabited by some very unusual creatures. And these have actually been seen by Australians living on the surface.

In August 1942, several captured Japanese soldiers broke out of the Allied P.O.W. (Prisoner of War--J.T.) camp at Cowra, N.S.W. Allied troops were sent into the Western Plains area to flush them out of hiding. Among these was a squad of Australian Army soldiers led by Sgt. Bert MacCorkindale.

MacCorkindale and his men were driven by truck from Orange to Garra, just west of Molong. They were ordered to search the bush west of the creek, moving towards the hills northwest of Manildra.

Shortly after they crossed the creek, the soldiers discovered a small cave opening. Sgt. MacCorkindale thought the Japanese P.O.W.s might be hiding in there, so he ordered the men to crawl through the opening, one at a time. Soon they found themselves in a cool cavern brimming with stalactites. Certain he had found the prisoners' hideout, the sergeant ordered the men to push on.

Down into the tunnel they went, for perhaps two miles, heading generally southeast towards Orange. The squad noticed that the caverns were getting bigger and bigger the further in they went. Soon they all had their torches (flashlights in the USA--J.T.) out.

Sgt. MacCorkindale was beginning to have his doubts. Surely the Japanese wouldn't have gone this far into the caves. And what were these caves, anyway? He'd never heard of such a system under the Western Plains before.

They sauntered into yet another cavern. The men pointed their torches upward. Their light beams didn't even touch the ceiling. Several gaped in disbelief.

"Push on," the sergeant said, "One more bloody cave, and we'll have a bit of smoke." (take a break in the USA--J.T.)

As they moved into the next cavern, they squad stopped short. One soldier blurted, "Cor! Will ya look at that!?"

The limestone walls were faintly luminous, "studded with glow-worms," one soldier put it, offering enough pallid light to make out stalactites, stalagmites and flowstone deposits.

Suddenly, the squad heard an odd sound.

"What's that?" one asked.

"Sounds like a bloody broken steam pipe," his buddy replied.

The weird hissing grew louder. They heard something solid slowly

scraping along the flat rocky floor. Then a monstrous reptilian head poked up from behind a jumble of fallen boulders. Its tongue flicked between scaly lips. Again it emitted a rattling hiss.

The newcomer was a lizard, similar in form to the goanna lizard found in the Australian Outback, but much, much larger. The creature measured six meters (20 feet) from its blunt snout to the tip of its heavy tail. It was a mottled gray in color, with spiky scale-armored brows over its cold yellow eyes.

The men stared in open-mouthed disbelief. They had all very likely seen the movie King Kong, and now here was a giant reptile that looked as if it had stepped right out of that 1933 film.

The giant lizard lumbered towards them. Yelling in panic, the men leveled their Lee-Enfield rifles and opened fire. The lizard hesitated but only for a few moments. It crawled forward once again, head low, hissing even louder.

"Bren gunner!" the sergeant yelled, in a voice even louder than the giant lizard.

One soldier planted the bipod of the Bren gun (World War Two light machine gun--J.T.) on a flat limestone boulder and took aim. When Sgt. MacCorkindale yelled, "Fire!" the gunner cut loose with a full automatic burst.

Stung by the stream of high-velocity bullets, the giant lizard averted its face, turned as quickly as its size would allow, and lumbered back into the side tunnel, dragging its ponderous tail behind it.

The squad beat a hasty retreat to the surface.

Five years later, "one day in 1947, Warwick Bills, then 16 years of age, was out alone picking mushrooms on a property near Dubbo," a town about 64 kilometers (40 miles) north of Orange, "in central western N.S.W. The location was in hilly country and only five miles (8 kilometers) from the town. There was a 15-acre swampland interspersed with swamp oaks and a nearby creek."

"It was next to this creek that Warwick was standing, about 10 a.m. on this particular morning, when he spotted a large goanna lying in the shade of a large swamp oak 50 feet away. It was 12 feet (3.8 meters) in length and its leathery skin was greyish in colour with lighter and darker patches. It had a large head and big eyes."

"'Its large eyes were looking in my direction. I saw it rise up about two feet on its thick, powerful legs. I left the scene pretty quick,' he told me," author Rex Gilroy in 1983.

Lizards as big as a diesel locomotive--that's just one of the strange secrets of Australia's underground world of Binoomea. (See the books Mysterious Australia by Rex Gilroy, Nexus Publishing, Mapleton, Qlnd., Australia, 1985, pages 43, 119 and 123; Let's Go--Australia, St. Martin's Press, New York, N.Y., 1998, pages 143 and 144; and Discover Australia by 4WD, edited by Ron and Vivo Moon, Hema Maps Ltd., Slacks Creek, Qlnd., 1997, page 116.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO and paranormal news from around the world, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then!

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Re: To Be or Not To Be - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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Subject: Re: To Be or Not To Be - Mortellaro

>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 23:38:46 +0000
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>>Subject: To Be or Not To Be
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>>Natural for a man to think about not being. But for so many
>>perceived abductees, its a question raised nearly every day of
>>our existence. Especially among those who suffer real physical
>>pain, as so many of us do.

><snip>

>>Pain. Intractable and too much for anyone to bear. Additive to
>>the pain we share, is the issue of abuse. We are abused by
>>ordinary people who mean no real harm. They make fun, make
>>jokes and generally make us feel terribly uncomfortable. In the
>>media, we are treated like nutcases. They make amusing cartoons
>>about people who have experienced the abduction phenom.

>>Then come the skeptibunkers. Followed by the Fill Classes and
>>those who cannot tolerate anything which is outside of their own
>>paradigm. You can tell these people from the genuine skeptic.
>>They are the angry ones, spewing strength of their own
>>convictions whilst vigorously denying ours.

><snip>

>What is this all about - heartfelt though it may be? Is it a
>plea that abductees should never be questioned for fear that it
>will add to their pains? Is it an attempt to make sceptical
>researchers feel guilty for daring to challenge some of the
>claims made by abductees? Is is a general "hands off, we're
>fragile" warning?

Nope, none of the above. It is a statement of fact that many
perceived abductees suffer real pain, physical pain. And this
list as well as this subject, is open season (as it should be
for the lack of hard data) on the myriad possibilities which may
account for the phenom. Simple. As I wrote, "All bets are on!"
But you snipped that part.

>There are many people who are not abductees who suffer terrible
>pain - I know, I have lived amongst some.

>There are many abductees who suffer no pain as a result of
their >experience - I know, I have talked and laughed with some.

>If Jim does not want to deal with the "skeptibunkers" and finds
>their convictions and alleged anger painful, one wonders why he
>contributes so much to this list.

I can deal quite well with the skeptibunkers... and the
sketpics. I have a real tough time with some who like to malign,
speak with anger and point to laugh.

Jim, that'd be me, is a tad upset over those who take to anger and flaming of us. Even some of "us" like to point with anger at "us." Which in my view, kinda sucks big time. I read nearly every post here, in spite of the caveat to press "delete" which I support. Every single one. And my memory is long as well. It remembers the jibes, the pokes and the unkind nature of "some" of us to some of us.

So, my little Magonia blossom, what got your angst all standing up in a row? Read the post again. Perhaps you were not it's target.

Sour Puss.

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Re: UFO Pics - Easton

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I'm sure UpDates subscribers will be interested in the appended material.

It's the culmination of some research and discussions on the 'UFO Skeptics' forum, concerning the alleged Nashville 'UFO' photographs. To fully understand the background to what follows, especially the other claims which were made about these photographs, plus where further images can be seen, it's necessary to read recent forum postings under the heading 'Can We Solve This?'.

The UFO Skeptics list is at URL:

<http://debunk.listbot.com>

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To 'UFO Skeptics', dated 31 January, 2001:

I have received the following confirmation from Patrick Thomas, who was present at both opening and closing ceremonies at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games:

"If the pictures you have are not from the LA Olympics I will eat my shoe. The UFO was really suspended from a helicopter with the blades in stealth mode. The lights were coordinated with a set of lights on the center stage. It was like the scene from Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". When the lights on the suspended UFO went off a seven foot + man dressed in an alien costume stood on top of the coliseum, it was really quite classical, funny, but very well done. Regarding the "Rocket Man" - the technology was from the early 70's and was never developed by the US army because they consider the platform unstable for use in the battle field".

This would seem to resolve the origin of our supposed 'Nashville UFO' photographs.

I'm still trying to obtain definitive, corroborative photos that were taken of the 'UFO' during that ceremony.

I'm also satisfied that given the 1984 dating, we have also probably solved the origin of that purported 1987 Hudson Valley 'UFO' photograph on MUFON Connecticut's web site.

Any *factual* reasons why that can't possibly be so, are invited.

As a matter of courtesy, I will highlight recent list discussions and the above conclusion on UFO UpDates, where the query about these photographs originated.

Doubtless someone should tell both Filer and 'Sightings', although others might ask 'why bother?', if it will simply be replaced by other proclaimed 'UFO' evidence and an accompanying 'witness' story which are equally farcical.

However, before these are removed, it should be noted that Filer declares:

"I have observed a UFO at close distance. The colors of the smoke probably a coronal discharge were similar to what I saw. The lights themselves have an unusual depth of color. When you look at a colored light it is normally a white light covered by a lens of red, yellow, green, blue etc. The lights on the craft appear as if the light contain the actual color. There is a vividness of color that is difficult to describe that appears to be in these photos. The fog or plasma is penetrated by the powerful lights shining downward. The lights extend down for an estimated seventy-five feet to one hundred plus feet and seem to stop abruptly. Duplication of this capability is exceptionally difficult to accomplish with any normal lights. I have never seen lights that have these properties except on a UFO, nor have I seen comparable photography. I have over 5000 hours flying time and taken thousands of photographs".

I also noticed an 'expert' opinion from a claimed 'stage technician' that you could never create such a 'real looking' UFO on stage and if this was a hoax, it could definitely only be a small model.

As for Velez's 'pixel problems' claims... what can we say...

Overall, an interesting exercise and it would appear two separate 'UFO' photograph cases have been debunked.
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TCI: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report

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For Immediate Release

New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report

by Mac Tonnies,
The Cydonian Imperative

Malin Space Science Systems has once again provided us with an unannounced collection of Cydonia imagery. Though marred with several telltale black strips indicating loss of spacecraft data, the new images are fascinating and confirm--as well as refute--predictions made by researchers.

The enigmatic feature known as the "Cliff" is one of the most anomalous Cydonian features among the new photographs. The Fort boasts a ruler-straight defile elevated on top of a sort of flat, tapered mesa. This straight feature is either an unprecedented fluke of geology or else the handiwork of intelligence. My earlier piece on the Cliff mentions the mystifying lack of impact ejecta that should have reduced this feature to rubble. Instead, we see a precise feature apparently undamaged by the adjacent meteor collision (the crater of which is not visible in the new MSSS rendering).

Simply, there is no known geomorphological mechanism that could have produced this remarkable feature; the Cliff presents us with a uniquely demanding scientific puzzle.

While the Cliff's defile is actually rather more architectural-looking than I privately suspected, the facial features I postulated in an earlier essay are absent, apparently products of the low-resolution Viking photos of this anomalous formation. Unfortunately, the section of the Cliff containing the hypothesized "mouth" first noted by Daniel Drasin was not successfully returned by the Mars Global Surveyor, and its nature remains unconfirmed.

Regardless of the lack of facial features, the Cliff is among the most provocative images thus returned by the MGS, and constitutes compelling evidence in favor of the Artificiality Hypothesis.

A new close-up image of the Face itself is perhaps the most spectacular image returned. It confirms suspicions aroused by the previous Face image loosed upon the public in the form of the infamous "catbox" in 1998. While only the extreme western portion of the Face has been captured in the new image, the features thought to represent an eye and pupil are clearly visible (though degraded, as expected). Mysterious fine lines along the "headdress" are also visible, as are the "lips" and "teardrop" identified on previous images. The facial resemblance remains striking and consistent with claims of artificiality.

An image of the Face's eastern half, never photographed under ideal conditions, is necessary to accurately assess the Face's bisymmetry. Meanwhile, the available photographs imply artificiality: the Face looks like a massive, windblown

sculpture of a humanoid head, complete with enigmatic ornamentation. Whether this uncanny resemblance is the result of spurious geometry or conscious design remains unconfirmed. The Face's proximity to other anomalies, such as the aforementioned Cliff, increase its chances of representing what has long been suspected: hard evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Other anomalous features photographed include "Mound P" and its attendant hexagonal formation and the "Egyptian" pyramid located on the SW City landmass.

For continued coverage of the 2001 Cydonia images, please refer back to The Cydonian Imperative.

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

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MOD Warns The Americans About UFO Book

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MOD WARNS THE AMERICANS ABOUT UFO BOOK

Georgina Bruni's controversial book entitled 'You Can't Tell The People' published by Sidgwick & Jackson (Macmillan) in November 2000 has caused yet more concern for the Ministry of Defence.

In a series of Written Answers to Questions posed in the last week to the House of Lords by Admiral of the Fleet and former Chief of Defence Staff, The Lord Hill Norton, The Minister of State, Ministry of Defence, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean informed that the Ministry of Defence had alerted the American 3rd Air Force Headquarters at RAF Mildenhall about the book.

Bruni's book claims to expose the truth behind the famous 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident (known as Britain's Roswell) involving members of the United States Air Force at RAF bases in Suffolk leased to the Americans. The title of the book came from a conversation with former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher when she told the author that she must get her facts right concerning UFOs and she couldn't tell the people. Bruni went on to investigate the incident and decided the people should be told the truth.

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) through the US Freedom of Information Act. The memo describes incidents involving UFOs penetrating the area surrounding the NATO bases, which deployed nuclear weapons. Since then the MOD has continued to deny that the incident was of defence interest and that no new information has come to light to change their mind.

To prove that the incident was of extreme defence interest, Bruni produces a mass of factual data including a letter written by Squadron Leader Donald Moreland, the then British liaison officer at the USAF installations, and addressed to the MOD, which is titled 'Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOS)'. She also found official USAF photographs taken the morning after the initial incident which show a British police officer and a USAF officer examining three ground indentations, said to be the landing marks made by one of the UFOs and where high radiation readings were depicted. Bruni also located a firsthand copy of an original tape recording taken during the encounter that involved Lt Colonel Halt and, has testimony from a former NCO who was in charge of the communications at the time. The testimony reveals that the communication lines at the bases were blocked with 'Flash' calls, which were only ever used in dire emergencies. She also has confirmation that the RAF tracked an object on military radar.

Bruni is astonished at the Written Answers concerning Lord Hill Norton's Questions.

When Lord Hill Norton asked whether the Ministry of Defence were aware that personnel from the Suffolk Constabulary were involved, the reply was that knowledge of involvement by the

Suffolk Police is limited to a letter dated 28 July 1999 from the Suffolk Constabulary to Georgina Bruni that is contained in the recent book.

When Lord Hill Norton asked whether, in the light of the new information contained in Georgina Bruni's book, they will now launch an investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident and the response to this incident by the United States Air Force and the Ministry of Defence. The reply came that no additional information has come to light over the last 20 years to call into question the original judgment.

Bruni argues that if the MOD has read the book and are concerned enough to alert the Americans, they must be aware of all the new information, which proves without doubt that the incident is of extreme defence significance.

For a list of the Written Questions and Answers (23 Jan 30 Jan) visit:

<http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk>

'You Can't Tell The People'. The Definitive Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery by Georgina Bruni. Published by Sidgwick & Jackson Available on-line at:

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 1, 2001

** NEW COMPENDIUM OF DOE DECLASSIFICATION DECISIONS
** PUBLIC CONSIDERS GOVERNMENT SECRECY EXCESSIVE
** INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FIXED; SEND MONEY

NEW COMPENDIUM OF DOE DECLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

The Department of Energy has published a new edition of "Restricted Data Declassification Decisions, 1946 to the Present," an exhaustive 140 page record of declassification activity that includes several items concerning atomic energy and nuclear weapons that were declassified over the past year.

"This document should be of interest and utility to historical researchers and individuals who are interested in information security," it states.

It is evident that an enormous amount of detailed information on nuclear science and technology has been declassified over the years. Beyond tabulating these declassification actions, the report itself provides some historical insights. Thus, "[It is a] fact that the DOE made a substantial investment in the past to develop a pure fusion weapon. [However,] the U.S. does not have and is not developing a pure fusion weapon.... No credible design for a pure fusion weapon resulted from the DOE investment."

Some of the newly reported declassifications include:

** "The fact that Neptunium-237 can be used for a nuclear explosive device" (declassified in 1992 but only reported this year).

** "The fact that the mass of plutonium in the Trinity test device and Fat Man was about 13.5 pounds (6 kilograms)" (well known but now "official").

** "The presence of enriched uranium ... in unspecified weapon secondaries" (also well known).

** Detailed information on the "hydronuclear tests" conducted at the Nevada Test Site from 1954-1966, including "the fact that these experiments included equation of state (EOS) and nuclear weapon safety experiments in which high explosives (HE) were used."

DOE notes that the pace of declassification has slowed and it projects that "the reduced frequency of new declassifications will continue in the future."

The January 1, 2001 report, with new declassifications highlighted in red, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/rdd-7.html>

PUBLIC CONSIDERS GOVERNMENT SECRECY EXCESSIVE

The U.S. public has a "strong view that the government classifies too much information," according to an analysis of survey data collected for the Defense Department over the past several years. "Public skepticism towards the magnitude of government secrecy is substantial."

This was one finding of a unique study on "Trends in Public Attitudes Towards Government Security Programs, An Analysis of General Social Survey Data, 1994-1998" performed by the Security Research Center (SRC) of the Defense Security Service.

The SRC analysis identified strong public support for protecting national security information, especially information on technology having military applications, diplomatic initiatives, military operations, domestic counter-terrorism and the intelligence budget. At the same time, it found a consistent majority view that too much information is classified.

This unusual study of public perceptions was undertaken because "our ability to maintain and enhance security programs in part depends upon the public's willingness to endorse appropriate measures to neutralize security risks and upon the importance and priority the electorate gives to safeguarding national security information," the SRC study says. "In theory, it is ultimately the people to whom the government is accountable for its policies."

The analysis also found that the public views espionage as a very serious crime that deserves severe punishment. On the other hand, a clear majority (62.3%) held that an official who leaks sensitive information to the press should not be imprisoned but only reprimanded (19.7%) or fired (42.6%). This view tends to vindicate President Clinton's veto of legislation last year that would have made leaking a felony subject to a jail term.

While the SRC study makes interesting reading, there is something incongruous about the whole effort because actual security policies and public attitudes are so loosely coupled: In practice, it doesn't matter a great deal what the public thinks and there is no effective mechanism for factoring public views into the policy formulation process. The Security Policy Advisory Board was created to provide a "non-governmental," "public interest" view on security policy -- but its members are retired government security officials, including its chairman, Air Force General Larry Welch.

The SRC analysis of public attitudes also lacks any methodological self-criticism, although it seems obvious that public responses would be shaped significantly by the formulation of the questions and of the answers that are presented for selection.

The study was prepared in 1999, based on survey data collected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. It was written by Lynn F. Fischer of the SRC in Monterey, California. Mr. Fischer said that he is still awaiting new survey data from 2000 and anticipates preparation of an updated study of public attitudes towards government security programs later this year.

The SRC study may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/gss98.html>

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FIXED; SEND MONEY

The report of the U.S. Commission on National Security, co-chaired by former senators Warren B. Rudman and Gary Hart, has been described as the most radical proposal for national security reform and institutional re-design since the National Security Act of 1947.

So it is remarkable to discover that its far-reaching proposals do not extend to the U.S. intelligence community.

While some may have thought that efforts to reform U.S. intelligence had stalled or misfired, it turns out that they

were successful all along, according to the Rudman Commission.

"The basic structure of the U.S. intelligence community does not require change," the Commission believes. "The community has implemented many of the recommendations for reform made by other studies."

The only thing required now is "change" of another sort, and a lot of it. The Commission "urges an overall increase in the [national intelligence] budget.... There is no escaping the need for an increase in overall resources for the intelligence community."

Senator Rudman received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal from Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet last month. (SN, 1/11/01)

Among some other surprising conclusions, the Commission found that "the inadequacies of our systems of research and education pose a greater threat to U.S. national security over the next quarter century than any potential conventional war that we might imagine."

This is not a statement that is calculated to please military contractors or their representatives in Congress. On the other hand, the Commission's conception of "education" is about as narrow as it could be. It does not refer to education for freedom and citizenship, but to a kind of vocational training that is needed to service the national security machine.

A copy of the Commission report, entitled "Road Map for National Security: Imperative for Change" and released on January 31, is posted here (as a large 1.6 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/nssg.pdf>

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UFO Thesis

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Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 16:35:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:10:29 -0500
Subject: UFO Thesis

Hi All,

I've made available a list of academic thesis on UFO (and related subject) at:

<http://members.nbci.com/jpoulet/english/thesis.htm>

The list is available in English, French and Norwegian (thanks to Ole Jonny Brenne).

I used an old file from Ed Stewart and a more recent listing from Paolo Toselli to start it up and I completed it with some of my own research. There is 43 thesis listed and I have a few more to add as soon as I can find someone to translate them.

Which brings me to the reason for this post: I'm looking for translators from English (or French) to Italian (the work was started but not completed), Spanish, Portuguese and others.

The work load is minimal - about one hour (maybe two). I'll take care of the web hosting and formating.

If there are interested readers on the List who would like to help in this project, just contact me at:

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Thank you for your time... we now return to our regular...

Bye,

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[cprcanadanews] More 'Ice Rings' (1999 & 1997)

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 15:18:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:13:28 -0500
Subject: [cprcanadanews] More 'Ice Rings' (1999 & 1997)

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MORE "ICE RINGS" (1999 AND 1997) AND OTHER UPDATES

Some additional recently received reports have been added to the report archives on the web site, including three more ice ring formations (for 1999) at Lac Simon and Lac Pelletier in Quebec and Lake Louise in Alberta, and another ice circle (for 1997) at Alouquin Park in Ontario. No photos available unfortunately for the 1999 formations, but several excellent shots of the 1997 ring are now posted along with a detailed diagram and report of this "crescent-like" circle. Thanks to Francine Blake and Michel M. Deschamps for their assistance with these reports. Link:

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

I am also working on updating the rest of the archives from 1996 and earlier, but there is still a fair amount to do so it will take a bit of time. I have also updated the contacts section of the web site with a clickable national map to serve as a visual aid to where our coordinators and field research assistants are located. I will also be adding yearly maps to the report archives showing the distribution / locations of reports for each year.

On another note, I will also soon be posting a notice regarding some upcoming organizational changes with CPR-Canada, as soon as details are worked out. In brief, due to changes being made by Colin Andrews (the "downscaling" of CPRI, with no more international affiliate offices), we will no longer be affiliated with CPRI as of March 1, 2001. We will however continue as we have been, with another name, logo, etc. Details pending.

Paul Anderson

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@mcgonaglenet.freemove.co.uk>
Date: 2 Feb 2001 00:51:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:20:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged

>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800

<snip>

>-----
>IMAGES
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>
>-----

I tried these links, Kurt, but they didn't work.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Liddle

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 18:40:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:22:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Liddle

>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800

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>BREAKING : FACE ON MARS RE-IMAGED

>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

>CYDONIA 2001

>NASA has released seven new images of the Cydonia region on
>Mars, including a close-up of the Face.

><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

It would be nice if you included the URL for the actual NASA or JPL site where the images are posted by them for comparison. :)

Now I have to used these tired fingers more than my fatigue level dictates. If only we could skip real-world work and do this full time <sigh>

Sean Liddle
KAPRA

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Re: Joseph Smith - Deardorff

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 17:10:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:23:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith - Deardorff

>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 21:28:39 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

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>_not_ seek out some self-styled guru as the sole outlet for my
>cosmic revelations. I guess I would just remain silent and enjoy
>the show; but heck, that's just me.

Hey Larry,

Don't worry that the aliens might have been around for the purpose of saving us from ourselves. We know they've been around even long before 1947, and they've been happy to let us wage wars all around the world all that time. It just might be that they think mankind can only learn from our own mistakes.

I don't place much faith in the opposing view one finds, now and then, that the aliens have started all our wars.

Regards,

Jim

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Re: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences - Muñoz

From: Ovnimexico1@aol.com
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 20:26:11 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:30:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences - Muñoz

>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 03:48:27 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences

>>From: [Antonio Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com](mailto:Antonio.Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com)
>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:40:49 -0500
>>Subject: UFOs & Mexico/US Military Experiences
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>Hi Guys,

>>Do you know if there have ever been any documented UFOs
>>encounters with any kind of military forces in Mexico and/or the
>>US? If so, could you tell me when and how important these
>>encounters were?

>>I am collecting information about these specific UFO/Military
>>encounters and I would greatly appreciate your help.

>Hi Antonio,

>I'm not sure if this qualifies but, in the UFO video compilation
>"Messengers of the Stars" that was produced by Brit & Lee Elders
>in the mid 90s, there are a few clips taken in and around
>Mexico City showing UFOs in conjunction with military activity.
>In one clip an "object" (UFO) flies right through the middle of
>a formation of military helicopters. The choppers were
>overflying the city as a part of a holiday airshow/celebration.
>Somebody on the ground was taping and caught the the incident on
>tape.

>There's another clip showing a group of about 5 or 6 fighters
>that are being videotaped by a ground observer. While the
>cameraman is panning to follow the planes, they pass by a
>stationary (object/UFO.) One of the planes breaks formation in
>an attempt to go back and get a closer look at the thing when
>the UFO suddenly begins to accelerate and leaves the area by
>going up! (As opposed to flying off in a straight line away from
>the pursuing plane.)

>There is a third clip taken during an event/parade involving the
>military when the camera person spots an object/UFO hovering
>overhead (maybe the UFO occupants were checking out the parade!)
>and he begins to film the odd object in the sky rather than the
>festive doings on the ground. :)

>Get your hands on a copy of this tape and check it out for
>yourself.

Dear Antonio,

John is right regarding those clips in that video. In fact, Brit
and Lee Elders asked us long ago for permission to publish them
in their videos (actually a trilogy) and reflect what is
happening in Mexico since 1991.

There are more of those clips. They were taken meanwhile the military parades of every September 16th (since 1991 through 1993), were made to celebrate our Independence Day in Mexico. We realized this was happening periodically, but it is far away of a relationship between the visitors and the military in my country.

In fact, everything ceased in 1995, when a fatal accident occurred between several airplanes that crashed after a mid-air collision on the parade of that year. Some people suspect that there was a UFO involved, but there are no documents at all to prove this. Some of the pilots told us what happened up there, but no UFOs were there, as far as I remember.

In Mexico there are just few known cases with this possible interaction between UFOs and the military, even if now there is a fashion where people say happily: "A UFO crashed there..." and so on... Like flies, as you can imagine... There is no such situation here...

There was an incident in Puebla happened on July 29, 1977, when an alleged delta-shaped UFO crashed in the mountains around Puebla City, creating commotion in the area and the military went there and certainly closed the area. Some of the researchers were aviation technician Alfonso Salazar (who wrote a book on this subject), Carlos Guzmán (currently director of CIFEEAC in Mexico, and with a close relationship with MUFON) and maybe Oscar Zapién Jimeno. They were there and something really happened. I cannot tell you if the alleged UFO was confiscated by the USA, as usually is said to happen in these cases around the world, but hundreds of persons actually saw the object falling down across the country that day, even in Mexico City.

I hope this info helps you.

Best wishes and regards.

Daniel Muñoz
Mexico City

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Re: Joseph Smith - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 20:31:37 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:47:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith - Mortellaro

>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 21:28:39 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 23:37:46 EST
>>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 01:21:27 -0800
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

>><snip>

>>>This is just my personal opinion of course, but the more a
>>>space-alien contactee resembles a religious contactee, the more
>>>my BS buzzer sounds!

>>Hi Larry,

>>My favorite :) out of the whole bunch is when I hear some of the
>>"believers" advocating and telling us how the space brothers are
>>going to come and save the planet from:

- >>a) nuclear war
- >>b) nuclear winter
- >>c) global warming
- >>d) global cooling
- >>e) all of the above.

Gentle Men, as opposed to the other variety,

May I enter this conversation with a tidbit of my own?

Thank you.

I am quite fortunate to be one of those who have no memory of "them" telling me that the world is about to come to an end if we don't... as above. I do seem to have changed my views on many issues, some among these are my taste for hunting, new abilities that i never had before, mostly in being able to express myself artistically and in the written word. And of course, I have gotten infinitely more handsome. Some way I look like a young Julio Iglesias. It's a curse.

Howsomever I do know a number of our number who do have such recall. Many if not most with whom I've spoken do not believe the little snots for a nanosecond. Some do. Presumably whether one do or don't depends on how much the little buggers brainwashed the afflicted. Or how much (in my personal view) they let thtem.

There have been some serious discussions within the small circle of crazoids, like myself, whose perception is that we've interacted with greys, insectoids (otherwise known to some of us as lizard turds) and other varieties of... uh... whatever the

hell they are. And the discussions are about whether one should believe what they tell us. The general consensus is that we should not. This from my circle of abductees, real or perceived only. FYI.

>>In other words the grey, bug eyed, pointy ear, "messiah" has
>>just shown up to save earth from all of its ills and
>>disasters. An even better favorite a few years ago was when
>>one of the dudes from the Montauk project was claiming to have
>>remote viewed a Grey alien. The Grey preferred to guzzle
>>draino for nourishment. Quite a contrast from the Bill Moore
>>TV special in which the alleged govt insiders revealed that
>>the Greys like strawberry ice cream.....

>>>I hope this doesn't offend anyone, but that's probably asking
>>>too much.

>>Not to worry, my posting has probably just outraged and number
>>of people, so they will have promptly forgotten about your
>>post...:)

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>cosmic revelations. I guess I would just remain silent and enjoy
>the show; but heck, that's just me.

As above Doctor Wilbur... Larry. Sorry. I keep forgetting. The truth be known, and I am grateful to be able to say this, most of those with whom I've interacted, those who claim to be experiencers, don't believe any of the above. It's just the self styled gurus' and those who claim to channel space brothers what do. We generally don't.

Most of us just try to figure out what the hell has been going on in our lives for too many years. There are a few on the brink.

Those write books. But you know something, Larry, when you write a book, generally speaking, you go into it knowing that you are gonna make maybe nine cents an hour for your trouble. Of course, the crazier the BS, the more you earn. I've often wondered why this is. If you lie like a rug and BS your way thru the book, with all kind and manner of horse hockey, you make lots more money.

I plan to make very little from mine. But then I may compensate by selling lotsa Gripple. The new GODSTUFF Gripple I previously wrote about seems to have incensed only one. At least on-list. I think that's OK. Even if that one's Royalty, how the hell much can a despot drink, anyway? Huh?

Not enough to matter.

James S. Mortellaro, Jr.
President

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 20:34:25 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 03:30:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

>From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

>A Response, Review, and Update Concerning the Kecksburg Incident
>from Stan Gordon

>To Bob Young, Brad Sparks, and all interested parties:

Stan, Bob, et al.,

I never received this post so I've had to retrieve it days after the fact from the UFO UpDates Archives.

This response does not answer my questions satisfactorily. In my posting on Jan 4 I asked for confirmation that news reporters "on the scene that day" in Dec 1965 "confirm the military presence" as was claimed, AND published their stories in December 1965 rather than decades later, as with the 1991 story cited. And I expressed doubt that these reporters saw any object allegedly recovered by the military -- and I was right. See my posting:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/jan/m04-011.shtml>

Apparently, none of the reporters published or broadcast in Dec 1965 any account of an actual U.S. military presence in Kecksburg other than the three admitted Air Force radarmen investigating for Blue Book -- and I don't mean any irrelevant story about a barracks in Greensburg. Greensburg is not Kecksburg. Apparently none of the reporters saw any object recovered either.

And why aren't there any photos of U.S. Army men cordoning off the town roads, bringing in tractor-trailer rigs, views of 25 servicemen purportedly gathered?

It is interesting to note the contrast with Roswell: There were actual first-hand eyewitnesses of recovered physical material (Brazel and Marcel) who were quoted in the media in July 1947 about what they saw and the material or some of it was photographed and published, also in July 1947 (in Gen. Ramey's office press conference). And there were far fewer people at Roswell who could be firsthand witnesses of anything, since the crash site was so incredibly remote and accessible to only a handful of people being situated on an isolated ranch about 30 miles from the nearest town and about 60 miles from Roswell. Whereas in Kecksburg the alleged (apparently nonexistent) crash site was surrounded by townspeople from perhaps a range of a few hundred yards.

None of the stories below present eyewitness accounts of a serious military presence in Kecksburg or an object recovery that was actually published or broadcast in Dec 1965. Their dates of publication are nebulous, suggesting they come from

20-30+ years after the event.

>The following information concerns the December 9, 1965, UFO
>incident near Kecksburg, PA. I hope this will help clarify some
>accounts pertaining to this event, as well as make you aware of
>some of the details that my associates and I have learned from
>those involved.

>At around 4:47 P.M., a brilliant fiery object passed over the
>Pittsburgh area. The object continued on its path into
>Westmoreland County, where it passed over Greensburg and moved
>over Route 30, east of the city. The object soon made a turn to
>the south, passing over the villages of Margurite and Norvelt,
>and continued towards Laurelville. At Laurelville, the object
>again turned, and tracked towards the northeast in the direction
>of Kecksburg. This object, observed by various witnesses,
>dropped into a wooded area outside of Kecksburg. Witnesses
>stated the object appeared to fall slowly, as if it were
>controlled. Shortly after impact, blue smoke rose from the woods
>and dissipated quickly.

This sounds to me like a general northeast trajectory with one
or two erroneous witness reports near Norvelt that mistook the
direction of travel as south, instead of northeast. Witnesses
who were probably having to remember sighting details 20-30
years later.

Is there any reliable contemporary evidence for all this
alleged maneuvering of the light to contradict the triangulation
and photography of the actual meteor fireball, published in
scientific journals, as pointed out by Bob Young?

>Residents were alarmed by the flaming object and the
>accompanying loud boom, which had also been reported in some
>local areas. Phone lines at law enforcement and news agencies
>were jammed. According to eyewitness accounts, the object
>appeared to decelerate several miles before falling.

All of this sounds quite consistent with either a meteor /
meteorite or a satellite / space re-entry -- flaming object,
loud sonic boom, decelerating before falling. But they go black
when slow enough to fall and then they can't be seen, so one
doesn't know where they might have fallen if anything actually
survived to reach the ground. Without reliable contemporary
witness data and especially photos if possible, it's difficult
to pinpoint a fall location, as meteorite hunters will tell you.
Trying to reconstruct trajectories from witness memories 20-30+
years later is very difficult.

>Randy Overly was playing outside that afternoon near the
>community of Norvelt. Overly heard an odd hissing noise, and
>then looked in the distance to observe an object in the sky
>moving slowly in his direction. The object, which was not
>moving any faster than a small aircraft, passed roughly 200
>feet overhead, and continued moving south towards Laurelville.

Hissing noise is a classic meteor fireball phenomenon, called
electrophonics. The witness was apparently a little boy at the
time whose distance estimate cannot be taken seriously when even
adults cannot determine distances to objects overhead without
distance markers (passing in front and behind objects at known
distances). This is basic UFOlogy 101 here.

>Due to it's slow speed, the object was observed in detail,
>passing low overhead, and continuing off in the distance. The
>object was described as somewhat acorn shaped, brownish-grayish
>in color, with a raised area on the back, and a rounded
>protuberance on the front. There were flames of fire emitting
>from the rear which were multicolored. A distinct vapor
>surrounded the object, and a hissing sound was quite apparent as
>it passed overhead. Overly said, "It certainly seemed to be a
>constructed thing. It had smooth edges and smooth lines."

How old was Overly? When was he interviewed and his testimony
published? What was the duration of the sighting, elevation
angles and directions? What time was his sighting? Was anyone
else around to see the same thing? Did Overly actually say he
saw it heading "south" (see earlier paragraph) or has this been
inferred?

>Bill Bulebush was working on a CB radio in his car at his home
>near Mammoth that day. He watched the object move from Norvelt
>towards Laurelville. Bulebush ran to the road to get a better
>look, and watched as the fiery object moved towards a mountain,
>then it seemed to hesitate, made a turn and moved towards
>Kecksburg where it descended.

This is a south trajectory, Norvelt to Laurelville. But if Bulebush was running, then his whole directional perspective among trees and other foreground objects could make a moving object in the sky appear to change course. To get reliable data an onsite investigation would have been required back in 1965 taking sighting azimuths and elevations at the different spots from where Bulebush was located at different points in his sighting.

How old was Bulebush? When was he interviewed and his testimony published? What was the duration of the sighting, elevation angles and directions? What time was his sighting? Was anyone else around to see the same thing?

>Other witnesses near Laurelville also viewed the object moving
>towards the Kecksburg area.

Well, they would because the meteor was heading northeast and off to the north, Kecksburg is to the north or northeast from Laurelville. Witnesses in Laurelville watching the meteor would see it over Kecksburg from their location and they'd have no way to determine its actual distance.

>Bulebush quickly drove to what was
>then Kuhn's Lane (now called Meteor road as a result of this
>local event) to the highest point which overlooked the area
>surrounding the community. Bulebush observed bright blue flashes
>of light emitting from the woods below. He knew these
>particular woods well since he hunted there. It was nearly dark,
>so he grabbed a flashlight and proceeded down to investigate.

>Bulebush was likely the first person to view the large metallic
>acorn shaped object which now rested semi-buried in the ground.

Is he also the only person claiming to have seen the crashed metal "acorn" buried in the ground? When was his story first published?

>Bright blue arching light, akin to a welders torch, emanated
>from the object. Strange markings were also seen on the back of
>the object. Bulebush noticed trees were bent downwards in the
>same direction, apparently caused by the landing of the object.
>He left the area and returned home to tell his family about his
>experience. Bulebush later returned with his young son to the
>area to find the military was now at the scene. His son clearly
>remembers the soldiers with their guns that day in 1965.

Does this sensational story come from both Bulebush and his son, or only the son? When was the story first published with the full details of "acorn" and military presence at the "acorn" crash site?

>As the object passed over Westmoreland County, phone lines at
>WHJB radio in Greensburg, PA, were jammed with calls from area
>residents, many concerned the object was an aircraft on fire.
>Mable Mazza, the office manager at the radio station, stayed
>over to help handle the calls. During the evening she received
>phone calls from military sources, including from the Air Force
>and the Pentagon. Mazza stated, "The military was asking
>directions to the site, and what I knew from the calls about
>it."

When was Mazza's story first published?

>It was after the 6:30pm news broadcast when a woman
>reported to the station that her young son had earlier seen the
>object fall into a nearby wooded area near Kecksburg. The late
>John Murphy, who was the news director at WHJB radio, took this
>report, and contacted Troop A Pennsylvania State Police
>headquarters in Greensburg, PA, providing them with this
>information.

Was this report never published or broadcast in Dec 1965 when it allegedly occurred? Is it decades-old multiple hearsay? The

succeeding paragraphs (below) suggest it's another story told 20-30+ years later, and it's unclear whether "the late" John Murphy told this story while he was alive or whether it comes second - or third-hand from surviving friends or relatives. The documentation is nebulously stated or left unstated.

>Murphy drove to the area and remained there for quite a while
>before Carl Metz, the State Police fire marshall, and another
>investigator arrived with the young boy who saw the object and
>his mother, as well as several others. Metz and the other
>investigator went down into the woods with a yellow geiger
>counter. According to Murphy, they were in the woods about
>sixteen minutes. When they came back up the hill, Metz was
>approached by Murphy about what might have been found; Murphy
>waited until Metz and the other investigator were away from the
>crowd. At this time Murphy asked Metz directly, "Did you find
>anything down there?" According to Murphy, Metz looked puzzled
>and remarked, "I'm not sure." When Murphy pressed Metz again, he
>stated, "You better get your information from the Army."

Without the documentation this proves absolutely nothing, as we're still uninformed as to whether the late John Murphy told his story directly or not, and there's no clue whether this story was published in 1965 or in the 90's when Roswell fever was epidemic. At most, it doesn't even prove a military presence or the existence of a crashed object.

Instead of a big long paragraph of vague origin, undated, and proving nothing, can't we just have a newspaper account in Dec 1965 saying something like:

"KECKSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10 -- Townspeople were startled yesterday by the sight of a fiery object in the sky that appeared to crash in the local woods. Witnesses report that Army troops cordoned off the site and blocked roads. Sheriff XYZ said that his department was cooperating with the military but could not comment further. Witness ABC said he saw a fiery light [etc. etc.]. Witness DEF said troops stopped him as he tried to drive to the apparent crash site [etc. etc.]." Etc. etc.

It's so simple to prove. That's shorter than the long paragraph about Murphy and Metz and unlike the Murphy-Metz story it would prove that something might have happened the way it's now claimed. It's so simple to prove that this really happened and isn't the result of 30 years of sci fi movies and tv series contaminating witness memories so that they confuse State Troopers with Army troops, etc. And the longer this simple proof is dodged and evaded and not directly admitted to exist or denied, the more suspicious I get about the whole thing.

>Murphy viewed this statement to be highly unusual and deduced
>that there was something in the woods of significant military
>value. Metz and the other investigator left the area, but not
>before a uniformed trooper was posted at that location. Murphy,
>uncertain as to what was to occur next, contacted the state
>police barracks in Greensburg and talked with Captain Dussia.
>Dussia suggested Murphy might want to come to the barracks as he
>understood that members of the 662nd Radar Squadron would be
>arriving.

Here the "military presence" in the story turns out to be the admitted three-man Blue Book-authorized USAF radar squadron's investigation (see next).

>As Bob Young pointed out, the only official record of military
>involvement is from the Air Force Project Blue Book report which
>confirms that three Air Force personnel from the 662nd Radar
>Squadron were involved with the search. The actual log entry
>from that report states, "A further call was made to the Oakdale
>radar site in Pennsylvania. A three man team has been
>dispatched to Acme (Kecksburg area) to investigate and pick up
>an object that started a fire." The report also stated that the
>search of the area ended around 2 A.M. and that nothing was
>found.

>John Murphy, the WHJB news director, with the help of other
>radio station personnel, created a radio documentary on this
>local event which was broadcast days after the incident and was
>called "Object in The Woods." On that broadcast, Murphy

>describes what he saw after he left Kecksburg for the first time
>to go to the state police barracks. "When I arrived at the
>State Police Troop A barracks in Greensburg, not only were there
>members of the United States Army there, but I also saw two men
>in Air Force uniform."

The Army troops were in Greensburg not in Kecksburg! This
doesn't prove they ever left these barracks to go to Kecksburg.

>Here we have a first hand account from a newsman who began
>documenting this information as the story was unfolding.

We still don't know the provenance of this "documentation." Was
it a tape of a broadcast made in 1965 or something that was
never broadcast but portions were included in tv shows in the
80's or 90's?

>His
>statement confirms that more than three military personnel were
>investigating the Kecksburg event, and that both the Army and
>Air Force were involved.

This "confirms" nothing more than that Army personnel conferred
with Air Force personnel in Greensburg not in Kecksburg. Did
the Army men go back to base? Were they satisfied the Air Force
had jurisdiction? Were they there on UFO business or happened to
be there on other business? How many Army "members" did Murphy
see, 2 or 3? Did he see trucks, tractor-trailer rigs, etc.
heading out to Kecksburg?

>Many people, publicly and
>confidentially, have described the surprising arrival of
>military personnel and vehicles that they saw around the
>Kecksburg area that day.

Are these stories published only in the 80's or 90's and never
made public in 1965?

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 23:33:29 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 03:33:40 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:50:02 -0800

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 14:17:50 -0800

>>About faking alien autopsies you can't miss:

>><http://www.trudang.com/autopsy/autopsy.html>

>Serge,

>What is the meaning of this post?

>I don't get it. This link is one of the main reasons
>that the AA has been consigned to the trash bin.

Ed,

I don't think many people get the fact that one of the big reasons the AA film was "consigned to the trash bin" as you put it was because of Santilli's story telling, and promises that he made and did not keep, not to mention supplying 1 (ONE) frame of the film for examination by Kodak. When people started pressing Ray bud, suddenly we have Ray claiming that "Volker" owns the film and Volker this and Volker that.

All storys aside, in the long run, Ray ended up doing more damage to the alleged authenticity of the film than anything anybody else did.

>And pardon the language but this link is a bunch of BS,
>pure and simple. You must examine the footage to
>understand the vast difference between what is depicted
>at this site and the AA.

I keep hearing this story about examining the footage to understand all the deep significicance of the film.

I could sit and watch a film such as Schindlers list endlessly, frame by frame, by the hours and days and could come away with the impression that the film was a true, real depiction, of Schindler etc.

The point being is that if the film maker has done the job properly you have trouble differing between actual reality, and a film makers "created" reality.

I also recall that the some of the footage (tent?) was proven to be a hoax by Phil Mantle, even though gulliable lap dog supporters still rant and rave about it.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Young

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 23:42:27 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 03:34:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Young

>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800

<snip>

>IMAGES

><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

Kurt:

When I attempt to go to these sites I get the following message:
You are not authorized to view this page.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Joseph Smith - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:03:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 10:21:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith - Hatch

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 20:31:37 EST
>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 21:28:39 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith

<snip>

>I am quite fortunate to be one of those who have no memory of
>"them" telling me that the world is about to come to an end if
>we don't... as above. I do seem to have changed my views on many
>issues, some among these are my taste for hunting, new abilities
>that i never had before, mostly in being able to express myself
>artistically and in the written word. And of course, I have
>gotten infinitely more handsome. Some way I look like a young
>Julio Iglesias. It's a curse.

>Howsomever I do know a number of our number who do have such
>recall. Many if not most with whom I've spoken do not believe
>the little snots for a nanosecond. Some do. Presumably whether
>one do or don't depends on how much the little buggers
>brainwashed the afflicted. Or how much (in my personal view)
>they let thtem.

<snip>

>>Hello Robert, and thanks for the diversion!

>>It seems to me that the more outre new-age groups have simply
>>replaced old traditional religions with fresh new logical
>>lasagna. The details don't have to make sense. That's for
>>rationalistic nit-pickers and egg-headed scientists.

>>If I were an alien "space-brother" I would probably find
>>something more interesting to do than save humanity from the
>>ravages of war, human nature and entropy. I would certainly
>>not seek out some self-styled guru as the sole outlet for my
>>cosmic revelations. I guess I would just remain silent and enjoy
>>the show; but heck, that's just me.

>As above Doctor Wilbur... Larry. Sorry. I keep forgetting. The
>truth be known, and I am grateful to be able to say this, most
>of those with whom I've interacted, those who claim to be
>experiencers, don't believe any of the above. It's just the self
>styled gurus' and those who claim to channel space brothers what
>do. We generally don't.

<snip>

Hello Jim:

I don't for a moment confuse the abductees/experiencers etc.
with the new-age UFO cultists or their gurus.

These are two entirely separate groups. The first is plagued

with something or other; just what is highly debatable.

The second group (cultists, contactees etc.) would probably welcome some nice contact with their space-brothers, while the first group usually dreads the thought.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 04:26:46 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:24:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

>From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

PART 2

>Many people, publicly and
>confidentially, have described the surprising arrival of
>military personnel and vehicles that they saw around the
>Kecksburg area that day.

Are these stories published only in the 80's or 90's and never
made public in 1965?

Witnesses at various locations around
>the community say they saw marked military cars, jeeps, 6x6
>trucks, personnel carriers, and one or more flat bed
>tractor-trailer trucks. Linda Foschia said she saw a military
>convoy moving along the Greensburg-Mount Pleasant road towards
>Kecksburg on that evening in 1965.

This sounds like a late retrospective from the 80's or 90's.

>The late James Mayes was the 1st Assistant Fire Chief of
>Kecksburg at the time of the incident. I had the opportunity to
>converse with this gentleman many times over the years. Mayes
>was one of the first involved in the search effort that day for
>what was thought to have been a possible downed aircraft. At
>one point, a state trooper drove Mayes and another fireman to
>the top of Kuhn's Lane where they looked down into the woods and
>saw "flashing blue lights." The trooper would not allow them to
>enter further into the woods. The trooper later took the firemen
>back to the Kecksburg Fire Station. When they arrived at the
>fire station, Mayes stated that the military had shown up.
>Mayes stated, "There was quite a few military men at the station
>which they used as a command post." He estimated that there was
>around 25 personnel that he saw along with military vehicles
>that were parked around the back of the two bay truck garage.

When was Mayes' story first made public? Why wasn't this blasted
all over the media in 1965?

>Jim Romansky, not from the Kecksburg area, states that he was a
>member of another fire company which had been called out to
>assist in the search for a possible downed aircraft that day.

Later on you say Romansky "returned to the Kecksburg fire
station" which contradicts what's stated here about not being a
member of that fire company.

>The search teams had been combing the woods when a call came in
>over a walkie-talkie that another team had found the crash site.
>Jim's team hurried over to the location and were puzzled by
>what they saw. Jim stood on a bank about five feet from the
>partially buried off-gold colored acorn-shaped object. Jim, who
>has been a machinist much of his life, said it gave him the

>impression that someone had taken liquid metal and poured it
>into an acorn shaped mold. There were no rivets, seams, wings,
>or fuselage apparent, and the object appeared as one solid piece
>of metal, unlike a conventional aircraft.

>Jim, can only estimate the size of the object since it wasn't
>entirely visible. He said that it was 10 to 12 feet or more in
>length, and about 8 to 10 feet in diameter. He believes that a
>grown man could have easily stood up inside of the device. On
>the rear of the object was a ringed area about 8 to 10 inches
>wide, but less in height. It was on this area that strange
>markings similar to ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were seen.
>Jim has stated, "It looked like someone took a welding rod and
>just welded a bead for the different designs."

>Jim and the other firemen speculated over the object. Two men
>dressed in overcoats appeared on the scene and told the
>searchers that the area was now under quarantine and they had to
>leave. Behind these two men were a group of military personnel.
>Jim said they passed within 5 feet of each other. When he and
>the others returned to the Kecksburg fire station, Jim says it
>was occupied by the military.

Did Romansky see the State Troopers or did he confuse them with
the "military"? When was Romansky's story first made public? Why
wasn't this blasted all over the media in 1965?

>One of many witnesses that has described the military response
>to Kecksburg has been Robert L. Bitner. Bob Young is correct.
>Bitner was not the Kecksburg fire chief in 1965. Bitner had
>gotten his service years mixed up. He later realized that he had
>gone out as chief in 1964. He was an active Kecksburg volunteer
>fireman in 1965. Bitner was truck driver, and after finishing
>up his route, drove into Kecksburg after hearing a news report
>about the fallen object.

>I am sure that we all realize that news reporters are sometimes
>limited to space and can't always give a complete account of an
>event. Bitner did not arrive in the area until late in the
>evening. He located a Kecksburg fire truck parked near an old
>farmhouse with several firemen standing around. They told
>Bitner that something had fallen from the sky into the ravine
>below. Bitner was present later that night (not earlier in the
>evening) when a small group of military vehicles came into that
>area. Among the vehicles was a personnel carrier and a 6x6
>military truck. (Bitner never viewed the flatbed
>tractor-trailer truck which other witnesses said carried the
>object away from the area.) The military proceeded down into the
>wooded hollow. Bitner and the other firemen were not permitted
>to go along. When the military came back up from the woods, the
>firemen were told they could leave, and Bitner went directly
>home.

Why didn't he see the State Troopers too? When was Bitner's
story first made public? Why wasn't this blasted all over the
media in 1965?

>Robert Blystone Jr. walked into Kecksburg that evening. He said
>there was military everywhere- on the street corners, and on the
>roads. At one point he went to an area where he could see down
>to the fire station where he saw military vehicles parked there.
>He said the military were armed with rifles and sidearms.

If only he or someone else among those "hundreds" (see below)
had a camera and took a picture of this scene!

>Larry Snyder and some teenage friends tried to sneak down into
>the woods to see what had reportedly fallen. Snyder said they
>went to two different locations that evening. At each location,
>there was an armed military man who prevented them from entering
>towards the impact site. When Snyder asked what fell, a soldier
>answered saying that a meteor had landed.

When was Snyder's story first made public? Why wasn't this
blasted all over the media in 1965?

>James Mayes and other Kecksburg firemen drove some military
>"brass" on their 1961 four wheel drive pumper towards the impact
>site. They drove through the fields toward the woods near a
>farmhouse that was being rented by the Hays family. When they
>started to descend into a hollow, the military said that this

>was as far as the firemen could go. The fire truck was turned
>back and the military officers proceeded on foot. Mayes
>estimated that there were four or five of the officers that were
>holding onto the running boards and tail board of the pumper
>truck.

>Lillian Hays and her son, John, confirm that military personnel
>and men in suits frequented their rented farmhouse that night in
>1965. The visitors made many phone calls from the house, located
>not far from the impact site in the woods. John overheard a
>conversation and learned that NASA was also on the way to that
>location. Later that evening, he saw a man wearing a NASA
>patch. A NASA representative reportedly interviewed some
>eyewitnesses of the Kecksburg incident at the time.

When were the Hayses' stories first made public? Why wasn't this
blasted all over the media in 1965?

>During the evening, radio and tv stations began breaking news
>that an Unidentified Flying Object had reportedly fallen in the
>Kecksburg area and that the military was arriving.

Prove that any of these news reports demonstrate that anything
more than the 3-man Blue Book-authorized radar squadron team
actually went to Kecksburg. This is the whole point! Here is
where we need to see convincing documentation, not in
30-year-old contaminated recollections of witnesses who didn't
speak up at the time.

>Hundreds of
>people, after hearing the news, rushed to this quiet rural
>community, trying to see what had fallen, as did the news media.

Let's see photos from someone among these "hundreds" of
civilians and reporters showing military roadblocks, cordon,
jeeps, tractor-trailer, APC's, etc. Strange that the news media
can get photos of everything else, including plane crashes, but
didn't think to bring along a camera for a military invasion of
a small town for an unusual aerial crash.

>Brad Sparks asked for the names of reporters who were on the
>scene at Kecksburg that day.

No I asked for the names of reporters on the scene who confirmed
the alleged military presence and published their accounts
when it happened, in Dec 1965. Out of "hundreds" of witnesses
surely there are contemporaneous news reports confirming the US
military (not Blue Book) cordoning off a crash site. Surely they
would have photos of the military cordon given that they had a
whole night of time to get cameras, and had nothing else to do
if they were prevented from getting to the alleged crash scene.

>I don't recall ever saying that
>reporters saw the object being recovered at the site. The
>reporters and the public were prevented from going down into the
>woods and approaching the impact site, which had reportedly been
>cordoned off.

And I didn't say you had said that Stan. The point is that the
reporters not only didn't see a crashed object themselves but
they did not report in Dec 1965 anyone else seeing it either.
How do we really know that the reporters were "prevented" from
reaching the site by a cordon they apparently never reported at
the time it supposedly happened? And how does a "cordon" prove
U.S. military involvement? State Troopers can cordon off a site
too and they reportedly were present -- assuming those reports
were more reliable than those for a US military "presence." I
see slippery equivocation here. When "military" is to be proved
it turns out to be Blue Book's three-man local radar team. When
a "cordon" is cited, the word "military" is dropped off so it
turns out to be State Troopers.

>Most of the crowds of people that evening, including reporters,
>were located on the narrow country road (Meteor Road) that
>bordered the large wooded area where the object reportedly fell,
>and was the best overlook of the area.

Why no photos of the crowd scene? This was a tremendous human
interest story if nothing else. Had anything bigger occurred in
Kecksburg's history for the previous century?

>The object, however,
>apparently fell on the opposite side of the woods. From that
>road location where most of the people were standing, observers
>could not see what was happening on the other side, which was in
>the distance and blocked by woods. According to a number of
>people who were in the other area, we have learned that military
>activity was occurring on a farm lane, in various field
>locations, and down near the woods by the impact location.

>John Murphy, the WHJB radio news director who was the first
>reporter on the scene, confirmed, via radio broadcast, that he
>had seen both members of the Army and Air Force at the state
>police barracks who would take part in the search for the
>object.

Murphy saw a few Army men with a few AF men in Greensburg
and not in Kecksburg cordoning off crash site and roads. The
exact content of the "radio broadcast" isn't even clear given
the next sentences (below) indicating something about multiple
versions of the Murphy radio documentary.

>Murphy took detailed notes during his investigation of
>the Kecksburg incident and produced a radio documentary called
>"Object In The Woods," that had been scheduled to be broadcast
>just days after the event.

Well was it broadcast or not? What date? These are basic
documentation details that when I don't see them I start getting
nervous that someone is trying to pull a fast one over me.

>Prior to the broadcast, Murphy began to receive calls from
>witnesses he had interviewed that no longer wanted their
>statements aired. Murphy included the following statement in his
>radio report: "We received other calls early tonight from some
>other people who had said they had changed their mind now at
>the last minute and did not want the statements they had made
>over this past weekend used on this radio program tonight. One
>person said that they were afraid of the state police, and
>another person said they did not want to get in trouble with the
>Army. We will present a cut and edited version of the radio
>program, "Object In The Woods." We regret that part of this
>program had to be censored and other parts of the program had to
>be cut out entirely."

Was this actually broadcast or not? What date? How does this
prove anyone saw Army troops in Kecksburg?

>Robert Gatty was a reporter for the Greensburg, PA
>Tribune-Review. Gatty wanted to go down into the woods that day
>but was prevented from doing so by the authorities. The December
>10, 1965, headlines of the County edition of the Tribune-Review
>read, "Army Ropes Off Area, Unidentified Flying Object Falls
>Near Kecksburg."

Suddenly we get documentation of author name, date, place,
publication title, which we never given before for all the
preceding stories (see above). And it turns out it's because the
headline is a lie, the body of the newspaper story itself that
is quoted next (below) says nothing about the "Army Ropes Off
Area," only that Army Engineers were "expected" to "arrive" and
not even saying they would "rope off" anything! See below:

>In the story it states, "Tribune Review staff
>writer Robert Gatty reported from the scene that 'no one is
>being allowed near the object.' State police officials there, he
>said, ordered the area roped off to await the expected arrival
>of both U.S. Army Engineers and, possibly, civilian scientists."

So it was only State Police who "roped off" the area. Why no
followup story after the Army supposedly was going to arrive
telling who they were, where they were based, what they found or
refused to say they found, etc.?

Could it be that townspeople read sloppy reporting such as this
at the time, then over the years have mixed up in their memories
the State Police cordon with what was expected to be the
Army's, never realizing that the Army never came? Could someone
have read about the expected "possible" arrival of "civilian
scientists" then imagined hearing that they did perhaps from
someone who made the same assumption?

>Gatty wrote another story on this incident for the City Edition
>of the same paper which appeared also on December 10, 1965.
>Those headlines read, "Resident Tells of Mysterious Encounter,
>Unidentified Flying Object Report Touches Off Probe Near
>Kecksburg." On that same page another story also ran about the
>UFO incident, which read, "Searchers Fail To Find Object."
>Officially nothing was found during the search of the woods.

Whose "search"? Is this an attempt to insinuate that the newspaper confirmed that the Army actually searched the site rather than the Blue Book radar squadron team?

>The
>speculation was that observers had only seen a bright meteor in
>the sky, and nothing had fallen to the ground.

And this proves a "military presence" besides Blue Book's? It's a pity that we don't have a followup story given that we have so many on Dec 10. A followup that tells about the Army Engineers actually arriving and searching and cordoning off and setting up roadblocks and bringing in loads of vehicles, etc. It's just so simple.

>Ernie Hoffman was also a reporter for the Greensburg, PA
>Tribune-Review in 1965. He replaced Robert Gatty in Kecksburg
>that night, so that Gatty could return to the newspaper office
>and work on the story.

Notice the sleight of hand here. There is now nothing about a specific newspaper story of a given title, publication date and quoted contents. We know right away that this is going to be a tale that was for some inexplicable reason never published in, say, the Dec 11, 1965, edition of the Greensburg Tribune-Review. Please note my increasing disappointment at the ever mounting failure to prove the sensational events from 1965 publications or broadcasts. Heck, I'll take 1966 publications if you've got them pr

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Re: Location of Alleged Socorro Landing Site? -

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 05:08:18 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:26:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Location of Alleged Socorro Landing Site? -

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Location of Alleged Socorro Landing Site?
>Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2001 04:10:28 -0000

<snip>

>As Hall believes 'Rendlesham' is 'best evidence ever,
>guaranteed' of ET incursions, why should anyone take his
>comments on that, or any other 'UFO' case seriously?

>Honestly, is he still completely oblivious to the fact that
>Halt's 'starlight scoped UFO' never 'exploded' [duh...] and was
>then later seen again - as documented on the 'Halt tape', "clear
>off to the coast"?

The partial Halt tape has the Before and After of the
"explosion" -- the Red Light Before and the 5 White Lights
After.

Since Halt had to press the Dictaphone recorder to record, how
could he have pressed it quickly enough to record the
"explosion"? If he was maneuvering over terrain obstacles in
the dark at the time he might not have had a chance to record an
after-the-fact comment on the "explosion" but he does have the
aftereffects, the 5 White Lights.

Statistically speaking, the chances that Halt's 16 minutes of
tape would happen to be recording at the time of the
"explosion," one event in about three hours (=180 minutes) of
events, is less than about 1 in 10.

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Re: UFO Pics - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <Steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 05:52:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:28:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Pics - Kaeser

>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 16:12:36 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: UFO Pics

>I'm sure UpDates subscribers will be interested in the appended
>material.

>It's the culmination of some research and discussions on the
>'UFO Skeptics' forum, concerning the alleged Nashville 'UFO'
>photographs. To fully understand the background to what follows,
>especially the other claims which were made about these
>photographs, plus where further images can be seen, it's
>necessary to read recent forum postings under the heading 'Can
>We Solve This?'.
<snip>

It would have been a better article if someone had bothered to locate some actual pictures of the Olympics ceremony for comparison. Of the thousands of people who attended the event, didn't somebody bring a camera..... <g>. Was an effort undertaken to contact the International Olympic Committee for historical photos? How about the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce?

Otherwise, we're left with another anecdotal explanation from someone who vows to "eat my shoe" if the Nashville UFO Pics weren't from the LA Olympics ceremony.

IMO the photos in question were staged at some sort of concert or ceremony (as described), but this could have been a much more definitive statement with just a little more legwork.

Steve

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Re: UFO Pics - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 09:07:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:29:38 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Pics - Evans

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 16:12:36 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: UFO Pics - Easton

Previously, James wrote:

>I have received the following confirmation from Patrick Thomas,
>who was present at both opening and closing ceremonies at the
>1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games:

>"If the pictures you have are not from the LA Olympics I will
>eat my shoe. The UFO was really suspended from a helicopter with
>the blades in stealth mode. The lights were coordinated with a
>set of lights on the center stage. It was like the scene from
>Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". When the
>lights on the suspended UFO went off a seven foot + man dressed
>in an alien costume stood on top of the coliseum, it was really
>quite classical, funny, but very well done. Regarding the
>"Rocket Man" - the technology was from the early 70's and was
>never developed by the US army because they consider the
>platform unstable for use in the battle field".

>This would seem to resolve the origin of our supposed 'Nashville
>UFO' photographs.

Hi, James!

I'd be interested in seeing the video of the event. That would be the easiest way to verify the claim. However, I am a bit suspicious of the term "stealth mode" regarding the helicopter blades. Seems a bit 'sci-fi' to me. I have yet to see any information about a "stealth mode" actually being applied to helicopters' rotors other than in Popular Science articles about the future. Would Mr. Thomas up to eating at least the toe of his shoe about this?

Roger

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Re: UFO Thesis - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 09:21:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:31:28 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Thesis - Friedman

>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 16:35:18 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>
>Subject: UFO Thesis

>I've made available a list of academic thesis on UFO (and
>related subject) at:

><http://members.nbci.com/jpoulet/english/thesis.htm>

>The list is available in English, French and Norwegian (thanks
>to Ole Jonny Brenne).

>I used an old file from Ed Stewart and a more recent listing
>from Paolo Toselli to start it up and I completed it with some
>of my own research. There is 43 thesis listed and I have a few
>more to add as soon as I can find someone to translate them.

>Which brings me to the reason for this post: I'm looking for
>translators from English (or French) to Italian (the work was
>started but not completed), Spanish, Portuguese and others.

>The work load is minimal - about one hour (maybe two). I'll take
>care of the web hosting and formating.

>If there are interested readers on the List who would like to
>help in this project, just contact me at:

>jpoulet@chucara.com

>Thank you for your time... we now return to our regular...

Wouldn't it be possible to make one list giving the title,
author, University, date, and whether the Thesis is an MS or
PhD?

I can't see how to combine the titles and authors and there
doesn't seem to be any info on dates, universities or Degree
level.

I did provide a short list, PhD only, in my 1996 TOP
SECRET/MAJIC, after consulting Dissertations Abstracts.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001 - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 09:17:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:33:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001 - Sandow

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 13:19:37 -0000

>Hal Puthoff from the Institute For Advanced Studies
>spoke about the oil wars of the past becoming the
>water wars of the future.

In case anyone else wondered, this isn't the famous Institute for
Advanced Studies at Princeton University, where the likes of
Einstein worked. It's something in Austin, TX.

No criticism intended of Georgina, her interesting post, or
Puthoff. Just a clarification.

Greg Sandow

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 14:33:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:35:18 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:09:32 -0600
>From: Roger <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 14:43:12 +0000
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 13:29:12 -0600
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2001 14:15:17 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>Previously, Neil wrote:

>>I sat and watched "The Memphis Bell" through again after I wrote
>>you about it. By coincidence the "Bell" was an 8th AAF ship, the
>>film_was_completely shot on 16mm_and_ the air sequences
>>_were_ handheld and shot with just the light available inside
>>the B17. Other than it being colour footage lots of it was
>>similar in handheld technique to the AA. I was also struck later
>>that evening watching "World at War", the other period
>>documentary I mentioned, by a particular sequence. The
>>_historical_ signing of the French surrender documents. Hitler
>>decided to humiliate the French by having the signing take place
>>in the same spot, a railway coach where the German High Command
>>conceded in 1918. This huge historical and propaganda event
>>was filmed by 1 shaky handheld camera looking over and being
>>obstructed by, heads and sholders, appart from Hitler sitting
>>there it's technique was_very_AA. I guess they should have got
>>a US Army Film Unit in to do a proper production job.

>Hi, Neil!

>
>Well, perhaps they should have, at that!

>Obviously, the issue isn't how Hitler's film unit normally
>handled documentation of great events but, rather, how the U.S.
>military would.

Roger,

I should also mention here that within day's these same people
also covered the German Army's propaganda "March into Paris"
with a skill that Mr DeMill would have been proud of.

>Regarding "The Memphis Bell", you are really
>comparing apples to oranges. I have never said that hand held
>documentary footage shot on 16mm did not exist. Obviously, "The
>Memphis Bell" was shot in field conditions, therefore, the
>quality would be dictated by those conditions. I feel that
>because AA was shot in the United States, with all the resources
>available, and because of the importance of the event, greater
>care would have been taken in its documentation and the image
>quality would have been better. As a result, "field conditions"
>would not have been in effect, in my opinion.

You are saying that the conditions in which we are lead to believe the footage was shot were quite "normal" and everyday?.

There wasn't the slightest hint of cold war paranoia about?.

An "unknown", obviously "not USAAF issue" flops out of the sky from who knows where?. I suggest Roger, that getting pretty pictures of the event would be the last thing on the Commanding General's mind at that point, "documenting" yes,ok, so long as it din't interfere with his operations.

>You previously used the A bomb as an example of something that >looked good because they were prepared in advance. The term >"prepared in advance" doesn't have to mean weeks and weeks or >even months, like documentation of the A bomb. It could take as >little as a few hours to properly secure the right equipment and >lighting to document something in 35mm. Even if they had to wait >a day or more, so what? I see nothing that suggests that >conditions seen in AA were insurmountable. On the contrary, >_that_ is the obvious part to me. The conditions in AA that >supposedly led to the general "look" in question were so easy to >avoid or correct that I find it highly suspicious, in light of >other military footage of better quality on topics of lesser >importance. Therefore, to use "The Memphis Bell" or any other >documentary shot in "field conditions" as an example is really >inappropriate.

Far from it Roger, Trinity Site was on highly restricted territory, you could treat it like a "closed" film set. Our cameraman's event we are told, took place out in open publicly accessible land not too many miles from a large town (Socorro NM), how do you handle it without the locals starting bus tours to the site for a looksee. You set up an operation to get it out of there as _speedily_ and as _covertly_ as was possible. These _were_ exactly combat like "field conditions", the "opposition" being in this case the US general population.

>" Even if they had to wait a day or more, so what? "

They weren't out in the middle of White Sands remember, they would not have had the luxury of time, the longer "it" was out there the more chance there was knowledge of "it"'s presence would get out.

Neil.

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Cydonian Imperative: 'Mound P' & 'Egyptian'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 07:34:56 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 16:36:41 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 'Mound P' & 'Egyptian'

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<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

Direct all email to macbot@yahoo.com

Mac Tonnies,

The Cydonian Imperative

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Re: UFO Thesis - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 10:47:30 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 17:50:36 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Thesis - Balaskas

>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 16:35:18 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>
>Subject: UFO Thesis

>Hi All,

>I've made available a list of academic thesis on UFO (and
>related subject) at:

><http://members.nbci.com/jpoulet/english/thesis.htm>

<snip>

This is a wonderful one stop web site Jacques!

I also found your links under 'UFOs in Scientific Literature'
very useful too, especially the 'UFO Papers' link where one can
read or download many important and interesting past articles
about UFOs which were published in a variety of scientific and
popular journals.

Nick Balaskas

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Exciting New Discovery - Horse on Mars!

From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 11:16:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 17:51:45 -0500
Subject: Exciting New Discovery - Horse on Mars!

An exciting new discovery in Cydonia!

"Mr. Head" a lovable cartoon horse has made an appearance on the surface of Mars!

images are located at:

<http://members.tripod.com/~mainorg/jplhorse.html>

Sometimes you just have to have fun.

John E.L. Tenney
<http://www.strangemichigan.com>

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Re: Consumer Mail Panel - Blanton

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 11:49:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 17:53:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Consumer Mail Panel - Blanton

>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 09:09:00 -0600 (CST)
>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:23:02 -0500
>Subject: Consumer Mail Panel

>Folks,

>My wife has for a long time participated in surveys put out by a
>group called the "Consumer Mail Panel". This means she
>periodically receives a survey to fill out on some topic or
>another - often new product oriented - sometimes not.

Gee, Brian,

This sounds more like a psychological profile test than a
consumer survey. Are you sure this isn't from the Consumer
Information Association? (Nudge nudge, wink wink, say no more.)

Terry

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'The Anomalist' Book Awards for 2000

From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 10:02:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:00:01 -0500
Subject: 'The Anomalist' Book Awards for 2000

Mike Hall and I would like to thank Patrick Huyghe of 'The Anomalist' for choosing our book, 'Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer of the Saucers - 1952', as one of the winners for best book of the year for 2000. We are honored and thank you very much.

Michael D. Hall and Wendy A. Connors

[see: <http://www.anomalist.com/books/awards00.html> --ebk]

"Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer of the Saucers - 1952," 8 1/2 x11 304 pages Perfect Bound, can be ordered from:

www.Amazon.com

(ISBN: 0-9705055-0-7 \$27.95 + Shipping)

Or

Arcturus Books
1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd.
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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5 - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 12:07:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:02:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5 - Sanchez-Ocejo

>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 15:00:57 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5

>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

><Masinaigan@aol.com>
>=====

>UFO ROUNDUP
>Volume 6, Number 5
>February 1, 2001
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>NEW WEIRD CREATURE SIGHTED IN CALAMA

Visit our web page:

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

and see the strange hair, tracks and plaster cast photos of the chupacabras in La Banda, Chile.

Very truly,

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>
CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Blanton

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 12:17:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:03:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Blanton

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 23:42:27 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 03:34:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Young

>>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged
>>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800

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>>IMAGES

>><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
>><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

>Kurt:

>When I attempt to go to these sites I get the following
message:
>You are not authorized to view this page.

Go directly to the image source at:

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/index.html

Terry

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KAPRA

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 13:02:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:07:09 -0500
Subject: KAPRA

Hi Everyone,

I thought I better get my butt in gear and start working on the website for KAPRA. I need some general links for both ufology and other interesting (but not necessarily a specifically UFO site) sites. I thought I'd give everyone on the List a crack at this free advertising for their sites so if you would, please send me an email to the address below regarding your site with a brief description and the URL.

I plan on having the site up by the end of next week. I will apologise ahead of time for the apparent crudeness of the site. Has pretty colours but that is about it for now. I will gussy it up more as work time allows (bad enough I read all your posts and play Mechwarrior when I should be writing Indoor Air Quality and Environmental Site Assessment reports..... <VBG>

The site will be devoted, initially, to compiling and publishing sightings of Aerial Phenomenon in the Brockville to Oshawa, Prince Edward County, Lake Ontario and Northwards area of Canada. Later, as time allows, we will offer other free services such as investigations and such.

Sean Liddle

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X-PPAC/PRG Update - 2/3/01

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ExPPAC@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 13:39:42 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:18:04 -0500
Subject: X-PPAC/PRG Update - 2/3/01

X-PPAC/PRG
Update - February 3, 2001

(The new AOL 6.0 software has some glitches, so please pardon any double posts. Thanks.)

Hickman Report

Paradigm Research Group has registered to lobby on behalf of the Hickman Report. Each time PRG submits forms to the House and Senate on the UFO/Disclosure issues, it is noted by the political press which follow carefully every lobby registration.

Any organization which might benefit from representation in Washington may request a pro bono relationship by emailing PRG at: ParadigmRG@aol.com

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

Legislative Alert

On January 3, 2001, the very first day of the 107th Congress, Representative Bob Barr introduced H.R. 19 titled, "Terrorism Elimination Act of 2001." This bill is now in the House Committee on International Relations.

H.R. 19 has no other purpose than to revoke specific sections of three previous Executive Orders by Bush, Carter and Reagan prohibiting any agency of the U.S. government from conducting assassinations in the name of national security.

It is the role of Congress to foster policies which build trust with the American people, it is the role of the State Department to foster policies which build trust with the world's people, and it is the role of the military services and intelligence agencies to anticipate and thwart the evils of terrorism - not to emulate them.

It is notable that such a revocation could also be secured via a new Executive Order. It would appear, therefore, Rep. Barr's bill is intended to provide a stamp of approval from the Congress and the American people.

No person has ever been indicted, let alone prosecuted, for effecting a death via assassination under the National Security Act. The passage of such a bill would place investigative journalists and members of various activist movements, including the UFO/ET/Disclosure effort, at increased risk. Trust in government will further decline.

X-PPAC will be urging all House and Senate members to lobby the House Committee on International Relations to reject H.R. 19 without compromise and to reject any effort by the President to obtain the same result via any new Executive Order.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:H.R.19>:

Town Hall Meetings

An edited tape of the October 13, 2000 Santa Clara Town Hall Meeting is being generously provided by Ron Garner. X-PPAC is prepared to hold a second Town Hall Meeting in Washington, DC at a major venue as soon as \$5000 in new contributions have been received. Which is to say, if just one supporter, who was wise enough to get out of the dot.com stocks early, were to contribute the annual limit of \$5000 to X-PPAC, a date and venue would be immediately secured to hold a 2nd UFO/Disclosure Town Hall Meeting in Washington, DC, likely during the month of March.

<http://www.x-ppac.org/TownHall.html>

Alien Zoo

There are now 24 columns on the "Politics of UFOs" archived at the Alien Zoo website. The intention of these columns is to establish an intellectual baseline for the pursuit of disclosure and open congressional hearings. You will also find the writings of Jim Marrs, Paul Davids, Michael Brownlee, and others. Your comments and critique are welcome.

<http://www.alienzoo.com>

UFO Magazine

New columns and expanded versions of Alien Zoo pieces are now being published in "Worldview" in UFO Magazine. X-PPAC strongly encourages everyone interested in this subject matter to subscribe to UFO Magazine so that it can have the funds needed to drive investigative reportage. It is critical to have at least one broadly subscribed print publication in the field. Having many small print and Internet publications is fine, but they do not have the critical mass to report at the highest level. UFO Magazine has survived years of shakeout and is positioned to benefit greatly from even a few thousand new subscribers.

<http://www.ufomag.com>

Disclosure Project

The Disclosure Project initiated by CSETI continues to move toward a major event sometime this spring. Based upon the success of the documentary work to date, X-PPAC believes this event has the potential to trigger definitive congressional action. Individuals and groups within the UFO/ET research/activist community should prepare to move aggressively in support of this project in the aftermath of the initial public action.

<http://www.cseti.org>

Matching Offer

Every dollar contributed to X-PPAC between now and May 1, 2001 will be matched by the Executive Director up to \$5000 (the annual personal limit). Contribution information is at the end of this update.

X-PPAC publicly discloses all of its financial activity. This is above and beyond the FEC requirements.

<http://www.x-ppac.org/Financial.html>

Full Page Washington Post Ad

For those new to the Update List, a full page ad which addresses all of the key elements of the UFO/Disclosure issue is ready to be placed in the Washington Post, with or without signatures. The cost of this placement in the Post A Section will be \$28,000. X-PPAC believes that such an ad placed in the Washington Post just after the CSETI Disclosure Project event would be exceptionally powerful. Naturally there would be a host of national and international reprint options.

Note: Since X-PPAC is limited to the FEC mandated annual \$5000 personal limit, anyone wishing to provide larger funding could contribute any funds above that amount to Paradigm Research Group and the ad would be published as a joint project.

<http://www.paradigmclock.com/lettertopresident.html>

(Note: this text will soon be updated to reflect recent developments in the field and national politics.)

Email List

The future of political action lies with the Internet, and the power of any activist organization is directly proportional to the size of its direct email list. If you know of anyone who is interested in these issues and would benefit from receiving future updates, please forward this one along with your recommendation to subscribe.

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 15:05:34 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 08:45:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 20:34:25 EST
>Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

<snip>

>And why aren't there any photos of U.S. Army men cordoning off
>the town roads, bringing in tractor-trailer rigs, views of 25
>servicemen purportedly gathered?

Brad, Stan, List:

Stan reported back in 1987 in the MUFON magazine PURSUIT that years before he had seen a copy of the long discarded State Police report on the incident, and that it reported that 25 State policemen were present. I have looked in vain for this in the Pennsylvania State Archives, here in Harrisburg, and to my knowledge Stan is the only investigator of this incident to have actually seen this document. Nowadays, he never mentions this early detail of his investigation. One wonders if it's because it is one more piece of documentary evidence supporting the official version of events.

>>Mayes estimated that there were four or five of the officers that were holding onto the running boards and tail board of the pumper truck.

These were police "officers". I think that this is an example of how mundane details of this 35-year old event on a dark night have been blown up out of all proportion.

>At around 4:47 P.M., a brilliant fiery object passed over the
>Pittsburgh area. The object continued on its path into
>Westmoreland County

In my research of 1965 news accounts no Western Pennsylvania witnesses, either near Kecksburg or Pittsburgh or to its west, reported the object anywhere but toward their West. One 1965 researcher reported that witnesses he interviewed who had been on the South shore of Lake Erie reported the fireball had dropped down and disappeared at the lake's Northern horizon [ie., toward Ontario].

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>Shortly after impact, blue smoke rose from the woods and
>dissipated quickly.

The key Kecksburg witnesses, A Mrs. Kalp and her children, pointed out to the State Police a direction which, after I plotted it on a topographic map, was within a couple degrees of the direction of the Ontario meteor's cloud train, visible for 20 minutes or so low in the Western sky from Kecksburg.

>This sounds to me like a general northeast trajectory with one
>or two erroneous witness reports near Norvelt that mistook the
>direction of travel as south, instead of northeast. Witnesses
>who were probably having to remember sighting details 20-30
>years later.

I think that you are right.

>>Bill Bulebush was working on a CB radio in his car at his home
>>near Mammoth that day. He watched the object move from Norvelt
>>towards Laurelville. Bulebush ran to the road to get a better
>>look, and watched as the fiery object moved towards a mountain,
>>then it seemed to hesitate, made a turn and moved towards
>>Kecksburg where it descended.

>This is a south trajectory, Norvelt to Laurelville. But if
>Bulebush was running, then his whole directional perspective
>among trees and other foreground objects could make a moving
>object in the sky appear to change course. To get reliable data
>an onsite investigation would have been required back in 1965
>taking sighting azimuths and elevations at the different spots
>from where Bulebush was located at different points in his
>sighting.

>How old was Bulebush?

An adult.

>When was he interviewed and his testimony
>published?

This is where it gets curious. He says that he saw the UFO
maneuvering and then going down. This was about ten minutes
after sunset, about 4:43 P.M. [astronomers] to 4:47 P.M. [Gordon].

>>Bulebush quickly drove to what was then Kuhn's Lane (now
>>called Meteor road as a result of this local event) to the highest
>>point which overlooked the area surrounding the community.
>>Bulebush observed bright blue flashes of light emitting from the
>>woods below. He knew these particular woods well since he
>>hunted there. It was nearly dark, so he grabbed a flashlight and
>>proceeded down to investigate.

>>Bulebush was likely the first person to view the large metallic
>>acorn shaped object which now rested semi-buried in the ground.

This would have been an hour or so later [Civil Twilight was about an
hour after the fireball]. At no time did Bulebush ever report the
sighting to anyone. The first time that he seems to have gone public
with this story is in 1990 when an Unsolved Mysteries film crew was
in town and he stepped out of the crowd to claim that he had found
the crashed UFO first, only to run away when he saw searchers
nearing.

Sounds logical, don't you think? That is, "Ufological".

<snip>

>Is he also the only person claiming to have seen the crashed
>metal "acorn" buried in the ground?

No, the first guy to make that claim would be one James Romansky.
He came forward in 1987 out of the crowd at a widely publicized
UFO Week exhibit at the Greensburg Mall, where Stan's associates
were displaying newspaper clippings, and, I believe, an artist's view
of what Cosmos-96 might have looked like.

>Bulebush later returned with his young son to the area to find
>the military was now at the scene. His son clearly remembers
>the soldiers with their guns that day in 1965.

I have been following this story closely since for ten years. This
is the first time I have ever heard that Bulebush's son remembers
soldiers with their guns. It's not surprising, though, since as time
goes on the folkloric nature of this tale becomes more and more
apparent. My well-developed Kecksburg B.S. Detector, though,
reminds me that this is yet another example of Armed Troops and
The UFO In The Woods coming from one of the same tiny group of
witnesses, while nearly everyone else missed these details.

<snip>

>When was the story first published with the full details of "acorn"
>and military presence at the "acorn" crash site?

Stan Gordon repeated Romansky's tale in 1987 in PURSUIT.

>As the object passed over Westmoreland County, phone lines at
>WHJB radio in Greensburg, PA, were jammed with calls from area
>residents, many concerned the object was an aircraft on fire.
>Mable Mazza, the office manager at the radio station, stayed
>over to help handle the calls. During the evening she received
>phone calls from military sources, including from the Air Force
>and the Pentagon. Mazza stated, "The military was asking
>directions to the site, and what I knew from the calls about
>it."

When was Mazza's story first published?

By Stan Gordon since 1987. Actually, her information, as listed
in the current post, seems mostly accurate to me, as I've been
able to confirm from other sources. But, remember, she was
only at the radio station office, 13 miles away, in Greensburg.
She didn't witness anything on the scene, although she now
says that she believes others did.

>It was after the 6:30pm news broadcast when a woman
>reported to the station that her young son had earlier seen the
>object fall into a nearby wooded area near Kecksburg.

This would be the key 1965 witness, Mrs. Kalp. She never
reported anything until one hour and 45 minutes later, suggesting
that she didn't think the cloud train she saw in the sky was very
important. Her call finally came only after the station reported that
a plane might have crashed and during a nearby Pittsburgh radio
station's call in show with well-known flying saucer lecturer Frank
Edwards, who was fielding many phone calls about the fireball.

>The late John Murphy, who was the news director at WHJB radio,
>took this report, and contacted Troop A Pennsylvania State
>Police headquarters in Greensburg, PA, providing them with this
>information.

Was this report never published or broadcast in Dec 1965 when it
allegedly occurred?

Yes it was, and his reports from the scene, and this station's
continued pluggin of the tale, may have done a lot to perpetuate
the idea of a mystery. Humorously, Murphy first broadcast a
report from the nearby construction site of the Norvelt Golf
Course, where burning brush was on fire. Locals still
hilariously to this day call this "Murphy's UFO". Later he
arrived on the scene, reported seeing three military men in the
back seat of a State Police car, and no others, not seeing
anything in the woods and then going to a hastily called press
conference back at Greensburg.

>Is it decades-old multiple hearsay? The succeeding >paragraphs
(below) suggest it's another story told >20-30+ years later, and
it's unclear whether "the late" John >Murphy told this story
while he was alive or whether it comes >second - or third-hand
from surviving friends or relatives. The >documentation is
nebulously stated or left unstated.

While Murphy is said to have believed that something happened
that night, his report at the time, from the distance of 35
years, seems to essentially support the official version of
events.

Without the documentation this proves absolutely nothing

<snip>

>As Bob Young pointed out, the only official record of military
>involvement is from the Air Force Project Blue Book report which
>confirms that three Air Force personnel from the 662nd Radar
>Squadron were involved with the search. The actual log entry
>from that report states, "A further call was made to the Oakdale
>radar site in Pennsylvania. A three man team has been
>dispatched to Acme (Kecksburg area) to investigate and pick up
>an object that started a fire." The report also stated that the

>search of the area ended around 2 A.M. and that nothing was
>found.

>John Murphy, the WHJB news director, with the help of other
>radio station personnel, created a radio documentary on this
>local event which was broadcast days after the incident and was
>called "Object in The Woods." On that broadcast, Murphy
>describes what he saw after he left Kecksburg for the first time
>to go to the state police barracks. "When I arrived at the
>State Police Troop A barracks in Greensburg, not only were there
>members of the United States Army there, but I also saw two men
>in Air Force uniform."

The soldiers were in _Greensburg_ not in Kecksburg! This doesn't
prove they ever left these barracks to go to Kecksburg.

Actually, the presence of the Army has never been confirmed.
Only Murphy said a couple were at the Police Barracks, but they
could have been the Air Force people. The Army business was
first reported the night of the incident, when a fire policeman
at a road block said that "Army Engineers" were on the way. This
seems to have come from the State Police commander. I believe
that this was confusion due to the fact that the USAF radar site
where the three airmen came from was located _on an Army
Engineers facility near the Pittsburg airport. After 35 years,
nobody has ever been able to confirm U.S. Army involvement, and
Stan and his friends have been trying to do this, without
success, since 1984. I think this is just part of the folklore
of Kecksburg.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: To Be or Not To Be - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 19:31:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 08:47:27 -0500
Subject: Re: To Be or Not To Be - Rimmer

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 10:16:03 EST
>Subject: Re: To Be or Not To Be
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>Jim, that'd be me, is a tad upset over those who take to anger
>and flaming of us. Even some of "us" like to point with anger
>at "us." Which in my view, kinda sucks big time. I read nearly
>every post here, in spite of the caveat to press "delete" which
>I support. Every single one. And my memory is long as well.
>It remembers the jibes, the pokes and the unkind nature of
>"some" of us to some of us.

>So, my little Magonia blossom, what got your angst all standing
>up in a row? Read the post again. Perhaps you were not it's
>target.

Didn't think I was, particularly. I was just wondering who might
have been.

John Rimmer

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www.magonia.demon.co.uk

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Re: Object Nothing More Than "Targeting Apparatus"

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 15:28:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 08:49:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Object Nothing More Than "Targeting Apparatus"

CASE CLOSED: Object nothing more than "targeting apparatus"

On October 10, 2000, an aerial photo of the Jefferson Proving Grounds [Madison, Indiana] was installed on the internet with a note of interest by Chris Mork of Cincinnati, Ohio, who wrote:

"While looking at aerial photos of the Jefferson Proving Grounds, I was looking to see if I could find any bomb craters on the shooting ranges. I discovered there is an airport on the property, as well as something peculiar on one of the pictures! The aerial photo shows a gravel road, some woods and possible craters... BUT... right square over the road can be seen a dark wedge/triangular shape!! I can't tell if it is a flaw in the negative or something tall casting a shadow, but maybe it could be some stealth-like plane seen from above! It is black, and upside-down V in shape."

Months after the enlargements of the suspected object [available at the website URL listed below] were posted on the internet, an unsolicited response was courteously advanced from Ken Knouf, the U.S. Army's site manager at the Jefferson Proving Ground. With his permission and also the permission of his headquarters and Air Guard, Mr. Knouf's important clarification is provided below:

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the U.S. Army's site manager at Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG), Madison, IN, I was interested in the 5 April 98 USGS photo file submitted by Chris Mork of Cincinnati, OH, depicting a strange black triangular shape somewhere on the proving ground. Mr. Mork theorized that this shape may have been a stealth plane or a ufo of some design.

Please relay to Mr. Mork that the strange item in question is the shadow of a large aluminum targeting apparatus set up by the Indiana Air National Guard to help score the fighter units when they conduct training flights on the Air Guard range at JPG.

Although much of the closed Army munitions testing facility is now managed as a national wildlife refuge, the Air Guard has retained use of two ranges.

I hope this will satisfy any curiosity.

Ken Knouf

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Mr. Knouf provided contact information and a response to E-mail follow up. He added that the Air Guard also confirmed that the strange looking object was a radar reflector used in conjunction with their range activities. "It basically is a large piece of aluminum that would cast a huge triangular shadow in late

afternoon," he said.

The photo enlargements of this apparatus can be seen at the website listed below in the "NEWS" section. We thank Mr. Knouf for his attention to this issue and his interest in resolving this concern.

Kenny Young

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Military Census Of Abductees?

From: Pearce Levrais <pearce@looksmart.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 21:18 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 08:57:59 -0500
Subject: Military Census Of Abductees?

Hello List,

I recently picked up a new book that purports a census was taken of alien abductees in the United States by the U.S. military in the early 90's.

I was fascinated by the similarity of reports by the abductees in the book, as well as the social and economic differences between them.

Has anyone come across similar information before? Has anyone heard of such reports in Britain? The book is called 'The Alien Abduction Reference Guide', by Michelle LaVigne-Wedel & Paul Wedel. ISBN #0-9702630-3-1. I purchased it from the website of a company called Sweetgrass Press,

www.sweetgrasspress.com

If anybody has any similar information or reports I would be most interested in hearing from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Pearce T. Levrais

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Re: MOD Warns The Americans About UFO Book - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 22:03:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:06:00 -0500
Subject: Re: MOD Warns The Americans About UFO Book - Rimmer

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: MOD Warns The Americans About UFO Book
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 17:14:03 -0000

>MOD WARNS THE AMERICANS ABOUT UFO BOOK

>Georgina Brunis controversial book entitled 'You Cant Tell The
>People' published by Sidgwick & Jackson (Macmillan) in November
>2000 has caused yet more concern for the Ministry of Defence.

>In a series of Written Answers to Questions posed in the last
>week to the House of Lords by Admiral of the Fleet and former
>Chief of Defence Staff, The Lord Hill Norton, The Minister of
>State, Ministry of Defence, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean
>informed that the Ministry of Defence had alerted the American
>3rd Air Force Headquarters at RAF Mildenhall about the book.

Anybody who thinks Georgina Bruni's book has caused the MoD any
concern whatsoever will be disillusioned by this extract from
the House of Lords Hansard (Official record of proceedings).
Nothing remotely interesting here:

30 Jan 2001 : Column WA49
Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters Incident

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will detail the underground facilities at the
former RAF Bentwaters installation; and what is the purpose of
these facilities.[HL320]

The Minister of State, Ministry of Defence (Baroness Symons of
Vernham Dean):

There are no underground facilities at the former RAF
Bentwaters.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of any involvement in the 1980 Rendlesham
Forest incident by either Ministry of Defence Policy or
personnel from the Suffolk Constabulary.[HL321]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:

The Minister of Defence is not aware of any involvement by the
Ministry of Defence Police in the alleged incident. The Ministry
of Defence's knowledge of involvement by the Suffolk Police is
limited to a letter dated 28 July 1999 from the Suffolk
Constabulary to Georgina Bruni that is contained in the recent
book.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of any investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident carried out by the United States Air force, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations or any other United States agency.[HL322]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:

The Ministry of Defence's knowledge of an investigation by the US authorities into the alleged incident in Rendlesham Forest in 1980 is limited to the information contained in the memorandum sent by Lt Col Halt USAF, Deputy Base Commander at RAF Woodbridge, to the RAF Liaison Officer at RAF Bentwaters on 13 January 1981.

30 Jan 2001 : Column WA50

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether, in the light of the new information contained in Georgina Bruni's book *You Can't Tell the People*, they will now launch an investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident and the response to this incident by the United States Air Force and the Ministry of Defence.[HL352]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:

No additional information has come to light over the last 20 years to call into question the original judgment by the Ministry of Defence that nothing of defence significance occurred in the location of Rendlesham Forest in 1980. Accordingly there is no reason to hold an investigation now.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they have made any approach to, or received any approach from, any United States government or military agency concerning Georgina Bruni's book *You Can't Tell the People*; and, if so, whether they will give details of any such approach. [HL353]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:

As a matter of courtesy, the Ministry of Defence informed Headquarters 3rd Air Force at RAF Mildenhall about the book. The US authorities have not subsequently approached the Ministry of Defence on the issue.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they now agree with the analysis of the basic facts of the Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters incident in the fourth paragraph of Lord Hill-Norton's letter to Lord Gilbert of 22 October 1997, reported on page 429 of Georgina Bruni's book *You Can't Tell the People*; or, if not, in what respect they disagree. [HL354]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:

The Ministry of Defence's position regarding this alleged sighting remains as it did at the time of Lord Gilbert's reply to the noble Lord's letter of 22nd October 1997. From surviving departmental records, we remain satisfied that nothing of defence significance occurred on the nights in question.

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 17:03:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:07:41 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 14:33:12 +0000
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:09:32 -0600
>>From: Roger <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>>Regarding "The Memphis Bell", you are really
>>comparing apples to oranges. I have never said that hand held
>>documentary footage shot on 16mm did not exist. Obviously, "The
>>Memphis Bell" was shot in field conditions, therefore, the
>>quality would be dictated by those conditions. I feel that
>>because AA was shot in the United States, with all the resources
>>available, and because of the importance of the event, greater
>>care would have been taken in its documentation and the image
>>quality would have been better. As a result, "field conditions"
>>would not have been in effect, in my opinion.

Neil replied:

>You are saying that the conditions in which we are lead to
>believe the footage was shot were quite "normal" and everyday?.

<snip>

>Far from it Roger, Trinity Site was on highly restricted
>territory, you could treat it like a "closed" film set. Our
>cameraman's event we are told, took place out in open publicly
>accessible land not too many miles from a large town (Socorro
>NM), how do you handle it without the locals starting bus tours
>to the site for a looksee. You set up an operation to get it out
>of there as speedily and as covertly as was possible. These
>were exactly combat like "field conditions", the "opposition"
>being in this case the US general population.

Hi, Neil!

I give up. You keep speaking about the conditions seen in AA as if they have already been validated. The simple truth is that they have not. Regarding the time it would take to improve the conditions seen in AA, you wrote:

>They weren't out in the middle of White Sands remember, they
>would not have had the luxury of time, the longer "it" was out
>there the more chance there was knowledge of "it"'s presence
>would get out.

Simply not true. In fact, if anything, the sooner that the body was brought to a secure facility where it could be accurately studied in a more leisurly manner, the sooner it would be less of a security risk. You seem to take the opposite position that doing the autopsy in the field would somehow lower the security risk involved. The lack of logic in this is pretty obvious, if you stop to think about it. I suppose a soldier in the trenches

is at less of a risk for a bullet than one that works at a desk job, too. Let's face it, being inside a secure building is far more controlled than being in the field. And, ultimately, the body would have to be moved inside at some point, anyway. Why not wait until then? Why the hurry? It simply makes no sense. Just because what you see in AA looks uncontrolled does not validate the image or the conditions suggested.

Look, I've made my position clear at least a half a dozen times. I don't think that there is anything else to talk about until I've reviewed your footage, which I assume will arrive shortly.

Until then, take care.

Roger

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Re: Exciting New Discovery - Horse on Mars! -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 15:07:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:10:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Exciting New Discovery - Horse on Mars! -

>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Exciting New Discovery - Horse on Mars!
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 11:16:42 -0500

>An exciting new discovery in Cydonia!

>"Mr. Head" a lovable cartoon horse has made an
>appearance on the surface of Mars!

><http://members.tripod.com/~mainorg/jplhorse.html>

I like NASA's 'Kermit The Frog' better.

The "horse" feature referred to is a line that meanders over the western 'brow' feature, where we can see a lot of buildup. This might have been part of the 'headpiece' at one point, or it could just be erosion. The vaguely faceted sections on the visible 'headpiece' suggest that the Face, if artificial, once sported decoration of some sort.

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 18:08:12 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:19:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Sparks

>From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

PART 3

PART 1 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m02-020.shtml>
PART 2 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m02-024.shtml>

>Ernie Hoffman was also a reporter for the Greensburg, PA
>Tribune-Review in 1965. He replaced Robert Gatty in Kecksburg
>that night, so that Gatty could return to the newspaper office
>and work on the story.

Notice the sleight of hand here. There is now nothing about a specific newspaper story of a given title, publication date and quoted contents. We know right away that this is going to be a tale that was for some inexplicable reason never published in, say, the Dec 11, 1965, edition of the Greensburg Tribune-Review. Please note my increasing disappointment at the ever mounting failure to prove the sensational events from 1965 publications or broadcasts. Heck, I'll take 1966 publications if you've got them proving the Army was there, not just Blue Book's stand ins, or which quote any eyewitness who saw a metal "acorn" crashed object in the ground or on a tractor-trailer rig.

>Hoffman said that he had pulled off on
>the shoulder of the narrow country road, and about 100 yards
>away saw a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck near a tree
>line. He said that there was something on the back of the truck
>under a tarpaulin which, at that distance, appeared about the
>size of two suitcases. The possibility remains that Hoffman did
>not see the object in question and/or the vehicle which was
>carrying other equipment. There are accounts of more than one
>flatbed tractor-trailer accompanying the other military
>equipment which had arrived that day. Hoffman verifies, as so
>many other people have, that military vehicles were around
>Kecksburg and down in the woods that evening. Another reporter,
>Adam Lynch, with WIIC-TV at the time, also confirmed seeing a
>military truck.

See above. Nothing said in 1965 publicly, evidently. Just yarns told decades later. And even that doesn't have elementary documentation.

>John Hays has never forgotten the night the military came to
>the farmhouse his parents had rented. The military asked to send
>the children upstairs. John decided instead to produce
>continuous excuses to be able to go up and down the stairs.
>While doing so, he saw military men in his home who were
>talking and making phone calls. He also watched out the bedroom
>>window, excited over the presence of the military trucks. At one
>point he saw a flatbed tractor trailer going down towards the
>hollow in the woods where the object reportedly fell. Later he
>noted a truck of the same description exiting the same area
>with a large object carried aboard.

>John and his brother played in those woods on almost a daily
>basis. The next day when they went out, they had to repair their
>fence line, which they found cut from the night before to allow
>the military trucks to get down to the hollow. When John and his
>brother went down through the woods to look around, they saw
>trees had been damaged and knocked over. The day before these
>trees were in their normal state. The boys also came across a
>man with an instrument similar to a metal detector. The man told
>the boys that they should leave the woods, that there was the
>possibility of radiation. The boys ran home to ask their parents
>what radiation meant.

Doesn't mean he was from the US Army, there were such things as
County Civil Defense Directors and private citizens who had
Geiger counters a few years after the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis
took the world to the brink of nuclear war.

>Well known Pittsburgh Jazz musician Jerry Betters has gone
>public stating that he was driven to Kecksburg by some friends
>that December night in 1965. They were curious after hearing the
>news reports of the alleged UFO landing. They didn't know the
>area, but apparently found themselves on the farm lane where
>others saw military action taking place that night. There,
>Bettters saw numerous military vehicles, but more interestingly,
>a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck was making it's way up
>from the field. On the back of the trailer he saw an
>acorn-shaped object and the strange hieroglyphic markings were
>easily visible. For whatever reason, at that point the object
>was not covered. Bettters will never forget the tone of voice of
>a military officer ordering servicemen to get him and his
>friends out of there. Jerry became quite upset when the
>soldiers aimed their guns at them.

Date? Publication? Excuse as to why not public in 1965?

>Bob Koveleskie, a former state trooper, has now gone public
>with an important detail. Koveleskie was a trooper who in 1965
>was working in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He had heard
>about the Kecksburg incident on the news and was curious about
>it. Just a short time after the event occurred, Koveleskie was
>back in the Greensburg area where he saw Carl Metz and asked
>him about the incident. Metz told him that he was at the scene
>the night that it happened. He had been sworn to secrecy by an
>Army officer who was on the scene that evening, and could not
>discuss it any further.

Date? Publication? Excuse as to why not public in 1965?

>The late Carl Metz was the State Police fire marshall who had
>gone into the Kecksburg woods to investigate in 1965. For many
>years after that happening, friends of his asked him about what
>he saw in the woods that day but he would generally answer that
>he couldn't discuss the matter.

>In the early 1980's, Carl Metz did briefly speak concerning his
>involvement with the Kecksburg case. Howard Burns, who was a
>radio dispatcher for the City of Greensburg police department at
>that time, recalls a conversation between several police
>officers and Metz one day at Greensburg City Hall. Somehow they
>got on the subject of Kecksburg, and Metz confirmed that he was
>one of the first troopers on the scene. He had gone down into
>the woods, and when he came upon the impact location, his first
>impression was that it was an aircraft crash site due to the
>trees that were knocked over. As he went over to examine the
>partially buried object in the ground, it was unlike anything
>he had ever seen. While he was there, several military personnel
>arrived, and ordered everyone out of the area, including him.
>They also ordered him never to discuss what he saw that night.
>Burns indicated that Metz would still not reveal many details
>about what he learned that night, including what the object was.
>He was still maintaining a degree of secrecy about what he knew.
>Another police officer who was at City Hall at that time, has
>confidentially confirmed the story to me.

Date? Publication? Excuse as to why not public in 1965?

>I am convinced that a constructed object did fall from the sky
>near Kecksburg, PA. Whether this object was man-made or of
>extra-terrestrial origin is undetermined. There are some aspects
>of the Kecksburg event of which there are no clear answers. The
>information which has been obtained locally indicates that this

>was not a meteor.

The local anti-meteor "information" seems very raw and non-quantitative, late in date (possibly decades old), and thus of questionable reliability compared to the mass of eyewitness data obtained in 1965 showing it was a meteor. I've already shown (above) that some or all of this "local info" is consistent with a meteor.

>Today, the mockup of the acorn shaped object
>which was made for the Unsolved Mysteries episode on the case,
>sits upon a new lighted display platform behind the Kecksburg
>Fire Station.

Where no doubt many a "witness" will drop by and "refresh" their failing memories with this helpful visual monument to the use of leading questions and influenced testimony. How will we ever sort out in the future who saw what, the 1965 event or the "acorn" model on display?

>Many local people support this UFO event since
>many had friends, relatives, and neighbors who were directly
>involved in 1965.

>There is no doubt in my mind that something of military value
>did drop from the sky, and caused the government to quickly
>respond to rural Pennsylvania. Why were there armed military
>personnel reportedly preventing civilians from entering fields
>and woods that day in 1965? And what would military trucks be
>doing on a farmers private property?

<snip>

Why were these heavy military vehicles and dozens or more soldiers invisible to cameras? Hundreds of civilians and reporters were mysteriously incapable of taking even a single picture of this unprecedented event. I can understand how untrained civilians startled by a sudden and brief phenomenon in the sky might fail to get pictures of that due to the shortness of time. But not a newsworthy military-civilian mob scene with a dozen (?) reporters present and lasting for many hours, a supposed real-life replay of the 1938 War of the Worlds broadcast, and unheard of in the history of that region of Pennsylvania. Not one picture and not one 1965 story printed about the Roswell-like alleged crash recovery.

Even at Rendlesham where almost all the witnesses were military policemen themselves and AFOSI was going around confiscating film and silencing the air police, news still leaked out despite the understandable power of direct military control over the witnesses and even landing-site photos were smuggled out though it has taken twenty years. That's a story I can believe. This one I cannot. This is not an example of good UFO evidence. There is much better evidence than this by far.

More disappointed than ever,

Brad Sparks

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Re: UFO Thesis - Poulet

From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:27:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:20:55 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Thesis - Poulet

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO Thesis
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 09:21:58 -0400

>Wouldn't it be possible to make one list giving the title,
>author, University, date, and whether the Thesis is an MS or
>PhD?

>I can't see how to combine the titles and authors and there
>doesn't seem to be any info on dates, universities or Degree
>level.

Hi Stan,

I'll take your suggestion into account and maybe I'll make a
downloadable Excell file with this information. But for some of
those thesis, the information is scarce.

>I did provide a short list, PhD only, in my 1996 TOP
>SECRET/MAJIC, after consulting Dissertations Abstracts.

I'll look it up and see if I can add them... if you don't mind.

Bye,

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Shevlin

From: Donnie Shevlin <dshevlin@charter.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 18:26:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:25:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Shevlin

>Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 12:17:20 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 23:42:27 EST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 03:34:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Young

>>>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Face on Mars Re-Imaged
>>>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 01:21:26 -0800

>><snip>

>>>IMAGES

>>><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>
>>><http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

>>Kurt:

>>When I attempt to go to these sites I get the following
>>message:
>>You are not authorized to view this page.

>Go directly to the image source at:

>http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/index.html

Errol and friends,

Long time reader, normally keep to myself about my opinion,
but the above is ridiculous and I have to say something. I've
attempted no less than a dozen times in a 6 hour period and
repeatedly receive this (noted by **);

** Please try again later...

** Due to excessive popularity, the requested page is temporarily
inaccessible.

** Please try again in less than an hour.

What is this? I want to see what you're trying to apply evidence
to. You've taken the time to substantiate your claim, use a
little more time and publish these pictures to another site to
lower bottle neck on the site above.

Thanks for the matching source if it results in a find but so
far I doubt that there is any substance here.

Donnie Shevlin

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Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 18:14:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:32:21 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:50:02 -0800

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 14:17:50 -0800

<snip>

>What is the meaning of this post?

>I don't get it. This link is one of the main reasons
>that the AA has been consigned to the trash bin.

>And pardon the language but this link is a bunch of BS,
>pure and simple. You must examine the footage to
>understand the vast difference between what is depicted
>at this site and the AA.

>The other links are OK but you misspelled autopsy (see below
>authopsy) so only seven matches show.

><http://www.google.com/search?q=%22Alien+authopsy%22&num=100&hl=en&lr=&safe=off>

<snip>

Hello Ed and List (sorry for the bandwidth EBK),

You raise some interesting points.

I know I misspelled 'autopsy'. Not in my post, but in my link. 'Authopsy' gave me only very few matches in the Google search engine while 'autopsy' will give 8,320. I casually decided to leave it there, and, well enough, you noted the mistake. In the same breath, you call my 'favorite' link BS.

I have no problem with that. This all illustrates how people perceive human exchanges: they must be on some level ground, with common understanding of what is being talked about.

I saw the footage and I was convinced that it was a hoax for different reasons, the least not being the sudden puppet-like tremors of the 'body' when it was accidentally bumped by one of the 'doctors'.

But this is not the purpose of my post: you challenged the nature of two informations, misspelling of 'autopsy' and the value of an internet site, and proposed a site of your own. Fair enough.

Will you then apply your critical reasoning on information value when it comes to AA? Let's make the trip together...

The history of AA film has two main actors: Santilli who came up with the pumpkin and Kiviat who transformed it into a video slipper. You have not addressed those two facts in your answer

to my post. I gather that, as disturbing as they are, you recognize their validity.

It seems that Kiviati and Santilli can BS all they want, it has no bearing on the veracity of the AA film. Should we then rely on Michael Hesemann's web site for clarification?

<snip>

>I still think the most complete synopsis is the following:

><http://Hesemann.m-n-d.com/beyondroswell.html>

<snip>

Let us apply some critical reasoning.

Hesemann' site:

"Within the next year, three more trips in the desert and an intense cooperation with experts on several related fields I learned the following facts:

"The crash had nothing to do with the "classic" Roswell event at all, but happened five weeks before in the night of March 31, 1947- on a completely different location, namely southwest of Socorro, New Mexico. What in the beginning rather irritated me, became one of the cornerstones for my following research. Of course any hoaxer would have followed the known Roswell scenario and made his fake in a way that it fits into it as close as possible. To invent a new scenario is rather risky."

But:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/dec/m22-018.shtml>

We get Stanton Friedman's take on Santilli-Roswell-Socorro.

<snip>

>... just about everything
>Ray told me in our first conversation when I was trying to be
>helpful (prior to January 20,1995) was a lie. I met with him
>twice in the UK. There were more lies. Amazing, too, how he
>changed the location from Roswell to Socorro and the date from
>July to very early June,

<snip>

Furthermore, we get a few pointers on the 'To invent a new scenario is rather risky': Friedman and Berliner mentioned the Socorro region as a possible crash site in "Crash at Corona" in _1992_. Randle disputed the merits of this opinion in "The truth about the UFO crash at Roswell" in _1994_.

So, Hesemann's basis of reasoning is now becoming shaky: he seems unaware that Santilli _modified_ his story concerning the origin of the alien bodies. He seems also unaware that a UFO crash near Socorro is an _old_ and controversial story.

On with Hesemann:

"If I would have found no witnesses, no confirmation for it I would be absolutely sure that the film must be a hoax [...]
Indeed I found fourteen witnesses for the new date, all but one being Native Americans: A group of twelve Native American children, remembering the date quite clearly because it was the birthday of one of them; a single Native American who was a young man at that time and the relative of a neighboring farmer. They all observed what they described as the crash of a fireball in the direction of Socorro, New Mexico."

A crashed fireball now constitutes proof of a crashed UFO and saved Hesemann from terminal incredulity?

Hesemann:

"Following the cameraman's description I found him not only having an excellent knowledge on details of the New Mexican landscape -he even described an old railway bridge which we only located after several hours of search in a small airplane-, I was also able to find the area he described as the crash site.

Only on my second visit there I found out how much a rough drawing he made and gave to Ray Santilli -who faxed it to me in August 1995- showed details of its landscape. After I visited the site I shot photos and send them to Santilli to give them to the cameraman, who eventually verified it is the right site."

Ah! The cameraman.

At:

<http://www.parascope.com/nb/0996/alienfaq2.htm>

"Bob Shell and Michael Hesemann work closely with Ray Santilli and have attempted to locate the exact area. Both have spoken in "conference", with Ray Santilli claiming to be speaking with the cameraman on another phone. Some assistance was apparently provided in seeking the "crash site", via this method.

"However, Bob Shell claims that, "Michael, Wendelle (Stevens) and crew were nowhere near the crash site" and some information he received from the "cameraman", via Ray Santilli, was also wrong.

"Bob further commented that, 'even if his overall story is true, it seems that the old fellow is suffering from lapses and mental confusion at times'."

We remember Bob Shell? If there is a guy who tried with all his might to view the AA affair with an open mind, that's him. He never tried to avoid the questions. His take on the cameraman story:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm.html>

"I guess the bottom line is... SCREW 'JACK'..... One might ask just who in hell is he? Hiding behind Ray Santilli sending cryptic messages every so often via Ray? The research community is supposed to buy that?"

Still, Hesemann refers to the cameraman's testimony to confirm the authenticity of the AA film. Well, OK, let's just suppose that Hesemann is naive enough to believe the cameraman we will call St-Jack:

"Only on my third visit I found the perspective from which his drawings show the site. Following them, at the very point where he drew the "flying saucer" crashed into a rock, we found an area about 45 feet in diameter and 12 feet high were someone chiseled the natural rock off. Since this correlation was too obvious to be a coincident I had to conclude that indeed someone chiseled off the rock to remove traces of the crash and the great heat which the cameraman described. Therefore we can say for sure that physical traces seem to confirm the cameraman's story."

Yet: Bob Shell

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/apr/m07-029.shtml>

"As you know, Michael and I disagree on the crash site, an it should be noted that the Niggerhead mine is three miles down the canyon from Mike's site. I suspect the actual site of being much closer to the mine, if it is indeed anywhere in this canyon. The cameraman very specifically says it was on the side of a dry lake bed, and careful reading of the geological appraisal of the area in the government report on the Niggerhead deposits finds no mention of any dry lake beds in this area. The only dry lake beds in the area are closer to the Plains of San Agustin, which is where I would look for the crash site if I went back out there. However, I have neither the time nor the funds to go 'prospecting' in the desert again."

So, we have "Michael Hesemann's "Therefore we can say for sure that physical traces seem to confirm the cameraman's story" opposed to Bob Shell's "The cameraman very specifically says it was on the side of a dry lake bed, and careful reading of the geological appraisal of the area in the government report on the Niggerhead deposits finds no mention of any dry lake beds in this area."

Hmm...

There are other major discrepancies between Shell and Hesemann on what constitutes evidence. Surely, Micheal Hesemann has some esteem for Shell:

"This evidence, which was the result of three expeditions of which I made one alone, one together with my friend and colleague John the Baron of Buttlar and the third together with my colleagues Lt.Col.Wendelle C.Stevens, USAF ret., Ted Loman and his team of UFO AZ and "Shutterbag"-editor Bob Shell, convinced me that indeed something happened on May 31, 1947 southwest of Socorro/New Mexico. This confirmed the cameraman's story, although of course not yet the authenticity of the film, which did not show any landscape features at all."

If Hesemann did not follow Bob Shell's evolution in the AA case, he seems to use his name when it suits him.

Another thing on Hesemann' site:

"Several experts, including Bob Shell, KODAK Los Angeles, London and Kopenhagen, the chemist Prof. Dr. Corrado Malanga of the University of Pisa and UFO researchers Dr. Roger Leir and Derrel Sims analysed original fragments of the 16 mm film and found out that it

"-is a first generation copy of an original 16mm film

"-it bears marks used by KODAK only in 1927, 1947 and 1967

"-it is of a chemical fabric (acetate propionate) which was only in use until 1957 and has a life span of only 2 years we have to conclude that the copy was made of an already existing film at some date before 1959/60. Either the copy or the original was therefore produced between 1947 and 1949."

Redux Bob Shell:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm.html>

"Ray Santilli obviously has access to someone who can handle processing of such old film, since the unrelated roll that Mike Hesemann bought from a lady in Roswell was given by him to Ray for processing, and after processing was given to me for forwarding to Kodak who dated the film to 1945. Kodak noted that it had apparently been processed properly."

Re-read this: "unrelated roll that Mike Hesemann bought from a lady in Roswell was given by him to Ray for processing, and after processing was given to me for forwarding to Kodak who dated the film to 1945"

Shall we continue about the best reference site for the AA film?

Hesemann, about pathologists:

"Interestingly enough, every of the several dozens of pathologists which we consulted confirmed that the being on the Alien Autopsy Footage indeed is a biological entity and not a dummy."

What pathologists???

Who???

Any names???

Half a dozen would be nice from someone who talks about 'several' dozens, which, in my book, should reach 3 dozens.

Did Hesemann check:

http://www.neosoft.com/~uthman/rants/on_alien_autopsy.html

<http://www.conspiracy-net.com/archives/articles/alienufo/autopsy/CNAb0001.txt>

More specially:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aasmry.html>

"Not all shared that view however. Dr. Ed Uthman, Diplomat, American Board of Pathology and author of "The Routine Autopsy: A Guide for Screenwriters and Novelists", considers the film to

be a hoax, whilst Dr. Dominick Demaio, former Chief Medical Examiner of the city of New York, believes the film to be, "a lot of bull".

And:

<http://home.swipnet.se/~w-85419/text/autopsy.html>

"It is perhaps relevant that Dr Paul O'Higgins, a medical anatomist at University College, London, reported that the body shown in the footage was basically humanoid and that the odds against life evolving on other planets to appear as humanoid as the body on the footage was astronomical. Dr O'Higgins also pointed out that if the pathologists in the film really believed that they were examining a alien body then they would have taken months to dissect the body, not the two hours indicated by the clock in the film. Dr O'Higgins also suggests that the pathologists would have taken many still photographs of their autopsy, yet the film footage we have seen shows no evidence of still photography at all."

Etc. Etc. Etc.

I spent almost the whole day researching for this post and I think I have made my point.

I rest my case,

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

P.S.: The following quote is from a post, a few years back, by Dennis Stacy. I called it the Stacy Form and propose you fill in the blanks with the names of your choice.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m02-006.shtml>

[Quote]

If he/she believes _____ claims, then God help us all. Begging _____'s pardon, but there hasn't been a bigger liar in the field since the days of _____.

Let's cut the crap. _____ is a goddam liar, pure and simple. (And so is his co-confabulator, _____.)

You can send him my e-mail address, and you can send his attorney my e-mail address.

I repeat: _____ is a goddam liar.

And anyone who believes him for more than a minute is a goddam fool.

Have I made myself clear?

_____ is a goddam liar. _____ is merely a man after a buck.

Any questions?

Signed: _____

PS: _____ is a goddam liar.

[End quote]

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Face-to-Face with the 'Face'

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:10:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:10:22 -0500
Subject: Face-to-Face with the 'Face'

For those of you who haven't been able to glean the URL
from recent posts.

ebk

Mars Global Surveyor
Mars Orbiter Camera

Face-to-Face with the 'Face'
MGS MOC Release No. MOC2-275, 31 January 2001

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/index.html

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Re: Hair Sample Analysis [was: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 21:38:11 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:17:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Hair Sample Analysis [was: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 12:07:26 -0600

>>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 15:00:57 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5

>>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

>><Masinaigan@aol.com>
>>=====

>>UFO ROUNDUP
>>Volume 6, Number 5
>>February 1, 2001
>>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>>NEW WEIRD CREATURE SIGHTED IN CALAMA

>Visit our web page:

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

>and see the strange hair, tracks and plaster cast photos of the
>chupacabras in La Banda, Chile.

Since you have acquired hair samples, it would seem appropriate to try and get them analyzed and see if the DNA turns up anything unusual.

Recently a group doing such analysis was mentioned on this List with regard to abduction experiences - see below.

Perhaps you should contact them about DNA analysis options for the hair samples you mention. Even though the samples aren't from abductions, who knows what the analysis might turn up? It might be worth a shot to at least contact the group and get their response.

>From: Bill Chalker <bill_c@bigpond.com>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Evidence For The Origin Of Man & Perhaps 'Aliens'
>Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2001 11:03:41 +1100

Bill Chalker Anomaly Physical Evidence Group (APEG)

<snip>

>The work I have been involved with re DNA PCR testing of
>biological samples implicated in abduction experiences is
>suggesting some interesting perspectives about the nature of at
>least some of the alleged species involved, particularly the so
>called Nordic types, reported and/or described in such cases as
>Antonio Villas Boas and Travis Walton.

><snip>

>See the following link for early information on this connection.
>A more detailed and updated study report is being prepared:

><http://www.gtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/jun/g9.htm>

>You can assist this work by telling us of any compelling
>biological sample implicated in abduction experiences. Because
>of some funding we now have facilities that can undertake the
>detailed and expensive work involved in this type of
>archeological/forensic PCR DNA investigation. All evidence will
>need to be subjected to an evaluation process to see if it
>warrants the time, cost and resources necessary to get detailed
>answers.

>Funding offers are also encourage to further this work.

>Please contact me if you can help,

-Brian C.

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Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Jonach

From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 22:06:01 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:19:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged - Jonach

>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 18:40:12 -0500
>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 02:22:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Face on Mars Re-Imaged

Sean, Thanks for writing.

>It would be nice if you included the URL for the actual NASA or
>JPL site where the images are posted by them for comparison. :)

Point well taken. I usually try to include 'Related Resources'
This one was knocked-off too late at night.

I keep insisting that EW is an art site -- Graphics & Gonzo. I
write these diatribes so people will see the graphics.

In this case, I squeezed as many bytes out of the new images as
possible, so they still looked good, but were more compact than
the hulking-big image files MSSS was serving up. Lean, but not
to anemic; people pore over pixels.

Even with all that, my ISP presumably can't handle the traffic.
I guess we call this success?

>Now I have to used these tired fingers more than my fatigue
>level dictates.

According to people like Matt Drudge, Dick Morris & Bill
O'Reilly, people are turning to the Internet for news. Foraging
here and there, and making up their own mind. I take it you're
on the list because Big Media won't cover these topics.

>If only we could skip real-world work and do this full time
><sigh>

There's no money in it. Too many dogs fighting over the same
bone. If this is the first time you've heard it, you never
entertained any artistic pretensions, and are perhaps among the
happiest souls on Earth.

By the way: Keep your day job.

-eWarrior

P.S. Best Wishes for the KAPRA Website

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URL For KAPRA Site

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 13:29:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:22:05 -0500
Subject: URL For KAPRA Site

Hi Again:

Even though it is under construction, here's the URL for the site.

<http://www.uk.geocities.com/kapraufo>

Hope it works. Seems to so far.

Sean

Kingston Aerial Phenomenon Research Association (KAPRA)
Kingston, Ontario
<http://www.uk.geocities.com/kapraufo>

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 01:21:45 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:26:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 04:26:46 EST
>Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

>PART 2

<snip>

>>Linda Foschia said she saw a military
>>convoy moving along the Greensburg-Mount Pleasant road towards
>>Kecksburg on that evening in 1965.

This is the route which presumeably would have been taken by the State Police and others from the Troop A barracks at Greensburg.

>This sounds like a late retrospective from the 80's or 90's.

I believe this first surfaced publicly a couple years ago.

<snip>

>Jim Romansky, not from the Kecksburg area, states that he was a
>member of another fire company which had been called out to
>assist in the search for a possible downed aircraft that day.

Some years ago my investigation failed to confirm any official fire calls to any of the fire companies mentioned by proponents.

>Later on you say Romansky "returned to the Kecksburg fire
>station" which contradicts what's stated here about not being a
>member of that fire company.

Romansky on a number of occasions, including on national TV, has described not being allowed to enter the fire house. This is not surprising, since he was not a member of the Kecksburg Fire Company, was then only 18, and at that time there was a bar in the single large room which also housed the fire trucks. With 25 State Policemen around it is not surprising that he would have been denied admittance to the bar/garage. No mystery here.

>The search teams had been combing the woods when a call came in
>over a walkie-talkie that another team had found the crash site.

The real 1965 Kecksburg Fire Chief, Edward Myers, and other firemen, have told me that they had no such "walkie-talkies" in 1965.

<snip>

>Did Romansky see the State Troopers or did he confuse them with
>the "military"? When was Romansky's story first made public?

1987. He was the star witness on the 1990 Unsolved Mysteries

show.

>One of many witnesses that has described the military response
>to Kecksburg has been Robert L. Bitner. Bob Young is correct.
>Bitner was not the Kecksburg fire chief in 1965. Bitner had
>gotten his service years mixed up. He later realized that he had
>gone out as chief in 1964. He was an active Kecksburg volunteer
>fireman in 1965. Bitner was truck driver, and after finishing
>up his route, drove into Kecksburg after hearing a news report
>about the fallen object.

Bitner's version of the story first surfaced on Nov. 16, 1979, and was the first event in the "modern" trail of the Kecksburg story. UFO investigator Clark McClelland was discussing the incident while a guest on "The John Signa Show", KDKA-Radio, Pittsburgh, Pa. His information was based upon 1965 clippings. Also on the program were Leonard Stringfield and UFO abductees Betty Hill and Travis Walton. Calls were received from four people, including Bitner, who said that they were eyewitnesses. The others saw only lights.

According to McClelland (Clark McClelland and Leonard H. Stringfield. Jan. 17, 1980, report and footnote in The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome - Status Report II, ed. by Stringfield, Seguin, TX: Mutual UFO Network, 1980, pp. 19-20.), during later interviews with the people who had called in to the radio show, Bitner claimed that he was the 1965 Kecksburg fire chief. He said that he was 25 feet from a "large 10 ton military truck" surrounded by military guards which had a tarp over an object that appeared to be 6 feet high, 7 feet wide and 17-feet long.

This seems to have been the first public account of an actual retrieval of an object by armed troops. Mr. Bitner told this story to UFO investigators and reporters for ten years. Then in 1990 when he was President of the Fire Company, the Unsolved Mysteries crew spent nearly a week in town filming a recreation and many interviews. As anyone who has seen this often run segment must remember, a central figure in the story is the Fire Chief, who first briefs Romansky and his search team, gives them their assignments, and he is even portrayed as being present at the crash site with Romansky and the others when military officers ordered them out and the area quarantined. Bitner was interviewed extensively for the program but, curiously, he was not included on the segment.

This seems all the stranger, since as the 1965 Fire Chief and the main witness to the mysterious armed recovery for a decade, he was also now the key man in the Fire Company. What happened? It seems that after his claimed role as the 1965 Fire Chief became publicly known, he asked to be dropped, or was dropped, from the program.

>Lillian Hays and her son, John, confirm that military personnel
>and men in suits frequented their rented farmhouse that night in
>1965. The visitors made many phone calls from the house, located
>not far from the impact site in the woods. John overheard a
>conversation and learned that NASA was also on the way to that
>location. Later that evening, he saw a man wearing a NASA
>patch. A NASA representative reportedly interviewed some
>eyewitnesses of the Kecksburg incident at the time.

Clark McClelland, a NASA employee who was a Pittsburg native and a UFO investigator and member of NICAP, has reported going to Kecksburg that night after the publicity. This was a personal effort on his part, not official NASA business. I suspect that this may be the origin of this part of the Kecksburg folklore. Unit patches for the 662nd Radar Squadron men may also have been mistaken for NASA patches.

>When were the Hayses' stories first made public? Why wasn't this
>blasted all over the media in 1965?

In 1965 Greensburg newspaper reporter Robert Gatty interviewed Lillian Hays' husband, who died in a farm accident in the 1970s. Gatty said that Hays was outside working on his car and was about the closest witness to the supposed site of the crash. Mr. Hays told Gatty (Dec. 10, 1965, Greensburg Tribune, late City Edition) that he hadn't seen or heard any crash or landing.

In October 1992 I went out to Kecksburg with a "Sightings" film crew, narrator Tim White, a segment producer and a researcher. I

was shown a copy of the early Dec. 10 county edition "Army Ropes Off Area" article. This had also been featured two years before on "Unsolved Mysteries." I showed them the articles which had been in the later City edition of the same day's newspaper which quoted Mr. Hays and explained that nothing was found.

The "Sightings" production people were surprised because Stan had not provided these articles to them during the preparation for the segment, only the first article with its exciting, and as it is now known, inaccurate claims.

<snip>

>The point is that the reporters not only didn't see a crashed object
>themselves but they did not report in Dec 1965 anyone else seeing
>it either. How do we really know that the reporters were "prevented"
>from reaching the site by a cordon they apparently never reported at
>the time it supposedly happened? And how does a "cordon" prove
>U.S. military involvement? State Troopers can cordon off a site
>too and they reportedly were present

Because of the people and cars flocking into the area from news reports, the roads were ordered blocked at a couple places by the Mt. Pleasant Township Civil Defense Coordinator and the State Police Fire Marshal, Carl Metz, in order to keep access open for fire trucks. These roadblocks were manned by members of the Mt. Pleasant Unity Fire Company Auxiliary Police, at least one of which (whom I have interviewed) was in uniform.

>The object, however,
>apparently fell on the opposite side of the woods. From that
>road location where most of the people were standing, observers
>could not see what was happening on the other side, which was in
>the distance and blocked by woods. According to a number of
>people who were in the other area, we have learned that military
>activity was occurring on a farm lane, in various field
>locations, and down near the woods by the impact location.

I have interviewed a number of people, both firemen and residents, who were on this "other side of the woods" at this road. One man was stationed at the fire truck, parked by the barn for most of the night. They say that other than the unsuccessful police search in the field, and the presence of a couple Air Force men, there was no such military recovery operation or object recovered there.

>John Murphy, the WHJB radio news director who was the first
>reporter on the scene, confirmed, via radio broadcast, that he
>had seen both members of the Army and Air Force at the state
>police barracks who would take part in the search for the
>object.

Murphy had the USAF confused with the Army. This is proven by the fact that the week after the incident when this radio feature was produced, he still thought that the 662nd Radar Squadron was an Army element, when he described it as the "Army's 662nd Radar Squadron". If Murphy still thought that the Air Force was the Army four days later, why should we conclude that he knew what he was talking about that night at the police station? Maybe the officers wore blues and the lower rank had fatigues?

One Fire policeman also apparently told reporter Bob Gatty that people were being kept out at orders of the "Army", and this was then picked up and repeated by the UPI. But this was at that point only hearsay, and may have originated with a phone call from the USAF's 662nd Squadron's radar site, which happened to be on the Oakdale Army Support Facility near the Pittsburgh Airport. I believe that this may have been the origin of the folklore about the Army being on their way.

Incidentally, this radar site was the nearest Air Force installation and their involvement may have been simply in conformance with USAF Regulation 200-2, which called for the investigation of a common UFO report by the nearest USAF installation.

even reported getting a call from a "Navy" officer, obviously someone from the 662nd "Squadron". Hell, what did she know?

But no one in 1965 reported armed troops occupying the town,

an acorn in the woods, or an armed military convoy. Not Pittsburgh TV crews; not the Greensburg paper which reported every rumor including scuttlebut in the crowd of "little green men" and even had the location on the wrong farm a half mile away; not John Murphy who didn't know the Army from the Air Force when he saw them and who's first UFO was broadcast was about a burning pile of wood at the Norvelt Golf Course.

This was truly Murphy's UFO.

>Well was it broadcast or not? What date? These are basic
>documentation details that when I don't see them I start getting
>nervous that someone is trying to pull a fast one over me.

I don't blame you, Brad. This is the best that I've been able to do on it: Sometime between Dec. 15-18, 1965, a feature, "Object in the Woods", was produced by John Murphy, News Director of WHJB. In it he recounted what he saw and heard that night. This program was rebroadcast 30 years later by WHJB and it supports the official version of events. I heard this and have a transcript, which I would be glad to send you if you are interested. The three key elements of the "crash and recovery" story (ie., armed, helmeted troops with rifles, a flatbed truck, and the object, itself) were nowhere to be found in this broadcast. Murphy reported that he only saw military people in the back seat of a police car (three?), that he didn't see an object, but that he did believe that something happened.

Despite Murphy's claim that the program was "censored", it includes the following formal statement: "This station has not been contacted by any official agency of the State, Federal or local Governments in connection with this program. We have received very good cooperation with the State Police and with the military and we were able to receive all the information that we wanted this past week. We have not had any political or otherwise influence put on us concerning this program, whatsoever."

>Could it be that townspeople read sloppy reporting such as this
>at the time, then over the years have mixed up in their memories
>the State Police cordon with what was expected to be the
>Army's, never realizing that the Army never came? Could someone
>have read about the expected "possible" arrival of "civilian
>scientists" then imagined hearing that they did perhaps from
>someone who made the same assumption?

I think that you have hit it exactly on the head.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

Murphy's Law - If there's more than one way to do a job and one of those ways will end in disaster, then someone will do it that way.
-- USAF Capt. Edward Aloysius Murphy, 1949

There is an Unidentified Flying Object in the woods . . . We don't know what we have yet.
-- Unnamed spokesman for USAF 662nd Radar Squadron
before the search began

It was just like War of the Worlds happening right in our backyard.
-- Stan Gordon, who was not at Kecksburg in 1965 either

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TCI: Anomalous Geomorphology and the Cliff

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 22:59:22 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 10:28:23 -0500
Subject: TCI: Anomalous Geomorphology and the Cliff

2-3-01

For Immediate Release

Anomalous Geomorphology and the Cliff

by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/imperative12.html>

[image]

Knobby mesa or partially modified landform?

The feature above lies directly to the east of the "Face". There are some unusual grooves on this formation worth looking at, and its lower right portion has a vaguely structural look to it. If Cydonia was once populated, this would have provided an excellent view of the Face's mysterious eastern half. For lack of a better term, and for reasons of convenience, I've dubbed this ambiguous formation the "Aeromorphology."

[image]

The new, unfinished image of the Cliff shown next to its appearance in 1976. Note roughened terrain to the right of Cliff and central defile.

If the Face and associated features are artificial, it's likely that they were sculpted from pre-existing land formations: a strategy that makes sense from the perspective of a civilization seeking to insulate itself from an inhospitable environment (Richard Hoagland's "Arcology Model"). The Cliff, shown above, seems to be the lone exception to this hypothesis, as there doesn't seem to be any way a feature of this sort could form after the meteor impact to its immediate right (the Cliff, as previously noted, lies well within the perimeter of the crater's ejecta blanket).

If the Cliff is artificial, then it's possible that it was assembled out of ejecta material. And indeed, the terrain leading from the Cliff's right side to the crater is riddled with a webwork of furrows that may represent an ancient quarry. The crater's "splash"-style ejecta suggests that this area of Cydonia was wet (or even underwater) at the time of the meteor strike; the tons of Martian dirt needed to assemble the Cliff could have been conveniently available in the form of mud. As such, the Cliff might be most accurately appraised as an "earthworks" similar to the enormous, subtle structures built by Native American Mound Builders and early European tribes.

On close inspection, it's unclear to me if the mesa (as opposed to the strange elevated defile) was a pre-existing formation. The new image shows a scattering of debris on the Cliff's right half that might be evidence of meteoric "blast shadow," in which case the Cliff's "foundation mesa" was firm enough to survive the impact relatively unscathed. But the defile appears somehow

"newer," and certainly much harder to explain in geological terms.

Also of interest is the upper portion of the Cliff, as revealed by the MGS: it has a striking similarity to the "headdress" of the better-known "Face," complete with a sort of ramp. Is this due to runoff or could it be a deliberately built ramp? As of this writing, questions far outweigh answers.

The Cliff--whatever it is--is aimed precisely at the enigmatically grooved "Tholus" several miles away.

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Children's Face-to-Face With Chupacabras

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 07:00:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 11:06:02 -0500
Subject: Children's Face-to-Face With Chupacabras

SOURCE: "La Estrella del Loa" (newspaper)
DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2000

CHILDREN HAVE FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER WITH CHUPACABRAS

So as not to forget the details, the kids drew the enigmatic entity on a wall. "It didn't have a nose or elbows, but it had small arms, legs that were thick on top and thin on the bottom," they say.

Not only in some sci-fi films is it possible to find links between children and aliens or some sort of unknown creature. Similar things also happen in real life which lead us pay greater detail to such unfathomable mysteries as the alleged presence of the Chupacabras in El Loa province.

For such is the case of three youngsters in a remote section of Calama's Independencia Norte settlement, who were paralyzed with fright after facing a beast whose description matches that of the creature which has raided the farmsteads of the Chilean desert, exsanguinating cattle, frightening people to death and plunging UFO researchers into confusion.

Gabriel Herrera, Miguel Salvo and Jorge have told their stories separately and with surprising similarity: they recently saw this extraordinary animal --repeatedly considered by ufologists and experts as some sort of alien-- jump, hide and escape.

"It was about a meter tall and it was sitting there (in an inner courtyard of the dwelling). It jumped effortlessly when my brother opened the door. It scared us--it had spines running down its back, it was hairy and grey. We went to tell my mommy, thinking it was a rabbit. That's when it got lost, and we all searched for it. "says the first witness.

This account was ratified by Miguel, who added new and valuable information. "It didn't have a nose or elbows, but it had skinny arms, and legs that were thick on top and skinny on the bottom. It jumped and hid under a pickup truck."

Incredible though it may seem, the experience does not end there, since the boys came across a new discovery which is perhaps as important as the first. However, the details of this discovery are in the hands of a UFO researcher who is keeping details under wraps to avoid any delays in his research.

Translation (C) 2001. S. Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology.
Special thanks to Gloria R. Coluchi

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UFO Sightings Poubelle

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 05:10:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 11:18:07 -0500
Subject: UFO Sightings Poubelle

Dear readers:

I suppose we all know about the verdict in the Lockerbie aircraft bombing trial. One Libyan accused is found guilty, and the other is set free.

I would bet that every person in the courtroom; the attorneys for both sides, even the judges considered both defendants as guilty as Joseph Stalin.

Nevertheless, one went free because the court judged that the prosecution had somehow not proven his guilt.

In the same vein, I have started a list of 'Discredited UFO Sightings'. This was formerly tacked onto a file in my *U* Database, and at the end of a web page of mine.

I'm now creating a new web-page devoted entirely to this same list, which I think may be useful. The object is to save myself and others the needless hassle and wasted time digging up canards and stinkeroos that were already discredited or trashed in the past.

Here is my first try at it: (Go easy on me!)

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

What I'm asking for are UFO sightings/cases which should be locked up for good, not sent back to Libya.

This means I'm not going to put Roswell, Rendlesham, Kecksburg etc. etc. in my Poubelle Page for the time being. I have very serious doubts about these cases, but not final ones.

["Poubelle" is French for "trash can"]

For the present, I am defining a case as thoroughly discredited if:

- 1) Hoaxer or prankster is caught in the act.
- 2) Hoaxer / prankster confesses later.
- 3) Investigation turns up facts which clearly contradict the original testimony, to the point where a complete fabrication is clearly indicated.
- 4) The witnesses do not exist.
- 5) Sighting location does not exist.
- 6) A misidentified object is clearly identified as mundane.
- 7) Anything else, of/with same or greater discrediting weight.

There is more:

I'm not going to list blatant nonsense that no sensible person would have taken seriously in the first place. That is a waste of time, space and bandwidth. There is no need to debunk obvious cultist claims etc.

I am aiming at those cases in the literature which keep coming back from the dead like the Revenge of the Mummy, nicely gift wrapped in the Tulli Papyrus, which do nothing but waste our precious time.

An excellent example of what I am looking for is: 1965/03/02 BEAVER, PA : Teens photo disk. One Confesses hoax to Mark Cashman in 1998. !!

Sadly, a lot of O.J. Simpsons will walk away for now. Maybe those can be dealt with later.

For now, if I may impose upon you, I need the many, many cases which I have missed; with the following requirements (again)

- A) Guilty as the Devil. Red handed as per items 1 thru 7 above.
- B) Well known or in the literature, likely to rise from the ashes again and again ..
- C) Non-trivial (no FTs by the score, balloons, night-lights)
- D) Non-polemic: Please don't use this effort to promote or trash our favorite chew-bones. I "know" the R_____ case is junk, but maybe I cannot prove it to myself yet.

I'm asking that those of you who can, might help me fill in the blind-spots on my end. Please provide some references so I can make up my own mind on each case. Its clean-up time.

Gratefully

- Larry Hatch

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The Roskeckswellsham Incident

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 07:33:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 11:22:33 -0500
Subject: The Roskeckswellsham Incident

Dear Sirs, Mmes etc.:

Owing to the recent plethora of messages about various UFO incidents, not to mention a lot of beer etc., one's eyesight and neural functions might become temporarily impaired. If so, I apologize in advance.

I (modestly) suggest that we take the juicier parts of Roswell, Kecksburg, Rendlesham and maybe one or two other dog-chews and just make a goddam movie out of it.

Who would play Colonel Stop? Any number of capable actors would die for the part! Barney Fife would make a nice "Harvey Acorn" in Kecksville, and Sal Mineo could play Trini Lopez, or vice-versa, depending who gets offed the earliest in the flick.

This is not a new concept. Toward the end of the golden age of Hollywood monster flicks, they would have Wolfman join Bela Lugosi (as Dracula) in one last try for paying box office numbers.

It didn't last long of course, and more creative types soon prevailed.

Think of the dialogue possibilities! Here's Harvey Acorn arguing with the US military (in the deserts of Roswell, Sussex of course) and setting up rope perimeters which impede the collection of alien debris etc. This is just made for TV (I mean film). Presidents Truman and Reagan arguing over public disclosure! The OSS and CIA fighting who should perform the coverup. I tell you this has possibilities!

'The Roskeckswellsham Mystery' should keep audiences glued to the candy counter for at least two weeks.

Certain historical difficulties should not bother the audience much, as long as we off Trini Mineo in the first 20 minutes or so, prime popcorn time.

How's about a Cher abduction? I guess we should check with some UFO experts like Wendelle Stevens or Brad Steiger before we try that on.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: We could open up with pix of Cydonia or Sedona or whatever, something 'religious' looking.

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Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001 - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 12:10:17 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 11:23:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Hot Gossip Real X - Files Feb 2001 - Bruni

I would like to make a couple of corrections concerning my article on the Brighton First International Workshop in Field Propulsion Physics and Technology Workshop.

There was such a vast amount of information to jot down and I was suffering with Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) when I had to meet my deadline - my excuse :-). The magazine feature will be corrected.

The changes concern Dr Alan Holt's item and should now read as follows:

The Real X-Files - Hot Gossip UK
<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/x-files.html>

The First International Workshop in Field Propulsion Physics and Technology

by Georgina Bruni

Graham Ennis is a lively 59 year old British engineer with a cause. In fact he has spent most of his life campaigning for one cause or another, but his latest effort was to put together a group of scientists and engineers with the aim of sharing information that one day could result in a scientific breakthrough which could change the world. That historical moment arrived on 20 January 2001 when Ennis introduced 'The First International Workshop in Field Propulsion Physics and Technology' held at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England.

Interestingly, The Society of British Aerospace Companies supported the workshop, which ran over a period of three days. According to Ennis, the event was intended as a response to NASA's "Breakthrough Propulsion Physics" workshops, but Ennis's workshop was open to international participants on a global basis as a pre-cursor to an international conference planned for spring 2002.

Graham Ennis believes that we can design a spaceship by using zero point energy and he is not alone. For several years now a number of scientists have been working on this very theory, a theory that has shocked traditional science because it is just too weird.

Nick Pope from the Ministry of Defence (attending in a private capacity) and myself (acting as Ennis's PR) arrived in Brighton early on Saturday morning just in time to take our seats for the introduction. Graham Ennis discussed the need to have good relations with NASA and stressed that if it were not for the Internet this meeting could never have taken place. He explained how NASA was working on anti-gravity and how there was a good deal of secrecy attached to this research. 'Even with government support it could take 20 or 30 years. We're looking at something "Star Trek", he said. However, he did state that a 6% reduction in gravity will be proved by the end of May 2001. Graham Ennis then introduced Dr Anders Hansson (Secretary: Commission International Academy of Astronautics) who was chairing the meeting.

Ron Evans is the director of Project Greenglow, an anti-gravity research programme supported by the military wing of British Aerospace. In typical British fashion, Evans opened his talk with the words: 'I am Ron Evans, we have nothing to hide - we haven't discovered anything.' Evan's presentation centred around how difficult it was to acquire funding for these specialised projects. He then reminded us again, 'There is nothing secret here.' According to Evans, following World War II, Britain spent a lot of money on Stealth technology and at that time we were the leaders in this field. In fact Evans was willing to discuss anything to do with propulsion but pointed out that he could not talk about Stealth.

Photo: Georgina Bruni with Ron Evans Director of Project Greenglow

<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/x-files.html>

It seems there is an urgency to move forward and that this research will contribute to our future needs in more ways than just space flight. During question and answers Dr Alan Holt from NASA (attending in a private capacity) told the audience that we are running out of time to turnaround the decline of the Earth's environment and the future of our civilization may be dependent on the breakthroughs we achieve in transport/propulsion and energy systems in the next 20-40 years. Hal Puthoff from the Institute For Advanced Studies Austin, Texas, spoke about the oil wars of the past becoming the water wars of the future.

Dr Alan Holt was first recognised for his excellent paper (1979) on field propulsion. He stressed the difficulty of getting funding for these projects and suggested one route was to aim for a joint or cooperative effort with the 'black world', in other words with black projects support. But it was necessary to get to the point where something could be demonstrated before any interest would be shown. Referring to NASA, Holt pointed out that the main thrust was for human exploration with Mars as the key destination and the search for life as the key factor and, although it is possible to travel to Mars and Jupiter with current propulsion technologies, there is concern about long trip times and the safety of the astronauts. 'We don't want to go to a planet and get our people stranded on the planet because of technology which is prone to breakdown or because the space exploration budget is cut,' he said. Apparently during the 70s and 80s Research and Development funding was a real challenge for anything that had a sci-fi tag to it. But today's challenge of achieving a low cost approach for a human mission to Mars in the 2010 - 2015 timeframe may result in the dedication of the funding needed for a breakthrough.

Photo: Dr Alan Holt, Hal Puthoff and Nick Pope

<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/x-files.html>

Hal Puthoff is no stranger to anyone with even the remotest interest in propulsion technology. He has been a firm supporter for engineering the zero-point energy field and polarizable vacuum for interstellar flight. Check out

www.earthtech.org

for his papers on the subject. It is also worth mentioning that Puthoff set up and ran the first remote viewing program for the US government. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet this charming and intelligent man and Nick Pope and I were delighted to have dinner with him on the Saturday evening.

Photo: Georgina Bruni and Hal Puthoff

<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/x-files.html>

Dr Claudio Maccone, a PhD in Applied Mathematics, who had travelled from Turin, Italy, talked of wormholes and the need for sheer computing capabilities. Website: www.ijvr.com. But not being a scientist I had problems understanding many of the speakers, especially during their demonstrations using maths and formulas. But as far as I can tell, the event was a great success inasmuch as it put together an international group of people who believe that we can achieve (with adequate funding) a spacecraft that can work using this amazing technology.

One big surprise for me was to learn how several of the

scientists have a fascination with UFOs. In fact Dr Illobrand Von Ludwiger (formerly DASA, Germany) is a director of the international UFO group, MUFON. Professor John Allen (Prof. Aerospace Science Cranfield and Kingstone Universities) actually gave a lecture about UFOs a few years ago. Dr Jean-Pierre Petit is another who showed an interest and others who I shall not name because they are still employed in government and private companies. Nick Cook, Aviation Editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, joined Nick Pope and I for lunch and we discussed his excellent TV programme on black projects and UFOs. Marc Pilkington from Fortean Times was also present and none other than Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine (UK), who has published much on this subject in recent issues of the magazine.

For more details of the event and full list of speakers present visit:

www.workshop.cwc.net

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"You Can't Tell The People". The Definitive Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery by Georgina Bruni. Published by Sidgwick & Jackson
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Bzzzz - Click - Connect!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 10:28:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 10:28:11 -0500
Subject: Bzzzz - Click - Connect!

Gentle Reader,

As it inevitably does, from time to time, a system will screw-up - either with a heart-stopping 'Drive Not Found' or a hugely agro-nnoying little .ini or .reg corrupted entry. The 'long-time no hear' you've experienced is due to the latter. Another entry in the little note book with the 'Windows Things That Can Totally Screw You' title, that nestles between the packets of Avery Labels here.

Be warned that are a hefty number of posts heading your way.

Please note that headers of messages from the past couple of days will be back dated to fill in the blanks at the Archive. I actually sent this one at 10:27-ish on Tuesday February 6th, 2001, which the long headers will reflect.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

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The Weekly NITE-LITE (Moron) NEWS!

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:23:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 10:35:14 -0500
Subject: The Weekly NITE-LITE (Moron) NEWS!

Dear Sirs and Mmes:

I hereby announce and brouhaha the launching of a new weekly UFO newsletter which I hope will surpass the previous ones in all respects.

Due to the tenuous nature of such enterprises, the actual identity of the Author shall remain masked in secrecy. Copy of the first issue follows.. -LH

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NIGHT LIGHTS WEEKLY !!

Volume 0 number 0 02/02/2001

by Harry Latch: (a necessary pseudonym)

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Item: CHUPACAPRAS EAT ANTARCTIC PENGUINS

... and drain their blood according to Russian Top Scientist Yergi Pulalag, presently studying psychic studies in the prestigious Pavlov institute in Petrosalivli, Russia.

" It is well known that they suck up penguin blood, but for some reason they do not eat the feathers " said Dr Pulalag in a recent issue of Nyetkommy Krittersky, a well respected Russian journal of exobiology. Dr. Pulalag quotes sailors returning from their duties in Antarctic stations after months at sea. " They cannot all be tellink me lies! " he says. Something is biting the birds."

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Item: SPACE ALIENS CAUSE PHONY SONIC BOOMS!

In their never-ending struggle to disguise themselves as penguins, cacti and file hydrants, UFOs have finally hit upon the perfect disguise .. ordinary aircraft!

Ched Jeter of Hatch Street California says: " Well, heck. " I hope they disguise themselves as Samoans. That way we will never see them in any large number. "

Meanwhile, numerous sonic booms were recorded over most major American cities. Is this an invasion???

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Here is another mystifying example:

MYSTERIOUS SKY BOOMS HEARD ON CAPE FEAR, NORTH CAROLINA

[Editors note: A " Sky-boom " is a loud and sudden noise that from above, in some ways similar to a distant explosion.]

"Meanwhile, some area residents are a little shaky."

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Hovering NIGHT LIGHT offers weekend respite in SOUTHERN SIBERIA

An airport in southern Siberia was shut down for an hour and a half Friday, January 26, 2001 "an unidentified NIGHT-LIGHT was detected hovering above the runway, the Interfax news agency reported."

"The crew of an Ilyushin Il-76 cargo plane refused to take off, claiming they saw a NIGHT LIGHT hovering above the runway of Siberia's Barnaul regional airport., local aviation company director Ivan Komarov was quoted as saying."

"The crew of another cargo plane refusing to use the runway" at Barnaul "for the same reason, landed their jet at another airport, Komarov said."

"The NIGHT LIGHT took off and vanished from the airport 90 minutes later, according to the Interfax report."

Barnaul is a mid-sized city in southern Siberia, located 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Novosibirsk and about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) east of Moscow.

AFP contributed to this report.

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EIGHT (more) NIGHT LIGHTS in MALAYSIA:

"Eight night light were reported recently by Malaysians on the remote island of Japaa Tabak. Usually white in color, and moving with the stars, this group was different. "One of them was orange in color, and moved steadily to the North" said Hanoo Matchiz the village elder. "I know it was not a sea-gull because she did not say 'kwak kwak'." "I can see them now! No star flies so steadily!"

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ENTIRE BOLIVIAN VILLAGE VANISHES!! (The best saved for last)

The entire little village, "San Mateo de Lerpa" in the remote and mountainous Bolivian provincia de Riogues has simply vanished!

Worse yet, the dirt and/or gravel road that led there is also gone. So are the sheep, goats, a few cattle and simply every person gone without a trace!

Compounding the mystery, is the fact that Bolivia never had a province named Riogues!

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NIGHT LIGHTS (UFOS) in BRITISH HONDURAS:

It is only now leaking out that witnesses have seen a number of unexplained night lights from Orange Walk and Monkey Keyboard, in British Honduras in the 1960s and 70s. Now called Belize, this small central American country was once a British colony, which does not encourage self-immolating religious cults.

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NOCTURNAL ILLUMINATIONS over Georgia and similar venues:

"I seed it mysel " said farmer Clyde O'Clyde. It were greenish, almost bluish, headed straight damned West, and I knowed it weren't no jet because it went Quack Quack just like them pelicans do! "

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Special note:

I regret that I must suspend publication due to time and money constraints.

I hope that all three of my past subscribers, most especially my two dead parents and my one living sister will bear this terrible journalistic loss with the good humor which sustains us all.

- Harry Latch

[remainder of issue #001 deleted.]

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Re: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: 2-1-01 - Skavhaug

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 21:21:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 10:38:33 -0500
Subject: Re: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: 2-1-01 - Skavhaug

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 08:40:53 -0800 (PST)
>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 01:58:16 -0500

>Subject: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary
>Report2-1-01

>For Immediate Release
>New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report
>by Mac Tonnies, The Cydonian Imperative

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>The enigmatic feature known as the "Cliff" is one of the most
>anomalous Cydonian features among the new photographs.

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>Regardless of the lack of facial features, the Cliff is among
>the most provocative images thus returned by the MGS, and
>constitutes compelling evidence in favor of the Artificiality
>Hypothesis.

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>A new close-up image of the Face itself is perhaps
>the most spectacular image returned. It confirms suspicions
>aroused by the previous Face image loosed upon the public in
>the form of the infamous "catbox" in 1998. While only the
>extreme western portion of the Face has been captured in
>the new image, the features thought to represent an eye and
>pupil are clearly visible (though degraded, as expected).

>Mysterious fine lines along the "headdress" are also
>visible, as are the "lips" and "teardrop" identified on
>previous images. The facial resemblance
>remains striking and consistent with claims of artificiality.

>An image of the Face's eastern half, never photographed under
>ideal conditions, is necessary to accurately assess the Face's
>>bisymmetry. Meanwhile, the available photographs imply
>artificiality: the Face looks like a massive, windblown
>sculpture of a humanoid head, complete with enigmatic
>ornamentation. Whether this uncanny resemblance is the result of
>spurious geometry or conscious design remains unconfirmed.

>The Face's proximity to other anomalies, such as the
>aforementioned Cliff, increase its chances of representing
>what has long been suspected: hard evidence of
>extraterrestrial intelligence.

First; very strong "evidence" or hypotheses you present here -
indeed!

However, after I've been studying the original, high resolution,
photos from Malin,

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/index.html

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewFace2001Zoom.jpg>

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCliff2001Zoom.jpg>

it's my own, strong impression that any _elevated_ top of a sort of flat, tapered mesa, is _missing_.

Rather, the assumed "elevated" mesa - the Face and the Cliff - seem to be more or less _sunken_ structures/areas, surrounded by some "mountain ridges". This might have been seen more clearly on a stereoscopic image.

This might have been a:

- liquid/water pool, or,
- a collapsed structure, or,
- meteor impact crater, or,
- something else

It has thus finally come clear that by enhancing and inverting the light and dark parts of the images, e.g.,

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/picassoface.gif>

or

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydoniaphotos.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/kellybig.jpg>

we are _made/manipulated_to_believe_ what we see, although it's basically artist's impression we see on these images.

The contrast and lightness have likely been adjusted on the images, including image modification, or manipulation. Extra shadows are also added here.

Thus - as "we all" easily can see - these are NO artificial structures at all!

Sorry Mac....

Best Regards,

AWS

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Mars Face 'Forbidden' & 'Too Popular'

From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 13:06:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 10:41:02 -0500
Subject: Mars Face 'Forbidden' & 'Too Popular'

MARS FACE 'FORBIDDEN' AND 'EXCESSIVELY POPULAR'

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Electric Warrior : News February 3, 2001
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/news/ewNews000B.htm>

HUMOR

Earlier this week The Electric Warrior Website released a news item regarding new NASA images of the Cydonia region, including an HTML reference to an image of the notorious Face on Mars.

The Internet Service Provider (ISP) hosting this content was unable to manage the unexpected demand for access.

The Electric Warrior makes no claims regarding the existence or non-existence of a face on Mars, and is only offering an explanation of the "artificiality hypothesis" which others have put forth.

As Carl Sagan reportedly said about the matter, "It's not whether you're right or wrong, sir. You have not even entered the discussion."

HTTP 403 FORBIDDEN FRUIT & THE TASE OF SOMETHING SOUR

I've received a large number of email complaints regarding access to the Website. It's no use emailing either me or your mailing-list host, who have no remedy for the matter. The best I can do is respectfully suggest that you try again later.

I wrote my ISP to see what could be done. They sent me a tutorial about UNIX directory and file access privileges. The technically astute will understand this has no bearing on why some can access the content, and others can't. Perhaps tech-support is stalling for time, hoping that interest will wane, so that everything returns back to normal.

It's the "Forbidden" message that concerns me. People may fail to see the ribald humor in this, and suspect me of hosting lurid or lascivious content. In addition to the NASA image, I posted an artistic rendering of the Face's purported eye socket, adorned by imaginary mascara. This has been accused of being, at least, intellectually lewd. Some people are annoyed because they can't see the images, others are annoyed because they can.

Some have made more ominous remarks, hinting at conspiratorially forbidden content, as if I were some kind of government insider trying to welsh on a security oath. Nothing could be further from the truth. I'm under no compunction of any kind, not even one of Silicon Valley's famous Non-Disclosure Agreements.

I've already told my ISP that if they need more money, they should tell me now. We have a good crop of oranges this year, so we can sell "Fresh Squeezed" until that runs out.

RELATED RESOURCES

NASA has released seven new images of the Cydonia region on Mars, including a close-up of the Face.

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/MarsOnline008.htm>

The new Mars Global Surveyor Cydonia 2001 images can be viewed at Malin Space Science Systems.

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/index.html

Read The Cydonian Imperative for continuing coverage of the Mars Global Surveyor's latest round of images.

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

THE ELECTRIC WARRIOR
February 3, 2001
Silicon Valley, CA

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Re: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report -

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:57:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:15:23 -0500
Subject: Re: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report -

At 01:58 AM 02/02/01, you wrote:

>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 08:40:53 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>

>2-1-01

>For Immediate Release

As usual

>Malin Space Science Systems has once again provided us with an
>unannounced collection of Cydonia imagery. Though marred with
>several telltale black strips indicating loss of spacecraft
>data, the new images are fascinating and confirm--as well as
>refute--predictions made by researchers.

But, yet again, no direct links to the original photos from
Marlin or Jpl for comparison purposes.

Sean
KAPRA

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Re: Hair Sample Analysis - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 18:57:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:21:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Hair Sample Analysis - Sanchez-Ocejo

>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 21:38:11 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: ufomiami@prodigy.net, updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Hair Sample Analysis [was: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5]

>>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5
>>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 12:07:26 -0600

>>>Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2001 15:00:57 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>>>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 5

>>>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

>>><Masinaigan@aol.com>
>>>=====

>>>UFO ROUNDUP
>>>Volume 6, Number 5
>>>February 1, 2001
>>>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>>>NEW WEIRD CREATURE SIGHTED IN CALAMA

>>Visit our web page:

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

>>and see the strange hair, tracks and plaster cast photos of the
>>chupacabras in La Banda, Chile.

>>Since you have acquired hair samples, it would seem appropriate
>>to try and get them analyzed and see if the DNA turns up
>>anything unusual.

>>Recently a group doing such analysis was mentioned nn this List
>>with regard to abduction experiences - see below.

>>Perhaps you should contact them about DNA analysis options for
>>the hair samples you mention. Even though the samples aren't
>>from abductions, who knows what the analysis might turn up? It
>>might be worth a shot to at least contact the group and get
>>their response.

Thank you for your interest. Yes, we have contacted some organization that do DNA. First the cost is very high. Second, they ask that the hairs being 100% of the chupacabras, because of the number one problem. Nevertheless, we have already send some samples to Washington D.C. and to Spain.

At this moment, our priority is collect testimonies and physical evidences.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>

Miami UFO Reporter (English)

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>

CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>

Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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Re: URL For KAPRA Site - Skavhaug

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 03:33:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:38:01 -0500
Subject: Re: URL For KAPRA Site - Skavhaug

>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 13:29:09 -0500
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Subject: URL For KAPRA Site

>Hi Again:

>Even though it is under construction, here's
>the URL for the site.

><http://www.uk.geocities.com/kapraufoHope>
>it works. Seems to so far.

>Sean

>Kingston Aerial Phenomenon Research Association
>(KAPRA)Kingston, Ontario
><http://www.uk.geocities.com/kapraufo>

Hi Sean:

Sorry, Sean; nothin' works here.....

Regards,

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Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 00:53:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:41:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life - Velez

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 19:17:07 EST
>Subject: Re: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 06:37:02 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Red Dwarfs/Alien Life
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca >>

>Roger, List:

>The other thing about a red dwarf is that the area in the
>planetary system which would be conducive to life would be
>much closer in and much more limited. Of course many of
>the new planets being found seem to be in strange systems
>(compared to our own) and some have planets very close to
>the star.

>This is an interesting line of speculation. But, anybody who
>is able to travel interstellar distances would have the ability
>to video or observe in day or night. Personally, I think that
>robots would be a far more likely possibility anyway.

Hi Bob, All,

A civilization that is 'currently' occupying a habitable planet
that is orbiting a star in its last stages of life (a Red
giant,) would be occupying a 'host' world. It would not be the
planet that they originated on!

A star's size, composition, temperature etc. would dictate the
optimum orbital distance required for a planet to support
(earth-like) life conditions. Just as in our own solar system,
too far in, or too far out, and Life as we know it cannot exist.

When a star reaches old age and begins the expansion process
into a Red giant, any planets whose orbits were originally close
enough to support life will have been either; vaporized
(swallowed whole in the expansion) or baked/damaged beyond
recognition by the inevitable rise in temperature and poisonous
radiation.

Planets that were further away from the primary to begin with
would find surface and internal conditions changing rapidly.
Dramatic temperature rise, frozen water that may have been
trapped in a permafrost layer underground or on the poles of the
planet would melt, and come bubbling up to the surface. Gases
emitted by the volcanic action caused by the new gravitational
conditions would increase the amount and density of any
atmosphere that 'may have' existed prior to the expansion of the
primary.

All that would require time. (Geological time) It would also
probably be a violent process depending on how sudden the
swelling/enlargement of the primary star was. The expansion into
a red giant is gradual and goes in stages. It would make more
sense for a civilization to simply move to a younger, more

hospitable solar system somewhere far removed from their 'home star,' than to "relocate" onto another planet within their own system that will inevitably face the same fate as the first.

Complicated and terrible decisions for anyone living on such a world. The 'timing' of such a move (from a dying inner world to a 'birthing' outer one) would have to be completely dependent on fortune/fate, and the availability of the technology to make it happen.

If there is intelligent life on a planet that is currently orbiting a Red giant, you can bet your boots they didn't originate there. Food for thought.

Regards,

John Velez

.....
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/
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Re: Children's Face-to-Face With Chupacabras -

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 17:07:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:43:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Children's Face-to-Face With Chupacabras -

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 07:00:22 -0500
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Children's Face-to-Face With Chupacabras

>SOURCE: "La Estrella del Loa" (newspaper)
>DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2000

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>Incredible though it may seem, the experience does not end
>there, since the boys came across a new discovery which is
>perhaps as important as the first. However, the details of this
>discovery are in the hands of a UFO reseacher who is keeping
>details under wraps to avoid any delays in his research.####
>Translation (C) 2001. S. Corrales, Institute of Hispanic
>Ufology. Special thanks to Gloria R. Coluchi

Scott & List readers:

Mataperros or Chupacabras; isn't it time to get an expert
opinion or statement from a zoologist regarding these
animals/creatures - rather than just from UFO researchers?

Best Regards,

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What Is Mass?

From: **Terry Blanton** <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
 Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 12:34:44 -0800
 Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:44:59 -0500
 Subject: What Is Mass?

Thanks to Dr. Eugene Mallove for alerting me to this article from New Scientist magazine. Located at:

<http://www.eurekaalert.org/releases/ns-wim013101.html>

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Contact: Claire Bowles
claire.bowles@rbi.co.uk
 44-20-7331-2751
 New Scientist

What is mass?

What is this thing called mass? Pondering this apparently simple question, two scientists have come up with a radical theory that could explain the nature of inertia, abolish gravity and, just possibly, lead to bizarre new forms of spacecraft propulsion.

Faced with the same question, you might answer that mass is what makes a loaded shopping trolley hard to get moving-its inertia. Or, perhaps, that mass is what makes a bag of sugar or a grand piano weigh something. Either way, the origin of mass is one of nature's deepest mysteries.

Some particle physicists claim that a hypothetical particle called the Higgs boson gives mass to subatomic particles such as electrons. Late last year, hints that the Higgs really exists were found at CERN, the European centre for particle physics near Geneva. So, does the Higgs explain weight and inertia? The answer is probably no.

Wait a minute. How can these physicists claim they have discovered the origin of mass when their proposed mechanism fails to explain the very things that make it what it is? Well, as Bill Clinton might say, it all depends on what you mean by mass.

When these particle physicists speak of mass, they are not thinking in terms of inertia or weight. Matter is a concentrated form of energy. It can be changed into other forms of energy and other forms of energy can be changed into matter-an equivalence embodied in Einstein's famous equation $E = mc^2$. So in this sense, the mass of a subatomic particle is a measure of the amount of energy needed to make it. The Higgs can account for that, at least partly (see "Mass delusion", p 25).

"But the Higgs mechanism does not explain why mass, or its energy equivalent, resists motion or reacts to gravity," says Bernard Haisch of the California Institute for Physics and Astrophysics in Palo Alto. He believes instead that inertia and gravity are manifestations of far more familiar effects. When you lift that sack of potatoes or shove your shopping trolley, the forces you feel might be plain old electricity and magnetism.

If the forces are familiar, their origin is anything but. For in

Haisch's view, they come out of the quantum vacuum. What we think of as a vacuum is, according to quantum theory, a sea of force fields. The best understood of all these fields is the electromagnetic field, and it affects us constantly-our bodies are held together by electromagnetic forces, and light is an oscillation in the electromagnetic field.

That these fields pop up in the vacuum is reflected by Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, which states that the shorter the length of time over which an energy measurement is made, the less precise the result will be. So although the energy of the electromagnetic field in the vacuum averages to zero over long periods of time, it fluctuates wildly on very short timescales. Rather than being empty, the vacuum is a choppy sea of randomly fluctuating electromagnetic waves. We don't see or feel them because they pop in and out of existence incredibly quickly, appearing only for a split second. These fleeting apparitions are called virtual photons.

But sometimes, virtual becomes real. Stephen Hawking worked out that the powerful gravity of a black hole distorts this quantum sea so much that when a virtual photon appears, it can break free and escape into space, becoming real and visible just like an ordinary photon. And a fundamental principle of Einstein's theory of general relativity is that gravity is indistinguishable from acceleration. So if gravity can release photons from the vacuum, why shouldn't acceleration do the same? In the mid-1970s, Paul Davies at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and Bill Unruh at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver realised that an observer accelerated through the quantum vacuum should be bathed in electromagnetic radiation. The quantum vacuum becomes a real and detectable thing.

This idea hit Haisch in February 1991, when Alfonso Rueda of California State University gave a talk about the Davies-Unruh effect at Lockheed Martin's Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory in Palo Alto. If an accelerated body sees radiation coming at it from the front, Haisch thought, that radiation might apply a retarding force. "I'm an astrophysicist," he says. "So I am used to the idea that radiation-for instance, sunlight-can exert a pressure on bodies such as comet particles."

Rueda said he would do some calculations. Some months later, he left a message on Haisch's answering machine in the middle of the night. When Haisch played it back the next morning he heard an excited Rueda saying, "I think I can derive Newton's second law."

According to Rueda, photons boosted out of the quantum vacuum by an object's acceleration would bounce off electric charges in the object. The result is a retarding force which is proportional to the acceleration, as in Newton's second law, which defines inertial mass as the ratio of the force acting on an object to the acceleration produced. Haisch and Rueda, along with their colleague Harold Puthoff of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Austin, Texas, published their initial work in February 1994 (Physical Review A, vol 49, p 678).

This electromagnetic drag certainly sounds like inertia. But do the calculations agree with the known inertial masses of subatomic particles? Why are quarks heavier than electrons, even though they have less charge? And why are the particles called muons and taus heavier than electrons, even though they appear to be identical in other ways? It might be because they are doing a different kind of dance.

In deriving his result, Rueda adapted an old idea proposed by quantum pioneers Louis-Victor de Broglie and Erwin Schrödinger. When low-energy photons bounce off electrons, they are scattered as if the electron were a ball of charge with a finite size. But in very high-energy interactions, the electrons behave more as if they are point-like. So de Broglie and Schrödinger proposed that an electron is actually a point-like charge which jitters about randomly within a certain volume. This can account for both kinds of behaviour: at high energies, the interaction is fast and the electron appears frozen in place; at low energies, it is slow, and the electron has time to jiggle about so much that it appears to be a fuzzy sphere.

Haisch and Rueda believe that de Broglie and Schrödinger's idea was on the right lines. The electron's jitter could be caused by

virtual photons in the quantum vacuum, just like the Brownian motion of a dust particle bombarded by molecules in the air. "Random battering by the jittery vacuum smears out the electron," says Haisch.

This is important because Haisch and Rueda suspect that their inertia-producing mechanism occurs at a resonant frequency. Photons in the quantum vacuum with the same frequency as the jitter are much more likely to bounce off a particle, so they dominate its inertia.

They speculate that muons and taus may be some kind of excited state of the electron, with a correspondingly higher resonance frequency. That would probably mean a greater mass, as there are more high-frequency vacuum photons to bounce off. Quarks might also be resonating in a different way from electrons. "If we knew what caused the resonance we would probably be able to explain the ratio of the various quarks' rest masses to the electron rest mass," says Haisch. The cause of such excitations might lie in string theory, which treats particles as tiny vibrating strings, but this is only conjecture.

If inertial mass is an electromagnetic effect, why does the neutrino appear to have some mass, even though it doesn't feel electromagnetic forces? This might be easier to explain. The electromagnetic field is not the only field in the vacuum. There are two other force fields: the weak nuclear force and the strong nuclear force. Both could make contributions to mass in a similar way to the electromagnetic field.

Neutrinos only feel the weak force, which could explain their small mass. Quarks feel the strong nuclear force, and that could affect their mass. It is even possible that strong-force fluctuations in the vacuum dominate the masses of quarks and gluons. As these contributions are much harder to work out than the electromagnetic ones, no one has attempted them yet.

Vacuum-packed So much for inertia. But what about the force holding you to the floor? Can the vacuum account for gravitational mass too? The idea of linking gravity with the quantum vacuum was suggested by Russian physicist Andrei Sakharov in 1968 and has been developed recently by Puthoff. Haisch and Rueda's latest project is to connect this idea with their work on inertia.

It's still highly speculative, but they think they can explain away gravity as an effect of electromagnetic forces. Oscillating charges in a chunk of matter affect the charged virtual particles in the vacuum. This polarised vacuum then exerts a force on the charges in another chunk of matter. In this rather tortuous manner the two chunks of matter attract each other. "This might explain why gravity is so weak," says Haisch. "One mass does not pull directly on another mass but only through the intermediary of the vacuum."

Einstein's theory of general relativity already explains gravity beautifully in terms of the warping of space-time by matter, so this "geometrical" description ought to be compatible with the quantum-vacuum picture. Haisch points out that the curvature of space can only be inferred from the bending of the paths of light rays. But the polarised vacuum would bend light paths, just as a piece of glass does when light enters or leaves it. "The warpage of space might be equivalent to a variation in the refractive index of the vacuum," Haisch conjectures. "In this way, all the mathematics of general relativity could stay, intact, since space-time would look as if it were warped." And all the strange predictions of general relativity, such as black holes and gravitational waves, would be manifestations of this polarised vacuum.

If they can get their idea to work, Haisch and Rueda will have a theory of quantum gravity-the long-sought marriage of Einstein's general relativity with quantum mechanics. It would finally allow physicists to understand the first moments after the big bang, and the crushing singularity at the core of a black hole.

That just leaves rest mass, the kind of mass that's equivalent to energy. According to Haisch, the Higgs might not be needed to explain rest mass at all. The inherent energy in a particle may be a result of its jittering motion, the buffeting caused by virtual particles in the vacuum. "A massless particle may pick

up energy from it, hence acquiring what we think of as rest mass," he says. If this were the case, all three facets of mass would be different aspects of the battering of the quantum vacuum. "It would be a tidy package."

It may be that there is no explanation for inertial and gravitational mass. They may just come hand in hand with rest mass. This is what many particle physicists believe. "Some people think Haisch and Rueda are on the right track, others think they are on a wild goose chase," says Paul Wesson, an astrophysicist at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

But if gravitational and inertial mass do emerge from the vacuum, perhaps we could take control of them. It might be possible to cancel mass, creating an inertia-less drive that could accelerate a spaceship to nearly the speed of light in the blink of an eye. To do this we would have to exclude quantum fluctuations from a region where there is matter-blow a bubble in the vacuum. Haisch doesn't know if that is possible. "Nature does not abhor a vacuum," he says. "However, it may abhor a vacuum in the vacuum."

Further reading: www.calphysics.org/inertia.html

Author: Marcus Chown

New Scientist issue: 3rd February 2001

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KGB UFO Files. The Real Story

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:54:31 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:46:34 -0500
Subject: KGB UFO Files. The Real Story

To the List,

If you want to know the whole story of how the "KGB UFO Files" hoax was made, just go to the web page in English of Boris Shurinov :

<http://borshurinov.narod.ru>

and then click on, either "Boris Shurinov, or "Black Pages"

Don't miss Parts two and Three (brand new) of the story. Part two is about the shooting of the crash sequence Part tree is about the autopsy sequence.

At last, we have a preposterous hoax completely exposed here, thanks to the excellent inquiry of Boris Shurinow in Moscow.

Larry Hatch can put this one in his "Poubelle" (but not Rendlesham, and not Roswell, please).

Regards to all

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:19:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:49:26 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 23:33:29 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I don't think many people get the fact that one of the big
>reasons the AA film was "consigned to the trash bin" as you put
>it was because of Santilli's story telling, and promises that he
>made and did not keep, not to mention supplying 1 (ONE) frame of
>the film for examination by Kodak. When people started pressing
>Ray bud, suddenly we have Ray claiming that "Volker" owns the
>film and Volker this and Volker that.

Volker does seem to own the film. He put up the cash, \$100,000. The last I heard, Kodak was demanding 15 feet of the film for testing. Ray told me that Volker doesn't intend to give any film to Kodak for testing, at least for now. Ray's attitude changed after he was visited by US officials in July of 95. Ray has been cooperative: he sent Theresa Carlson the betacam version to view and comment on in detail. He carried on a long and continuous email conversation with me and others. And now it seems he's willing to allow Neil and I to distribute the new CD version. I'm not an apologist for Ray; I simply believe he's telling the truth about everything he's able to talk about.

>All storys aside, in the long run, Ray ended up doing more
>damage to the alleged authenticity of the film than anything
>anybody else did.

I can see why folks may think this but I believe the biggest damage was the closed mindedness of the UFO community who refused to notice the subtle distinctions between a person who was being evasive to protect another (the cameraman) and a person who was lying for gain or profit. Hoaxers don't act like Ray did. The only possibility for the AA to be a fraud is if Ray were conned by the cameraman and I for one don't think that's a possibility. And just how does a dishonest person, which Ray would have had to be to pull this off, get someone like Volker to put up 100 grand for 22 roles of faked film? And why is Volker still not complaining?

>I also recall that the some of the footage (tent?) was proven to
>be a hoax by Phil Mantle, even though gullible lap dog
>supporters still rant and rave about it.

This footage has always been in question. In the first footage that Ray released, the tent footage was a confused mess and hardly anything could be seen and it was almost impossible to make out the images. This footage is not on the CDs we're trying to circulate. I don't know of anyone who "ranted or raved" about it. It was a piece of crap, about what you'd expect from hoaxers - very little or no detail, just some vague images.

The AA on the other hand is rich in detail and most of the footage is crisp and clear. Aren't you even interested in viewing it so you can see for yourself. Have you seen the uncut Santilli version? You write as though you haven't.

Ed

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:31:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2001 11:51:00 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 18:14:43 -0800

Serge,

All I can say is that I've asked the folks in the UFO community to keep an open mind about the AA until new information comes along that either refutes or proves the authenticity of the AA once and for all.

I believe Neil has found that proof and I hope you and others will keep an open mind when he decides to present his evidence. He's hard at work getting all his ducks in a row and these will soon be quacking on a List in your neighborhood.

Ed

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Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2001 00:08:21 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:10:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update - Young

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 18:08:12 EST
>Subject: Re: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update PART 3
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Gordon <paufo@westol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2001 09:41:21 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Kecksburg - Response, Review & Update

>PART 3

>PART 1 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m02-020.shtml>
>PART 2 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m02-024.shtml>

Hi, Brad, Stan, List:

Well, I might as well continue with this. My previous comments are:

PART 1 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m03-001.shtml>
PART 2 is at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m03-016.shtml>

>>Ernie Hoffman was also a reporter for the Greensburg, PA
>>Tribune-Review in 1965. He replaced Robert Gatty in Kecksburg
>>that night, so that Gatty could return to the newspaper office
>>and work on the story.

>Notice the sleight of hand here. There is now nothing about a
>specific newspaper story of a given title, publication date and
>quoted contents. We know right away that this is going to be a
>tale that was for some inexplicable reason never published in,
>say, the Dec 11, 1965, edition of the Greensburg Tribune-Review.

The best part is that the local paper did publish something on Dec. 11, 1965. In an editorial The Tribune-Review summarized its staff's on-the-scene investigation: nothing at all seems to have landed at Kecksburg. The newspaper concluded that reports of lights had probably come from press photographers or TV news crews in the woods. (They didn't know about the prank by local teenagers who ran through the woods flashing a camera strobe).

<snip>

>>When John and his
>>brother went down through the woods to look around, they saw
>>trees had been damaged and knocked over. The day before these
>>trees were in their normal state. The boys also came across a
>>man with an instrument similar to a metal detector. The man told
>>the boys that they should leave the woods, that there was the
>>possibility of radiation. The boys ran home to ask their parents
>>what radiation meant.

>Doesn't mean he was from the US Army, there were such things as
>County Civil Defense Directors

Exactly. The State Police returned the next day to search in daylight; they found nothing. State Police Fire Marshal Carl Metz and another investigator with him had a geiger counter the

night before. There is no reason to think that this wasn't the police or County CD people.

>>Well known Pittsburgh Jazz musician Jerry Betters has gone public stating that he was driven to Kecksburg by some friends that December night in 1965. They were curious after hearing the news reports of the alleged UFO landing. They didn't know the area, but apparently found themselves on the farm lane where others saw military action taking place that night. There, Betters saw numerous military vehicles, but more interestingly, a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck was making its way up from the field. On the back of the trailer he saw an acorn-shaped object and the strange hieroglyphic markings were easily visible. For whatever reason, at that point the object was not covered. Betters will never forget the tone of voice of a military officer ordering servicemen to get him and his friends out of there. Jerry became quite upset when the soldiers aimed their guns at them.

>Date? Publication? Excuse as to why not public in 1965?

This man called the Unsolved Mysteries phone hotline in 1990. I don't believe that this ever happened. See my comments in Part 2 about the farm lane "on the other side of the woods". This guy wants us to believe that while local property owners, residents, firemen, police and reporters saw nothing of the sort, He travelled all the way from the other end of the county, with unidentified friends, and somehow managed to get through the armed "corden" and happened to see it all - that is all of the dramatic details included in the imaginative 1990 "Unsolved Mysteries" show.

>>Bob Koveleskie, a former state trooper, has now gone public with an important detail. Koveleskie was a trooper who in 1965 was working in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He had heard about the Kecksburg incident on the news and was curious about it. Just a short time after the event occurred, Koveleskie was back in the Greensburg area where he saw Carl Metz and asked him about the incident. Metz told him that he was at the scene the night that it happened. He had been sworn to secrecy by an Army officer who was on the scene that evening, and could not discuss it any further.

>Date? Publication? Excuse as to why not public in 1965?

<snip>

>>Howard Burns, who was a radio dispatcher for the City of Greensburg police department at that time, recalls a conversation between several police officers and Metz one day at Greensburg City Hall. Somehow they got on the subject of Kecksburg, and Metz confirmed that he was one of the first troopers on the scene. He had gone down into the woods, and when he came upon the impact location, his first impression was that it was an aircraft crash site due to the trees that were knocked over. As he went over to examine the partially buried object in the ground, it was unlike anything he had ever seen. While he was there, several military personnel arrived, and ordered everyone out of the area, including him. They also ordered him never to discuss what he saw that night. Burns indicated that Metz would still not reveal many details about what he learned that night, including what the object was. He was still maintaining a degree of secrecy about what he knew. Another police officer who was at City Hall at that time, has confidentially confirmed the story to me.

Notice the internal inconsistencies in these two stories. In one, the deceased Metz tells a colleague and long time friend in the State Police that he was sworn to secrecy and can't talk about it, in the second story he gives out all of the details around a water cooler. Details which were in the Unsolved Mysteries program. Why don't these two mutually inconsistent stories send up a red flag? Because all stories which can be patched together to support this fantastic tale are accepted uncritically by here by people obviously desperate to keep the mystery alive.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: UFOS and Military Experiences - Wilson

From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 10:41:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:13:00 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOS and Military Experiences - Wilson

>From: [Antonio Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com](mailto:Antonio.Gomez-Orodea@discovery.com)
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 16:40:49 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: UFOS & Mexico/US Military Experiences

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hi Guys,

>Do you know if there have ever been any documented UFOs
>encounters with any kind of military forces in Mexico and/or the
>US? If so, could you tell me when and how important these
>encounters were?

>I am collecting information about these specific UFO/Military
>encounters and I would greatly appreciate your help.

Dear Antonio and List:

There is a short write-up of a military / possible ET experience
at:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_III/EddieMelvin2.html

for anyone interested in military encounters with UFOs.

Katharina Wilson

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 16:15:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:14:54 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 17:03:08 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2001 14:33:12 +0000
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:09:32 -0600
>>>From: Roger <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, I had written:

>>>Regarding "The Memphis Bell", you are really
>>>comparing apples to oranges. I have never said that hand held
>>>documentary footage shot on 16mm did not exist. Obviously, "The
>>>Memphis Bell" was shot in field conditions, therefore, the
>>>quality would be dictated by those conditions. I feel that
>>>because AA was shot in the United States, with all the resources
>>>available, and because of the importance of the event, greater
>>>care would have been taken in its documentation and the image
>>>quality would have been better. As a result, "field conditions"
>>>would not have been in effect, in my opinion.

>Neil replied:

>>You are saying that the conditions in which we are lead to
>>believe the footage was shot were quite "normal" and everyday?.

><snip>

>>Far from it Roger, Trinity Site was on highly restricted
>>territory, you could treat it like a "closed" film set. Our
>>cameraman's event we are told, took place out in open publicly
>>accessible land not too many miles from a large town (Socorro
>>NM), how do you handle it without the locals starting bus tours
>>to the site for a looksee. You set up an operation to get it out
>>of there as speedily and as covertly as was possible. These
>>were exactly combat like "field conditions", the "opposition"
>>being in this case the US general population.

>Hi, Neil!

>I give up. You keep speaking about the conditions seen in AA as
>if they have already been validated. The simple truth is that
>they have not.

Roger,

The simple truth is there are witnesses who confirm
"something" crashed to ground in the area identified by the
cameraman in the early hours of May 31st 1947.

>Regarding the time it would take to improve the
>conditions seen in AA, you wrote:

>>They weren't out in the middle of White Sands remember, they
>>would not have had the luxury of time, the longer "it" was out
>>there the more chance there was knowledge of "it"'s presence
>>would get out.

>Simply not true. In fact, if anything, the sooner that the body
>was brought to a secure facility where it could be accurately
>studied in a more leisurly manner, the sooner it would be less
>of a security risk. You seem to take the opposite position that
>doing the autopsy in the field would somehow lower the security
>risk involved. The lack of logic in this is pretty obvious, if
>you stop to think about it. I suppose a soldier in the trenches
>is at less of a risk for a bullet than one that works at a desk
>job, too. Let's face it, being inside a secure building is far
>more controlled than being in the field. And, ultimately, the
>body would have to be moved inside at some point, anyway. Why
>not wait until then? Why the hurry? It simply makes no sense.
>Just because what you see in AA looks uncontrolled does not
>validate the image or the conditions suggested.

You're forgetting the perceived biological hazard as identified
in the footage and the specialised facilities these precautions
would require.

What's the greatest threat to mankind of an alien encounter??.

An alien strain of virus or other biological nasty to which we
have no known immune response and would therefore create a
global pandemic, "they" wouldn't need death ray's on the White
House lawn, it would be H.G. Well's War of the World but in
reverse, we would be the one's dropping like flies at the end
of the book.

Look at the lengths NASA went to, to isolate the returned moon
rocks until they were completely sure they were "dead". This
will have to be taken to even greater lengths when samples are
returned from Mars where it's now thought life might have
evolved and could still be dormant.

>Look, I've made my position clear at least a half a dozen times.
>I don't think that there is anything else to talk about until
>I've reviewed your footage, which I assume will arrive shortly.

>Until then, take care.

You have indeed Roger, until then.

Neil.

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Now Available: UFO Update: LIVE! 2001 Special

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:38:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:16:25 -0500
Subject: Now Available: UFO Update: LIVE! 2001 Special

The recent UFO UPDATE: LIVE! 2001 special of January 29, 2001 produced by Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions, seen in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, is now available on videotape.

Hosted by Terry Endres, this 1-hour program features investigators Ron Schaffner and Kenny Young discussing recent UFO sightings and news, plus an update on the mysterious Bigfoot recordings from Ohio.

Guest appearances on the program are made by researchers Budd Hopkins, Bruce Macabee, Stanton Friedman and others interviewed at the Lima, Ohio UFO Symposium 2000.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this program for \$15.00 [this cost is strictly for duplication and postal expenses], please contact:

NATURAL LIGHT PRODUCTIONS
3962 Farrell Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45211
USA

Or send email to: leib@wans.net for additional information.

A banner for the show can be seen at:

http://home.fuse.net/ufo/ufoupdate_2001.html

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Conspiracy Writing Contest

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 15:24:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:22:06 -0500
Subject: Conspiracy Writing Contest

This might be of interest to those on the List with a literary bent...

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UFO Sightings OZ File 4.2.2001

From: **Diane Harrison Director AUFORN** <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 08:38:27 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:25:12 -0500
Subject: UFO Sightings OZ File 4.2.2001

UFO Sightings OZ File 7th.02.2001
Keeping you all up to date

Follow up Charmaine Ballam - Sth Aust. Director - AUFORN
1800 Callin Code: 001077 24.12.2000

Date: 24/12/2000
Day: Monday
Time Reported: 11:56pm
Location: Adelaide
Reportee: Martin
Report given to nearest rep: Charmaine
Tel: 08 8260 3717

Message:
5 lights seen in the northern sky over Adelaide Metro area

Objects: 5 star like lights
Colour: Red
Sound: Nil
Duration: 10 mins
Direction: travelling North towards One Tree Hill
Witnesses: Martin, his wife and children
Suburb of sighting: Pooraka

Report:---

Martin and his wife had just arrived home at 10.30pm after doing Xmas shopping.

As he was getting the gifts out of the boot of his car, he heard fireworks going off, so he looked towards where he had heard the sound, to see if he could see them. That is when Martin saw the 5 red star like lights close to the horizon.

He states that 4 of them were making an irregular 'box formation' with the 5th one just offside. He called out to his wife to bring his binoculars. He looked through them and they appeared to be like small bright dots, his wife also had a look and confirmed what he saw.

Whilst his wife was looking through the binoculars he ran inside to ring his sister who lived closed by to bring her video camera over and also to see if she could see anything in the night sky. He also called a few friends who lived close by to see if they saw anything.

During the time of him running backwards and forwards to the phone, to the front yard outside, his wife, who had been looking all that time through the binoculars said that she had seen the 5 star like lights move about in 2 formations as they were slowly moving away.

One of the formations was a ' V ' or triangle shape but laid down on its side and then the next formation they made was like an inverted ' C '.

Martin's wife has drawn the patterns and he asked if I would

like a copy of them, to which I replied "YES".

[Note: I am still waiting for them in the post, but I think this could be also due to the fact, that apart from contacting AUFORN re: the UFO Hotline, he had also contacted Colin Norris, and Colin had also requested a copy of the drawings.]

~~~ End Report ~~~  
Charmaine Ballam  
Sth Australian Director -  
Australian UFO Research Network  
<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw>

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Follow up Charmaine Ballam - Sth Aust. Director - AUFORN

1800 Callin Code: 000993--07/11/2000 SA and 1800 Callin  
Code: 001010--14.11.2000 SA  
[same person both times]

Time of sighting: between 9.30pm - 10.00pm [approx]  
Reportee: Peter S.  
Report given to nearest rep: Charmaine Ballam

Shape: Round  
Size: approx 1 and half times size of a baseball  
Objects: Two  
Colour: Orange  
Sound: NIL  
Duration: 7 - 10 mins  
Weather conditions: clear night sky - wind from SW  
Direction: travelling East from Kingscote, Kangaroo Island  
towards Adelaide  
Witnesses: Peter S. [age 56], his wife [age 46] and 2  
unnamed witnesses

Report

Peter and his wife were out on the Kingscote Jetty fishing.  
There was also a couple 50 metres further down the jetty also  
fishing.

Peter looked up into the night sky [there had been a brief  
shower early, but the sky had cleared by the time of the  
sighting] and then noticed 2 large orange coloured round lights  
in the sky. They were approx 3,000 to 4,000 feet high. One was  
travelling approx 1-2 km in front of the second one, but both  
were travelling on the same course in the same direction eg: [ 0  
<-----1/2km-----> 0 ] and both were heading towards Adelaide.

Peter called out to his wife to look up as well, she also  
witnessed the 2 orange lights. They both agreed that these  
lights were 'unusual' and didnt look like any type of plane. In  
fact both stated they had 'never seen anything like this before  
in their lives'. Peter then grabbed the binoculars that were in  
his fishing kit to get a better look, he confirmed that they  
both were 'orange colour and round in shape' and that is when he  
clearly saw that they were travelling one behind the other in a  
straight line formation.

The other thing that both Peter and his wife noticed, was there  
was no 'noise/sound of any sort'. When I asked him what he meant  
by that, he said: "Well if it was a plane, Cessna/Jet etc you  
would hear something, they were that big and fairly close, but  
we heard nothing, absolutely nothing!" I then asked if he or his  
wife noticed any other 'cessation of noise' around them, he said  
he couldnt remember that, as he and his wife were concentrating  
on what was happening above them.

As they continued to watch the 2 lights fly over them and  
onwards towards Adelaide, Peter said that just before they hit  
the horizon [approx 50kms away], he noticed that the 2nd light  
sped up, joined the first light, then diverted to the left,  
before both of them disappeared.

Peter then went over the the other couple who were also on the  
jetty fishing and said "Did you see that?" They replied "Yes,  
what was it?" They all spoke about it for a few minutes, before  
Peter and his wife left. The following day, Peter went around  
Kingscote township, asking "did anyone see or report some

strange lights in the sky last night??", he asked at the local police station, shops, local people. He was amazed that no one had seen anything, that no fishing boats, that he knew were out, as he could see their lights on the water the night before, hadnt reportedm anything.

During my interview with him, Peter kept on 'Stressing' that both him and his wife "Had NEVER seen anything like this before in their lives!" Peter then also came right out and asked me "What was it ??". I told him, that I could not answer his questions right off, as I would need to do some checking around, eg: Aldinga airport, but he then again 'stressed'... "It WASNT a plane! ...it just WASNT"! ..... "I know what planes look like/sound like etc, and so does my wife! "

Peter said that this had caused a bit of stress/anxiety for both of them. "In fact, he continued, "Both of us were total disbelieves of anything we read/heard about UFO's, but now after this event, we dont know what to believe/think anymore".

Peter then asked me what else have people seen in the night sky over Adelaide recently, and I told him about some of the follow ups I had done over the previous 5 months. He seem to relax a bit more after I had spoken to him about those, and again said "I just dont know anymore, this has really shaken me and my wife up, we were adamant disbelieves before now".

~~ End Report ~~  
Charmaine Ballam  
Sth Australian Director - Australian UFO Research Network  
<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw>

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Follow up Rita Robb AUFORN Northern Brisbane QLD

1800 Callin Code: 001121 12.01.01 QLD

Date: 12.01.01  
Day: Friday  
Time Reported: 9.39pm  
Location: Caboolture Qld  
Reportee: Kim  
Report given to nearest rep: Rita  
Tel: 0419

Report as follows:

Time of Observation:  
8.45pm - 9.00 pm  
Duration:  
Light was followed for 10 mins, watched (stationary) for 5 mins +  
Position and Location:  
First noticed while travelling between Caboolture and Bellmere, via car. Stopped car past Bellmere to watch carefully.  
Appearance: 1 bright light, yellowish in colour, 10 x brighter than surrounding stars.

Behaviour:  
maintained same height and travelled steadily in one direction - heading past Bellmere, height was roughly the same used by light aircraft flight path and close to same speed. while caller was stationary, object was observed (gum tree used as guide) and seen move behind the leaves of the said tree, light changed direction and began to head back towards Caboolture. Caller used mobile 5 mins, light appeared stationary in this time frame. Caller lost sight of light during return trip to Caboolture and was not visible when returned to the area within the hour.

There was no sound associated with the sighting.

Surrounding area was rural.

Caller states her brother witnessed a similar event approx 3 weeks (on the Wednesday) prior at around the same time.

Caller logically rationalised all aspects of the sighting, discounting satellite, meteor or 'shooting star' and venus. She considers it may have been a light plane, although it is slightly off the normal path for the area.

End of Report

Regards

Rita Robb AUFORN Northern Brisbane QLD  
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Follow up Charmaine Ballam - Sth Aust. Director - AUFORN

1800 Callin Code: 001149 26.01.2001 SA

Date: 26.01.2001

Day: Thursday

Time Reported: 12.20am

Location: SA

Reportee: Anna,

Other Witnesses: William [husband], Danniella/Romeo [friends]

Suburb: Holden Hill North [Modbury area]

Description of Object: Bright Orange Orb/ball

Report given to State Director: Charmaine Ballam

REPORT:---

Anna with her husband William and friends Daniella and Romeo, were all sitting outside Thursday night skywatching due to the warm weather. During the couple of hours that they were outside, they had searched and found planets, satellites and a shooting star.

Anna was the first person to spot this 'unusual light' in the sky. As she sat and watched it, it grew bigger, she then mentioned to her husband/friends "Hey take a look at that"! Her husband and friends then started to say, "Oh that could be...planet/satellite/plane etc" [Parafield Airport is not far from where Anna lives] but Anna, said: " No No! its not that, look at what's it doing"!

I asked Anna to describe what she and the others saw.

Anna: It was a bright Orange orb, it would be bright then dim, bright then dim, it kept on doing that over and over again.

Charmaine: So, like a 'pulsing effect'? Whilst you where watching it, was it travelling?

Anna: Yes, it was travelling slowly towards the North, all the time it was dimming then brightening. I also noticed that as it travelled, it kept on slowly dropping lower in the sky.

Charmaine: How long did you and the others observe it?

Anna: We all observed it for approx 15 mins, when this amazing thing happened... it, did a 'Nose Dive' and disappeared! But that is not all!

Charmaine: Please go on.

Anna: Well of course once it disappeared we all sat around talking about it, going again through all the possibilities it could have been, but we still could not make ourselves believe it was a plane/planet/satellite and so forth. Then approx 10 mins later it was BACK! It just appeared in EXACTLY the same position I first saw it! and again it was doing that pulsating thing, dimming/brightening. Also, this time it was travelling in the reverse direction, North to South, where before when I first spotted it, it was travelling North. Another strange thing as well, this time it zipped acrossed the sky, then stopped, hovered, zipped back to where it was first, stopped then hovered, then started to slowly cross the sky travelling South, then like the first time, it just did a 'nose dive' and disappeared!

Charmaine: So in total how long did you sight this object ?

Anna: I would say approx 30 mins in total.

Charmaine: During all of this, did it ever stop 'pulsing'... dimming/brightening?



Anna: NO..it kept that up all the time, that is what caught my eye in the beginning, how it looked like a star or planet, the fact how it was such a bright, 'extremely' brilliant orange in colour and how it would dim, then brighten etc.

Anna: After I had phoned your Hotline, I also called the Parafield Airport, but since it was closed, the call was diverted to Adelaide Airport. The person I spoke to was 'unhelpful' to say the least.

Charmaine: Did you hear any sound, how far up in the sky do you think it was and how big ?

Anna: No, we didnt hear any sound from it, it was quite high up in the sky, as like I said before, I first thought it was a star or planet.

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I asked a couple more questions, such as had they been drinking whilst sitting outside skywatching, to which Anna said, NO, only coffee. I thanked Anna for her report. She then asked me had there been any other reports of something in the sky that night, to which I replied as far as I know 'No'. Anna also told me that she and her husband do quite a bit of skywatching and that if she ever saw anything again, she would again contact us.

~~End Report~~
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Follow up Charmaine Ballam - Sth Aust. Director - AUFORN

1800 Callin Code: 001165 28.01.2001
Date: 28.01.2001
Day: Sunday
Time Reported: 7.40pm
Location: South Australia
Reportee: Douglas O'Reilly
Report given to nearest State Director: Charmaine Ballam

REPORT:

Date: 20.01.2001
Day: Saturday
Time: 3.00am
Witnesses: Douglas, his son and his daughter-in-law
Description of Object: White Star/Blue Cylinder
Location: Travelling between Waikerie and Bamera [country SA]

Douglas, his son and his daughter-in-law were travelling from Edwardstown, a suburb of Adelaide, up to the Rodeo at Berri. Due to car trouble they had ended up starting out late for their trip, that is why they were on the road at such an early hour of the morning.

Just passing Waikerie and approx half way to Bamera, Douglas spotted what he originally thought to be a 'falling star'. But then adds, " This was NO normal 'falling star' ". Douglas at the time, was driving approx 80 - 100 km along the road and stated that during the time of the sighting, 2 - 3 mins, the object was always in front of the car.

The sky that night clear with only half a moon and the surrounding countryside was dark, when Douglas spotted the 'falling star'. He noticed that it was dropping too slowly for normal and as it was dropping, it was getting bigger and brighter.

The 'star' shaped object just stopped and then changed in colour to a 'beautiful blue', its shape also changed from 'star' shape to a 'cylindrical' shape with blue sparks coming out of the end of it.

Once it had completely stopped moving, Douglas states that all of sudden the whole country side was lit up with a brilliant white light! He and his passengers could clearly see trees,

houses and stock in the paddocks! Then as soon as it had completed its colour/shape change, the light went out, it was pitch black again and it just disappeared.

Upon arrival at the Rodeo in Berri, Douglas asked around if anyone else had seen anything on their way there. Some people said "Oh yes, I think we saw a comet" . To which Douglas replied " This was NO comet I saw"!

Douglas also said that during the time of the sighting, he and his son/daughter-in-law where not scared, just amazed at what they had seen.

~~End Report~~

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Follwo up 1800 Callin Code: 001150 26/01/2001

Date: 26/01/2001
Day: Friday
Time Reported: 3.08 p.m.
Location: Sunshine Coast
Reportee: Santi
Witness: Partner
Report given to nearest rep: Emma
Tel: 075542
Height: As high as a plane

Message: Object stationary for 20 minutes then disappeared.

Report

Santi and her husband live near Montville at the Sunshine Coast. Whilst sitting outside at lunchtime on a mattress feeding her baby Santi observed a bright star-like object in the sky. She observed the object to be the same colour as a star but much brighter and assumed it was a plane. The object appeared stationery and appeared to flash for approx. 10 minutes and then after a further 30 minutes vanished. Santi wasn't sure if it was a satelite but didn't think it was a plane etc.

Santi, her husband and friends have witnessed many strange objects around the Beerwah/Glasshouse Mountain areas including a fluoescent green orb descending rapidly at a 45 degree angle and believe that a lot of activity happens around the Glasshouse Mountains.

Regards

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
Australian Skywatch Director

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Hector Quintanilla's Unpublished Manuscript

From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2001 17:21:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:27:27 -0500
Subject: Hector Quintanilla's Unpublished Manuscript

NIDS publishes previously unpublished manuscript by Project Blue Book s Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla.

For the first time NIDS is electronically publishing a book manuscript written in 1975 by Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, the head of the USAF Project Blue Book. Project Blue Book was supposed to be an objective investigation and documentation of the UFO phenomenon carried out by the United States Air Force from March 1952 until December 1969.

NIDS s purpose in making available this previously unpublished manuscript is twofold: (a) to demonstrate to the interested public, through the authors own unedited words, Lt. Col. Quintanilla s attitudes, preconceptions and biases that dominated Project Blue Book and (b) to make available to historians and to the public the methodology and practices employed by the United States Air Force in investigating and cataloging the UFO phenomenon.

The manuscript covers the years of Quintanilla s own involvement from July 1963-December1969 in Project Blue Book and also contains many valuable insights into the public and media reaction to the USAF funded study, from the perspective of the author. In particular, Lt. Col. Quintanilla s descriptions of University of Arizona professor James A McDonald s pursuit of the UFO phenomena as well as Dr. J. Allen Hynek s relationship with project Blue Book are annotated for the public record in considerable, colorful and sometimes jaundiced detail.

The complete book, which is copyrighted to Karl Quintanilla, can be found on the NIDS web site at: <http://www.nidsci.org>. A separate forward to the book, written by Alex Chionetti and J. Antonio Huneeus will be added when it is received.

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Attack Of The Green Space Fungus!

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2001 20:41:58 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:30:12 -0500
Subject: Attack Of The Green Space Fungus!

Hi Everyone,

Jeff Rense has many very interesting, and sometimes disturbing, articles in his Sightings web site which I try to check out every day. I consider one such article (see URL below) to be about an alien invasion of organisms from space aboard one of our own spacecraft!

www.sightings.com/general8/mir.htm

According to this article, a strange green space fungus has overrun the MIR space station. It seems to thrive in the vacuum and intense radiation of space. Will the new multibillion dollar space station Alpha soon suffer the same fate as MIR?

What really worries me is that if some of this green space fungus survives the firey re-entry of the MIR space station, it could continue to vigorously consume metal, plastic and glass here on Earth, especially since it seems to be immune to Russian vodka and other powerful fungicides. Do we really know the potential dangers posed by this extraterrestrial fungus?

If this green space fungus is indigenous space life, maybe we should also seriously consider the ethics of destroying this it and its habitat for the same reasons the late Dr. Robert Haynes, a York University expert on terraforming planets, gave for the protection of the indigenous life on Mars.

If it was up to me, I would send MIR into orbit around the Moon.

Nick Balaskas

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Filer's Files #6 -- 2001

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 12:33:10 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #6 -- 2001

Filer's Files #6 -- 2001, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
February 5, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

INCREASED UFO SIGHTINGS include: a Maine cigar, New Jersey lights, a Virginia disc, South Carolina Cigar, Ohio, Indiana Flying Triangle, Illinois three Flying Triangles, Arkansas Flying Triangle, California invisible craft and 19 UFOs in United Kingdom. New images from Mars indicate artificiality and intelligence at Cydonia. Commander Bethune's UFO photograph controversy.

MAINE RED CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT IN SKY

WALDOBORO -- I was driving southbound on Route 1 at 4:30 PM, when I noticed a bright object in the sky straight ahead on January 10, 2001. I watched the object until returning to the farm where I drive a delivery truck. When I returned to the farm I told my bosses girlfriend to take a look at it. Her daughter and she and I looked at it out the back window. We got a pair of binoculars to try to get a better view of it as we could not tell what it was. On closer examination with the binoculars we still had no idea. It was red like it was on fire and a cigar shape to it. We did not see any blinking lights or anything that made it look like a plane. I thought it may be a plane with the sun setting reflecting off of it. The object was traveling horizontally in the southwest direction. Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director NUFORC www.nuforc.com.

NEW JERSEY BRIGHT LIGHTS

BAYONNE -- On the night of January 21, 2001, I was on the Staten Island Ferry to Manhattan. From the window I noticed a bright, white light low in the sky over New Jersey. I went to the rear deck of the boat to get a better look. It appeared to be brighter than any planet I've ever seen in the night sky, and too low on the horizon to be a planet of such brightness. I got to the Manhattan side, and noticed the light had moved north and was now somewhere near Newark. It then changed in color to bright red, pulsed periodically, and moved Westward eventually fading. I returned the next night, at the same time, to the same vantage point at Battery Park. It was clear it was not any planet, as there was nothing in that part of the sky and at the time and the weather was quite clear. Thanks to MUFON WORLDWIDE UFO DATABASE <http://www.mufon.com/>

VIRGINIA SILVER DISK

HALIFAX --Tom Ginther, VA MUFON reports that Susann and her engineer friend were driving back from getting hay for her horses on January 21, 2001. They were driving south on Red Bank Road towards Virgilina when they saw a silver disk shaped object moving north towards them. It was approximately 5,000 feet high, they at first thought it may be a jet, but there was no contrails, it was a clear blue sky day. They saw it moving north for about three seconds then it Vanished it appeared to be moving faster than a jet. They said if the sun would not have shined off of it they would not have seen it. Thanks to Tom Ginther

NORTH CAROLINA MYSTERIOUS BOOMING NOISES

Bruce Maccabee writes, "I have comments on your NORTH CAROLINA report in Filer's Files #5 regarding "the mysterious booming noises that have shaken the Cape Fear coast from time to time returned last week. The National Earthquake Information Center in Boulder, Colo., detected no major earth movement in the area. Modern theories include that the booms are caused by jets breaking the sound barrier, the shifting of the continental shelf, or a volume of air suddenly becoming hotter than the air surrounding it and exploding like a balloon." I have difficulty in imagining the third suggested explanation: air being heated rapidly in some volume and then exploding. A shock wave or sonic boom requires that at the source of the sound the air be traveling faster than the speed of sound (shock wave means faster than low level sound). This requires that a considerable amount of energy be placed into the air to make a volume of it move rapidly. This can happen as a result of an explosion caused by chemicals very suddenly getting hot and pushing the air away as gases from the very rapidly burning chemicals, expand.

However, for a volume of air to become suddenly hotter than surrounding air, without the presence of a chemical (or nuclear) explosion would be impossible except under certain conditions: a lightning bolt passes through, creating a plasma which absorbs electrical energy and very rapidly heats the air around it (creating thunder) or there is a sudden concentration of electromagnetic radiation (light, "heat" rays, electromagnetic radiation in any case) such as when a powerful laser beam is focused into a small volume of air (causing heating by absorption of radiation by ions in the air). Assuming the above suggested explanation was not intended to mean thunder created by lightning, then very rapid heating of a small volume of air through radiation absorption would be as close as possible to the suggested explanation above: "a volume of air suddenly becoming hotter than the air surrounding it and exploding like a balloon." So far as I know this would be a non-natural occurrence (fortunately). (I assume that the above explanation was not intended to refer to thunder from lightning.)

Jon Persinger writes regarding this possible Seismic activity: Hasn't this activity also been reported when the Aurora flies over? It seems quite possible that classified hypersonic aircraft may be causing this too. Thanks to Jon Persinger jon_persinger@yahoo.com

SOUTH CAROLINA CIGAR SHAPED UFO

ANDERSON -- Bruce Maccabee writes regarding the January 4, 2001, sighting of a white large object without wings moving very slowly toward the northwest. The object was white, not a light, nor silver, nor reflecting sunlight. It moving very slowly. Eventually it went behind the view to the cirrus clouds. As a pilot I am familiar with judging altitude, etc., and this was above 30,000 feet. The object was over an inch as measured with my hand in front of my eyes. Maccabee writes: that an inch at 3 feet arm's length corresponds (by similar triangles) to 10,000 inches at 30,000 feet. But 10,000 inches is about 830 feet. Evidently this was an object of "some size"! Thanks to Dr. Bruce Maccabee

INDIANA FLYING TRIANGLE

BLOOMINGTON -- I saw a very unusual dark aircraft on my way home from work in the evening on January 4, 2001. From a distance, driving east on Indiana 45, I saw a bright yellow light with a white light, not as bright, next to it on the same craft hovering in the sky. There were tiny red lights on top, none on the belly. As I rounded a bend between Bloomington and New Unionville, Indiana I saw that the craft was about 50 feet above treetop and crossing the road right to left, directly overhead. I pulled off to watch and noticed other vehicles behind me had also done so. There was no noise - I rolled down my window to listen - nothing. As the craft passed over my car, I got a good look at it against 'night sky light pollution' from Bloomington - it was triangle-shaped, with a white light in each of the three wing tips and appeared to be black in color. A mile or so down the road, the snow looked blown across the road like drifting. The rest of the roadway was clear. I thought copter at

first, until I saw the thing. Not like any I had ever seen. It seemed like when motorists had pulled off to watch it flew away to the west. Thanks to MUFON WORLDWIDE UFO DATABASE

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

OHIO UFO SPOTTED FROM CONTINENTAL FLIGHT #1298

CLEVELAND -- Michigan MUFON reports, "On January 27, 2001, a 60 yr. old retired firefighter, paramedic, fire inspector was on Continental flight #1298 from Denver to Cleveland, talking to her seatmate by the window. The pilot had just stated that we would be at our gate at 7:25 PM. As we looked out, my seatmate asked if she was looking at the Lake Erie Shoreline less than 5 miles out on the lake. I responded, yes. As we approached the shoreline at 7:15 PM. I remarked excitedly, "Oh look, a falling star." My seatmate said, yes, it does look like one. It was such a bright light with rays of light on the outside of the round central portion of the light, or it might be a plane going down nearby. I then said, it can't be, because it is going back up. It then went in a perfectly straight line North, parallel to us, turned sharply upward and disappeared. The speed with which this all happened was really surprising. The man behind me said at the same time I did, No, it can't be a falling star, because it made a sudden horseshoe turn upward for a couple hundred feet, then abruptly made a sharp right hand turn, flew perfectly straight for several hundred feet, made another sharp turn straight upward and promptly disappeared. All three of us were totally baffled. We did not see a shape or object, just a very large, very bright light. The woman beside me was a 45 year old teacher from Denver. Thanks to Michigan MUFON. Todd Lemire

<http://mimufon.org> Michigan UFO CENTRAL

OHIO TV DOCUMENTARY NOW SLATED FOR PRODUCTION

Video production is now underway for an important television documentary entitled "Flying Saucer Crashes." Cincinnati-based Television producer Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions, working with researcher Kenny Young has compiled a provocative database of UFO crash-cases that have been previously lost to history. Leibold states: "This one-hour program will explore historical cases of reported UFO crashes from the mid-to-late 1800s. While many have heard of the alleged Roswell 1947 incident, very few are aware of similar crashes before 1947, in some instances almost 100-years before. We are going to explore these incredible events. Thanks to Kenny Young U F O R e s e a r c h <http://home.fuse.net/ufo>

ILLINOIS THREE FLYING TRIANGLES NEAR ROCKFORD

MACHESNEY PARK -- On January 2, 2001, the witness reports seeing three high intensity lights two miles away. They were too high to be street lights and too low to be an airplane. A Flying Triangle was observed with a white light on each point, with an elongated rectangle shaped red light on the back center almost covering half of object. The object was hovering over the area and moved slowly in a southeastern direction. I was traveling in the same direction as the object and could see it was dark in color, and the lights were intense. I turned west and traveled about a mile and saw a #2 traveling in a southwestern direction with the same intense lighting, at the same height in sky. I then turned north and #3 came out above my sub division slowly and hovered over Machesney Mall which was right next to me. I stopped and watched for a couple minutes and proceeded around the corner to my home. Watching from my drive I could see the object slowly moving south. All three objects looked identical, but I could not see any detail on them. Their noise was like a loud steady hum like from a huge electric motor. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

Editor's Note: In January of 2000, several policeman observed a Flying Triangle in Southern Illinois. A sighting of three Flying Triangles is rather remarkable. They are described as the size of a 747 or larger than a football field. It would seem more likely that these are secret craft than visitors from other worlds.

ARKANSAS - FLYING TRIANGLE SHAPED CRAFT ON THE RIVER

PONCA -- January 2, 2001, I was backpacking way down in the Buffalo River basin with a friend, and we set up camp, and went

to sleep early. I woke up at about 11:00 PM to go the bathroom, and I witnessed a very shocking sight. A triangle shaped craft flew over about 500 feet high with lights at the corners and a bright light shining from the center. I estimated it to be about as large as a big jet airliner and the strange thing was it was completely silent. The light in the center seemed to be searching for something, and I screamed at it defiantly! It shined the light on me, then suddenly went dark and bolted into the sky at an extremely high rate of speed. I tried waking up my friend, but he didn't seem to believe me. As I climbed back into my bag, the only comfort that I had was that at least I wasn't alone in this valley, and we weren't alone in the universe? Needless to say I didn't sleep and it has bothered me ever since. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

CALIFORNIA INVISIBLE AIRCRAFT CREATES VAPOR TRAIL

RODEO -- On January 6, 2001, MUFON member Jim Filippi reports, "I saw a vapor trail in the east as I have many times. This time the trails appeared very high and were very visible, but I could not see the plane. I watch these planes all the time and this time I just could not see the plane at all. It was invisible. I called my girl friend out to see if she could see the plane and she could not either. I got my binoculars and still no plane, just the vapor trails coming from nothing visible. The sky was very clear and bright 11:00 AM. Then as I was watching the trails the jet suddenly appeared. It was a large 4 engine jet, clear as a bell and off it went. Has anyone had any similar experiences or are we just going crazy here. I am a helicopter pilot and know for a fact that this was a very strange occurrence. Thanks to Jim Filippi jimflippy@aol.com

Editor's Note: Atmospheric conditions could have been such as to obscure the view of the craft. Some military aircraft have camouflage making them more difficult to see. We can speculate that this system may include panels similar to computer monitors, the sky behind the craft is video-taped and the computer monitor shows the same color as the sky, making the craft virtually invisible

UNITED KINGDOM UFO TALLY HITS 19

THE DALES -- Over the last few months, "Mercury" readers have reported seeing flying saucers, balls of fire and wedge-shaped craft in the skies over the Dales and Peaks. A large triangular UFO was seen January 17, 2001, by 44-year-old Anne Saunders who saw a spaceship hovering over Crich." She said, "I saw a massive triangle in the sky. The retired local government official and her husband studied the craft for three minutes." The triangle was full of pulsating colored lights with a black center and made no noise." "Then the front-end bit broke away, continued Mrs. Saunders, and flew across the sky at tremendous speed. Another UFO shaped like a bowler hat was seen by two people hovering over Curbar Gap near Calver. A 46-year-old Youlgrave man, said the object was jet black and had a diameter of 100 feet. He and a friend saw the UFO at sunset on January 6. It was 300 yards away from them and 1,000 feet high. "We watched it for ten minutes, then it just disappeared into thin air," he said. "It wasn't a normal aircraft -- there were no wings or an obvious power source or jet stream. There were no lights or portalls. It was huge. Last Friday, Bakewell woman Heather Shuttleworth looked out of her car window over Beeley Moor at 5:40 AM. She and her husband saw two bright lights and looked skywards through a pair of binoculars. The lights were the shape of what flying saucers look like in documentaries. Seventeen other sightings have been reported since September. Editor Andy Darlington on (01629) 582432. Published: 31.1.01 (c) Wilfred Edmunds Newspapers Thanks to Louise A. Lowry-<http://www.worldofthestrane.com>
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MARS PHOTOS HINT AT ARTIFICIALITY AND INTELLIGENCE

Mac Tonnies reports preliminary analysis of Malin Space Science Systems has once again provided us with a more detailed collection of Mars Cydonia imagery. Though marred with several telltale black strips indicating loss of spacecraft data, the new images are fascinating. The Fort boasts a ruler-straight defile elevated on top of a sort of flat, tapered mesa. This straight feature is either an unprecedented fluke of geology or else the handiwork of intelligence. The mystifying lack of

impact ejecta should have reduced this feature to rubble. Instead, we see a precise feature apparently undamaged by the adjacent meteor collision. Simply, there is no known geomorphological mechanism that could have produced this remarkable feature. The Cliff presents us with a uniquely demanding scientific puzzle because it is architectural-looking and constitutes compelling evidence in favor of the Artificiality Hypothesis.

While only the extreme western portion of the Mar's Face has been captured in the new image, the features thought to represent an eye and pupil are clearly visible (though degraded, as expected). Mysterious fine lines along the "headdress" are also visible, as are the "lips" and "teardrop" identified on previous images. The facial resemblance remains striking and consistent with claims of artificiality. An image of the Face's eastern half, never photographed under ideal conditions, is necessary to accurately assess the Face's bisymmetry. Meanwhile, the available photographs imply artificiality: the Face looks like a massive, windblown sculpture of a humanoid head, complete with enigmatic ornamentation. Whether this uncanny resemblance is the result of spurious geometry or conscious design remains unconfirmed. The Face's proximity to other anomalies, such as the aforementioned Cliff, increase its chances of representing what has long been suspected: hard evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Other anomalous features photographed include "Mound P" and its attendant hexagonal formation and the "Egyptian" pyramid located on the SW City landmass. Thanks to The Cydonian Imperative and Mac Tonnie (macbot@yahoo.com)
<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

COMMANDER BETHUNE'S PHOTOS OF UFOs

Randy writes there is a debate over USN Commander (ret.) Graham E. Bethune's images that can be seen on Filer's website. I sent you detailed information last week, having personally observed a similar craft from only a short distance in 1981, which had been extensively documented by researchers going back at least ten years. Its fascinating to read the disinformation being spread about them by supposedly dedicated "truth seekers." Note that none of the critics have supplied any evidence whatsoever to the contrary that they are not of a real UFO; nor will they be ever able to. It is an instructive exercise in why so many eyewitnesses such as myself stay clear of the limelight, and instead choose to operate behind the scenes. Its a pit of vipers out there. Thankfully, I have Sgt. Stone's corroboration. As I know Commander Bethune personally. He is an elderly, dignified former Naval officer and Southern gentleman, as well as a very nice man who doesn't deserve the malicious slander coming from some sources. If it gets too out of control I'll have to seriously consider wading in, either publicly or privately, in order to defend him. Thanks to Randy.

Editor's Note: I put Commander Bethune's photos on my web site because they were very similar to a UFO I personally saw in November of 1980, in Medford, New Jersey. They had spectacular lighting effects that could not be duplicated by the normal lights I have seen anywhere on stage or on aircraft. I'm quite aware that a mockup copy costing tens of thousands of dollars was built to produce a Nashville Opreeland Stage Show. Commander Bethune has spent a great deal of time getting the plans and evaluating the tape. The confusion occurs because photos of the mock up have surfaced. Commander Bethune's photos and the mockup photos are very similar, but they do not appear to be the same object. With enough money excellent photos of UFOs can be produced as we now regularly see in the movies. Commander Bethune has repeatedly given me his word that his photos taken by a close friend are real. I ask any of the doubters to come up with photos any whereas good. Whenever excellent photos or videos are released, certain groups often claim they are not real. These photos were so spectacular that Commander Bethune wanted as many people as possible to see them and put them in a booklet. The \$10 cost barely covers printing and mailing that I have provided to those who desired them. The validity of the photographs is at this time an irresolvable issue because so far the photographer refuses to come forward and allow a full investigation and duplication of the event. Anyone who wishes their money back, please return the booklet and I will happily refund their money. I'm aware of many similar photos that are not released because of similar attacks. I place the photos on my web site and offer them for sale so that those who wish to

study them may do so. Each person can make up their own mind whether they believe the photos are real. I have spent months attempting to investigate these photos and each step brings more questions. Probably an interesting book could be written about these photos. I can prove these photos are real nor can I prove they are not an unidentified flying object.

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UFO/ET Congress - 2001

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 09:51:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 12:53:21 -0500
Subject: UFO/ET Congress - 2001

The 12th Great UFO/ET Congress of 2001, Our Space Odyssey

The subject UFO, etc. congress will be held on March 31 & April 1, 2001 at The Days Inn, Rt. 1073 US Hwy #206 near New Jersey Turnpike Exit #7, Bordentown, New Jersey.

Confirmed speakers include Vicki Ecker, Editor-In-Chief of UFO Magazine, in California. Her research is the basis for her illustrated talk. Who really controls the American UFO scene? Is it MJ-12 or some other clandestine group?

This presentation from little known sources outlines a strange secret cabal that may or may not have "special access" to the UFO situation.

Her husband, Don Ecker, Research Director for UFO Magazine will discuss his own research of lunar anomalies.

Nancy Talbott representing the BLT (Burke-Levengood- Talbott) Research Inc. will describe her research examining plants and unusual deposited substances found in crop circle formations.

Delores Cannon author of several books will discuss the reincarnation and past life regression topics. Some of her books include Conversation With Spirit (1993), The Legend of Starcrash (1994), Keepers of the Garden (1993) and Conversations with Nostradamus, Vol I., II, III.

Advance Registration is \$85.00 for both days, if sent by March 25th, otherwise 2 days pass - \$90, daily pass - \$50, lecture pass - \$20.

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Re: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: 2-1-01 - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 08:22:14 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 12:56:34 -0500
Subject: Re: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: 2-1-01 - Tonnies

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: TCI: New Cydonia Photos: 2-1-01
>Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2001 21:21:05 +0100

<snip>

>It has thus finally come clear that by enhancing and
>inverting the light and dark parts of the images, e.g.,

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/picassoface.gif>

The "Picasso" Face rendering by JPL's T.J. Parker is a great example of why orthorectification should not be used on tall surface formations. A quick look back to the better-known Viking images clearly shows that the centerline in Parker's image is crushed to the far right. This is not a feature of the Face, but an unfortunate artifact produced by improper use of orthorectification.

>or

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydoniaphotos.html>

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/kellybig.jpg>

>we are made/manipulated to believe what we see, although
>it's basically artist's impression we see on these images.

No artistic licenses were taken. The "missing" data on the Face's eastern side was simply grafted from Viking data. No one's "manipulating" you.

>The contrast and lightness have likely been adjusted on the
>images, including image modification, or manipulation. Extra
>shadows are also added here.

Extra modification? I suppose any image enhancement can be viewed as "modification," but this in no way means the enhancement isn't a scientific effort. JPL has to "enhance" all of the data from the MOC to make it intelligible.

>Thus - as "we all" easily can see - these are NO artificial
>structures at all!

>Sorry Mac....

Mark Kelly describes his enhancement (with the shadows you find erroneous) at:

<http://www.metaresearch.org>

The shadows were indeed added, but not artistically. They simply match the ones already photographed on the "Face" by Viking, simulating what the Face would look like under Viking lighting conditions.

As far as other liberties taken, Kelly is most explicit about them. Ian Fleming provides a step-by-step independent analysis of

the "Kelly face" at his site:

<http://www.vgl.org>

Moreover, photoclinoemetry by Mark Carlotto bears Kelly's rendering out quite well. Simply, I can't find any merit behind your argument that the forensic renderings of the Face featured on my site are in any way misleading.

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Re: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 08:27:17 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 12:59:34 -0500
Subject: Re: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary Report -

>Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2001 09:57:05 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: New Cydonia Photos: A Preliminary
>Report

<snip>

>>Malin Space Science Systems has once again provided us with an
>>unannounced collection of Cydonia imagery. Though marred with
>>several telltale black strips indicating loss of spacecraft
>>data, the new images are fascinating and confirm--as well as
>>refute--predictions made by researchers.

>But, yet again, no direct links to the original photos from
>Marlin or Jpl for comparison purposes.

Sean,

Please see the website for a link to the MSSS site. Sorry for
not including it on the email version.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 17:34:37 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 16:47:16 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Roberts

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:19:02

Ed wrote:

>Hoaxers don't act like
>Ray did. The only possibility for the AA to be a fraud is if Ray
>were conned by the cameraman and I for one don't think that's a
>possibility.

Excuse me....but how do you know Ray 'hoaxers don't act like Ray'? You can't say that Ed, because otherwise you seem to be implying you can distinguish hoax cases from non-hoax cases. Is this the case? If so can you tell me which currently 'unsolved' cases are hoaxes (esp. from the UK). Hoaxers do not have any specific way of acting Ed. They do it for a million and one reasons from fun to profit and all points in between.

What you really mean is you don't believe Ray is a haoxer because you want to believe the film's authenticity. That's fine. No-one has yet proved it to be one or the other.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Secrecy News -- 02/06/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 14:06:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 16:47:16 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/06/01

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 6, 2001

**BUSH STATEMENT ON GROOM LAKE
**NEW SPACE TECHNOLOGY GUIDE OMITTS NUCLEAR POWER
**NEW YORK TIMES ON WEN HO LEE

BUSH STATEMENT ON GROOM LAKE

President George W. Bush's first published comment on national security classification policy comes in a January 31 letter to Congress that restates the exemption of the classified facility at Groom Lake, Nevada from certain environmental disclosure requirements:

"Information concerning activities at the operating location near Groom Lake has been properly determined to be classified and its disclosure would be harmful to national security. Continued protection of this information is, therefore, in the paramount interest of the United States," President Bush wrote. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/02/wh020101.html>

NEW SPACE TECHNOLOGY GUIDE OMITTS NUCLEAR POWER

The Department of Defense has published a new "Space Technology Guide" that responds to a legislative requirement "to identify the technologies needed ... to take full advantage of use of space for national security purposes."

The Guide covers the familiar gamut of "enabling technologies" for national security space activities from propulsion to communications to materials, and so forth. With one exception.

Unlike practically every other survey of military space technologies over the past few decades, the new Guide conspicuously omits any mention of space nuclear power. Space nuclear reactors have long been on the military's wish list because they would offer an exceptionally high power to mass ratio in a compact, survivable form. Just what you need to drive your orbital weapons platform.

But for that reason, they have also been a lightning rod for public concern and criticism. In 1988, a proposal for a ban on nuclear reactors in Earth orbit was developed by the Los Angeles-based Committee to Bridge the Gap and advanced as an arms control measure by U.S. and Russian scientists, including the Federation of American Scientists. Other forms of nuclear power for civilian space exploration have also been opposed by anti-nuclear activists.

A Pentagon spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for an explanation of the omission of space nuclear power from the latest planning documents.

The U.S. launched one 500 Watt space nuclear reactor in 1965. Dozens of reactors were deployed in orbit by the former Soviet Union between 1967 and 1988. The last major U.S. space nuclear reactor development program, known as the SP-100, was canceled nearly a decade ago.

The new DoD Space Technology Guide is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/stg.htm>

NEW YORK TIMES ON WEN HO LEE

The New York Times re-reported the development and subsequent disintegration of the Wen Ho Lee case in a two-part series that although unusually long does not include much substantively new information.

The Times acknowledges in passing that its initial coverage of the case in 1999 had been the subject of criticism, but the paper still does not seem fully cognizant of its role as a protagonist in the aborted espionage case against the Los Alamos scientist.

Thus, readers are told that the limited evidence of Chinese nuclear espionage "was distorted and amplified as it bounced from intelligence analysts to criminal investigators to elected officials ... in the echo chamber of Washington...." To a first approximation, however, this "echo chamber" was nothing other than the New York Times itself, which uncritically reported and implicitly validated the most alarmist views of the case.

On the other hand, the Times does note that publication of its original story "upended the F.B.I.'s strategy, forcing agents to rush into a confrontation interview with Dr. Lee before they were ready...."

Despite its prodigious reporting and re-reporting, incidentally, the new Times series perpetuates at least one factual error by stating that prior to the Wen Ho Lee case, "No one had ever been prosecuted under those [Atomic Energy Act] statutes, according to court testimony." This seems to be based on a statement by FBI agent Messemmer that he was unaware of any prosecutions involving violations of the Atomic Energy Act. But in fact, at least one civilian was prosecuted under the Atomic Energy Act in 1965. One military officer was court-martialed under the Act in 1959.

The two-part New York Times series on Wen Ho Lee is posted here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/04/national/04WEN-EDIT.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/05/national/05WEN-EDIT.html>

Wen Ho Lee's attorneys protested unattributed remarks made to the Washington Post about the status of the case, including a Post story last Sunday that prosecutors were considering a request for further interrogation of Dr. Lee.

"Not only are the leaks false," attorney Mark Holscher told the Albuquerque Tribune, "but it is a violation of federal criminal law for anonymous government officials to make such leaks."

"We remain troubled," said attorney Brian Sun in an Associated Press report, "that the government is seemingly continuing its pattern of selected, fragmented leaks, which are highly susceptible to speculative inferences and unfounded conjecture."

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Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 15:43:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 08:58:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest - Myers

>Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 15:24:22 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Conspiracy Writing Contest

>This might be of interest to those on the List with a literary
>bent...

>INSCRIPTIONS CONSPIRACY CONTEST

>Turn on The X-Files. Hop on the Net. Or gather with other
>paranoid friends and conspiracies will abound. The truth is out
>there, and it's up to you to enlighten the rest of us.

>How? First, choose your favorite strange phenomenon. It could be
>alien abductions, crying religious artifacts, werewolves,
>anything that is strange, fantastical and just barely possible.
>Then, pretend to be an investigative journalist breaking the
>story of the century. Write an article using the inverted
>pyramid journalistic style (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How,
>then followed with facts and quotes) to support your
>conspiracy-solving theory. Make us believe you.

Predicted winner: Richard C. Hoagland for "The Face and The
Freemansons." Anyone else with a predicted winner?

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
www.ufowatchdog.com

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Re: KGB UFO Files. The Real Story - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2001 23:15:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 09:25:34 -0500
Subject: Re: KGB UFO Files. The Real Story - Hatch

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:54:31 EST
>Subject: KGB UFO Files. The Real Story
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>To the List,

>If you want to know the whole story of how the "KGB UFO Files"
>hoax was made, just go to the web page in English of Boris
>Shurinov :

><http://borshurinov.narod.ru>

>and then click on, either "Boris Shurinov, or "Black Pages"

>Don't miss Parts two and Three (brand new) of the story. Part
>two is about the shooting of the crash sequence Part tree is
>about the autopsy sequence.

>At last, we have a preposterous hoax completely exposed here,
>thanks to the excellent inquiry of Boris Shurinow in Moscow.

>Larry Hatch can put this one in his "Poubelle" (but not
>Rendlesham, and not Roswell, please).

Dear Gildas (and Boris as well!)

I have no intention of placing Roswell, Rendlesham and other cases still being actively chewed upon into the "Poubelle" list!

I checked the Shurinov website, and was surprised to find myself quoted! Not in direct relation to the great saucer crash and autopsy of 1968's Sverdlovsk of course.

I immediately checked my database, and these "events" are not listed, to my relief. Likewise, I missed the TNT presentation. That's no surprise, I spend my free time at the computer screen instead, and don't have cable TV service.

From all appearances, and judging from just Boris's website, Sverdlovsk/'68 looks like a nice candidate for the Poubelle indeed! I should give this some time to consider alternative opinions first of course.

Thanks for the link! Its rather amusing really.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Of Sociopaths & Conspiracy

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 16:25:45 -0500
Subject: Of Sociopaths & Conspiracy

This is an answer to, and a new redress on those with a reflexive sneer regarding the potential preponderance of a ubiquitous conspiracy...

Of Sociopaths And Psychopathic Conspiracies

By Alfred Lehmborg

What follows is a discussion of sociopathy (antisocial personality disorder), the applications of the psychopathic personal philosophy, and its relationship to an increased potential for what is otherwise a dismissed, ridiculed, and maligned theory of general conspiracy. A brief anti-history of sociopathy is provided, useful definitions are included, but the larger remainder of the paper will delineate characteristics and causes as they exist to provide a fertile bed for endemic conspiracies of all types and flavors -- even cosmic ones, this writer suspects. It is, however; common sociopathy that is the medium and the mechanism of a very real general conspiracy that stealthily plagues us today ~ while the justified concern about it is too airily dismissed as the paranoid ravings of a lunatic fringe.

To begin, there is no separate history of sociopathy because, this writer contends, history is itself, in many, many cases, the obvious chronicle of the sociopath. Pro-social people (socio-philes) have lived side by side with the sociopath for as long as one can look back into recorded and even unrecorded history. Sociopathy, for better or worse, fairly inundates history with its poster children -- those infamous faces that pop into mind when one hears the word. Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, or Speck, Gilmore, or Manson -- these are the faces that appear unasked as one hears the word sociopath, but that is misleading. The preceding suggests that the garden variety sociopath makes itself known. That is far from the truth.

Sociopathy wears a legion of friendly faces. As one is exposed to the variously posited but ultimately united versions of the definition, one can easily stretch this condition to include not only the popular, respected and otherwise revered person no one would suspect, but to each and every one of us. Preachers don't tell on preachers, cops don't tell on cops, doctors don't tell on doctors. Politico's don't tell on one another when there is a *greater* goal to be gained. The rest of us avert our eyes from the inconvenient obvious... this is the hot-house fecundity any conspiracy must busily thrive in.

The sociopath is defined as one who steals from, lies to, and cheats on those around him while being unaffected by conscience and unhampered by responsibility for his or her egregious acts (Morris, 1988). He is someone we have reason to fear and dread because he can so often be found where he was least expected. Interestingly, Bob Dole and Bill Clinton could be handily painted as sociopathic personalities, by way of example. Like "The Simpsons" Mr. Montgomery Burns -- a classic sociopath, consider that Bob Dole seems unaffected by all the death and misery his support of big tobacco has caused throughout the years. Bill Clinton might be a sociopathic lothario who cheated

on his wife for over a decade with no apparent remorse, or crisis of conscience. Ronald Reagan wouldn't begin to admit to the existence of AIDS as long as he thought it was a targeted disease that only affected gay people. Consider the stockholders of the blood banks of Reagan's time men and women who kept on selling their AIDS tainted blood products when they KNEW they were infecting people with the killer virus. The radius of affected persons increases. Conspiracy seems to have a plethora of people that can too readily embrace it make use of its divergently profitable and autocratic criminal utility.

Another definition indicates that the sociopath, a sufferer of antisocial personality disorder, has no feelings for others, is selfish and aggressively compassionless, prone to irresponsible behavior, and happily willing to exploit others for profit of all types (Wood, 1993). Here lies the spark, tender, and motive for a pervasive conspiracy. In amplification of this assertion, it is pointed out in another textbook that the preceding definition included every predator businessman, golf course doctor, slick mouthed evangelist, Fat cat politician, impostor, cold fish prostitute, and Furman-like police officer alive on this planet (Coleman 1976). The point is that, though truly caustic, the definitions that this writer discovered could be extended to MANY more people than is typically thought. If an illegal act can be committed for profit or pleasure, there is an ABUNDANCE of people anxious to take crafty advantage of that act. If conspiracy is possible, and it is, the preponderance of sociopathy makes it likely.

In a sidebar, most people have the concepts of sociopath and conspiracy wrongly applied. Folks confusingly think psychotic psychopath. Or that the sociopath is a psychotic crazy. There is no such animal. The sociopath, or psychopath, is by definition NOT psychotic NOT crazy. Astonishingly, one has to be certifiably SANE to be a true psychopath. Additionally, a conspiracy is ALWAYS clearly criminal. Four child pornographers agreeing to go downtown for burgers and cokes is not a conspiracy, their shared plan to disseminate their material -- is.

Moving on, there is a blending detected in the definitions of sociopathy to include (surprisingly) every person who for want of some absent capability... just can't cut it in our overly harsh global society (Coleman, 1976), and so cuts monstrous corners with no personal guilt or regret with regard to those corners. There are, as well, the sociopaths defined as "criminal", but still another definition (definitions and characteristics swim through the literature as indistinguishable fishes, this writer concludes) presents itself with an attendant component to describe the attractive user type, the social predator (con>woman) that we even make movies about and allowances for (Coleman 1976). Sweetly charming and cunningly, mindfully and artfully uncaring -- they might relieve you of your money, your dignity, or your life. Sometimes, the victim (inexplicably) still loves the sociopath when the sociopath has relieved them of their money and their dignity (Morris, 1988). One can see ready parallels in the leaderships of all major and minor institutions and speculate on the potentials for insidiously convoluted conspiracy generated in the minds of psychopaths and supported by the sociophiles who love them. This writer contends that we have conspiracy of all types known and unknown because there are so MANY of these unidentified sociopaths on site to take advantage of them.

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We are not served by dismissing conspiracy, we ARE served by investigating it. Posner has not settled the issue regarding the assassination of JFK. Klass does not settle the issue regarding UFO's. We're better served by Jim Marrs and Stanton Friedman. Moreover, the admonitions of institutional leadership do not plainly convince us that they have our best interests at heart. Doctors want to market drugs and services, lawyers want to treat their courtrooms like money tree orchards, preachers want to prosecute their campaigns of intolerance and social hatred while they fill tax free collection plates. We won't even mention the dirty politicians and the all-business captains of industry, or their coteries of pandering lieutenants. The rest of us are dashed, contused, and senseless on the slick rocky shores of their mechanically disdained, patently ignored, and ultimately dismissed conspiracy.

Conspiracy lives, it's not in your mind. Conspiracy's real. Just look, and you find.

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From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 13:02:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 16:28:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest - Velez

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest
>Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 15:43:11 -0800

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>>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>This might be of interest to those on the List with a literary
>>bent...

>>INSCRIPTIONS CONSPIRACY CONTEST

>>Turn on The X-Files. Hop on the Net. Or gather with other
>>paranoid friends and conspiracies will abound. The truth is out
>>there, and it's up to you to enlighten the rest of us.

>>How? First, choose your favorite strange phenomenon. It could be
>>alien abductions, crying religious artifacts, werewolves,
>>anything that is strange, fantastical and just barely possible.
>>Then, pretend to be an investigative journalist breaking the
>>story of the century. Write an article using the inverted
>>pyramid journalistic style (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How,
>>then followed with facts and quotes) to support your
>>conspiracy-solving theory. Make us believe you.

>Predicted winner: Richard C. Hoagland for "The Face and The
>Freemansons." Anyone else with a predicted winner?

Hi Royce,

The winner of any conspiracy contest has to be Mr. Wild Bill
Cooper. Hands down! It's a 'no contest' for anyone else.

Regards,

John Velez

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."
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From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>

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Subject: Mysterious Lights Caught On Tape

Source: The Malaysia Star

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The Star [Malaysia] | 7 Feb. 2001

Mysterious lights caught on tape By Clarence Chua and Audrey Edwards

PETALING JAYA: The flashing bright orange lights seen over Bandar Sunway, which caught the attention of scores of people, on Monday night were caught on video tape by one witness while another claimed that he had picked up fallen debris.

Marketing executive Puballan Selladurai, 30, managed to catch part of the apparent UFO show on Monday night on his video camera before the lights vanished into thin air.

"I was outside my house in Seri Setia relaxing when I saw it happening. At first, I thought it was fireworks, a plane or satellite crash. But after a while, I realised it was something else," he said.

Recollecting the sighting which occurred at 8.15pm, Puballan said it looked like 'fire balls circled around the moon and changed formations before vanishing with great speed'.

"The lights appeared to follow the largest one which flashed off first. The last one hovered around for a while before finally disappearing."

Another eyewitness, duty controller Guna Selvaguru, 45, said he had picked up a piece of paper-like debris after the UFOs disappeared.

"It was moving towards me. My family members and I decided to wait till it lands on the ground before inspecting it. But suddenly out of nowhere a motorcyclist dashed out and grabbed it," he said.

However, Guna said he got another piece of debris from the unidentified flying object.

He also said that he saw eight crimson coloured lights in a straight line which later changed its formation into that of an arrow.

"It was at very high altitude and they were forming patterns. It was definitely not fireworks or an aeroplane," he said.

A local Ufologist is linking the sighting to a possible earthquake anytime soon in Sumatra.

Ahmad Jamaludin, who has been studying UFOs since 1978, said his research showed that there was a close link between the earth's seismic activity and UFO sightings.

"The sighting was expected. It is a build-up from the recent earthquake in India. From my previous observations of earthquakes in Sumatra, my prediction is that an earthquake

would occur anytime between now and March 31,' ' he said.

Ahmad explained that gravitational forces emitted by objects in space had caused the earth's fault lines to shake, thus causing earthquakes.

According to statistics of UFO sightings compiled by Ahmad, there had been more than 200 sightings reported in Malaysia.

A spokesman from Bahagian Kajian Sains Angkasa (Baksa) said they only knew about the sightings through the media and that no drastic astronomical activities happened that night.

Baksa, however, urged those who witnessed the incident to contact them at tel: 03-22735484.

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From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 17:55:23 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 20:18:46 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
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>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:31:44 -0800

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>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 18:14:43 -0800

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>All I can say is that I've asked the folks in the UFO community
>to keep an open mind about the AA until new information comes
>along that either refutes or proves the authenticity of the AA
>once and for all.

>I believe Neil has found that proof and I hope you and others
>will keep an open mind when he decides to present his evidence.
>He's hard at work getting all his ducks in a row and these will
>soon be quacking on a List in your neighborhood.

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Hello Ed and List,

I don't get it.

An opinion should be based on discrete elements of information.

Throughout this whole thread, you have been referring to Santilli, the Cameraman and Hesemann. It has been established that:

- A. The Cameraman does not exist;
- B. Ray Santilli is a liar;
- C. Hesemann's judgement and position in the AA case is flawed.

You know this.

Yet, you don't back off.

While those references have the single value of certifying that the AA film is a fraud, you use them to advocate the authenticity of the AA film.

What is exactly your definition of credibility?

Denial of reality, doctoring of information and wishful fantasies make you a skeptidebunker, Ed.

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http://www.fox.com/schedule/sched_pop_next.htm#384

9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) In Stereo-CC

Moon landing questioned on the all-new special 'Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land On The Moon' Feb. 15 on FOX

NASA put a man on the Moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did it? Could the entire Moon program have been an elaborate deception staged to fool the public?

The conspiracy theories are investigated in the all-new one-hour special 'Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land On The Moon' Thursday, Feb. 15 (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT). (SP-0139) (TV-PG)

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This is an answer to, and a new redress on those with a reflexive sneer regarding the potential preponderance of a ubiquitous conspiracy...

Of Sociopaths And Psychopathic Conspiracies

By Alfred Lehmborg

What follows is a discussion of sociopathy (antisocial personality disorder), the applications of the psychopathic personal philosophy, and its relationship to an increased potential for what is otherwise a dismissed, ridiculed, and maligned theory of general conspiracy. A brief anti-history of sociopathy is provided, useful definitions are included, but the larger remainder of the paper will delineate characteristics and causes as they exist to provide a fertile bed for endemic conspiracies of all types and flavors -- even cosmic ones, this writer suspects. It is, however; common sociopathy that is the medium and the mechanism of a very real general conspiracy that stealthily plagues us today ~ while the justified concern about it is too airily dismissed as the paranoid ravings of a lunatic fringe.

To begin, there is no separate history of sociopathy because, this writer contends, history is itself, in many, many cases, the obvious chronicle of the sociopath. Pro-social people (socio-philes) have lived side by side with the sociopath for as long as one can look back into recorded and even unrecorded history. Sociopathy, for better or worse, fairly inundates history with its poster children -- those infamous faces that pop into mind when one hears the word. Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, or Speck, Gilmore, or Manson -- these are the faces that appear unmasked as one hears the word sociopath, but that is misleading. The preceding suggests that the garden variety sociopath makes itself known. That is far from the truth.

Sociopathy wears a legion of friendly faces. As one is exposed to the variously posited but ultimately united versions of the definition, one can easily stretch this condition to include not only the popular, respected and otherwise revered person no one would suspect, but to each and every one of us. Preachers don't tell on preachers, cops don't tell on cops, doctors don't tell on doctors. Politico's don't tell on one another when there is a *greater* goal to be gained. The rest of us avert our eyes from the inconvenient obvious... this is the hot-house fecundity any conspiracy must busily thrive in.

The sociopath is defined as one who steals from, lies to, and cheats on those around him while being unaffected by conscience and unhampered by responsibility for his or her egregious acts (Morris, 1988). He is someone we have reason to fear and dread because he can so often be found where he was least expected. Interestingly, Bob Dole and Bill Clinton could be handily painted as sociopathic personalities, by way of example. Like "The Simpsons" Mr. Montgomery Burns -- a classic sociopath, consider that Bob Dole seems unaffected by all the death and misery his support of big tobacco has caused throughout the years. Bill Clinton might be a sociopathic lothario who cheated

on his wife for over a decade with no apparent remorse, or crisis of conscience. Ronald Reagan wouldn't begin to admit to the existence of AIDS as long as he thought it was a targeted disease that only affected gay people. Consider the stockholders of the blood banks of Reagan's time men and women who kept on selling their AIDS tainted blood products when they KNEW they were infecting people with the killer virus. The radius of affected persons increases. Conspiracy seems to have a plethora of people that can too readily embrace it make use of its divergently profitable and autocratic criminal utility.

Another definition indicates that the sociopath, a sufferer of antisocial personality disorder, has no feelings for others, is selfish and aggressively compassionless, prone to irresponsible behavior, and happily willing to exploit others for profit of all types (Wood, 1993). Here lies the spark, tender, and motive for a pervasive conspiracy. In amplification of this assertion, it is pointed out in another textbook that the preceding definition included every predator businessman, golf course doctor, slick mouthed evangelist, Fat cat politician, impostor, cold fish prostitute, and Furman-like police officer alive on this planet (Coleman 1976). The point is that, though truly caustic, the definitions that this writer discovered could be extended to MANY more people than is typically thought. If an illegal act can be committed for profit or pleasure, there is an ABUNDANCE of people anxious to take crafty advantage of that act. If conspiracy is possible, and it is, the preponderance of sociopathy makes it likely.

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Conspiracy is by definition a criminal act, corrosive to society at large. The world is filled with an unguessed amount of passionately engaged and creative criminals consumed and concerned only with the continuance of their diverse personal agendas. We do ourselves a disservice, it appears, to reflexively dismiss conspiracy (of any type or flavor) in the mistaken tradition that our society protects us from these legions of undiscovered psychopaths. They do not. Verily, they ARE the psychopaths. Every day exposes the ongoing sociopathic record of these vicious people, people capable of and perpetrating ANYTHING one can think of (and much more that one would not) to secure advantage for themselves or their class.

We are not served by dismissing conspiracy, we ARE served by investigating it. Posner has not settled the issue regarding the assassination of JFK. Klass does not settle the issue regarding UFO's. We're better served by Jim Marrs and Stanton Friedman. Moreover, the admonitions of institutional leadership do not plainly convince us that they have our best interests at heart. Doctors want to market drugs and services, lawyers want to treat their courtrooms like money tree orchards, preachers want to prosecute their campaigns of intolerance and social hatred while they fill tax free collection plates. We won't even mention the dirty politicians and the all-business captains of industry, or their coterie of pandering lieutenants. The rest of us are dashed, contused, and senseless on the slick rocky shores of their mechanically disdained, patently ignored, and ultimately dismissed conspiracy.

Conspiracy lives, it's not in your mind. Conspiracy's real. Just look, and you find.

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EXPLORE Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his Fortunecity URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>
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, scourged by the scurrilous skepti-feebroids.

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Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 13:02:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 16:28:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest - Velez

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Writing Contest
>Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2001 15:43:11 -0800

>>Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2001 15:24:22 -0500
>>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Conspiracy Writing Contest

>>This might be of interest to those on the List with a literary
>>bent...

>>INSCRIPTIONS CONSPIRACY CONTEST

>>Turn on The X-Files. Hop on the Net. Or gather with other
>>paranoid friends and conspiracies will abound. The truth is out
>>there, and it's up to you to enlighten the rest of us.

>>How? First, choose your favorite strange phenomenon. It could be
>>alien abductions, crying religious artifacts, werewolves,
>>anything that is strange, fantastical and just barely possible.
>>Then, pretend to be an investigative journalist breaking the
>>story of the century. Write an article using the inverted
>>pyramid journalistic style (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How,
>>then followed with facts and quotes) to support your
>>conspiracy-solving theory. Make us believe you.

>Predicted winner: Richard C. Hoagland for "The Face and The
>Freemansons." Anyone else with a predicted winner?

Hi Royce,

The winner of any conspiracy contest has to be Mr. Wild Bill
Cooper. Hands down! It's a 'no contest' for anyone else.

Regards,

John Velez

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

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Re: AA Film Redux - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 03:53:16 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:17:37 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 12:19:02 -0800

Ed wrote:

>Ray's attitude changed after he was visited by US officials in
>July of 95.

Ed,

Can you provide a documented source that Ray Santilli ever made such a claim?

Are you are perhaps confusing this with Ray's following statement, dating from June 1985?:

"Colin Andrews came to my office two days ago with a team of Chinese officials. Last year as part of an exchange of information the CIA had shown them their footage of Roswell. The four officials in my room confirmed that my footage was from the same batch they saw...As you would expect it was an exciting moment for us all."

It was subsequently revealed those 'Chinese officials' were Professor Hoang Yung Chiang, chairman of the 'Taiwan UFO Science Association' and Johsen Takano, who had an interest in 'UFOs', from Japan.

Takano's supposed corroborative 'footage' turned out to be photographs of Steve Johnson's model 'alien' from the 'Roswell' movie, on display at the Roswell museum.

Isn't this the explanation for your claim that Ray was, 'visited by US officials'?

>>I also recall that the some of the footage (tent?) was proven
>>to be a hoax by Phil Mantle, even though gullible lap dog
>>supporters still rant and rave about it.

>This footage has always been in question.

>
>I don't know of anyone who "ranted or raved" about it. It was a
>piece of crap, about what you'd expect from hoaxers - very
>little or no detail, just some vague images.

Absolutely and that's exactly what Rob Irving and myself indicated to Michael Hesemann.

In the following UpDates posting:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m01-004.shtml>

...you stated:

>I still think the most complete synopsis is the following:
>
><http://hesemann.m-n-d.com/beyondroswell.html>

Looking at this, we find Hesemann proclaims:

"Unfortunately his [Kal Korff] claims were featured by the US TV Production 'World's Greatest Hoaxes', broadcast by the Fox Network in December 1998. Although the programme showed, that indeed the 'Tent Footage', that has no connection with the Alien Autopsy at all since it had a completely different origin (I can state under oath that Santilli already told me in June 1995 that he did not show the 'Tent Footage' on the May 5th showing because 'the cameraman did not verify it' and its origin was dubious), was a hoax, he did not present any evidence against the Alien Autopsy Footage".

So, Hesemann acknowledges that "indeed" the tent footage "was a hoax" and clearly indicates it was never otherwise. No fooling me...

Which is the same assertion you make.

To recap:

"I don't know of anyone who 'ranted or raved' about it. It was a piece of crap, about what you'd expect from hoaxers...".

However... if we go back to contemporary, 1995, discussions on CompuServe, it's documented that Hesemann, before exposure of the 'tent footage' as a hoax - advocated a strikingly alternative conclusion:

Subj: Tent Footage
Section: Mutual UFO Network
To: James Easton, 100626,2242
October 1995 00:27:11
From: :Michael Hesemann/SL, 100660,3672 #152109

Dear james,

I saw the tent footage many times and just the speed of the movements and also the sharpness of the images indicates it was shot with a 16 mm camera and not with video. The only reason why Ray doesn't like it is that it is so bloody dark (dimly lit) and looks pathetically bad. I personally think it shows the being when the medics try to remove its spacesuit. A tent in the desert at night... with no electricity, that's why it is so dark. But all these sceptics will say again: Look, they have something to hide, looks, why is it so bad...
[END]

Hesemann also announced:

Subj: NEW CRASHED ALIENS
Section: General/Welcome!
To: all
Tuesday, October 10, 1995 4:35:07 PM
From: :Michael Hesemann/SL, 100660,3672#152114

Bet I got all of your attention...

Let me announce four major revelations on the World UFO Congress Dialogue with the Universe, Dusseldorf-Kaarst/Germany, 26.-29. Octobre 1995:

1. G.Bongiovanni will show footage of a large (at least 40 feet diameter) disc in a US Airbase Hangar with a big hole where you can recognize the honeycomb structure of its wall
2. Phil Mantle will show the complete tent footage...
3. Another leading English researcher will show three pictures of a dead alien crashed in 1970, given to a Chinese (free Republic of China, not the concentration camp on the Asian continent) gov't scientist by the CIA, together with 77 other pictures of dead, crashed aliens (including our SUE)
4. I will reveal latest information on a UFO fragment found in Romania in the early 1970ies (a landing foot, a few million years

old) and a UFO crash which happened THIS year on the African continent...

Stay tuned for more info...

Greeting Mike
[END]

The now purported, obviously a hoax, 'tent footage' was in fact taken by Philip Mantle to the 1996 Greensboro 'UFO' conference and shown by Philip at the 1996 Fortean Times 'Unconvention'.

Would it be fair to say that, in both instances, it was presumably presented as possible evidence of an 'alien autopsy'?

Hesemann further commented:

Subj: RTL "Alien Autopsy "
Section: Mutual UFO Network
To: Frank Heetfeld, 100556,3254
31 July 1996 21:57:00
From: Michael Hesemann/RE, 100660,3672 #348581

Dear Frank,

why don't you think of a damage control policy??

Ray HAD the film. The news about it went around already in January 1995. Copies of the tent footage were circulating from the very beginning.

What would be the best confirmation that aliens are real and the footage, too?

Of course if the CIA would buy or confiscate the film. What would be the wisest reaction? Ignore it, try to discredit it, leak disinfo to Kent Jeffrey and others and let your useful idiots to the debunking job, so it dies a quick death.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. Ufology discredited the film, and the US taxpayer saved a lot of money.

[...]

Greetings, Mike
[END]

On 17 January, 1999, I wrote to a number of interested parties:

In July 1995, I asked Ray Santilli if he could explain the origins of the 'security marker', reported as being present on screen throughout the early video showings:

"The marker is dated 'July 30, 1947', where did this originate and what does it refer to"?

Santilli replied, "On part of the tent footage there is a date board which was added after (it continues after the footage is over) It could be the date of process (we don't know)".

In August 1995, I further asked of the 'tent footage', allegedly part of the archive 16mm film acquired in December 1994-January 1995:

"I was wondering how you were able to show some of the footage, already carefully transferred to video from the original 16mm reels, as early as the first week or so of January 1995".

Santilli explained: "Some of the footage needed little or no work".

In September 1995, Bob Shell, editor of the US photographic magazine 'Shutterbug' and who had offered to assist in dating the claimed archive 16mm film, responded to questions being raised about the late release of Santilli's own mail order video, 'Roswell: The Footage' stating:

"I'm assured that the delay was only because Ray was trying his

best to get permission to include the first autopsy and the rest of the tent scene. These negotiations apparently were not successful".

Shell has just reaffirmed to me, "This is what I was told at the time".

Shortly afterwards, he confirmed again having spoken to Santilli's company:

"This morning I asked about the absence of the tent footage from the video. I am told this was just loose in the box and that the cameraman now says he can't recall what this is or when and where he shot it".

Shell, however, also stated at this time that he had been told:

"The tent footage, shot at the crash site under light from emergency lanterns, shows technicians cutting the 'space suit' off one of the bodies because, to quote the cameraman, it was holding in heat and hastening decomposition. The fabric was very tough, and they eventually had to use sheet metal cutters to cut it".

[...]

In January 1996, in reply to some queries I had raised, Bob Shell confirmed to me:

"Ray said to me that the complete tent footage was contained within the 'junk reel' when I was in his office in October. He motioned with his hands to indicate the diameter of the reel. He also mentioned at that time about the football game, family stuff, and other unidentifiable footage included in this reel".

[...]

[END]

I trust this sets your overall claims in their true, factually documented, context.

Have Neil and yourself ever actually obtained a copy of Theresa Carlson's published research which proved, not 'suggested', that the main footage was so obviously a hoax?

It should comprehensively illustrate why you not only wasting your own time, but everyone else's.

But please don't tell us that the 'tent footage' never fooled anyone, that no proponents 'ranted or raved about it' and how those who broadcast their intellectual superiority over the entire scientific community could never be duped by a 'piece of crap'.

James Easton

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Re: Moon Conspiracy Theory on Fox - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 23:31:55 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:19:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Moon Conspiracy Theory on Fox - Gates

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcb@attcanada.ca>
>Subject: Moon Conspiracy Theory on Fox
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2001 19:59:39 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>http://www.fox.com/schedule/sched_pop_next.htm#384

>9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) In Stereo-CC

>Moon landing questioned on the all-new special 'Conspiracy
>Theory: Did We Land On The Moon' Feb. 15 on FOX

>NASA put a man on the Moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>it? Could the entire Moon program have been an elaborate
>deception staged to fool the public?

>The conspiracy theories are investigated in the all-new one-hour
>special 'Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land On The Moon' Thursday,
>Feb. 15 (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT). (SP-0139) (TV-PG)

You can always catch the two hour version called Capricorn
One..... :) Its available on Video and DVD.

Cheers,

Robert

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Help Requested

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 13:30:03 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:22:20 -0500
Subject: Help Requested

Hi All,

Does anyone have any contact details for Bob Kiviat? If so please e-mail me.

Regards,

Roy..

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

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Introduction

From: **Jeff Behnke** <twitch02@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 13:41:05 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:25:07 -0500
Subject: Introduction

Hey there everyone,

I don't know anyone on this List, but I just thought I'd introduce myself and say hi and maybe get to know a couple people.

I'm personally into the Alien/God theory since it completely obliterated my own belief system. Most of the articles on the site are about that. Anyway, have a day...

My website is:

<http://www.paranormalnews.com>

Cheers,

Jeff Behnke
jeff@paranormalnews.com

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Secrecy News -- 02/08/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 09:04:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:27:23 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/08/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 8, 2001

** REPORT ON HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM DUE
** WORLDWIDE THREAT HEARING
** DEUTCH DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

REPORT ON HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM DUE

The Department of Energy has finally completed the long-deferred declassification of a report entitled "Highly Enriched Uranium -- The First 50 Years." Publication of the document, which provides historical information on the production and disposition of the nation's weapons-grade uranium stockpile, has been promised for years.

In anticipation of "media interest," "Options for release of the report are being developed" according to the DOE Office of Nuclear and National Security Information (ONNSI).

One of the purposes of the report, broadly speaking, is to "lead by example" and to promote increased international transparency concerning stockpiles of fissionable materials. "I see it as a plus for nonproliferation if it is played right," one official said.

Plans for release of the report are noted in an internal ONNSI Weekly Report obtained by Secrecy News. The weekly report, dated February 6, also contains information on the status of various other DOE declassification activities that will be of interest to those who are interested. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/02/doe020601.html>

The forthcoming report on highly enriched uranium is a companion to an earlier DOE report "Plutonium: The First 50 Years," published in 1996. That report is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/pu50y.html>

WORLDWIDE THREAT HEARING

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence yesterday held its annual overview of threats facing the United States.

Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet, along with Defense Intelligence Agency Director Vice Admiral Thomas R. Wilson and Thomas Fingar of the State Department's INR, provided an updated official assessment of a broad spectrum of national security threats. These include the proliferation of missiles and weapons of mass destruction; the challenges posed by Russia, China, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Colombia, among others; terrorism, demographic changes, disease; and more.

The three prepared statements of DCI Tenet, Admiral Wilson, and Mr. Fingar are posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001_hr/index.html#threat

Toward the end of the hearing, Committee Chairman Sen. Richard Shelby asked DCI Tenet about the impact of "leaks," i.e. unauthorized disclosures of classified information, on CIA operations and capabilities.

Tenet dutifully replied that leaks have been "devastating to us in terms of protecting sources and methods." He endorsed the need for legislation to criminalize leaks, notwithstanding public opposition and President Clinton's veto of such legislation last year.

Sen. Shelby asked, "Will you work with us on trying to tailor some legislation with the Justice Department and Defense that would help solve this problem?" Mr. Tenet said that he would.

Last year's aborted anti-leak legislation, Tenet said, was directed at "government or former government employees who knowingly violated their oath and the law. There was never any intention to go after the press, there was never any intention to go after whistleblowers, there was never any intention to deny anybody constitutional rights.... And if there are ways to make that clear in the legislation, we should work together to make it clear."

DEUTCH DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

The Pentagon's General Counsel concluded in a report released last week that although former Deputy Secretary of Defense (and former DCI) John Deutch had committed numerous security breaches involving the mishandling of classified information, there was no evidence that national security had actually been damaged.

"While the possibility of compromise cannot be foreclosed with certainty, our analysts have found no evidence of compromise to date," according to the January 19 memorandum, which was released in partially declassified form on February 1.

The redacted text of the Office of General Counsel memorandum on the Deutch case is now available online here:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/ogc_deutch.html

Supporters of Wen Ho Lee said the Deutch damage assessment and his subsequent pardon were further indications of the disparate treatment of the two security offenders, noting that there was also no evidence that Wen Ho Lee's downloaded files had been compromised. "Equal treatment under the law is a hollow promise," exclaimed Cecilia Chang of wenholee.org.

"Now that Deutch has been pardoned," Senator Shelby asked DCI Tenet insinuatingly at the close of yesterday's hearing, "do you have any plans to reinstate his clearances?"

"No," Tenet replied.

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Malaysian... IFOs

From: **Mark Pilkington** <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 23:01:15 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 18:44:30 -0500
Subject: Malaysian... IFOs

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2001/2/8/nation/0808fbuf&sec=nation>

Of lanterns, 'UFOs' and the city folk

PETALING JAYA: The Star was deluged with callers claiming sightings of UFOs in various parts of the city last night. Most spoke of "UFOs" hovering high in the sky, emitting various colours of light from crimson red, orangy lights with a red wisp at the end, to pinkish and even white lights.

Sightings were reported in Gombak, Sentul, Setapak and later on in Bangsar, Brickfields and Subang.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY ... one of the good luck lanterns mistaken for 'UFOs' being released at the Thien Hou temple Wednesday night. STARpic by Zabidi Tusin "It remained bright with several reddish and smaller lights hopping from one end to another," one caller said.

Another caller, Albert Hui, said he saw about seven to eight such red lights in a straight line for at least half-an-hour.

Seelan, who called in at about 10.30pm, said a crowd of about 50 people had gathered at a petrol station at the entrance of Taman Datuk Senu in Sentul, mesmerised by the lights which he described as "reddish green".

Most claimed they saw the unidentified lights towards the east.

The Star reporter Wani Muthiah was on her way home in the company van at 10pm at the highway leading towards the RMAF base in Sungai Besi when she too noticed the bright lights.

Dozens of cars had pulled up along the roadside to get a look.

Wani spoke to several people who were puzzled by the "UFOs".

She followed the lights with company driver Mohd Saad B. Mohd through the Chinese cemetery in Sungai Besi and the trail brought them back to the Federal Highway near Taman Seputeh.

Here they could see that the lights were originating from the hilltop somewhere near Taman Seputeh.

They then drove to the hilltop and parked some 500m from the Thien Hou temple off Jalan Syed Putra where they saw the objects being released.

The "UFOs" turned out to be good luck lanterns released in conjunction with the Chap Goh Meh celebration.

Made of paper, the cylindrical lanterns work like a hot air balloon and are over 1m high with a width of about half a metre.

They use a thick slow-burning paper at the base which has been soaked in kerosene at the bottom as a burner to create the hot air. The flame lasts for over 10 minutes.

The locally-made lanterns were being released at intervals of several minutes each, some in perfect succession, which made them appear like a row when carried by the wind.

A Thien Hou temple official then took them up to the temple rooftop where people were purchasing the "UFOs" at RM60 each.

Family members were seen writing their names on the lanterns and reciting prayers before sending them to "heaven."

Mark Pilkington m.pilkington@virgin.net

"The blood is the life, but electricity is the life of the blood." - Dr Carter Moffat, 1892

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<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk> : Magonia online

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Re: Introduction - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 16:12:42 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 23:43:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Introduction - Tonnies

>From: Jeff Behnke <twitch02@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Introduction
>Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 13:41:05 -0000

>Hey there everyone,

>I don't know anyone on this List, but I just thought I'd
>introduce myself and say hi and maybe get to know a couple
>people.

Hi. And nice-looking website; I'm going to append it to my
already-bulging "Esoterica" page...

>I'm personally into the Alien/God theory since it completely
>obliterated my own belief system.

"Alien/God theory" as in Sitchin's genetic tinkererers from space?
I wouldn't exactly discount it. My main area of interest (at
least online) is possible Mars artifacts, so I suppose my
preoccupations intersect your own to an extent.

My website is:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

Wanna trade links?

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
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>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
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James,

Thanks for the information. I'll add it to my files.

I hope you didn't expect a response.

I still insist that MH's research on the nuts and bolts of the AA is the most accurate. Yes, he may have been incorrect in some in some of his interpretations of the evidence. Our engaging in this endless "he said/she said" is a poor use of time. We intend to present new evidence.

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>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 17:55:23 -0800

>A. The Cameraman does not exist;

Serge,

I believe this is an incorrect statement but time will tell.

>B. Ray Santilli is a liar;

We are all liars, some time or another; but is he lying about the AA? I doubt it!

>C. Hesemann's judgement and position in the AA case if flawed.

MH is very clear about what his investigations show. The AA is legitimate!

>Yet, you don't back off.

Not even for a second.

>Denial of reality, doctoring of information and wishful
>fantasies make you a skeptidebunker, Ed.

Are you serious. I hold a strong position because the evidence I've collected indicates that the AA is authentic and I'm a "skeptidebunker"? You must be kidding!

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FISHERMAN DISCOVERS A SMALL ANDROID IN BRAZIL

On Saturday, January 27, 2001, a fisherman casting his nets into the river at Camatari, a town near Salvador, the capital of the state of Bahia in Brazil and pulled ashore a strange-looking artifact.

Salvador is a port city on Brazil's South Atlantic shore, located about 800 kilometers (500 miles) northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

The oopart (out-of-place artifact--J.T.) was described as a "small android," an "alien toy" and a "toy from the future."

According to M. Fratel, UFO Roundup's correspondent in Salvador, Bahia, the object was described as "an artifact like a doll, of humanoid form about 10 to 15 centimeters" (4 to 6 inches) in length. The unusual doll "was translucent and changed color from blue to red" as the holder touched it with his hand. The color changes happened repeatedly as the object was held in differing positions. Also, "they detected on the skin a liquid like transpiration."

Televisao Bahia, Canal (Channel) 8 in Salvador showed video footage of the unusual artifact in its evening news broadcast. The footage showed the spot where the "weird doll" was found and an interview with the fisherman who brought it to shore.

Brazil's Policia Militar reportedly took custody of the "android", which has "which is now being studied by specialists in Salvador." (See Televisao Bahia broadcast of January 27, 2001. Muito obrigado a M. Fratel por eso caso.)

CHUPACABRAS SEEN BY MANY IN VILLAGES NEAR CALAMA

Chile's ongoing Chupacabra scare continued last week as two more live creatures were seen in the villages of La Banda and Independencia Norte, on the rural outskirts of Calama.

"Patricia Valdivia, a resident of the village of La Banda de Calama, provided a revealing account of her encounter with the mythic Chupacabra after it appeared on her doorstep at Calle Lincan 1930 (street)."

Patricia told the newspaper La Estrella del Loa "that she heard some strange noises at approximately one o'clock in the morning

while she engaged in housework."

(Editor's Note: Right now it's midsummer in Chile, and in the Atacama Desert, the daytime temperatures go well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. People wait until after nightfall to do their household chores because it's cooler then.)

"It sounded like fighting. After hearing an impact, I walked towards the door, where I heard a strange howl and some fast, heavy breathing," Sra. Valdivia reported.

"At that precise moment, the woman lifted a curtain and saw three cats, more paralyzed than a photograph, spaced at approximately one meter (3 feet, 4 inches) from each other,. She then looked to the right, and 'There it was, sitting in front of the door. When it saw me, it jumped immediately over the outside wall and lost itself in the darkness.'"

(Editor's Note: In Chile, as elsewhere in South America, homes are built Mediterranean-style around an interior walled courtyard.)

"She noted that 'the strange being' measured between 60 to 70 centimeters in a seated position, while long legs protruded from its body, which was covered with leaden-colored (gray) hair."

"(Casts of its footprints--S.C.) were taken by ufologist Jaime Ferrer who has been researching the (Chupacabra) case for some months now."

"The woman added that the 'animal' made a strange growling sound which caused the windowpanes to rattle, a situation that repeated itself when the Chupacabra jumped to escape."

"Not only in sci-fi films is it possible to find links between children and aliens, as well as other mysterious creatures. Similar things also happen in real life, which lead us to pay greater attention to reports of the presence of Chupacabras in El Loa province."

"Far stranger is the case of three youngsters in a remote section of Calama's district of Independencia Norte who were paralyzed with fright after facing a beast whose description is similar to the numerous reports from Calama region farmers 'of a creature that has raided their farms, draining the blood of their cattle, frightening people to death and plunging UFO researchers into confusion.'"

Gabriel Herrera, Miguel Salvo and Jorge Salvo have told their stories separately and with surprising similarity. They recently saw the mysterious animal--reportedly described by ufologists as an alien--jump, land and escape."

"It was about one meter (3 feet, 4 inches) tall and it was sitting there (in the interior courtyard of the building--S.C.) but jumped effortlessly when my brother (Jorge) opened the door. It scared us. It had spines running down its back. It was hairy and frayed. We went to tell Mommy, thinking it was a rabbit. That's when it got lost. and we all searched for it,' said Miguel Salvo. 'It didn't have a nose or elbows, but it had shining eyes and legs that were thick at the top and skinny at the bottom. It jumped and hid under a pickup truck.'" (See La Estrella del Loa for January 30, 2001, "Eyewitness account of a Chupacabra encounter," and February 1, 2001, "Children have face-to-face encounter with a Chupacabra." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros, Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico y tambien Gloria Coluchi para esos articulos de diario.)

MORE ORANGE UFOs SIGHTED IN MALAYSIA

Malaysia's UFO flap entered its second week with a new sighting in Penang.

On Sunday, January 28, 2001, C.W. was outdoors in Penang and "looking north" when she and her companions "saw" a bright light approaching from the Esplanade in the northeast."

C.W. described the UFO as "bright orange with a yellow glow around it."

"The UFO was heading south. I saw the one bright orange light coming and then it split into two lights. There was a yellow glow around the bright orange light. The two lights hovered for a few minutes and then headed towards the east. Then a bigger light (same color--C.W.) appeared and stayed for five minutes and then left in the same direction (east) as the other two orange lights."

Curiously, C.W. added, the UFOs "came lower and were stationary" while they hovered over Penang, "and then they moved higher and faster away." (Email Form Report)

THREE UFOs FLY OVER SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE

"Has Scarborough had a visit from another world?"

"Ian Baird was waiting for a lift from a friend outside his house on Settringham Road near Scarborough Head," Yorkshire, UK "on Friday night," January 26, 2001 "when he saw three unidentified flying objects high in the sky above him."

"At first Mr. Baird thought that what he was seeing in front of him was a satellite, but, he said, 'it was it was not going as quickly as most satellites do. It then went north before disappearing.'"

"When Mr. Baird's family came along, they looked up into the sky and saw the objects coming back towards them."

"It then changed direction and went in an east-west direction."

"Mr. Baird said, 'One thing a satellite tends to do is move quickly. It (the UFO) was just a single point of light at a very, very high altitude. There was also a lot of distance traveled in the short span of time.'" (See the Scarborough Evening News for January 29, 2001, "Were they UFOs?" Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

MORE UFOs SIGHTED IN DERBYSHIRE DALES, UK

"The (Derbyshire) Dales UFO mystery has deepened yet further following two more close encounters."

"Over the last few months, Mercury readers have reported seeing flying saucers, balls of fire and wedge-shaped craft in the skies above the Dales and Peaks."

"Now another UFO--shaped like a bowler hat--has been seen by two people hovering over Curbar Gap near Culver."

"A 46-year-old Youlgrave man, who asked not to be named, said the object was jet black and had a diameter of 100 feet (30 meters)."

"He and a friend saw the UFO at sunset on Saturday," January 6, 2001, ". It was 300 yard (270 meters) away from them and 1,000 feet (300 meters) high" off the ground.

"'We watched it for ten minutes, then it just disappeared into the air,' he said, 'It wasn't a normal aircraft. There were no wings or an obvious power source or jet stream (contrail in the USA--J.T.).'"

"'It was just spinning" and "apart from a low hum, there were no lights or portals (doors). I was taken aback It was nothing like I've seen before. It was large. What it was I just don't know.'"

"Last Friday," January 25, 2001, "Bakewell woman Heather Shuttleworth was travelling toward Haddon Bank when she looked out of her car window near Beeley Moor at 5:40 p.m."

"She and her husband saw two bright lights, stopped the car and looked skyward through a pair of binoculars."

"Mrs. Shuttleworth added, 'I knew they weren't aeroplane lights. They were too bright.'"

"'We couldn't believe what we saw. The lights were the shape of the flying saucers like on (TV) documentaries.'"

"My husband got back in the car and drove for one mile from Falden towards Stanton Moor. There was a red light ball and an orange light ball moving towards each other."

Other recent UFO sightings in Derbyshire Dales include:

January 13, 2001 - "a Matlock man saw a UFO with a pink glow above Crich."

January 17, 2001 - "Jean Power "saw a long ball of fire over the Tops in in Matlock heading behind some trees." (See the Matlock Mercury for January 31, 2001, "UFO tally hits 19." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

COUPLE SEES A HOVERING UFO IN DURRANT, IOWA

"A Durrant couple spotted an unidentified flying object Wednesday night" January 31, 2001, "and told the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department it hovered over their house for 35 minutes before disappearing over some trees."

"Timothy and Michele Samuelson who live on (address deleted for reasons of privacy--J.T.) called the Sheriff's Department at 9:10 p.m. They told a deputy that the flying object turned colors, changing from yellow to green to blue. They also said there was a red outline around the outside of the object."

"The object was gone by the time the Sheriff's Department responded" to the call. (See the Muscatine, Iowa Journal for February 1, 2001, "They're out there." Many thanks to Jim P. for forwarding this newspaper article.)

THOUSANDS OF BIRDS FOUND DEAD IN OKLAHOMA CITY

"Residents in the Northwest 54th Street and Portland area" of Oklahoma City, Okla. "have grown accustomed to annoying squealing and screeching from thousands of birds at all hours of the night. But Saturday morning" February 3, 2001, "those residents awoke to a strange unfamiliar sound--the sound of silence."

"They found thousands of dead birds covering the street" in Oklahoma City.

"Now they fear that those birds were poisoned."

"I was crying. I didn't know what to do," Ines DeDios says, "It appears that the birds simply fell from the sky, but common sense told her otherwise."

"This means birds don't just drop dead like this,.." Ines found a still moving. She wrapped it in a warm blanket, placing it inside (another) blanket. Despite her best efforts, the bird still fell victim to the same killer that wiped out his entire flock."

"My son was scared. He's only two (years old). He didn't want to come out of the house when he saw all of the dead birds laying down there."

(Editor's Comment: Smart boy!)

"I think there's a better way to control birds., if this is what people are trying to do."

"Tara Fuller says they their constant noise isn't the only reason (why) someone might have wanted to kill the birds. She said the massive mess they leave behind could be another reason why."

"But Ines calls this a weak excuse. 'The excremental or whatever waste the birds may produce doesn't bother me as much as a massacre.'"

"However, it apparently hasn't bothered the remaining birds. Thousands are back, filling every branch of the same tree while the others lay below."

Oklahoma City "Animal Control officers tell us that the incident is isolated, although there have been some cases of polluted water killing entire flocks of birds. They say poison

could very well be the culprit" in this case. (See the KFOR-YV news broadcast for February 4, 2001. Many thanks to Jim Hickman for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: This case is identical to the mass death of birds in Bastrop, Louisiana in 1998. What's going on here? Are these bird kills a result of some unknown natural phenomenon? Or are they "unintentional collateral damage" from Project Cloverleaf and the chemtrails?_

HINDU ASTROLOGER CAUSES PANIC WITH HIS PREDICTION

"A week after a brutal earthquake," the worst in India for half a century, "ripped through the city of Ahmedabad (population 5 million) in Gujarat state, the city has been gripped by panic following reports of Hindu astrological predictions of an even more destructive earthquake."

"We will go inside (the city's buildings--J.T.) only after the 3rd or 4th of February, when the ill effects of the conjunction are over," said Naresh Dinghvi, who owns a small paan (leaf from the betel tree. People in India chew it like gum--J.T.) in Gujarat's prosperous capital of Ahmedabad."

"This is going to be a very severe earthquake, more powerful than the first one," he added."

"Rumors of a fresh disaster have been flaring thick and fast since a Gujarat publication quoted a Hindu astrologer was quoted as saying a powerful earthquake would tear through Gujarat on Saturday," February 3, 2001.

(Editor's Note: It didn't. However, there was a small earthquake measuring 4.2 on the Richter scale in Guilford, Connecticut that day.)

"Hindu astrologers say that Pluto, the planet of death, and Mars, the planet that spells war and aggression, are aligned ominously at the moment."

"Many of the city's five million people--including panic-stricken Muslims--have been staying away from their high-rise apartments."

The Ahmedabad earthquake "measured 7.9 on the Richter scale." (See the Times of India for February 2, 2001. Many thanks to Steve Wilson for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: During the past week, there were no earthquakes in either Houston, Texas or Wilmington, North Carolina, where the mysterious sky booms occurred. However, there was a flurry of small quakes around the world. In addition to the Guilford, Connecticut quake, there was an earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale in the South Atlantic just east of Rio de Janeiro and another quake measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale near Adak Island in the Aleutians, southwest of Alaska. So, does the present Mars/Pluto conjunction mean we are now in "earthquake season?" Or is it a portent of a major war in the Middle East once Ariel Sharon takes power in Israel? Stay tuned.)

GORILLA ON THE LOOSE

A 150-pound female gorilla escaped from her cage at the zoo in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Monday, February 5, 2000. But how she managed to escape is still a mystery.

"Zookeepers in Pittsburgh are trying to figure out how a gorilla got loose."

Once free, the gorilla proceeded "to wolf down muffins, cherry pastries and soda at a concession area. About 250 people cowered inside nearby buildings at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for 45 minutes after the 150-pound female gorilla escaped from the Tropical Forest Complex by crossing a wide moat and scaling a 14-foot (4-meter) wall."

"The unnamed animal, which is three-and-a-half feet (1 meter) tall, found her way to the zoo's outdoor concession area and began digging through trash cans. Zookeepers finally lured her into a women's restroom, injected her with a tranquilizer and

returned her to captivity." (See USA Today for February 6, 2001, "Female gorilla's escape rattles zoo in Pittsburgh," page 3A.)

From the UFO Files...

1969: BHAJA--INDIA'S CAVES OF MYSTERY

In July 1973, your editor took his first trip to Peru. The day we visited Mount Huascarán, the highest Andes peak in the country, our group ran into some diehard hippies from the USA who were winding up their years-long world tour.

(Editor's Comment: Yes, kids, it's true. Hippies really did roam the earth back then.)

While we were having a late lunch at Lago de Llanganuco, on the mountain, we got talking. At the time I was a real "ancient astronauts" enthusiast. I had read Erich von Daniken and W. Raymond Drake, and I had only days earlier seen the enigmatic pre-Mochica ruins at Cerro de Sechin, near Casma and Chimbote. So I was just gushing about von Daniken, ancient astronauts and that weird "saucer" stone carving at Cerro de Sechin. When I finished, Tim Shelton, one of the hippies, grinned and said, "Hell, Joe, I can top that."

And he did.

First, a bit about Tim. He was from Madison, South Dakota and graduated from high school in 1964, the year the Beatles first came to the USA. He was a rabid Beatles fan and went to every one of their concerts whenever they were over here. He also got into the hippie scene early, living in Haight-Ashbury when Janis Joplin was still waiting tables and singing at small clubs.

So when the Beatles embraced the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in 1968, so did Tim. He told me that he actually met the Maharishi, who inspired him to visit India. So Tim hooked up with a bunch of hippies, and they went first to Mumbai (Bombay) and later to Pune (Poona). On their way back to Pune, they stopped in Lonavla, to see some of the caves that were visited by Prince Siddhartha Gautama, better known as Buddha, a couple of millennia ago.

It was a three-kilometer (two-mile_ hike to the nearest cave, Bhaja, which became a Buddhist shrine back in 200 B.C. The cave, he explained, is about halfway up a tall hill that has two ancient forts, Visapur and Lohagad, at the summit.

He admitted that he "was a little strung out when we got there" because he had "smoked a pooper with Cindy Cooper." And in this altered state of consciousness, he and the gang explored the 18 caves that served as viharas (Buddhist monasteries--J.T.) and the large cave that was the chaitya (Buddhist temple--J.T.)

By mid-afternoon, Cindy and the others were eager to move on and visit the nearby Karla cave. But Tim wanted to have "a quick toke" so he told them to go on and he would catch up in twenty minutes or so.

After they left, Tim looked around for a place "so I could smoke some reefer in private." But there were a lot of Indian guards around, and their presence was making him paranoid. So he went deeper into the cave, past a number of stupas until he came to a waterfall. Behind the waterfall he could make out the dark outline of another cave.

Perfect! Tim thought. He stepped through the cascading water, letting it stream off his broad-brimmed hat and Buffalo Bill jacket with its fringed sleeves. After moving further back into the cave, he took off his backpack "and got out my smoking material and rolled a joint."

(Editor's Comment: Don't do this at home, readers. Like Nancy Reagan says, "Just say no.")

As the cigarette smoldered down, Tim said, he began "feeling pretty weird. Things were moving and turning, and I didn't really know what was happening. I smelled this stranger odor. Like hibiscus or frangipani. Like being at the florist's shop, you know? It was really far out."

Reshouldering his pack, Tim decided to further explore the waterfall's cave. "I saw this skinny guy with a long beard and really long hair in a dhoti (white loincloth--J.T.) sitting in a side cave in the lotus position. I said "Hey! What's happening, man?" But he didn't move. It was like he didn't even hear me. Weird!"

(Editor's Comment: He probably didn't. Sounds like the sadhu was in a state of samadhi, a meditation trance in which he tunes out the outside world.)

"The tunnel just went on and on. Now I'm starting to get hyper. I'm like, 'Hey, how do I get back to the waterfall?' It was getting darker and darker in there."

Next Tim heard some soft footsteps. He suddenly found himself face-to-face with a pretty Hindu girl wearing a sari. She had jet black eyes and her black hair was pulled back in a bun. "What really impressed me were the diamonds. I mean, I didn't think they were diamonds at first. But she had on diamond pendant earrings and a big diamond necklace and a silver-trimmed gold-colored sari that hung from one shoulder. She had very thick kohl (black mascara--J.T.) all around her eyes, and I noticed that she didn't have that red dot on her forehead."

(Editor's Comment: Alarm bells should have been ringing right then and there. First, what is a Brahmin princess doing in the inner recesses of a Buddhist shrine? Second, since when does a Brahmin appear in public without her caste mark?)

Thinking the young lady was a tour guide, "like at Disney World," Tim asked, "Say, honey, how do I get back to the waterfall?"

Folding her slender arms, the girl said in halting English, "You are not from around here."

"Nope! I'm from the good old U.S. of A."

Laughing, she grabbed his forearm. "Come with me."

"Yeah. Okay. Sure."

They went down a number of dark tunnels. Tim said he started to "get hyper again." All of the tunnels led downward--deeper into the hillside.

He balked. "Maybe we better turn back."

"No, no, come." She tugged insistently at his wrist. "This is the way out. You'll like it. You will see."

Further along, he related, "the tunnel began to lighten" and "I could see figurines along the walls-- golden figurines--looked like the illustrated Kama Sutra. Pretty heavy stuff."

(Editor's Comment: Hindu erotic bas-reliefs in a Buddhist shrine!? Fella, something is definitely not kosher here.)

As if sensing what he was thinking, the dark-haired girl smiled flirtatiously over her bare shoulder. The tunnel began to get lighter. Then they walked into a broad underground chamber. "There was a dim light coming from somewhere, but I didn't see where. I wasn't tracking too well right then. Anyway, the chick starts laughing and giving me these really flirty looks."

There were slender pillars and ornate archways and a tiled floor. But what Tim really remembered about the chamber was the ghat or pool. Its rectangular shape reminded him of an Olympic swimming pool, and there were stone steps leading down into it.

"So the chick reaches up and pulls the clasp on her sari. And down it comes. And she's just standing there in her birthday suit with golden bracelets and anklets on. We are talking Playmate of the Month, if you know what I mean. 'Come on. Join me,' she says. Down those steps she goes, giving me that come-hither look."

Well, Tim didn't wait for a printed invitation. He shed his

jacket and T-shirt and tie-dyed jeans and Mexican huarache sandals and followed his shapely guide into the pool.

"I expected the water to be cold, but it was warm, as warm as a hotel bathtub. She was treading water over near the stone wall. I swam over there, and we started kissing. I'm thinking, Nobody's ever going to believe this. I'm making it with some Hindu chick in a temple pool.

As their lips parted, the girl put her hands on Tim's bare shoulders...and, with surprising strength, pushed him underwater. He came up sputtering, only to see her laughing with glee.

"You caught me by surprise," he said.

And she dunked him again.

Her laughter grew louder. Every time I came up, she pushed me under again. First couple of times it was funny. But then I couldn't catch my breath."

Surfacing again, he gasped, "Baby! Let me get some air!"

And once again, she thrust him underwater. Beneath the surface, Tim's lungs were beginning to burn. He felt something else strange, as well. Something was tightening around his upper arms--and his waist!

Opening his eyes underwater, he saw three large tentacles--and two more reaching for his lazily-kicking legs. As he came up for air, he saw the body of a huge black octopus--with the girl's laughing head on top of it.

"I just freaked out! I pushed with both hands. Her head smacked the stone wall, and she went kind of glassy-eyed." Instantly the tentacles relaxed their grip. He broke away and swam for the steps, "making better time than Mark Spitz (USA Olympic swimming champion in 1972--J.T.) He scrambled up the steps, grabbed his clothes and, hopping around barefoot, tried to pull his jeans on.

Slipping on his huaraches, he saw the girl's head and black octopus body in the middle of the pool. He yelled, "Wh-What are you!?"

"But the chick didn't answer. She gave me this pouty look and ducked beneath the water. Then this cloud of black ink appeared in the water. Black tendrils spread all through the pool. In a couple of minutes, it looked like a pool full of ink. And then things really got weird. It wasn't even liquid anymore. It was like air. I was standing there at the edge, looking down, and it was like I was looking out a big window at a dark night full of stars. I didn't recognize any constellations. It was just a vast star field with a few spiral galaxies behind the stars."

"And then I felt this wind behind me. Dust and flower petals flew by me. It was like all the air in the room was going out through the pool. My lungs started to hurt again, and I yelled, 'I can't breathe!'"

"I didn't even grab my backpack. I ran straight to the tunnel's mouth. Only there wasn't a tunnel there any more. It was just solid rock. I was pushing at it, shouting, 'Where's the tunnel, man!?'"

"Then I felt something ice-cold touch the back of my neck, and I passed out."

When Tim came to again, he found himself lying in an alleyway, looking up at the dark Indian sky. His backpack, which he had left behind, was sitting on his chest. He had his jacket on but it was unbuttoned. As he sat up, he looked around and saw some people. But they kept their distance from him.

"I was back in Lonavla, right behind the post office. Don't ask me how I got there. I tracked down my friends, and they were really worried about me. Turns out I'd been gone for two-and-a-half days! The whole experience was just so far freaking out, can you dig it?" And turning to me, he added, "So if it's weird you're looking for, Joe, don't fool around with

Cuzco. You gotta go to India, man."

We listeners were silent for a moment, and then Mary Beth broke the silence with "What on earth were you smoking, anyway!?"

Admittedly, Tim (not his real name, of course. I don't want the guy to be embarrassed should his grandchildren read this--J.T.) wasn't the best eyewitness. He smoked a mind-altering substance twice before his encounter with the creature, and the whole thing could have been a dream, induced by the dope and the strange flowery smells behind the waterfall.

Then again, the caves of Bhaja do have an interesting history. Before the Buddhists arrived in 200 B.C., the Mora fishermen of the region worshipped Elkiti, a Hindu goddess of the sea there.

So what did Tim run into down there? Some kind of Rakshasa (demonic entity--J.T.) The goddess Elkiti herself? Or a drug-induced nightmare?

Are there really hidden caves and tunnels reaching deep into that Visapur-Lohagad Hill?

In a land as old as India, who can tell? (For more on the Bhaja-Karla cave system, see India by J. Thomas Gayn, Lonely Places Publishing, Hawthorn, Vic., Australia, 1997, pages 840 and 841; and India: The Rough Guide by David Abram, Harriet Podler, Davdan Sen and John Williams, Penguin Books, London, 1980,)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days when we take another look at UFO and paranormal happenings from around the world, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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The Enterprise Mission used the Electric Warrior's 'Mars Eye Detail' to illustrate its point. This graphic was published on the Internet February 1, the day after NASA released seven new images of the Cydonia region on Mars.

TEM's Web-based expose will either delight or dismay you, depending on your point-of-view, but it reaches the same conclusion any reasonable person would, considering the increasing number of strange, anthropomorphic anomalies:

More images need to be taken by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft.

MGS officially completed its primary mission on the same day the Cydonia images were released. NASA has approved an extended MGS mission through April 2002, during which time the Mars Orbital Camera will be routinely pointed at specific places on Mars.

TEM thinks one of those places should be Cydonia, and has provided a long list of contact info, urging its readers to help persuade NASA to provide more high-resolution images of the Face.

"New surprises can come at any time," says a NASA news release describing the Extended Mission phase.

OPINION - EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING

TEM's Richard C. Hoagland is the man most responsible for popularizing the notion of a face on Mars. His 1987 'The

Monuments of Mars', is the definitive book on the subject.

But the whole of Cydonia research does not rest on the shoulders of one man, any more than a dramatic rendering by a Silicon Valley digital artist establishes the existence of an eye in the Face on Mars.

What may be obscured by the carping criticism leveled at Hoagland by both advocates and opponents of the Cydonia artificiality hypothesis, is that one and all suffer from the same lack of information.

The situation is not likely to change, until enough people are willing to soberly confront the real possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI).

An imaginative graphic intended to explicate where Cydonia researchers say there may be an eye, is involved in an online discussion that questions its use of artistic license.

Is it true, that this artwork, no more than a diagram of what might be there, has shocked and surprised so many people?

If this simple illustration cannot be displayed without being apriori suspected of elaborate intentions, if this simple idea cannot be discussed without being an assault on science, then how will we approach the genuinely alien?

How do we confront the real thing?

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The Face Gets a Face Lift -- Courtesy Michael Malin?
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New Era Begins as Mars Global Surveyor Completes Prime Mission
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Re: Introduction - Behnke

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>>From: Jeff Behnke <twitch02@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Introduction
>>Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 13:41:05 -0000

>>Hey there everyone,

>>I don't know anyone on this List, but I just thought I'd
>>introduce myself and say hi and maybe get to know a couple
>>people.

>Hi. And nice-looking website; I'm going to append it to my
>already-bulging "Esoterica" page...

>>I'm personally into the Alien/God theory since it completely
>>obliterated my own belief system.

>"Alien/God theory" as in Sitchin's genetic tinkers from space?
>I wouldn't exactly discount it. My main area of interest (at
>least online) is possible Mars artifacts, so I suppose my
>preoccupations intersect your own to an extent.

>My website is:

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

>Wanna trade links?

Sure, we can exchange links. I'm going to be making a few
changes, a BBS system, and a few other things - one of which is a
linking engine. It should be done probably on the weekend - that
is as long as my fiance gives me a chance to sit in front of the
computer. Women. Bah!

Alien/God theory is in Sitchin territory, but I don't really
believe that aliens come from this twelfth planet with its own
atmosphere that has a 3600 year orbit. I don't know why. I buy a
lot of what Sitchin says, but not all of it - even though that
is the biggest part.

William Bramley is another one who believes in the theory. He's
even gone so far as to say that the whole concept of seeing a
light when you die and going towards the light is just a way to
scam human souls out of something.

There's too much evidence that there is no difference between a
prophet from the Bible and an abductee today. Why would miracles
all of the sudden cease happening after the christian church was
created? In my mind, miracles didn't cease happening. They just
disguised themselves under another name.

It's kind of funny. My mother's a strict Christian, yet she
doesn't believe in the paranormal at all. I have nothing against

Christians and have even been baptized myself, but it's just ironic how the paranormal is where modern day miracles happen, yet no one believes them! How can you believe Jesus rose to heaven and Mary was a virgin, yet _not_ believe in UFOs or alien races stealing our children and impregnating women? Something caused it - whichever word you use to describe the 'who' of it all.

Anyway, that's enough babbling. Nice to meet you.

Jeff Behnke
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Mussolini's UFO Files - Disc-Diagrams

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Disc diagrams from Mussolini's UFO files are on-line at:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/fasfile/fafil03.htm>

Best wishes,

Alfredo Lissoni

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>may be deemed wholly rational -- there will be an exception
>of equal worth or loopiness. Anyone anywhere who has produced
>some kind of commentary on UFOs, regardless of quality and
>regardless of anyone's criteria for quality, is by default
>a ufologist. Some would shrink from the soubriquet, of
>course, but there y'go. Ufology has to be taken in its
>wholeness; it can only be divided up into good, bad, serious,
>unserious, or whatever, according to criteria that large
>segments of the rest of the ufological population would
>reject since they share quite different criteria. There are
>no common "institutional" standards. That's why a term like
>"serious ufologist" is so funny: one person's "seriousness"
>is another's triviality or insanity. What it really means is
>"ufologists I take seriously (though I myself may be nuts)".

>Ufology defines itself. Its overriding interest is in some
>form of the ETH and its default position, regardless of
>theorizing of any kind, is that UFO=ET craft. Trying to
>hijack the direction of the discussion don't alter that.

>best wishes

>Mendoza

Hi,

Whilst there is, of course, truth here - ufology - as perceived
by the world at large - is different from how we might see it on
this list - and we live in ivory towers at peril to such
realism.

However, I use terms like 'serious ufologist' all the time in
the following sense.

I consider a 'serious ufologist' to be someone guided by the
principle - 'something odd is going on here - lets try to figure
out what it is by applying the methods of science and rational
thinking to the best of my ability'.

I consider a 'UFO enthusiast' to be someone attracted to the
subject (usually as a kid, often following a sighting) who
becomes fascinated (if not obsessed) by the cultural reflection
of that synonym UFO = Alien Spaceship. They then abandon any
realistic pretence at 'investigating' the data and become one of
two things - an advocate or a crusader. Both entail not pursuing
the evidence - wherever it leads - but promoting their
pre-formed perception of it (in the pub, via a 50 reader
newsletter, on Radio and TV chat shows. This usually is that the
'great truth' needs exposing that there is a cover up by the
government of an alien invasion, yardi yardi yah.

Now there are vastly more UFO enthusiasts than serious
ufologists and much of the global impression of what ufology is
all about comes about via the former for a host of sociological
reasons (largely summed up by the maxim - 'woman sees spaceship
is news, woman sees strange light and we are trying to find out
what it was' is a bit of a bore).

At times UFO enthusiasts become serious ufologists but these are
a bit like total eclipses - you take note when they happen as
they are fairly rare events. Most often the enthusiasts get
bored when the aliens don't land and the government don't own up
and the lure of playing Muldur or Scully after work soon wanes.
So they find a new hobby to brighten their lives. Because that's
usually what ufology is to an enthusiast - fun - and it simply
ain't fun chasing cases that 95% of the time go nowhere or get
explained away (as they do). That's only interesting to the
serious ufologist who learns from them and applies the results
to the overall data set.

A serious Ufologist is intrigued by any case - wherever it
leads. It has something to tell us about ufology. An enthusiast
isn't interested in anything other than cases that 'prove' how
ET is here.

I saw this all the time during my many years within BUFORA. We
had a pretty standard membership level (600 - 700) and a massive
departure rate (up to one third of members per year never
renewed). It did not matter because there were always new

teenagers growing into UFO enthusiasts to take their place.

But the lesson of this turnover (which I am sure is mirrored by UFO groups everywhere) is obvious. There is no stable 'UFO community' outside the hardcore of serious ufologists - those few hundred who stick it out for decades. But the UFO enthusiast fan base (shifting sands that it is) is so much larger and so much more - well - 'enthusiastic' - that they readily give the media the fuel they need to keep going the UFO mythologies that they require every bit as much as the enthusiasts do. Because it never has been the realities of ufology that interest the world at large - only the dreams and unfulfilled aspirations that do.

Serious ufologists are often too boring, too busy trying to find answers, too cautious, too unwilling to give 'The Quote' to be in great demand and - what the heck - there's no real difference in the eyes of most folk out there. If you have a doctor in front of your name (wherever its from!) so much the better but otherwise one ufologist is like any other.

There are no professional standards - not even any agreed code of practice (as we found last year when I set out the UFOIN version and it created hostility and apathy in equal measure). ufology has never even bothered to try to create some kind of academy with agreed principles to send a message to the world that we do care what we are doing and how we do it. So you can hardly blame anyone for thinking we are all alike.

The idea that Peter offers of us being a 'whole' messy community is indeed what takes over the mindset of the planet. That's how they see us. And it effects a lot of people with whom it doesn't matter what they think as well as the few influential people (scientists etc) with whom we really could build a rapport IF they knew there were two Ufologies - not one - and that some of us were willing to try to emulate scientific thinking.

Of course, there is a third group of people - those who have decided to role play as serious ufologists. They have realised (consciously in some cases - unconsciously in most I suspect) that they can make a business out of being a ufologist but to do that successfully sheer mathematics tells you to junk your caution and your concerns and write books, create magazines, give lectures to, make videos for the UFO enthusiasts out there. Not - in the main - the limited serious UFO community.

Why is obvious. There are so many of the enthusiasts. Even if they all buy your wares in three years time there will be enough new ones that have come along to let you flog them all over again. And they regard anyone who champions their cause of ending the cover up and proving that ET is real as a hero to be worshipped. You are on to a winner if you use your head.

I'm not about to identify individuals, of course. In fact I don't even have anyone specifically in mind here. But I bet we all know one or two that role play ufology. And I am not here attacking them for doing so. Like Peter rightly said we have to accept this is a big field and we all stand together if we continue to choose to do so. I don't actually blame anyone for fulfilling what is obviously a social need.

But, unfortunately, for example, efforts like UFOIN (a team of serious ufologists working on major cases - not as skeptics but as investigators willing to speak out whatever data emerges) are few and far between. And swamped by the enthusiast lists and groups who are not looking for answers but seeking the next big case.

Sadly, the UFO conferences that get organised (with precious few exceptions) are aimed at the UFO enthusiasts and hardly ever ignore the need to 'make money' (often because they just wouldn't happen without it) in order to do real research. Serious ufologists ought to be staging more 'working seminars' or specifically targeted conferences that aim to actually achieve something at the end and actually move us forward rather than tread water (as 99 out 100 conferences do) whilst they spout twaddle to the already converted .

And, of course, what Ufology really lacks is any kind of cohesive publishing policy - a world leading journal (like FSR once aspired to be) - or a publishing house owned by itself - so as to get out there into the world at large all the important

things that serious ufology could export under a common banner that we could market AS serious ufology.

I don't mean that there are no good magazines. There are. Jerry does a terrific job at the IUR and he has my total support in that endeavour. But usually these ventures are group related - probably as that's the only way to fund them. This inevitably makes them at least partly parochial.

Ideally serious ufology needs a pan-global, trans-group journal of record that fulfills the role FSR did when Hynek and Valleé and Guerin and Saunders were writing it. Perhaps tied to a publishing outlet that could carry weight and actually impact on the people that matter to even part of the extent that enthusiasts can.

Of course, the brick wall we hit will always be money. And, politics, as well, to some degree. But I think that until serious ufology gets itself organised in this way to start thinking and acting as a community then we will be two laps behind the enthusiasts forever.

And - in case you think that I am suggesting it - I am not here advocating a skeptical stance. Within serious ufologists there are (and we should welcome this fact) a range of ideas as to what ufology means. Some, indeed, are skeptics who think all cases are ultimately resolvable. Some, no doubt, either believe (or hope) that some part of ufology reflects alien contact. Others will be interested by the possibility that certain cases might lead us into discoveries about natural physical phenomena. These differing views are way less important than common goals and methodologies.

Theories, as such, are much less significant than the general approach to 'doing' ufology. If that is investigation-based, evidence-led and open minded to the point that you publish what you find (even if it disagrees with what you had hoped to find) then that to me defines a serious ufologist in the sense that I am here arguing.

And these are the people who need to put aside petty differences and stop thinking in terms of 'them' and 'us' - Pelicanist and Believers. Because we are the serious UFO community and it is time we pulled ourselves together as one.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Kurt, Anyone:

Although I see what appears to be a crater in the image, can anyone show me evidence of a "pupil".

I not also that there are thousands of craters on the surface of Mars, and millions on other bodies throughout the solar system. Thus, I conclude that the chances that this crater-like feature on the surface of Mars is not a crater are, well, damn slim.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Great piece! I was looking at the "eye" last night and noticed that, rather than being circular, it's actually more of a "flattened" pyramid. It's distinctly faceted. In the context of the shadow-casting brow-peak, this actually makes a great deal of sense, sculpturally, if the builders (assuming there were "builders," of course) wanted the pupil to defy the shadow in the rest of the shallow "eye socket."

While I'm not entirely opposed to Bara's analysis, I think his eagerness to see blantly anthropomorphic features has detracted from his ability to discern unexpected surface formations.

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Re: Moon Conspiracy Theory on Fox - Blanton

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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2001 17:59:04 -0500
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>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 23:31:55 EST
>Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2001 17:19:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Moon Conspiracy Theory on Fox - Gates

<snip>

>You can always catch the two hour version called Capricorn
>One..... :) Its available on Video and DVD.

Except that Cap. One was about a mission to Mars. See:

<http://us.imdb.com/Title?0077294>

Terry

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Sitchin's celestial mechanics are ludicrous. And the notion of using gold in the "12th Planet's" atmosphere as an "insulator" (!) is downright laughable. So while I don't buy the Annunaki schtick, I think some of the mythological parallels he cites deserve attention.

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>even gone so far as to say that the whole concept of seeing a
>light when you die and going towards the light is just a way to
>scam human souls out of something.

I'm undecided on whether "souls" exist. If they do, then they're likely accessible to technology, and the alien abduction phenomenon may have some esoteric link with this. I find Vallee's notion of a psychosocial "control system" very appealing. What's missing is the mechanism responsible, which could very well be something brought on by our own minds--a side-effect of sentience.

Best wishes with the website!

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DSS... Weird Stuff In The Background

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Subject: DSS... Weird Stuff In The Background

There is a channel on satellite system DSS... Direct Satellite Systemcalled Channel X. It is a music channel. There are vague, shadowy images scrolling across the screen in the background on this channel. They fade in and out. A friend discovered this, and recorded it. Some of the images did record to the VHS tape. This got him curious, so he got to looking around. These same vague, shadowy images were found on most of the music channels and the Cartoon Network on DSS.

The images were best visable when looking at the screen as if you were looking at one of those 3D Magic Eye type posters that were popular awhile back. If the images were nothing more than optical illusion of the out of focus eye, however, I don't think they would show up on the recording. But I'm no expert on those things, so any input would be welcome.

Anybody else seen these things? If so, can you describe what you're seeing? I'd like to know if it matches what my friend has seen.

Thanks

Bobbie

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>Best wishes,

>Alfredo Lissoni

Hello Alfredo,

It looks fascinating. Is it possible for you to give an English translation of the captions?

Thanks,

Josh Goldstein

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The Cydonian Imperative
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The Face on Mars: A Closer, Better Look

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The new image of the Face offers a clear, well-illuminated look at the formation's western half, revealing abundant detail around the "brow," "headdress" and "teardrop." Perhaps most provocatively, the new Mars Global Surveyor image reveals the proposed "eyeball" with unparalleled clarity, showing it to be an actual feature with a flat, triangular bump for a pupil and a convincing, anatomically correct almond-shaped perimeter.

[image]

The new Face image. Note detail on "headdress," "brow" and possible "eye." The edge of the Face's "lips" is also visible.

The "eyeball" is an important element in assessing the Face's potential artificiality. Since fine-scale features such as the "eye" were invisible at the resolution afforded by the Viking photos in the 1970s, advocates of the Artificiality Hypothesis (AH) suggested, reasonably, that if the Face was indeed an intentional representation, secondary features sustaining a facial likeness should be seen on better images.

The unexpected "nostrils" visible in the image returned to Earth in April of 1998 confirmed the a priori model posited by Dr. Tom Van Flandern, Richard Hoagland, Dr. Stanley McDaniel, Dr. Mark Carlotto and other independent researchers willing to entertain the possibility of artificial structures on Mars. Van Flandern, in particular, concluded that the 1998 image was proof that the Face was artificial "beyond reasonable doubt." But while his mathematical criteria remain compelling, his statistical case is less than watertight owing to the clarity of the fine-scale morphologies under investigation.

The "eye" seen on the new image provides us with another chance to address artificiality on a practical level. The "anatomy" of the eye is remarkably human, but not perfectly so. Correspondent and collaborator Kurt Jonach of The Electric Warrior immediately set to work on a speculative reconstruction of the "eye" - complete with digital "mascara." Although he subsequently made it abundantly clear to Internet Cydonia-watchers that his rendering was a purely artistic exercise, the image has nevertheless been interpreted as a strict forensic model by researchers seeking a blatant anthropomorphic analogue.

[image]

eWarrior's speculative version of the western "eye" visible in the new image.

Mike Bara, writing on behalf of Richard Hoagland's Enterprise Mission, maintains that Jonach's "eye" is essentially a tracing of actual features on the Martian Face. While there is no doubt that Jonach's drawing is based on the feature thought by many to be a deliberately created eye, the corresponding feature on the Face contains notable differences. For example, the "pupil" - if it is a pupil - is not the round structure seen in Jonach's speculative illustration. Nor is it the dark circle featured on Bara's deceptive enhancement mosaic, in which the highly-praised orthorectification by Mark Kelly is fitted with pixels from the new Face overpass.

[image]

Mark Kelly's orthorectified Face based on the 1998 image. Shadows matching those of frame 35A72 have been added to simulate the Face's appearance under Viking lighting conditions.

Bara's reconstruction is made doubly questionable because the "eye" feature he immediately cites as proof of the Face mesa's artificiality is arbitrarily (?) misplaced; instead of the pupil resting in the almond-shaped depression beneath the peaked "brow" shown (accurately) in Jonach's illustration, Bara places the eye against the nose-ridge.

[image]

The Face reconstruction featured on The Enterprise Mission, showing probable artistic liberties taken with the placement and morphology of the "eye."

A quick reference back to the unaltered MGS photo (as well as Mark Kelly's orthorectification) shows that the candidate "eye" is much less clearly defined, and located significantly farther to the Face's western perimeter. While the spurious placement of the "eye" in Bara's supposedly objective mosaic may be the result of hasty computer work or graphics error, I find it more likely that, in the rush to present the eye as a necessarily artificial feature, Bara succumbed to artistic liberties rather more damaging and fallacious than Jonach's.

The irony is that by interpreting the "eye" in purely anthropoid terms, Bara ignores the "pupil's" actual shape, which seems to be more triangular than circular - almost a tiny "flattened pyramid." This rough triangular shape is positioned in the "eye socket" in such a way that it might have served to reflect sunlight, and in the 1998 MGS image we see it doing exactly this.

The "eye" is overlooked by a peaked brow that, if artificial, seems to have been built especially for casting long shadows under low sun-angle lighting conditions, as seen in the dramatic first photo of the Face in 1976. Oddly, NASA's fiction that the Face is a "trick of light and shadow" is deceptively true - but only insofar as any megalithic sculpture of human features depends on shadow to define its contours.

[image]

Viking frame 35A72.

Once erosion is taken into effect, the Face on Mars is actually somewhat more face-like than some primitive facial representations here on Earth. And by "taking erosion into effect" I'm not suggesting that standards for potential artificiality differ from planet to planet: the reader would do well to remember that the Artificiality Hypothesis advanced by Hoagland, Carlotto, etc. maintains that the "Martian Sphinx" is extremely old. Advanced weathering and erosion were expected before the MGS returned its confirming image in 1998, and is visible even on the relatively low-resolution Viking photos.

[image]

Dr. Mark Carlotto's photoclinometric prediction for a Face imaging opportunity in May of 2000. Note presence and location of possible "eye."

The almond-shaped depression is surrounded by interesting "radiating" terrain that, like details such as the "harelip" seen in the 1998 image, suggests decoration - or, according to Bara's article, some form of honeycombed construction. If the unusual terrain below the "eye" is indeed structural, then it is approaching the limits of the MGS' resolution and caution should be taken in deciding its purpose...assuming it has any.

[image]

Anomalous "decorative" (?) lines seen at Viking resolution.

Further intriguing features seen on the new Face image include an ornamental-looking stripe running down the middle of the remarkably smooth "headdress" along with a series of peculiar lines that suggest possible aesthetic significance. The smooth texture seen on the headdress differs dramatically from the craggy, eroded "brow." It's likely the elevated "brow" has sheltered the relatively fragile "eye" from sand deposition, inadvertently preserving the overall facial resemblance.

The anomalous "teardrop" that has been noted by Cydonia researchers for decades is also plainly visible in the new image, and appears to be a distinct feature as opposed to a piece of erosional debris (possibly emanating from the "nose ridge" under the force of westerly Martian winds). If the Face itself is artificial, it's extremely likely that the "teardrop" is as well. But what does it signify? The prospect of a human face on another planet caught in the act of "crying" has a certain symbolic poignancy.

The new Face image has not proven artificiality, but by confirming and illuminating fine-scale detail consistent with conscious design, it has added weight to the contention that we are indeed dealing with possible alien artifacts.

[image]

Carlotto's animation shows the Face as seen from the direction of the "City" based on Viking and MGS data. Note "eye" and "teardrop".

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Re: E-Mail Addresses? - Deuly

From: Tom Deuley <TPDeuley@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 02:15:32 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 09:40:39 -0500
Subject: Re: E-Mail Addresses? - Deuly

>From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovicc <9a4ag@clarc.org>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 13:42:11 -0600 (CST)
>Subject: E-Mail Addresses?

>Dear friends and co-operators,

>Does anyone know e-mail addresses from the following ufologists:

>Stephen Katunaric
>Aioha McGrew
>Walt Andrus
>Richard Hall

Jimmy:

I can only speak to Walt Andrus and Dick Hall.

I keep in pretty close contact with Walt, who is only down the road 40 miles, and so far as I know he does not have an E-mail address. If there is a need to get to him in a hurry, call him, or send an email to me and I will call him or pass it to him by hand.

Walter H. Andrus
103 Oldtowne Road
Seguin, TX 78155
Hm: 1 (830) 372 -2935

As for Dick Hall, he keeps his E-mail address close held and distributed only to those he cares to correspond with. Earlier times when his email address was widely distributed and known he got a lot hate mail and screw ball mail so he changed his address and keeps it to himself. I would suggest you write to him via snail mail if you need to correspond with him.

Richard Hall
4418 39th St.
Brentwood, MD 20722
Hm: 1 (301) 779 8683

Tom Deuley

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Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

From: **Matt Hurley** <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 20:47:55 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 10:00:24 -0500
Subject: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

Hello All,

I've now added more images to my site, corrected some inaccuracies and provided links to artist biographies and galleries.

Regards,

Matt

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/m.hurley/index.html>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 11:52:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 12:47:23 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 10:13:21 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET>
>Subject: Re: ETH and ETF
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@TEXAS.NET>
>>To: <PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM>
>>Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2001 8:09 PM
>>Subject: Re: ETH and ETF

>>Hell (pardon my French),

>>The only question being debated here is who's a ufologist and
>>who's not.

>>In other words, semantics raises its ugly head again. Of course
>>ufology wouldn't have this problem if BA's, MS's and PhD's in
>>same were offered, which they aren't.

>>From my point of view, all of the following are dedicated and
>>self-proclaimed ufologists who unequivocally accept the ETH as
>>ipso facto:

<snip>

>Bruce Maccabee (watch him equivocate)

<snip>

Dear Dennis:

I'll let the others in the list speak for themselves, should they so desire. As for me and the ETH, I have said that it seems to me to be the simplest explanation - the easiest to understand - in the sense that I can imagine us going "there" (human transport to other planets). The argument against this is not based on physics but on sociology: who would want to spend many of years traveling from one solar system to another? If there is a desire or need, lifespans notwithstanding, representatives of the human race could go there... hence they could come here. That is the ETH based on what we already know (e.g., nuclear rockets, perhaps photon rockets, to travel at a goodly speed).

However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals such as dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these days from theoretical physics i.e, superstring theory, that says there are other dimensions "close" to ours in an overall 11 or more dimensional "multiverse.") Dimensional travel theories can work in one of two ways: transport from a completely different 4-D universe into our universe or transport from one point in our 4-D universe to another point in our 4-D universe by going through a 5th (or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This latter transport could explain "faster than light" travel.

Some have suggested time travel by itself: the aliens wouldn't

have to "go anywhere" in terms of 3-D distance, but merely go back in time to our time.

These theories rely on suppositions about phenomena (dimensions, time) for which we have scant evidence, if any. That's why I say the ETH is the easiest to understand from our present point of view about nature. That doesn't mean it is necessarily the correct solution.

Of course, this reasoning refers to the sightings/reports which describe clearly some strange craftlike objects observed to do "impossible" things. Skeptics would say there are no such sightings, so why theorize? They would say simply assign all sightings to one of three classes: misidentification (of known, although perhaps rare phenomena or known phenomena seen under unusual conditions), hoax, delusion.

I don't know whether Dennis accepts any sighting with lies outside these three categories, or, if so, what the characteristics of the reported object/phenomenon might be, But for me, it has been proved that:

A) Something strange has been really flying around and it lies outside those three identification (i.e., TRUFOS - true UFOs)

B) Many TRUFO sightings appear to have been caused by strange craft/objects flying (or landed) within the sight of witness(es).

See: <http://brumac.8k.com>

They could be ETH.... or they could be something even more bizarre.

(Jerry wrote)

>Dennis,

>I'd be interested in knowing what these individuals have written
>about the ETH, which after all is the subject of discussion --
>not whether they accept as valid cases that could be interpreted
>in that context. (That would make just about everybody on this
>list an ETHist.)>

See above.

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Subject: Re: CI: 2-9-01 - Face on Mars: A Closer, Better

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cratering impact?

<snip>

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A superimposed later windblown crater is far more likely.

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>"teardrop" is as well.

Unless, of course, it is still a superimposed later windblown
crater. Thousands are on the surface of Mars.

See the face picture:

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/M16-00184p_subframe.gif

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Can't you see it, Lan?

See the original Malin newly released pix of the "face" at
http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/M16-00184p_subframe.gif

The ejecta blanket is quite clear from an orientation of about 45 deg all the way around to 270 deg and is still visible to about 295 degrees. It is just about the width of a typical impact crater ejecta blanket, about 1 crater radius (see any standard text on the Moon, such as Wilhelms' The Geologic History of the Moon). The so-called "pupil" of the Face' eye is probably the slightly brighter bottom of the eye crater. It can even be just made out in this pix.

Give it up, Lan.

>Why is it oval, like an eye rather than
>circular like the vast majority of craters?

The reason it doesn't seem to go all the way around is because of the little later impact crater at about the 5 deg position. Even it has its own little "pupil", actually the bottom of the crater. For a similar example, see any picture of the Lunar crater Aristarchus.

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Not if it was only the bottom of the crater.

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Slim? There are thousands, if not tens of thousands of craters all around it.

C'mon, Lan, give it up.

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From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 17:28:34 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:42:44 -0500
Subject: Re: CI: 2-9-01 - Face on Mars: A Closer, Better

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 17:04:46 EST
>Subject: Re: CI: 2-9-01 - Face on Mars: A Closer, Better Look
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>>The almond-shaped depression is surrounded by interesting
>>"radiating" terrain that, like details such as the "harelip"
>>seen in the 1998 image, suggests decoration - or, according to
>>Bara's article, some form of honeycombed construction.

>How about the radiating pattern caused by debris
>from a cratering impact?

Very doubtful. I've never seen anything like this
surrounding any craters, and I've persused quite a
few. The "radiating" celled pattern Bara mentions and
I mention in my article conforms to the elliptical
depression of the eye. Your argument that the "eye"
has to be a crater is weak. It may well be natural,
but it meteor impact doesn't explain this.

>>The anomalous "teardrop" that has been noted by Cydonia
>>researchers for decades is also plainly visible in the new
>>image, and appears to be a distinct feature as opposed to a
>>piece of erosional debris (possibly emanating from the "nose"
>>ridge" under the force of westerly Martian winds).

>A superimposed later windblown crater is far more
>likely.

Ummm...Have you looked at the picture, Bob? The
feature is clearly convex. Most uncraterlike.
Plus it's rectangular...

>>If the Face itself is artificial, it's extremely
>>likely that the
>>"teardrop" is as well.

>Unless, of course, it is still a sperimposed later
>windblown
>crater. Thousands are on the surface of Mars.

See above.

Best,

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:57:30 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 16:28:17 -0800

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>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 17:55:23 -0800

>>A. The Cameraman does not exist;

>Serge,

>I believe this is an incorrect statement but time will tell.

Some people have believed that UFO disclosure was going to happen every year for the past 30 years. Doesn't mean its in fact going to happen.

As for the cameraman, if and when a warm body shows up that claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

I do predict that when the "cameraman moment of truth" happens, we will hear a long tale from Ray or somebody akin to, about how he died blah blah blah

>>B. Ray Santilli is a liar;

>We are all liars, some time or another; but is he lying about >the AA? I doubt it!

Calling us "all liars" doesn't change the fact. The facts are that Ray buddy told tales and stories that either a) couldn't be verified or b) weren't correct for whatever the reason.

>>C. Hesemann's judgement and position in the AA case if flawed.

>MH is very clear about what his investigations show. The AA is >legitimate!

The tent footage is phony. No question about that. The question then becomes "did Ray get the Tent footage from the same source as the AA film. If answer is yes then we have a cameraman giving us bogus footage. If answer is no, then Ray had yet and again another purported cameraman feeding him films. I also recall that the AA defenders also profoundly defended the tent footage, right up until it was hoaxed out

>>Yet, you don't back off.

>Not even for a second.

>>Denial of reality, doctoring of information and wishful >>fantasies make you a skeptidebunker, Ed.

>Are you serious. I hold a strong position because the evidence
>I've collected indicates that the AA is authentic and I'm a
>"skeptidebunker"? You must be kidding!

Lets face it, everytime you look at the AA film, you look at it
from the point of view of a person who believes that all the
evidence points to the fact that its real. Kind of like a guy
who watches Shindlers List endlessly and is absolutly convinced
that the movie was absolutly real in every sense of the word.

Cheers,

Robert

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From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 22:06:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:59:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

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It may be clear to you, but the surrounding area, with a shape that repeats the almond shape of the inner depression, is dark and has a curious cellular structure. I've seen lots of pictures of crater ejecta blankets and they look nothing like this. If you want to see an ejecta blanket, take a look at the '98 Face image. There's a large crater to the lower left of the Face. The ejecta blanket is bright, not dark. The floor of the crater is slightly raised, but not at all like the "pupil" (Calling this feature the "iris" or "cornea" would be more correct. The pupil is the small central aperture that admits light into an eye.).

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I don't know what you're referring to. Aristarchus is a typical large crater that is almost perfectly circular. See:

http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/research/lunar_orbiter/img/4-150H3.jpg

It's very bright, and kind of washed-out in this image.

As for the "little impact crater" that you claim is obscuring the otherwise routine circular crater shape of the "eye", sorry. I can't see it in the MGS image. I'm afraid it's a figment of your imagination. There is, however, a small crater on the western wall of the landform, just above the base and to the left of the "eye." It's quite circular and has a dark floor.

The "eye" is not circular. Even if part of it were obscured by your imaginary crater, it's obvious that the radius of curvature of the rims is too high given the width of the crater for it to be circular. For any circle, if you draw a chord of length $2W$ extending from one point on the rim to another, and measure the length, L , of a line drawn from the center of the circle and bisecting the chord, the radius is just the square root of $W^2 + L^2$. I did the measurement on the upper and lower rims of the "eye," which are sharply defined, and the resulting radius of

curvature was between 83 and 89 pixels for the upper and lower rims. The problem with that is that the "crater" is only about 90 pixels wide from the upper to lower rim, so its radius is only 45 pixels -- about half the radius of curvature of the rims.

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>all around it.

I don't see thousands of craters in this image; I see one clear one. You seem to be confusing the Moon with Mars, which has a much lower crater density, especially in the Northern Hemisphere where the Face is located.

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C'mon, Bob. Give up the crater nonsense. It's silly. I'm not saying that this eye-shaped depression can't possibly be natural. There are lots of processes that can result in the formation of surface concavities. Cratering is not the only thing, but it's not at all likely in this case. If natural processes did create the "eye", they conspired to give it just the right shape and position to satisfy the predictions of the artificiality hypothesis.

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Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 01:18:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 10:06:16 -0500
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on 2/10/01 10:00 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto at updates@sympatico.ca wrote:

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JV ;)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."
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>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 13:07:29 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 14:56:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 09:14:18 EST
>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2001 10:01:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Young

>>>Although I see what appears to be a crater in the image, can
>>>anyone show me evidence of a "pupil".

>>What I see in the image is an eye-shaped depression with an
>>outcropping that could plausibly be interpreted as the cornea.
>>It has that in common with a crater and nothing else. Where is
>>the ejecta blanket?

>Can't you see it, Lan?

>See the original Malin newly released pix of the "face" at
>http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/M16-00184p_subframe.gif

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Gents,

Has it actually been established that the features in the area are caused by impact? To my (amateur astronomers eye) the "crater" and its ejecta (just to the visual North of the "eye") could be an extinct volcano caldera. The material appears to have 'flowed/oozed' out onto the landscape and does not 'appear' to have been violently ejected by an impact.

It 'could be' the extinct crater and lava chimney from a once active volcano. One that was possibly exposed and eroded by eons of dust storms. The "ejecta" from that crater looks more like _volcanic effusion_ than the 'back-spray' of a meteoric impact. If the geological origin of the features in the region are 'volcanic' (as opposed to impact) then the "eye" and its central peak (pupil) could simply be an ancient and exposed/badly eroded volcano caldera.

Any geologists on the List?

Regards,

John Velez, With one "eye" on Mars! ;)

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Convening of Special Grand Jury?

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@bellatlantic.net>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 23:09:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 10:44:51 -0500
Subject: Convening of Special Grand Jury?

Request for the Convening of a Federal Special Grand Jury

TO: Mr. Mervyn M. Mosbacher
U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas
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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: February 10, 2001

The U. S. military officials who conducted the retrieval of a (occupied) crash-landed "flying saucer" from Mexican soil near Ciudad Acuna~ back in the first week of December 1950 not only escaped full accountability for this covert mission's unfair and unlawful deception of both the Mexican government and the general public worldwide; they also failed to appreciate that some day, even if more than half a century later, they and/or their successors would begin to perceive a dismantling of the official wall of secrecy surrounding that mission and its aftermath.

Now, you, sir, have the opportunity to contribute to that dismantling -- and thus to help restore some measure of public trust in the affairs of our government, and to help Mexico reclaim a part of its history stolen from it by certain U. S. officials having no right to do so.

Here I refer to the investigative-and-reporting function of the federal grand jury.

Now that momentum-for-disclosure has been building for the past several years -- in the form of affidavit testimony from, and audio-/video-taped interviews with, key witnesses as gathered by private researchers into the case -- we need an adequate, safe forum by which to let this evidence (including a pivotal F.B.I. memo confirming a related counterintelligence "high alert") speak for itself.

Accordingly, I ask that you coordinate with the chief judge of your federal district court to empanel, as soon as possible, a special grand jury to evaluate this already amassed evidence and to begin soliciting and gathering any additional evidence for a formal report on what happened when, by whom, how, and why during and after the retrieval mission.

Please let me know promptly when you receive the court's go-ahead for the empanelment of this grand jury -- so that I may proceed with further coordination.

When you accept this opportunity to help set the record straight (and thereby help bring to justice those responsible for the mission/coverup's abuse of authority and violation of the public trust), you will have added your own mark upon cosmic history.

Thank you for your prompt and comprehensive fulfillment of this

request .

LARRY W. BRYANT
Director, Washington, D.C., Office
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Hi, John!

I really must agree with you on this. It's one thing for skeptics and believers to argue about the authenticity of a given ufo photo or video in the age of mass communication and technology. It is something else altogether to see identical imagery of UFOs clearly depicted in paintings from a primitive era.

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Obviously, these saucer shaped craft represent something seen, rather than imagined, and the casualness in how they are presented in the art only adds to the believability.

While it is true that people of that time were more susceptible to superstition and religious dogma, they also had an open-mindedness about the fantastic that makes me envious in many, many ways.

Oh well. I stumble forward through an uncertain future, guided by jaded eyes. The crowd gathers to watch me trip, yet again.

Roger

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Thanks for the comments. I've been toying with the idea of doing
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Ideally I'd like to visit all the galleries/churches where these
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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:33:23 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has written to me as follows:

I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10) about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable hypotheses?"

Regards,
Dick Hall

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>>importance and significance for anyone interested in
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>Hi, John!

>I really must agree with you on this. It's one thing for
>skeptics and believers to argue about the authenticity of a
>given ufo photo or video in the age of mass communication and
>technology. It is something else altogether to see identical
>imagery of UFOs clearly depicted in paintings from a primitive
>era.

Those paintings really are a stunning and surprising find. I know the one (with the man and the dog in the background looking up at a UFO in a scene that features the Madonna and Child) has been around for awhile. But the others just catch you 'off-guard' with the repeated use of (UFO) imagery. Boggles the mind.

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>"contamination factor" ever present in modern UFO reports. One
>has to believe it is highly unlikely that multiple artists,
>separated by such time and distance, would "accidentally"
>incorporate identical imagery into their works.

You're right about 'no TV' or 'Newspaper' being responsible for "media contamination". These guys were mostly 'commissioned'

artists I'm sure. They were probably painting what they were asked for or something they had witnessed for themselves. Either way, the presence of 'classic' UFO-shaped objects in the sky is most compelling for those who, in 2001, struggle to understand/make sense of, the impossible.

>Obviously, these saucer shaped craft represent something seen, >rather than imagined, and the casualness in how they are >presented in the art only adds to the believability.

I agree. There is something unassuming about how these objects are incorporated/depicted in the paintings. Almost as if the artist is sure that the viewer will understand the meaning/nature of the imagery. (The 'objects' that are painted into the sky.)

>While it is true that people of that time were more susceptible >to superstition and religious dogma, they also had an >open-mindedness about the fantastic that makes me envious in >many, many ways.

More than open-mindedness, I think they were honestly "recording" what was known or believed to be true/fact at the time.

>Oh well. I stumble forward through an uncertain future, guided >by jaded eyes. The crowd gathers to watch me trip, yet again.

Regardless of which side of the issue we are on we are all stumbling and tripping along trying to make sense of this extraordinary UFO business. You're not alone Roger.

Wanna hold hands? <LOL>

Regards,

John Velez,
Just as scared and uncertain as the next guy.

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>>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 13:07:29 -0600
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 14:56:38 -0500
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>to have been violently ejected by an impact.

John:

Yes, you could be right. It's a good point. The thing is, though
that what looks like the ejecta blanket is about the right width
(1/2 the crater radius).

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:22:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 17:54:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

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Hello Matt,

Would you consider adding photographs of Egyptian hieroglyphics,
Mayan and Aztec art and engravings and some of the other
anomalous paintings on cave walls and rocks etc.to your website
collection or book, possibly under some other heading? It would
be nice to have all of these curious artistic or historically
documented allusions to what we now term UFOs under one "roof"
so to speak.

Well done in any event.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Convening of Special Grand Jury? - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 14:21:13 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 17:56:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Convening of Special Grand Jury? - Young

>From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@bellatlantic.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 23:09:55 -0500
>To: usatty.txs@usdoj.gov
>Cc: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Convening of Special Grand Jury?

>Request for the Convening of a Federal Special Grand Jury

Dear readers:

Oh, for God's sake.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Hi, Roger, John, Matt:

Religious art, in itself, was a principal "mass communication"
media of the time. Cultural transmission didn't begin with
modernity. To prove this, consider why so many pictures of
Madonna and Child looked alike.

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Hi Matt,

You may have misinterpreted my "Patron of the Arts" tagger. I
can't fund a trip to Disney World much less a European Jaunt for
you to research a book! <LOL> (Just humor!)

A book is an excellent idea. It would probably require long,
grinding, and extensive research. Consulting art historians,
museums, archives, (the Vatican! They must have a ton of stuff

buried in their archives) would be a laborious and time intensive activity. (Were it to be researched thoroughly) I wish you luck and look forward to reading a book dedicated to the subject.

Are you a journalist or writer? Art historian?
As for \$ for the 'research' trip; there are some song lyrics that may help/provide a solution:

"Shake_that_mo-ney_maker bay-bee, shake that mo-ney maker!" <LMAO> (More humor!)

Warm regards, and thanx again for a terrific website.

John Velez

Poor but honest "Patron" of the Arts

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>As for the "little impact crater" that you claim is obscuring
>the otherwise routine circular crater shape of the "eye", sorry.
>I can't see it in the MGS image. I'm afraid it's a figment of
>your imagination.

<snip>

>C'mon, Bob. Give up the crater nonsense. It's silly.

Lan:

It is now abundantly clear what is going on here.

I hope that you have clear and blue skies,

Bob Young

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Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:12:05 -0500
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PBT

Hardly, unless you were from the generation that did not take "Western Civilization" in school. Much of which the West is, is rooted in thousands of years old religious beliefs. You may deny the beliefs, but how we think, behave, and act are indeed profoundly influenced by religious beliefs which are daily called into doubt by logic and historical fact. Much as many would like to divorce religious beliefs from our lives the very assumptions of our civilization and social contract were and are influenced by things that might be demonstrated in the physical world as being untrue.

It doesn't really matter if Abraham did in fact the really exist, nor that he did intend to scarifice his son in obedience to his God. This tale and its moral lesson and the idea of social contract have infludence billions today and throughout history.

Jan Aldrich

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The way I understand it, the psycho-sociologists theorize that artists in olden times who put saucer-shaped objects into their art work were motivated by excessive religious zeal. Maybe Catholic theologians have a ready explanation of the religious symbolism behind images of saucers hovering above the Virgin Mary. I don't remember anything about flying saucers being a part of religious dogma from Sunday school, but then I was raised a Presbyterian.

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That seems a lot more plausible explanation to me than an impact crater. The physical constraints on the ultimate shapes of volcanic vents are not, I don't believe, nearly as strong as the constraints tending to produce circular impact craters. However, this "ejecta" seems to be strangely localized around the "vent." None of the ejecta seems to have landed on top of the adjacent "brow" ridge. Volcanic ejecta, like impact ejecta, should expand out vertically as well as horizontally.

Referring back to the '98 article I wrote about how the shadowing changes between the two Viking images, I still think this dark outer region is a shallow surface concavity similar to the eye socket surrounding an eye rather than an albedo feature. Or at least I don't think it's completely an albedo feature. But as I've already said, a surface concavity created by undetermined processes doesn't mean the same thing as an artificially created structure.

We need more information. That's why I hope NASA will someday take a photograph showing the whole face. SPSR member Dr. John Brandenburg commented that NASA seems to be doing the "Dance of the Seven Veils" with these Face images. I just hope we don't have five more veils to go through.

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Remarkable but largely true. I was brought up Catholic, which I must admit to the religion most active at the time I was being indoctrinated in't... the fifties, when Morty was not yet in his teens. I was taught to accept that which I did not understand as a mystery and to believe based on faith. Faith being the epitome of truth. "Take it on faith" were the watchwords.

I am not a student of religion, although I was required to study comparative religions in college, and the words contain a measure of truth. Indeed, faith is the cornerstone of most religions.

Enter the most hated (or maligned) words in the English language. "New Age". Like the time on this venue when it was argued that to change the phrase "UFO" to something else less grating would effect a different reaction on citizens - that time ... and like it, to change the phrase "New Age" is to avoid the truth. New Age thinking precludes faith. And if one ignores channeling, ghosts in the bathroom appearing in the most awkward of times (sigh), then this being a new age, perhaps the phrase New Age is more appropriate than not.

Besides, wasn't it Dylan who wrote, "When you got no faith, then you got unbelief!"; There you have it. The truth, finally revealed. And by none other than Bobby Zimmerman.

Jim

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Portrait of Richard C. Hoagland

From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:34:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 18:18:07 -0500
Subject: Portrait of Richard C. Hoagland

PORTRAIT OF RICHARD C. HOAGLAND

The Electric Warrior : Gallery February 11, 2001
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/ewArtWorks0005.htm>

A MUG SHOT OF THE MARS GUY

Richard Hoagland recently borrowed one of my images, so relying on his good sense of humor, I borrowed one of his.

Hoagland is the man most responsible for popularizing the notion of a face on Mars. His 1987 'The Monuments of Mars', is the definitive book on the topic. Given the controversial subject of this speculative science, it's not surprising that Hoagland is perpetually at odds with critics on both sides of the issue.

His friends will correctly tell you that the image I selected isn't the best photo of him, but it might be among the most telling. In the Spring of 1999, Hoagland fought for his life in a Miami, Florida hospital. He's still with us and that tells us something about the man's tenacity. But consider this: Most public figures are too concerned with their image to offer such a photo on their official Web site. Would you do it?

The mission statement, "To boldly go where someone has gone before," are from Hoagland's site The Enterprise Mission. The artist has digitally groomed the photo to a healthier glow. Notice also the placement of a plane of blue sky between the hand and the head, which yields an acceptable illusion of volume, without relying on computer generated mechanical perspective.

There are plenty of photographs of Richard Hoagland. Brought to you now via the Net, this rendering of Hoagland's courageous, life-affirming photo is, in every sense of the term, a contemporary portrait.

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/ewHoaglandPortrait.jpg>

IN THE GALLERY

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/>

The Electric Warrior Website announces a retrospective of digital media artworks on canvas, created over the last year in association with various feature articles.

» Cydonut Mosaic
Mosaics are an ancient decorative art form using small pieces of variously colored pieces arranged to comprise pictures or patterns. In 1995 Robert Silvers created a software application that created photomosaics from thousands of smaller images...

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/ewArtWorks0001.htm>

» Paranormal Green Alien

The image composition for Paranormal Green Alien places a classic saucer shaped UFO against an undecorated sky. The challenge for this piece was to composite the saucer using a number of famous UFO images, while populating the sky with only the image of a mothership...

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/ewArtWorks0002.htm>

» Cydonut Matrix

This work is a 2x2 matrix of high-contrast, colorized renderings of the Cydonia Face on Mars. The uncanny human likeness in each panel is derived from the Mars Viking image 35A72, which introduced the controversial Martian landform...

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/ewArtWorks0003.htm>

» A Real Beauty

This 2x2 matrix was inspired by KKSamurai's Face at Meridiani. The artist imagined Terry James' remarkably human anomaly could be visualized as two faces in profile, comprising a full face image...

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/gallery/ewArtWorks0004.htm>

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:45:41 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:23:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 14:26:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>What makes it all the more significant is the lack of mass
>>communication which, in itself, is suspect for the
>>"contamination factor" ever present in modern UFO reports. One
>>has to believe it is highly unlikely that multiple artists,
>>separated by such time and distance, would "accidentally"
>>incorporate identical imagery into their works.

>Hi, Roger, John, Matt:

>Religious art, in itself, was a principal "mass communication"
>media of the time. Cultural transmission didn't begin with
>modernity. To prove this, consider why so many pictures of
>Madonna and Child looked alike.

Because they were all copying from the same publicity photo,
right?

Don

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald . Ledger)
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:50:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:29:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:59:15 -0000

<snip>

>Thanks for the comments. I've been toying with the idea of doing
>a book on the subject.

>Ideally I'd like to visit all the galleries/churches where these
>pictures hang but there's a big financial hurdle there :-)

Hi Matt,

Move to Canada, write two books and get them published. Quit
your day job and then you might be eligible for a \$2,000.00
travel grant from the Cdn. Arts Council. That's about \$1,350.00
US. Does this help?

Don

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Urgent Disclosure Project - Update

From: Alfred Webre <EcoRadio@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:24:32 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:33:45 -0500
Subject: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update

Please Post and Distribute As Desired

Since August of 2000, the CSETI Disclosure Project has recorded the testimony of over 100 military, government and related witnesses to UFO events and projects from around the world. The testimony of these courageous witnesses creates a permanent archive with the most profound implications as it constitutes dozens of first-hand, often top-secret witnesses to UFO events, internal UFO-related government projects and covert government activities related to UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence and exotic energy and propulsion system projects. These 100 witnesses constitute the tip of a larger pool of over 400 prospective witnesses, many of whom would prefer coming forward first in formal Congressional hearings - which we hope will follow the upcoming planned disclosure event.

This testimony is on broadcast quality digital videotape and audio tape. Printed transcriptions of the testimony are currently being created.

We are requesting that any further military, government, government-contractor or related witnesses to UFO events and projects contact CSETI Director Dr. Steven Greer immediately for inclusion in the briefing materials and the upcoming disclosure event. Such witnesses may contact Dr. Greer via the CSETI website at www.CSETI.org or at 540-456-8302 (government witnesses only should use this number, please).

Additionally, any other substantial, supporting evidence, such as government documents, high quality UFO photographs and videotaped images, hard evidence etc. should similarly be referred to the project for inclusion in the final briefing materials and disclosure Press Conference.

The date for the Disclosure Press Conference and related activities in Washington DC has been set and will occur in the Spring of this year (2001).

Prior to the Disclosure Press Conference we will be conducting private briefings for key leaders in society, government and related institutions (for example, members of the US Congress, White House staff, scientific and religious leaders etc). If you have good access to such leaders and can assist with arranging a briefing please contact Dr. Greer as soon as possible.

This body of testimony is being edited and the over 100 hours of testimony will be condensed into a 2 hour briefing video. Additionally, a written briefing document consisting of witness testimony transcripts, government documents and important case material and policy papers is being prepared for use in the briefings and in the Disclosure Press Conference in Washington.

The Disclosure Press Conference will present many of the government witnesses in person, and the other evidence and briefing materials will be available to the media at that time. People with excellent national and international media contacts who can assist pro bono with media coordination are invited to contact Dr. Greer also.

Unfortunately, a documentary containing this witness testimony will not be available as there are insufficient funds to complete such a project.

We would like to thank all of the supporters and contributors to this historic effort and especially the witnesses who have come together to let the world know the truth about this very important matter.

Anyone who would like to help support this effort is invited to make a tax-deductible contribution to : The Disclosure Project, PO Box 265, Crozet Va 22932.

Further updates will be issued as the date for the event approaches.

Again, we would like to thank our many supporters for their assistance in and dedication to disclosing the truth.

The Disclosure Project
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posted by Alfred Webre

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:37:55 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>written to me as follows:

> I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
> about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
> we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
> Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
> epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
> being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
> is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
> oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
> to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
> hypotheses?"

>
> Regards,
>
> Dick Hall

Bruce, Dick, List,

The ETH "as the most reasonable one given what we know"?

What is it, exactly, that we know again, just to refresh my
memory?

Don't mean to be totaly flip, but I'm busy tonight. Will try to
answer at greater length tomorrow.

But if you're both making preponderance of evidence arguments
for something, then what Something are you arguing for if not
the something of ET visitation as a fact, albeit one
unrecognized by science at large?

If you're not actively leaning towards ET-contact as an
established fact for UFO reports, then it's incumbent on you to
supply alternative explanantions/scenarios, not me. In the
meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

Rather than me convincing you of my position, I would like to be
convinced of yours. Any takers?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:47:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:42:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:59:15 -0000

>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 01:18:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>>Thank you so much for gathering all this graphical material and
>>putting it all under one roof. It is a truly compelling and
>>provocative collection of images. Great job. A website of major
>>importance and significance for anyone interested in
>>"archeo-ufology."

Being of a suspicious turn of mind, and also personally aware of cases in which otherwise sober-sided academics and professionals enjoyed creating or otherwise promugating a little private pictorial joke or two from time to time; as well as aware of the enormous opportunities and clever techniques for retouching photos -- techniques that pre-date the Internet and Photoshop by decades -- I would rather like to see the original artworks before passing judgement on whether or not the objects under discussion do, indeed, appear in those original artworks. Not that they don't, or that I am making claims either way... but I'd want to see the actual paintings/frescoes/tapestries first.

I do recall reading that that some of the Egyptian wall paintings and/or carvings that purported to show helicopters and modern aircraft have been shown to be either fakes or have been satisfactorily explained in terms of actual ancient Egyptian symbology by someone conversant with same.

This is certainly a fascinating topic for study -- but I would insist upon viewing the actual artifacts in situ (the actual wall, in the case of a fresco, or a well-provenanced painting in a church or in a reputable museum's collection.)

Fascinated but suspicious Purrrrrs...

Wendy Christensen

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From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:52:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:45:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:51:41 -0600
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:29:40 -0600
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

Previously, Lan wrote:

>The way I understand it, the psycho-sociologists theorize that
>artists in olden times who put saucer-shaped objects into their
>art work were motivated by excessive religious zeal. Maybe
>Catholic theologians have a ready explanation of the religious
>symbolism behind images of saucers hovering above the Virgin
>Mary. I don't remember anything about flying saucers being a
>part of religious dogma from Sunday school, but then I was
>raised a Presbyterian.

Hi, Lan!

I was raised a 'Frisbyterian'. We believed that when you die,
you soul gets stuck up on the roof.

Roger

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Re: Convening of Special Grand Jury? - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 18:25:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:47:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Convening of Special Grand Jury? - McCoy

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 14:21:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Convening of Special Grand Jury?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@bellatlantic.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 23:09:55 -0500
>>To: usatty.txs@usdoj.gov
>>Cc: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Convening of Special Grand Jury?

>>Request for the Convening of a Federal Special Grand Jury

>Dear readers:

>Oh, for God's sake.

Hello all, Bob,

I have this funny feeling this "Special" Grand Jury will fly like a Snap-on Toolbox.

GT McCoy

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 03:34:27 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:52:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

Regarding:

>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 20:47:55 -0000

Matt wrote:

>I've now added more images to my site...

Matt,

This is an interesting insight into current perceptions about historical portrayals of 'UFOs', especially 'flying saucers'.

As we now recognise, the founding perception of 'flying saucers' was a complete misnomer, which originated from the media's mistaken context of Kenneth Arnold's description of the flight characteristics re those nine, undulating, fluttering and gliding, aerial objects, in formation, which puzzled him, on 24 June, 1947.

Although some, if not many, will still cover their ears or look away, it's a fact that Arnold dissociated himself from the 'flying saucer' stereotype, for example, as confirmed in a 1950 interview:

ARNOLD: That's right. Now of course some of the reports they did take from newspapers which did not quote me properly. Now, when I told the press, they misquoted me, and in the excitement of it all, one newspaper and another on got it as ensnarled up that nobody knew just exactly what they were talking about, I guess.

MURROW: Here's how the name "flying saucer" was born.

ARNOLD: These objects more or less fluttered like they were, oh, I'd say, boats on very rough water or very rough air of some type, and when I described how they flew, I said that they flew like they take a saucer and throw it across the water. Most of the newspapers misunderstood and misquoted that too. They said that I said that they were saucer-like; I said that they flew in a saucer-like fashion.

[END]

See:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/kamurrow.htm>

That confirmed, obviously any representation of 'flying saucers' has a specious foundation, which equally applies to purported, historical depictions.

One painting, suggested as historical evidence of 'flying saucers' is the 'The Baptism of Christ', by Flemish artist, Aert De Gelder.

However, what is actually being implied here?

This painting, as with any other, is merely the artist's conception of that legendary event.

It's not, as perhaps sometimes seems to be presumed, a 'photograph' of what occurred.

If any such religious painting is believed to include an apparent 'flying saucer' or 'UFO', the question is not - doesn't this evidence some ET connection - it's why the artist incorporated that symbolism.

As should be expected, there is, in fact, no ET connotation to paintings which represent 'The Baptism of Christ'. A 'flying disc' and 'rays of light from above' are inherent, symbolic artefacts.

'The Baptism of Christ', by Andrea della Verrocchio, depicts a portrait of Jesus being anointed, or hit over the head, by a hand-held 'flying saucer' - see:

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/v/p-verrocchio1.htm>

Consider also, 'The Baptism of Christ (detail)', by Ghirlandaio - see:

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/ghirlandaio/p-ghirlandaio10.htm>

That frequently depicted 'Godly dove' and 'celestial rays of light' can also be found in 'Baptism of Christ', by Guido Reni - see:

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/r/p-reni1.htm>

Additionally, see those 'beams of light' in Joachim Patini's Triptych (left panel) -

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/p/p-patinir4.htm>

A 'Heavenly dove' and 'symbolic disc' feature in, 'The Baptism of Christ', by Perugino - see:

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/perugino/p-perugin8.htm>

Again, we find them in, 'The Baptism of Christ', by Piero della Francesca - see:

<http://cgfa.kelloggscreek.com/francesc/p-francesc1.htm>

It might even be noted - don't those clouds look like 'flying saucers'!

There's further striking imagery in the attributed painting at:

<http://www.culture.gr/2/21/218/218ab/00/12-61.html>

And a 'disc-shaped object' at top, which seems to be emitting 'a beam of light', can be seen in the painting at:

<http://www.culture.gr/2/21/218/218ab/00/12-61.html>

Those disc-shaped 'halos' surrounding the incumbents presumably represent 'divine' status, and not that they have just been abducted by flying saucers.

'God' is also portrayed as offering a celestial disk in the 'baptismal' painting at

http://www.bnf.fr/enluminures/images/jpeg/i6_0026.jpg

As consummately and readily demonstrated, there's zero basis for any claims of historical evidence re ET contact in these wonderful, religious paintings.

The small number - 2 or 3? - which include 'hat-like' aerial objects are intriguing. What were the artists representing, which, significantly, has no foundation in extensive religious material?

Who knows - perhaps some art historians might be able to assist?

However, in terms of 'UFO' evidence, we must ask - in view of the above, factual, clarifications - how those 'Billy Meier' type 'flying saucer shapes' - have any bearing which can be remotely substantiated.

As for those 14th century 'Rocket-man', fresco, images.... aren't they extraordinary.

Yet, as they are apparently illustrations of 'The Crucifixion', where is any basis for even considering these are representations of 'spaceships'?

James Easton.
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Re: Portrait of Richard C. Hoagland - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 23:38:51 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 03:06:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Portrait of Richard C. Hoagland - Young

>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Portrait of Richard C. Hoagland
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:34:13 -0800

Kurt:

Thanks for the hagiography.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Sawwer

From: William Sawer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 03:10:56 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Sawwer

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 16:28:17 -0800

><snip>

>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 17:55:23 -0800

>>>A. The Cameraman does not exist;

>>Serge,

>>I believe this is an incorrect statement but time will tell.

>Some people have believed that UFO disclosure was going to
>happen every year for the past 30 years. Doesn't mean its in
>fact going to happen.

This has nothing to do with the discussion in point.

>As for the cameraman, if and when a warm body shows up that
>claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then
>all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
statement, Rays statements, even tho' he's a businessman and
guilty of minimising the extent of our communities microscopic
analysis of his words in this effort to turn a profit in his
Business... Not UFOlogy!

>I do predict that when the "cameraman moment of truth" happens,
>we will hear a long tale from Ray or somebody akin to, about how
>he died blah blah blah

I doubt that... Ray will say not one word when the cameraman
dies. I reckon he's had enough!

>>>B. Ray Santilli is a liar;

>>We are all liars, some time or another; but is he lying about
>>the AA? I doubt it!

>Calling us "all liars" doesn't change the fact. The facts are that
>Ray buddy told tales and stories that either a) couldn't be verified
>or b) weren't correct for whatever the reason.

I don't think anyone is calling everyone liars. I feel Ed is
stating that we are all guilty of various untruths at some
time. C'mon on.

>>>C. Heseemann's judgement and position in the AA case if flawed.

>>MH is very clear about what his investigations show. The AA is
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>us bogus footage. If answer is no, then Ray had yet and again
>another purported cameraman feeding him films. I also recall that
>the AA defenders also profoundly defended the tent footage,
>right up until it was hoaxed out

As I recall Ray got the tent footage along with the genuine
article footage from the same sources..al mixed in together.
Yes...many were fooled by the hoax of the tent footage, as we
were al supposed to be as stated by the ppl that made it. We are
still left with the "non-junk" rolls that haven't been proved to
be anything but genuine

>>>Yet, you don't back off.

>>Not even for a second.

>>>Denial of reality, doctoring of information and wishful
>>>fantasies make you a skeptidebunker, Ed.

".... not even for a second"

Do you really think Ed and Neil and any number of others are
that stupid to stand up for it when it's so plain to you that
it's a hoax.

No evidence from you apart from a few stretchings of facts by
a businessman whom didn't know what he was getting into, not to
mention a pretty astute (?) businessman (Volker) who hasn't said
a word about fakes/hoaxes and seems quite content with his
purchase. Surely Volker would be taking Ray to court for fraud
etc if it was truly a hoax!

>>Are you serious. I hold a strong position because the evidence
>>I've collected indicates that the AA is authentic and I'm a
>>"skeptidebunker"? You must be kidding!

>Lets face it, everytime you look at the AA film, you look at it
>from the point of view of a person who believes that all the
>evidence points to the fact that its real. Kind of like a guy
>who watches Shindlers List endlessly and is absolutly convinced
>that the movie was absolutly real in every sense of the word.

...and you look at it from the point of view who doesn't believe
all the evidence that points to it being real. Check?

And of course "Shindlers List" is dramatised, and no one
believes the movie to be an accurate account. No matter how
you see it

Regards,

William

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Hi Lan, hi All,

It's tough to determine 'elevations' from aerial photographs unless there are (fortunately placed) shadows that one can use to determine which piece of terrain is higher than which. The lack of material (ejecta) on surrounding structures could easily be explained by centuries of erosion by violent weather and sand storms. The reason I think these features are visible at all is due to erosion. If features like the "eye" bear any resemblance to "known" volcanic structures (extinct, ancient volcanos here on earth) then as far as I'm concerned, 'Mystery solved!'

The thing that has me 'going' about the eye is the fact of the "pupil" structure that folks are using to justify their theory of artificiality. There are two 'geological/volcanic' features that 'could be' the cause of what we see on the Martian surface.

1. On earth, ancient, extinct, and highly eroded volcano's look like a "crater" with a central "lava chimney" structure. A great many craters on the Moon feature central structures of varying shape and detail. A crater with some kind of central feature/structure is not "uncommon." Quite to the contrary.

2. A "bump" (like the pupil feature) could be the visible outer shell/surface of a 'gas or lava bubble' that cooled before it managed to break through to the surface. There are many such features recorded in and near to volcanically active areas.

(underwater 'hotspots' especially.) Although in this example we are talking about a small and localized 'bubble' of material, It is that same kind of "surface moving over a hotspot" action that is responsible for the rising up of the Hawaiian chain of Islands.

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Nature doesn't produce nice square features like that. Unless something completely freakish is happening with the weather and erosion patterns on Mars. Same goes for the "pyramidal" shapes of some of the other structures nearby. I think the Face is secondary in importance (in terms of the artificiality argument) than are these "geometrical" oddities in the local (Cydonia) surface structures.

And yes, it would really be nice if freaking NASA would re-photograph the 'whole' face rather than portions of it. I want to know how they explain the "angles" in all of those pyramidal/crystal-like structures.

Regards,

John Velez
Interested Earthling

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Hiya Don, Matt, All,

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Matt that he consider the Australian "*Wandjima" pictograms for
the collection. I held off doing it because the website is
dedicated to historical depictions of "UFOs." Not aliens.

(*The Wandjima images are identical to our 'modern' grey aliens.)

You make great suggestions though. I hope he takes you up on
them. It would make the offering richer, broader, and deeper.

Regards,

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Love what's there already, wanna see more! ;)

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>skeptics and believers to argue about the authenticity of a
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>technology. It is something else altogether to see identical
>imagery of UFOs clearly depicted in paintings from a primitive
>era.

Those paintings really are a stunning and surprising find. I know the one (with the man and the dog in the background looking up at a UFO in a scene that features the Madonna and Child) has been around for awhile. But the others just catch you 'off-guard' with the repeated use of (UFO) imagery. Boggles the mind.

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>"contamination factor" ever present in modern UFO reports. One
>has to believe it is highly unlikely that multiple artists,
>separated by such time and distance, would "accidentally"
>incorporate identical imagery into their works.

You're right about 'no TV' or 'Newspaper' being responsible for "media contamination". These guys were mostly 'commissioned'

artists I'm sure. They were probably painting what they were asked for or something they had witnessed for themselves. Either way, the presence of 'classic' UFO-shaped objects in the sky is most compelling for those who, in 2001, struggle to understand/make sense of, the impossible.

>Obviously, these saucer shaped craft represent something seen, >rather than imagined, and the casualness in how they are >presented in the art only adds to the believability.

I agree. There is something unassuming about how these objects are incorporated/depicted in the paintings. Almost as if the artist is sure that the viewer will understand the meaning/nature of the imagery. (The 'objects' that are painted into the sky.)

>While it is true that people of that time were more susceptible >to superstition and religious dogma, they also had an >open-mindedness about the fantastic that makes me envious in >many, many ways.

More than open-mindedness, I think they were honestly "recording" what was known or believed to be true/fact at the time.

>Oh well. I stumble forward through an uncertain future, guided >by jaded eyes. The crowd gathers to watch me trip, yet again.

Regardless of which side of the issue we are on we are all stumbling and tripping along trying to make sense of this extraordinary UFO business. You're not alone Roger.

Wanna hold hands? <LOL>

Regards,

John Velez,
Just as scared and uncertain as the next guy.

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From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 17:04:46 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 18:54:44 -0500
Subject: Re: CI: 2-9-01 - Face on Mars: A Closer, Better

>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 21:51:59 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: CI: 2-9-01 - Face on Mars: A Closer, Better Look
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Illustrated and linked version at:

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

<snip>

>The almond-shaped depression is surrounded by interesting
>"radiating" terrain that, like details such as the "harelip"
>seen in the 1998 image, suggests decoration - or, according to
>Bara's article, some form of honeycombed construction.

How about the radiating pattern caused by debris from a
cratering impact?

<snip>

>The anomalous "teardrop" that has been noted by Cydonia
>researchers for decades is also plainly visible in the new
>image, and appears to be a distinct feature as opposed to a
>piece of erosional debris (possibly emanating from the "nose"
>ridge" under the force of westerly Martian winds).

A superimposed later windblown crater is far more likely.

>If the Face itself is artificial, it's extremely likely that the
>"teardrop" is as well.

Unless, of course, it is still a superimposed later windblown
crater. Thousands are on the surface of Mars.

See the face picture:

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/M16-00184p_subframe.gif

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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We need more information. That's why I hope NASA will someday take a photograph showing the whole face. SPSR member Dr. John Brandenburg commented that NASA seems to be doing the "Dance of the Seven Veils" with these Face images. I just hope we don't have five more veils to go through.

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>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 17:32:56 EST
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

<snip>

>As for the "little impact crater" that you claim is obscuring
>the otherwise routine circular crater shape of the "eye", sorry.
>I can't see it in the MGS image. I'm afraid it's a figment of
>your imagination.

<snip>

>C'mon, Bob. Give up the crater nonsense. It's silly.

Lan:

It is now abundantly clear what is going on here.

I hope that you have clear and blue skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:12:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 18:05:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes - Aldrich

>From: Paul Thompson - ParaScope <MrApol@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 11:02:01 EST
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes - Thompson

>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 00:33:22 -0500

<snip>

>>It really doesn't matter if the above is true or not; most
>>religions are anchored in faith, not cold hard logic. So such
>>stories do not invalidate such religious beliefs.

>What a remarkable thing to say.

PBT

Hardly, unless you were from the generation that did not take "Western Civilization" in school. Much of which the West is, is rooted in thousands of years old religious beliefs. You may deny the beliefs, but how we think, behave, and act are indeed profoundly influenced by religious beliefs which are daily called into doubt by logic and historical fact. Much as many would like to divorce religious beliefs from our lives the very assumptions of our civilization and social contract were and are influenced by things that might be demonstrated in the physical world as being untrue.

It doesn't really matter if Abraham did in fact the really exist, nor that he did intend to scarifice his son in obedience to his God. This tale and its moral lesson and the idea of social contract have infludence billions today and throughout history.

Jan Aldrich

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From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:47:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:42:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

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Being of a suspicious turn of mind, and also personally aware of cases in which otherwise sober-sided academics and professionals enjoyed creating or otherwise promugating a little private pictorial joke or two from time to time; as well as aware of the enormous opportunities and clever techniques for retouching photos -- techniques that pre-date the Internet and Photoshop by decades -- I would rather like to see the original artworks before passing judgement on whether or not the objects under discussion do, indeed, appear in those original artworks. Not that they don't, or that I am making claims either way... but I'd want to see the actual paintings/frescoes/tapestries first.

I do recall reading that that some of the Egyptian wall paintings and/or carvings that purported to show helicopters and modern aircraft have been shown to be either fakes or have been satisfactorily explained in terms of actual ancient Egyptian symbology by someone conversant with same.

This is certainly a fascinating topic for study -- but I would insist upon viewing the actual artifacts in situ (the actual wall, in the case of a fresco, or a well-provenanced painting in a church or in a reputable museum's collection.)

Fascinated but suspicious Purrrrrs...

Wendy Christensen

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:37:55 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>written to me as follows:

> I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
> about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
> we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
> Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
> epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
> being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
> is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
> oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
> to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
> hypotheses?"

>
> Regards,
>
> Dick Hall

Bruce, Dick, List,

The ETH "as the most reasonable one given what we know"?

What is it, exactly, that we know again, just to refresh my
memory?

Don't mean to be totaly flip, but I'm busy tonight. Will try to
answer at greater length tomorrow.

But if you're both making preponderance of evidence arguments
for something, then what Something are you arguing for if not
the something of ET visitation as a fact, albeit one
unrecognized by science at large?

If you're not actively leaning towards ET-contact as an
established fact for UFO reports, then it's incumbent on you to
supply alternative explanantions/scenarios, not me. In the
meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

Rather than me convincing you of my position, I would like to be
convinced of yours. Any takers?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Mussolini's UFO Files - Disc-Diagrams

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 15:19:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 09:47:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Mussolini's UFO Files - Disc-Diagrams

>Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2001 22:02:16 +0100
>From: clearlight@t-online.de (Josh Goldstein)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Mussolini's UFO Files - Disc-Diagrams

>>Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2001 14:32:46 -0800
>>From: Alfredo Lissoni <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Mussolini's UFO Files - Disc-Diagrams

>Hello Alfredo, It looks fascinating. Is it possible for you to
>give an English translation of the captions?

>Thanks, Josh Goldstein

Hi,

Unfortunately I'm not very able to speak English... so, all my
newspapers articles about all the history of Mussolini's UFO
files are posted at:

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

but only in Italian; if you have a good translator, you can
download them and put in your translator... I think Ken hasn't
access to the website because he's in Japan; or, you connect
new:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/fasfile/fafil.htm>

(in March an Italian editor shall publish a photographic book
about it, with all the original documents... you can see it)

If there's someone who's able to translate it, he's welcome!!!

Best wishes from Italy,

Alfredo Lissoni
Italy's National UFO Center

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 11:24:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 09:53:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 03:34:27 -0000

>Regarding:

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 20:47:55 -0000

>Matt wrote:

>>I've now added more images to my site...

Don't waste your time with this drivel Matt. Easton's perceptual problem continues. He tries to confuse apple with oranges once again. None of the paintings he has offered up has any relation to the paintings you have saved to your site. The bowls used to annoint the head of Christ are in no way representative of the images of paintings you've depicted on your site. Batting Christ over the head with a "flying saucer" indeed. Aura's or halos around the heads of the figures has been in paintings and depictions for centuries, symbolizing heavenly demeanor-or what ever.

>Those disc-shaped 'halos' surrounding the incumbents presumably represent 'divine' status, and not that they have just been abducted by flying saucers.

You are the only one suggesting that. They have nothing to do with the paintings offered by Matt. They are a far cry from objects freely suspended in the sky with no apparent relationship to the subject of the painting.

This is a poor attempt to confuse the issue which Easton is known for. His quest for the crown as the debunker extraordinaire being handed down from Klass is sad to watch. If you want to really debunk this James, then a least have the common sense to refer to the same paintings as the rest of us. Come up with prosaic explanations for them, not your refutations of paintings which no one is disputing in the first place. Setting up strawmen to knock down James. That's what that ploy is known as.

BTW James you still haven't admitted you were so obviously proven wrong about the Vulcan Bomber explanation.

Don Ledger

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Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

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Hi Wendy

You raise a valid point. I realised this when I created the site, thats why I've provided links to the actual places where they are depicted.

If people are really interested there's nothing stopping them e-mailing the curators at these places is there?

There's only so much one can do when showing 2 D art on a website :-)

Regards,

Matt

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From: **Matt Hurley** <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
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>Matt,

<snip>

>As consummately and readily demonstrated, there's zero basis for
>any claims of historical evidence re ET contact in these
>wonderful, religious paintings.

>The small number - 2 or 3? - which include 'hat-like' aerial
>objects are intriguing. What were the artists representing,
>which, significantly, has no foundation in extensive religious
>material?

>Who knows - perhaps some art historians might be able to assist?

>However, in terms of 'UFO' evidence, we must ask - in view of the
>above, factual, clarifications - how those 'Billy Meier' type
>'flying saucer shapes' - have any bearing which can be remotely
>substantiated.

>As for those 14th century 'Rocket-man', fresco, images.... aren't
>they extraordinary.

>Yet, as they are apparently illustrations of 'The Crucifixion',
>where is any basis for even considering these are representations
>of 'spaceships'?

Hi James,

Thanks for your lengthy analysis.

Nowhere on my website do I postulate an ET hypothesis for what I
show. I was careful not to do this.

That's up to the individual to decide. We can all look at an
image and read different things into something.

The aim of the site is just to show people some "unusual
artwork". If they think there's an ET connection then fine, if
they don't then that's equally fine by me.

"No one's artwork is bigger than the UFO phenomenon"

Regards ,

Matt

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>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:22:48 +0000
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

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>>Thanks for the comments. I've been toying with the idea of doing
>>a book on the subject.

>>Ideally I'd like to visit all the galleries/churches where these
>>pictures hang but there's a big financial hurdle there :-)

>Hello Matt,

>Would you consider adding photographs of Egyptian hieroglyphics,
>Mayan and Aztec art and engravings and some of the other
>anomalous paintings on cave walls and rocks etc.to your website
>collection or book, possibly under some other heading? It would
>be nice to have all of these curious artistic or historically
>documented allusions to what we now term UFOs under one "roof"
>so to speak.

>Well done in any event.

Hi Don and all,

I may start to add cave painting and other stuff as I'm rapidly
running out of medieval and renaissance art :-)

I've always found the metallic Lolladoff plate interesting with
its saucer and little grey (Bob Dean has shown this in talks)

Regards,

Matt

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>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:51:41 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:29:40 -0600
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>>Obviously, these saucer shaped craft represent something seen,
>>rather than imagined, and the casualness in how they are
>>presented in the art only adds to the believability.

>>While it is true that people of that time were more susceptible
>>to superstition and religious dogma, they also had an
>>open-mindedness about the fantastic that makes me envious in
>>many, many ways.

>The way I understand it, the psycho-sociologists theorize that
>artists in olden times who put saucer-shaped objects into their
>art work were motivated by excessive religious zeal. Maybe
>Catholic theologians have a ready explanation of the religious
>symbolism behind images of saucers hovering above the Virgin
>Mary. I don't remember anything about flying saucers being a
>part of religious dogma from Sunday school, but then I was
>raised a Presbyterian.

Or here's a thought, maybe they were adding a little real,
everyday context to the religious "faith" of the time. Sort of
like grounding religion in reality by putting into the paintings
common everyday objects seen in the sky or background-like the
Sun, Moon, stars clouds, birds, houses trees, mountains, UFOs.

Don Ledger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 10:08:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 11:26:47 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: William Sawyer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Sawwer

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Robert wrote:

>>As for the cameraman, if and when a warm body shows up that
>>claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then
>>all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

William replied:

>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>statement, Rays statements, even tho' he's a businessman and
>guilty of minimising the extent of our communities microscopic
>analysis of his words in this effort to turn a profit in his
>Business... Not UFOlogy!

<snip>

>I don't think anyone is calling everyone liars. I feel Ed is
>stating that we are all guilty of various untruths at some
>time. C'mon on.

Hi, William!

I have tried to extract myself from this discussion so that it
would pass on. However, it is time for a reality check. First
off when you say:

>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>statement, Rays statements,...

This would mean something positive only if:

- 1) AA were viewed off of camera original footage and not a video tape. This has not happened.
- 2) Ray would offer up the evidence that would validate his claims. This has not happened.
- 3) There was any evidence that the alleged cameraman even existed. This has not happened.

At this point, therefore, Robert Gates is absolutely correct.
The proponents of AA have nothing in their corner other than
zealous rationalizations about something that they already
believe in; proof be damned.

As far as who or who is not a liar; Ray has made claims and
money off of AA without lifting one little finger to
substantiate what could possibly be the most important footage
since the Zapruder home movie. What I find ironic is how

believers in AA spend incredible amounts of energy and time looking for and rationalizing the most insignificant of subjective evidence in support of AA while ignoring more obvious signs of a scam as outlined in points 1,2 and 3, above.

Ultimately, the movie has already ended, the lights have come up and AA supporters sit waiting for a happy ending long after everyone else has left the theater in disgust. A glance about finds Santilli's seat suspiciously empty, as well, having long vacated it in favor of the ticket booth to count his profits.

Roger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 17:01:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:33:04 -0500
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Robert, All.

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>claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then
>all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

Not so.

As regards the cameraman and his story, there are a number of things which can and have been checked out, with positive results.

He provided the "wacky" date for the event, over a month earlier than the "classic" Roswell event, ie the days spanning the end of May and into early June 1947.

Witnesses have been found and interviewed who attest to a slow moving "fireball" observed to fall into the area identified by the cameraman as the crash site in the early hours of May 31st 1947.

From a hand drawn map provided by the cameraman the crashsite was identified on the ground. In local records it was found that on June 1st 1947 the US Army laid claim to the old Manganise Mine in the cliffs above this location with the intention to reopen the mine. 2 weeks later all operations ceased and the mine is recorded again as being closed. A happy coincidence? A mining manouver? Or, a diversion to explain their presence?

Has Ray Santilli been to New Mexico and spent time researching all this? Not as far as I know. I guess the "cameraman" could have, as he already admits to revisiting the site himself in the mid 1980's.

>Calling us "all liars" doesn't change the fact. The facts are that
>Ray buddy told tales and stories that either a) couldn't be verified
>or b) weren't correct for whatever the reason.

See above, this statement isn't quite true.

>The tent footage is phony. No question about that. The question
>then becomes "did Ray get the Tent footage from the same source
>as the AA film. If answer is yes then we have a cameraman giving
>us bogus footage. If answer is no, then Ray had yet and again
>another purported cameraman feeding him films. I also recall that
>the AA defenders also profoundly defended the tent footage,
>right up until it was hoaxed out

The story behind the "Tent Footage" is indeed a can of worms, both Ray's and the hoaxer's story's prompt more questions than they answer. What is certain is that Ray had access to the Tent

Footage early in March of 1995, Philip Mantle received a tape of the footage at this time. What is also clear from events is that by May 95 and the first invited showing of the AA film the Tent Footage was already off the agenda. You then have to ask yourself why would Ray pull that footage before it had had public exposure?, nobody was crying "hoax", few had even had the opportunity to see it, and it wasn't that bad a hoax. If anyone can still find a copy of "Penetrating the Web Vol2" in the deleted bin at your local video store it worth buying it just for the few minutes of this footage that's tagged on the end.

So, was it a hoax played on Ray that he wised up to?, or a deliberate attempt to "cultivate" further footage for the pot?. Certainly the events as they took place from mid March thro to Aug of 95 would seem to support the idea that "something" caused Ray to wise up one way or another regarding the handling of the Tent Footage, and this "something" caused him to quietly drop it.

Maybe the forgotten fact that the Tent Footage did appear eventually on a video totally unconnected with Ray's company, gives some support to the idea that the Tent Footage's real owners/creators were, after an abortive attempt to release it via Ray, forced to cast round for some alternative outlet for it, unfortunately by doing this they acknowledged they must have had control of the Tent Footage, not Ray Santilli.

For those interested here's Ray's 1998 statement re the Tent Footage:

Date: Thu, 18 Jun 1998

THE TENT FOOTAGE

Philip Mantel has informed me that he has secured an interview from someone claiming to have information regarding the "Tent Footage".

As a great deal has been made of the so called "Tent Footage" I would like to clarify the situation and place the following on record:

The Tent Footage was the first film material I collected from the cameraman, it was in the form of 16mm film and in very poor condition. I brought it back to England and asked a studio facility in Buckinghamshire to retrieve whatever image they could from it. A few weeks after delivery the Studio presented me with the film which has become known as the "Tent Footage" I was told that this was all that could be retrieved from the film.

I had informed the cameraman by telephone that we were able to retrieve some image and indeed showed the film to Philip Mantel and other interested parties.

I returned to the States later to collect the main film and showed the "Tent Footage" on VHS to the cameraman. At this point he stated that he did not remember either the image being portrayed or the style in which it had been filmed. I was concerned but collected the remaining film (which was in far better condition) and returned to the United Kingdom.

Upon my return I contacted the studio to find out more about the images from the "Tent Footage". I got the impression that as a joke the film had been interfered with, but nobody was owning up. This meant that with regard to the "Tent Footage" I was uncertain as to what was real and what was not, and if the film had been interfered with, I could not use it. This is why I completely pulled back from using the film.

As a result I informed all parties that had come into contact with the Tent Footage (and I am sure they will confirm this) that I was not confident with regard to the Tent Footage and further that it should not be used in conjunction with the autopsy film, this instruction went to all broadcasters including Fox (Kiviat).

Indeed when Kiviat wanted to use the Tent Footage for a

subsequent program I was totally against it. However he still wished to use it and to that end he provided me with a written disclaimer dated November 1995 which was to be used during the broadcast. In the end I won the point and the film was not used. The situation regarding the Tent Footage was known to all, it was not appropriate to use as it may have been interfered with.

It was the only thing I could do, as I did not want it to compromise the main autopsy film.

I believe I did the responsible thing in removing the "Tent Footage" from circulation at the very beginning.

My position regarding the Autopsy film and the reels recovered remains unchanged. Any discussion regarding the Tent Footage is completely irrelevant. I did not use that studio again, and neither the studio or anyone associated with the studio had anything whatsoever to do with the autopsy film.

The autopsy film is what it is, and nothing will change that.

Ray Santilli

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Neil

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 11:37:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:34:47 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Clark

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
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Dennis,

>If you're not actively leaning towards ET-contact as an
>established fact for UFO reports, then it's incumbent on you to
>supply alternative explanantions/scenarios, not me. In the
>meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
>as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

Could you explain what the adverb "extremely" is doing in the
latter sentence? And if you believe it belongs there, do you
believe that Dick Hall and George Adamski are intellectually
distinguishable? Just curious.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Evans

From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 13:11:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 12:35:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Evans

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:18:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, John wrote:

>Just a purely subjective comment here. (Although one that is
>based on a lifetime of practice and a degree of mastery.) As an
>artist, if I was going to excavate a whole mountain to create a
>"humanoid face;" I would have been a lot more careful about the
>placement of the eye (which is way off line) and the
>proportional size as compared to the other features/components
>of the "face." It's the kind of placement and perspective one
>would expect from an amateur artist. I don't pretend to know
>"alien thought processes or logic" but I don't think they would
>have assigned a job like that to their 'worst' artist. Little is
>said about the poor sizing and placement of this alleged
>artificial eye structure.

Hi, John!

Your point is a good one. I am an artist, also, and have wondered the same thing. It's a lot like my observations about AA. Why not use a better cameraman to document something so important?

On the other hand, if the "face" is real, we have no idea if the beings that created it look like us or not. What I mean is, look at Japanese animation. Certainly Japanese artists know what an American looks like, yet they continually draw non-Asian characters as ultra glassy "round-eyes" that resemble no westerner that I've ever met. Perhaps the beings responsible for the face don't really look like us enough for them to ascertain that the symmetry is askew. Perhaps it is enough that there are simply two eyes, a nose and a mouth. Not trying to encourage galactic bigotry, but maybe we all look the same to Martians!

In that sense, the face could have very well been designed by the best artist they had! Then again, maybe the engineering team screwed the job totally and the artist was pissed. (My one chance! I could'a been a contenda. Now I'll never get that pyramid commission!)

Roger

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UFO Biz!

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 14:43:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 12:37:22 -0500
Subject: UFO Biz!

Hi All,

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail invitation I received recently.

>I am a group cruise expert, which creates theme voyages
>that focus on uniting people with similar interests. Since
>the cruise industry is rapidly growing why not incorporate the
>best of both worlds. During the journey, I would be onboard
>to coordinate the events and my organization would handle
>all the reservations. Your involvement would be to host a
>cocktail party, Q & A session, booking signing sessions and
>socializing with guests during dinner. Your cruise and
>roundtrip airfare would be paid along with your fee.

>I thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from
>you.

Free cruise, free airfare, my 'personal' fee (whatever that is) and all I have to do is 'show up' and share my abduction experiences. These people are legit. I checked it out.

"So what the Hell is wrong with any of that?" I hear many of you saying.

"If somebody offered that to me, I'd jump on it!" I hear others say.

"What is this guy complaining about? Take the money and run!" Well, it's not so easy, and the more I think about it the more the "offer" bothers me.

I have to live with myself.

Although some may have a higher tolerance level for indulging guile and guilt, my threshold is low in that department. I had 'something' happen to me. (More than once) I "reported" it. I am a witness and a victim of something I cannot explain or prove. If I just slap on a smile, and prostitute my life experiences, these people are ready to throw trips and money at me by the handful. Shoot, I'll bet if it turns out that I'm a good enough 'story teller' that they'd make these kinds of offers regularly.

I'm not going to elaborate further. Those who understand 'where' I'm coming from don't need further elaboration. I just wanted to make you guys aware of some of the "business" (money making) that has attached itself to ufology and to ufologists. I didn't get involved in ufology to make money, or a name for myself. Although I have received legitimate invitations, I'm not trying to sell any books either. If I was just slightly less scrupulous you would not be receiving this post, and I would be out cruising in the Caribbean, getting a nice tan, making money and popping sun bunnies.

People have to make a living. I'm not knocking the authors and others who do this kind of thing for a living. (Work the cruises and lecture circuit.) It's just not appropriate for me, (as a witness) and mostly because I'm not in this for money or fame. Something activists like myself are accused of at every

opportunity. (CSICOP in particular is fond of broadcasting that little walnut.)

I have privately (and now publicly) declined the offer. It wasn't "easy" to do. I've been working hard for over thirty years supporting a family and providing them with a home and all their many needs. My wife and myself have not had a formal vacation in 15 years. We both work hard. We've earned one.

But not this way. Not if I have to sell my self out for it. The people at the cruise line must be bilking the passengers out of a small fortune to be able to offer me all that they did and still make a profit. These are sober business people. They don't "invest" unless they expect a healthy return. Think about the money that must be involved.

UFO "Biz" Holly-gollywood! ;) Not why I'm here.

Regards,

John Velez, Freezing my ass in New York City

"Nothing is at last sacred but
the integrity of your own mind."
www.space-lab.net/~jvif/

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Secrecy News -- 02/12/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 15:24:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 12:39:30 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/12/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 12, 2001

**NUCLEAR FORCE STRUCTURE TO BE REASSESSED
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NUCLEAR FORCE STRUCTURE TO BE REASSESSED

The Bush Administration is poised to issue a classified directive ordering a comprehensive review of the U.S. nuclear arsenal, the New York Times reported on Friday.

While the specific contents of the Bush directive are highly classified, the Times story said its broad outlines are reflected in a report issued last month by the non-governmental National Institute of Public Policy (NIPP). Several of the authors of the report have joined the Administration to work on strategic policies.

The NIPP report argues against treaty-based nuclear arms control and in favor of maximum U.S. flexibility in reconstituting nuclear forces. Within that loose framework, however, it also allows for arms reductions, a possibility suggested by President Bush during last year's campaign.

"Preserving the U.S. capability to adapt [to changing strategic conditions] does not exclude the potential for U.S. nuclear force reductions, now or in the future," the NIPP study says. "A proper nuclear posture review may determine that U.S. nuclear force requirements can be met at lower force levels."

The NIPP study may be found on the organization's web site here:

<http://www.nipp.org/Adobe/volume%201%20complete.pdf>

Though lucid and free of bombast, the study is also full of unexamined assumptions and dubious claims.

The authors identify various features of the strategic environment affecting the size of the U.S. arsenal that make it difficult to definitively answer the question "how much is enough?" But most of these factors (e.g., the identity of the future adversary, the vulnerability of U.S. forces to preemptive attack, enemy use of defensive measures, and even the "political-psychological importance of nuclear numbers") would only become significant with a vastly smaller nuclear arsenal than the U.S. now possesses. If the guiding question were instead "how much is too much?" then it would be clear that that threshold has long since been crossed.

The authors lament that "Cold War-style arms control... contributes to U.S.-Russian political enmity" because it commits both sides to Mutual Assured Destruction. As a fact of political life, however, far more U.S.-Russian friction is created by U.S. steps to repudiate traditional arms control,

such as the failure to confirm a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty or possible abrogation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

The authors sensibly argue that "Specific nuclear force posture recommendations should follow a comprehensive review of technical, operational, and political variables." But they go on to make the unsupported claim that "The U.S. nuclear force posture historically has been shaped by such a process." In reality, it appears that U.S. nuclear force posture has always been shaped far more by bureaucratic factors, including inter-service rivalry, than by any such comprehensive review.

In fact, the size of the U.S. arsenal has often been skewed irrationally toward expansion. In his recent memoir, nuclear weaponeer Sam Cohen recalled a Strategic Air Command exercise in the 1950s in which SAC analysts were asked to determine "how many bombs of what bang would be required to produce a specified level of damage" to a hypothetical city. The answer came back that "three bombs whose bangs were almost ten times that of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima" would be required. The punch line was that the hypothetical city in the exercise actually was Hiroshima, and the analysts had grossly exaggerated the weaponry needed to destroy it. ("Shame," pp. 86-87).

But all public discussion of these issues is somewhat beside the point, since with rare exceptions nuclear force planning has always been unconstrained by public opinion or by even the most rudimentary forms of democratic control.

Thus, when Senator Bob Kerrey last year requested a classified briefing on the nuclear targeting process -- which is a critical factor in determining the size of the arsenal -- his request was denied. The idea that a senior elected official with relevant oversight responsibility and jurisdiction could be denied such information even on a classified basis is no less shocking just because it has long been standard practice. Senator Kerrey's account of this episode, previously reported (SN, 12/18/00), was presented here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2000/kerrey2.html>

The NIPP authors are oblivious to this continuing offense against American democracy, and it does not enter into their thinking. But strategic considerations aside, deep reductions in the size of the nuclear arsenal would be one way to assert democratic control over this largely unaccountable element of the U.S. government.

RUSSIA REJECTS TENET CHARACTERIZATION

The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement criticizing the testimony of Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet last week, in which he had said that Russia was striving "to restore some aspects of the Soviet past" and was actively engaged in proliferation of missile technologies and weapons of mass destruction.

Tenet's statements are "astonishing, to put it mildly," the Foreign Ministry said on February 9. "On the whole, the 'dark revelations' of George J. Tenet about Russia and our relations with the United States may play up to the hawkish sentiments in the U.S. Congress and help increase the CIA budget, but they in no way correspond to the real state of affairs," the Russian statement claimed.

The translated text of the Foreign Ministry statement is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2001/02/russia-mofa.html>

NARA OPENS MORE NIXON FILES

The National Archives and Records Administration announced in a Federal Register notice today that additional files from the Nixon Presidency will be opened to the public on April 5.

Of particular interest, "several series within the National Security Council files have been systematically reviewed for declassification and will be made available. In addition, a

number of documents which were previously withheld from public access have been re-reviewed for release and/or declassified under the provisions of Executive Order 12958." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/02/fr021201.html>

DOE REEVALUATES SECURITY POLICIES

The Department of Energy is moving "to assess the impacts of existing security and counterintelligence orders on the science and security environment" in the DOE national laboratories.

In response to an ongoing study by a new Commission on Science and Security, chaired by former Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson initiated policy reviews prior to his departure from government affecting a range of security policies including foreign visits, polygraph testing, and "sensitive but unclassified" information.

Although Energy Secretary Abraham has recently suspended some of his predecessor's regulatory initiatives, the security review appears to be proceeding on track.

For specifics, see Secretary Richardson's January 18 memorandum here:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/doe_011801.html

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Re: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 13:55:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:40:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Salvaille

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

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>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
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>supply alternative explanantions/scenarios, not me. In the
>meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
>as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

>Rather than me convincing you of my position, I would like to be
>convinced of yours. Any takers?

<snip>

Hello Dennis, Bruce and List,

Ah! The old trick of the shoe phone.

What is this? An analphabet by choice who wants to be convinced
of the merits of the written word?

No? OK. Let's try some of those:

A Helicopter-UFO Encounter over Ohio
http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Zeidman/toc.html

Greenwich, Summer 1956
UFO was tracked by air traffic control radar (GCA) at two USAF-
RAF stations, with apparently corresponding visual sightings
<http://www.ncas.org/condon/text/case02.htm>

Read only those two.

Find an original explanation, e.g. one that has not been found
yet, because the cases remain unexplained.

Write a maximum of 100 lines for each case. Consider all the
data and post it.

Please don't sleep on the switch and come up with the usual BS.

Keep in mind that there are more than 2000 rare diseases in the US affecting less than .1% of the population. Using the same reasoning, don't play ostrich with explained/unexplained ratios.

Your work will be evaluated on its merits. Menzelian explanations and Klasic approaches are thus implicitly banned. Dodging of facts, doctoring of information, cheap shots, voluntary stupidity, wishful thinking, selective amnesia, omission of data and gullibility will only give you a score of 0/100 and a dreadful 'F'.

In some circles, this might bring you to stardom, but consider it an intellectual suicide for an honest man.

Did I tell you these are the first two cases you'll have to work on? There is more to do once you've finished working on them.

Take your time.

You wouldn't want to botch the job, would you?

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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UFO/ET Congress - 2001 - Update

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 21:25:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:46:12 -0500
Subject: UFO/ET Congress - 2001 - Update

>The 12th Great UFO/ET Congress of 2001, Our Space Odyssey
>The subject UFO, etc. congress will be held on March 31 &
>Aprill, 2001 at The Days Inn, Rt. 1073 USHwy #206 near New
>Jersey Turnpike Exit #7, Bordentown, New Jersey.

Dear List:

The following is an update on the subject UFO conference. Additional speakers include: Bob Durant, a researcher who has focused for several years on the different aspects of the Roswell UFO crash. He will address the General Ramey memorandum, and various interpretations and analyses of its words meanings. Jan Alrich, the Coordinator of Project 1947, the worldwide effort to document the origins of the modern UFO phenomenon will discuss the over 3,000 newsclips, catalogued for 1947, and othe areas of interest including the 1900 -1946, 1948 -1965 periods as well as early official and scientific investigation. His illustrated lecture with videos will involve prominent early people such as Fred Durant, a CIA employee, who recorded the Robinson Panel (convened by the CIA in 1953) and skeptical Thornton Page and former panel member, who later changed his ideas and became a Member of the Board of Scientists for Dr. J.Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies organization.>

Don Ecker's writeup on his lecture has been expanded. Don will critically evaluate, lunar photographs of other researchers. He has spent eight years researching strange, unexplained and provocative forms found on the Moon. His illustrated talk will show Lunar animal reports and photographs that show us the Moon is not just a dead body.

Pat Marcattilio can be contacted on Saturdays and Sundays by telephone, all day instead of the earlier posted hours.

Tom Benson

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 21:15:58 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:49:41 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Mortellaro

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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>>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>>written to me as follows:

>> I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
>> about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
>> we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
>> Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
>> epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
>> being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
>> is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
>> oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
>> to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
>> hypotheses?"

>> Regards,
>> Dick Hall

>Bruce, Dick, List,

>The ETH "as the most reasonable one given what we know"?

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>meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
>as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

>Rather than me convincing you of my position, I would like to be
>convinced of yours. Any takers?

Why? Seems you've already made your mind up.

Morty

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Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 20:35:05 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:51:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:18:14 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Velez

>Lan responds:

>>That seems a lot more plausible explanation to me than an impact
>>crater. The physical constraints on the ultimate shapes of
>>volcanic vents are not, I don't believe, nearly as strong as the
>>constraints tending to produce circular impact craters. However,
>>this "ejecta" seems to be strangely localized around the "vent."
>>None of the ejecta seems to have landed on top of the adjacent
>>"brow" ridge. Volcanic ejecta, like impact ejecta, should expand
>>out vertically as well as horizontally.

>Hi Lan, hi All,

>It's tough to determine 'elevations' from aerial photographs
>unless there are (fortunately placed) shadows that one can use
>to determine which piece of terrain is higher than which. The
>lack of material (ejecta) on surrounding structures could easily
>be explained by centuries of erosion by violent weather and sand
>storms. The reason I think these features are visible at all is
>due to erosion. If features like the "eye" bear any resemblance
>to "known" volcanic structures (extinct, ancient volcanos here
>on earth) then as far as I'm concerned, 'Mystery solved!'

Well, everything bears some resemblance to everything else, so I guess we have a universal mystery-solving technique. I don't know of anything that would preclude volcanic vents from being shaped like an eye. The extraordinary thing would be that there just happens to be one where there ought to be an eye-shaped depression if the Face is really an intentional representation of a face. There is, although there was virtually no hint of it in the Viking images except that Vince DiPietro's "bit slice" technique indicated there was some central structure hidden in the shadow of the "eye socket" in Viking frame 35A72.

>1. On earth, ancient, extinct, and highly eroded volcano's look
>like a "crater" with a central "lava chimney" structure. A great
>many craters on the Moon feature central structures of varying
>shape and detail. A crater with some kind of central feature/
>structure is not "uncommon." Quite to the contrary.

Most lunar craters are made by meteoric impact, not by volcanoes. Neither types of crater are so common in the Northern Hemisphere on Mars that you could expect to have one of the right size and shape showing up just where you "need" an eye to be.

>That is why I asked if there was a bona-fide geologist on the
>List. (And preferably a 'planetary geologist.')

>I'm a rank
>amateur so I'm mostly talking through my hat and my limited
>knowledge of the subject.

There are two geologists in SPSR. They'll probably give their opinion about the "eye" eventually. My guess is that they will say it might be a volcanic vent, which is different from

saying that it absolutely has got to be one.

>The 'eye' feature on Mars could very well be an "artificially"
>produced artifact. I just think it's important to check out as
>many of the prosaic explanations as possible (thinkable) before
>taking any arguments for artificiality into serious
>consideration.

I agree -- to a point. But the null hypothesis is that the Face is just a peculiar-looking mesa. It would not predict there was a feature of the right size and shape at this location to serve as an "eye" to any great level of probability, just as it wouldn't predict there were two other features that correspond to nostrils at the correct end of a ridge that's in the right place to serve as a nose. You can't just say there are jillions of craters on Mars, so that can explain anything you want. The probability needs to be estimated for the right feature to show up in the right place as the result of random natural events. The only "crater" --volcanic or otherwise -- in the entire MGS image that is the right size, shape, and orientation to serve as an eye happens to be pretty much where it should be.

>Just a purely subjective comment here. (Although one that is
>based on a lifetime of practice and a degree of mastery.) As an
>artist, if I was going to excavate a whole mountain to create a
>"humanoid face;" I would have been a lot more careful about the
>placement of the eye (which is way off line) and the
>proportional size as compared to the other features/components
>of the "face."

Way out of what line??? If the left edge of the "headdress" is assumed to be the vertical direction of the Face, then the line of the "eye" slopes down about 10 or 12 degrees from the horizontal in the direction of the "nose." I also measured the width of the eye feature, and it appears to be 1/6 of the width of the Face. I understand that correct human proportions are that the width of an eye is about 1/5 of the width of the face. The proportions and orientations don't seem terribly out of line to me.

>Tell you what Lan, the "real enigma" about that whole piece of
>terrain is the "outer shape!" The plateau is shaped like a
>'shield' for pity's sake. It has two clearly square corners
>on each end of the top. That, to me represents more of an enigma
>than the fact that some internal structures on top of it happen
>to be arranged/placed in such a way as to bear humanoid
>resemblance. (And an "archetypical" not 'photographic'
>resemblance at that.)

This is another thing that held up under high resolution. The original Viking images appeared to show straight edges, and they were still there in the MGS images. That usually doesn't happen. For example, the "Straight Wall" on the Moon that's seen from Earth-based telescopes didn't look straight at all in the high-res Lunar Orbiter images.

>And yes, it would really be nice if freaking NASA would
>re-photograph the 'whole' face rather than portions of it. I
>want to know how they explain the "angles" in all of those
>pyramidal/crystal-like structures.

Now that the main mapping phase of the MGS mission is over, maybe they'll be free to get some more Cydonia images for "infotainment" purposes as they say at MSSS.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 20:48:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:53:21 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>written to me as follows:

> I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
> about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
> we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
> Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
> epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
> being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
> is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
> oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
> to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
> hypotheses?"

> Regards,
> Dick Hall

Dear Dick,

Earlier I said that I would respond to your comments at greater length. However, I'm now content to let my last comments pretty much stand as they are. If you want me to apologize for listing you as a rabid, true believer, then you have it.

That said, there is of course nothing wrong with "exploring the ET hypothesis" as such. SETI scientists, after all, do it every day! And have the good grace, when pressed, to admit that they don't have any convincing evidence for their particular case, or results for their troubles.

Just a bunch of assumptions based on the Drake equation, which is basically an argument based on large numbers and little else. They don't refer quite as blithely to "given what we know," as you do, to make their case.

The fact of the matter is that we "know" practically zilch about UFOs and whether they represent visitations by real physical beings from another planet -- or not.

Thus the ETH remains but one of several possible solutions to the UFO enigma, assuming, of course, there is a single solution, which I seriously doubt.

In the meantime, I see no particular reason to investigate, or write about, UFOs as if the ETH was the underlying basis (or bias) of same.

Which many ufologists do. That was my point, which was originally in response to a Jerry Clark post on this thread to the effect that...well, read the thread

If you aren't one of those ufologists, then, again, you have my apology.

Dennis Stacy

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Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:25:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>From: William Sawyer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 16:28:17 -0800

<snip>

>>>I believe this is an incorrect statement but time will tell.

>>Some people have believed that UFO disclosure was going to
>>happen every year for the past 30 years. Doesn't mean its in
>>fact going to happen.

>This has nothing to do with the discussion in point.

[...]

>I doubt that... Ray will say not one word when the cameraman
>dies. I reckon he's had enough!

[...]

>I don't think anyone is calling everyone liars. I feel Ed is
>stating that we are all guilty of various untruths at _some_
>time. C'mon on.

[...]

>>The tent footage is phony. No question about that. The question
>>then becomes "did Ray get the Tent footage from the same source
>>as the AA film. If answer is yes then we have a cameraman giving
>>us bogus footage. If answer is no, then Ray had yet and again
>>another purported cameraman feeding him films. I also recall that
>>the AA defenders also profoundly defended the tent footage,
>>right up until it was hoaxed out

>As I recall Ray got the tent footage along with the genuine
>article footage from the same sources..al mixed in together.
>Yes...many were fooled by the hoax of the tent footage, as we
>were al supposed to be as stated by the ppl that made it. We are
>still left with the "non-junk" rolls that haven't been proved to
>be anything but genuine

[...]

>Do you really think Ed and Neil and any number of others are
>that stupid to stand up for it when it's so plain to you that
>it's a hoax.

>_No_ evidence from you apart from a few stretchings of facts by
>a businessman whom didn't know what he was getting into, not to
>mention a pretty astute (?) businessman (Volker) who hasn't said
>a word about fakes/hoaxes and seems quite content with his
>purchase. Surely Volker would be taking Ray to court for fraud
>etc if it was truly a hoax!

<snip>

Hello William, Robert, Ed and List,

A couple of days ago, I issued a post exposing evident distortion of reality from the parts of Santilli and Hesemann. Mind you, I did not engage in philosophical debate, conjectures or speculations. Only facts.

I got _zero_ argumentation from AA film proponents.

Is it surprising? No.

As usual in the AA issue, we see ample use of double doses of Alka-zheimer: fizz-fizz in a glass of water and no more memories of what is.

It is proven that Santilli is a liar, that the Cameraman does not exist, that Hesemann is full of it...

The silence, troubled only by the fizz of Alka-zheimer, obliterates _en passant_ a few other pertinent facts, like the millions made by Volker and Santilli and the AA material sales by many AA apostles.

Then again: "Ray said, the Cameraman said, Hesemann proved. Ed says. Neil thinks..."

Wait a minute! It is proven that Santilli is a liar, that the Cameraman does not exist, that Kiviat doctored his documentary. FOX made mucho money, Santilli made mucho money, Volker made mucho money and Hesemann _advirtises_ his book on AA.

Silence, Alka-zheimer and mantras.

The unbeatable hand at double dummy canuchi.

Slap me.

This must be the Circus.

Serge Salvaille

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Chilean Ufologists Request Document

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:59:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:28:49 -0500
Subject: Chilean Ufologists Request Document

SOURCE: "El Mercurio" de Chile (newspaper)
DATE: Monday, February 12, 2001

UFOLOGISTS REQUEST DECLASSIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

LA SERENA (Alexis Alarcón).- After issuing the so-called La Serena Communiqué, the IV International Symposium on Ufology concluded in this Chilean city.

The document asks Ricardo Lagos, President of the Nation, to arrange for the declassification of official documents regarding the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) phenomenon in this country, and the implementation of a policy of transparency with regard to the subject.

The agenda of the latest round of this meeting was centered around such subjects as the links between the Internet and the UFO phenomenon and its treatment in the news media.

Likewise, an agreement was reached to hold the 1st Congress on Child Ufology, aimed at providing basic concepts on the phenomenon to minors.

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Filer's Files #7 -- 2001

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:31:20 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #7 -- 2001

Filer's Files #7 -- 2001, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
February 12, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

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DISCOVERIES:

NEAR SPACECRAFT SURVIVES ASTEROID LANDING --The NEAR Shoemaker
Spacecraft probe touched down on the surface of the asteroid
Eros today. The mission was controlled by John Hopkins
University Applied Physics Lab. He craft completed a five year,
2 billion mile mission for the robot craft. The spacecraft
returned remarkable close up views of the asteroid's surface as
it swooped down to its historic landing. The photos can be seen
at: <http://spaceflightnow.com/>

MARS FINDINGS HINT AT LIFE

BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse reports Tiny
magnetic grains found in a meteorite from Mars are identical to
grains produced by some strains of bacteria on Earth.
Researchers claim, If you did not know that this rock was from
Mars, and if you studied it, you would conclude that it contains
evidence for past life. Dr Kathie Thomas-Keprta, Lockheed Martin
Corporation. The new findings will reopen the debate about
whether the rock contains fossil evidence of ancient life on the
Red Planet. The study, published in the journal Geochimica
Cosmochimica Acta, took four years to complete. Those behind it
include some of the original scientists that first put forward
the controversial idea that odd structures on the meteorite
called ALH84001 represented the remains of Martian microbes.
Just over a dozen Martian meteorites like ALH84001 have been
found on Earth, "If you did not know that this rock was from
Mars, you would conclude that it contains evidence for past life.
Thanks to BBC News | SCI/TECH

EVOLUTIONARY DESTINY IS IN OUR GRASP, SAY SCIENTISTS

Mark Henderson, science correspondent of UK Times reports:
"Mankind will have the ability to control and alter its
evolutionary destiny within 30 years using secrets unlocked by
the mapping of the human genetic code, one of the architects of
the Human Genome Project said yesterday." Rapid advances in the
understanding of human DNA will allow the development of drugs
that use personal genetic "fingerprints" to target disease,
therapies to repair defective genes and, ultimately, the
manipulation of man's genetic future, according to Francis
Collins, director of the National Genome Research Institute in
the United States. By 2010, scientists will have developed
accurate tests for a dozen common genetic illnesses, and
preventive treatments to match, he predicted. By 2020, doctors
will be able to alter the genes passed on to children, leading
to the first genetically engineered human beings. By 2030,
genetic medicine will mean most Britons will live to the age of
90. However, Dr Collins cautioned against relying too much on
genetic manipulation. "The human genome will not help us to
understand the spiritual side of humankind, or to know who God is
or what love is," he said at the Biovision world life sciences

forum in Lyons. Thanks to Ambrovista
BCC:<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,2-81232,00.html>

STUDY COULD UPSET LAWS OF PHYSICS

LONG ISLAND -- Robert Roy Britt SPACE.COM reports, An international team of researchers announced Thursday findings in the subatomic world that, if proven accurate, could upset a basic set of laws that scientists use to describe the physical world. The potential change in thinking would force cosmologists to reconsider the origin, and daily operation of the universe. THE DISCOVERY involves the study tiny particles called muons. The data, generated at Brookhaven National Laboratory, conflicts with previous measurements that explained the behavior of the subatomic particles. A muon is a subatomic particle, something like an electron but heavier. They are so tiny that they aren't made of smaller particles, yet they play an outsized role in shaping the physical world. Brad Keister, director of the nuclear physics program at the National Science Foundation, said the finding, if it holds up, will change how cosmologists view the evolution of the universe back to and including the Big Bang. The work, will also put researchers on the trail of new theories to explain missing matter in the universe, Keister said. Scientists have only accounted for some 10 percent or less of the mass known to exist. The rest, noted by how its gravity affects visible objects, is sometimes called dark matter. These studies may help explain gravity. Thanks to -- Robert Roy Britt at SPACE.COM

Editor's Note: Scientists are making new discoveries on a regular basis potentially upsetting the laws of physics. What hasn't reached the news is that mankind's DNA appears to have undergone major manipulation in the past suggesting that outside forces managed our genes and human development. God, angels or aliens may have interfered with our gene pool. Fifty new planets have been found outside our solar system. Let's assume we find small living organisms on Mars, it would seem likely we would attempt to improve the Martian life forms like someone apparently did with ours.

NEW YORK FAST MOVING SAUCER

POUGHQUAG, DUTCHESS COUNTY - Peter Davenport reports a witness saw an object which appeared to be red in color from the bottom and was moving from a north westerly direction heading southeast on January 20, 2001. The object was moving very fast at 9:53 AM and was shaped like a saucer. The object was moving very fast and suddenly took off with such speed it vanished from sight within an instant. I have seen aircraft and used to be a pilot and have never seen anything like this nor have I ever seen an object just vanish from sight just as quickly as it appeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

NEW JERSEY GREEN LIGHT

TRENTON -- Astronomer Scott Forrest told us during our monthly MUFON Meeting that he made his first sighting of an unidentified flying object on February 1, 2001, over the capital at 4:45 PM. A green object flying at high speed estimated at 18,000 mph flew over traveling from south to north in the late afternoon sunset. The object was the size of a dime at arm's length. The light was -5 and brighter than Venus in the sky. Thanks to Scott Forrest. Monthly MUFON meetings directed by Pat Marcatillio are held at the Hamilton Library the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, in Hamilton, New Jersey. Everyone is invited.

NEW JERSEY DISC

CHERRY HILL --- Eric Almen writes, "I was about 10 years old and sitting in the 'TV-room' watching the Adam's Family with my mom when my sister and father yelled from the front yard, 'quick come out and see this. I went out to see a saucer shaped UFO with colors around the edges. It silently hovered and after about a minute the lights around the edges went dim and the saucer took off in a blur again without a sound. We couldn't see where it gone but the next day there was an article in the local news section about several sightings around the Cherry Hill Barclay Farm area. One friend of the families was a higher up in the Air Force and he saw it too. His comment was, "We have nothing in our technology to maneuver or take off with that kind of accuracy and speed all at once." I would like to find that

newspaper article. Thanks to Eric Almen

DELAWARE 1881 GHOST REPORT

DELMARVA - George Reynolds the Director of NE Maryland MUFON writes that the Assistant State Director of Delaware Carl Feindt has been searching the Wilmington, "Morning News". On October 6, 1881, the news 120 years ago stated, "Peninsula people have been seeing ghosts and supernatural objects with alarming frequency during the last three weeks." The first instances of these heavenly sightings comes from Royal Oak, Maryland, a small village near the Atlantic ocean. A little girl saw after nightfall, before the moon was up, whole platoons of angels slowly marching to and fro in the clouds, their white robes and helmets glistening with a weird light. At intervals, the heavenly visitors would dance mournfully to the sound of unheard music. She rushed in to her parents telling them of the heavenly sight and fell down in fright. Her father rushed outside and was rewarded with a sight of the unearthly spectacle. The news was passed around the community by word of mouth and in an incredibly short space of time the inhabitants were out in masses gazing in open mouth astonishment, while the white-robed host, seemingly offended at the immense amount of genuine astonishment and wonder they were creating, slowly faded from sight leaving the people of Royal Oak firm believers.

The phenomena seems to have been especially manifest in Sussex County, Delaware. "William West, a farmer living near Georgetown saw almost an identical appearance of the vision seen. He saw bands of soldiers of great size, in dazzling uniforms, their muskets quivering and shimmering in the pale weird light that seemed to be everywhere, marching with military precision and presenting arms to the sound of unheard commands. The vision was startling and lasted long enough to be seen by several of his neighbors. A man named Coverdale, who was driving through the country on a lonely road, to his astonishment saw the same band of soldiers. Many people living near Laurel, saw the same extraordinary phenomenon at the same time. They felt they saw in the midst of the soldiers, conspicuous by reason of his size and commanding presence, the hero and martyred President Garfield. These strange and supernatural appearances were seen by many people, among them the superstitious who have circulate the belief that the world will speedily come to an end. Thanks to George Reynolds MUFON Newsletter NE Maryland.

VIRGINIA UFO

LYNCHBURG -- Andy & Robin Hodge report there was a UFO sighting video taped by a resident in Lynchburg, Virginia on the last day of January. It was reported on the news by the weatherman. He said he was not sure what the object was and that he was not an expert in the field. I saw the video and would have guessed it to be a meteor, but this fellow said that it wasn't, implying that it was unidentifiable. Thanks to Andy & Robin Hodge ahodge@roava.net.

ILLINOIS ORBS RETURN

ROCKFORD -- Todd Livengood reports that on February 10, 2001, "I just had the most remarkable event happen to me at exactly 10:30 PM on Saturday. I finally saw the strange glowing orange orbs over Rockford, Illinois. It was witnessed by my brother Rick, his girlfriend Carrie, myself and five other witnesses on Alpine. There were nine orbs with the same intensity and producing a glowing orange light. Then at random individual ones would flash off then turn back on. At one point all off them flashed off except for three. That formed a triangle. Then the light intensity shot up very brightly then dimmed back to normal then the other orbs flashed back on. They swirled around one another moving slowly. I estimate the sighting lasted 15 minutes. It was very remarkable. The multiple sightings here don't seem to be so random. I have dates and times and most of all where they seem to always be spotted. It always seems to be around the Mulford, State St. and Alpine St. area of Rockford. And it always seems to be any where around the time of 8:00 to 10:00 PM. My brother and I are investing in some Telescopic night time photography equipment. Were going to try to get a close up photo of these orbs. The sighting we saw last night was very close. My brother and I are x-military. We have done night time combat maneuvers. We have seen ball lightnevers and just about anything else most people would think as very

extraordinary. Now my brother Rick has seen combat in Panama and the middle east and he has witnessed a lot of new technology in warfare, and he was the first to say (Todd, I have never seen anything like this before in my life). And we are now more open to talk about it with the locals, because as we were watching the event we were pulled over along the side of the street and I would glance over to see lines of cars. There had to be at least 10 or more cars pulled over as we were. Thanks to Todd Livengood.

CALIFORNIA SAUCER

PORTERVILLE -- I watched a UFO cruise by my house at low altitude, noiselessly with Ferris wheel lights and a strange saucer shape. It was between 8:45-9:00 PM on January 25, 2001. It was a cloudy night with rain falling sporadically, I was letting my cat out when I noticed a Saucer shaped vehicle moving very slowly with no noise whatsoever. It was about 200 feet altitude and it was close enough that I could tell it to be about the size of an 18-wheeler truck. At arm's length the craft would be the size of your thumb from nail to knuckle. My best guess is that it was about 300 yards out. I was looking west from my porch, and the vehicle was traveling south at five miles per hour, coming to full stops occasionally for 1 or 2 seconds then continuing on till it disappeared from my sight. It had spinning lights red, blue, white and green and looked like a circus Ferris wheel. The sighting took place within a 2-3 minute period. I realized that I was standing in my front yard with nothing but my underwear and I returned to my home . Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

CALIFORNIA UFO HOVERING OVER LOS ANGELES FREEWAY

ENCINO -The witness was driving home from Encino on the Ventura Freeway 101 on January 21, 2001, and saw a helicopter with a spot light on. He thought this could mean there is a police chase going on in the nearby vicinity. The witness stated, "I kept my eye on the craft as I drove and I began to notice that the spot wasn't actually on but the helicopter was hovering very slowly and smoothly around 7:30 PM. I then noticed that what I had mistaken for a spotlight was simply one very large white light and the craft had NO BLADES." The altitude of the craft was twice that of what a normal helicopter would be navigating at, yet the craft was large enough to where my perspective of it's altitude was skewed due to it's size. Alarmed, I began driving directly underneath the craft and looked up to see that it APPEARED to be triangular and had a series of ODDLY-COLORED lights flashing on it's underside. I am a skeptic now as I was prior to last night's events. Nonetheless, I'm entirely certain there were/are others who saw what I did since the freeway was fairly busy. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

UNITED KINGDOM FLYING TRIANGLE SIGHTING

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND -- Bill Bimson reports from the Merseyside Anomalies Research Association (MARA) that on the 8th of February 2001, the witness observed an incredible sighting of unidentified craft. I live in Aigburth (Liverpool) in back of St Michaels and my flat faces towards Sefton Park where I had a clear daylight sighting nearly 3 years ago. Recently, at the time of the moon eclipse I saw small bright flashing lights which seemed to be hovering or moving swiftly in circular flight paths towards the park. Tonight was much more astounding. I saw a green flash of light outside my window around 7.45 PM so I went to look. It was another full moon evening, and the sky was quite light. Underneath the moon, I noticed a large extremely straight vapor trail, that looked most unlike the trails planes leave, being much wider and thicker. I then noticed there were lights hovering over the park again. I called my mother, and she said she could see the vapor trail, but nothing else. I went back to the window, and I saw many white lights and one red gathered together.

As it moved towards my house I realized it was a huge triangular shaped craft: The white lights ran along each side and there was a red line of light down the center, the apex at the front as it moved right over my house, where I lost vision of it. Four minutes later another huge triangular shape came over the roof top and flew towards the park, but this one had many different colored lights (orange, green, red, white as I recall) which alternated. This moved rapidly towards the lake-end of the park

behind the trees where it hovered and then moved out of sight. The smaller lights and another larger cluster of lights were still moving around distantly in the same area over the park for 10 to 15 minutes. My mother was told her friends son also saw a very large craft flying towards the park last night. Despite the enormous size/closeness of the two craft that went directly over my house , there was no engine noise. A jumbo jet of that size would be so close as to shake the house and be quite deafening! Any further reports of this sighting to be sent to Bill Bimson wbimson02@cablenet.co.uk MARA www.mara.org.uk

MANCHESTER - Steve Mara reports that a UFO was spotted on February 11, 2001, by numerous witnesses who claim the bits of its tail was falling off. Most UFO researchers refer to this as 'splintering.' Some witnesses stated it shot off at a high speed, others say it winked out. The Manchester International Airport said they had picked up nothing unusual, but were aware of the sighting and contributed it to meteor activity. However, the Manchester Astronomical Society were aware of no meteor activity at all. The BBC later reported that the Jodrell Bank observatory confirmed it to be a meteor, which explained the initial portion of the sighting, but possibly not the later reports which stated the object shot off at a high rate of speed. Thanks to Steve Mara =

GLOUCESTER -- Cosmic Conspiracies received a report of a strange green object flew over on February 8, 2001. The witness stated, "My extremely sensible son was watching a police helicopter around 7:15 PM when a "large green ball" suddenly flew low across the sky and directly underneath the helicopter that was hovering above Painswick Road roundabout." It was heading roughly toward Cheltenham then it vanished. From the direction it seemed to have appeared from a flock of Pigeons were flying; he wondered if it had disturbed their roost as they do not fly in the dark? I would guess the direction to have been South West to North East. Thanks to Dave at Cosmic Conspiracies <http://www.ufos-aliens.co.uk> UFORCE International Director(UK)

NATIONAL NEWS WON'T COVER CHEMTRAILS

Tim Cooper writes, "I have identified all the major national news and information media in the U.S. that have not, and will not, cover the chemtrail mystery, investigate the JFK assassination conspiracy, and the Clinton-Mena connection to drug operations in Arkansas. Most, if not all, are influenced and have been controlled by the Pentagon, US Intelligence, since 1963. I have provided the list, and who ever wants to find out who owns them, they'll have to do their own homework. You will note that most are in New York, the political power base of the United States and are dominated by just four media empires. Anyone associated with intelligence can verify what I said. There is no such thing as freedom of the press in this country. All major news stories are dictated in New York and from the White House..Please see http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/media_censorship.htm

Editors Note: My experience is that neither the intelligence agencies nor the news media are that well organized to be able to control all outlets. If you can provide convincing evidence the story will get out.

PRESIDENT CARTER TELLS SHIRLEY MACLAINE ABOUT UFOS

Donald Ratsch writes, according to a Larry King Show, Shirley Maclaine revealed that former President Carter told her about UFO crashes and alien bodies. The transcript of this exchange started with a caller from Cocoa, Florida. Larry King says, "Cocoa Florida with Shirley Maclaine, hello. Caller responds, "Hello, Good evening Larry and Shirley, About two weeks ago, Nicholas Cage was on the Letterman Show and said Shirley had told him that President Carter had told her he had seen recovered alien spacecraft and aliens in a hanger. Can you tell me exactly what President Carter said?" Shirley Maclaine replied, "He didn't tell me that, but he told me many times that when I first wrote "Out On A Limb" that he would support me, that it was true, that there were crafts, that he believed there were occupants, why should we be the only people in the universe. He wanted to shine the sunshine laws on intelligence, to expose it, to see how the people would react, but he didn't and wouldn't and couldn't as he explained to me." King: back

with our remaining moments with Shirley Maclaine right after this. (Larry King Show, May 1995)

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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 over an hour long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. 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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Greys

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:33:47 -0500
Subject: Greys

Dear MTVM:

Thank you for the message (below).

I hope you don't mind if I copy your warning to others.

-Larry Hatch

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>MTVM wrote:

>The Greys are Demons. Do not post pictures of them or God
>will shred your little soul like confetti and torch you in
>a Hell-fire.

>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

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UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:04:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:36:38 -0500
Subject: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico

Hi!!

See the photos of a UFO flying over Veracruz, Mexico on Christmas 2000.

Visit:

<http://virgilio1.homestead.com/FotosOVNI.html>

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
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CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 04:51:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:40:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:47:53 -0500
>Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:42:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

Wendy recently wrote:-

>I do recall reading that some of the Egyptian wall
>paintings and/or carvings that purported to show helicopters and
>modern aircraft have been shown to be either fakes or have been
>satisfactorily explained in terms of actual ancient Egyptian
>symbology by someone conversant with same.

Knowing ancient Egyptian Wendy, I can state categorically that the Abydos wall figures which you are referring to are indeed what are called palimpsests. That is when one set of hieroglyphs have been etched in fresher clay over another and then the newer clay has fallen away to reveal two writings co-joined. It is even possible to determine here which hieroglyphs are over which. A photo of this wall was featured in a book called 'The Hall of Records' digitally enhanced and which has helped fuel further controversy and idle speculation about it.

As to Matthew's website art, I can vouch for at least a couple, which I have seen first hand - but whether they are meant to depict UFOs, spacecraft, or not, is a matter for closer scrutiny. It's certainly a recognised fact that strange anomalous aerial phenomenon go back to ancient history - however it is another clearly stating the case. I for one would like to learn a lot more about the Kosovo example on Matthew's site, as this has vexed me for some time.

Best Regards

Gary Anthony

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 04:09:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:46:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:52:01 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:51:41 -0600
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 09:29:40 -0600
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>Previously, Lan wrote:

>>The way I understand it, the psycho-sociologists theorize that
>>artists in olden times who put saucer-shaped objects into their
>>art work were motivated by excessive religious zeal. Maybe
>>Catholic theologians have a ready explanation of the religious
>>symbolism behind images of saucers hovering above the Virgin
>>Mary. I don't remember anything about flying saucers being a
>>part of religious dogma from Sunday school, but then I was
>>raised a Presbyterian.

>Hi, Lan!

>I was raised a 'Frisbyterian'. We believed that when you die,
>you soul gets stuck up on the roof.

Now Roger, you haven't brushed up on your Frisbytarian gospel.
You gave a great description of Frisbytarian Hell for nasty
frisbys that don't fly to their targets. Frisby Heaven is when
the best parts of your soul get tossed to and caught by many
others. Sort of like posterity - frisbyterity that is. The
reason the Frisbytarians revere saucer shaped discs rather than
crosses. This is fully described in the Wham-O Bible, Chapter
One, Stuck on the roof.

Announcements

Two new groups of intermediate and advanced frisbytherapy will
begin 7:00 March 1 at the 1st Independent Frisbytarian Temple of
Wham-O. Please note: Lefthanded clients must have succesfully
completed the course titled Frisby for Leftys. The intermediate
class is the first introduction of dogs and old frisbys.

The Teachings of the Plastic Disc and UFOs will be discussed at
this monthly meeting of the Dulce canyon Frisbytarian alien
truth cabal. The key subject to be debated will be whether
Lt.Colonel Phillip Corso revealed that frisbys were recovered
from Roswell along with The Teachings of Great Wham-O (The
Wham-O bible). Did Lt.Col.Corso covertly release the first
frisbys into human use? Why were The Teachings of Great Wham-O
only disseminated to those very few people who needed to know
and who held the highest security clearances? Special access was
required until after the frisbyfixion of our saviour upon his
golden disc, when the best parts of his soul were tossed out for

all to catch. The Great Wham-O and the Truth cabal have saved
our soul. Praise the disc! Hallelujah! Hosannas!

Josh Goldstein
The Mad Monk of the Redwoods

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Brookesmith

From: **Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith**<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:50:30 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Brookesmith

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 13:33:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>written to me as follows:

> I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
> about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
> we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
> Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
> epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
> being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
> is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
> oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
> to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
> hypotheses?"

> Regards,
>
> Dick Hall

Naturally the true background to this is far more devious and sordid than anything covered by "taking a name in vain" could ever suggest. But suffice to know that Dennis, in the context of the discussion only slightly covered on UpDates, was merely offering a few ufologists who, in his view, took the ETH for granted in one way or another. (Use your imaginations. No? Okay, I mean whose thinking ranges from "ET are here - and here's the proof!" to "ET is the most reasonable explanation for UFOs."

There is, of course, absolutely nothing wrong with exploring the ETH and, unless he has been going out with other girls behind my back, Dennis has never suggested anything of the kind. What he has done, however, is publish a few pieces that explore (or expose) the ETH in ways gawping UFO "tourists" - to use the Boy Bishop of Canby's rather patronizing term for you peasants out there who've never published anything - and other True Believers don't like. That is to say, said pieces rather put the kybosh on the reasonableness of the ETH. This is not a way to win friends in this neck of the woods, but Dennis and I - he & I once saw an actual black helicopter together, remember - have got used to that. This may explain why we both use a lot of Tabasco these days. (Mrs Patak's Lime Pickle goes a long way.)

And as Dennis has already remarked: it's up to Dick Hall to justify his faith in the ETH, not vice versa. Dennis can doubt that justification and all the Hallic evidence all he wants. He is under NO obligation to produce an alternative hypothesis. As long as the evidential linkage between UFO experiences and ET beings & craft remains zero, and as long as Darwin's theory remains respectable among scientists, there's little compulsion to produce such an alternative as a general, blanket explanation for all the variety of UFO experiences.

When it comes down to individual cases, of course, there are plenty of alternatives to call on. Which one might apply depends entirely on the circumstances of the case.

best wishes
Mendoza

"Never underestimate the power
of stupid people in large groups."

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Re: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 01:09:56 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:54:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update - Gates

>From: Alfred Webre <EcoRadio@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:24:32 EST
>Subject: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Please Post and Distribute As Desired

>Since August of 2000, the CSETI Disclosure Project has recorded
>the testimony of over 100 military, government and related
>witnesses to UFO events and projects from around the world. The
>testimony of these courageous witnesses creates a permanent
>archive with the most profound implications as it constitutes
>dozens of first-hand, often top-secret witnesses to UFO events,
>internal UFO-related government projects and covert government
>activities related to UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence and
>exotic energy and propulsion system projects. These 100
>witnesses constitute the tip of a larger pool of over 400
>prospective witnesses, many of whom would prefer coming forward
>first in formal Congressional hearings - which we hope will
>follow the upcoming planned disclosure event.

If Congressional hearings happen this is a good thing. A couple of things need to be kept in mind. If the Republicans are the ones "supporting" and or "sponsoring the hearings, you can count on the fact that the Democrats will have such "investigators" and consultants such as Oberg, Klass and other skepticbunker want to be. If the Democrats are the ones supporting and promoting the hearings, you can probably already guess that it will be the Republicans who consult with Klass et al.

The next question that needs to be asked is: "Will the hearings be politically expidient?" Or in other words does UFO/ET disclosure further or detract from the Bush/Republican effort to put their agenda on track for the future?

>This testimony is on broadcast quality digital videotape and
>audio tape. Printed transcriptions of the testimony are
>currently being created.

Thats all wonderful and good. The question needs to be asked "Will these witnesses and testimony survive close examination, or will they go to pieces. All if will take is one witness to claim that he or she was the head of some branch of the military for three years and in fact it was only months. The "opposition," without mercy, will land on them and go to town so to speak. It will also be used as an effort to discredit the entire hearings.

Point being is that all it would take is one so called high profile witness to discredit the whole subject. These so called witnesses, testimony and background should be throughly examined, checked and so forth even before the book of testimony is published.

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>The date for the Disclosure Press Conference and related
>activities in Washington DC has been set and will occur in the

>Spring of this year (2001).

Like the 10s of thousands of press conferences likely being held in DC this spring. Not to mention press conferences being held between various groups protesting various subjects at the capitol.

>Prior to the Disclosure Press Conference we will be conducting >private briefings for key leaders in society, government and >related institutions (for example, members of the US Congress, >White House staff, scientific and religious leaders etc). If you >have good access to such leaders and can assist with arranging a >briefing please contact Dr. Greer as soon as possible.

A noble effort, but we should be realistic about this. Define the word "key leaders." In theory Greer could be briefing the same people supporting and going along with the coverup. Kind of ironic isn't it.

You can almost guarantee that the President of the US won't have time to attend, nor will the so called leadership of congress of committee chairs. In fact who will attend is flunkys and staffers. They will probably say "gee, that was an interesting briefing..." then they will go back to whatever project or job needs to be done or on the leaders desk by tomorrow.

What Greer should do is tie it into some kind of feed bag or buffet. You know free food greases the wheels so to speak in DC. It also makes "another press conference" something to look forward to.

>This body of testimony is being edited and the over 100 hours of >testimony will be condensed into a 2 hour briefing video.

Would be an interesting video. I am sure that after the press conference, the public would be free to buy said video for say \$29.95....make the check out to CSETI, blah blah.

>Additionally, a written briefing document consisting of witness >testimony transcripts, government documents and important case >material and policy papers is being prepared for use in the >briefings and in the Disclosure Press Conference in Washington.

Hmm, witness testimony transcripts..that will be interesting. Government documents? Probably items ranging from the latest MJ-12 document to be unloaded from unnamed sources, to various documents that have already been in public record. Important case material...photos, etc...could be interesting. Policy papers? Probably a recap of various Greer writings on the subject of ETs and disclosure.

>The Disclosure Press Conference will present many of the >government witnesses in person, and the other evidence and >briefing materials will be available to the media at that time. >People with excellent national and international media contacts >who can assist pro bono with media coordination are invited to >contact Dr. Greer also.

Again, CSETI had better check the witnesses out before splashing them out in public. All it takes is one. Naturally should that happen it will be blamed on the evil coverup etc etc. Many of us remember how Greer posted on his web site an alleged account about a helo pilot who supposedly flew out Delta force people from Mount Blanca after an ET/US Military encounter with Sarin nerve gas. After the story didn't check out a week or so later, it was finally taken off the web site and CSETI apologists went to great lengths to excuse and explain it away. If Greer makes a similar screw up in DC no amount of apologizing and excuse making will hold water, especially to potential national press members and purported "key leaders."

>Unfortunately, a documentary containing this witness testimony >will not be available as there are insufficient funds to >complete such a project.

But, I am sure that if some "angel" came forward with a wad of cash, somehow, someday, the video would be made available for a fee.

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>Further updates will be issued as the date for the event
>approaches.

Breathlessly I await. :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 01:46:45 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:59:00 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>From: William Sawyer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2001 16:28:17 -0800

>><snip>

>>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2001 17:55:23 -0800

>>>>A. The Cameraman does not exist;

>>>>Serge,

>>>>I believe this is an incorrect statement but time will tell.

>>Some people have believed that UFO disclosure was going to
>>happen every year for the past 30 years. Doesn't mean its in
>>fact going to happen.

>This has nothing to do with the discussion in point.

It does. Belief of something does not mean that it will happen.
For example in the 80s the militia cronies all "believed" that
Armageddon was going to happen no later then 1988.
Just because somebody "believes" that the cameraman exists
does not mean that in fact and reality he does.

>>As for the cameraman, if and when a warm body shows up that
>>claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then
>>all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>statement, Rays statements, even tho' he's a businessman and

Yup, film and video that is in question, the purported cameramans
statement which cannot be connected to a living warm body, and
Rays various tales and storys that even Rays supporters admit
did much damage to the credibility of the AA film.

>guilty of minimising the extent of our communities microscopic
>analysis of his words in this effort to turn a profit in his
>Business... Not UFOlogy!

I am glad to see that you realize that Ray was attempting to
turn a profit in his business. The gulliable believers always
maintain that Ray didn't make any money at all on AA. Its been

suggested that Ray sold worldwide approx 400 -800 thousand copies of the video. At \$19.95 a copy Volker/Ray could have made between 6 - 8 million dollars. Pretty good deal if you ask me, especially when Hollywood people have said that you could create an AA type production for around 100-200 thousand dollars.

>>I do predict that when the "camerman moment of truth" happens,
>>we will hear a long tale from Ray or somebody akin to, about how
>>he died blah blah blah

>I doubt that... Ray will say not one word when the cameraman
>dies. I reckon he's had enough!

Lets wait and see. If the pressure gets strong enough to produce a cameraman, thats when we will hear a tale about how he died. (In Rays arms, clutching the key roll of film that has President Truman looking at the dead alien carcass. :))

Likely there is likely no reason for Ray to produce a cameraman at this point.

>>>B. Ray Santilli is a liar;

>>>We are all liars, some time or another; but is he lying about
>>>the AA? I doubt it!

>>Calling us "all liars" doesn't change the fact. The facts are that
>>Ray buddy told tales and stories that either a) couldn't be verified
>>or b) weren't correct for whatever the reason.

>I don't think anyone is calling everyone liars. I feel Ed is
>stating that we are all guilty of various untruths at some
>time. C'mon on.

Its called damage control, i.e. explaining away all the tales and storys that couldn't be verified or weren't correct.

>>>C. Hesemann's judgement and position in the AA case if flawed.

>>>MH is very clear about what his investigations show. The AA is
>>>legitimate!

>>The tent footage is phony. No question about that. The question
>>then becomes "did Ray get the Tent footage from the same source
>>as the AA film. If answer is yes then we have a cameraman giving
>>us bogus footage. If answer is no, then Ray had yet and again
>>another purported cameraman feeding him films. I also recall that
>>the AA defenders also profoundly defended the tent footage,
>>right up until it was hoaxed out

>As I recall Ray got the tent footage along with the genuine
>article footage from the same sources..al mixed in together.

In essence the same cameraman that gave us AA, also produced/discovered/foand phony tent footage that in appearance was similar to the AA film. This same footage was defended just as vocally as the AA is now, that is until the footage was hoaxed out.

>Yes...many were fooled by the hoax of the tent footage, as we
>were al supposed to be as stated by the ppl that made it. We are
>still left with the "non-junk" rolls that haven't been proved to

If Ray's cameraman produced or obtained phony tent footage, this casts doubt on the AA, unless you are a gulliable believer, then it probably furthers the thought that the AA is real and they will just overlook the camermands flight into hoaxville.

>be anything but genuine

>>>Yet, you don't back off.

>>>Not even for a second.

>>>>Denial of reality, doctoring of information and wishful
>>>>fantasies make you a skeptidebunker, Ed.

>".... not even for a second"

>Do you really think Ed and Neil and any number of others are
>that stupid to stand up for it when it's so plain to you that

>it's a hoax.

Just remember in the beginning some of the AA supporters defended the tent footage literally to its absolute death. Now they only talk about it in passing, while they focus on AA footage. Should it come out to be an admitted hoax (like the Tent footage) the supporters will move on, and only talk about the AA in passing.

>_No_ evidence from you apart from a few stretchings of facts by >a businessman whom didn't know what he was getting into, not to >mention a pretty astute (?) businessman (Volker) who hasn't said One could also say that if they were "astute" they would have had the film checked out by Kodak and or independent film experts.

>a word about fakes/hoaxes and seems quite content with his >purchase. Surely Volker would be taking Ray to court for fraud >etc if it was truly a hoax!

Why? If Volker and Ray are in fact in business together, 6 to 8 million dollars is a nice chunk of change. Even if they split it 50/50.

>>>Are you serious. I hold a strong position because the evidence >>>I've collected indicates that the AA is authentic and I'm a >>>"skeptidebunker"? You must be kidding!

>>Lets face it, everytime you look at the AA film, you look at it >>from the point of view of a person who believes that all the >>evidence points to the fact that its real. Kind of like a guy >>who watches Shindlers List endlessly and is absolutly convinced >>that the movie was absolutly real in every sense of the word.

>...and you look at it from the point of view who doesn't believe >all the evidence that points to it being _real_. Check?

>And of course "Shindlers List" is dramatised, and no one >believes the movie to be an _accurate_ account. No matter how >you see it.

The point was that if you are a gullible believer, you would be inclined to "believe" that Shindlers List was an "accurate account." If the movie maker has done his or her job of blending reality with fantasy, the audience will not be able to tell the difference between the two no matter how many times they see the movie.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:04:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes - Aubeck

>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Joseph Smith And The Ten Lost Tribes
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 00:33:22 -0500

>In northeastern Connecticut there was a couple who during the
>19th century journeyed west. The woman was a writer and had
>completed a manuscript about the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

>During their trip west they encountered and befriended Joseph
>Smith. As they got to know each other better the woman told
>Smith about her writings. Smith asked to see the manuscript.
>After he received it, he would not return it. Later, he
>announced his visions. The woman was most upset when she read
>what she claimed she had written as the basis of >Smith's
>religion.

>She later returned to Connecticut and continued to
>claim to be the author of much of what today is the Book of
>Mormon. The Church of Latter Day Saints rejected her claim.

>Now I read this little story years ago, but should
>have made a copy. Surely, ufology casts a wide net when they try
>to entangle Joseph Smith in the mix. However, if anyone is
>interested, I will try to obtain a copy of this story.

Hi Jan,

Well, yes, if you do find a copy of the original story it would
be useful for what I'm writing about 19th century 'encounters.'

I think if Smith's claims were shown to be false, the content of
his lies would serve as a fine illustration of the similarity
between 'imagined encounters uncontaminated by the UFO-culture'
and allegedly real encounters today. The parallels between
Smith's testimony and today's CEIIIIs and IVs are strong enough
to look into no matter whether it's from the point of view of a
mythologist or a UFO believer.

The 'net of ufology' must necessarily be wide. Input must come
from all sides. There must be an eclectic effort to gather
information not only about what a UFO is but also what a UFO
isn't. (Eg, If you want to distinguish a possibly piloted
vehicle from a comet you first have to know what comets are
like. Thinking you know what spaceships are like isn't good
enough.)

If we want to put Smith's tale in a different category from
today's abductees', let's find some good reasons to do so. Just
because it happened a long time ago, or because Smith started a
religion, or because what he said was probably untrue, doesn't
mean we should close our eyes to the underlying correspondences
between his testimony and the ones that are made nowadays. (Even
if it looks more like literary criticism than traditional
ufology.)

If Smith had described the angel Moroni as a dwarfish entity
with grey skin and huge eyes, or had mentioned something that
looked a bit like a silver dinner plate hovering overhead, this

discussion would have already taken a different direction (and these two ingredients are not always present in every abduction pie).

Ufology is not the study of UFOs but of written/graphic/oral reports of UFOs. And then it's usually the impact those reports make on us that determines their importance.

If, say, Whitley Strieber turns out to be full of BS, what should we do with abduction accounts that include images that were never reported before his books were published? Whatever we thought of them, we'd first have to find out which ones they were. We could not throw Strieber's books on the dung heap so soon.

The Villas Boas case has precious little in common with Betty Hill's story but, genuine or not, it is historically important because it predates the Hills' abduction. So what about similar incidents predating the genesis of the Flying Saucer Era by centuries?

Chris Aubeck

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UK House of Lords (Part One)

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Lord Hill-Norton's (full list) of Questions in the House of Lords regarding the Rendlesham Forest Incident:

Includes my comments: Georgina Bruni

Part One

23 Jan 2001 : Column WA7

Blundeston Prison and Hollesley Bay YCC: Possible Evacuation
Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether staff at Blundeston Prison or Hollesley Bay Youth Correction Centre received any instructions to prepare for a possible evacuation at some time between 25 and 30 December 1980; and if so, why these instructions were issued.[HL319]

23 Jan 2001 : Column WA8

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bassam of Brighton): We can find no record of any such instructions.

G.Bruni Comments:

Lord Hill-Norton asked a similar Question a few years ago concerning Highpoint prison. The Answer was that the warden's log for that period was no longer available. The reason for these Questions was because a prison officer had claimed that Highpoint had been on alert for evacuation on 27 December 1980. Since then (see my book) I have learnt of two more local prisons that were said to be on alert (as above). I am not satisfied with the Answer and hope that Lord Hill-Norton will ask it again in more detail. We need to know why they can find no records. Have these logs gone missing too and, if so, why?

25 Jan 2001 : Column WA21
Rendlesham Forest Incident

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they are aware of any involvement by Special Branch personnel in the investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident.[HL303]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: Special Branch officers may have been aware of the incident but would not have shown an interest unless there was evidence of

25 Jan 2001 : Column WA22

a potential threat to national security. No such interest appears to have been shown.

G.Bruni Comments:

According to the Deputy Base Commander of AFOSI RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge (at time of incident) Special Branch would have been alerted. My argument is that the incident was a threat to national security because these objects were intruding on British territory and could have been anything from Soviet craft

to terrorists, therefore SB should have at least checked out the incident before passing it over to another agency. The commander actually offered the names of the SB officers that would have had this information. I did not publish their names for obvious reasons. If no interest was shown then we must question our security agencies.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether personnel from Porton Down visited Rendlesham Forest or the area surrounding RAF Walton in December 1980 or January 1981; and whether they are aware of any tests carried out in either of those two areas aimed at assessing any nuclear, biological or chemical hazard.[HL301]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The staff at the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (DERA) Chemical and Biological Defence (CBD) laboratories at Porton Down have made a thorough search of their archives and have found no record of any such visits.

G.Brini Comments:

That should have been RAF "Watton" not Walton. According to my witness from RAF Watton, some agency, presumably from Porton Down, did visit Watton and investigate the area on the perimeter of the base. Then the question is, if they were not from Porton Down, which is the place one would expect it to be, where was the unit from? I expect like the first Answer, any reference to this event has been carefully logged elsewhere.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they are aware of any uncorrelated targets tracked on radar in November or December 1980; and whether they will give details of any such incidents.[HL302]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: Records dating from 1980 no longer exist. Paper records are retained for a period of three years before being destroyed. Recordings of radar data are retained for a period of thirty days prior to re-use of the recording medium.

G.Brini Comments:

It is a fact that radar tracking tapes are re-used but there should be paper records. If this is the case then why was researcher Nick Redfern able to get verbatim data (from the logs) in 1987.

Unidentified Flying Objects

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: What is the highest classification that has been applied to any Ministry of Defence document concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.[HL304]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: A limited search through available files has identified a number of documents graded Secret. The overall classification of the documents was not dictated by details of specific sightings of "UFOs".

G.Brini Comments:

I think that is very interesting and if the Rendlesham files are secret as I would expect them to be, we may never see them.

30 Jan 2001 : Column WA49
Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters Incident

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will detail the underground facilities at the former RAF Bentwaters installation; and what is the purpose of these facilities.[HL320]

The Minister of State, Ministry of Defence (Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean):

There are no underground facilities at the former RAF Bentwaters.

G.Brini Comments:

Actually, there are underground facilities at Bentwaters but they are sealed. The security chief at the installation who gave me a guard and permission to investigate the buildings, told me the underground facilities were sealed when the MOD put the base up for sale. He had written several times to the MOD requesting details of these but although they promised to look into the matter, he received nothing. I also discovered a door in the main command post that was clearly an entrance to an underground facility because it could not lead to anywhere above ground. The guard had no keys for this very important door that was covered in warning signs. According to the chief of security there are still several parts of the installation that are sealed. So, the Answer is in essence is crafty because as the facilities are now sealed, one could surmise that there are none.

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UK House of Lords (Part Two)

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Subject: UK House of Lords (Part Two)

Lord Hill-Norton's (full list) of Questions in the House of Lords regarding the Rendlesham Forest Incident:

Includes my comments: Georgina Bruni

Part Two

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they are aware of any involvement in the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident by either Ministry of Defence Policy or personnel from the Suffolk Constabulary.[HL321]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The Minister of Defence is not aware of any involvement by the Ministry of Defence Police in the alleged incident. The Ministry of Defence's knowledge of involvement by the Suffolk Police is limited to a letter dated 28 July 1999 from the Suffolk Constabulary to Georgina Bruni that is contained in the recent book.

G.Bruni Comments:

According to the Deputy Base Commander of AFOSI RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge (at time of incident), a member of the ARRS and two other commanders, the MOD police would have been informed immediately. If the MOD have to resort to my book for information then we must question why this is so. Where are these records?

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they are aware of any investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident carried out by the United States Air force, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations or any other United States agency.[HL322]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The Ministry of Defence's knowledge of an investigation by the US authorities into the alleged incident in Rendlesham Forest in 1980 is limited to the information contained in the memorandum sent by Lt Col Halt USAF, Deputy Base Commander at RAF Woodbridge, to the RAF Liaison Officer at RAF Bentwaters on 13 January 1981.

G.Bruni Comments:

Notice there is no mention of the covering note from Squadron Leader Donald Moreland which is titled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" Also no mention of the telephone calls he made concerning the incident, which really should have been logged considering they were from the British Liaison Officer. What has happened with this case is that the MOD have not left a paper trail.

30 Jan 2001 : Column WA50

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether, in the light of the new information contained in Georgina Bruni's book You Can't Tell the People, they will now launch an investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident and the response to this incident by the United States Air Force and the Ministry of Defence.[HL352]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: No additional information has come to light over the last 20 years to call into question the original judgment by the Ministry of Defence that nothing of defence significance occurred in the location of Rendlesham Forest in 1980. Accordingly there is no reason to hold an investigation now.

G.Bruni Comments:

This is the Answer that really annoys me (it's the standard line) because I am aware (from a memo that had my name on it) and has since been stamped "restricted" that certain high officials have read my book. Therefore the MOD must have all the new information. If the officials in office at this time are not aware of anything else due to the cover-up, then the information in my book alone should be enough to open an investigation.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they have made any approach to, or received any approach from, any United States government or military agency concerning Georgina Bruni's book *You Can't Tell the People*; and, if so, whether they will give details of any such approach. [HL353]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: As a matter of courtesy, the Ministry of Defence informed Headquarters 3rd Air Force at RAF Mildenhall about the book. The US authorities have not subsequently approached the Ministry of Defence on the issue.

G.Bruni Comments:

If there is no additional information then why would it be necessary to alert RAF Mildenhall about my book. After all, it's just a UFO story and according to the MOD it is of no defence interest....

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they now agree with the analysis of the basic facts of the Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters incident in the fourth paragraph of Lord Hill-Norton's letter to Lord Gilbert of 22 October 1997, reported on page 429 of Georgina Bruni's book *You Can't Tell the People*; or, if not, in what respect they disagree. [HL354]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The Ministry of Defence's position regarding this alleged sighting remains as it did at the time of Lord Gilbert's reply to the noble Lord's letter of 22nd October 1997. From surviving departmental records, we remain satisfied that nothing of defence significance occurred on the nights in question.

G.Bruni Comments:

That's a very interesting reply considering Lord Gilbert's reply suggested that they did not routinely contact witnesses who submit reports of UFOs. In this instance the witness was Lt Colonel Charles I Halt, Deputy Base Commander of a NATO installation in Britain that deployed nuclear weapons.

Does this mean that anybody can hover over and land a craft on the perimeter of a British military base and scare the hell out of numerous military personnel and get away with it?

If that is the case then it's amazing that Britain has not been invaded years ago.

Lord Hill-Norton has had a passionate interest in this case for many years and has done a good job in trying to get answers and, I know he is as annoyed as others that the MOD keep avoiding the issues.

I stand by my case, this incident has to be of extreme defence significance. The problem is (and I quote our former Prime Minister who was in office at the time of the incident - Margaret Thatcher) "You can't tell the people".

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

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Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:13:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:47:53 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>Being of a suspicious turn of mind, and also personally aware of
>cases in which otherwise sober-sided academics and professionals
>enjoyed creating or otherwise promugating a little private
>pictorial joke or two from time to time; as well as aware of the
>enormous opportunities and clever techniques for retouching
>photos -- techniques that pre-date the Internet and Photoshop by
>decades -- I would rather like to see the original artworks
>before passing judgement on whether or not the objects under
>discussion do, indeed, appear in those original artworks. Not
>that they don't, or that I am making claims either way... but
>I'd want to see the actual paintings/frescoes/tapestries first.

>I do recall reading that that some of the Egyptian wall
>paintings and/or carvings that purported to show helicopters and
>modern aircraft have been shown to be either fakes or have been
>satisfactorily explained in terms of actual ancient Egyptian
>symbology by someone conversant with same.

>This is certainly a fascinating topic for study -- but I would
>insist upon viewing the actual artifacts in situ (the actual
>wall, in the case of a fresco, or a well-provenanced painting in
>a church or in a reputable museum's collection.)

>Fascinated but suspicious Purrrrrs...

>Wendy Christensen

Hi Errol, John V., Wendy and all,

Wendy has a good point. I believe that I've seen most of these paintings and the sort on an old 'In Search Of' many years ago. I've always wanted to get a more permanent look at them. Thank you Matt for your collection, but I have some doubts too. I've dabbled in painting for quite a number of years. And when I'm painting I'm either using 'still life' or memory to make my 'masterpieces' (joking). Unless I'm painting a new creation of my own, which to my recollection doesn't exist, normally landscapes, I try to keep to a true image the best I can.

Were these artist, if these paintings are authentic, painting from memory? For a few of these paintings this can not be the case. The painting "The Baptism of Christ" by Aert De Gelder in 1710 obviously could not have been painted by memory. This is what is called an 'Artist Rendition' or to be more blunt, fantasy painting. He is attempting to capture a moment in time that he did not live to see. So he attempts to depict the surroundings and general appearances the best he can. Anyone who has ever attempted this tends to use items from their own memories to substitute what they could not have seen. So where in his mind did he pull this rounded disc and laser type lighting from? Was it something that he himself may had seen? Perhaps the sighting of an object similar to that of what he painted inspired him to create this painting.

Like Wendy said, with out being able to see the physical painting for myself, I can not judge why or how. I can only speculate and assume, and you know what assuming does, it makes an *ss out of u and me..

Donnie Shevlin

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Return of The Rockford Lights

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Subject: Return of The Rockford Lights

Prankster balloonist behind night lights?

Feb. 14, 2001
By MARK BONNE
Rockford Register Star

ROCKFORD -- The odd visions continue to baffle many, but a new theory has begun to gel in response to the latest reports of bright lights in the night sky.

Several sources speculated Tuesday that orange and gold glowing orbs spotted Saturday night were helium balloons carrying flares or candles, likely launched from someone's back yard as a novelty or prank.

More than 40 people -- some from as far as Byron and Caledonia contacted the Rockford Register Star to relate accounts of a phenomenon that started New Year's Eve 1999 and returned twice in as many months.

Lee Carlson said four amber-colored lights floated past his Hillcrest Road home in a path from Gregory Elementary School, across Newburg Road and past A.C. Thompson Elementary School.

"I heard them pop as they went by and saw them slowly burn out," said Carlson, who suspects the balloons landed near the U.S. post office or Hamilton Sundstrand headquarters on Harrison Avenue.

Duane Ingram, a physics and astronomy professor at Rock Valley College, said he doubts from descriptions he's heard that people are mistaking stars, constellations or planets as the phantom lights.

Ingram said juvenile hijinks seems a more plausible explanation.

Such tricks could include lasers shot against low clouds on dry nights or items attached to helium balloons, such as tiny flashlights or flares.

"Let's see. Saturday night? Come on," he said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Liz Isham Cory confirmed Tuesday that nothing unusual showed up on radar Saturday, including at the Greater Rockford Airport. But she noted that operators in the Quad Cities control tower saw bright lights that coincided with the Jan. 11 rash of reports in Rockford.

Cory blamed weather.

"These lights seem to have a seasonal pattern," she said. "They appear on cold, clear nights and have done so at the beginning of the year."

Peter Davenport, director of the UFO Reporting Center in Washington, a nonprofit organization that posts sightings from across the country, including several from Rockford, said local reports "don't appear to be consistent with extraterrestrial

crafts," mostly because of slow travel speed.

"I suspect some human being is behind these," he said.

Kathy Webb, wife of RVC theater director Mike Webb, said she watched from campus Saturday as a dozen lights shifted position to form the letters J, A, X and V.

"I think they're aliens," she said. "But I don't think they're going to hurt us. I think they're just observing, to see what our lives are like compared to theirs."

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

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Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
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>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Neil posted this statement from Ray Santilli:

>My position regarding the Autopsy film and the reels recovered
>remains unchanged. Any discussion regarding the Tent Footage is
>completely irrelevant. I did not use that studio again, and
>neither the studio or anyone associated with the studio had
>anything whatsoever to do with the autopsy film.

>The autopsy film is what it is, and nothing will change that.

>Ray Santilli

Hi, Neil, all...

"Nothing will change that"?

What absolute nonsense! Ray talks as if he has no control over the validation process of AA. This is the kind of nonsensical crap that casts a very, very dark cloud over Santilli's credibility. For those that say there is no evidence that Ray ever lied about AA, here is the smoking gun. His above statement that "Nothing will change that" is as bold faced a lie as ever existed. The fact is that Ray, and only Ray, has the means to prove the validity of AA and he refuses to do so in the face of overwhelming public doubt about the footage. It's one thing to maintain silence about AA and let everyone conjecture and debate the credibility of AA or Santilli. It is another thing altogether to maintain that there is nothing that he can do to clear the self imposed mystery surrounding AA.

His statement is a lie.

Ray is a liar.

Because of this, AA is fake until proven otherwise.

Roger

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UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:04:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 14:36:38 -0500
Subject: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico

Hi!!

See the photos of a UFO flying over Veracruz, Mexico on Christmas 2000.

Visit:

<http://virgilio1.homestead.com/FotosOVNI.html>

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>
CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:45:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:19:19 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 10:08:35 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: William Sawyer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Sawyer

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>Hi, William!

>I have tried to extract myself from this discussion so that it
>would pass on. However, it is time for a reality check. First
>off when you say:

>>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>>statement, Rays statements,...

>This would mean something positive only if:

>1) AA were viewed off of camera original footage and not a video
>tape. This has not happened.

Roger,

Even if we had access to the film stock Ray reckons he bought from the cameraman, it wouldn't do us that much good as 20 out of the alleged 22 reels were positive safty prints not camera original. And as far as I know the one reel of original neg wasn't recoverable.

Any further examination of the film base at this stage is now academic though, as the "majority" shareholder in the film Volker, claims he now has it locked away in a European Bank vault. Ray no longer has control of the film stock.

Two film fragments were passed to researchers back in 1995 and though neither showed images of the autopsy body, one of these fragments did contain images consistent with the autopsy room. In 1956 Kodak changed its film-base from acetate-propionate to triacetate, the samples were on acetate-propionate film. The edge codes registered on the safty print from the neg stock it was exposed with were Kodak's 1947 codes. At the last call Kodak were asking for 15+ feet of the film stock to pin down the date with any greater accuracy, but you would still only be dating the safty prints not the original camera negative stock.

>2) Ray would offer up the evidence that would validate his
>claims. This has not happened.

See my post of Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:33:04, claims made by the cameraman and passed on by Ray _have_ been validated by witnesses back in New Mexico.

>3) There was any evidence that the alleged cameraman even >existed. This has not happened.

Again see above, elements of _his_ story _do_ hold water after 50+ years.

>At this point, therefore, Robert Gates is absolutely correct. >The proponents of AA have nothing in their corner other than >zealous rationalizations about something that they already >believe in; proof be damned.

Again see above, just not so.

>As far as who or who is not a liar; Ray has made claims and >money off of AA without lifting one little finger to >substantiate what could possibly be the most important footage >since the Zapruder home movie.

Ray got into this _to_ make money, full stop. He was not interested in the cosy and closed world of UFO research and researchers. Let's try to remember there's a big, bad, nasty world out there were if you don't make a proffit you don't tend to last very long. You think he acted out of the kindness of his heart to further UFO research when he handed over Volker's money for it????.

>What I find ironic is how >believers in AA spend incredible amounts of energy and time >looking for and rationalizing the most insignificant of >subjective evidence in support of AA while ignoring more obvious >signs of a scam as outlined in points 1,2 and 3, above.

Independant witnesses to the crash... insignificant... subjective?

>Ultimately, the movie has already ended, the lights have come up >and AA supporters sit waiting for a happy ending long after >everyone else has left the theater in disgust. A glance about >finds Santilli's seat suspiciously empty, as well, having long >vacated it in favor of the ticket booth to count his profits.

No Roger, I think you walked out shortly after reel one, but some of us still want to see the end credits through.

Neil..

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 19:21:43 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:25:56 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 20:48:32 -0600

>Dear Dick,

>Earlier I said that I would respond to your comments at greater
>length. However, I'm now content to let my last comments pretty
>much stand as they are. If you want me to apologize for listing
>you as a rabid, true believer, then you have it.

>That said, there is of course nothing wrong with "exploring the
>ET hypothesis" as such. SETI scientists, after all, do it every
>day! And have the good grace, when pressed, to admit that they
>don't have any convincing evidence for their particular case, or
>results for their troubles.

>Just a bunch of assumptions based on the Drake equation, which
>is basically an argument based on large numbers and little else.
>They don't refer quite as blithely to "given what we know," as
>you do, to make their case.

>The fact of the matter is that we "know" practically zilch about
>UFOs and whether they represent visitations by real physical
>beings from another planet -- or not.

>Thus the ETH remains but one of several possible solutions to
>the UFO enigma, assuming, of course, there is a single solution,
>which I seriously doubt.

>In the meantime, I see no particular reason to investigate, or
>write about, UFOs as if the ETH was the underlying basis (or
>bias) of same.

>Which many ufologists do. That was my point, which was
>originally in response to a Jerry Clark post on this thread to
>the effect that...well, read the thread

>If you aren't one of those ufologists, then, again, you have my
>apology.

Dennis,

No apology necessary, unless you truly are unable to distinguish between ga-ga UFO believers and people like me, Dick Haines, and Bruce Maccabee. It is redundant to say "ET as fact hypothesis." An hypothesis is simply that: a tentative explanation that you assume for the time being may be the answer, and then weigh it against the evidence continually while considering alternative hypotheses. (That is, if you are being scientific.) In other words, "ET as possible or probable fact."

By the way, you avoided answering my questions. My hypotheses are ET, secret devices, cosmic jokers, or all mistakes. What are yours?

Also, we do know quite a lot about UFOs descriptively and factually as you will see if you read my new book. You will also

see how little sense psychosocial explanations or mistaken observer notions make.

Regards,

Dick

P.S. To everyone: This e-mail address is the open and public one that is included on my web site. I am interested only in discussions about UFO facts, hypotheses, science, sightings, and analysis of data and will not be commenting on any of the peripheral topics or issues. Nor will I participate in ad hominem arguments or personally insulting or demeaning remarks.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 18:09:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:27:26 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hale

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

>But if you're both making preponderance of evidence arguments
>for something, then what something are you arguing for if not
>the something of ET visitation as a fact, albeit one
>unrecognized by science at large?

Hi All,

I often read this claim put out by sceptics. Personally I am of the opinion, that indeed Science is now treating the possible existence of ET life somewhere out there in the universe as very feasible.

Time to drop the dead donkey maybe?

Roy

"You are on a beach, pick up one small grain of sand from the beach and you have Earth's size within the Universe, now tell me we are all alone"

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Re: UFO Biz! - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:47:05 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:29:31 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Biz! - Tonnies

>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 14:43:55 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: UFO Biz!

<snip>

>I have privately (and now publicly) declined the offer. It
>wasn't "easy" to do. I've been working hard for over thirty
>years supporting a family and providing them with a home and
>all their many needs. My wife and myself have not had a formal
>vacation in 15 years. We both work hard. We've earned one.

>But not this way. Not if I have to sell my self out for it.
>The people at the cruise line must be bilking the passengers
>out of a small fortune to be able to offer me all that they
>did and still make a profit. These are sober business people.
>They don't "invest" unless they expect a healthy return. Think
>about the >money that must be involved.

I, for one, am offering my sincere congratulations for what I,
too, feel is the "right" decision.

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Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 14:36:09 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:33:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Young

>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 20:35:05 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 02:18:14 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Velez

>>1. On earth, ancient, extinct, and highly eroded volcano's look
>>like a "crater" with a central "lava chimney" structure. A great
>>many craters on the Moon feature central structures of varying
>>shape and detail. A crater with some kind of central feature/
>>structure is not "uncommon." Quite to the contrary.

>Most lunar craters are made by meteoric impact, not by
>volcanoes. Neither types of crater are so common in the Northern
>Hemisphere on Mars that you could expect to have one of the
>right size and shape showing up just where you "need" an eye to
>be.

Whoa, Lan, you've got this reasoning exactly backwards. If a
volcano looks like an "eye", than any volcano would end up
being just where one "needs" and eye. Hi, Lan, John, All:

Take a look at one on the Moon, Hyginus, from the Consolidated
Lunar Atlas:

<http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/pub/research/cla/images/img/D12.jpg>

Or another view from the Lunar Orbiter Photo Atlas:

http://www.lpi.usra.edu/research/lunar_orbiter/img/4-97H1.jpg

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Link Between UFOs, Helicopters & Mutes?

From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids@earthlink.net>
Date: 14 Feb 2001 19:39:13 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:39:47 -0500
Subject: Link Between UFOs, Helicopters & Mutes?

National Institute for Discovery Science

<http://www.nidsci.org>

Statistical Association between UFO/helicopters and Animal Mutilations? Analysis of a Wave of Anomalous Activity in Montana.

1975-1977 was a period of frequent reports of UFO sightings around the United States. 1975-1977 also coincided with peak reports of a phenomenon known as animal mutilation.

For more details on animal mutilation see:

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/articles2.html>

The community around Great Falls, Montana was no exception to this nationwide trend. However, two features about Great Falls are of interest with respect to this NIDS report.

The first is that Great Falls was (and is) home to Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB). MAFB and its surrounding area was an integral part of the nation's missile launching capability during the cold war with 221 Minuteman III missile silos, and functioned as an important section of the entire 'Northern Tier' early warning system for incoming Soviet missiles.

The second atypical feature about Great Falls was an unusually open-minded and energetic sheriff's captain. Captain Keith Wolverton was prepared to go the extra mile in investigating UFOs, animal mutilations and bizarre happenings in the area.

Wolverton's energy and dedication were instrumental in alerting the people of Cascade County, and even in nearby Teton County, that if they reported UFOs, animal mutilations or unidentified flying lights, they would not be ridiculed and their reports would not be trivialized.

Captain Wolverton allowed NIDS full access to his original papers and files detailing the investigations that he carried out on behalf of the Cascade County sheriff's department in 1975-1977. NIDS was able to analyze the data in these files and they comprise an interesting picture of a wave of anomalous activity within a 40-mile radius of Great Falls and MAFB.

Captain Wolverton's files comprised the original police blotters, original memoranda and original photo negatives detailing the department's investigations into 192 UFO and unknown helicopter sightings, and 67 reports of animal mutilations, the vast majority happening within a forty miles radius of MAFB.

The timing of the UFO wave around MAFB is almost exactly contemporaneous with similar anomalous incidents that happened in October 1975 at Loring AFB Maine, Wurtsmith AFB Michigan, Minot AFB North Dakota and at the Canadian Air Force base at Falconbridge Ontario.

The purpose of this paper is to examine two separate and unrelated questions:

(a) Was there a linkage between the animal mutilations (temporal and geographical) and the unidentified aircraft flying in the area around Cascade County Montana 1975 through 1977 and

(b) did the repeated unauthorized incursions of these flying objects over MAFB and missile silo airspace, when examined in the context of simultaneous incursions at other AFBs across the Northern Tier, constitute a national security issue for the United States?

NIDS reports the first statistically significant correlation between mutilations and UFO/helicopter activity in the full report (25 pages) in the What's New section of the NIDS web site at:

<http://www.nidsci.org>.

Further, we propose that the UFO wave in Montana had National Security implications.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 14:27:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:42:10 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 21:15:58 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

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>Why? Seems you've already made your mind up.

Jim,

Glad to see you know what's going on in my mind!

Guess you haven't read my book:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380802651/gid=982179547/sr=1-1/ref=sc_b_1/107-5283509-7540535

Or visited our website:

<http://www.anomalist.com>

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Secrecy News -- 02/14/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:35:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 16:38:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 02/14/01

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 14, 2001

**VULNERABILITY OF DOE NUCLEAR MATERIALS ALLEGED
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**SECRECY NEWS FROM ALL OVER

VULNERABILITY OF DOE NUCLEAR MATERIALS ALLEGED

The risk of theft of nuclear materials at Department of Energy facilities is unacceptably high, according to a DOE security contractor.

"Clear evidence of actual risk to Special Nuclear Materials at key DOE sites and in transit" was identified in a classified DOE Inspector General report last year, wrote Ronald E. Timm, president of RETA Security, in a February 9 letter to DOE Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Yet despite these and similar findings by other investigators, "nothing was done," Mr. Timm complained. "Special Nuclear Materials were at risk then, Special Nuclear Materials are at risk today, and, without significant changes, Special Nuclear Materials will be at risk in the future."

The force of Mr. Timm's letter is diminished by a breathless tone and a tendency to extreme formulations. ("Terrorists have a ready supply of Special Nuclear Materials already existing and available within our borders.") His concern about the adequacy of nuclear material safeguards, however, is shared by others inside and outside of government.

But one official seasoned by long experience with the DOE bureaucracy said that this concern was not yet an effective political factor.

"This President and this Congress are not going to spend billions to fix the weapons complex unless there is a serious and very dramatic physical event," the official said. "Absent that, the contractors and DOE managers will muddle along losing more classified information, protecting information that doesn't need to be protected for national security reasons, and accepting some of the risks to SNM and facilities."

The text of Mr. Timm's letter, widely copied to congressional offices, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/02/timm.html>

SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SQUABBLES

Leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee are quarreling over whether the Committee Chairman, Senator Richard Shelby, will continue to control hiring of the Committee's staff or whether the Democratic members, led by Vice Chairman Senator Bob Graham, will be entitled to hire their own staff. The dispute was

reported today by the New York Times and last week by the Washington Post:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/14/politics/14INTE.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A31018-2001Feb5.html>

While the outcome of this conflict could become important in some circumstances, the fact is that when it comes to intelligence oversight the practical differences between the two parties are distressingly small.

One indication of the bipartisan convergence of opinion is a statement made by Senator Graham at an intelligence committee hearing on February 7 endorsing increased intelligence spending: "This committee plays a very special role [in determining the future of intelligence spending]. We have a special responsibility to represent the interest of the intelligence community before those who will make these budgetary decisions."

The surprising notion that the oversight committees should be advocates for intelligence and should "represent the interest of the intelligence community" was first articulated in 1996 by Republican Rep. Larry Combest, then-chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He lamented the traditionally adversarial character of intelligence oversight.

Combest's once counterintuitive conception is now the dominant view, shared by leading Democrats like Sen. Graham.

It is a remarkable reversal. The intelligence committees were originally established to serve as proxies for the public, and to act on behalf of the public in overseeing intelligence. Today, however, the committees increasingly serve as proxies for the intelligence agencies, advancing their budgetary interests and their legislative initiatives. Oversight as it was once understood will have to come from somewhere else.

SECREC Y NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Official controls over national security information continue to shift in interesting ways in many corners of the world.

"Russian researchers have made the decision to declassify the principle of operation of the so-called explosive ignition thermonuclear facility developed by the research institute of technical physics in Snezhinsk," according to a February 11 report from Interfax News Agency. The action apparently refers to an explosive-driven nuclear fusion process for generating electrical power. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/02/ru021101.html>

"Military secrecy is a fiction," said Venezuela's new defense minister, José Vicente Rangel this week. Secrecy is valid "only for the deployment of military forces. This is basic. But the old conception of secrecy, which is absolutely anachronistic, has in fact been overcome." As a result, declassification of documents is a done deal ("un asunto resuelto"), according to a February 13 report in the Venezuelan newspaper El Nacional. See "El secreto militar es una ficción":

<http://www.el-nacional.com/elnl3022001/pd1s1.htm>

Also this week, the government of Vietnam has provided details of its secrecy policy for the first time, according to Agence France Presse. The new Vietnamese secrecy system that takes effect on April 1 will include three classification levels, and will encompass such state secrets as the number of bank notes in circulation and the size of monetary reserves, as well as information on national security, foreign policy and internal Party disputes.

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Re: Greys

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:06:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 16:40:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys

>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Greys

>>MTVM wrote:

>>The Greys are Demons. Do not post pictures of them or God
>>will shred your little soul like confetti and torch you in
>>a Hell-fire.

>>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

Larry, you realize that I have to send an electronic postcard to
MTVM now with nice Grey artwork, don't you.

:)

Sean KAPRA

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Re: E-Mail Addresses? - Schuessler

From: John Schuessler <schuessler@mho.net>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:21:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 16:42:42 -0500
Subject: Re: E-Mail Addresses? - Schuessler

>From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <9a4ag@clarc.org>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2001 13:42:11 -0600 (CST)
>Subject: E-Mail Addresses?

>Dear friends and co-operators,

>Does anyone know e-mail addresses from the following ufologists:

>Stephen Katunaric
>Aioha McGrew
>Walt Andrus
>Richard Hall

>In our national mainstream daily newspaper 'Vechnernji List'
>(Nightly paper) in an article in the February 1 2001 issue, it
>was mentioned that a delegation from MUFON will visit Croatia
>for a UFO skywatch.

>In the article Richard Hall and Stephen Katunaric have been
>mentioned in that sense. The article is also talking about Aioha
>McGrew and Walt Andrus. I want to confirm that information and
>to see if its credible. So if anyone know e-mails from those
>ufologists please contact me.

Walt Andrus does not have email. He may be reached at:
830-372-2935.

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Re: UFO/ET Congress - 2001 - Update - Ecker

From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 12:54:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 17:04:35 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO/ET Congress - 2001 - Update - Ecker

>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO/ET Congress - 2001
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 21:25:49 -0400

>>The 12th Great UFO/ET Congress of 2001, Our Space Odyssey

>Dear List:

>Don Ecker's writeup on his lecture has been expanded. Don will
>critically evaluate, lunar photographs of other researchers. He
>has spent eight years researching strange, unexplained and
>provocative forms found on the Moon. His illustrated talk will
>show Lunar animal reports and photographs that show us the Moon
>is not just a dead body.

>Pat Marcattilio can be contacted on Saturdays and Sundays by
>telephone, all day instead of the earlier posted hours.

>Tom Benson

Since I am the one giving the lecture, I have no idea where
the above came from! I am giving a talk on my lunar research
using the Photos I have obtained.

I am not critiquing other researchers nor do I have any idea
what this is about "lunar animals".

Just to set the record straight!

Don Ecker
UFO Magazine
Los Angeles, CA.

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 04:40:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 08:25:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:22:48 +0000
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 15:59:15 -0000

>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 01:18:59 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>>>Thank you so much for gathering all this graphical material and
>>>putting it all under one roof. It is a truly compelling and
>>>provocative collection of images. Great job. A website of major
>>>importance and significance for anyone interested in
>>>"archo-ufology."

>>Thanks for the comments. I've been toying with the idea of doing
>>a book on the subject.

>>Ideally I'd like to visit all the galleries/churches where these
>>pictures hang but there's a big financial hurdle there :-)

>Hello Matt,

>Would you consider adding photographs of Egyptian hieroglyphics,
>Mayan and Aztec art and engravings and some of the other
>anomalous paintings on cave walls and rocks etc.to your website
>collection or book, possibly under some other heading? It would
>be nice to have all of these curious artistic or historically
>documented allusions to what we now term UFOs under one "roof"
>so to speak.

>Well done in any event.

Hiya Don, Matt, All,

Glad you mentioned the above Don. I was tempted to suggest to
Matt that he consider the Australian "*Wandjima" pictograms for
the collection. I held off doing it because the website is
dedicated to historical depictions of "UFOs." Not aliens.

(*The Wandjima images are identical to our 'modern' grey aliens.)

You make great suggestions though. I hope he takes you up on
them. It would make the offering richer, broader, and deeper.

Regards,

John Velez
Love what's there already, wanna see more! ;)

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

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Re: Greys - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:09:34 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:12:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - Jones

>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Greys

>Dear MTVM:

>Thank you for the message (below).

>I hope you don't mind if I copy your warning to others.

>-Larry Hatch

>>MTVM wrote:

>>The Greys are Demons. Do not post pictures of them or God
>>will shred your little soul like confetti and torch you in
>>a Hell-fire.

>>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

Being that I am a Christian, I believe in Christ, not in religion, I am affronted when people say things like this.

When I tell people that I am a Christian as well as a believer in UFOs I always get asked something along the lines of "aren't they mutually exclusive?" Well the answer is no. Why? Well it is simple, where in the bible does it say that God only created life here on Earth?

Thought for the day; If God really does exist, why, O why, do we have to put up with idiots like this?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:15:58 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:14:12 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 13:55:56 -0800

<snip>

>Greenwich, Summer 1956
>UFO was tracked by air traffic control radar (GCA) at two USAF-
>RAF stations, with apparently corresponding visual sightings
><http://www.ncas.org/condon/text/case02.htm>

>Read only those two.

>Find an original explanation, e.g. one that has not been found
>yet, because the cases remain unexplained.

Hi Serge,

This is the famous Lakenheath-Bentwaters case of Aug 13-14, 1956. Do you not recognize it? Certain UK debunkers have found official RAF documentation on the case which they think destroys the case, which they have been sitting on for a long time, and they won't release the material until they can do maximum damage. They have been working with one of the RAF radar controllers who had come forward in 1978 to try to "turn him" against the USAF radar controller who had come forward ten years earlier to the Condon Committee. They claim the RAF man's testimony discredits the USAF man's account.

Brad

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:53:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:24:57 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

>Hello William, Robert, Ed and List,

>A couple of days ago, I issued a post exposing evident
>distortion of reality from the parts of Santilli and Hesemann.
>Mind you, I did not engage in philosophical debate, conjectures
>or speculations. Only facts.

>I got zero argumentation from AA film proponents.

Serge,

I have posted several facts provided by researchers who
have gone out and done their "donkey work" out in NM, I have not
received any counters from you or anyone else so far on this
list, are you ignoring them?.

>Is it surprising? No.

It is to me.

>As usual in the AA issue, we see ample use of double doses of
>Alka-zheimer: fizz-fizz in a glass of water and no more memories
>of what is.

>It is proven that Santilli is a liar,

I totally agree, Ray Santilli agrees... readily, to clouding the
water over the identity of the cameraman. He's no doubt led us
all a merry chase on other matters too over the acquisition of
the film. After all, if the basic framework of the deal is true,
he was aiding and abetting a US citizen to defraud the US IRS
and export possible US Govt property out of the country without
authority. I think I'd want to cover my tracks to some extent.

>that the Cameraman does not
>exist

How do you come to this conclusion?.

>that Hesemann is full of it...

That's a sweeping statement to make, and though Mike may
jump in with both feet from time to time it hardly describes the
actual research he has carried out during the trips he's made
out to NM to follow up on this case.

>The silence, troubled only by the fizz of Alka-zheimer,
>obliterates en passant a few other pertinent facts, like the
>millions made by Volker and Santilli and the AA material sales
>by many AA apostles.

>Then again: "Ray said, the Cameraman said, Hesemann proved. Ed
>says. Neil thinks..."

>Wait a minute! It is proven that Santilli is a liar, that the
>Cameraman does not exist, that Kiviat doctored his documentary.
>FOX made mucho money, Santilli made mucho money, Volker made
>mucho money and Hesemann _advirtises_ his book on AA.

>Silence, Alka-zheimer and mantras.

>The unbeatable hand at double dummy canuchi.

>Slap me.

>This must be the Circus.

So, every one's jumped on the AA band-wagon milking it for all
it's worth, seems like "good old capitalism" hard at work here,
what more proof of a scam do you need?.

Well it doesn't answer a question I have, and if Errol will
oblige by forwarding the image I've attached (it's been on the
RPIT website for the past year, site's being rebuilt at
www.rpit.org).

How did Ray know about the "backtoback J" symbol hidden away in
the debris in Gen Ramey's office on the 8th July 1947, so as to
plant it on a beam hidden away in the _background_ of the "AA
Debris Footage"?.

And not only that, how did he manage it with a further 3 (so
far) distinct symbols seen in both sets of debris??.

I've mentioned these _facts_ before on this list and so far I've
had no credible response. Bond Johnson's Fort Worth Photographs
showing the debris _are_ historical documents, ask the UTA
Library, has Ray tampered with them?? or researched them, in
detail??, not as far as I know.

If the safety print dating is correct at no later than 1956
+-2yrs, was anyone aware of the UTA images so as to be able to
check out these details and create a hoaxed AA film containing
them?.

Awareness of the UTA images only came to light _after_ Jesse
Marcel blew the whistle on Roswell back in 1979, and 23 years
after the last batch of the specific type of Kodak safety
print film, as used in the AA, had been manufactured.

I grant you one random smudge looking very much like another
random smudge _could_ be written off as chance, 2 might be a
coincidence, 3's getting into the area of "deep strangeness",
and 4?, _all_ on the same piece of AA debris?.

Now that really has me scratching my head to explain away.

Neil.

[] santsymb.jpg

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 7

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 21:31:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:32:31 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 7

(Sent early this week as I have to have a
minor operation this Thursday - John)

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<Masinaigan@aol.com>

UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 6, Number 7
February 15, 2001
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

NEAR LANDS ON EROS

"NASA engineers successfully landed the first space probe on an asteroid Monday," February 12, 2001, "and reported continuing contact with the craft."

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) robot spacecraft entered orbit around the asteroid Eros, located 13 million miles (21 million kilometers) from Earth, in February 2000.

"'We're still getting a signal,' said mission chief Robert Farquhar of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland during a live Webcast of the event. His lab is responsible for the NEAR-Shoemaker spacecraft."

"With the craft running out of fuel, and the \$223 million mission coming to an end, planners decided to try the landing in a final bid to capture the best asteroid images possible."

"A gripping five-and-a-half hour descent featured five separate firings of the spacecraft's engine, which gently deposited the spacecraft onto the surface" of Eros.

"'It's been a really exciting mission and a heck of a ride,' team scientist Noam Izenberg said in an interview."

"The probe's instruments and cameras have for a year investigated the surface of Eros, a 21-mile-long (34-kilometer-long), shoe-shaped asteroid whose eccentric orbit carries it, at its closest, to within 13 million miles (21 million kilometers) of Earth."

"The information gathered by the mission might help scientists decide how best to deflect a similar asteroid if it headed for Earth."

"Mission engineer Andrew Santo said a morning burn went off smoothly, irrevocably removing the probe from an altitude 16 miles (27 kilometers) above" the asteroid. "Four more (rocket) burns cut landing speed down to about four miles per hour."

"As it fell, the probe captured images of surface features as

small as four inches (10 centimeters) across."

"Mission controllers report a continuing weak signal from the spacecraft, which appears to have landed., as hoped for, with its antennae and solar panels still functioning." (See USA Today for February 13, 2001, "Probe lands on gigantic near-Earth asteroid," page 1A.)

LANTERNS OR UFOs? A MALAYSIAN MYSTERY

"Flashes of bright orange light were sighted over Bandar Sunway, 16 kilometers (10 miles) from Petaling Jaya," in the Southeast Asian country of Malaysia "on Monday, February 5, 2001."

"The spectacle lasted for ten minutes before the lights disappeared from the clear skies."

"Witnesses said the lights resembled eight flaming balls which floated north in a straight row over the office buildings in the Plaza Mentari at about 8:10 p.m."

"Scores of people who witnessed the incident were baffled over the sight and many called up the district police headquarters to ask for a clarification."

"A witness, who declined to be named, said the objects appeared to be moving towards each other before disappearing into the night sky."

"The (Malaysian) Department of Civil Aviation in Subang, located 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the incident, said an aircraft was flying in the vicinity at that time."

"The staff running the control room of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)" base near Kuala Lumpur, the national capital, "said they had not received any reports about the sightings. They declined to comment further."

A couple of days later, the Malaysian newspaper The Star reported that it had an answer to the UFO sightings in Petaling Jaya. "UFOs spotted hovering near a Malaysian city turned out to be 'good luck' lanterns."

"Traffic came to a standstill in Petaling Jaya as people stared at the red, orange, pink and white lights."

"But a newspaper reporter followed the UFOs and discovered they were 'good luck' lanterns released from a local temple."

"Wani Mathiah of The Star said the paper lanterns were being released as part of the Chap Goh Meh celebration." (See The Star for February 6, 2001, "Flaming UFOs spotted," and for February 8, 2001, "UFOs were 'good luck' lanterns." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell, John M. Novak and Todd Lemire for these newspaper articles.)

(Editor's Comment: So the Malaysian UFOs were just floating paper lanterns, eh? Then what are we to make of the following report?)

FLIGHT OF ORANGE UFOs PASSES OVER THAILAND

On Friday, February 9, 2001, at 9:30 p.m., Elizabeth Wigg and her husband were walking along a street in Chang Mai, a city in northern Thailand when they spotted some unusual lights approaching from the south.

"We saw approximately seven to ten glowing orange and pink balls in the sky above us," Elizabeth reported, "Very high up in the sky, moving at a very rapid speed, moving towards the north. They were not interacting with each other but moving independently. They were glowing orange and pink--almost a fire colour, and were completely round. "

The UFOs' altitude "was hard to say but when in the sky, they covered about a quarter of our vision (field of view--J.T.) in about a minute, which was how long we watched them before they disappeared behind some office buildings."

Chang Mai is about 375 kilometers (225 miles) north of Bangkok,

the national capital.

(Editor's Comment: Interesting. Another sighting of UFOs in Southeast Asia four days after the event in Petaling Jaya. Were these the Malaysian 'good luck' lanterns traveling hundreds of miles to the northwest against the prevailing wind? Or a flight of UFOs heading back to their base in the Himalayas?)

SKUNK APE PHOTOGRAPHED NEAR SARASOTA, FLORIDA

"Bigfoot researchers are going ape over photographs of a Bigfoot-like creature living near Sarasota, Florida."

"The photos were taken last September (2000) by a 65-year-old woman and shows what appears to be a white-bearded creature that resembles the monster from the 1987 movie Harry and the Hendersons."

"Although the woman's identity is unknown, she sent photos of the so-called 'Skunk Ape' to Sarasota County police and asked them if there had been any reports of missing orangutangs."

"So far, no creatures have been captured, but cryptozoologist Loren Coleman says Sarasota cops have received reports of 'an apelike animal bothering people.'"

"Coleman isn't ruling out a hoax but thinks the photos might be the first true evidence of the Skunk Ape, a smaller version of Bigfoot."

UFO Roundup readers can view and download these Skunk Ape photos by visiting Loren Coleman's website. Set your browser for <http://www.lorencoleman.com> (See the Boca Raton, Fla. Sun-Sentinel for February 10, 2001. Also the Tampa, Fla. Tribune for February 12, 2001. Many thanks to Loren Coleman for these newspaper articles.)

T-SHAPED UFO SIGHTED OVER COLUMBUS, OHIO

On Thursday, February 8, 2001, Stephanie H. and two companions were driving on Highway 2 near Kelso Road in Columbus, Ohio when, she reported, "another person in the car said, 'Is that an airplane?' It was hovering above (the corner of) Hudson Street and Indianola Avenue. It hovered about 10 seconds. Then we tried to get closer and it took off. It was going a bit faster than an airplane would. It was in the shape of a T. It looked a little squared. It had lights hanging from the bottom of the craft. that were giving off light. I am assuming it (the UFO) was black." (Many thanks to Cliff Capers of Skywatch International for this report.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

On Friday, February 9, 2001, at 7:10 a.m., Richard S. spotted a bright cigar-shaped UFO over the Sandia Mountains east of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"At work I have an opportunity to face due east with a clear view of the Sandia Mountains all day long," Richard reported, "Large windows from floor to ceiling. There was heavy gray cloud cover that morning with a patch of blue sky. The sun just peaked over the mountains."

The UFO approached from the northwest, "very high," he added, "A flash out of a patch of high clouds descending into another dark cloud bank. The UFO was higher than 35,000 feet (10,500 meters) greater than 45 degrees (above the horizon--J.T.) dipping to a lower cloud level at an altitude of 25,000 feet (7,500 meters). The sighting lasted no more than two seconds as it dropped into the cloud cover."

Richard described the UFO as "a fat cigar shape with a magnesium flash color, a dark center, a glowing orange border very bright and very large. Its size was approximately that of an eyeglasses nose piece (held) at arm's length." (Email Form Report)

YELLOW UFO HOVERS OVER ECCLES, SUSSEX, UK

On Wednesday, February 2, 2001, at 11:15 p.m., P.Y. was at his

home in Eccles, Sussex, UK when he saw an unusually bright light approaching from the southeast, over the ocean. "It was a yellow light, very bright, shining downwards, surrounded completely by smaller red lights. The whole thing appeared to be circular. It was stationary in the sky for about five minutes and disappeared instantly when car headlights coming up a hill approached it. I would place the height (altitude) at about 1,000 feet as it was visible just above some trees."

He described the UFO as "a very bright yellow light, circular in shape, surrounded by six to eight smaller red lights which appeared to be joined to the main light."

"There are no street lights of any kind in that direction as I live in the countryside and that direction is the sea approximately four miles (6 kilometers) away. I am a 57-year-old man and not given to fancies and certainly not tired or drunk. I do believe I have seen something unusual." (Email Form Report)

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA

"Older residents call it a 'strange light phenomenon' but younger ones straightforwardly classify it as a UFO. At least ten residents of" of the barrio Oro Blanco in the city of Saenz Pena in northern Argentina "agree that for the past four days, between midnight and 1 a.m., luminous boldly-colored objects have been flying over the area at low altitude."

Saenz Pena is just south of the border with Paraguay and is located about 520 kilometers (312 miles) north of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

"According to the locals, the color and movement of the objects do not correspond to that of a satellite or an airplane nor any other commonly-sighted object. An older woman living on Calle 19 (street) in Oro Blanco claims having seen them since last Tuesday and Wednesday (February 6 and 7, 2001) and the last time others saw the object was on Friday (February 9, 2001)."

"Now people are meeting every night at the same time on this city block in order to see the lights and try to figure out what is happening. Skeptics are also invited to join in so they could see with their own eyes."

"'It flew very low, didn't come from a high elevation, looked like a large star but at low altitude,--it became larger later on. It appeared from the south and headed northwards. It then began to rise until it became smaller as if suddenly going upward and becoming a tiny little star,' said Rodolfo Acosa, pointing to the horizon and describing what he claims to have seen on Friday," February 9, 2001.

"On Thursday, (February 8, 2001) residents claimed having seen something similar to what would be seen the following day but traveling in an opposite direction."

"'It began about 12:45 a.m. and it traveled from east to west. It looked like a luminous ball, much larger than a star and flying at low altitude,' another witness remarked."

"They finally realized that it could not be an airplane since they were familiar with airplane flight times, and these lights were perfectly distinguishable from aircraft, they noted, 'One night, the airplane was up front and the object was following from behind. Furthermore, the airplane was flying much faster,' remarked young Maria Lujan."

"Residents of Oro Blanco took advantage of the presence of an expert, Senor Galvan, who works at the airport control tower., and he told them--according to the locals--that people had been calling the airport and reporting the same phenomenon for several nights."

"'They say it's a research satellite or something like that but, but what happens is that it doesn't always keep to the same orbit. One day it's going in one direction, and the next day it's going in another. It appears with a 20 to 25 minute time difference more or less, and it is also extremely shiny,' remarked another resident named Acosta." (See the Argentinean newspaper Diario Norte de Chaco for February 11, 2001, "Alleged

UFO causes stir in Saenz Pena." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, y tambien Gloria Coluchi para ese articulo de diario.)

MYSTERIOUS PREHISTORIC BONES FOUND IN AUSTRALIA

"Reports have been received of very old human remains found near Lake Mungo," New South Wales, Australia, "that supposedly are quite distinct and separate in their DNA from all other known human populations."

The remains "presumably represent a population even more ancient than 'African Eve.'"

"The remains are thought to be hundreds of thousands of years old. Scientists have managed to extract DNA. They have come to the conclusion that they have found a fully human person who is not genetically similar to anyone else who is alive today. All human beings alive today can be traced by mitochondrial DNA to a single human female living in Africa about 200,000 years ago."

(Editor's Comment: If the Australian find needs a name, how about Mungo Jerry?)

The Australian find "is not part of the 'genetic lineage'." The scientists have tentatively concluded that that there were entire human populations tens of thousands of years ago who have completely died out leaving no trace."

Some theorists believe that the remains may belong to the Yowie, a black-furred hominid, smaller than Bigfoot, that has been seen from time to time in the Australian Outback.

Another theory is that "Mungo Jerry" might be a member of the prehistoric population of Australia that was wiped out during the Deluge.

Most people are familiar with the story of Noah's Ark from the Bible. Yet there are ancient stories of a worldwide flood all over the world. Here are a few:

Greece--According to the sage Apollodorus, Deucalion was the king of Pithia, just south of Thessaly. He married Pyrrha, the daughter of Epimetheus and Pandora. Warned by the gods of Olympus that Earth was about to be destroyed by a gigantic flood, he built a small wooden ark for himself and Pyrrha, rode out the Deluge and landed on Mount Parnassus.

Sumeria (modern Iraq)--Ut-napishtim was warned of the Deluge by the god Enki. He built an ark even bigger than Noah's, square in shape, loaded aboard his wives, children, grandchildren and every animal he could find. His ark touched down on Mount Nisir in Iran.

(Editor's Comment: History majors, it's pop quiz time. For extra academic credit, see if you can answer the following two questions. The answers are at the end of this story.

(1) What city did Ut-napishtim come from?

(2) What was the name of Ut-napishtim's father?)

India--According to the Satapatma Brahmana, Manu the fisherman caught a small fish that spoke to him in a human voice. The fish said it was the god Vishnu and--you guessed it--the world was about to be destroyed by a giant flood. With his children Mitra and Varuna, Manu built a huge square ark and rode out the Deluge, ending up on a mountaintop in the Himalayas.

Burma (modern Myanmar)--Nan-chaung and his sister-wife, Chang-ko were at the pagoda when a god appeared and told them to build a large covered boat because the Deluge was coming. They, too, landed in the Himalayas.

Mexico--Teocipactli and his wife Xochiquetzal were at the now-vanished temple of Adkulel north of Lake Texcoco. The god Tlaloc appeared to them and warned of a gigantic flood that would sweep over the country and destroy the wicked city of Cholula.

The aboriginal tribes of Australia have similar Deluge legends. According to the Kurnai people of Victoria state and the Narrinyeri people of South Australia, there was a black-skinned race living on the island continent before the great flood, and these people built cities in western New South Wales, just north of the Victoria state line.

The god Bunjil appeared to Nepelle and his three wives. He said the gods had decided to destroy the evil cities and told the quartet to flee to the south and not to stop until they reached the coast. Nepelle and his women took refuge on Point Macleay. They remained there until Borun the pelican told them that land had dried out enough to walk safely upon. The four trekked north after the flood and their descendants repopulated Australia.

Is "Mungo Jerry" one of the "Old Race?" It's a possibility. (See Folklore and Legends of Some Victoria Tribes by Mrs. Mary E.B. Hewitt. Many thanks to T. Peter Park for this story.)

(Editor's Comment: And here's the answers to our Sumerian pop quiz.

(1) Shurruapak, one of the seven antediluvian cities of Sumer.

(2) Dad's name was Ubar-Tutu.

And if you haven't read Epic of Gilgamesh yet, you had better do so before finals.)

EGYPT UNVEILS MORE PREHISTORIC MYSTERIES

Conventional archaeology teaches that Egyptian civilization began with the Old Kingdom around 2700 B.C. But recent finds are showing that the civilization may actually be millennia older.

At the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Reno, Nevada last November (2000), Dr. Robert Schoch delivered a 15-minute address on Further Evidence Supporting a Pre-2500 B.C. Date for the Great Sphinx of Giza, Egypt.

Dr. Schoch pointed out that limestone in the burial shaft of Queen Khent-icaus near the Red Pyramid at Dhashur showed evidence of severe weathering by torrential rains. The shaft may actually have been constructed prior to 6000 B.C. The Egyptians of the queen's reign (circa 2300 B.C.) might have re-discovered the existing shaft and lowered the queen's mummy to the bottom.

Further south, in Egypt's Eastern Desert, "a British team, led by world-famous digger David Rohl, found 6,000-year-old carvings on rocks, boulders and cliff faces showing what everyday life, special ceremonies and religious beliefs were like in ancient, ancient Egypt--the much-wondered-about time before the Great Pyramid of Giza was built in 2700 B.C."

"Until the last two or three years, people had only been looking in the Nile valley, not considering what might be out in the desert, particularly as it seems so inaccessible and inhospitable today," says Dr. Toby Wilkinson, an Egyptologist from Christ's College, Cambridge, UK., who recently led a group of experts around the area dubbed the Eastern Desert Survey."

"No one had stopped to think that it might have been different thousands of years ago. In this last trip along, we discovered 30 new sites!" he added.

Some of the prehistoric rock art the Eastern Desert Survey has turned up is truly amazing. Paintings show religious ceremonies and large oarboat galleys, propelled by fifty slaves, which carried on a thriving trade on the Nile. These galleys appear to have brought the wealth of central Africa into Egypt--gold, tropical fruits, live animals and lumber. (Editor's Comment: What really interested me was the painting of a warrior with an upraised shield. The painting dates from between 6000 and 5000 B.C. The very same image is found on the cylinder seals of ancient Mohenjo-daro in Pakistan and also on the rongo-rongo boards of Easter Island. Now I'm starting to wonder if this universal symbol might be an astrological sign--a representation of the constellation Orion. Perhaps Dr. Wilkinson and his team have found a prehistoric Egyptian calendar.)

"These drawings are the Sistine Chapel of pre-dynastic Egypt," he added.

"The drawings depict a nomadic people who roamed the land with their cattle. Contrary to the uninhabited nothingness that exists today, the Egypt of 6,000 years ago (4000 B.C.) was covered with rivers, lakes and streams where the people had their cattle drink.

"The etchings also show hippos and giraffes and an array of other beasts that populated the fertile, vegetation-rich land."

"And there are lots of boats but not primitive dugout canoes--the vessels are elaborate and technologically advanced, giving shocked archaeologists a glimpse of a past they never suspected."

(Editor's Comment: So it looks like Texas author Robert E. Howard (1906-1936) was right about his supposed "Hyborian Age," at least in Egypt.)

'These drawings have huge significance,' says Dr. Wilkinson. 'Before we found them, there was a missing link between ancient Egypt and what went before.'

"We can also see a direct link between this religious art and the religious art of the Pharaohs 3,000 years later."

"These drawings mean that we can no longer believe that Egyptian culture sprang from nowhere. They are forcing us to rethink the origins of that ancient civilization and their entire lifestyle, a culture developed long before we had originally thought." (See Atlantis Rising for February 2001, "New evidence for much earlier dawn of Egyptian civilization, presented to American Geologists," page 10; and the tabloid National Examiner for January 30, 2001, "Discovered: Egypt before the Pharaohs," pages 46 and 47.)

ATLANTIS FERRIES DISCOVERY TO THE SPACE STATION

"Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off Wednesday," February 7, 2000, "with the most expensive and pivotal piece of the International Space Station--a \$1.4 billion science lab."

"Atlantis and its crew of five soared into a clear sky at 6:13 p.m. with a rising full moon providing a gleaming backdrop."

Crew members included shuttle commander Kenneth Cockrell, pilot Mark Polansky, and mission specialists Robert Curbeam, Marsha Ivins and Thomas Jones.

"You got a good day to go fly," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts moments before liftoff. 'We wish you luck as you deliver the heart and soul of the International Space Station. And have fun.'"

Nestled in Atlantis's cargo bay was the "crown jewel" of the ISS, also known as Station Alpha. This was the 16-ton \$1.4 billion orbital laboratory called Destiny.

"The lab is shaped like a soda can but in size and surface--28 feet long (8 meters) long with a shiny aluminum coating, resembles an old (1948 Airstream) travel trailer."

Destiny weighed so much that it had to be stripped of its scientific equipment for this flight. The equipment will go aloft on the next shuttle flight. The "soda can" is also so large that it had only a couple of inches' clearance between its surface and the gunwales of the shuttle's cargo bay.

"Destiny is 28 feet (8 meters) long, 14 feet (4 meters) in diameter, and weighs more than 30,000 pounds and is made of up of 415,000 parts and 26 miles (42 kilometers) of wiring."

"The lab is being sent up with only five of its 23 'racks,' coat-closet shaped units that can be slid into and out of the lab's walls for easy replacement. The first five racks contain only basic utilities" needed to get the lab operational.

Atlantis, with Polansky on the flight deck, caught up with

Station Alpha on Friday, February 8, 2001. The station was orbiting Earth at an altitude of 220 miles (352 kilometers).

On Saturday, February 10, 2001, mission specialist Marsha Ivins had the most critical task. As operator of the shuttle's cargo arm, she had to ease Destiny ever so slowly out of the cargo bay, swing it into position and attach the cylinder-shaped lab to its station berth. Ivins told Voice of America that she had repeated dreams about this agonizingly precise maneuver in the days before launch. Yet the difficult maneuver proceeded without any serious difficulties. (See USA Today for February 6, 2001, "Shuttle will deliver floating lab," page 5A, and for February 8, 2001, "Shuttle totes space station's 'crown jewel,' page 7A.

From the UFO Files...

1960: UPPER MICHIGAN'S STRANGE SPOOK LIGHT

"Dusk creeps slowly along the forested road near Dog Meadow between the sleepy villages of Watersmeet and Paulding in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. After the tourists have visited the waterfalls at Bond Falls Flowage and the casino in Watersmeet, they park their cars along Robbins Road in the Ottawa National Forest and gaze down the power line paralleling the old highway that still bears evidence of a long-abandoned railroad grade. They are waiting for the Paulding Light that regularly seems to dance along the wires of the tall power lines."

"Then a pinpoint-like firefly appears in the darkness, wavering, growing in brilliance and size, following the wires. The light swings erratically, then disappears. Occasionally smaller red lights appear and fade. All is silent except for the whispers of tourists and wind in the pines."

"Although most people refer to the Paulding Light in the singular, the lights do not limit themselves to to one occurrence a night, or indeed may not show up at all."

"There are almost as many theories as there are visitors, including that it might be distant headlights from traffic on U.S. (Route) 45," said Paul Blettner, Assistant District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service, Watersmeet Ranger Station. He said visitors should be given the option to choose whatever explanation they prefer."

"Residents do not recall when the wavering lights were first seen. More than thirty years ago, local teens were thrilling tourists with tales of the light they said followed the lines all the way from Cemetery Road in the distant hills to Dog Meadow. Girls squealed and grabbed their dates in terror. Boys heroically offered protection in their waiting arms. The best place to hear the stories of the Paulding Light is while standing alongside the road south of Big Rock as twilight slides into full darkness."

"Some say the eerie light is the ghost of the pioneer mailman who delivered the mail up and down the old route to Green Bay, Wisconsin. He ran the winter trail by dogsled. One snowy morning, when the mail was late, they found him and his dogs, with throats slashed, sprawled beside the sled. The spot where this grisly murder took place is called Dog Meadow to this day. Legend says the lights are those of the murdered mailman, returning night after night to gather up his dogs."

"The Forest Service tells a similar tale. A nearby sign reads"

PAULDING LIGHT

This is the location from which the famous Paulding Light can be observed. Legend explains its presence as a railroad brakeman's ghost destined to remain forever at the site of his untimely death. He continually waves his signal lantern as a warning to all who come to visit. To observe the phenomenon, park along this forest road facing north. The light will appear each evening in the distance along the power line right-of-way.

"Others agree the light is a lantern but claim the railroad man was the engineer...He still returns at twilight searching for his soul."

"Other folks lean toward the tale of Pancake Joe. Pancake ran a

pool hall in the nearby village of Watersmeet. He saved enough money to buy a rock farm at Paulding along the old Military Road. Life was good for old Pancake until the power lines went through, and he fought it all the way. Folks say he is still fighting, climbing the poles most every night to dance up and down the lines, raising sparks and scaring folks."

"I have noticed that the longer our visitors have lingered in Jarvi's Bar down in the valley, the brighter the lights seem to be," one long-time resident said."

"Visitors who return during the daylight hours see only forest, power lines and the boulder called Big Rock, where the road curves before ducking down into the valley. One piece of (local) literature gives directions on how to approach the spot where the light appears--'Approximately four miles north of Watersmeet on Highway 45, Robbins Pond Road. Stop at the top of the second hill, park and wait and watch!'"

"Residents find the light quite comforting. They blame it for everything from uncooperative weather to car problems, cranky spouses and even an occasional spell of poor fishing." (See the book Haunts of the Upper Great Lakes by Dixie Franklin, Thunder Bay Press, , Grand Rapids, Mich., 1997, pages 3 to 9.)

That's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
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>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
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>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

>A couple of days ago, I issued a post exposing evident
>distortion of reality from the parts of Santilli and Hesemann.
>Mind you, I did not engage in philosophical debate, conjectures
>or speculations. Only facts.

>I got zero argumentation from AA film proponents.

Serge,

Why don't you buy a copy of the AA CDs and then we can continue this discussion?

I can't answer for Ray and Ray obviously doesn't want to be part of this. All I can tell you is that while my dealings with Ray have been, at times, frustrating, I never felt he was being dishonest nor did I get the feeling that he could ever commit a fraud.

He doesn't like the way he's been treated and portrayed by folks who don't have the slightest idea of what he's all about. Ray is convinced that the AA is authentic and he thinks we've missed the boat by not believing his simple story. I have his first on-line interview and the essential points have not change since then: Ray bought twenty -two rolls of film from the cameraman, financed by Volker. He promised he would not reveal the cameraman's identity and he admits to being deceptive, but only to misdirect investigators away from the cameraman. Ray then had the footage processed and soon presented it to the world. (Do you know that he showed it to the US Congress?)

Then Truly Dangerous Company came on the scene, and the rest, as they say, is history. As much as I'd like to I don't have the time to rehash the history of the AA. While I haven't hidden my views on the subject, I've only asked folks to keep an open mind, because we intend to present new evidence.

Your views are also clear and I respect your right to hold them. As I said, time will tell which of us is correct.

I don't quite understand the reaction to our AA CD offering.

I haven't had one order, at least not one legitimate order. I'm giving a few copies to folks who have supplied me with information, but I thought I'd have forty or fifty researchers from the list take a look.

I think you'll be absolutely amazed at the quality. It's by far the most interesting and compelling footage I've ever viewed.

The CDs are easy to install and are quickly opened with most media players.

We'd like to have as many UFO researchers viewing the footage and related Ft Worth photos as possible. Then we can begin to

discuss what we observe.

Ed

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 09:42:25 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 12:13:28 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Richard Hall responded to my comments about the ET hypothesis:

>>Richard Hall, who maintains a confidential email address, has
>>written to me as follows:

>>I agree completely with your statement of today (Feb. 10)
>>about ET hypothesis as the most reasonable one given what
>>we know, but not necessarily the final answer. Since Dennis
>>Stacy has "taken our names in vain" with the apparent
>>epithet (or at least the uncomplimentary connotation) of
>>being "ET believers" we should challenge Dennis to say what
>>is wrong about exploring the ET hypothesis and identifying
>>oneself with the viewpoint that this is a reasonable thing
>>to do, and also ask him what are his "acceptable
>>hypotheses?"

Dennis responded,

>The ETH "as the most reasonable one given what we know"?

>What is it, exactly, that we know again, just to refresh my
>memory?

>Don't mean to be totally flip, but I'm busy tonight. Will try to
>answer at greater length tomorrow.

>But if you're both making preponderance of evidence arguments
>for something, then what Something are you arguing for if not
>the something of ET visitation as a fact, albeit one
>unrecognized by science at large?>

>If you're not actively leaning towards ET-contact as an
>established fact for UFO reports, then it's incumbent on you to
>supply alternative explanantions/scenarios, not me. In the
>meantime, I read you both as being extremely in favor of the ET
>as Fact Hypothesis (ETFH).

>Rather than me convincing you of my position, I would like to be
>convinced of yours. Any takers?

Gee, Dennis, you have a short memory. So I'll repost what I
wrote:

The first paragraph discusses the ETH:

>I'll let the others in the list speak for themselves, should
>they so desire. As for me and the ETH, I have said that it seems

>to me to be the simplest explanation - the easiest to
>understand - in the sense that I can imagine us going "there"
>(human transport to other planets). The argument against this is
>not based on physics but on sociology: who would want to spend
>many of years traveling from one solar system to another? If
>there is a desire or need, lifespans notwithstanding,
>representatives of the human race could go there... hence they
>could come here. That is the ETH based on what we already know
>(e.g., nuclear rockets, perhaps photon rockets, to travel at a
>goodly speed).

The next paragraph refers to alternates:

>However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals such as
>dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these days from
>theoretical physics i.e, superstring theory, that says there are
>other dimensions "close" to ours in an overall 11 or more
>dimensional "multiverse.") Dimensional travel theories can work
>in one of two ways: transport from a completely different 4-D
>universe into our universe or transport from one point in our
>4-D universe to another point in our 4-D universe by going
>through a 5th (or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This
>latter transport could explain "faster than light" travel.

>Some have suggested time travel by itself: the aliens wouldn't
>have to "go anywhere" in terms of 3-D distance, but merely go
>back in time to our time.

>These theories rely on suppositions about phenomena (dimensions,
>time) for which we have scant evidence, if any. That's why I say
>the ETH is the easiest to understand from our present point of
>view about nature. That doesn't mean it is necessarily the
>correct solution.

The following paragraph alludes to "what we know," which was the
subject of you request. I suppose I should have said... "what I
know".... namely that there are unexplained sightings which are
highly suggestive of craft controlled by Other Intelligences:

>Of course, this reasoning refers to the sightings/reports which
>describe clearly some strange craftlike objects observed to do
>"impossible" things. Skeptics would say there are no such
>sightings, so why theorize? They would say simply assign all
>sightings to one of three classes: misidentification (of known,
>although perhaps rare phenomena or known phenomena seen under
>unusual conditions), hoax, delusion.

>I don't know whether Dennis accepts any sighting with lies
>outside these three categories, or, if so, what the
>characteristics of the reported object/phenomenon might be, But
>for me, it has been proved that:

>A) Something strange has been really flying around and it lies
>outside those three identification (i.e., TRUFOS - true UFOs)>>

>B) Many TRUFO sightings appear to have been caused by strange
>craft/objects flying (or landed) within the sight of witness(es).

>See: <http://brumac.8k.com>

So, Dennis, are there any unexplained sightings which you accept
as being indicative of solid objects... craft... created by
non-humans (other intelligences)?

If not, we may as well end this discussion because I feel no
need to iterate for the n'th time sightings which cannot be
explained by known./conventional/unusual but natural, and
unintelligent, etc. phenomena. If you believe that there is no
such sighting then I presume you can offer convincing
explanations for all the sightings listed on my web site
(above).

(NOTE: one may not be able to determined whether or not an
explanation is correct, but one decide whether or not an
explanation is convincing. Although "convincing" is
subjective.... resides in the mind of the beholder... one can
certainly establish "relative convincingsness" of various
explanations... and reject those that make little or no sense in
the context of the sighting.)

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Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Fleming

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>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In - Young

>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 20:35:05 -0600
>>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: Cydonia Heavyweight Weighs-In
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Most lunar craters are made by meteoric impact, not by
>>volcanoes. Neither types of crater are so common in the Northern
>>Hemisphere on Mars that you could expect to have one of the
>>right size and shape showing up just where you "need" an eye to
>>be.

>Whoa, Lan, you've got this reasoning exactly backwards. If a
>volcano looks like an "eye", than any volcano would end up
>being just where one "needs" and eye. Hi, Lan, John, All:

So volcanic vents magically appear where you want them to? This is what you are implying. I tend to believe they appear more or less at random in such a way that the probability of their appearance at any given location can be determined before the fact. If there are any volcanic vents (eye-shaped or otherwise) in Cydonia, they seem to be pretty scarce. The only candidate seems to be located in a very small area of the Face landform exactly where an eye-shaped cavity would be expected if the artificiality hypothesis were correct.

It would be one thing to look for "eyes" in an image of Mars and then go fishing for nearby features that could be mentally forced into a perception of a face, but that isn't at all the case here. What we have is some low-resolution Viking images taken a quarter century ago that showed a face-like landform. The "skeptical" assertion was that features such as the one corresponding to an eye socket was just a trick of light and shadow and would go away in higher resolution images. That assertion has been proven false in this case. There is a real, eye-shaped feature there.

The way the game of science is supposed to be played is that when a hypothesis makes a successful a priori prediction of something for which the null hypothesis only assigns a very low probability, then the hypothesis wins the game (but not necessarily the set or match). According to those rules, the artificiality hypothesis has one a big one and the null hypothesis has lost. But you don't seem to want to play by those rules.

>Take a look at one on the Moon, Hyginus, from the Consolidated
>Lunar Atlas:

><http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/pub/research/cla/images/img/D12.jpg>

>Or another view from the Lunar Orbiter Photo Atlas:

>http://www.lpi.usra.edu/research/lunar_orbiter/img/4-97H1.jpg

I don't really know what significance you attach to these images. They appear to me to show a lot of lunar impact craters, none of them corresponding very well to the feature in question.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

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>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 19:37:21 -0600

>No? OK. Let's try some of those:

>A Helicopter-UFO Encounter over Ohio
>http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Zeidman/toc.html

>Greenwich, Summer 1956
>UFO was tracked by air traffic control radar (GCA) at two USAF-
>RAF stations, with apparently corresponding visual sightings
><http://www.ncas.org/condon/text/case02.htm>

>Read only those two.

>Find an original explanation, e.g. one that has not been found
>yet, because the cases remain unexplained.

>Write a maximum of 100 lines for each case. Consider all the
>data and post it.

>Please don't sleep on the switch and come up with the usual BS.
>Keep in mind that there are more than 2000 rare diseases in the
>US affecting less than .1% of the population. Using the same
>reasoning, don't play ostrich with explained/unexplained ratios.

>Your work will be evaluated on its merits. Menzelian
>explanations and Klassic approaches are thus implicitly banned.
>Dodging of facts, doctoring of information, cheap shots,
>voluntary stupidity, wishful thinking, selective amnesia,
>omission of data and gullibility will only give you a score of
>0/100 and a dreadful 'F'.

>In some circles, this might bring you to stardom, but consider
>it an intellectual suicide for an honest man.

>Did I tell you these are the first two cases you'll have to
>work on? There is more to do once you've finished working on
>them.

>Take your time.

>You wouldn't want to botch the job, would you?

Serge,

Love you, too! Smooch! (Between the two of us.)

Answer to your first question:

Was there any radar confirmation in the Coyne case??

No, but radar confrirmaionin he second?

Aw, crap, Windows is such a oiece if mess.

Will respond late if so inclined.

Windows sux!

Dennis

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AUFORN QLD First Meeting for 2001

From: **Diane Harrison - Director AUFORN** <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 13:55:17 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 10:17:37 -0500
Subject: AUFORN QLD First Meeting for 2001

Australia

AUFORN QLD First Meeting for 2001

Public Meet February 16th 2001
This Friday:

AUFORN Qld public meeting will
now be held at the:

Salisbury Community Center
183 Lillian Avenue
Salisbury.

Start Time 7.30 p.m going to till late

Tea and Coffee included
and a light snack.

The meeting will cover UFO event's which have happened
since our last meeting in November 2000 to now 2001.

- (1) We will be discussing the AUFORN investigators course for 2001 for new and old investigators.
- (2) We will be organising our Camp Outs for the rest of the year.
- (3) We will be discussing UFO case being investigated at present.
- (4) We will have update information regarding the bringing down of the Russian Space Station MIR into the Pacific Ocean of Australia and up todate UFO news from around the world.

It will be a jammed packed night of information sharing, we hope you can make it, all are welcome!

Contact details
Diane Harrison
Tel 07 38088567
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Regards Diane Harrison
National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
Australian Skywatch Director

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Re: Greys - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 00:15:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 10:21:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - Aldrich

>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:06:00 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Subject: Re: Greys

>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Greys

>>>MTVM wrote:

>>>The Greys are Demons. Do not post pictures of them or God
>>>will shred your little soul like confetti and torch you in
>>>a Hell-fire.

>>>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

>Larry, you realize that I have to send an electronic postcard to
>MTVM now with nice Grey artwork, don't you.

>:)

>Sean KAPRA

Sean,

Shame, shame, didn't you parents teach to not to tease caged
animals. MTVM is caged in a brain with really confined space and
no sense of humor. <G>

Jan Aldrich

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Re: AA Film Redux - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 08:46:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 10:25:30 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Friedman

>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 10:08:35 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: William Sawyer <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 18:17:51 +1300
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Sawwer

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 21:57:58 EST
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, Robert wrote:

>>>As for the cameraman, if and when a warm body shows up that
>>>claims to be the cameraman, his story can be examined. Until then
>>>all anybody has is absolutly nothing.

>William replied:

>>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>>statement, Rays statements, even tho' he's a businessman and
>>guilty of minimising the extent of our communities microscopic
>>analysis of his words in this effort to turn a profit in his
>>Business.. Not UFOlogy!

><snip>

>>I don't think anyone is calling everyone liars. I feel Ed is
>>stating that we are all guilty of various untruths at some
>>time. C'mon on.

>Hi, William!

>I have tried to extract myself from this discussion so that it
>would pass on. However, it is time for a reality check. First
>off when you say:

>>Not quite true... there is the film/video, the cameramans
>>statement, Rays statements,...

>This would mean something positive only if:

>1) AA were viewed off of camera original footage and not a video
>tape. This has not happened.

>2) Ray would offer up the evidence that would validate his
>claims. This has not happened.

>3) There was any evidence that the alleged cameraman even
>existed. This has not happened.

>At this point, therefore, Robert Gates is absolutely correct.
>The proponents of AA have nothing in their corner other than
>zealous rationalizations about something that they already

>believe in; proof be damned.

>As far as who or who is not a liar; Ray has made claims and
>money off of AA without lifting one little finger to
>substantiate what could possibly be the most important footage
>since the Zapruder home movie. What I find ironic is how
>believers in AA spend incredible amounts of energy and time
>looking for and rationalizing the most insignificant of
>subjective evidence in support of AA while ignoring more obvious
>signs of a scam as outlined in points 1,2 and 3, above.

>Ultimately, the movie has already ended, the lights have come up
>and AA supporters sit waiting for a happy ending long after
>everyone else has left the theater in disgust. A glance about
>finds Santilli's seat suspiciously empty, as well, having long
>vacated it in favor of the ticket booth to count his profits.

Ray Santilli has indeed lied often as I noted in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. He claimed in our first conversation that Harry Truman was visible in the footage, that he had shown that Truman was in Dallas at the time of the autopsy, that he had verified that with the Truman Library, that the film had been dated by Kodak , etc.. He later said the film had been shot by Jack Barnett, the first cinematographer to film Elvis. Barnett (who indeed filmed Elvis) was never in the military, died in the late 1960s.

Truman isn't in the film and was not in NM or TX June-October 1947. Ray then switched and said it was on the way to Ottawa. That was a train trip in mid-June and a very public one. Ottawa is 400 Miles N. of DC with Dallas 1200 miles SW. and these are just for starters. Yes, I did meet in person with Ray twice besides the phone calls. He lied.

Stan Friedman

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 08:57:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 10:40:20 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 16:39:30 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

Previously. Serge wrote:

>>A couple of days ago, I issued a post exposing evident
>>distortion of reality from the parts of Santilli and Hesemann.
>>Mind you, I did not engage in philosophical debate, conjectures
>>or speculations. Only facts.

>>I got zero argumentation from AA film proponents.

Ed writes:

>Why don't you buy a copy of the AA CDs and then we can continue
>this discussion?

>I can't answer for Ray and Ray obviously doesn't want to be part
>of this. All I can tell you is that while my dealings with Ray
>have been, at times, frustrating, I never felt he was being
>dishonest nor did I get the feeling that he could ever commit a
>fraud.

>He doesn't like the way he's been treated and portrayed by folks
>who don't have the slightest idea of what he's all about. Ray is
>convinced that the AA is authentic and he thinks we've missed
>the boat by not believing his simple story.

Hi all,

After much brow beating, spanning more than a week or so, I finally agreed to look at Ed's CDs. As I figured, he immediately emailed me with excuses about not being very technical, not completely understanding how to make a CD copy, etc. I am still waiting for the CD's of his footage, all the time wondering why he doesn't just make a VHS and send it to me, instead. After all, VHS is still going to be better than an MPEG video on a CD and any idiot can make a VHS copy.

Just how prepared were you for people to accept your challenge of looking at the footage, Ed?

Roger

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Argentina: UFOs Over Saenz Pena

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 14:01:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 18:23:23 -0500
Subject: Argentina: UFOs Over Saenz Pena

SOURCE: Diario "Norte" de Chaco (Argentina)
DATE: Monday, February 12, 2001

NEW UFO ACCOUNTS FROM SAENZ PENA

SAENZ PEÑA, (Agency)-- As of this week, more residents of Saenz Pena will turn their attention heavenwards at night due to the phenomena witnessed by residents of the Oro Blanco sector, who claim having seen a strange light in the sky since Tuesday last week. In an effort to identify the alleged UFOs, residents of Resistencia have added themselves to the effort, visiting the city's air traffic control tower to identify the objects from that location.

It has become a tradition in Oro Blanco to wait for the flying object's passing -- resembling a large luminous ball flying at low altitude and speed, making movements which are not typical of aircraft or other known vehicles. These characteristics arise from the testimony of locals who have become frequent witnesses to the passing of these UFOs and whose stories have appeared in NORTE newspaper.

On midnite on Saturday, a group of residents of Oro Blanco, a neighborhood located behind this city's sports complex, gathered to see the luminous object once more, but the overcast skies hampered their viewing. In spite of this, they pointed out that they would meet again today or in coming days to scan the skies once more.

These UFO sightings were allegedly confirmed by one of the employees of the airport control tower who also lives in Oro Blanco. He further told his neighbors that the city air facility has been receiving phone calls since last Tuesday from persons asking if the strange lights were those of an airplane.

In this regard, Rodolfo Acosta, one of the residents who is most enthusiastic about the UFO sightings, noted that technicians from Resistencia would visit the area in an effort to identify the UFOs through the use of optical equipment.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 20:26:34 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 18:31:03 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Roberts

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:15:58 EST
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

In response to Serge S., Brad wrote:

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>years earlier to the Condon Committee. They claim the RAF man's
>testimony discredits the USAF man's account.

Oh dear! Freddie Wimbledon's account of the events is purely contributory to the wealth of new evidence on this case Brad. And you evidence for us trying to 'turn' Wimbledon? Don't be silly - prove what you say. Have you spoken to Wimbledon, Brad? Or Perkins? Or anyone else directly involved in the case? No?

Thought not.

To say this case has been around in the public domain since the late '60s and considering the amount of type Brad has wasted on it one would be tempted to suggest that he might have actually done some investigation. Exchanging letters with people does not constitute investigating Brad - getting out there and talking to the people involved, face to face, as we have done with the four Venom crew (who were in the air, scrambled by Wimbledon) is far more profitable. It also helps if you peruse the documentary evidence, available in places where that sort of thing is available.

So, for now - excited as you are Brad - you'll just have to wait. We're baking an exceedingly fine cake and like any good master bakers we don't want to spoil it until the icing on the word 'Judy' has set firm.

Perhaps - just for fun and, as Jerry says, a 'challenge' - perhaps you'd like to step up to the line and, quite clearly, state exactly what about the Lakenheath case you still find remarkable in any way.

Back to the master baking.

Over to you Brad.

Happy Trails

Andy

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George Adamski?

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 00:13:16 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 19:04:14 -0500
Subject: George Adamski?

Hi list,

Does anyone out there have a 1953/54, i.e. first edition copy of Desmond Leslie's book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed?' If so you may be able to help with a question that I have...

Thanks.

Gary Anthony

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From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 09:52:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 13:43:46 -0500
Subject: INEXPLICATA #8 (Spring 2001) On Line

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Alien Conspiracy - 'Kingdom Come'

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 10:36:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 13:44:06 -0500
Subject: Alien Conspiracy - 'Kingdom Come'

EBK and listers,

Has anyone read 'Kingdom Come' by Jim Hougan? I am about 1/3 of the way through it and just completed a scene which combines Roswell, BVM, Crop Circles, nvCJD, Cattle Mutes, etc. into one big conspiracy package. Although it wasn't intended to be funny, I blew coffee through my nose at the description of *the* Alien Autopsy film embedded into this spy adventure.

If you haven't read it, you probably should; but, don't tell me how it ends!

See:

http://www.crescentblues.com/2_6issue/kingdom_come.shtml or

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345433246/qid=982335090/sr=1-5/ref=sc_b_5/102-5325518-9265755

I got it as a book on tape from my local library.

Terry

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Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:51:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 13:53:09 -0500
Subject: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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<snip>

Hi,

Brad's ideas are absurd (and 100% wrong). Such notions that we
are somehow 'turning' witnesses explains why we decided some
time ago not to prematurely discuss what was emerging on the
Lakenheath 1956 case but to instead produce a full report with
all the facts and the various i's dotted and t's crossed.

We have almost done that now and any person who will let the
facts speak for themselves will be surprised to see the way the
case unwinds.

The purpose of this message is merely to note the following.

Whilst Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke and Paul Fuller have been chasing up and finding a lot of vital new data from other sources on the case, the actual contact with the former RAF 'radar' commander to which Brad Sparks refers - the man who actually scrambled the two venoms in 1956 - has thus far entirely been conducted by myself.

So the accusations he makes about 'debunkers' pushing this man have to be personally levelled at me.

I have had lengthy conversations with this witness, we have exchanged several letters and he has supplied copious documentation. By this process we have gradually clarified a number of points that mesh well with the data Andy, Dave and Paul have uncovered. But at no time have I made any effort to distort his testimony. In fact it was he who shared his pointed views about this case with me - not the other way around - as the record will more than prove.

Far from being a debunking exercise this has been a fact gathering mission - something Ufology could have done on this case many years ago.

I take considerable offence at the wild suggestion that I have made the slightest attempt to 'turn' this witness. I let him tell me his story and gradually clarified his arguments .

Indeed - by delicious irony - I have been the only one of the four involved in this case to have retained a view that something unexplained might have occurred that night. In fact so much so that right up until this week I was arguing against one explanation with my co-researchers - as they will all attest.

I was doing so - it transpired - from a faulty premise. I now accept that they were probably right and I was probably wrong.

We have also covered ourselves from the inevitable charges of seeking to distort the evidence - which were sadly predictable . Having to think that far ahead and be ready to respond to the backlash from Ufology is a key reason why it has taken so long to get to publishing this report.

If we could have expected a fair hearing where facts are what count and Ufologists judge those facts on their merits rather than raise up clad in the armour of prejudice against evil hordes of 'debunkers' out to destroy the subject then we probably could have done this more rapidly.

Those of you who have been sitting patiently waiting - if you value facts, first hand research and a true insight into a famous case then you will not be disappointed.

And for the record I am certainly not a debunker. I still think that there are unsolved cases and novel phenomena behind some events. But you have to view the evidence for each case as it stands individually and say so when any case clearly fails.

Lakenheath 1956 is far from the case we all once thought it was.

But clinging to it as a definitive moment in UFO history (as I once thought it was) is simply not going to be credible any more. Nobody is more sorry to have to accept that than I am. But wishful thinking and what I'd like to be true will always lose out to what the facts decree in how I see the way to do UFO investigation.

Hopefully many of you will come to accept that too and move on.

Getting to the truth behind a case is a good thing and positively benefits the rest of Ufology . You follow where the trail of evidence leads and have the guts to stand up and say where you end up whether you like it or not. Anything less and you are letting the subject down, failing science, doing a disservice to your colleagues, misleading all the many honest witnesses out there and - most of all - being dishonest with yourself.

If debunking is what I would call pursuing the truth then so be it.

It will still be the truth. And that's what matters.

Best wishes,
Jenny Randles

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 16:33:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 13:55:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 13:10:10 +0000
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated

>>The way I understand it, the psycho-sociologists theorize that
>>artists in olden times who put saucer-shaped objects into their
>>art work were motivated by excessive religious zeal. Maybe
>>Catholic theologians have a ready explanation of the religious
>>symbolism behind images of saucers hovering above the Virgin
>>Mary. I don't remember anything about flying saucers being a
>>part of religious dogma from Sunday school, but then I was
>>raised a Presbyterian.

>Or here's a thought, maybe they were adding a little real,
>everyday context to the religious "faith" of the time. Sort of
>like grounding religion in reality by putting into the paintings
>common everyday objects seen in the sky or background-like the
>Sun, Moon, stars clouds, birds, houses trees, mountains, UFOs.

Hi to all,

I don't think that adding UFOs to religious paintings made them
any more realistic exactly. However, they could have been
examples of God's work that people would easily relate to.

I remember a Christian trying to convince me that God existed by
saying things like "Haven't you seen how glorious the Sun is?"
"Haven't you gazed at the stars?" "Nobody who has contemplated
the marvels of nature can claim to have never witnessed a
miracle..." etc.

Whether the pictures showed meteors or Martians, few could deny
having seen something unexplainable and mysterious in the night
sky in their lifetimes. UFOs in paintings and engravings
reminded people that not everything could be explained away,
which was tantamount to saying that the supernatural or the
divine had to exist.

What is needed now is a research effort to find representations
of 'aliens' in ancient art. This would not prove anything -
except perhaps that the image of the Grey predates the genesis
of modern ufology.

Chris Aubeck

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'Time Storms'

From: Dave Baker <davbak@ic24.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 16:45:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 13:57:31 -0500
Subject: 'Time Storms'

Hi List,

The latest issue of Project Red Book, the monthly magazine produced by the Yorkshire UFO Society (UK) is now on sale. It features an in-depth interview with Jenny Randles discussing her latest book 'Time Storms'.

Anyone interested should contact me by e-mail, and I'll give you the details.

Dave Baker
YUFOS

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Something Rotten at the Core of Science?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 09:02:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:00:02 -0500
Subject: Something Rotten at the Core of Science?

EBK & Listers,

I'm sending this to the List as one example of why the evidence from legitimate UFO investigations is never published in leading scientific journals.

Ed

Something Rotten at the Core of Science?
by David F. Horrobin

http://news.bmn.com/hmsbeagle/95/viewpts/op_ed

Trends in Pharmacological Sciences
Vol. 22, No. 2, February 2001

Abstract

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision and an analysis of the peer review system substantiate complaints about this fundamental aspect of scientific research. Far from filtering out junk science, peer review may be blocking the flow of innovation and corrupting public support of science.

The U.S. Supreme Court has recently been wrestling with the issues of the acceptability and reliability of scientific evidence. In its judgement in the case of Daubert v. Merrell Dow, the court attempted to set guidelines for U.S. judges to follow when listening to scientific experts. Whether or not findings had been published in a peer-reviewed journal provided one important criterion. But in a key caveat, the court emphasized that peer review might sometimes be flawed, and that therefore this criterion was not unequivocal evidence of validity or otherwise. A recent analysis of peer review adds to this controversy by identifying an alarming lack of correlation between reviewers recommendations.

The Supreme Court questioned the authority of peer review. Many scientists and lawyers are unhappy about the admission by the top legal authority in the United States that peer review might in some circumstances be flawed [1]. David Goodstein, writing in the Guide to the Federal Rules of Evidence one of whose functions is to interpret the judgement in the case of Daubert states that Peer review is one of the sacred pillars of the scientific edifice [2]. In public, at least, almost all scientists would agree. Those who disagree are almost always dismissed in pejorative terms such as maverick, failure, and driven by bitterness.

Peer review is central to the organization of modern science. The peer-review process for submitted manuscripts is a crucial determinant of what sees the light of day in a particular journal. Fortunately, it is less effective in blocking publication completely; there are so many journals that most even modestly competent studies will be published provided that the authors are determined enough. The publication might not be in a prestigious journal, but at least it will get into print.

However, peer review is also the process that controls access to funding, and here the situation becomes much more serious. There might often be only two or three realistic sources of funding for a project, and the networks of reviewers for these sources are often interacting and interlocking. Failure to pass the peer-review process might well mean that a project is never funded. Science bases its presumed authority in the world on the reliability and objectivity of the evidence that is produced. If the pronouncements of science are to be greeted with public confidence and there is plenty of evidence to suggest that such confidence is low and eroding it should be able to demonstrate that peer review, one of the sacred pillars of the scientific edifice, is a process that has been validated objectively as a reliable process for putting a stamp of approval on work that has been done. Peer review should also have been validated as a reliable method for making appropriate choices as to what work should be done. Yet when one looks for that evidence it is simply not there.

Why not apply scientific methods to the peer review process? For 30 years or so, I and others have been pointing out the fallibility of peer review and have been calling for much more openness and objective evaluation of its procedures [3-5]. For the most part, the scientific establishment, its journals, and its grant-giving bodies have resisted such open evaluation. They fail to understand that if a process that is as central to the scientific endeavor as peer review has no validated experimental base, and if it consistently refuses open scrutiny, it is not surprising that the public is increasingly skeptical about the agenda and the conclusions of science.

Largely because of this antagonism to openness and evaluation, there is a great lack of good evidence either way concerning the objectivity and validity of peer review. What evidence there is does not give confidence but is open to many criticisms. Now, Peter Rothwell and Christopher Martyn have thrown a bombshell [6]. Their conclusions are measured and cautious, but there is little doubt that they have provided solid evidence of something truly rotten at the core of science.

Forget the reviewers. Just flip a coin.

Rothwell and Martyn performed a detailed evaluation of the reviews of papers submitted to two neuroscience journals. Each journal normally sent papers out to two reviewers. Reviews of abstracts and oral presentations sent to two neuroscience meetings were also evaluated. One meeting sent its abstracts to 16 reviewers and the other to 14 reviewers, which provides a good opportunity for statistical evaluation. Rothwell and Martyn analyzed the correlations among reviewers' recommendations by analysis of variance. Their report should be read in full; however, the conclusions are alarmingly clear. For one journal, the relationships among the reviewers' opinions were no better than that obtained by chance. For the other journal, the relationship was only fractionally better. For the meeting abstracts, the content of the abstract accounted for only about 10 to 20 percent of the variance in opinion of referees, and other factors accounted for 80 to 90 percent of the variance.

These appalling figures will not be surprising to critics of peer review, but they give solid substance to what these critics have been saying. The core system by which the scientific community allots prestige (in terms of oral presentations at major meetings and publication in major journals) and funding is a non-validated charade whose processes generate results little better than does chance. Given the fact that most reviewers are likely to be mainstream and broadly supportive of the existing organization of the scientific enterprise, it would not be surprising if the likelihood of support for truly innovative research was considerably less than that provided by chance.

Objective evaluation of grant proposals is a high priority. Scientists frequently become very angry about the public's rejection of the conclusions of the scientific process. However, the Rothwell and Martyn findings, coming on top of so much other evidence, suggest that the public might be right in groping its way to a conclusion that there is something rotten in the state of science. Public support can only erode further if science does not put its house in order and begin a real attempt to develop validated processes for the distribution of publication rights, credit for completed work, and funds for new work.

Funding is the most important issue that most urgently requires opening up to rigorous research and objective evaluation.

What relevance does this have for pharmacology and pharmaceuticals? Despite enormous amounts of hype and optimistic puffery, pharmaceutical research is actually failing [7]. The annual number of new chemical entities submitted for approval is steadily falling in spite of the enthusiasm for techniques such as combinatorial chemistry, high-throughput screening, and pharmacogenomics. The drive to merge pharmaceutical companies is driven by failure, and not by success.

The peer review process may be stifling innovation.

Could the peer-review processes in both academia and industry have destroyed rather than promoted innovation? In my own field of psychopharmacology, could it be that peer review has ensured that in depression and schizophrenia, we are still largely pursuing themes that were initiated in the 1950s? Could peer review explain the fact that in both diseases the efficacy of modern drugs is no better than those compounds developed in 1950? Even in terms of side-effects, where the differences between old and new drugs are much hyped, modern research has failed substantially. Is it really a success that 27 of every 100 patients taking the selective 5-HT reuptake inhibitors stop treatment within six weeks compared with the 30 of every 100 who take a 1950s tricyclic antidepressant compound? The Rothwell-Martyn bombshell is a wake-up call to the cozy establishments who run science. If science is to have any credibility and also if it is to be successful the peer-review process must be put on a much sounder and properly validated basis or scrapped altogether.

David F. Horrobin, a longtime critic of anonymous peer review. heads Laxdale Ltd., which develops novel treatments for psychiatric disorders. In 1972 he founded Medical Hypotheses, the only journal fully devoted to discussion of ideas in medicine.

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NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:04:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:04:37 -0500
Subject: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

Source: NASA Watch

<http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

Here's how Fox promoted their show:

"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

Editor's rant: I can't even begin to find the right sentences to describe this TV show - but I will try. Individual words such as "idiotic", "ridiculous", "scandalous", "irresponsible", "stupid", "fraudulent", "sloppy", and just plain "wrong" come to mind.

Among the most ridiculous claims in this program was that astronauts were killed (by NASA) to keep them silent "because they knew too much" and that the Apollo landings on the moon were faked. The only counterpoint to these baseless claims presented on-air were several short clips featuring the late Brian Welch from NASA PAO. This was all packaged together and promoted as a serious inquiry into a possible conspiracy on the part of NASA.

Congratulations Fox. Now millions of school-aged children have been exposed to your nonsense - and it is going to take the hard work of their parents (whom you've also misinformed) and their teachers to fix the damage.

If Fox executives had any sense of fairness and civic responsibility they'd offer an hour of prime time to representatives from NASA and the scientific community to refute this one hour collection of rumors, unsubstantiated innuendo, and wanton conspiracy mongering - and undo the damage that has been done.

You can send your comments to Fox TV at askfox@foxinc.com

Update: this post from the MSNBC Space Bulletin Board is from a school teacher I know in the midwest.

"Some of the teachers in my school are going nuts with kids talking about this dumb FOX special on the "Moon Landing Hoax". Does anyone know of any good, skeptical web sites to which I can refer my colleagues so that they can have some ammunition to refute the claims of these conspiracy theorists."

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

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Secrecy News -- 02/14/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:35:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:07:19 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/14/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 14, 2001

**VULNERABILITY OF DOE NUCLEAR MATERIALS ALLEGED
**SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SQUABBLES
**SECURITY NEWS FROM ALL OVER

VULNERABILITY OF DOE NUCLEAR MATERIALS ALLEGED

The risk of theft of nuclear materials at Department of Energy facilities is unacceptably high, according to a DOE security contractor.

"Clear evidence of actual risk to Special Nuclear Materials at key DOE sites and in transit" was identified in a classified DOE Inspector General report last year, wrote Ronald E. Timm, president of RETA Security, in a February 9 letter to DOE Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Yet despite these and similar findings by other investigators, "nothing was done," Mr. Timm complained. "Special Nuclear Materials were at risk then, Special Nuclear Materials are at risk today, and, without significant changes, Special Nuclear Materials will be at risk in the future."

The force of Mr. Timm's letter is diminished by a breathless tone and a tendency to extreme formulations. ("Terrorists have a ready supply of Special Nuclear Materials already existing and available within our borders.") His concern about the adequacy of nuclear material safeguards, however, is shared by others inside and outside of government.

But one official seasoned by long experience with the DOE bureaucracy said that this concern was not yet an effective political factor.

"This President and this Congress are not going to spend billions to fix the weapons complex unless there is a serious and very dramatic physical event," the official said. "Absent that, the contractors and DOE managers will muddle along losing more classified information, protecting information that doesn't need to be protected for national security reasons, and accepting some of the risks to SNM and facilities."

The text of Mr. Timm's letter, widely copied to congressional offices, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/02/timm.html>

SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SQUABBLES

Leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee are quarreling over whether the Committee Chairman, Senator Richard Shelby, will continue to control hiring of the Committee's staff or whether the Democratic members, led by Vice Chairman Senator Bob Graham, will be entitled to hire their own staff. The dispute was reported today by the New York Times and last week by the

Washington Post:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/14/politics/14INTE.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A31018-2001Feb5.html>

While the outcome of this conflict could become important in some circumstances, the fact is that when it comes to intelligence oversight the practical differences between the two parties are distressingly small.

One indication of the bipartisan convergence of opinion is a statement made by Senator Graham at an intelligence committee hearing on February 7 endorsing increased intelligence spending: "This committee plays a very special role [in determining the future of intelligence spending]. We have a special responsibility to represent the interest of the intelligence community before those who will make these budgetary decisions."

The surprising notion that the oversight committees should be advocates for intelligence and should "represent the interest of the intelligence community" was first articulated in 1996 by Republican Rep. Larry Combest, then-chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He lamented the traditionally adversarial character of intelligence oversight.

Combest's once counterintuitive conception is now the dominant view, shared by leading Democrats like Sen. Graham.

It is a remarkable reversal. The intelligence committees were originally established to serve as proxies for the public, and to act on behalf of the public in overseeing intelligence. Today, however, the committees increasingly serve as proxies for the intelligence agencies, advancing their budgetary interests and their legislative initiatives. Oversight as it was once understood will have to come from somewhere else.

SECREC Y NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Official controls over national security information continue to shift in interesting ways in many corners of the world.

"Russian researchers have made the decision to declassify the principle of operation of the so-called explosive ignition thermonuclear facility developed by the research institute of technical physics in Snezhinsk," according to a February 11 report from Interfax News Agency. The action apparently refers to an explosive-driven nuclear fusion process for generating electrical power. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/02/ru021101.html>

"Military secrecy is a fiction," said Venezuela's new defense minister, JosE Vicente Rangel this week. Secrecy is valid "only for the deployment of military forces. This is basic. But the old conception of secrecy, which is absolutely anachronistic, has in fact been overcome." As a result, declassification of documents is a done deal ("un asunto resuelto"), according to a February 13 report in the Venezuelan newspaper El Nacional. See "El secreto militar es una ficci3n":

<http://www.el-nacional.com/elnl3022001/pd1s1.htm>

Also this week, the government of Vietnam has provided details of its secrecy policy for the first time, according to Agence France Presse. The new Vietnamese secrecy system that takes effect on April 1 will include three classification levels, and will encompass such state secrets as the number of bank notes in circulation and the size of monetary reserves, as well as information on national security, foreign policy and internal Party disputes.

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Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:13:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks
>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:15:58 EST

Greetings to UFO UpDates - long time no see, missed the sport!

>Certain UK debunkers have found official RAF documentation on
>the case which they think destroys
>the case, which they have been sitting on for a long time, and
>they won't release the material until they can do maximum
>damage.

As an example of adding further layers of distortion to an already highly mythologised case, Brad Spark's comments deserve a special prize.

Yes, the UFOIN team have collected a considerable amount of new evidence relating to the Lakenheath radar case, but where has it been claimed our inquiry 'destroys' it? It will certainly debunk (Oxford dictionary definition: 'show up as innacurate or false') the 'accepted' version of events repeated and perpetuated ad nauseum since 1969 by everyone from Thayer to Sturrock and most recently by Georgina Bruni - the latest to get the facts completely wrong.

A lot of people will soon be eating their words, but as far as I'm concerned the final judgement on the case remains 'open.' I'm prepared to concede a 'true USO' (unidentified stationary object) - albeit an invisible and ephemeral one - might well have been present. Which is quite something for me!

But how Brad could possibly 'know' what we 'think' at this stage, when he has no knowledge of what we have found is amusing to say the least, and will certainly be instructive for our study. This couldn't be an example of a someone making their mind up before they have even seen the evidence, could it?

Is this not a chracteristic usually associated with 'debunkers' or 'pelicanists'?

More likely, it is because Sparks is afraid of losing face - having to face up to the fact that what he and others have written, or believed, about a 'classic case' is in fact not worth the paper it was written upon?

Poor investigation and even poorer interpretation exposed to the light of day, a painful experience for most UFologists. As for "sitting on" material - we have been working on this case for little over one year; hardly any time at all to conduct a thorough re-investigation which has involved weeks of work in archives, hours of interviews, days of travelling and contacts across the world.

Georgina took three years to 're-investigate' the Rendlesham Forest case, and proved nothing.

Brad has supposedly been involved in the Lakenheath case for 20

years, and still can't get his facts right.

So I don't believe having to wait 12 months for UFOIN to publish what we have found out about Lakenheath should be regarded as too much of an inconvenience.

As the British magician Paul Daniel's catchphrase goes, "You're going to like it, not a lot..."

>They have been working with one of the RAF radar
>controllers who had come forward in 1978 to try to "turn him"
>against the USAF radar controller who had come forward ten years
>earlier to the Condon Committee. They claim the RAF man's
>testimony discredits the USAF man's account.

The situation must be pretty desperate if Brad is having to resort to the old "you have forced a witness to change his/her story" chestnut.

If this is what you *really* believe Brad, then how do you explain the following:

I began re-investigating the Lakenheath case one year ago, and had little or no knowledge or interest in the details before that time.

Freddie Wimbledon, the RAF radar controller you refer to, first came forward in 1978 by writing to the London Sunday Times and FSR. He was sent a copy of the USAF radar controller's original letter to the Condon Study (dated 13 February 1968) by your 'old friend' Gordon Thayer.

Wimbledon annotated sections of Perkin's letter with the following phrases: "RUBBISH" (the American translation of which I believe is 'garbage') and his description of the alleged Venom intercept is likened to something from "a Hollywood Movie."

Squadron Leader Wimbledon made these annotations in his own hand between 1978 and 1980, when he was involved in lengthy correspondence with Gordon Thayer, the author of the Condon Study's version of the case. He also produced, at that time, a lengthy commentary destroying the credibility of the USAF controller's version of events.

I repeat, Wimbledon did all of this between 1978 and 1980 when I was a schoolboy!

Is Brad suggesting that during 1978, knowing or caring less about UFOs or Lakenheath, I suddenly went AWOL from my classroom, hopped on a train to London and held a senior RAF officer at gunpoint whilst I forced him 'trash' the account of a 'highly reliable' American witness?

Anyone with any integrity can now see that Brad Sparks' allegation that we have somehow, in the last 12 months, "turned" Wimbledon against Perkins for the farago of nonsense it surely is.

It is simply more evidence, if such were needed, for the lack of adequate investigation, or even knowledge of the basic facts, which has bedeviled everything that has been written about Lakenheath since it first came to attention of USAF Intelligence in 1956.

Dr J. Allen Hynek said as much in his Memorandum for the Record to Project Blue Book on 17 October 1956 - just two months after the events, viz "...it is to be regretted that so unusual a sighting reported did not contain more factual material on which to base an evaluation."

Brad Sparks claims to have been a key investigator in the Lakenheath case for 20 years. Yet it appears he has not done anything other than 'recycle' second and third hand accounts of it.

Strange is it not that he does not appear to have spoken to *any* of the witnesses, or indeed to have been privy to the correspondence between Wimbledon and Thayer - whose summary of the case he says he edited for inclusion in Storey's UFO Encyclopedia.

Did Thayer not trust Sparks with such 'sensitive' material? Or did Thayer decide to "sit on" material which did not support his belief that a "true UFO" was involved.

Is this evidence of a cover-up or simply incompetence?

To borrow Georgina's highly useful phrase - "you can't tell the people."

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Subject: Posting Protocols

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Please make your lines no more than 65 characters long

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 11:18:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:17:48 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 08:57:56 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hi all,

>After much brow beating, spanning more than a week or so, I
>finally agreed to look at Ed's CDs.

Yes, we tried to convince you that you should take a look at the CDs.

>As I figured, he
>immediately emailed me with excuses about not being very
>technical, not completely understanding how to make a CD copy,
>etc.

As I explained in that e-mail (several days after getting your address) I was originally going to have the CDs copied for me but since I had so few orders, I decided to do it myself. I admit to not be on the technical side, but I was able to muddle thought the installation process and am sending you the three CD set. (We had thought we would need four)

>Just how prepared were you for people to accept your challenge of
>looking at the footage, Ed?

I think we're very well prepared but take a good look and see what you can find out and then we can talk it over. Maybe you'll find a zipper or seam.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Naturally the true background to this is far more devious and
>sordid than anything covered by "taking a name in vain" could
>ever suggest. But suffice to know that Dennis, in the context of
>the discussion only slightly covered on UpDates, was merely
>offering a few ufologists who, in his view, took the ETH for
>granted in one way or another. (Use your imaginations. No? Okay,
>I mean whose thinking ranges from "ET are here - and here's the
>proof!" to "ET is the most reasonable explanation for UFOs."

>There is, of course, absolutely nothing wrong with exploring the
>ETH and, unless he has been going out with other girls behind my
>back, Dennis has never suggested anything of the kind. What he
>has done, however, is publish a few pieces that explore (or
>expose) the ETH in ways gawping UFO "tourists" - to use the Boy
>Bishop of Canby's rather patronizing term for you peasants out
>there who've never published anything - and other True Believers
>don't like. That is to say, said pieces rather put the kybosh on
>the reasonableness of the ETH. This is not a way to win friends
>in this neck of the woods, but Dennis and I - he & I once saw an
>actual black helicopter together, remember - have got used to
>that. This may explain why we both use a lot of Tabasco these
>days. (Mrs Patak's Lime Pickle goes a long way.)

>And as Dennis has already remarked: it's up to Dick Hall to
>justify his faith in the ETH, not vice versa. Dennis can doubt
>that justification and all the Hallic evidence all he wants. He
>is under NO obligation to produce an alternative hypothesis. As
>long as the evidential linkage between UFO experiences and ET
>beings & craft remains zero, and as long as Darwin's theory
>remains respectable among scientists, there's little compulsion
>to produce such an alternative as a general, blanket
>explanation for all the variety of UFO experiences.

>When it comes down to individual cases, of course, there are
>plenty of alternatives to call on. Which one might apply depends
>entirely on the circumstances of the case.

Dear Duke,

I enjoy your humor and we all need to have a good laugh now and then.

But all seriousness aside, Dennis seems to be using exploration of the ET hypothesis equivalently with gullible believer. You use the word "faith" in connection with my use of the ET hypothesis. Wrong! I have very little faith in anything other than good Bourbon.

I fail to understand how you can say (unless you are joking) that Dennis can be as critical as he likes of how I and my colleagues go about studying UFOs without having any obligation

to suggest what his alternative explanation(s) or hypotheses are.

Has Dennis demolished the ET hypothesis? That's news to us! And if so, how has he explained the cases that we take seriously as not being explained? Clearly there is a presumption here that the ET hypothesis is not a reasonable one.

Dick

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Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:45:03 -0500
Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are essential to serious ufology.

Dick Hall

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Re: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:22:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 21:21:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 01:09:56 EST
>Subject: Re: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Alfred Webre <EcoRadio@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2001 20:24:32 EST
>>Subject: Urgent Disclosure Project - Update
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>...Greer should do is tie it into some kind of feed bag or
>buffet. You know free food greases the wheels so to speak in DC.
>It also makes "another press conference" something to look
>forward to.

This would make it even more likely that the so-called "briefing" would attract only low-level staffers and flunkies. It is a well-known DC phenomenon that staffers, lo-level pressies and their ilk pretty much subsist on the freebie eats handed out at press-releases and political/embassy receptions. Actual congresscritters and the "key leaders" (whatever that means) are apt only to show up at high-visibility events, and then only if they are promised so many minutes of friendly on-air time.

However, for better or worse, anything Greer puts on is likely (with more than a little justification) to be seen as a freak show, a spot of live entertainment and diversion.

Did you notice Greer's sly little way of begging for help: If anyone has good contacts with "key leaders," they are exhorted to contact the good Doctor? Wait a minute, I thought Greer already had entree to the highest circles of power!! Isn't that what he's always claiming? Why is he fishing for contacts all of a sudden? HMMMMMM....?

If the gov't has all this "secret knowledge" hidden, they'll out it when they're good and ready, for political or other expedient reasons. Otherwise, it'll come out (if it exists) only when somebody gets hold of it and leaks it for reasons of their own.

Not holding my breath...

Purrrrrs...

wac

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Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:28:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 21:23:21 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:53:37 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

Hello Neil and List,

<snip>

>>that Hesemann is full of it...

>That's a sweeping statement to make, and though Mike may
>jump in with both feet from time to time it hardly describes the
>actual research he has carried out during the trips he's made
>out to NM to follow up on this case.

<snip>

My previous post proved the following concerning Hesemann's
position: all verifiable assertions on Hesemann's site concerning
elements of authenticity in the AA case are UN-TRUE.

<snip>

>Well it doesn't answer a question I have, and if Errol will
>oblige by forwarding the image I've attached (it's been on the
>RPIT website for the past year, site's being rebuilt at
>www.rpit.org).

>How did Ray know about the "backtoback J" symbol hidden away in
>the debris in Gen Ramey's office on the 8th July 1947, so as to
>plant it on a beam hidden away in the background of the "AA
>Debris Footage"?.

>And not only that, how did he manage it with a further 3 (so
>far) distinct symbols seen in both sets of debris??.

<snip>

This is the easiest answer. Please view my take of this evidence
in the attached .jpg file. Please note that my interpretation of
the RPIT image is copyrighted information. You must mention my
name if you want to use it.

<snip>

>I've mentioned these facts before on this list and so far I've
>had no credible response. Bond Johnson's Fort Worth Photographs
>showing the debris are historical documents, ask the UTA
>Library, has Ray tampered with them?? or researched them, in
>detail??, not as far as I know.

<snip>

Rephrase that: you have had no response you would believe.

I recall James Bond Johnson's take on Roswell has been seriously challenged by Kevin Randle and the alleged symbols discovered by the RPIT effort are the result of circular reasoning. Some people are confusing photographic interpretation with a Rorschach test.

>If the safety print dating is correct at no later than 1956
>+-2yrs, was anyone aware of the UTA images so as to be able to
>check out these details and create a hoaxed AA film containing
>them?.

<snip>

Another IF? Why don't you just ask good old Ray?

<snip>

>Awareness of the UTA images only came to light after Jesse
>Marcel blew the whistle on Roswell back in 1979, and 23 years
>after the last batch of the specific type of Kodak safety
>print film, as used in the AA, had been manufactured.

<snip>

Who provided what piece of film for the Kodak analysis?

Your IF has graduated to urban legend in less than 10 lines.

Remember, man: Santilli is a liar, the Cameraman does not exist and Hesemann's position on AA is flawed.

<snip>

>I grant you one random smudge looking very much like another
>random smudge could be written off as chance, 2 might be a
>coincidence, 3's getting into the area of "deep strangeness",
>and 4?, all on the same piece of AA debris?.

>Now that really has me scratching my head to explain away.

<snip>

Can't figure that one out, Neil.

RPIT suggests that the Greys even never reached the stage of chisel-hammer writing: their symbology uses no straight line, no ellipse, no circle, or no figure whatsoever that could make it more advanced than the scribbles of a 2-year-old child.

As for any parallel with Santilli, you're trying to prove a fraud with a Rorschach test and wishful imagery with a fraud.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 7 - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:36:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 21:26:11 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 7 - Christensen

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 21:31:53 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 Number 7

>(report on finding the source of glowing spheres in Thailand...)

>(Editor's Comment: Interesting. Another sighting of UFOs in
>Southeast Asia four days after the event in Petaling Jaya. Were
>these the Malaysian 'good luck' lanterns traveling hundreds of
>miles to the northwest against the prevailing wind? Or a flight
>of UFOs heading back to their base in the Himalayas?)

As I recall, the "good luck" lanterns were released from a temple in conjunction with the celebration of some kind of religious holiday. Would it not make sense that similar celebrations, with similar lantern releases, were taking place at other similar temples in the South Asia region around the same time? (Holiday celebrations often go on over a period of days.) And might not this explain a similar sight at a similar time a few hundred miles away? And might Occam's razor not suggest that this is a more logically parsimonious explanation than "...a flight of UFOs heading back to their base...?"

Parsimonious Purrrrrs...

wac

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Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:58:38 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 21:34:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks
>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:15:58 EST

>Greetings to UFO UpDates - long time no see, missed the sport!

>>Certain UK debunkers have found official RAF documentation on
>>the case which they think destroys
>>the case, which they have been sitting on for a long time, and
>>they won't release the material until they can do maximum
>>damage.

>As an example of adding further layers of distortion to an
>already highly mythologised case, Brad Spark's comments deserve
>a special prize.

Instead of distortion, in fact you've proven my point, only that you quibble over the exact wording. Instead of "destroying" the case you say (next para.) you're "debunking" it. But later on you yourself admit that the RAF controller is "destroying" the USAF controller's account. Your word there. Amazing how you can be so sure the RAF man is right and the USAF man is wrong.

>Yes, the UFOIN team have collected a considerable amount of new
>evidence relating to the Lakenheath radar case, but where has it
>been claimed our inquiry 'destroys' it? It will certainly debunk
>(Oxford dictionary definition: 'show up as innacurate or false')
>the 'accepted' version of events repeated and perpetuated ad
>nauseum since 1969 by everyone from Thayer to Sturrock and most
>recently by Georgina Bruni - the latest to get the facts
>completely wrong.

>A lot of people will soon be eating their words, but as far as
>I'm concerned the final judgement on the case remains 'open.'
>I'm prepared to concede a 'true USO' (unidentified stationary
>object) - albeit an invisible and ephemeral one - might well
>have been present. Which is quite something for me!

>But how Brad could possibly 'know' what we 'think' at this
>stage, when he has no knowledge of what we have found is amusing
>to say the least, and will certainly be instructive for our
>study. This couldn't be an example of a someone making their
>mind up before they have even seen the evidence, could it?

For someone who claims I don't know anything about what you've supposedly found you sure talk a lot about it, and seem to have no memory of the developments with the Venom pilot interviews going back 3-4 years before your involvement barely 1 year ago, which have been public.

Apparently your goal and that of your colleagues is to silence all comment on these developments in the case for endless and

unspecified durations while you take full advantage of your UK location to "investigate" the case and gloat over your special access that those of us on other continents do not have. And that is your continual message how you're going to prove everyone else to be such idiots and how you have had such privileged access, and are so competent and diligent because you are local and we are not, etc. etc.

>Is this not a characteristic usually associated with 'debunkers'
>or 'pelicanists'?

Here you go with your ridicule tactic.

>More likely, it is because Sparks is afraid of losing face -
>having to face up to the fact that what he and others have
>written, or believed, about a 'classic case' is in fact not
>worth the paper it was written upon?

Here you go with your gloating over your special local access in the UK to the UK witnesses. And your ridicule tactic.

>Poor investigation and even poorer interpretation exposed to the
>light of day, a painful experience for most UFOlogists. As for
>"sitting on" material - we have been working on this case for
>little over one year; hardly any time at all to conduct a
>thorough re-investigation which has involved weeks of work in
>archives, hours of interviews, days of travelling and contacts
>across the world.

More ridicule smear tactics, gloating over your geography, showing how you're going to prove all those stupid UFOlogists wrong. Very mature attitude.

>Georgina took three years to 're-investigate' the Rendlesham
>Forest case, and proved nothing.

>Brad has supposedly been involved in the Lakenheath case for 20
>years, and still can't get his facts right.

From what I can tell from our email correspondence you still can't get your facts right -- oops, I'm not supposed to say anything about the case until that Great Day of UFOIN's Debunkery of the 1956 Lakenheath Case!

>So I don't believe having to wait 12 months for UFOIN to publish
>what we have found out about Lakenheath should be regarded as
>too much of an inconvenience.

Does this mean 12 months past or 12 months more into the future before the UFOIN Gods of Delphi speak their oracles of wisdom proving the world so stupid, ignorant, incompetent, lazy, foolish, etc.?

>As the British magician Paul Daniel's catchphrase goes, "You're
>going to like it, not a lot..."

>>They have been working with one of the RAF radar
>>controllers who had come forward in 1978 to try to "turn him"
>>against the USAF radar controller who had come forward ten years
>>earlier to the Condon Committee. They claim the RAF man's
>>testimony discredits the USAF man's account.

>The situation must be pretty desperate if Brad is having to
>resort to the old "you have forced a witness to change his/her
>story" chestnut.

I didn't say "forced." Apparently you don't believe there is any such thing as leading a witness, or encouraging them along a certain line to reinforce a personal idiosyncrasy or viewpoint. The only thing that can be done is "force" in your view. Wow! We need to get you into the Pro-Abduction field right away!!! You would be a hero to abductionologists -- a defender of the impossibility of influencing or leading a witness or abductee.

>If this is what you *really* believe Brad, then how do you
>explain the following:

>I began re-investigating the Lakenheath case one year ago, and
>had little or no knowledge or interest in the details before
>that time.

>Freddie Wimbledon, the RAF radar controller you refer to, first
>came forward in 1978 by writing to the London Sunday Times and
>FSR. He was sent a copy of the USAF radar controller's original
>letter to the Condon Study (dated 13 February 1968) by your 'old
>friend' Gordon Thayer.

>Wimbledon annotated sections of Perkin's letter with the
>following phrases: "RUBBISH" (the American translation of which
>I believe is 'garbage') and his description of the alleged Venom
>intercept is likened to something from "a Hollywood Movie."

>Squadron Leader Wimbledon made these annotations in his own hand
>between 1978 and 1980, when he was involved in lengthy
>correspondence with Gordon Thayer, the author of the Condon
>Study's version of the case. He also produced, at that time, a
>lengthy commentary destroying the credibility of the USAF
>controller's version of events.

See. You yourself do admit the word "destroying" as I had said --
"destroying" the USAF controller's account.

>I repeat, Wimbledon did all of this between 1978 and 1980 when I
>was a schoolboy!

>Is Brad suggesting that during 1978, knowing or caring less
>about UFOs or Lakenheath, I suddenly went AWOL from my
>classroom, hopped on a train to London and held a senior RAF
>officer at gunpoint whilst I forced him 'trash' the account of a
>'highly reliable' American witness?

In fact I was directly involved in that correspondence through
both Thayer and Friedman. Again, you fail to realize (because
you don't want to blow up your sarcastic snide remarks) that
this correspondence is how I identified Wimbledon's personal
idiosyncrasies as to the case.

Wimbledon was personally jealous of his role in the case and
insisted that no one but he could possibly have been in
communication with the Venom fighter interceptors, so therefore
on that basis of his personal presumption he declared the USAF
radar controller Forrest Perkins' account "RUBBISH" etc.
Wimbledon of course could not and did not bother caring to
explain how it was possible that Perkins knew so many details of
the interception if he was not in radio communication at the
time -- alleged inaccuracies of the details don't affect the
fact that Perkins was in on the radio link contrary to
Wimbledon.

>Anyone with any integrity can now see that Brad Sparks'
>allegation that we have somehow, in the last 12 months, "turned"
>Wimbledon against Perkins for the farago of nonsense it surely
>is.

Your strawman about me claiming Wimbledon was "forced" shows
your desperation to avoid the real issue of "influence." It can
all be very innocent. You (or Jenny or whomever) simply present
Wimbledon your elaborate theory of the case and ask him for
comment. His memory -- as memory researchers have proven -- can
be influenced by such "refreshing" and the new details can merge
with the old actual memories from 40+ years ago. It's called
Post-Event Information by memory researchers.

>It is simply more evidence, if such were needed, for the lack of
>adequate investigation, or even knowledge of the basic facts,
>which has bedeviled everything that has been written about
>Lakenheath since it first came to attention of USAF Intelligence
>in 1956.

>Dr J. Allen Hynek said as much in his Memorandum for the Record
>to Project Blue Book on 17 October 1956 - just two months after
>the events, viz "...it is to be regretted that so unusual a
>sighting reported did not contain more factual material on which
>to base an evaluation."

>Brad Sparks claims to have been a key investigator in the
>Lakenheath case for 20 years. Yet it appears he has not done
>anything other than 'recycle' second and third hand accounts of
>it.

Apparently you don't read email very well or you would know I
was involved with the correspondence with Wimbledon.

>Strange is it not that he does not appear to have spoken to
>*any* of the witnesses, or indeed to have been privy to the
>correspondence between Wimbledon and Thayer - whose summary of
>the case he says he edited for inclusion in Storey's UFO
>Encyclopedia.

How would you know what I was privy to or not?

>Did Thayer not trust Sparks with such 'sensitive' material? Or
>did Thayer decide to "sit on" material which did not support his
>belief that a "true UFO" was involved.

Thayer's correspondence with Wimbledon occurred after the
article for the Encyclopedia of UFOs. So did most of his
correspondence with Klass, by the way, which started before and
continued for years after.

>Is this evidence of a cover-up or simply incompetence?

More of your smear tactics and inability to get dates right.

>To borrow Georgina's highly useful phrase - "you can't tell the
>people."

You can't tell the people anything but bluster, arrogance, and
condescension, instead of sticking to the facts of the case and
leaving personalities aside.

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Re: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 16:05:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 21:37:09 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico - Velez

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:04:28 -0600

>Hi!!

>See the photos of a UFO flying over Veracruz, Mexico on
>Christmas 2000.

>Visit:

><http://virgiliol.homestead.com/FotosOVNI.html>

>Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

>Miami UFO Center (Espa-ol) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
>Miami UFO Reporter (English)
><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
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>CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
>Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Espa-ol) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

Hola Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo, hi All,

Excellent photos doctor. Thank you for sharing them. Have they
been put through a formal analysis process yet? Did anyone
capture video of the object?

Regards,
John Velez

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

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald . Ledger)
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:03:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:01:52 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Source: NASA Watch

><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

>
>Editor's rant: I can't even begin to find the right sentences to
>describe this TV show - but I will try. Individual words such as
>"idiotic", "ridiculous", "scandalous", "irresponsible",
>"stupid", "fraudulent", "sloppy", and just plain "wrong" come to
>mind.

<snip>

Hi Errol,

I guess you posted this. I got one from NASA too. Tell its
writer, welcome to the club, and he/she will be looking in the
wrong place if he/she goes to the skeptics list. They will have
to look up the "True Believers" list for the Man on the Moon
hypothesis.

I just couldn't help it.

Don

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Secrecy News -- 02/16/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:45:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:03:25 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/16/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 16, 2001

**NSC WITHHOLDS NEW PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE
**NEW STATE DEPT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
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NSC WITHHOLDS NEW PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE

The National Security Council is refusing to release the unclassified text of the Bush Administration's first "National Security Presidential Directive," the New York Times reported today:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/16/politics/16SECU.html>

This is a disappointing reversion to a past practice that had been partially overcome in the Clinton Administration.

Presidential directives are a largely unaccountable instrument of executive authority. They are used to establish and implement national security policy, and they often authorize the commitment of government resources. Yet they are usually classified and Congress is not routinely notified of their existence or contents.

According to a 1992 General Accounting Office study (GAO/NSIAD-92-72), the previous Bush Administration did not declassify any of its presidential directives in its first three years. (Several have been declassified since then.) Although most Clinton Administration directives, known as "Presidential Decision Directives," remain classified, President Clinton did authorize release of his first two directives in 1993 with no fuss at all.

The new Bush Administration's withholding of its unclassified first directive suggests an unwelcome affinity for indiscriminate secrecy.

A compilation of some past presidential directives that have been declassified is available online here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/direct.htm>

NEW STATE DEPT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

The State Department Historical Advisory Committee, which oversees the production of the official Foreign Relations of the United States series, on Monday approved several new sets of minutes from its quarterly meetings.

Following internal and external protests over the scanty presentation of the minutes of its September 2000 meeting, the Committee has returned to a more ample, though still somewhat muted format.

The minutes of the April 2000 meeting were reissued with an extended account of the closed session on "The CIA and the Foreign Relations Series." Topics included CIA's categorical refusal to declassify any issues of the President's Daily Brief, the role of the so-called High Level Panel in declassifying covert actions, and the declassification of covert action budgets. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac0400.html>

These issues were explored further in the July 2000 meeting, which reported that "Director of Central Intelligence Tenet remains firm in his position that the President's Daily Brief may not be released for publication" no matter how old or historically significant it may be. Meanwhile the retrograde President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board continues to claim that it "owns" the documents of its predecessor agencies and opposes the documents' release. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac0700.html>

The latest meeting minutes, from December 2000, are posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac1200.html>

GARFINKEL TO CHAIR WAR CRIMES WORKING GROUP

Steven Garfinkel, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, has been named chair of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group (IWG). He replaces Acting Archivist Michael J. Kurtz in that role.

The former Nazi War Crimes Interagency Working Group was expanded by legislation last year to encompass declassification and release of documents concerning Japanese Imperial Army war crimes during World War II.

The redoubtable Garfinkel will continue to serve as ISOO director, a post he has held for over 20 years. A National Archives press release announcing his new appointment by the Archivist of the United States is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/02/iwg.html>

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Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:10:38 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:06:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:53:37 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

<snip>

>Awareness of the UTA images only came to light after Jesse
>Marcel blew the whistle on Roswell back in 1979, and 23 years
>after the last batch of the specific type of Kodak safety
>print film, as used in the AA, had been manufactured.

Wait one moment. The alien autopsy/cameraman scenario hinges on
its representing another (non-Roswellian) saucer crash, as
thoroughly demonstrated in Mantle and Hesemann's
less-than-insightful book on the subject.

Now, it appears AA proponents are back-peddling by taking highly
dubious photos of indiscernable smudges to unite the AA
scenario with the alleged crash at Roswell.

You can't have it both ways: the symbols described by Roswell
witnesses don't even vaguely resemble the angular glyphs we see
in the so-called "debris footage." This smacks of
desperation--and this is coming from someone who retains a
(very) narrow slot in my "gray basket" for potential
authenticity of the AA film--er--video.

>I grant you one random smudge looking very much like another
>random smudge could be written off as chance, 2 might be a
>coincidence, 3's getting into the area of "deep strangeness",
>and 4?, all on the same piece of AA debris?.

>Now that really has me scratching my head to explain away.

Having seen the perils of "seeing things" in clouds of pixels
(see my website devoted to possible Mars artifacts), I honestly
don't think there's anything here worth scratching one's head
about. Maybe after a few rounds in a sensory deprivation tank
I'd feel differently. But right now these look like smudges and
wishful thinking.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:09:11 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:59:09 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 17:01:11 +0000
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, Neil posted this statement from Ray Santilli:

>>My position regarding the Autopsy film and the reels recovered
>>remains unchanged. Any discussion regarding the Tent Footage is
>>completely irrelevant. I did not use that studio again, and
>>neither the studio or anyone associated with the studio had
>>anything whatsoever to do with the autopsy film.

>>The autopsy film is what it is, and nothing will change that.

>>Ray Santilli

>Hi, Neil, all...

>"Nothing will change that"?

>What absolute nonsense! Ray talks as if he has no control over
>the validation process of AA. This is the kind of nonsensical
>crap that casts a very, very dark cloud over Santilli's
>credibility.

Roger,

Do some homework here, Oct 1995, French channel TF1 tracked down Volker in Austria and managed to "drag" a few words out of him. He confirmed he had possession of all the AA footage and he had it safely locked away in a bank vault. Further, he was satisfied with his investment and the validity of the footage and didn't give a s*&%t what anyone else thought. And yes, he was that blunt in the interview, seems to be a very blunt fellow.

>For those that say there is no evidence that Ray
>ever lied about AA, here is the smoking gun. His above statement
>that "Nothing will change that" is as bold faced a lie as ever
>existed. The fact is that Ray, and only Ray, has the means to
>prove the validity of AA and he refuses to do so in the face of
>overwhelming public doubt about the footage.

In the light of the above testimony from Volker back in late 1995 please explain just how Ray is supposed to do this without access to the footage?, you're chasing the wrong target.

>It's one thing to
>maintain silence about AA and let everyone conjecture and debate
>the credibility of AA or Santilli. It is another thing
>altogether to maintain that there is nothing that he can do to
>clear the self imposed mystery surrounding AA.

If he has no film in his possession as Volker maintains, how can he?, and as for "lying" about the cameraman's identity, think back to the heated discussions on this very list just a few short months ago about breaching witness anonymity?. If having given the cameraman assurance he wouldn't identify him, what makes Ray's situation any different from the very many researchers on this list who give this self same pledge to their witnesses?.

One rule for Ufology?, another for Ray Santilli?.

>His statement is a lie.

>Ray is a liar.

>Because of this, AA is fake until proven otherwise.

So it boils down to Ray being a "shark" and wanting to make a buck out of the AA... therefore it must be a hoax.

He hasn't had the film in his possession since late 1995 and can't provide samples... therefore it must be a hoax.

He guaranteed he'd give the cameraman anonymity and won't break his agreement... therefore it must be a hoax.

Ah.. and yes, Ray has lied... therefore it must be a hoax.

There's no mention of the film at all in this logic, just Ray.

And in the end it won't change a single frame of the film's content, as with my other hobby-horse, the Fort Worth Images, observation of the image content will tell the story in the end. But it seems we're all far too busy barracking Ray Santilli to be bothered looking at what's in the film.

It reminds me very much of the old saying, if you don't like the message and can't change it, look out if you're the messenger, because you'll be the one to "get it in the neck!".

Neil.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:41:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:10:56 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000

>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>I fail to understand how you can say (unless you are joking)
>that Dennis can be as critical as he likes of how I and my
>colleagues go about studying UFOs without having any obligation
>to suggest what his alternative explanation(s) or hypotheses
>are.

Dick,

Only time for a quickie tonight, more manana.

I don't think I was being particularly critical of you and your colleagues, and, if you remember, I took your name off my list. Go back and look at it again, btw, just to see if you still want to count everyone thereon as a colleague.

You also have to remember the original context of those remarks -- made in reaction to Jerry Clark's assumptions (rosy-lensed, in my view) about why ufologists have so little examined the ETH itself.

And you also have to remember that it's not incumbent on a book or movie critic to produce a better book or movie than the one he's criticizing, solely in order to support his criticisms. Put another way: I know what I like when I see it.

And in that regard, I find your remarks about abductions in the current MUFON Journal pretty much an exemplary approach to the subject.

Enjoy your bourbon. I'm off in search of some armagnac.

Dennis

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Re: Greys - Liddle

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 04:57:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:14:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - Liddle

>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Greys
>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 00:15:28 -0500

>Sean,

>Shame, shame, didn't you parents teach to not to tease caged
>animals. MTVM is caged in a brain with really confined space and
>no sense of humor. <G>

>Jan Aldrich

Ha ha! I'll tell you a brief story.

One day when I was in college, I was sitting in the laundry room of my apartment building. This friendly old dude that I always saw in the elevator and always said "Hi." to my wife and I, was there reading near the (only) door, so I sat across from him and started reading myself. (Picture that I have to essentially climb over this guy to get out if I am in a hurry). Out of the blue, after a few brief comments about mundanities, he says:

"They are demons you know."

I responded with what I thought to be a friendly "Oh? Who's that?" He then went on a 15 minute tirade about aliens being satanic minions whilst now standing and blocking my exit. Then he offered to lend me the book which I declined.

He was then calm and back to his normal, quiet, self.

Yipes.

Sean

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Brookesmith

From: **Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:19:17 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Brookesmith

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Dear Duke,

Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

>I enjoy your humor and we all need to have a good laugh
>now and then.

>But all seriousness aside,

Thankyou for the nod toward the humor. This probably makes you a sophisticated individual of rare culture and taste. There are a few benighted rednecks out there in the sticks who still don't quite see it, you know. So I take it you meant "all joking aside", even if I wouldn't have -- I mean, here we are talking about UFOs...

>Dennis seems to be using
>exploration of the ET hypothesis equivalently with
>gullible believer. You use the word "faith" in connection
>with my use of the ET hypothesis. Wrong! I have very
>little faith in anything other than good Bourbon.

I feel much the same about Chateau d'Yquem. I think you're overstating Dennis's position -- on the basis, at least, of my discussions, explorations even! of the ETH he and I have had. I myself have explored the ETH from time to time, on the latest occasion (and at greatest length) in three articles in Fortean Times recently. Sorry, I don't have the issue numbers, dates, or page numbers to hand. When I have finished casting all my prose in bronze and lined the many rooms of Pegasus Acres with the results I'll be able to do that, but it's a long job.

Less laboriously I'm saying one can explore the ETH quite efficiently and indeed rationally without either being a gullible believer or dismissing it, as one chooses. All I ask myself is that such explorations acknowledge the latest findings of science instead of hanging out with comforting but antique ideas, eschew arguments from design, and face squarely the implications of neo-Darwinism. One can extend those, particularly contingency theory, from the biological into the social and historical realm -- which I think is no more dubious a transference than the notions that mass = energy in relativity theory or that disorder is equivalent to heat in thermodynamics. When one does so, the likelihood of the emergence of alien technologists with a yen to explore space looks excessively chancy. Not impossible, but not a lottery I'd buy a ticket for.

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>joking) that Dennis can be as critical as he likes of how
>I and my colleagues go about studying UFOs without having
>any obligation to suggest what his alternative
>explanation(s) or hypotheses are.

I can say this with a straight face because, as far as I know, Dennis is simply expressing his sense of the failings of the ETH, not proposing alternative explanations for particular cases or UFOs in general. His position seems to be something like "ETH proponents don't convince me, and here's why." The burden of proof is on the proposer of the hypothesis. That can fail through faulty internal logic -- for instance, that the evidence shows no linkage from the alleged facts to ET involvement. The distinction between the skeptical demand to provide better evidence and the denier's or scoffer's (a much more useful term than the abused and battered word "debunker", in the context), is helpful given by Marcello Truzzi in "On Some Unfair Practices Towards Claims of the Paranormal" [Edward Binkowski (ed), Oxymoron: Annual Thematic Anthology Of The Arts And Sciences, Vol.2: The Fringe (New York: Oxymoron Media, Inc., 1998)]:

"Perhaps the most insidious rhetorical trick has been the misappropriation of the label "skeptic" to describe what are actually scoffers. As sociologist Robert K. Merton pointed out, organized skepticism is a fundamental norm in science. However, the term skepticism is properly defined as doubt, not denial. It is a position of agnosticism, of nonbelief rather than disbelief. The true skeptic (a doubter) asserts no claim, so has no burden of proof. However, the scoffer (denier) asserts a negative claim, so the burden of proof science places on any claimant must apply. When scoffers misrepresent their position as a form of "hard-line" skepticism, they really seek escape from their burden to prove a negative position. "Perhaps the greatest confusion related to the needed distinction between skeptics and scoffers concerns their different reactions to the failure by a claimant to support an anomaly claim. The skeptics' attitude towards extraordinary claims (for example, those of parapsychology) where proponents have so far produced inadequate evidence to convince most scientists that their hypotheses about anomalies are true is characterized as a case not proved. A skeptic contends that "the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." The scoffer, on the other hand, sees the failure of proponents as evidence that an anomaly claim has been disproved. The perspective of the scoffer, as with most dogmatists, tends to distinguish only black from white and fails to acknowledge gray areas. (Our criminal justice system may likewise be too dichotomous. Thus, similar reasoning led some citizens to conclude that the murder acquittal of O.J. Simpson meant he was judged innocent when he was merely found to be not guilty. Science might better follow the path of Scottish Law which allows for three possible judgements: guilty, not guilty or innocent, and not proven.)"

I'd argue against the universal adoption Scottish legal practice for social reasons, but perhaps not here. >Clearly there is a presumption here that the >ET hypothesis is not a reasonable one.

I don't think it is. I've said why at length elsewhere and am not inclined to repeat here what anyone can find in print as well as in various discussions fully archived on the UFOMind website. What strikes me as a frequent failing of those who do is the admission that rejecting the ETH as unreasonable is itself a reasonable position to take. Having said that I expect someone to squeak "but that's not fair" or words to that effect.

But take Bruce Maccabee's recent arguments:

>As for me and the ETH, I have said that it seems
>to me to be the simplest explanation - the easiest to
>understand - in the sense that I can imagine us going
>"there" (human transport to other planets).

Anthropomorphism. Who knows how aliens would think?

As for simple... !

>However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals
>such as dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these
>days from theoretical physics i.e, superstring theory, that
>says there are other dimensions "close" to ours in an
>overall 11 or more dimensional "multiverse.")

My understanding is that the extra dimensions are "wrapped up" into excessively tiny spaces, and unwrapping them would need as much energy as was unleashed during the Big Bang. In other words, more than would be accessible to any technology without, basically, bugging the Universe as we know it at the same time. Perhaps theories, or hypotheses, have moved on since I last nosed around this issue.

>Dimensional travel theories can work in one of two ways:
>transport from a completely different 4-D universe into our
>universe or transport from one point in our 4-D universe to
>another point in our 4-D universe by going through a 5th
>(or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This latter
>transport could explain "faster than light" travel.

The notion that wormholes can transport anything bigger than "Planck's length" (4×10^{-33} cm) doesn't hold up. In theory wormholes are arrived at by treating time as an imagined spacelike entity, which it may do in reality only in Big-Bang-like conditions -- according to the theory -- but you still have this titchy space into which to cram your would-be vee-hickle. Not even a virus would make it.

Fair enough: Bruce hints that there are problems with these exotic notions, but doesn't examine them. He falls back on the ETH as "the simplest" explanation when that is anything but simple in fact, if you care to look at it critically and dispassionately. And you still have the linkage problem. The lack of demonstrated linkage between UFO reports (a term that you may take it includes "UFO-related experiences") and anything ET is one reason I used the word "faith". Another inspiration for the term is a kind of backflip to the various apoplexies Darwin caused among various bishops. Yet another is the kind of Pavlovian tic, demonstrated in tropical strength near here by Brad Sparks recently, complete with silly accusations of corruption, at the slightest hint that some cherished case is under threat. I see this on this List all the time. I tend to infer that something besides scientific objectivity seems to be under threat, when this kind of barrel-scraping explosion occurs, and "faith" is a shorthand for everything implied. If you want a good long examination of why I think the ETH at large is an expression of faith in the religious sense, do visit the Magonia website. There are a few jokes in there too.

That's all from me on all that, but I should add that I certainly didn't mean to give the impression that Dennis had demolished the ET hypothesis. Look through the List archives, though, and you'll find he's done a pretty good job of demolishing the arguments of its defenders in the past, and stood up manfully to their gratuitous abuse, too.

best wishes
Mendoza

"Never underestimate the power
of stupid people in large groups."

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Help With 'SG' Research

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@pacific.net.au>

Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 13:13:43 +1100

Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:29:32 -0500

Subject: Help With 'SG' Research

Hi,

I need help in investigating a building that I saw in a magazine some years back now. The magazine didn't have many pages to it, But it did have a lot of info on UFOs etc. I cannot for the life of me remember its name. But it did have a list of UFO craft and a list of the different type of Grey's as well as a half-lizard half-human Alien near the back.

I was most interested in a building that I believe they were calling the Star Gate? But don't quote me on that. This Building has had me intrigued for years.

The inside dimensions of the Building in this magazine looked to be about 100 to 200 meters long, about 20 or 30 meters wide and about 10 high with columns running down either side. It had, I believe a gap at the far end were a large circular ring once stood in front of a large carved stone block. Sitting at the entrance part of the building was a round capsule looking thing, it kind of looked like two soup bowls put together. It looked to be large as the person standing near it was quite small in comparison.

I for some years wondered how could this building be a Star Gate?, But it just so happened that a friend I know was working on what is now known as a Rail Gun. For those of you that don't know what a Rail Gun is. It is a Gun that fires projectiles by using Magnetic fields to accelerate a small object. The speed at which a object can be accelerated to is very impressive.

Anyway, I was looking at my drawing of the so called Star Gate building (a drawing I did from memory as I had the magazine lost or thrown out on me) When I started to remember what my friend had been working on with the Rail Gun. I started to wonder if this building could be used with the same principle as the Rail Gun?.

If large slabs of gold were positioned on the columns down the length of the building and gold was used to cover parts of the inside of the corridor. It could be possible to create a large magnetic field within the corridor. One would have to have control over the amount of energy being created within the corridor as the device would have to receive as well as send the capsule or what ever it is that was or would be sent. This is why I guess they used slabs of gold as the slabs could be moved in and out to increase or decrease the magnetic field and to change the polarity of the magnetic field.

I still find it hard to get my head around a Human being put inside of a capsule and sent hurtling down this corridor, I mean the GA forces alone would kill them, Wouldn't It?. And then there is the re-entry, The GA forces there would also be so great it would kill any living thing within the capsule. But I do know a little about the speeds at which a object can be accelerated to and as I said it is very impressive, This is why I continued on investigating. Also a large rocket can be launched into space using this principle, But would not be able to survive the almost instant increase in GA forces. Which is why it is not used today to launch rockets.

I would dearly like to put this research into this building to bed once and for all, If only I could find out were this damn building is in South America. So after at least 5 years of looking I cannot find it and I have written to Archeologist and, Well you name it I have just about written to them all. I only have to mention the word Star Gate and that ends any help from most I have written too.

So I am trying a last-ditch effort to find this building by asking those knowledgeable people here if they have come across any info on this building or even just the name of that magazine would help me a lot. (The phrase, "Help me OBl you're my only hope.", comes to mind as I am writing this. Were is that OBl when you need him?)

I personally have no idea if a Star Gate is possible. But by knowing the location of that building and if there are any others like it around the world. I could at least carry on my investigations or as I said put it to bed once and for all. Any info would be greatly appreciated. I wish I had more info to give to help anyone that mite know about this place in South America.

On a different note about debunkers etc., I would like to point out a old Intelligence trick used to destabilize groups and Governments. It is much easier for those wishing to upset groups etc. to start arguments etc. within a group to destabilize it than to arrest people or threaten them etc. Once people within the group start going at each others throat, the group will fall apart on it's own. I suggest that not all that is said against researchers researching into UFOs should be taken too much to heart. I mean let's face it, we are dealing with a subject that will always bring out the de-bunker in must people. I also believe most of the scientific community doesn't want UFOs to be confirmed. After all,if UFOs are confirmed they will look pretty silly for having said for so many years that UFOs cannot be real.

When ever I get people calling me crazy or a moron etc., I Just remember the crazy morons that set out to sea into the unknown back when the world thought the Earth was flat. It was those crazy morons that pushed back the ignorance of that time and opened up the world for many others. I guess one needs to be a little crazy to venture off into the unknown. Well at least I think it helps if your a little crazy. :-)

Cheers,

Chris

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Re: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact -

From: **Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:52:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:32:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact -

Compliments of the Duke:

>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall
>Sent: 17/02/01 01:22
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto, updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Mendoza

>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

In this reply to Dick Hall I wrote:

>The notion that wormholes can transport anything bigger than
>"Planck's length" (4×10^{-33} cm) doesn't hold up. In theory

I hope Planck has stopped twirling in his crypt. Planck's length is of course 4×10^{-33} cm. Apologies for the error.

best wishes

Mendoza

"Never underestimate the power
of stupid people in large groups."

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Re: Argentina: UFOs Over Saenz Pena - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 22:12:56 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:36:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Argentina: UFOs Over Saenz Pena - Young

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 14:01:22 -0500
>Subject: Argentina: UFOs Over Saenz Pena

>SOURCE: Diario "Norte" de Chaco (Argentina)
>DATE: Monday, February 12, 2001

>NEW UFO ACCOUNTS FROM SAENZ PENA

<snip>

>It has become a tradition in Oro Blanco to wait for the flying
>object's passing -- resembling a large luminous ball flying at
>low altitude and speed, making movements which are not typical
>of aircraft or other known vehicles. These characteristics arise
>from the testimony of locals who have become frequent witnesses
>to the passing of these UFOs and whose stories have appeared in
>NORTE newspaper.

Hi, Scott:

What exactly are the characteristics of the motions described by
the witnesses and published in the paper NORTE?

>On midnite on Saturday, a group of residents of Oro Blanco, a
>neighborhood located behind this city's sports complex, gathered
>to see the luminous object once more, but the overcast skies
>hampered their viewing.

When a repeatedly seen object does not make its reappearance on
an overcast night, one is always tempted to consider the
possibility - however remote - that an astronomical object is
involved.

When the object was seen, could you give a date, time, location
and direction that the object was seen. How long was the object
seen and how did it disappear?

Thanks.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Encyclopedia Of The Unexplained - Debate Forum

From: Steve Wilson Snr. <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:23:38 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:38:49 -0500
Subject: Encyclopedia Of The Unexplained - Debate Forum

Unexplained Mysteries - <http://www.unexplained-mysteries.freemove.co.uk>

Encyclopedia Of The Unexplained Debate Forum

Among today's updates to the site, is our new "Debates Forum", which can be accessed by clicking on the "Discussion Forum" link anywhere in the site. The new Debates Forum section, is intended to allow visitors to discuss fundamental questions regarding the unexplained, such as "Do Aliens Visit Earth" and such. To participate, it couldn't be simpler. Simply click on the Discussion Forum link on the site, and select the "Multi-Topical Debate Forum" at the top of the forums list.

To post a message as a reply to any of the debates currently being discussed, or to start a debate of your own, simply post what you'd like to say as a message in the forum. If you are starting a new debate, please include the word "Debate :" at the start of the debate title.

Remember that you do not need to register to participate - to discuss in any of our forums, simply enter a name or nickname into the name box on the post message screen, but leave the password box blank.

If you feel you'd like to contribute to a debate - please by all means do so. The forum is there to be used.

Other updates today include :

A new UFO / Alien Sightings Location Map in the sightings database
3 New Encyclopedia Entries
1 New Link
1 New Sighting Added

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Re: Lakenheath - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
Date: 17 Feb 2001 04:33:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:42:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - McGonagle

I am coming in here not having read all of the posts due to mail problems, so if I have misunderstood something, I apologise in advance.

I ought to point out that I am not a member of UFOIN, so I have no particular torch to carry.

I understand that you (Brad) have been criticised for lack of thoroughness in investigating this case (BTW, I am not familiar with the case myself, so I am not in a position to make a judgement on that). This criticism was, I understand, based on the premise that you were unaware of witness information from Squadron Leader Wimbledon. That would have been an excusable oversight, given the geographical problems involved.

But.....

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:58:38 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

<snip>

>>Squadron Leader Wimbledon made these annotations in his own
>>hand between 1978 and 1980, when he was involved in lengthy
>>correspondence with Gordon Thayer, the author of the Condon
>>Study's version of the case. He also produced, at that
>>time, a lengthy commentary destroying the credibility of
>>the USAF controller's version of events.

>See. You yourself do admit the word "destroying" as I had
>said -- "destroying" the USAF controller's account.

>>I repeat, Wimbledon did all of this between 1978 and 1980
>>when I was a schoolboy!

>>Is Brad suggesting that during 1978, knowing or caring less
>>about UFOs or Lakenheath, I suddenly went AWOL from my
>>classroom, hopped on a train to London and held a senior
>>RAF officer at gunpoint whilst I forced him 'trash' the
>>account of a 'highly reliable' American witness?

>In fact I was directly involved in that correspondence
>through both Thayer and Friedman. Again, you fail to realize
>(because you don't want to blow up your sarcastic snide
>remarks) that this correspondence is how I identified
>Wimbledon's personal idiosyncrasies as to the case.

>Wimbledon was personally jealous of his role in the case and
>insisted that no one but he could possibly have been in
>communication with the Venom fighter interceptors, so
>therefore on that basis of his personal presumption he

>declared the USAF radar controller Forrest Perkins'
>account "RUBBISH" etc.
>Wimbledon of course could not and did not bother caring to
>explain how it was possible that Perkins knew so many details
>of the interception if he was not in radio communication at
>the time -- alleged inaccuracies of the details don't affect
>the fact that Perkins was in on the radio link contrary to
>Wimbledon.

<snip>

I understand you to mean that you were aware of Wimbledon's version of events, but that you chose not to document it-if that is correct, then that is surely inexcusable?

To have possession of contradictory evidence, from a relatively senior military source, and discard it on the intuition that the witness was tainted by jealousy suggests to me that his evidence was unsuitable because it didn't fit in with your view of the case.

I may be completely wrong, perhaps you did publish his evidence? If so, please correct me.

Also, it seems clear to me that you accept that Wimbledon's version seriously challenged the evidence provided by Perkins-what has changed since UFOIN got in touch with him? Is his evidence any more or less challenging now than it was in 1978-80? If not, what exactly are you suggesting?

Regards,

Joe McGonagle

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Re: AA Film Redux - Sawers

From: William Sawers <syntax@i4free.co.nz>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 18:12:01 +1300
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:44:29 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Sawers

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:53:37 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

>>Hello William, Robert, Ed and List,

>>A couple of days ago, I issued a post exposing evident
>>distortion of reality from the parts of Santilli and Heselmann.
>>Mind you, I did not engage in philosophical debate, conjectures
>>or speculations. Only facts.

>>I got zero argumentation from AA film proponents.

Serge

If you haven't noticed there has been a slight hold-up with mail
in some quarters, your replies are coming.

I received a post from Neil explaining the turn of events re the
tent footage so you weren't quite ignored.....

to be continued....

William

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Re: Greys - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 01:24:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:47:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:06:00 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: Greys

>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Greys

>>>MTVM wrote:

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>>>or God will shred your little soul like confetti and torch
>>>torch you in a Hell-fire.

>>>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

>Larry, you realize that I have to send an electronic postcard
>to MTVM now with nice Grey artwork, don't you.

>:)

>Sean KAPRA

Aw gee Sean! Do you really want to jerk
this poor man's chain and spoil his fun?

I was tempted to send him the URL to this amazing website:
(but I reconsidered)

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

It might be fun to watch the the two whackos battle it out, but
then they would both have our email addresses, and that's not
very clever.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Abovegod.com has to be the looniest and most diverting rant
I have seen on the web. Please pop a beer or whatever and check
it out. Amazing.

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:42:40 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:55:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:58:38 EST

Greetings list, Brad, all...

>Instead of distortion, in fact you've proven my point, only that
>you quibble over the exact wording. Instead of "destroying" the
>case you say (next para.) you're "debunking" it. But later on
>you yourself admit that the RAF controller is "destroying" the
>USAF controller's account. Your word there. Amazing how you can
>be so sure the RAF man is right and the USAF man is wrong.

Oxford English Dictionary, 9th Edition, debunk: "expose the falseness of (a claim etc)."

The claims debunked are the "accepted" version of the Lakenheath case - copied, recycled and distorted through endless re-telling in an endless stream of books and magazine articles.

Note the "accepted" version - not the fact that something happened - because something most certainly did!

Is Brad Sparks saying the "accepted" version is set in stone, like Biblical tablets - that there is no need to question, to inquire, to trace further sources, track down witnesses who have never been interviewed?

Where have I claimed that the account of the RAF man is "right"?

I am simply saying what he maintains and continues to maintain, regardless of what anyone else says. Whether he is right or wrong can only be measured in the light of other, independent, evidence which we now have.

To turn on its head, how does Brad Sparks know that the USAF man is "right"?

What we do know for a fact is that the USAF controller, whatever his role, was not in charge of the interception - the RAF controller was.

What we know is that the USAF Controller was not sat at the controls, or at the radar, of the Venom NF-3 which was scrambled by the RAF Controller.

So who qualifies for the most important witness - the pilot and navigator in the sky, doing the interception, or some USAF chappie listening in on the action?

A USAF controller who admits he could not understand the English accent used by the pilots!

A USAF controller who was writing an account of what he remembered 12 years after the event - without the help of any contemporaneous evidence whatsoever!

A USAF controller who could not even remember the month these events occurred ("sometime between January and September"), but nevertheless had such a precise memory for what he overheard in a busy control room, during the heat of action, in an accent he admits he did not understand that he had been able to memorise exact phrases "Roger Lakenheath I've got my guns locked on him..."

We can only interpret history by the comparison of sources and texts. The most reliable of sources, in this case at least, are those produced at the time - i.e. the contemporaneous ones.

It is only by using these sources as a base line, and by balancing what both the RAF man, the Venom aircrews and the USAF RATCC controller says that we can arrive at the best possible "fit".

This is how history is reconstructed, not by blind belief and adherence to one particular source which fits one's own prejudices.

>For someone who claims I don't know anything about what you've
>supposedly found you sure talk a lot about it, and seem to have
>no memory of the developments with the Venom pilot interviews
>going back 3-4 years before your involvement barely 1 year ago,
>which have been public.

I'm perfectly aware of what transpired during the Venom pilot interviews 3 to 4 years ago. In the last six months we have traced and undertaken extensive interviews with the pilots and navigators of both aircraft.

What you think you know about what they say or don't say, is immaterial.

I think you should heed Dick Hall's advice, have some patience, and wait to see what they have to say.

>Apparently your goal and that of your colleagues is to silence
>all comment on these developments in the case for endless and
>unspecified durations while you take full advantage of your UK
>location to "investigate" the case and gloat over your special
>access that those of us on other continents do not have. And
>that is your continual message how you're going to prove
>everyone else to be such idiots and how you have had such
>privileged access, and are so competent and diligent because you
>are local and we are not, etc. etc.

Well if such a ridiculous assertion was true, it hasn't worked has it? I think it would take an international power failure to "silence" Brad Sparks.

Thousands of words of worthless armchair speculation do not add up to much.

The fact remains that we have traced and interviewed the primary witnesses and traced contemporaneous documentation on the case.

Surely that's something that ufology should be happy about, shouldn't it?

We haven't set out to "destroy" the case - but we want to know the truth, as much as it is possible to reach a version of "truth" after all these years.

Would Brad prefer it if we just carried on recycling a hopelessly inaccurate version for another 50 years?

Nobody is gloating or trying to score points - when this work is concluded everyone who is interested will get a free copy (via the web) if they want to see what we have found.

As for my bluster, arrogance and condescension - why do you think I decided to tip-toe back onto UpDates again? Mixing with so many experts on such matters is bound to rub off.

How about this example of "arrogance and condescension":

>Wimbledon was personally jealous of his role in the case and
>insisted that no one but he could possibly have been in
>communication with the Venom fighter interceptors, so therefore

>on that basis of his personal presumption he declared the USAF
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>the interception if he was not in radio communication at the
>time -- alleged inaccuracies of the details don't affect the
>fact that Perkins was in on the radio link contrary to
>Wimbledon.

And the author was? Yes! Brad Sparks...

There's an English expression which involves the words "pot"
"kettle" and "black", and the cap fits.

So let's put an end to the bluster and stick to the facts. You
will be appraised of them soon enough.

All best wishes

Dave Clarke

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From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 01:37:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:59:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:09:34 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Greys - Jones

>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 15:32:34 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Greys

>>Dear MTVM:

>>Thank you for the message (below).

>>I hope you don't mind if I copy your warning to others.

>>-Larry Hatch

>>>MTVM wrote:

>>>The Greys are Demons. Do not post pictures of them or God
>>>will shred your little soul like confetti and torch you in
>>>a Hell-fire.

>>>TVM <mtvm@home.com>

>I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

>Being that I am a Christian, I believe in Christ, not in
>religion, I am affronted when people say things like this.

>When I tell people that I am a Christian as well as a believer
>in UFOs I always get asked something along the lines of "aren't
>they mutually exclusive?" Well the answer is no. Why? Well it is
>simple, where in the bible does it say that God only created
>life here on Earth?

>Thought for the day; If God really does exist, why, O why, do we
>have to put up with idiots like this?

Hello again Sean:

I'm pretty much a religious non-believer, but I'm sure that we can agree on one point... as you said, religious beliefs, especially the Judeo-Christian tradition and UFOs are definitely not mutually exclusive. Belief in one does not preclude "belief" (or preferably assigning some reasonable probability) to the other.

Even the very conservative Roman Catholic hierarchy as has said as much; that nothing in scripture affirms nor dismisses the possibility of intelligent beings elsewhere.

Should we ever get some definite evidence of alien intelligence via SETI or other means, it would cause a great stir in ecclesiastical circles!

I expect that much of this would revolve around the possibility

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of the Almighty having some different "arrangement" with those living on another world... Suppose their Adam and Eve did not sin for example. Would they still need a "redeemer"?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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A Minor Diversion

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:26:22 -0500
Subject: A Minor Diversion

Dear Listeroos:

Recently, on the Art Bell (or surrogate) Show, there was some clown advocating Hollow Earth again (sigh!). This is my radio entertainment commuting home from work around midnight.

The entrances are near the poles of course, "that's why science hasn't found them... maybe there is life there... maybe that's where UFOs come from .."

Anyhow, while pitying the poor polar bear who falls down such a hole, and disregarding the fact that the entire arctic ocean would simply dump down the same hole, a question occurred to me.

To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the distance to the center.

Extrapolating from the thermal gradients so far measured (so many degrees per kilometer of depth) I see figures on the order of 4000 or 5000 degrees C for Earth's center.

Those temps sound much like the surface of the Sun, so I must ask: Would you put a UFO factory on the surface of the Sun? Never mind attracting competent employees for now.

Frankly, I am suspicious of the low temperatures extrapolated for the Earth's core. As a rank amateur, I would have guessed temps orders of magnitude higher.

There could be a sustained nuclear reaction, an ongoing atomic bomb as it were, from our heaviest element there for all I know... selectively sunken due to high density.

What is the temperature at the core of an atom bomb, or just some controlled atomic pile? It sounds exactly like hell to me, and that's where Art's guest seems to want to go.

Please forgive this minor diversion!

... and best wishes as always,

- Larry Hatch

PS: My car radio conks out about halfway home, on schedule, every night. Thus I cannot tell you whether mister Hollow Earth is selling books, tapes, or just trying to impress his girlfriend. The radio moderator (Bell?) played right along regardless. I'll bet EBK would have asked him better questions. [burp!] -LH

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Re: Lakenheath - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 13:53:16 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:28:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Hall

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:58:38 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Children, children! Go to your rooms. Let UFOIN publish the report, and they will either "put their money where their mouth is" or not. I don't care who struck John first. Let's see the report and then discuss and debate its merits.

Dick Hall

P.S. Sorry about any protocol violations. I am still learning how to use this Hotmail e-mail and can't figure out how to "quote" or delete segments.

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Re: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 09:11:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:31:09 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico - Sanchez-Ocejo

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 16:05:31 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico

>>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: UFO Over Veracruz, Mexico
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:04:28 -0600

>>Hi!!

>>See the photos of a UFO flying over Veracruz, Mexico on
>>Christmas 2000.

>>Visit:

>><http://virgiliol1.homestead.com/FotosOVNI.html>

>Excellent photos doctor. Thank you for sharing them. Have they
>been put through a formal analysis process yet? Did anyone
>capture video of the object?

We are trying to get the originals and the negatives for
analysis, also we are looking for more witnesses. No video, only
photos!

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>
CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 08:41:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:34:56 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:03:50 +0000
>From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald . Ledger)
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>Source: NASA Watch

>><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

>>Editor's rant: I can't even begin to find the right sentences to
>>describe this TV show - but I will try. Individual words such as
>>"idiotic", "ridiculous", "scandalous", "irresponsible",
>>"stupid", "fraudulent", "sloppy", and just plain "wrong" come to
>>mind.

><snip>

>Hi Errol,

>I guess you posted this. I got one from NASA too. Tell its
>writer, welcome to the club, and he/she will be looking in the
>wrong place if he/she goes to the skeptics list. They will have
>to look up the "True Believers" list for the Man on the Moon
>hypothesis.

To the outraged;

Our sensibilities have been so ritually abused by the lack a
general forthcomingness from the leadership of our institutions
that we are ripe (and probably programmed) for any proffered
buffoonery. Sometimes, I think all would agree, experience
dictates that it is easier to believe that something has NOT
occurred than that it has. Truly, our garden-variety credulity
has been jerked back and forth across the line of plausibility
so hard and often by likely conspiracy that we can't see our
sensible and rational hands in front of our faces.

Don't decry the aggregate stupidity. That is shallow,
self-defeating, and finally inaccurate. Rather, decry what works
so passionately to keep people stupid. That's a much better
target for the rage of ones very rational irritation. Besides,
starless skies, errant shadows, spotless landing pads, and
waving flags go a long way toward demonstrating more than a
mere suggestion of suspicion in the current regard. I would like

to continue to believe that people went to the moon, for prides sake if nothing else. I just wouldn't be surprised if they didn't. I've _seen_ UFOs. I never saw anyone walk on the moon. I have personal experience with the former. I only have 'someone's' already suspect _Word_ for the latter. What would you have me continue to believe?

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

>~ö~
EXPLORE Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his Fortunecity URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

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, scourged by scurrilous skepti-feebroids.

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Re: George Adamski? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 02:41:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:37:05 -0500
Subject: Re: George Adamski? - Hatch

>From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: George Adamski?
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 00:13:16 -0000

>Does anyone out there have a 1953/54, i.e. first edition copy of
>Desmond Leslie's book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed?' If so you
>may be able to help with a question that I have...

Hi Gary:

The oldest copy I ever saw was co-authored by Desmond Leslie and (gasp!) George Adamski. As I take it, they put two narratives into one volume; at least in the American edition.

This one is from the British Book Center, NY,NY 1956, and almost certainly a reprint of the original you refer to. I never saw that, nor do I now have a copy of either.

Credulous or not, I think Leslie is regarded as an honest fellow; while Adamski... let's just say the phrase "three-dollar-bill" keeps sloshing around in my sodden head!

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: AA Film Redux - Zeigermann

From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 15:35:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 10:40:14 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Zeigermann

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:10:38 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Having seen the perils of "seeing things" in clouds of pixels
>(see my website devoted to possible Mars artifacts), I honestly
>don't think there's anything here worth scratching one's head
>about. Maybe after a few rounds in a sensory deprivation tank
>I'd feel differently. But right now these look like smudges and
>wishful thinking.

Mac,

You are promoting a heap of rocks on Mars and you (and others)
see a 'face' in it, while for me (and others) it's just a pile
of rocks.

In the AA you (and others) can clearly see a body and this
'body' clearly doesn't look like a dummy or prop to me (and
others).

Whether this 'body' is something alien or a distorted human
being still remains to be solved. Or unsolved.

And yes, RPIT is about 'smudges'; but at least we don't see a
face where no face is.

'Clouds of Pixels' - maybe Antonioni was just right with 'Blow
Up'. But maybe he wasn't....

Cheers,

Ralf

Ralf's 3D-Site
Infos about the German SF series 'Raumpatrouille',
a Bryce-Gallery, models to download and more!

<http://www.kag15.dial.pipex.com/>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 16:41:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 13:31:46 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Dear Duke,

>Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

>>I enjoy your humor and we all need to have a good laugh
>>now and then.

<snip>

I am overwhelmed by your erudition. Yet, as an erstwhile formal student of philosophy you seem to be arguing from theory (deductively) rather than from data (inferentially).

Both you and Dennis suggest that I have taken his comments out of context. Actually the context doesn't really matter; he implied in a pejorative manner that people like me, Dick Haines, and Bruce Maccabee were ET believers, or that he suspected same. He has since apologized for seeming to link me with gullible believers, so there is no need to belabor the point. But, my argument is strictly empirical. Theory be damned.

As I see it the evidence strongly suggests an ET answer and the "link" you call for is there to see if you study the total picture. I have presented it in my new book*, and will continue to present it in various fora. And we will have to agree to disagree about Dennis' responsibility to suggest alternatives if he is not convinced the ET hypothesis is a worthy one.

*[The UFO Evidence
by Richard Hall (Editor)

Hardcover - 784 pages Vol 2 (February 2001)
Scarecrow Pr; ISBN: 0810838818 --ebk]

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 11:36:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 13:33:58 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hart

>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: Toronto List <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: A Minor Diversion

>Dear Listeroos:

>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know.
>Please forgive this minor diversion!

Hey Larry,

I can't answer your question but can pose one even better: what
is hotter - the surface of the sun or a place on the surface of
the earth?

The answer will surprise you...

Gary Hart

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Re: Greys - McCartney

From: Pat McCartney <ElPatricio@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:31:43 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:00:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Greys - McCartney

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 04:57:00
>o: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: Greys

>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Greys
>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 00:15:28 -0500

>... This friendly old dude that I always saw in the elevator
>and always said "Hi." to my wife and I, was there reading
>near the (only) door, so I sat across from him and
>started reading myself. (Picture that I have to essentially
>climb over this guy to get out if I am in a hurry). Out of the
>blue, after a few brief comments about mundanities, he says:

>"They are demons you know."

<snip>

>He was then calm and back to his normal, quiet, self.

>Yipes.

Sean,

I think ufology's greatest hurdle is overcoming traditional beliefs such as the fundamentalist view that if there are aliens, they must be the demons of the Old Testament to be consistent with the Word of God.

Despite the stunning wealth of knowledge available today to us all, easily two-thirds of humanity clings to traditional belief as their bedrock philosophy. Taking that belief away is tantamount to a liberal zealot like myself persuading a Rush Limbaugh that his view of the world is, how shall we say, self-serving and reactionary?

Discussions about individual UFO cases, including those strenuously pursued by researchers on this list, chip away incrementally at this legacy of received "wisdom."

But, let's face it, the leap from our existing ethnocentric beliefs to one more resembling Star Wars is a drastic one for many, and won't come easily. I suppose, accepting the ETH as reasonable, that this sort of thing has gone on countless times over the millennia, and suspect that many spacefaring cultures _if they are out there_ would have a First Contact protocol for that reason.

After all, the 1955 Brookings Institute study warned that all less-advanced cultures on Earth suffered irreparable harm when exposed to more-advanced cultures during the colonial era.

I think it takes generations for the old beliefs to die out. Until then, the majority culture will continue to use ridicule and denial to marginalize the study of UFOs and those people who believe their existence is likely.

Re: Greys - McCartney

Demons, indeed.

Pat McCartney

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:10 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:02:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000

>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>essential to serious ufology.

>Dick Hall

Agreed!

But, let's hope that Renny Randles et al will be better than on Rendlesham.

And that the pilot's testimonies "who have seen nothing" will be loud and clear.

The "Cometa boys" are waiting and getting older).

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:15 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:11:13 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:59:09 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 17:01:11 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

I confess I have been only glimpsing this thread, but now I feel like reminding everyone of a couple of points which seem to have been lost.

The first one is the information given by Bob Shell, that Captain McAndrews told him he had seen the film in the US Air Force archives before its release by Santilli.

Please re-read this answer by Bob Shell to my message of January 29, 1999:

UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
Date: 01/02/99 03:17:23
From: updates@globalserve.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)

Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 10:13:06 +0000
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 16:38:45 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:07:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

>This is one of the most important informations that you have
>made, it seems to me.

>And here is a simple question:

>Did Capt. McAndrew tell you, even roughly, when he saw that "same
>film" in the Air Force archives?

I don't think he mentioned a specific date but I had the

impression from context that he was speaking of seeing it some years earlier. He also indicated having seen more of the film than Santilli had.

>At least, did he see it before, or after the release of the film
>by Santilli?

Before.

>If he saw it after, it would not be worth mentioning since, very
>soon, thousands of copies were distributed worldwide: it could
>be any of these copies!

>So, I suppose he meant that he had seen it before. Then, I don't
>see many possibilities:

>1) The AA footage is an authentic military film,

>or

>2) It is a fake made by the military, or a related agency. (In
>this case, it could well be a fake close to a real one).

>In both cases, Santilli had only a copy of it, and was of course
>unable to give a foot of original film for datation, but this is
>not a key point in this context. It could have been shot any
>time.

>3) Here is another possibility: captain McAndrew lied to you!

Of course that is possible.

>Then the question is: why?

>Is he another Richard Doty??

>If so, what about the "Roswell Report, Case Closed" authored by
>the same?

He did a good job, apparently. He was promoted out of this job and sent off to spook school.

(End of Shell's message to the list)

The second point came from Colin Andrews.

Colin Andrew's testimony has been cited in the book 'Beyond Roswell' by Philip Mantle and Michael Hesemann (pages 206 and 207).

He says that, on June 26, 1995, he visited Ray Santilli with two other researchers - the Japanese, Johsen Takano and the Chinese, Dr Hoang-Yung Chiang from Taiwan.

Both Takano and Hoang-Yung, after screening the film, told him that they had seen it already. Johsen, when his government had requested UFO information from the American government. The film was part of the documentation brought to Tokyo by a CIA courier. Hoang-Yung, in the course of an official visit to the CIA's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, where they had been shown several hours of film.

Is this story an invention of Mantle and Hesemann?

I checked with Colin Andrews himself, and he confirmed it to me entirely, in a private mail.

Now, does that mean that the film is authentic?

No, it does not. But it does give a clue about its origin.

If we suppose for a moment that the whole thing was a secret service operation, in order to ruin the Roswell Case at a time when the inquiries were becoming more and more embarrassing, it has been a tremendous success.

In France, it was a complete disaster for ufology.

Remember, the long awaited film was released just before the

long awaited GAO report, and no one paid attention to it in the press.

May I add another grain of salt?

I think we may also consider that such an operation would have a second, long term, aim: to get the public used to such powerful images.

In such a perspective, people like Santilli (who could not even spell Roswell!) and Volker Spielberg, were just second hands obeying orders.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: George Adamski? - Anthony

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 19:35:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:15 -0500
Subject: Re: George Adamski? - Anthony

Hi List,

Just thought I would post this mail as a 'thank you' for the excellent response, which I've had from UpDates subscribers in relation to my Desmond Leslie publication question - in a post entitled 'George Adamski?'.

Now I have a better idea what relevant reference to obtain for my current research.

Thanks to all.....

Best regards,

Gary Anthony

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Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:45:12 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:18:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>Date: 17 Feb 2001 04:33:22 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>I am coming in here not having read all of the posts due to mail
>problems, so if I have misunderstood something, I apologise in
>advance.

>I ought to point out that I am not a member of UFOIN, so I have
>no particular torch to carry.

>I understand that you (Brad) have been criticised for lack of
>thoroughness in investigating this case (BTW, I am not familiar
>with the case myself, so I am not in a position to make a
>judgement on that). This criticism was, I understand, based on
>the premise that you were unaware of witness information from
>Squadron Leader Wimbledon. That would have been an excusable
>oversight, given the geographical problems involved.

>But.....

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:58:38 EST
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

><snip>

>>>Squadron Leader Wimbledon made these annotations in his own
>>>hand between 1978 and 1980, when he was involved in lengthy
>>>correspondence with Gordon Thayer, the author of the Condon
>>>Study's version of the case. He also produced, at that
>>>time, a lengthy commentary destroying the credibility of
>>>the USAF controller's version of events.

>>See. You yourself do admit the word "destroying" as I had
>>said -- "destroying" the USAF controller's account.

>>>I repeat, Wimbledon did all of this between 1978 and 1980
>>>when I was a schoolboy!

>>>Is Brad suggesting that during 1978, knowing or caring less
>>>about UFOs or Lakenheath, I suddenly went AWOL from my
>>>classroom, hopped on a train to London and held a senior
>>>RAF officer at gunpoint whilst I forced him 'trash' the
>>>account of a 'highly reliable' American witness?

>>In fact I was directly involved in that correspondence
>>through both Thayer and Friedman. Again, you fail to realize
>>(because you don't want to blow up your sarcastic snide
>>remarks) that this correspondence is how I identified

>>Wimbledon's personal idiosyncrasies as to the case.

>>Wimbledon was personally jealous of his role in the case and
>>insisted that no one but he could possibly have been in
>>communication with the Venom fighter interceptors, so
>>therefore on that basis of his personal presumption he
>>declared the USAF radar controller Forrest Perkins'
>>account "RUBBISH" etc.
>>Wimbledon of course could not and did not bother caring to
>>explain how it was possible that Perkins knew so many details
>>of the interception if he was not in radio communication at
>>the time -- alleged inaccuracies of the details don't affect
>>the fact that Perkins was in on the radio link contrary to
>>Wimbledon.

><snip>

>I understand you to mean that you were aware of Wimbledon's
>version of events, but that you chose not to document it-if that
>is correct, then that is surely inexcusable?

Hi Joe,

That is not correct. Wimbledon's version was included at the time. And there was further correspondence after the article was published by Thayer (and I'm sure others corresponded with Wimbledon after his highly public letter to the editor). There was no Internet back then. I assisted Thayer who was involved in a heavy correspondence with Klass on the case that I lost track of after having to leave the UFO field for several years due to a personal tragedy.

>To have possession of contradictory evidence, from a relatively
>senior military source, and discard it on the intuition that the
>witness was tainted by jealousy suggests to me that his evidence
>was unsuitable because it didn't fit in with your view of the
>case.

What we had from Wimbledon at the time wasn't all contradictory, it was largely supportive, and it was included -- there was an unidentified radar target tracked by Wimbledon's Neatishead radar in agreement with what Lakenheath radar was tracking and there was an attempted Venom intercept. And the obvious jealousy wasn't commented upon. Wimbledon was no more "senior" in the sense you're using than Perkins was, who was a senior Air Force radar controller of many years' experience.

However, Wimbledon claimed that the USAF would not even have been privy to the radio communication frequencies used in the Venom intercepts and therefore Perkins could not possibly have listened in on the intercept -- when quite obviously Perkins did and that fact was supported by the TWX communications in the USAF files from Aug 1956. I think Thayer discounted this discrepancy as a memory problem by Wimbledon 20-25 years after the event. However now we'll get to hear what Wimbledon has to say 40-45 years after the fact and see if his memory has improved.

>I may be completely wrong, perhaps you did publish his evidence?
>If so, please correct me.

Yes, see above.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 21:51:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:27:32 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:28:39 -0800

>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 22:53:37 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Salvaille

>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 11:26:35 -0800

>Hello Neil and List,

><snip>

>>>that Hesemann is full of it...

>>That's a sweeping statement to make, and though Mike may
>>jump in with both feet from time to time it hardly describes the
>>actual research he has carried out during the trips he's made
>>out to NM to follow up on this case.

><snip>

>My previous post proved the following concerning Hesemann's
>position: all verifiable assertions on Hesemann's site concerning
>elements of authenticity in the AA case are UN-TRUE.

Serge,

Please be point specific, it's very easy to make scatter gun
statements without arguments, I hope in my exchanges with both
yourself and Roger I have attempted to counter each claim with
itemised explanations from the record.

><snip>

>>Well it doesn't answer a question I have, and if Errol will
>>oblige by forwarding the image I've attached (it's been on the
>>RPIT website for the past year, site's being rebuilt at
>>www.rpit.org).

>>How did Ray know about the "backtoback J" symbol hidden away in
>>the debris in Gen Ramey's office on the 8th July 1947, so as to
>>plant it on a beam hidden away in the background of the "AA
>>Debris Footage"?.

>>And not only that, how did he manage it with a further 3 (so
>>far) distinct symbols seen in both sets of debris??.

><snip>

>This is the easiest answer. Please view my take of this evidence
>in the attached .jpg file. Please note that my interpretation of

>the RPIT image is copyrighted information. You must mention my
>name if you want to use it.

[The image was not forwarded - nor was the one attached to this
message - there are too many subscribers whose providers will
not handle attachments - they bounce. Please post files to URLs
and reference those sites in future posts-ebk]

><snip>

>>I've mentioned these facts before on this list and so far I've
>>had no credible response. Bond Johnson's Fort Worth Photographs
>>showing the debris are historical documents, ask the UTA
>>Library, has Ray tampered with them?? or researched them, in
>>detail??, not as far as I know.

><snip>

>Rephrase that: you have had no response you would believe.

Ok, I'll rephrase that, at this moment in time I've had no
response that can explain this situation.

>I recall James Bond Johnson's take on Roswell has been seriously
>challenged by Kevin Randle

There are two points of contention here, the first, regarding
phone interviews done by KR, it's not my place to go into these,
Bond's responses are on record in this forum.

The second is Bond's claim to be the only news photographer to
be present in Gen Ramey's office and that KR and DS's "news
conference" did not take place.

What's the RPIT evidence?.

Firstly circumstantial, other than the single Newton image which
appeared much later on the night of the 8th July, far too late
for morning deadlines, the only pictures to be published
anywhere were those taken by Bond Johnson, this point has been
extensively researched by a number of people who have checked
between one and two hundred news title editions around July 8th
1947.

The only pictures to appear were Bond's.

Where were all the others if there was a news conference with
multiple reporters and photogs??. It's also noteworthy that the
copy that ran with these pictures was, as a rule either verbatim
wire service copy or the same locally editorialised, where is
all this other copy?.

Witness testimony, unlike KR and DS who were I assume basing
their take of events from Jesse Marcel's recollections of his
time in FW, and it must also be noted Thos DuBose, Ramey's COS
at the time, totally dismissed any photographs having been
taken until confronted with Bond's pictures, to which he
responded " well yes, that is the stuff they brought from
Roswell". RPIT now have a witness to all the further events that
night in the offices of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram after Bond
Johnson left some time after 6pm.

It is this witness who now confirms Bond's belief no press
conference was called out at FWAAF, he was there in the St
office all that night, he know's who and by what means all the
reports regarding Roswell were handled that night by the ST,
and no press conference was called. Note, the ST was the
nearest news office to FWAAF and the title was the largest
circulating newspaper in the south of the USA, at that time.

There was no press conference at FWAAF as envisaged by KR and DS.

And like Ray Santilli, I'm not at this point going to identify
the witness.

>and the alleged symbols discovered by
>the RPIT effort are the result of circular reasoning. Some
>people are confusing photographic interpretation with a
>Rorschach test.

Again if Errol will oblige I've attached another example,

readers, please draw your own conclusions, are these "symbols" merely a byproduct of the little grey cells trying to make sense out of chaos?. Please note the sharply defined edges to the "M" type symbol and others. This image was on my old site for some months prior to it's closure in mid Dec last.

>>If the safety print dating is correct at no later than 1956
>>+-2yrs, was anyone aware of the UTA images so as to be able to
>>check out these details and create a hoaxed AA film containing
>>them?.

><snip>

>Another IF? Why don't you just ask good old Ray?

Kodak provided the historical date of the film base changeover, and a leading Italian University provided the chemical analysis of the film sample. "If" was a poor choice of word on my part.

><snip>

>>Awareness of the UTA images only came to light after Jesse
>>Marcel blew the whistle on Roswell back in 1979, and 23 years
>>after the last batch of the specific type of Kodak safety
>>print film, as used in the AA, had been manufactured.

><snip>

>_Who_ provided what piece of film for the Kodak analysis?

Philip Mantle, fragment with alleged autopsy room image.

>Your IF has graduated to urban legend in less than 10 lines.

>Remember, man: Santilli is a liar, the Cameraman does not exist
>and Hesemann's position on AA is flawed.

I've agreed all along with your #1.

But #2 and #3 you have yet to substantiate.

><snip>

>>I grant you one random smudge looking very much like another
>>random smudge could be written off as chance, 2 might be a
>>coincidence, 3's getting into the area of "deep strangeness",
>>and 4?, all on the same piece of AA debris?.

>>Now that really has me scratching my head to explain away.

><snip>

>Can't figure that one out, Neil.

>RPIT suggests that the Greys even never reached the stage of
>chisel- hammer writing: their symbology uses no straight line,
>no ellipse, no circle, or no figure whatsoever that could make
>it more advanced than the scribbles of a 2-year-old child.

In my eyes the symbols seen in the FW pics are very aesthetic in form, and who said the authors were grey?, certainly not me.

>As for any parallel with Santilli, you're trying to prove a
>fraud with a Rorschach test and wishful imagery with a fraud.

You're free to have your opinion Serge, but to me the odds of 4 consecutive symbols on one piece of Santilli film debris, symbols which were never publicised even at the height of the AA debate in 1995/6, these popping up in multiple instances in 50+ year old photographs with a proven secure history and of alleged debris from an event along similar lines with a close proximity in time?.

This set circumstances says something very different to me.

Neil.

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Tenney

From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 18:26:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:32:03 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Tenney

>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: Toronto List <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: A Minor Diversion

>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>distance to the center.

>Extrapolating from the thermal gradients so far measured (so
>many degrees per kilometer of depth) I see figures on the order
>of 4000 or 5000 degrees C for Earth's center.

Larry,

I believe our sun has a surface temperature of 6000 degrees C, but that's not why I'm responding, what really drives me "crazy" is that I totally and whole-heartedly remember being taught in school (Elementary, Jr High, High School, etc) that the center of the Earth was a molten, fiery, lava-ish core.

Isn't this what everyone was taught?

I've discussed it with friends and the ones that can remember agree with me. The reason that I've discussed this issue with friends recently is because in October I picked up a friend's son from his elementary school, (my old elementary school as a matter of fact) and I decided to go in and look around for old timesake.

As I stood and snooped by a fourth grade science class door I was amazed to hear the teacher telling all of her students about the, "cold, solid metal core" of the Earth.

I thought maybe I had heard wrong so I went back later to ask her what she was talking about and although she wasn't there to answer my questions I found a poster on the back wall of the class showing a cut-away of the Earth - and there you go, a solid, cold core of metal. Is it just me, am I remembering wrong or has science pulled a "switcharoo" since I've been out of school?

hmmm
John E.L. Tenney

P.S. My car conks out too everyday on my way to work, maybe someone is trying to tell me something... or maybe I should've spent more than \$75.00 for my car. hmmm again.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 16:27:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 17:09:30 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:59:09 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

At one point, Santilli spoke of the AA footage:

>>"Nothing will change that"?

I replied:

>>What absolute nonsense! Ray talks as if he has no control over
>>the validation process of AA. This is the kind of nonsensical
>>crap that casts a very, very dark cloud over Santilli's
>>credibility.

Neil responded:

>Do some homework here, Oct 1995, French channel TF1 tracked
>down Volker in Austria and managed to "drag" a few words out of
>him. He confirmed he had possession of all the AA footage
>and he had it safely locked away in a bank vault. Further,
>he was satisfied with his investment and the validity of the
>footage and didn't give a s*&t what anyone else thought. And
>yes,he was that blunt in the interview, seems to be a very blunt
>fellow.

Hi, Neil!

For starters, let's assume that Ray and Volker are not in this together which, in itself, would be quite an assumption since they both have a vested financial interest. During the critical early days of AA when he was supposedly trying to do things to verify the validity of AA, Santilli did everything except what he needed to do and that was let a film expert look at the original footage with an alien in it. Never mind the camera original versus print argument; Santilli thought he had camera original footage, therefore he had no reason to not have it tested and looked at by someone like Bob Shell of Kodak. Santilli chose not to do that. In addition, Santilli purposely kept people investigating AA at arms length from the alleged cameraman, even though identifying the cameraman would go a long way towards verifying the story of AA.

Again, Santilli and company have had plenty of opportunities to clear the air about AA. Personally, I think the story of Volker hoarding the film is nonsense. Volker knows the film is suspect, and that's the only reason he won't release it. Both Volker and Santilli stand to make so much more if the film were verified than they do letting it supposedly rot in Volker's vault. However, I will correct myself about Santilli being a liar; Santilli and Volker are both liars.

Roger

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From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 17:34:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 17:15:00 -0500
Subject: UFOWATCHDOG.COM

Greetings,

It is with great regret that I announce 'eXposé: The Watchdog of Ufology' will no longer be in operation. The reason for this? Simply put, the current website does not have sufficient capacity for the sheer amount of information that I have received. Several people have been requesting that more be done and have also expressed to me they feel that 'eXposé' has provided a much needed 'service' to ufology and the general public. I currently do not feel that 'eXposé' has been providing as great a service with this limited capacity and frankly, my expectations for 'eXposé' were much higher.

I sincerely appreciate the support that I have received. To those of you that have assisted and supported me in this endeavor, and to those of you that are faithful subscribers, I sincerely thank you. I now feel that the time has come to move on to another project, which I have and am pleased to announce the end of 'eXposé' and the beginning of:

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"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
<http://www.ufowatchdog.com>

I look forward to hearing from the many subscribers currently on this list and also hearing from those new to UFOWATCHDOG.COM. The site has expanded and has a great new look to it. I invite you to please stop by and see what its all about for yourself.

For those of you that have received this announcement in error, I apologize for the intrusion. If you would like to be removed from the list, please send an e-mail with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line and your e-mail address will be removed immediately. For those current subscribers, do nothing. You will continue to receive e-updates and your information will always remain in strict confidence. If you have received this message and are not a current subscriber but would like to subscribe to "THE WATCHDOG" e-updates, then do nothing and your name will remain on the list. Address all e-mail to ufowatchdog@earthlink.net

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Thank you for your time and attention. And as always, don't trip

on your open mind...

Sincerely,

Royce J. Myers III, Editor
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Re: UNASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:01:32 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 18:03:12 -0500
Subject: Re: UNASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Source: NASA Watch

><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

Personally I prefer the 2 hour special called Capricorn 1 :)
Probably just as accurate as the Fox special.

>Editor's rant: I can't even begin to find the right sentences to
>describe this TV show - but I will try. Individual words such as
>"idiotic", "ridiculous", "scandalous", "irresponsible",
>"stupid", "fraudulent", "sloppy", and just plain "wrong" come to
>mind.

>Among the most ridiculous claims in this program was that
>astronauts were killed (by NASA) to keep them silent "because
>they knew too much" and that the Apollo landings on the moon
>were faked. The only counterpoint to these baseless claims
>presented on-air were several short clips featuring the late
>Brian Welch from NASA PAO. This was all packaged together and
>promoted as a serious inquiry into a possible conspiracy on the
>part of NASA.

From the same good people who unloaded the alien autopsy on
everybody not to mention other such specials.

>Congratulations Fox. Now millions of school-aged children have
>been exposed to your nonsense - and it is going to take the hard
>work of their parents (whom you've also misinformed) and their
>teachers to fix the damage.

Of course you realize that many of the so called school
text books have flaws and major mistakes in them as reported
awhile back on national news. Bottom line is text books
can be just as accurate as the fox special and thats not saying
much.

>If Fox executives had any sense of fairness and civic
>responsibility they'd offer an hour of prime time to
>representatives from NASA and the scientific community to refute
>this one hour collection of rumors, unsubstantiated innuendo,
>and wanton conspiracy mongering - and undo the damage that has
>been done.

Why? They have already milked the money cow and people have
already watched it. Why let facts get in the way of

entertainment?

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:05:25 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 18:07:30 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 11:18:29 -0800

>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2001 08:57:56 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Hi all,

>>After much brow beating, spanning more than a week or so, I
>>finally agreed to look at Ed's CDs.

>Yes, we tried to convince you that you should take a look at the CDs.

>>As I figured, he
>>immediately emailed me with excuses about not being very
>>technical, not completely understanding how to make a CD copy,
>>etc.

>As I explained in that e-mail (several days after getting your
>address) I was originally going to have the CDs copied for me
>but since I had so few orders, I decided to do it myself. I
>admit to not be on the technical side, but I was able to muddle
>thought the installation process and am sending you the three CD
>set. (We had thought we would need four)

>>Just how prepared were you for people to accept your challenge of
>>looking at the footage, Ed?

>I think we're very well prepared but take a good look and see
>what you can find out and then we can talk it over. Maybe you'll
>find a zipper or seam.

I was hoping that you would roll Roger a VHS copy as well as the
CD, that way he could have both in hand when he checks it out.

Cheers,

Robert

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Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:21:27 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:13:32 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 15:35:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:10:38 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Having seen the perils of "seeing things" in clouds of pixels
>>(see my website devoted to possible Mars artifacts), I honestly
>>don't think there's anything here worth scratching one's head
>>about. Maybe after a few rounds in a sensory deprivation tank
>>I'd feel differently. But right now these look like smudges and
>>>wishful thinking.

>Mac,

>You are promoting a heap of rocks on Mars and you (and others)
>see a 'face' in it, while for me (and others) it's just a pile
>of rocks.

Personally I see nothing more than rock formations and so forth
on Mars, likewise with AA I see special effects wizard at work.

>In the AA you (and others) can clearly see a body and this
>'body' clearly doesn't look like a dummy or prop to me (and
>others).

In many of the movies made in the 80s and 90s the dead bodys
don't look like dummies or props to me, likewise when I look at
Jurassic park the T Rex appears to be real, even down to the
water splashing when he makes steps. Although I know for a fact
that all of the above is fake.

As I have said before if the movie maker has done his or her job
correctly they have totally blurred the line between real and
phony. While you believe the AA is real, that doesn't translate
out to it in fact being real.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 01:17:29 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:15:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Sparks

>From: Jeff King <Boroimhe@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2001 20:48:58 EST
>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2001 13:22:33 -0500
>>updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham

>All hail to the List:

>In his recent posting, Bruce Maccabee concludes with:

>>The 'bottom line' is that Willingham could well have, correctly,
>>remembered that radar detected the object and at the same time
>>he may have incorrectly assumed that it was detected by the DEW
>>line radar that was well publicized in 1953. He was not, after
>>all, involved in the development of radar so would not be
>>expected to know how various radar setups were designated.

>Interesting. When the Air Force used the "mixed-up different
>years" argument in Case Closed, people went ballistic. Now it's
>used to rehabilitate a witness.

>A more serious problem with Willingham's story is his claim to
>be flying out of Dyess Air Force Base in 1950. Dyess wasn't
>opened until 1956. Groundbreaking didn't even occur until 1953.
>Perhaps he wasn't involved enough in his career to know the
>various bases to which he was assigned.

>At least Willingham's story is internally consistent. He
>scrambled out of a base that didn't exist to intercept a UFO
>detected on a radar system that also didn't exist. Maybe his UFO
>really crashed in 1953, or 1956, or ...

>Jeff King

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for the info on Dyess' history. This adds to the
previously mentioned anachronistic contradictions to
Willingham's story are as to the radar trackings and the F-94,
although I think Zechel did look into the history of when Dyess
AFB became operational but wasn't able to get the specifics you
did.

There is now an online Air Defense Radar website at:

<http://www.radomes.org/museum/>

Under Air Defense Radar -->Early Radar -->LASHUP one can find a
map of U.S. air defense radars in April 1950 which shows no
radars at all in Texas, and none in Colorado that could have
observed Willingham's alleged 90-degree turn. Nor any in Nevad,
Idaho, or Utah along the way from Washington State to Texas.

There are site tables that show that the first operational air defense radars in Texas went online in 1952. (See Air Defense Radar -->Radar Sites --> Radar Time Lines.) None were in existence in Dec 1950, the date Zechel forced onto the Willingham story and now enshrined as a sacred date in MJ-12 cult religion. Same for Colorado etc. Willingham didn't just "confuse" the DEW Line radar that didn't yet exist because the DEW Line never existed in Texas or anywhere outside the Arctic or sub-Arctic. There wasn't any radar to confuse at all.

The other anachronism was the deployment of the brand-new F-94's. Zechel could not find any record that F-94's were deployed to Texas in late 1950.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 14:40:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:18:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000

>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>essential to serious ufology.

Hi,

I agree.

This comment is appreciated and it is all we are asking of anyone I should add.

Thanks for such a responsible reaction.

We don't wish to 'turn' anybody and certainly haven't been ploughing witnesses with our pet theories as suggested in another e-mail. That's silly.

We merely wish to present the facts that we have discovered on this famous case and you can then all make up your own mind from them.

Its as simple and non contentious as that.

I have long argued (see several of my earlier books) that Lakenheath was a highly impressive case. I'd be delighted to say that were still true after this investigation and don't have any vested interest in making my own prior comments about it look inappropriate. But that's the way the cookie crumbled and what do you expect me to do but honestly tell you that?

Facts here decree what they do and after my conversations with several direct eye witnesses (who all tell a consistent story) it would be foolish of me to say other than that this case is not what we thought it was. That's a fair summation of the data.

And really there isn't any point in arguing it out on this list or egging us into giving up more at this stage as you cannot possibly judge properly from a less than fully informed perspective until you see the evidence.

That is all that we are asking you to wait and do. We have every intention of publishing the full facts for you all to study and at that point will gladly entertain any kind of open debate on this list. That doesn't seem unfair.

We are close to having all of the evidence in place. But we are not rushing because we have no other agenda here at all - despite the claims to the contrary. Our only interest is to do a careful job of data collection and document what we have found for the benefit of fellow researchers.

Then you can all happily take what we say or leave it.

Hardly a matter to lead to personal recriminations surely?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 09:57:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:20:20 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

Correction

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:59:09 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

In a previous response to Neil I wrote:

>Never mind
>the camera original versus print argument; Santilli thought he had
>camera original footage, therefore he had no reason to not have it
>tested and looked at by someone like Bob Shell of Kodak.

I meant to write "Bob Shell or Kodak". I know that Bob Shell does not work for Kodak, less people just tuning in think I'm more out of my mind than usual.

Roger

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Speaking Of Demons

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 16:24:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:22:48 -0500
Subject: Speaking Of Demons

This will probably get me in trouble, but what the heck!

I can imagine a scenario quite consistent with the UFO data (depending of course on which data each of us considers relevant) in which the powers behind UFOs are "demonic". Not in the Biblical sense, though if UFOs have been around that long some of the ancient references could conceivably have been to the same phenomenon.

If abductions are really happening, then we ain't exactly dealing with saints. In another sense, some data suggests that 'they' are yanking our chains in other ways too.

Mind you, I didn't say that I believe this or accept it as the truth. It is only an intellectual exercise and certainly not demonstrable or falsifiable at this point.

Dick Hall

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:53:11 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:24:15 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 08:41:07 -0600

>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:03:50 +0000
>>From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald . Ledger)
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>To the outraged;

<snip>

>starless skies,

Al:

Please explain why the television pictures broadcast from the Space Shuttle and Space Station today do not show a star-studded sky. Please be specific as to the level of conspiracy needed to produce this effect. Then discuss alternatives to your hypothesis.

<snip>

>I never saw anyone walk on the moon.

<snip>

>I only have 'someone's' already suspect _Word_ for the latter.
>What would you have me continue to believe?

Have you ever been to Australia, or Antarctica? If you have not, do you believe that there is such a place? What is your reason for such an irrational belief?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:25:56 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:15 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

Previously, Gildas wrote of AA:

>>>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>>>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

<snip>

>I don't think he mentioned a specific date but I had the
>impression from context that he was speaking of seeing it some
>years earlier. He also indicated having seen more of the film
>than Santilli had.

<snip>

>>So, I suppose he meant that he had seen it before. Then, I don't
>>see many possibilities:

>>1) The AA footage is an authentic military film,

>>or

>>2) It is a fake made by the military, or a related agency. (In
>>this case, it could well be a fake close to a real one).

>>In both cases, Santilli had only a copy of it, and was of course
>>unable to give a foot of original film for datation, but this is
>>not a key point in this context. It could have been shot any
>>time.

>>3) Here is another possibility: captain McAndrew lied to you!

Hi, Gildas!

All considered, prospects numbers 1 and 2 above make the most sense, if sense is to be made from such limited information regarding AA. In the end, AA could be both an authentic military film as well as a fake made by the military. That is to say that the alien still isn't real; but since the film could have originated within the military, then descriptions 1 and 2 both apply.

What is important to keep in mind is that Santilli had been told that others had already seen the footage. Now in the context of the US Goberment's constant denial that we've never been visited by aliens or that ET craft really exists, just what is the likelihood that such damning, "authentic" footage would be available floating around out there long enough for others, including Japanese investors, to have also seen it? Seems more

likely that the government knew that the footage wasn't real, therefore, it wasn't seen as a security threat. Combine this pre-existing knowledge with the fact that Bob Shell gave Santilli the bad news that he did not have camera original, and Santilli and Volker certainly had to know that the footage was more suspect than not.

For Santilli to maintain the position of validity regarding AA, and to maintain that there is nothing he can do to help clear the air regarding said validity is nonsense. Perhaps Santilli did not create the AA footage. Who knows? Certainly he knows that the footage is not authentic in the "alien" sense of the word.

Roger

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Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 17:18:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:27:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

>the 'accepted' version of events repeated and perpetuated ad
>nauseum since 1969 by everyone from Thayer to Sturrock and most
>recently by Georgina Bruni - the latest to get the facts
>completely wrong.

Dave, I have never claimed to have investigated the Lakenheath case, but have mentioned it in my book "You Can't Tell The People" because it involved RAF Bentwaters, one of the bases I was investigating concerning the Rendlesham Forest incident. The information was taken from the only official records available, with the names offered by respectable French journalist Bernard Thouanel. I have a copy of the BBC tape that Jenny raved about but it proves nothing. So, if the facts are wrong concerning these official records then I look forward to you proving it.

If you are referring to RAF documents I think you will find that there will not be too much information to go on, but I may be wrong. I learnt early in the day that many RAF and USAF documents are watered down and in some cases altered.

>Georgina took three years to 're-investigate' the Rendlesham
>Forest case, and proved nothing.

I strongly object to that statement and suggest you read the book properly with an open mind. The book could not "prove" what the objects were because they were and still remain UFOs. However, it proved it was not the lighthouse, if that's what you mean. There is an abundance of information in the book relating to what took place before, during and after the incident, but the debunkers have dismissed the book as if it does not exist, continuing to promote their theories based on old information. The new information of course demolishes their theories.

With regard to your witness, I find it odd that Jenny Randles and co have dismissed the Rendlesham witnesses testimonies. Yet you all seem to be saying that the witness in the Lakenheath case is to be believed. I just think it's very strange that in one case the witness testimony doesn't count, yet when it suits the situation, suddenly it counts.

It will be interesting to see your new evidence. And do try not to be too cocky and critical of the American researchers who worked on this case, in many respects they did a far better job than the British researchers, and they aren't a train ride away!

Best wishes

Georgina Bruni

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From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:28:55 -0500
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>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 08:41:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Alfred wrote:

<snip>

>Besides,
>starless skies, errant shadows, spotless landing pads, and
>waving flags go a long way toward demonstrating more than a
>mere suggestion of suspicion in the current regard. I would like
>to continue to believe that people went to the moon, for prides
>sake if nothing else. I just wouldn't be surprised if they
>didn't.

<snip>

Hi, Alfred!

I'm curious, do you feel that we did not go to the moon? I know you say you would like to believe, but your post makes me wonder.

Regarding the errant shadows, no stars, etc. Here we have an example of what people's perceptions of reality can be in the face of real reality. In another, lingering thread, I have bemoaned the idea that AA looks more like what people think archival, documentary footage of an autopsy would look like as opposed to what it would really look like.

The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

But then, people like myself would be going, "Wait a minute..."

Roger

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>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
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<snip>

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>message - there are too many subscribers whose providers will
>not handle attachments - they bounce. Please post files to URLs
>and reference those sites in future posts--ebk]

>><snip>

Errol and UpDaters,

Point taken here and sorry to cause you problems, in future if I
reference an image I will upload this to my website and
reference the URL.

Regarding the image I referenced in the posting in question it
can be accessed now on my website in large and small formats at:

<http://www.thefortworthphotographs.freemove.co.uk/images/ml-m-sma.jpg>

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<http://www.thefortworthphotographs.freemove.co.uk/images/ml-m-sma-large.jpg>

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:33:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

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>>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
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>>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>>essential to serious ufology.

>Agreed!

>But, let's hope that Jenny Randles et al will be better than on
>Rendlesham.

>And that the pilot's testimonies "who have seen nothing" will be
>loud and clear.

>The "Cometa boys" are waiting and getting older).

I, too, look forward to seeing whatever Randles/Roberts/Clarke
have come up with and determining whether it's more compelling
than the failed (though much-hyped) attempt to debunk the
Rendlesham case. The jeering, boasting posting by Andy Roberts
does not, however, exactly inspire confidence about the
objectivity of the investigation. I guess we'll find out one way
or another at some point.

Jerry Clark

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Gildas wrote:

>But, let's hope that Renny Randles et al will be better than on
>Rendlesham.

'et al'? eh?

None of the people involved with the Lakenheath/Bentwaters
reinvestigation (besides Jenny) have had anything to do with
Rendlesham.

Get your facts right Gildas.

I, for one, wouldn't dream of investigating a case beginning
with 'R'!

>And that the pilot's testimonies "who have seen nothing" will
>be loud and clear.

Oh, it's loud and clear Gildas, you can bet your sweet bippy on
that one. So loud and clear that their laughter is still ringing
in my ears.

>The "Cometa boys" are waiting and getting older).

All things come to he who waits.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 16:41:32 -0000

>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I am overwhelmed by your erudition. Yet, as an erstwhile formal
>student of philosophy you seem to be arguing from theory
>(deductively) rather than from data (inferentially).

>Both you and Dennis suggest that I have taken his comments out
>of context. Actually the context doesn't really matter; he
>implied in a pejorative manner that people like me, Dick Haines,
>and Bruce Maccabee were ET believers, or that he suspected same.
>He has since apologized for seeming to link me with gullible
>believers, so there is no need to belabor the point. But, my
>argument is strictly empirical. Theory be damned.

>As I see it the evidence strongly suggests an ET answer and the
>"link" you call for is there to see if you study the total
>picture. I have presented it in my new book*, and will continue
>to present it in various fora. And we will have to agree to
>disagree about Dennis' responsibility to suggest alternatives if
>he is not convinced the ET hypothesis is a worthy one.

Dick,

I went back and looked at my original post from 2/07/01. Here
it is in its entirety:

Hell (pardon my French),

The only question being debated here is who's a ufologist and
who's not.

In other words, semantics raises its ugly head again. Of course
ufology wouldn't have this problem if BA's, MS' s and PhD's in
same were offered, which they aren't.

"From my point of view, all of the following are dedicated and
self-proclaimed ufologists who unequivocally accept the ETH as
ipso facto:

Kevin Randle
Donald Schmitt
Ron Galganski (sp?)
Budd Hopkins
David Jacobs
Linda Moulton Howe
Walt Andrus
John Schuessler
George Filer

Stanton Friedman
Tom Carey (sp?)
Karl Pflock (he believes in the Hill case)
John Carpenter (he believes in everything)
Donald Ware (ditto)
Bruce Maccabee (watch him equivocate)
Woods Father & Son (who cares?), and others.

And I have my suspicions about Richards Haines & Hall.

Perhaps I should have said unequivocally accept the ETH as "more or less" ipso facto. The point is, I don't see anything particularly perjorative about the above remarks, nor do I refer to "gullible believers" therein, as you state. An observation is not necessarily perjorative, last time I looked, if it merely (or mainly) states the present status quo.

You've allayed my suspicions about your personal position on the spectrum of ETH acceptors, as I've already admitted.

And here's the context in which my original post was made, which you seem to think "doesn't really matter":

Exactly the point I made early on in the course of what has proved to be a mostly interminable, tiresome, pointless exchange. As I remarked then, ufologists tend not to give the ETH a great deal of thought precisely because they either know or sense that at this stage, there is nothing to be done with it. It can be neither proved nor disproved, thus most ufologists' focus on casework, analysis, history, and other pragmatic, here-and-now projects.

Jerry Clark

That's from a 2/15/01 post by Jerry.

Obviously, I tend to agree with Peter Brookesmith here, whose argument is that most ufologists tend not to give the ETH a great deal of ink (or thought) because they (more or less) take it for granted. *That* was the point of my post.

As for citing alternative suggestions, you have only to read my own book, The Field Guide to UFOs (co-authored with Patrick Huyghe) to see numerous examples of same for specific cases. We also include the ETH as one possibility.

So it's not that I think the ETH is unreasonable or unworthy of positing or pursuit. I am simply not convinced of its fact or primacy by the evidence adduced in support of same. One could easily think of any number of circumstances in which the argument would be moot. Of all the catastrophic consequences of contact Clark mentions, he omits the one of a possible viral infection. Well, why not?

Obviously, if the aliens bore some sort of virus or bacteria that proved fatal, or let's just say extremely discomfiting to humans, end of argument. But that obviously hasn't happened, has it, unless one accepts one of the more paranoid fringe claims that the aliens are actually behind the AIDs virus.

I look out my window from this desk, however, and see that the sun is still shining and birds still chirping in the trees. Might not one argue, at least philosophically, that because civilization *hasn't* collapsed that, ipso facto, we obviously aren't in widespread contact with, or subject to contamination by, physical extraterrestrial entities?

Similarly, what if, in more than 50 years of surveillance, a UFO *had* fallen to earth in a way that couldn't conceivably be covered up and over by the military, say, in downtown Cincinatti, Dallas, or St. Petersburg? But that hasn't happened, either. Such thought experiments could continue almost ad infinitum (the point of the Fermi Paradox).

And that's before even remotely beginning to address some of the

troubling scientific issues raised by such recent books as Rare Earth and the long article by Mike Davis that Patrick and I published in The Anomalist 5.

For that matter, there's even Hynek's "embarrassment of riches" observation embodied, somewhat ironically in my mind, by your own two massive compilations of UFO evidence. In all seriousness, can there really be *that* many saucers and civilizations zipping through our terrestrial skies, night after night, for the last half-century or so, if not longer? Or are we only looking for one white crow?

As an aside, I might add that for all the ruckus Jerry's comments have raised about the treatment (or acceptance) of the ETH within ufology, he's been extremely reticent in rectifying the problem of which he complains. I've offered him several opportunities on this thread to discuss some of the issues raised by the Davis article and the Rare Earth book (I believe the authors of the latter are Ward and Brownlee), largely to little avail.

And so it goes.

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

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:40:18 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:01:32 EST
>Subject: Re: UNASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>Source: NASA Watch

>><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

>Personally I prefer the 2 hour special called Capricorn 1 :)
>Probably just as accurate as the Fox special.

>>Editor's rant: I can't even begin to find the right sentences to
>>describe this TV show - but I will try. Individual words such as
>>"idiotic", "ridiculous", "scandalous", "irresponsible",
>>"stupid", "fraudulent", "sloppy", and just plain "wrong" come to
>>mind.

>>Among the most ridiculous claims in this program was that
>>astronauts were killed (by NASA) to keep them silent "because
>>they knew too much" and that the Apollo landings on the moon
>>were faked. The only counterpoint to these baseless claims
>>presented on-air were several short clips featuring the late
>>Brian Welch from NASA PAO. This was all packaged together and
>>promoted as a serious inquiry into a possible conspiracy on the
>>part of NASA.

>From the same good people who unloaded the alien autopsy on
>everybody not to mention other such specials.

>>Congratulations Fox. Now millions of school-aged children have
>>been exposed to your nonsense - and it is going to take the hard
>>work of their parents (whom you've also misinformed) and their
>>teachers to fix the damage.

>Of course you realize that many of the so called school
>text books have flaws and major mistakes in them as reported
>awhile back on national news. Bottom line is text books
>can be just as accurate as the fox special and thats not saying
>much.

>>If Fox executives had any sense of fairness and civic
>>responsibility they'd offer an hour of prime time to
>>representatives from NASA and the scientific community to refute

>>this one hour collection of rumors, unsubstantiated innuendo,
>>and wanton conspiracy mongering - and undo the damage that has
>>been done.

>Why? They have already milked the money cow and people have
>already watched it. Why let facts get in the way of
>entertainment?

Hi,

Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

Brad

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'Strange Evidence' - DNA Investigation Of

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 10:57:42 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:45:53 -0500
Subject: 'Strange Evidence' - DNA Investigation Of

IUR article now on line - DNA investigation of biological evidence

Thanks to CUFOS my International UFO Reporter (IUR) article, "Strange Evidence", on the DNA investigation of possible UFO abduction related evidence is now on line on the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) web site in PDF form (which requires Adobe Acrobat Reader) to facilitate downloading of the article:

http://www.cufos.org/IUR_articles.html

Also on the CUFOS site is my article on Nobel Prize winner Kary Mullis - "An Interesting aside" - which describes his possible abduction related experiences and that of others on his northern Californian property. Mullis' PCR technique was utilised in our DNA investigation of the "alien hair" sample:

http://www.cufos.org/iur_Spring99_addendum.html

A summary of the whole affair, which includes some reference to updated research can be found at the UFO UpDates Archive:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/jan/m09-013.shtml>

"Strange Evidence" includes the DNA sequence information, the full analytical report and a detailed interview with Peter Khoury, the Sydney Australian abductee, whose 1992 experience led to the recovery of a biological sample that was subsequently subjected to a detailed DNA study that yielded intriguing and unusual results.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 04:29:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 03:13:32 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 11:36:42 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion

>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: Toronto List <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: A Minor Diversion

>>Dear Listeroos:

>>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know.
>>Please forgive this minor diversion!

>Hey Larry,

>I can't answer your question but can pose one even better: what
>is hotter - the surface of the sun or a place on the surface of
>the earth?

>The answer will surprise you...

Hello Gary:

I suppose one could argue that the center of an exploding volcano might qualify. But! Anything that hot, implies and even hotter source, since the magma will cool somewhat on expansion and in traveling thru cooler materials near to the Earth's surface.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:09:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 03:22:14 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 18:26:57 -0500

>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
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>>Subject: A Minor Diversion

>>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>>distance to the center.

>>Extrapolating from the thermal gradients so far measured (so
>>many degrees per kilometer of depth) I see figures on the order
>>of 4000 or 5000 degrees C for Earth's center.

>Larry,

>I believe our sun has a surface temperature of 6000 degrees C,
>but that's not why I'm responding, what really drives me "crazy"
>is that I totally and whole-heartedly remember being taught in
>school (Elementary, Jr High, High School, etc) that the center
>of the Earth was a molten, fiery, lava-ish core.

>Isn't this what everyone was taught?

>I've discussed it with friends and the ones that can remember
>agree with me. The reason that I've discussed this issue with
>friends recently is because in October I picked up a friend's
>son from his elementary school, (my old elementary school as a
>matter of fact) and I decided to go in and look around for old
>timesake.

>As I stood and snoopied by a fourth grade science class door I
>was amazed to hear the teacher telling all of her students about
>the, "cold, solid metal core" of the Earth.

>I thought maybe I had heard wrong so I went back later to ask
>her what she was talking about and although she wasn't there to
>answer my questions I found a poster on the back wall of the
>class showing a cut-away of the Earth - and there you go, a
>solid, cold core of metal. Is it just me, am I remembering wrong
>or has science pulled a "switcharoo" since I've been out of
>school?

>hmmm
>John E.L. Tenney

>P.S. My car conks out too everyday on my way to work, maybe
>someone is trying to tell me something... or maybe I should've
>spent more than \$75.00 for my car. hmmm again.

Hello John:

Yes, I found the same thing browsing here.

By a "solid metal core" they do not mean a piece of solid metal like you would see on the surface. The core is under tremendous pressure, forcing otherwise liquid metals into a seemingly artificial solid state (or phase) that could not obtain at the surface.

If a chunk of this solid were magically and instantly transported to the surface, it would melt instantly if not explode.

My point is that it just gets hotter and hotter as you descend. It does not get hotter, and then cool back down as you pass some core boundary, it is pressure alone forcing the solid state.

Something similar is theorized for inner portions of Jupiter where hydrogen gas gets compressed more and more until it collapses, under pressure, into a metallic phase/state which is never seen on a planetary surface. Maybe in some laboratory.

The Solid Core theory was bolstered by reflected seismic waves from natural earthquakes, and repeatedly so I take it. I found it a strange concept at first also.

I would bet \$3 that the center of the Earth is hotter than the surface of the Sun, but that's just me.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: **Bbob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 21:21:35 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 03:25:01 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

Hi, Brad:

Do you recall which Apollo missions it was? Maybe there was a
mix-up in two pixs, one taken in front of and the other behind
the lander?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 18:37:04 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 03:29:11 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>Perhaps Santilli did not create the AA footage. Who knows?
>Certainly he knows that the footage is not authentic in the
>"alien" sense of the word.

I don't think Santilli produced the "real" autopsy. He might not even know exactly where it originated. That said, it's almost without doubt a fake. What surprises me is that no one's taken credit for it yet! There's really no more "big money" to be made in AA videotapes, is there? I had the impression the public fascination with the tape ended in '96 (at the latest).

I propose this was done by someone (not necessarily the U.S. government) as a sociological experiment, in which case the footage may very well have been making limited rounds within the military complex for a while as part of a psychological study of some kind.

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>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:21:27 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>You are promoting a heap of rocks on Mars and you (and others)
>see a 'face' in it, while for me (and others) it's just a pile
>of rocks.

That's perfectly fine with me. But I do think a distinction needs to be made between the "alien autopsy" footage and the Face on Mars, as it's a rather crucial one: the "Face" - whatever it is, and I've always conceded it may be nothing more than a weird rock formation - is indisputably real: not in the sense that it's artificial, but in the sense that there is indeed a face-shaped mesa on Mars that is the focus of much debate.

(That said, how anyone with access to properly rectified and contrast-enhanced photos can deny a face-like appearance is rather beyond me.)

With the AA footage, we don't know whether we're dealing with a "real" event or not, as there's no established provenance.

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Cydonina Imperative - 2-18-01: Is the Eye Faceted?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 03:54:00 -0500
Subject: Cydonina Imperative - 2-18-01: Is the Eye Faceted?

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THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE

Is the Eye Faceted?

by Mac Tonnies

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

[image]

The "eye" on the Face. The apparent "faceted" "iris"-like structure rests in the middle of an almond-shaped depression, which in turn is surrounded by anomalous radiating "cells."

A close look at the "eye" as shown in the new Mars Global Surveyor Face photograph reveals the alleged "pupil" (more accurately, the "iris" or "cornea," if this is an artificial edifice) to be a "squashed" pyramid with its two primary facets aligned roughly with the "City" complex. While this structure deviates from the perfect circle expected by some, it is nonetheless an intriguing find difficult to reconcile with geological processes, such as volcanic venting and meteor impact. (If the "eye" depression is the eroded vestige of a crater, as suggested by some, then it's extremely unlikely that an elevated, clearly defined feature would exist in the center. It's my personal opinion that known geological processes could not have conspired to produce the Face's "eye.")

A faceted formation such as the one observed may have once served as a light-reflecting device for its hypothetical builders. This seems to strengthen the contention that the Face was meant to be seen from above. Perhaps computer modeling can show us whether the uniquely "faceted" iris is in a position to reflect sunlight in a culturally significant manner and/or if this striking formation was designed to be seen from the direction of the "City."

[image]

Kynthia's clay rendering. Note presence of "eye" and "teardrop" on the Face (viewed in profile from the west).

Photoclinometric ("shape-from-shading") analysis by Mark Carlotto has shown us that the Face retains a humanoid resemblance even when seen from the ground. This finding was validated by an analogue sculpture by Kynthia based on the 1998 Face image, in which the "teardrop" is also visible (see Face photos). This discovery effectively buries NASA's "trick of light" explanation, which remains the agency's official position.

It should be reinforced that the "eye" was a predicted feature, not at all visible on the low-resolution Viking photos taken in the 1970s. The "eye," with its enigmatic "iris," constitutes a

verified hypothesis favoring a non-natural origin of the Face mesa. Such evidence demands a serious re-appraisal of the Face by NASA.

New images, if taken, should tell us more.

-end-

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Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 13:52:23 -0800
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Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Hatch

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 01:17:29 EST
>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jeff King <Boroimhe@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2001 20:48:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2001 13:22:33 -0500
>>>updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham

>>All hail to the List:

>>In his recent posting, Bruce Maccabee concludes with:

>>>The 'bottom line' is that Willingham could well have, correctly,
>>>remembered that radar detected the object and at the same time
>>>he may have incorrectly assumed that it was detected by the DEW
>>>line radar that was well publicized in 1953. He was not, after
>>>all, involved in the development of radar so would not be
>>>expected to know how various radar setups were designated.

>>Interesting. When the Air Force used the "mixed-up different
>>years" argument in Case Closed, people went ballistic. Now it's
>>used to rehabilitate a witness.

>>A more serious problem with Willingham's story is his claim to
>>be flying out of Dyess Air Force Base in 1950. Dyess wasn't
>>opened until 1956. Groundbreaking didn't even occur until 1953.
>>Perhaps he wasn't involved enough in his career to know the
>>various bases to which he was assigned.

>>At least Willingham's story is internally consistent. He
>>scrambled out of a base that didn't exist to intercept a UFO
>>detected on a radar system that also didn't exist. Maybe his UFO
>>really crashed in 1953, or 1956, or ...

>Thanks for the info on Dyess' history. This adds to the
>previously mentioned anachronistic contradictions to
>Willingham's story are as to the radar trackings and the F-94,
>although I think Zechele did look into the history of when Dyess
>AFB became operational but wasn't able to get the specifics you
>did.

>There is now an online Air Defense Radar website at:

> <http://www.radomes.org/museum/>

>Under Air Defense Radar -->Early Radar -->LASHUP one can find a
>map of U.S. air defense radars in April 1950 which shows no
>radars at all in Texas, and none in Colorado that could have
>observed Willingham's alleged 90-degree turn. Nor any in Nevad,
>Idaho, or Utah along the way from Washington State to Texas.

>There are site tables that show that the first operational air
>defense radars in Texas went online in 1952. (See Air Defense
>Radar -->Radar Sites -->Radar Time Lines.) None were in
>existence in Dec 1950, the date Zechel forced onto the
>Willingham story and now enshrined as a sacred date in MJ-12
>cult religion. Same for Colorado etc. Willingham didn't just
>"confuse" the DEW Line radar that didn't yet exist because the
>DEW Line never existed in Texas or anywhere outside the Arctic
>or sub-Arctic. There wasn't any radar to confuse at all.

>The other anachronism was the deployment of the brand-new
>F-94's. Zechel could not find any record that F-94's were
>deployed to Texas in late 1950.

Hello Brad!

I might add that the Lashup page is hard to find at first. You need to look well down the left-hand scroll-bar past Texas Towers, Alaska... Canadian... until you reach Early Radar just below Tech Training/Tyndall.

Then, under Early Radar click on LASHUP for the highly interesting map. Huge areas are devoid of radar, especially in the Western states.

Three sites in close proximity in north-central New Mexico stand alone (together) with nothing for a thousand miles perhaps in all directions!

The only other sites shown West of the Mississippi are in California (several), Washington state and the extreme NW corner of Oregon, one only there.

That leaves Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska etc. etc. radar naked in 1950. Being far from knowledgeable about this, it comes as a surprise to me.

Here is a map of UFO sightings for 1950 in North America from my website for comparison.

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/NAM50.html>

I see no correlation, positive or negative at first glance.

Could it be that the map only shows some certain types of military radar, and that other types were more common?

What exactly is/was "Lashup"?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: AA Film Redux - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 23:17:20 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 04:01:18 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Rudiak

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 21:51:51 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:27:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:28:39 -0800

In prefacing my response, I would like to point out that I have had a number of very cordial and interesting e-mails with Neil Morris in which we've exchanged information and a lot of give and take. I think of Neil as a genuine good guy. He is an intelligent and honest person and I mean him no disrespect.

On the other hand, I fear he has fallen under the sway of the RPIT group and its minister of propoganda, J. Bond Johnson (I'm sure Neil would strenuously disagree). I am writing this response to Neil's post to point out some clearly erroneous information and to clarify other matters.

>>I recall James Bond Johnson's take on Roswell has been seriously
>>challenged by Kevin Randle

>There are two points of contention here, the first, regarding
>phone interviews done by KR, it's not my place to go into these,
>Bond's responses are on record in this forum.

Since Kevin Randle sent me a complete set of interview tapes about 2 years ago, it was easy to review the original evidence (the tapes and also some letters of correspondence) and see who was telling the truth about the interviews and who was spinning the story.

Bond Johnson has simply lied about those initial interviews and changed his story for reasons only he knows. He has also repeatedly accused Kevin Randle of altering the tapes and issuing inaccurate transcripts. This again is completely false.

A detailed refutation of some of his false statements based on the actual tapes can be found in the UFO Updates archives at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m29-028.shtml>

Another rebuttal to Johnson's incessant spin-doctoring, which includes much of the same material below, can be found at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m27-001.shtml>

>The second is Bond's claim to be the only news photographer to
>be present in Gen Ramey's office and that KR and DS's "news
>conference" did not take place.

>What's the RPIT evidence?.

>Firstly circumstantial, other than the single Newton image which
>appeared much later on the night of the 8th July, far too late
>for morning deadlines,

Not true Neil. The Newton image appeared in the morning July 9 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer and had a civilian wire service attribution. This is very strong if not conclusive evidence that there was another civilian photographer in Ramey's office.

>_the_ only pictures to be published
>_anywhere_ were those taken by Bond Johnson, this point has been
>extensively researched by a number of people who have checked
>between one and two hundred news title editions around July 8th
>1947.

I'm the one who did the looking at nearly two hundred July 8 newspapers, and your statement isn't correct. The Philadelphia Inquirer edition showing Newton's picture refutes the argument that Bond Johnson was the only photographer there. The picture showed up in a few other newspapers as well that I found, but the Inquirer is the only paper I know of that showed it the following morning.

>The only pictures to appear were Bond's.

Nope. There was also the Newton picture, thus there had to be at least one other photographer there at some time. I asked Newton myself if he remembers having his picture taken and, for what it's worth, he says that he does (though not by whom). He also told me he remembers two and maybe as many as four reporters there asking him questions. You can also read quotes from him in various AP and UP stories of the time. This is suggestive, though not conclusive, that the AP and UP had people there.

>Where were all the others _if_ there was a news conference with
>multiple reporters and photogs??. It's also noteworthy that the
>copy that ran with these pictures was, as a rule either verbatim
>wire service copy or the same locally editorialised, where is
>all this _other_ copy?.

Again Associated Press and United Press did run stories quoting Newton. Both had offices in nearby Dallas. In fact (based on the UP teletype messages saved by Roswell reporter Frank Joyce), the UP had one of their people in Dallas on the story as early as 4:15 pm., over two hours before the AP announced the official Newton balloon identification at 6:30. That's more than enough time to get somebody over to Fort Worth to directly cover this big news story of the day.

>Witness testimony, unlike KR and DS who were I assume basing
>their take of events from Jesse Marcel's recollections of his
>time in FW,

Don't forget Gen. Dubose and Irving Newton, both of whom were _also_ there, and both of whom stated they remembered several reporters being there. This wasn't just the story of Jesse Marcel.

The existence of at least one other press photographer is proven by the Newton photo which appeared the next morning. And then there are the Newton quotes which appeared in AP and UP stories. These obviously can't be attributed to Bond Johnson

>and it must also be noted Thos DuBose, Ramey's COS
>at the time, totally dismissed _any_ photographs having been
>taken until confronted with Bond's pictures, to which he
>responded " well yes, that is the stuff they brought from
>Roswell".

This is very incomplete accounting of Dubose's many interviews on the matter, and obviously comes from the highly suspect Shandera "interviews" with Dubose. Even though Shandera produced lengthy "transcripts", he has also been unable to produce the tape recordings that would have been needed to produce such detailed "transcripts." He is also unable to reproduce even notes of the conversation.

On the other hand, there are a number of _recorded_ interviews with Dubose which completely contradict your assertion and RPITs that Dubose wasn't aware of the photographs and claimed the

stuff in the photos was from Roswell.

E.g., this is Dubose's statement from his sworn affidavit written before the Shandera interviews: "The material shown in the photographs taken in Maj. Gen. Ramey's office was a weather balloon. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a story to divert the attention of the press."

>RPIT now have a witness to all the further events that
>night in the offices of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram after Bond
>Johnson left some time after 6pm.

Neil, I've been hearing about this mystery witness for over a year now, and have never gotten a name or even exactly what this person had to say.

I strongly suspect your understanding of what this person has to say comes heavily filtered through RPIT's minister of propaganda, whose constantly changing and edited accounts I don't exactly trust.

E.g., I sent Bond Johnson the Philadelphia Inquirer story and photo of July 9 showing the photo of Irving Newton, and emphasized that this indicated the presence of another civilian photographer. I had e-mails where Bond Johnson basically agreed with me. Then he promptly forgot all about this important piece of evidence that ran against the grain of the RPIT Roswell spin, and started reasserting all over again that he was the only photographer there. Then I had to remind him again of the Inquirer photo, and he said he forgot about it.

Now I'm finding I have to rebut this same mistaken notion yet again. Facts are facts Neil. Bond Johnson wasn't the only photographer there and the Newton photo proves it.

>It is this witness who now confirms Bond's belief no press
>conference was called out at FWAAF, he was there in the St
>office all that night, he know's who and by what means all the
>reports regarding Roswell were handled that night by the ST,

So he was at the S-T, but he wasn't in Ramey's office like Newton, Marcel, and Dubose. So how does this mystery witness know what was happening there?

Reporters could have shown up there after Bond Johnson left and Ramey could have held an impromptu press conference (meaning that the S-T would not have been notified - they didn't cover Newton's appearance, did they?). Ramey made a big point of calling in a weather officer to make an official identification of the weather balloon and radar target (a story Ramey had been putting out for nearly two hours prior to this).

Irving Newton has often told the story of how Ramey called him personally on the phone and ordered him off his post, over Newton's protest (he was the officer in charge of the joint weather post and flight control and had to leave the post unmanned).

Ramey wanted the next press release to affirm the official weather balloon identification. He wanted this spread far and wide to help kill the story. What better way than to have a few reporters there when Newton made the identification? The reporters asked Newton some questions about the weather balloons and of course there was that very important photo taken which absolutely proves that at least one other reporter showed up after Bond Johnson.

>and no press conference was called.

Then how do you explain the Newton photo? How do you explain the Newton quotes? How do you explain three witnesses who were actually there saying there was one?

A press conference also doesn't have to be officially "called.," i.e., the press doesn't have to be notified ahead of time that one is going to be held. It can be totally impromptu. Some press people show up after Johnson leaves, Ramey wants to put the finishing touch on his weather balloon cover story with an official identification. So he calls Newton and tells him to "get his ass over here," then invites the reporters in and tells them that a weather officer will be there any minute to identify

the weather balloon. Newton arrives, his photo is taken by somebody else other than J. Bond Johnson, he is asked some more questions, and the official weather balloon ID story goes out over the AP wire soon afterwards.

The existence of other reporters there at some later time is based on the Newton photo, wire service stories quoting Newton, and on the testimony of three people who actually were there, not just the conjecture of Bond Johnson who wasn't, or that of RPIT's mystery witness, whose actual testimony still isn't in the public record.

>Note, the ST was the
>nearest news office to FWAAF and the title was the largest
>circulating newspaper in the south of the USA, at that time.

Which by no means precludes other newspapers or news agencies showing up there at a later time. Don't forget the Newton photo, or the AP/UP branch offices in nearby Dallas, or even Bond Johnson's story of the AP sending over two wire-photo technicians from Dallas to the Star-Telegram. Also don't forget that the AP dispatched a reporter and photographer from their Albuquerque branch to cover the story directly in Roswell. Albuquerque is a lot further from Roswell than Dallas is from Fort Worth. This was a very big story at the time.

BTW, I don't want to hear the same old saw about how we lack the names of the other reporters, as if this necessarily disproves their existence. Wire service stories and photos rarely carry bylines. E.g., Kellahin and Adair, the two AP people sent to Roswell, didn't receive byline credit for the AP stories and the Brazel photo that came from their efforts in Roswell. We only know of them because the Roswell Daily Record happened to mention them being there for Mack Brazel's press conference. And it seems they were mentioned only because the Brazel photo was the first wire-photo ever sent from Roswell. To the Daily Record, that was a story in itself.

(Isn't it interesting that even sheep rancher Mack Brazel had a press conference, but evidence that General Ramey had one as well is written off by RPIT as some sort of fantasy of Randle and Schmitt?)

>There was no press conference at FWAAF as envisaged by KR and >DS.

You can say this all you want as if it were necessarily true, but there is clearly very good evidence to the contrary.

Why is it so damn important to you guys that Bond Johnson be the only reporter on the spot? Maybe because that's what he wants to believe and the rest of you are just following along? Why has he completely ignored the Philadelphia Inquirer Newton photo of July 9 that I send him and reminded him of again and again? That photo alone disproves his spin of being the one and only reporter in Ramey's office.

>And like Ray Santilli, I'm not at this point going to identify
>the witness.

Why not? If nothing else, his actual testimony should be posted so it can be scrutinized. I really don't like this RPIT policy of releasing information through teasers, especially when the teasers probably originate from RPIT's minister of propaganda.

>>and the alleged symbols discovered by
>>the RPIT effort are the result of circular reasoning. Some
>>people are confusing photographic interpretation with a
>>Rorschach test.

>Again if Errol will oblige I've attached another example,
>readers, please draw your own conclusions, are these "symbols"
>merely a byproduct of the little grey cells trying to make sense
>out of chaos?. Please note the sharply defined edges to the "M"
>type symbol and others. This image was on my old site for some
>months prior to it's closure in mid Dec last.

I've tried to reserve judgment on debris analysis, though I remain very skeptical that it is going to show anything conclusive. To my eye and just about everybody else's except RPIT's, what was displayed on Ramey's floor is the remains of a

weather balloon and a broken up radar target. According to Marcel and Dubose, the weather balloon was the cover story and not the real stuff.

Now possibly some other debris from Roswell got mixed up with the cover story balloon during all the confusion, so I thought it a worthwhile endeavor to analyze what was there for something clearly unusual or out of place. But I don't buy for a second that the vast majority of material wasn't anything else other than a weather balloon.

The real mother lode in the photos, Neil, is the Ramey message, not the debris. There we find clear phrases where Gen. Ramey continues to describe the crash object in an internal memo as a "disc", not a balloon, whereas at the bottom of the message Ramey is talking of a weather balloon press release to the public and adding RAWIN target demonstration crews to firm up the story. How the crash object was to be identified in public and how it was actually described internally were two different things entirely.

Furthermore the message speaks of later shipping something "IN the disc" to Fort Worth by B-29 or C-47. There is nothing IN a balloon or radar target that can be shipped. And of course there is that damning phrase "the VICTIMS of the wreck," which again can't be explained by a Mogul balloon crash.

There's quite a bit more to the Ramey message (such as it being addressed to Gen. Vandenberg at the Pentagon), but even these snippets absolutely disprove a Mogul balloon crash as the cause of the Roswell events. There were "victims" and Ramey continues to call the crash object a "disc" and how they were later going to ship something "in the disc." What was inside a "Mogul balloon" to be shipped - helium gas?

David Rudiak

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Toal

From: **Ted Toal** <ttoal@jps.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 04:02:40 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Toal

Re Wandering Discussion of ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

If an amateur ufologist may be permitted to toss in some of his thoughts on this subject....

I often hear the ETH and other hypotheses discussed as all-or-nothing hypotheses, instead of granting the likelihood that there is more than one hypothesis that is in fact correct.

Given what we know so far about the number of other planetary systems in our galaxy and the possibilities of life evolving elsewhere, I don't think anyone can argue realistically that the ETH is not an eminently reasonable and likely explanation for some UFO sightings.

Extrapolating from current trends in technology, including especially genetic engineering, nanotechnology, neurobiology, microelectronics, computer science, robotics, and quantum physics, the Arthur C. Clarke mantra that sufficiently advanced technology is no different than magic becomes very, very clearly PURE TRUTH. And from that we can speculate that technology that is millions of years beyond ours must be operating in realms unimaginable for us. Call those realms extradimensional, or spiritual, or whatever. It seems reasonable that hypotheses invoking realms beyond the universe as we currently perceive it are likely to also be viable hypotheses to explain some UFO phenomena.

This idea that we will "solve" the "UFO problem" by finding the "right" hypothesis or the single answer - that's silly, throw it out. UFO phenomena are not a problem to solve, but an indication of greater realities that we are seeking to come to some sort of terms with. Don't be rigid with your expectation of the form that answers will take - expect many germane answers, together describing a far greater reality than we are currently aware of.

Ted Toal

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Cydonian Imperative: The Cliff's 'Great Wall'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 04:04:36 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: The Cliff's 'Great Wall'

THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE

The Cliff's "Great Wall"

by Mac Tonnies

see:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

[image]

The new image of the Cliff. See blowup of defile, or "wall," below.

In a previous article (Anomalous Geomorphology and the Cliff), I outlined the strange circumstances that point toward a possible artificial origin for the landform known (somewhat arbitrarily) as the "Cliff." Robert Harrison, writing on his Cydonia Quest website, has provided a thorough and credible examination of the same feature, pictured below.

[image]

Harrison notes that the Cliff's elevated defile, or "wall," appears to be segmented. Moreover, the unusual white lines fringing its base, like those seen lining the "Coathanger/Dolphin" below the Face (and also seen in the notorious "pipes" discussed on The Enterprise Mission) invite speculation.

[image]

The Cliff seen in context. Note possible excavated impact ejecta to right of Cliff.

Were the Cliff and its upper defile present before or after the meteor impact that left its "splash"-style crater to the immediate right? Harrison argues that the "wall" shows signs of structural stress consistent with having existed before the impact. If so, this may detract from the "artificial horizon" hypothesis proposed by Richard Hoagland in "The Monuments of Mars." (The Cliff is parallel to the Face; proposed inhabitants of the City could have seen the Face superimposed before the Cliff's ruler-straight defile in an unknown astronomical/cultural context.)

With or without the attendant crater, the Cliff and its massive wall-like defile present a challenge to geological models. It appears "modular," as if built out of architectural "vertebrae." And its presence atop the tapered Cliff mesa seems all-but-inexplicable; so far as I know, there is not an analogous feature elsewhere on Mars.

As noted elsewhere on this site, the "chewed"-looking terrain to

the Cliff's immediate right suggests a possible excavation; seen in the high resolution provided by the MGS, this terrain is actually criss-crossed with strange, curving fractures, many of which are filled with the same curious parallel lines noted on the Cliff itself.

High-resolution images of the Cliff are needed to discern fine-scale detail of the structured-looking "wall," hopefully providing us with an explanation for this bizarre morphology.

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WB Network NY UFO Abduction

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Subject: WB Network NY UFO Abduction

WB Network Announces Brooklyn, NY UFO Abduction for their 11 PM News

The New York TV Channel 11 (which is the WB Network) has been announcing spots all day about their coverage of an early 1990's UFO Abduction case which evidently took place in Brooklyn, New York City. They have been placing these spots all evening, including interviewing the person who was involved, speaking of about 20 witnesses to the craft and making other positive allegations about their own coverage of the event.

It remains to be seen just how the story will be covered in light of previous tongue in cheek and downright insulting actions heretofore delivered by network media ... and this one is actually featured on a prime time network news program.

I suggest we all tune in to our local WB network news program tonight at 11PM and see how it is presented. The presumption is that if there is money involved, it is likely a fake... according to some.

Best regards,

Jim Mortellaro
Prince of the Abductees, without portfolio

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Re: Lakenheath - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 05:18:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Randles

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>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 17:18:32 -0000

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
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>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

>>the 'accepted' version of events repeated and perpetuated ad
>>nauseum since 1969 by everyone from Thayer to Sturrock and most
>>recently by Georgina Bruni - the latest to get the facts
>>completely wrong.

>I have a copy of the BBC tape that Jenny raved about
>but it proves nothing. So, if the facts are wrong concerning
>these official records then I look forward to you proving it.

Hi,

As I have told Georgina - but she doesn't seem ready to believe - the 'copy of the BBC tape' she describes is simply a copy of the brief extract transmitted from three lengthy interviews that I filmed with the witnesses for a programme on Ministry of Defence /Public Record Office files on UFOs. I made this programme for the BBC in 1996.

Lakenheath/Bentwaters was a minor part of that programme and was not discussed in any detail on screen. It was used only to illustrate records of a UFO case not now accessible via the public record but which by all expectation ought to have been. Consequently there was no attempt to discuss what the air crew saw.

In other words you cannot judge what the witnesses said about the case from a brief snatch used for a quite different purpose on air. Their full interviews are what count - and have been repeated in greater detail and via other researchers since to confirm and clarify - even though there's not a shred of doubt in what they said to me in 1996 either. Despite what Georgina is claiming.

In all these interviews the air crew say the same thing and its what I've reported all along that they claim (see 'Something in the Air' / 'UFO Danger in the Air' in 1997).

These stories - including what they told me on camera in 1996 - all absolutely DO prove exactly what I have been telling you for some time now and are crystal clear. Any attempt to make it seem otherwise is doomed to failure and disappointment. This is not a threat or shady tactic - its merely a statement of the situation offered by me in friendship to you all to stop anyone making themselves look foolish as they will do if they try to insist the air crew offer even a shred of suspicion that they saw something.

They didn't - and frankly that's that.

So I would strongly advise that nobody cling to the forlorn hope that Georgina is giving to you. It will lead you astray from the truth about this case.

Sorry to say this bluntly , but that's the way it is.

And like I keep saying, you will all have every proof you need that this is not bluster but mere a friendly statement of the facts when you see the UFOIN report.

Please be patient just a little longer. Surely that's not too much too ask after 45 years?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 05:27:33 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:53:11 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 08:41:07 -0600

>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:03:50 +0000
>>>From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald . Ledger)
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>To the outraged;

><snip>

...well yeah, Bob! You have to snip that to insure that you inoculate your well buffered immunity to my more open ended and open minded meme. Promising to address your skin deep and so trifling comments later, and quickly, to the relief of some of the (oh so ritually honored) List members, I have to say that you broadly miss the whitewashed side of the proverbial livestock shelter, Bob.

It must be comforting to know such a rock hard foundation, trust, and confidence in the general forthcomingness that exists around you, especially given the aggregate inspiration those three things provide along with the faultless institutional leadership subject to perfect accountability and oversight... <sigh>. Bobby... dude. Things aren't the way you think they are. Start looking across grain at things, develop an alien view if you will <not grinning>, and find on this detached personal investigation that you are the subject of a very cleverly insinuated program of conscientiously applied oral hygiene and regular professional care. ...and I don't mean that in a good way. <now I'm grinning>

>>starless skies,

>Al:

>Please explain why the television pictures broadcast from the
>Space Shuttle and Space Station today do not show a star-studded
>sky.

Not star studded, but stars... some regular smear of light and shadow suggesting depth and sky. Even as a kid I was bothered about that featureless sky. Besides, what about flags, shadows and landing pads? The official response is blustering outrage and smirking denial. Both of the preceding could suggest guilt, and have proved so in the recent past so often that it does not require citation. Seriously, I'm not the irrational believer here.

>Please be specific as to the level of conspiracy needed to
>produce this effect. Then discuss alternatives to your
>hypothesis.

I might as well ask you to be as specific about the assumptions you have to hurdle to demonstrate your governments complete forthcomingness with regard to subjects ufological! Don't dally there, Roberto. Asking for specifics and then a defense of those specifics as measured by your comparison with more comfortable alternatives is the last refuge of a scoundrel, especially in a system where you have common sense suspicions regarding the quality of the information you are getting in the first place. Performance of this position is sociopathic, acceptance a demonstration of complacent naiveté. You don't address the concern I raised, at all, with that very reasonable sounding request, you only celebrate the convenient dogmatic. I've made my position clear regarding **alleged** ubiquitous conspiracy in a recent paper -- you had no comment on that, even given your penchant for artful snippage. <g>.

><snip>

Ahhh, yes. Better snip that. That grabs a little too close to the short and curlies, don't it? <g>.

>>I never saw anyone walk on the moon.

><snip>

You really can make anyone say what you want them to say with this editing technique, Bobbo. Clever, if a little clumsy and ham handed! <g>. I express a sentiment regarding a too easy and largely unearned acceptance of the "official position" and come off in a creative edit as an unlearned rube who believes professional wrestling is real and men never walked on the moon. Well done <golf clapping>.

>>I only have 'someone's' already suspect Word for the latter.
>>What would you have me continue to believe?

>Have you ever been to Australia, or Antarctica?

No actually, but I would be fascinated to learn how you so obviously stood at the foot of lunar lander as who-ever-it-was <g>LEAPED off the ladder (where was the good sense in that btw?), and took that "giant leap for man-kind." What's it like to take a space-walk, Bob? From your personal experience. And how about entertaining us with stories of your adventures on the moon?

>What is your reason
>for such an irrational belief?

Apples and oranges, Robert. Apples and oranges chopped into that time honored suit of fallacious straw and stuffed into the hide of the easily demolished argument in pursuit of avoidance of the cloying uncomfortable.

>If you have not,
>do you believe that there is such a place?

I believe that there are all sorts of different kinds of places. You, apparently, only accept what institutions of demonstrated corruption have fed to you (?), not to put too fine a point on it. <g>.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Father knows best! <g>.

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Easton

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Regarding:

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000

Richard Hall wrote:

>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>essential to serious ufology.

Richard,

Please, let's not forget if you practised what you preach when it was one of your favourite cases, the 'Rendlesham forest UFO' debacle, that was the subject of a research publication which revealed critical new evidence.

You castigate those who 'finger-point' before impending research material is published.

Yet, it was FUFOR and Richard Hall who couldn't wait to do so when I published 'Rendlesham Unravalled', on 1 March, 1998.

And that was before the contents had even been read.

Not only that, you contacted one of the main witnesses to warn them of the forthcoming publication.

So please spare us the patronising counsel, especially how 'Such detailed case investigations are essential to serious ufology'.

If demonstrating further why 'ET UFO' beliefs are in fact borne of mundane terrestrial causes, they are as welcome as a Protestant in the Vatican.

The full story of this background to 'Rendlesham Unravalled' was laid bare in 'Voyager Newsletter No. 15', see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v15.txt>

Permit me an extract; I want to ensure it's understood what the issues are here.

[BEGIN]

If there was in any way an imperative 'UFO' incident - this doesn't require the source to be from outer space - I've done all that I can to have it considered seriously and presented credibly.

It was only a few months ago that I persuaded the UK's most respected national newspaper they might find a newsworthy story by contacting Halt and providing the UK forum Halt has stated he

hoped to have one day. Although they did get in touch with Halt, so far as I'm aware he didn't accept this opportunity.

An obstacle to overcome when highlighting evidence which threatens to, or obviously does, offer an explanation for a prominent 'UFO' case is the adverse reaction from those who have long believed it was conversely important evidence, if not 'proof', of contact by aliens. By default, it also impacts on the claimed 'inexplicable' nature of other UFO cases and that intrinsic belief in a government 'cover up'.

Typically, the reaction is hostile, vehement and often dismissive of new evidence which hasn't even been studied. As one experienced 'ufologist' cautioned just prior to publication of 'Rendlesham Unravalled':

"I hope you have your 'shit shelter' ready!

Your report is a real service to serious ufology. Those of us who really care about the facts and the truths they embody/illuminate are in your debt.

As the blizzard of brickbats falls around you, remember this admonition which Senator Barry Goldwater used to keep on the wall of his Washington office: *Illegitimum non Carborundum*".
[END]

And so it proved when 'Rendlesham Unravalled' was published:

"In my opinion, the debunking of this incident is so laughable that I don't know where to begin to point out errors in it. The whole premise of the article is incorrect and it insults the intelligence of all those involved! Does anyone believe that Security Policemen with weapons and senior military officers, also with weapons, are given to mistaking lighthouses for other things?"
[END]

"Agreed. This is a debunking ploy that I've seen used over and over again. It's ludicrous to claim that someone saw a lighthouse, or Venus, or Mars, or anything else that was there the day before and will be there the day after; and the day after that, etc., etc."
[END]

"The 'they saw the lighthouse' theory is warmed over garbage. What some would like people to believe is that after years and years of operation in which the base security would have noticed and gotten used to--meaning the lighthouse would no longer be out of the ordinary and would not suddenly attract attention during a Dec night. Better said, it would be like a normal person that watches the news and reads the newspaper waking up today and saying "Shazam...Bill Clinton is President of the United States...why I just noticed...." The lighthouse theory is a broken bulb at best".
[END]

"If critics of Rendlesham have important new, unconsidered evidence to share, I wish they'd do it instead of reploting the same old ground.

I spoke with Halt at length two days ago (27 February) by telephone and appraised him of the fact that Easton was promoting a soon-to-be-released monograph that ostensibly explained the complex of sightings as nothing more than the famous flying Orford Ness lighthouse (and lightship, perhaps). Halt is adamant that he didn't mistake the lighthouse for a UFO; he was well aware of its presence on the skyline. After all, he did have occasion to periodically walk about the base at night. Do these critics really believe that an AF Lt.-col., deputy base commander was so disconnected from reality and his surrounding environment that he couldn't recognize a lighthouse's blinking beacon?"
[END]

Ad nauseam...

Those latter comments were more significant though, they came from Robert Swiatek, a director of FUFOR [Fund for UFO Research].

On 4 March, Mr Swiatek had more to say:

As a matter of fact I just downloaded Easton's article today (Tues.) and read it on my way home from work. In short, I was underwhelmed and feel it's a loopy article. I frankly expected a bit more new information than appears in the piece...

In my opinion, Easton's reshuffled the same old 52-card deck and now somehow sees different cards.

I don't have time to write pages and pages here, but will summarize some lowlights that really grated on me. None of the events that Halt describes sound anything like a bright fireball, which usually traverses the sky in a few seconds, or a re-entering satellite, which also flashes overhead quickly, occasionally spewing off parts of the rocket or satellite body. Yet it's obvious Easton believes this to be the explanation, hence the long diatribe about why Halt is "mistaken about the dates." They have to be wrong to fit with Easton's beliefs. Still, nothing new here; the date issue has been debated for years.

Also funny how Easton plays the old my-sources-must-remain-confidential routine, while asking us to Trust me, I'm telling the truth about all this. Too much to hope for actual names, I suppose. And documents--he's seen only photocopies. Let the pro-MJ-12 proponents pull this tactic and you'd be all over them... Come on, enough's enough here: Come clean with everything--especially the anonymous sources--so we can judge for ourselves; otherwise don't waste our time.

Notice how many weasel words are salted into his article. It would do Clinton proud. To wit: "a bright object may have produced this 'burn out' effect"; "Clearly, this seems to be the lighthouse beacon"; "lens' could have produced distorted images." Get the feeling Jim might be trying a bit too hard to convince us of his beliefs when the facts just aren't there to support them?

It's especially rich when he throws notorious debunker Ridpath's opinion into our faces--a man who wasn't there on the scene--as though this somehow outweighs the testimony of on-site commander Halt who saw the lighthouse day in, day out for months on end". [END]

So, following some six months of not inconsiderable efforts, Halt was finally contacted and the call made by a representative of FUFOR, Robert Swiatek.

We might have anticipated that Halt would be asked if he could please answer some relevant questions, or at least comment on the two-mile chase of a lighthouse beacon, acknowledged in those original witness statements.

Instead, on 27 February', Swiatek 'appraises' Halt of an impending article and affirms the lighthouse would never have fooled anyone.

Astonishingly, Swiatek then states he hadn't actually read the extensive material in 'Rendlesham Unravalled' - which confirms how the participants admitted the initial UFO scare resulted in an abortive two mile pursuit of Orford Ness lighthouse - until 3 March!

In retrospect, obviously I wish I had known earlier this was to be an outcome, however, it was an obligation to honour certain protocols.

I see that I did reply to Swiatek:

>In my opinion, Easton's reshuffled the same old 52-card deck and
>now somehow sees different cards.

You're not appreciating some pretty fundamental points.

We never previously had all the cards laid on the table, possibly still don't, but published for the first time, were details from the original witness statements. These document how events unfolded and are the missing 'aces' in understanding the true perspective.

It's now evident there are major discrepancies between later claims made by Jim Penniston and what was documented at the outset. It's also only now realised the lighthouse beacon was sufficiently unfamiliar in the forest setting that three security policemen followed a 'beacon light' for two miles before this was recognised.

It's a fact had never been mentioned by either Burroughs, Penniston or Halt in any subsequent commentaries.

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>summarize some lowlights that really grated on me. None of the
>events that Halt describes sound anything like a bright
>fireball, which usually traverses the sky in a few seconds, or a
>re-entering satellite, which also flashes overhead quickly,
>occasionally spewing off parts of the rocket or satellite body.

You're confusing events from the two separate incidents.

The 'bright fireball' relates to the first night's events, not Halt's adventures in the forest.

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>hence the long diatribe about why Halt is "mistaken about the
>dates." They have to be wrong to fit with Easton's beliefs.
>Still, nothing new here; the date issue has been debated for
>years.

It might help if you take time to consider the above pointers first of all. Then hopefully the clarification of the dates will be understood.

There isn't any argument that the first date in Halt's memo is wrong - the original witness testimonies confirm the date and time as 26th December 1980, events commencing at approx. 0300.

The evidence confirming the correct date of the second night's events has been set out and is now agreed by those who know the historical case well, for example, Jenny Randles and Ian Ridpath.

I'm not aware of anyone who contends, with opposing evidence, otherwise.

>Also funny how Easton plays the old my-sources-must-remain-
>confidential routine, while asking us to Trust me, I'm telling
>the truth about all this.

Before I saw a copy of these specific documents, their origin was already proven to some of the prominent list members here. It isn't an issue, although you have every right to query this further.

The only reason I didn't mention the source, is simply that I strictly didn't have permission to yet.

If you had read the article in more detail, you might also have noticed the following reference:

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

Note: This article contains a quotation which is the beginning of Burroughs' testimony, now obtained in full.
{End}

So at least part of Burroughs' testimony had previously been known about over four years ago.

As you are in touch with Colonel Halt, why not simply ask him to confirm these affidavits are those he stated were obtained at the beginning of January 1981?

>It's especially rich when he throws notorious debunker Ridpath's
>opinion into our faces--a man who wasn't there on the scene--as
>though this somehow outweighs the testimony of on-site commander
>Halt who saw the lighthouse day in, day out for months on end.

Ridpath has however researched the scene of the crimes and can therefore offer an informed opinion. This similarly applies to Jenny Randles, who's description of the terrain I provided to

illustrate it's deceptive nature.

Again, if you had taken more time to study this case further, it was being determined that Halt would not necessarily have been familiar with the lighthouse as seen at tree-level, in the sloping forest.

All that's visible from the base is the distant lighthouse beam sweeping the horizon, not the pulsating light which can be seen from within the forest, which was outwith the jurisdiction of the USAF.

Do we detect traces of a possible lack of objectivity, Rob.

I don't mind clarifying some issues, but only within reason. Hopefully this still can be applied and you can accept it is reasonable to ask if many of your misgivings are perhaps in need of a rethink.

What would be of invaluable assistance, is if you could ask Col. Halt to comment on some relevant questions.
[END]

Francis Ridge added his views:

I have to admit I'm more up-to-speed on older cases, so when it comes to cases such as these I know who to contact. I have spoken with several and will be talking to others who are also eminently qualified to comment on this case.

It appears at the very outset that you have apparently gone off half-cocked regarding this matter and really don't know the subject as well as you thought. It also appears that you have illustrated poor judgement, been leaping to conclusions, and simply listening to the wrong people. But you're the one that brought it up. We'll see how it plays out.

Richard Hall is sending me some updates based on Halt's latest comments.
[END]

I had replied:

[...]

Not only is it an objectionable 'knee-jerk' reaction, if you were familiar with the background it would be recognised I had previously been a staunch supporter that the case might have some substance, see, for example:

'The Unopened Files', (a 'sister' publication to 'UFO Magazine' (UK)), issue 'Autumn 1997': 'Rendlesham 1997: New Testimonies Suggest UFO Encounters Very Real', by James Easton, pp 62-69 and 78-79.

[...]

What anyone believes is consummately irrelevant.

It's only the facts which are of consequence and only facts were highlighted.

[...]

Perhaps you haven't fully digested the evidence and that it confirms, beyond any debate, the central witnesses from the first night's events were deceived by the lighthouse beacon.

It's not clear why this isn't understood, the point was explained and documented.

It might help if I substantiate this further:

"We got up to a fence that separated the trees from the open field and you could see the lights down by a farmers house. We climbed over the fence and started heading towards the red and blue lights and they just disappeared. Once we reached the farmer's house we could see a beacon going around so we went towards it. We followed it for about 2 miles before we could see

it was coming from a lighthouse".

Extract: original statement from Airman First Class John Burroughs.

"Only the beacon light was still blinking. We figured the lights were coming from past the forest, since nothing was visible as we passed through the woody forest. We could see a glowing near the beacon light, but as we got closer we found it to be a lit-up farmhouse. After we had passed through the forest, we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC [Central Security Control] as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light".

Extract: original statement from Airman Ed Cabansag.

Is this now sufficient to establish that the lighthouse beacon wasn't recognised as such?

The description of the location from Jenny Randles was included for a reason; to illustrate how deceptive nearby landmarks could be, given the sloping terrain.

That, plus the above witness statements, are facts.

[...]

I have explained, via the previously unpublished witness statements, how it was originally reported and that neither Halt, Burroughs or Penniston ever publicly disclosed the abortive two mile 'beacon' chase that first night.

Nothing said by yourself or any respondents on this list, at the time of writing, amounts to more than an adverse reaction.

Perhaps in future, some of the evidence might actually be addressed.

[END]

And so it goes. Many of those who believe in 'UFOs' and all which that encompasses, do so with a religious conviction.

Richard Hall, Chairman of FUFOR, then directly offered his opinions:

[...]

Cabansag did not go into the woods with Burroughs and Penniston.

[...]

Halt's TESTIMONY is full, complete, on the record, and highly credible. His information anchors the entire case.

Again, no need to stay focused on CREDIBLE witnesses.

[John Stepkowski wrote:]

>James tried for months to get in touch with various people,
>including Halt, to ask them questions prior to publication. Now
>that it's out in the open, maybe some of these questions will be
>answered.

>I hope so. But there are questions for Halt to answer and if
>he's willing to answer them, we're all the richer for it. All
>this "debunker" stuff and personal insults just doesn't belong
>on a serious list. Let's wait to see what happens and whether,
>finally, Halt will address some of the questions James has been
>trying to get him to answer for months.

To a considerable degree, he has answered the questions - and will be doing more so.

Halt does not necessarily respond to ill-informed questions from hostile-sounding people. I don't blame him, given the track

record of UFO "investigators".

Richard Hall
[END]

Hall voiced some further comments - posted on his behalf by Swiatek, which, on 10 March, 1998, I replied to as follows:

Robert,

It's regrettable to hear that Richard Hall and colleagues in communication with Col. Halt do not intend to provide any assistance in resolving the questions which now undermine the 'Rendlesham Forest' case and seem to have no desire to address them at all.

I know that many others with an objective interest anticipated hearing why Halt maintains that the Orford Ness lighthouse would never have deceived the base personnel, even in it's various guises from unfamiliar locations, such as inside the forest. Obviously, this seems to be somewhat at odds with original witness statements now available, which report that the beacon was a major factor in the 'strange lights' perceived. A factor to the extent that during the possible aircraft crash investigated by Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston, the patrol ventured into the forest for some two miles before recognising that a 'beacon light' originated from that same lighthouse!

The quite considerable anomalies now evident from former Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston's more recent claims versus the facts documented at the time, we also eagerly awaited Halt's comments on and trusted he might possibly be able ask Penniston for an explanation, lest the case should proceed any further as 'Rendleshambles'.

As regards the pending publication of Hall's book - could this already be beyond amendment and updating - it was appreciated he was in a similarly awkward position which Jenny Randles accepted facing when made aware of the recently expansive evidence.

To her great credit, even whilst promoting her latest [and recommended] book on the case, 'UFO Crash Retrieval?' (note the question mark!), Jenny displayed commendable integrity by publicly expressing her fears that developments did not auger well for a sustained belief in a less than prosaic resolution.

[...]

Of most importance, Hall states:

"My forthcoming account of the case in 'THE UFO EVIDENCE: II' is based on direct communications with Colonel Halt, who has been very helpful and cooperative, and on the same set of documents from the CAUS files that others are talking about".

If nothing else, can we please confirm where CAUS obtained copies of the witness statements and how long the startling revelations about the lighthouse has been known about?

[END]

Richard Hall's insistence that Ed Cabansag didn't accompany Burroughs and Penniston into the forest that first night is of course completely mistaken. I'm not sure why it was ever debatable if Hall had access to the same material. Ed Cabansag's testimony is an account of his travels through the forest and beyond, 'in search of the light'.

It was never anyone else's responsibility to assist with endeavours, or help attain answers to the fundamental questions and issues brought to awareness. A number of people did though and I expressed appreciation in the subsequent 'Resolving Rendlesham: New Insights and Past Claims Examined', published in August 1998.

Ultimately, my objective was to ensure that previously unknown, crucial evidence - not only from the CAUS files - was made available and this was achieved, albeit under trying circumstances.

One question which remains unanswered is what would have happened otherwise. Would the key evidence contained in those five, early witness statements never have been known about, outwith the few who were aware these documents existed?

Without access to those earliest testimonies, it would surely have proved absolutely impossible to ever make sense of this case.

Was there really a 'cover up', fearing that if the proven, documented misperception of Orford Ness lighthouse as a 'UFO' was disclosed, then this would naturally undermine the story's entire credibility?

No, not that I can see and even the premise is unlikely.

More probable is that the significance of these documents and a need to make other case researchers aware of their contents simply wasn't realised or given due consideration. If there's another explanation, many people with an interest in the 'Rendlesham' affair would sure like to hear it.

Particularly disappointing is that journalist Salley Rayl - who did understand the case and had written about it for OMNI magazine - wasn't appraised of the full facts when it was announced Halt and Penniston had agreed to be interviewed by Salley for 'Project: watchfire', hosted by the Microsoft Network, in 1997.

Although those detailed interviews resulted in new information and claims, the story now being told, especially by Penniston, was hugely contrary to evidence documented in those written affidavits.

If Salley had known about this, those landmark interviews could have confronted the many inconsistencies and so much more might have been clarified at that time.

Still, it's only a UFO story and an exercise in attempting to solve a complex puzzle.

It's been a revealing exercise, in many respects.

When it was recognised that the evidence presented in 'Rendlesham Unravalled' was rock-solid, had been thoroughly researched and verified, it gradually became accepted there was no escaping the facts revealed. In a more conciliatory atmosphere, Francis Ridge wrote:

"What is important, I just wanted to tell you that we all appreciate your research efforts (even if we don't always agree) and wish you the very best".
[END]

Some wise words came from elsewhere:

"Let me add my name to the growing number who appreciate the efforts of James Easton to unravel the Rendlesham matter. He has added immeasurably to our knowledge as to what really happened there. And, though it may be disappointing to many (including myself), if the truth really is that nothing of note took place in the Rendlesham Forest in late December 1980, then we must accept it. Otherwise, we would be only fooling ourselves. The real mystery then, is how such a false picture of events was allowed to take hold. The answer could be most instructive. Too much garbage is proliferating in this field. We need to know why, and to put a stop to it. Between the myth-makers, and the True Believers, this field is in serious trouble. It's time for a major clean-up".
[END]

Even Jerome Clark was almost positive:

"I hold no particular brief for Rendlesham, and I commend Mr. Easton.

[...]

As we wait, I plan not to join the rush to judgement, which is

not to say that I fail to appreciate and admire your efforts in trying to untangle the knot that is Rendlesham".

[...]

[END OF NEWSLETTER EXTRACT]

By their deeds shall ye know them.

I wrote:

"If nothing else, can we please confirm where CAUS obtained copies of the witness statements and how long the startling revelations about the lighthouse has been known about?"

Is that question ever going to be answered, and if not, why not?

Can Antonio Huneus perhaps now also please explain, as I have previously asked him directly, where, in 1993, he obtained a copy of Burroughs' original statement and why, whilst he quoted from it, he never revealed that Burroughs acknowledged therein that his patrol had indeed pursued Orford Ness lighthouse, thinking it was a 'UFO'?

I have recently been able to interview John Burroughs and will have more to say about that in due course.

In the meantime, I'll post separately some comments he has made, confirming that Penniston, Cabansag [Burroughs verifies he was with them at all times] and himself at least partially mistook Orfordness lighthouse for a 'UFO' and that the lighthouse simply wasn't a familiar local landmark.

Burroughs remains adamant that they never actually witnessed any structured object.

How can that be equated with Penniston's infinitely and increasingly more elaborate version of events?

As I suggested, even in 'Rendlesham Unravalled', was obvious, you need to also ask why Penniston's original statement - publicly revealed therein for the first time ever - is also the story of never having been able to identify or get close to the source of some 'puzzling' lights.

I'm sure, when published, Burroughs comments about these enormous discrepancies will prove to be interesting.

Halt would obviously never have witnessed a 'structured object' either, as he confirmed to Salley Rayl.

However, I have recently published some new evidence which further, significantly unravels events from the night of Halt's involvement - the security police now being on an excited 'UFO' alert.

Incredibly, I have located archive documents indicating that the same 'UFO' which Halt observed was seen earlier that night by another patrol.

This was so alarming, that they seemingly fired at it.

The full story, plus other new and important case material from various contributors, can be found in the 'UFO Skeptics' archives, at:

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"It's one more indication that life might be common in the galaxy. There's no direct evidence there's another Earth, but it's pointing in that direction."

- U of T astronomer Norman Murray

SAN FRANCISCO - A Toronto astronomer has found fresh evidence that we're likely not alone in the cosmos.

After analyzing the iron content of stars, Norman Murray of the University of Toronto has concluded "Earth-like bodies' orbit around most stars in our galaxy.

And, if that many stars have planets, it greatly increases the odds of having other 'Earths' that can support life.

"It's one more indication that life might be common in the galaxy," Murray told reporters at a science conference here. "There's no direct evidence there's another Earth, but it's pointing in that direction."

His findings were released yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest federation of scientists.

Murray found that a high iron content is common to our sun and to the 55 sun-like stars which are known to have giant planets. The existence of these planets has been deduced through their huge gravitational pull, which exerts a visible influence on their "sun." In one case, a planet has actually been observed passing across the face of its parent star.

Using imaging technology that can establish the materials stewing within stars, Murray examined the iron level in 466 stars. Subjecting that data to a series of intricate calculations, he found statistical patterns which showed the iron must have been added after the stars had formed.

Murray examined the iron level in 466 stars

And he systematically eliminated possible iron sources until concluding there could only be one source: orbiting planetary material.

Our own solar system shows how planets spin iron into the sun, he said.

A huge ring of iron-rich asteroids between Mars and Jupiter is continually being disrupted by Jupiter's gravity, sending some asteroids spinning out of our solar system and others hurtling into the sun. A few are caught by Earth's gravity and become meteors. Over eons, iron twice the mass of Earth has accumulated in the sun. Murray said. And there's a similar iron "signature" in the other sun-like stars known to have planets.

Based on iron content, "there are Earth-like bodies orbiting around most stars in the galaxy," he said.

If just half the galaxy's stars have some sort of planet, and if even one per cent of those planets were Earth-like, it would mean the existence of more than a billion "Earths," he said.

Murray said it's possible to have iron-rich asteroids spinning around a star without any planets.

But, for that orbiting iron to get into the star, some planet would need to disrupt asteroids and send them crashing into the star.

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The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
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Subject: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents - Easton

Cross-posted from 'UFO Skeptics', for information:

>Date: Jan 13 2001 21:53:52 EST
>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents

Regarding:

>From: "carpenter_joel" <ufx@mindspring.com>
>To: "UFO Skeptics" <debunk@listbot.com>
>Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents
>Date: 14 January 2001 02:07

Joel wrote:

>Every Inquisition needs a Devil's Advocate, I guess.* I'm
>curious as to how Brad Spark's points about the Orfordness
>lighthouse below can be addressed.

>They seem like genuine issues. Any opinions?

>"(a) Wrong Direction
>(b) Wrong Location for Visibility
>(c) Wrong Color
>(d) Wrong Duty Cycle (Steady vs. Strobe)
>(e) Wrong Dynamics (Moving vs. Stationary,
>"Dripping/Shooting/Exploding")
>(f) Wrong Shape (oval with dark "pupil" center, instead of
>strobing point source)
>(g) Wrong Angular Size (1/3 to 1/2 full moon vs. point
>source)."

Joel,

They have repeatedly been addressed and thoroughly, factually explained, see for instance my response to Sparks' 'SKEPTIC FACTOID' claims at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m16-008.shtml>

These issues are also frequently addressed in the research material on my web site and even summarised in the last 'Voyager' newsletter:

When on the night of 27th December, Col. Halt and his team investigated a report that the 'UFO was back', Halt hadn't yet interviewed the three participants involved in this preceding 'UFO' scare.

Therefore, it seems likely he would be equally unfamiliar with the 'beacon light' and where it originated. We also know from the 'Halt tape' he was in that same clearing, the supposed 'landing site', when one of his team - who, we must remember, were searching for 'UFOs' - suddenly observed a 'strange flashing light', near the farmhouse, where the 'beacon light' had previously proved to be from a lighthouse. As Halt related to Salley Rayl:

"...suddenly the Lieutenant pointed off to the, toward, the farmer's field, said, 'Look over here'."

"We saw a glowing red object, best I can describe it. It was, it looked almost like a red eye with a black pupil and it was sort of winking and dripping what appeared to be the equivalent of molten metal. And we just stood there in awe and watched for several minutes probably, and decided to try and approach it. At that time, it started moving through the forest. We could see it moving between the trees. It was moving in a horizontal plane and moved probably 25, 30 maybe 40 degrees in between the trees and back around. It was obviously moving and sort of approached us a bit at one time and then it receded out into the farmer's field. And, as we approached the fenceline to the field, it literally exploded, only silently, and it broke into multi-white objects."

Just prior to that, we had also noticed that the farmer's house appeared to be glowing, as though there were a fire inside. All the windows were bright red and sort of flickering and I was quite concerned for the occupants of the house. And we stood there and watched for quite awhile and the object, as it exploded and broke into the multi-objects, disappeared".

We know from Ed Cabansag's written statements that the beacon appeared to be yellow:

"The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light".

On the Halt tape we hear:

HALT: There is no doubt about it - there is some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

VOICE: There! It's yellow.

HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it, too. Weird!
[End]

Halt was frequently using a 'starlight scope' image intensifier. It's intended for night use and to amplify available light, not for viewing a bright light at night! The saturation and 'burn out' which would result is consistent with Halt's observations, as recorded on tape:

"It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to side. And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking. And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns your eye".

Well, yes. It would do.

As I've highlighted before, Halt's recollections that the light eventually exploded and broke into multiple white objects (in his memo to the MoD he states there were five) is erroneous, as can easily be proven from his tape recorded documentation that night:

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

No explosion, the white lights are an entirely separate observation and then the light which has supposedly divided into smaller lights is actually seen again:

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

HALT: 3:05. We see strange strobe-like flashes to the... rather sporadic, but there's definitely something there. Some kind of phenomenon.
[End]

This 'second coming' of the 'UFO' - clear off to the coast - is a sighting Halt has never mentioned in any of his accounts.

It seems this facet of the Rendlesham forest 'UFO' scares is consummately resolved.

Those five white lights were almost certainly the lights atop five tall radio masts, visible from where Halt was at the time he made that observation.

Thanks to the diligent and exceptionally detailed on-site investigations carried out during recent months by local researcher Robert McLean, we can now understand even more of Halt's misperceptions.

Incredibly, the 'house on fire' and 'strobe-like flashes' witnessed "at the far side of the second farmer's field" can still be seen today.

I'll leave the explanations aside - Robert may wish to publish the story of his remarkable, ongoing, research. [END OF NEWSLETTER EXTRACT]

I will add some comments on continued claims those original witness statements were written by the MIB, falsely stating the lighthouse was, at least partly, misidentified as a 'UFO'.

Although I'm not yet in a position to publish details of recent discussions with John Burroughs, one of the three security policemen involved in the initial incident, which was, as I've said before, a catalyst for all that followed, I'm sure John won't object if I confirm he has recently verified to me:

Re the statements -

"Halt was the one who held back the statements and they were not changed".

"They were first made available by Col Halt during the filming of Unsolved Mysteries".

Re the lighthouse -

"We did follow a light not knowing what it was but we at no time did we feel that it was the object we first saw. We had lost contact with the object we first saw and wanted to see what the flashing light in the distance was".

Which is exactly what is documented in those statements.

The distant 'flashing light', which Burroughs confirmed in his statement came "from a lighthouse", was not therefore a familiar landmark - especially as intermittently observed from within the undulating, dense, forest terrain at eye-level.

As Halt didn't interview Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston until a week later [he's explained this was due to the holiday period], when Halt set out to statedly "debunk" reports that our 'UFO' had returned, he was presumably completely unaware how the initial, abortive 'UFO' pursuit involved a distant, flashing light that was only after investigation apparently found to originate from Orford Ness [Orfordness] lighthouse.

We know exactly where Halt perceived the 'UFO' to be, as I revealed in 'Resolving Rendlesham':

An organisation which has been instrumental in making efforts to solve the mystery has been the 'UFO Forum' on the Microsoft network.

Under the auspices of 'Project: watchfire', in 1997 they hosted internet conferences with Halt and Penniston, chaired by American Journalist A.J.S. (Salley) Rayl.

Salley has interviewed Halt on a number of occasions and Diana Botsford, the Forum Manager, has been exceptionally helpful in making research material available to me.

When Col. Halt participated in the forum's question and answer

session, he clarified for the first time some key points.

Knowing beforehand I would be unable to participate, Diana and Salley were asked if they could raise some questions on my behalf. As this was also prior to the original witness testimonies being discovered, there remained uncertainty on my part about the dating of the two incidents and I wondered if Halt could explain why the dates in his memo to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) were apparently incorrect and why he had on occasions given various dates for both.

Jenny [Randles] has long suspected that, for reasons we would one day understand, Halt may deliberately have confused the dates on his memo to the MoD, it being less conceivable that he had made such basic errors.

As is often the situation, the explanation was elementary, the conference transcript confirming:

RAYL: We received an e-mail earlier in the day from a fellow by the name of James Easton who lives in Scotland and apparently has been researching this case during recent months.

[...]

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

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

I'm sure Jenny and many others will be surprised to learn that Halt didn't consider the memo's strict accuracy to be important and puzzled why he didn't verify the dates from the witness statements he had not long since taken, or by conferring with participants from both nights.

As mentioned in 'Rendlesham Unravalled', Gaynor South at Secretariat(Air Staff)2ala wrote to me:

"You have questioned whether the Ministry of Defence thoroughly investigated the events which are alleged to have taken place at RAF Woodbridge/Rendlesham Forest. From Departmental records available for the period in question, we have established that all available information was looked at at the time by air defence experts who were satisfied that nothing had occurred to suggest that the UK Air Defence Region had been breached by unauthorised foreign military activity on the nights in question. In the absence of evidence corroborating Col Halt's memo, which was sent some two weeks after the events in 1980, and in the light of the Department's air defence remit, no action was then deemed necessary".

If the MoD sincerely thought the 'nights in question' were only those contained in Halt's memo, obviously that may have misled them entirely.

Halt was asked about the assertion he had been deceived by the Orford Ness lighthouse and replied:

"First, the lighthouse was visible the whole time. It was readily apparent, and it was 30 to 40 degrees off to our right. If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us. The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right, and the object was close to the farmer's house and moving from there to the left, through the trees".

Here, as never before, Halt provides specific details of the perspective he believed to be accurate. When he states, "If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us", that's correct and the Orford Ness lighthouse is in a direct line of sight, east, towards the coast.

However, when he claims, "The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right." that seems to be consequentially incorrect; the Shipwash lightship was "off to the right", the lighthouse was straight ahead, where Halt observed the 'unidentified light' to be.

His comment that "the object was close to the farmer's house", again places the light source in the line of sight to Orford Ness lighthouse, whereas he believed the lighthouse to be much further south.

[...]

Science writer Ian Ridpath first proposed that Col. Halt had mistaken the beam from the nearby lightship to be that of the lighthouse and consequently thought the lighthouse beacon, which appears as a small, brilliant, pulsating light through the trees, to be an unidentified object within the forest.

Ian has also been immensely helpful to my research, making his considerable experience available.

[...]

During the conference, Halt was also asked to describe the 'object' he personally witnessed, this being seen when in the 'clearing' next to the farmer's house, at the exact spot where the 'ground indentations' or 'landing site' had been designated following Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston's adventures:

"We saw a glowing red object, best I can describe it. It was, it looked almost like a red eye with a black pupil and it was sort of winking and dripping what appeared to be the equivalent of molten metal. And we just stood there in awe and watched for several minutes probably, and decided to try and approach it".

He neglects to mention that some of the 'phenomena' was witnessed using a 'Starlight scope', or 'Starscope' image intensifier, as confirmed in his microcassette recording:

HALT: Let's go back to the edge of the clearing so we can get a better look at it. See if you can get the Starscope on it. The light's still there and all the barnyard animals have gone quiet now. We're heading about 110, 120 degrees from site out through to the clearing now.

[...]

OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two to three hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to side. And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking.

And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns your eye. [End]

One of the main objections to Halt's party having misidentified the lighthouse is that the rotating beacon (as opposed to beam from it) was relatively small from that distance. As Jenny remarks in 'UFO Crash Landing?', "Frankly, the first time I saw the lighthouse at night I was 80 percent convinced that this was the explanation. When I first heard the Halt tape this conviction rose to 90 per cent. It only plummeted after talking to eye-witnesses like John Burroughs who were out there, although, I did have some concern because the lighthouse appears as nothing more than a tiny pulsing light, not a massive red object...".

Halt has now removed that latter obstacle.

In a statement which may prove something of a shock to those who

perceived the 'crucible of terror' to be relatively large, Halt explained to Sally Rayl:

RAYL: Now, I know it's hard to tell because it was dark that night, but any idea what size the initial red object was? Any idea?

HALT: Nah. I would just have to guess. My guess would be probably two to three feet, maybe a little less".

RAYL: Two to three feet?

HALT: From the distance, in diameter.

RAYL: In diameter. So, it's a very small object?

HALT: It was a very small object, but it was very bright.

RAYL: But not a craft that could hold a human being, for example?

HALT: No. It couldn't have been. But it appeared to [be] under some kind of intelligent control. [End]

Such a small light is now well within the realms of being the lighthouse beacon, which was intensely bright. [END OF EXTRACT]

Courtesy of Ian Ridpath, there's a photograph, scanned at various resolutions, showing the farmhouse and proximity of Orfordness lighthouse, on my website at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/ridpath1.jpg>

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/ridpath2.jpg>

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/ridpath3.jpg>

Is it too much to ask that Sparks could, for once, ask Col. Halt to address these issues?

It's not those who have unravelled the facts and set the evidence in context who won't tackle the difficult questions, perhaps fearing what they might actually reveal.

I've asked Halt on more than one occasion if he could please comment on these matters and he never has.

Until Sparks, Richard Hall, or any of those who 'believe' Halt's 'UFO' might have been/probably/definitely was an alien spacecraft and who, like Hall, are in contact with Halt, will themselves make some effort to ask 'awkward' questions of Halt directly, what more need be said about the questions highlighted.

They have evidently been answered. [END]

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 09:51:46 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:42:51 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 08:41:07 -0600
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, Alfred wrote:

><snip>

>>Besides,
>>starless skies, errant shadows, spotless landing pads, and
>>waving flags go a long way toward demonstrating more than a
>>mere suggestion of suspicion in the current regard. I would like
>>to continue to believe that people went to the moon, for prides
>>sake if nothing else. I just wouldn't be surprised if they
>>didn't.

><snip>

>Hi, Alfred!

>I'm curious, do you feel that we did not go to the moon? I know
>you say you would like to believe, but your post makes me
>wonder.

Oh I'm sure we went eventually. I don't know that we went at all. Can't know. My leadership has been caught lying to me too much for me to be able to take official word about anything. It's Them promoting the anarchy, not me. They expect me to tell them the truth -- penalize me if I don't. Institutions are not held to the same standard. Doesn't that bother you?

>Regarding the errant shadows, no stars, etc. Here we have an
>example of what people's perceptions of reality can be in the
>face of real reality. In another, lingering thread, I have
>bemoaned the idea that AA looks more like what people think
>archival, documentary footage of an autopsy would look like as
>opposed to what it would really look like.

The only thing that really bothers me about the dismissal of the AA footage is it's use as a demonstration that there is no truth to anything ufological. The footage looks fake to me, forgetting the initial promise it promoted that ET ufology was going to at last get some serious attention -- just another caudal manipulation. <g>.

>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take

Gotta watch the labeling, hoss. When you point one finger, you point three back at yourself. Start in with labels and I go ugly early with personal attacks on scurrilous skepti-feebroids and other unbrave complacents. <g>.

>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I
>find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great
>lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the
>foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed
>due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars
>are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem
>that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been
>better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon
>landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

I think that that is the bone of contention, n'est-ce pas, that
their technical accuracy sucked? By the way, only asking because
I don't know, but who panned the camera up when the lunar lander
made it's explosive departure? I don't think anybody has asked
that question.

>
>But then, people like myself would be going, "Wait a minute..."

I think you should probably be going, "Wait a minute..." most of
the time. I know I do. <g>.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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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, scourged by
the scurrilous skepti-feebroids.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 09:53:31 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 09:57:31 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Correction

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:59:09 -0600
>>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>In a previous response to Neil I wrote:

>>Never mind
>>the camera original versus print argument; Santilli thought he had
>>camera original footage, therefore he had no reason to not have it
>>tested and looked at by someone like Bob Shell of Kodak.

>I meant to write "Bob Shell or Kodak". I know that Bob Shell
>does not work for Kodak, less people just tuning in think I'm
>more out of my mind than usual.

Roger,

I believe Bob's position is little changed from Oct 95, Volker at that time already had possession of all the footage and Ray was unable to have him relinquish any for further testing, also by this time Kodak were becoming ultra careful and were demanding a minimum of 50 frames to test, they also required a complete reel of film be brought to their offices and the said 50 frames be seen to be part of the stock containing images of the autopsy body, just to cover their backside and understandable considering the publicity any dating would generate. Bob at this time had gone as far as he could with the information and samples he had access to and had become very frustrated by Volker's intransigence. The samples he had were genuine pre 1956/7 safety stock and the original negative stock from which it was made was dated 1947, 3 Kodak offices including Rochester NY confirmed the symbol dating in writing.

In July of 1996 Prof Carrado Malanga of The University of Pisa Industrial Chemistry Dept carried out spectroscopic testing of one of the AA samples, his conclusions were that the base material of the film was Cellulose Polyacetate produced by Eastman Kodak in their type series 1-5, he could exclude series types 1 and 2 but of the remainder, Kodak had only published data on the series 4 base, but the spectrum of the sample matched this perfectly. Even so because he was unable to check against types 3 and 5 Prof Malanga would only rate his results at 95%. This did confirm though that the sample's base material was that of 1956 vintage or before, as after this date the generic base type was discontinued by Kodak.

Neil.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:10:42 -0500
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>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:15 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>What is important to keep in mind is that Santilli had been told
>that others had already seen the footage.

Roger,

Reports (and there were several) of previous sightings of AA or similar footage only surfaced after news of the AA film got out.

>Now in the context of
>the US Government's constant denial that we've never been visited
>by aliens or that ET craft really exists, just what is the
>likelihood that such damning, "authentic" footage would be
>available floating around out there long enough for others,
>including Japanese investors,

They weren't investors, rather interested parties from Taiwan and introduced by Colin Andrews in Aug 1995, as Colin here writes.

"After the interview of Ray Santilli by Prof. Chiang, I was surprised to hear Chiang say that he had seen photographs from this film before! My first thought was the rumor going around which stated that this film was made in Brazil 5-7 years ago and is a hoax. But Chiang assured me that he had seen the film after Taiwan officials had made a request last year to the U.S. government for access to UFO material. The Taiwan government was sent 80 black-and-white photos which Chiang says showed the same material as in Santilli's film. I had heard this same thing before from a Japanese colleague, Johsen Takano. I recently gave an interview to Takano in L.A. at the UFO Expo West for the Japanese UFO Museum which will be opening next year. I had previously arranged for Takano to meet with Santilli in Hong Kong to see the film on behalf of the Museum. In L.A., Takano told me that he had seen this film before, after a Japanese government request was made to the U.S. for material on the Roswell event."

>to have also seen it? Seems more
>likely that the government knew that the footage wasn't real,
>therefore, it wasn't seen as a security threat. Combine this
>pre-existing knowledge with the fact that Bob Shell gave
>Santilli the bad news that he did not have camera original,

Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of 22 reels total.

>and
>Santilli and Volker certainly had to know that the footage was
>more suspect than not.

>For Santilli to maintain the position of validity regarding AA,
>and to maintain that there is nothing he can do to help clear
>the air regarding said validity is nonsense.

If Ray hadn't got the footage and Volker had it locked away, as he confirmed, then there seems little else Ray could have done other than bluff his way through.

>Perhaps Santilli
>did not create the AA footage. Who knows? Certainly he knows
>that the footage is not authentic in the "alien" sense of the
>word.

No it's definitely on Kodak stock.

Neil

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'Mothman' Movie News

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:58 -0500
Subject: 'Mothman' Movie News

Source: Pittsburg Post-Gazette

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Director In The Mood For Psychological Thriller

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

By Ron Weiskind, Post-Gazette Movie Editor

Mark Pellington knows what he wants and has a knack for describing it in words as distinctive as the images he puts on screen. The director of "The Mothman Prophecies" did not want to make a horror film or a monster movie, although the project is based on a book by John A. Keel that is replete with images of UFOs, alien visitors and a large manlike creature with wings and burning red eyes.

These were elements that "debased and devalued the integrity of the story. They verged on science fiction and almost bordered on the ridiculous", the director says during a meal break, dominating the table front and center in a dining hall at Point Park College.

He wanted to "push it toward the ideas of perception, knowledge, reflection, mysterious elements of destiny, someone's inexorable pull toward something they don't understand, following a man on his journey."

Above all, he believes in not explaining everything to the audience. "You need to feed them and entertain them. The idea of real or not real, known or unknown -- it's pretty clear when things don't fit in this movie, when they become too melodramatic or wacky. When they remain enigmatic, mysterious or emotional, it works."

"Hopefully, we're dealing with themes and emotions that have depth and resonance that go beyond the typical genre film."

When the movie shot one cold night at an abandoned factory site in or near Penn Hills, Pellington dubbed it "The Zone Of Fear" -- apparently to put an image in the heads of cast and crew that would serve the emotions he wanted to bring out in those particular scenes.

Pellington quotes Richard Gere, the movie's star, describing the film as "a metaphysical thriller." The director himself calls it "a psychological mystery with natural surreal overtones."

In the mood yet?

Producer Tom Rosenberg oversaw Pellington's previous film, the thriller "Arlington Road", and thought he had the right stuff for "The Mothman Prophecies".

"This movie has to have a certain style and tone," Rosenberg says. "The camera and lighting is very important. Mark is terrific with the camera. He has a lot of style."

Pellington, 38, stands out on the set, a tall, stocky man with unruly black hair and horn-rimmed glasses who may watch one take from behind a set of video monitors and plant himself right next to Gere for a series of extreme close-ups.

A native of Baltimore -- home to such idiosyncratic filmmakers as Barry Levinson and John Waters -- Pellington was intrigued when Rosenberg sent him Richard Hatem's original script for "Mothman." But he was mixing "Arlington Road" at the time and had other things on his mind.

Rosenberg kept sending him new drafts, and finally he got together with two pals, Louis Klahr and Ernie Marrerro, whom he calls adherents of "the non-Hollywood school of screenwriting." They worked on the script until it fit his vision of what "Mothman" should be.

"It's still Richard Hatem's house. We remodeled it.", Pellington says.

Once he signed on, Pellington was adamant about shooting in Pittsburgh, a city he knew from visiting college friends who live here and from shooting a number of Iron City Beer commercials in 1992.

"I knew it had the terrain, I knew it had good crews and it was American," he says. The other option was shooting in Canada, which offered economic benefits but not the right look.

"We needed a town with a bridge leading into it. In Pittsburgh we had a choice of 10 of them," each with its own personality and mood.

He wound up choosing Kittanning, a town that "has a reality to it, but also a little mystery and some sadness."

He calls the workers on "Mothman," who are about 85 percent local, "the best crew I've ever worked with. I'm having too good a time and I'm feeling too good about stuff. There is a certain energy and spirit to this movie."

Pellington also praised Gere, who has contributed good ideas and "a giving spirit" to the film.

"He has been extremely supportive to me and my unorthodox, nonlinear, abstract way of communicating."

Pellington seems to be doing all right so far.

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Chilean Government Handed UFO Files To U.S.

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@juno.com>
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Subject: Chilean Government Handed UFO Files To U.S.

Chile: Chilean Gov't Turned Over Secret UFO Files to U.S.

Source: Agence France Presse
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2001 10:48 PM

Chilean Government Turned Over Secret UFO Files To U.S.

Santiago, Feb 18 (AFP-NA)-- The Chilean Air Force (FACH) turned over secret information regarding UFO sightings to the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) according to statements issued in Santiago on Sunday by Ovnivision, an organization composed of researchers of this phenomenon.

Documents declassified by the DIA include sightings recorded in Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta and Charanal in northern Chile, as well as the area of Mininco in the south and the Chilean Antarctic, according to the organization's web page.

The United States, according to Ovnivision, possesses documents with similar cases in other Latin American countries.

The reports were prepared by USAF Colonel Hubert Brandon and cover a 30 year period beginning in 1950 and, according to the source, it cannot be ruled that a similar exchange of information continues "at the present time."

"The Chilean Air Force has repeatedly stated, to the point of exhaustion, that there are no UFO files," adds the electronic publication, recalling the words of Gen. Ricardo Bermudez, president of the Comité de Estudio de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos, during the last International Air and Space Fair (FIDAE) held in Santiago in March 2000

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:45:57 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:46:45 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:38:48 -0500

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 14:28:07 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 16:41:32 -0000

>I went back and looked at my original post from 2/07/01. Here
>it is in its entirety:

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>And I have my suspicions about Richards Haines & Hall.

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>Perhaps I should have said unequivocally accept the ETH as "more
>or less" ipso facto. The point is, I don't see anything
>particularly perjorative about the above remarks, nor do I refer
>to "gullible believers" therein, as you state. An observation is
>not necessarily perjorative, last time I looked, if it merely
>(or mainly) states the present status quo.

Dennis,

In my shorthand posting I did slightly mis-state what you had
said, but I think my meaning is clear.

Your comments did list names of people whom you labelled ET
believers in a seemingly pejorative way; I doubt that any of us
follows every statement posted in every thread, so it is easy to
get things distorted at times.

I accept your statement that it is okay to advocate ETH; but
then you turn around and start citing theoretical arguments that
supposedly make the ETH dubious. (So did the original Project
SIGN scientific consultants while not paying attention to what
people were reporting.)

I'm working the other end of the same stick, building up a case
from empirical data. Both approaches have something to offer.

I respect your opinions and think our approaches should be
complementary.

Personally, I don't like arguments from theory being used to
say, in effect, they can't get here from there or have no reason
to come here from there. Those amount to little more than
defending the paradigm while failing to adequately explain what

it is people are seeing, and experiencing.

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Researcher Caveats Saturday's Chilean Sighting

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 08:47:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:50:05 -0500
Subject: Researcher Caveats Saturday's Chilean Sighting

Dear Readers,

Our friend and colleague Luis Eduardo Pacheco has cautioned us that the UFO seen on Saturday the 16th of this month may have been an experimental balloon. His message received by IHU this morning:

We have proceeded to update our website by presenting a full report on the subject, including a map of the trajectory followed by [the object] responsible for this sighting: a French MIR balloon launched on the previous day from Bauru in Brazil.

To avoid saturating the lists, I am including the link to our page for direct access to the report in question:

<http://www.informealfa.com.ar>

Mr. Pacheco is a thorough and cautious researcher whose work has been held in high esteem in his native Argentina.

Sincerely,

Scott Corrales
IHU

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 19 Feb 2001 09:33:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:54:28 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:01:32 EST
>>Subject: Re: UNASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>>Source: NASA Watch

>>><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>>>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>>>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>>>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>>>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>>>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>>>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>>>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>>>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

>>Personally I prefer the 2 hour special called Capricorn 1 :)
>>Probably just as accurate as the Fox special.

<snip>

>Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background
>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

Good question, Brad because that one kind of stuck with me too.
That was the problem with the presentation.

We do not know the exact references to the photos so that we
could check them out. Refuting some of the allegations with
specific point-by-point rebuttals would have been better.

Were those pics of the hills taken on the same mission? Or was
it Foxy fakery?

Bill H

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Re: Re: A Minor Diversion - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 17:43:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:56:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: A Minor Diversion - Easton

>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: Toronto List <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: A Minor Diversion

Larry wrote:

>Recently, on the Art Bell (or surrogate) Show, there was some
>clown advocating Hollow Earth again (sigh!). This is my radio
>entertainment commuting home from work around midnight.

>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>distance to the center.

Larry,

Some recent research indicates Earth's core temperature to be
circa 5500 degrees centigrade, comparative to the Sun's surface
(the photosphere) at approximately 6000 degrees centigrade. See,
for example, 'Earth's core nearly as hot as the Sun'. at:

http://explorezone.com/archives/99_09/30_earth_core.htm

>What is the temperature at the core of an atom bomb, or just
>some controlled atomic pile?

The temperature at the core of the sun is calculated to be
around 15,000,000 degrees centigrade. When a nuclear weapon
explodes, an approximate temperature of 10,000,000 degrees
centigrade is produced within a millionth of a second.

Immediately after the explosion time, the temperature of the
weapon material is "several tens of million degrees" - see, 'The
Scientific Aspects of Nuclear Explosion Phenomena', at:

<http://www.enviroweb.org/issues/nuketesting/nukeeffct/enw77b3.htm>

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:12:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:59:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:45:12 EST
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>>Date: 17 Feb 2001 04:33:22 +0000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>I understand you to mean that you were aware of Wimbledon's
>>version of events, but that you chose not to document it-if that
>>is correct, then that is surely inexcusable?

>That is not correct. Wimbledon's version was included at the
>time.

Was it?

If Brad is referring to Story's Encyclopedia entry of 1980 the single reference made to any contradictions between the accounts provided by the RAF and USAF sources is the statement: "...an intriguing aspect of this case is that both the Lakenheath RATCC and the RAF Interception Control team... were and still are convinced that their respective radar was used to vector the Venom to the respective target."

Thayer's 1980 account conveniently omits the alleged phrases used by the RAF pilots ("Roger... I've got my guns locked on him... the damnest thing I ever saw"), as reported from the memory of the USAF RATCC controller in pre-1980 accounts of the case - but no explanation is offered, and no reference is made to the fact that Thayer knew the RAF Controller had dismissed these as "nonsense" and "fiction."

Perhaps Thayer chose not to mention this, because by 1980 he had become aware of the fact that the aircraft involved in the interception, the Venom NF-3 did not, at that time, have a "gunlock" facility!

Faulty memory eh? But of course, the USAF man's testimony could not possibly be wrong, could it?

>>To have possession of contradictory evidence, from a relatively
>>senior military source, and discard it on the intuition that the
>>witness was tainted by jealousy suggests to me that his evidence
>>was unsuitable because it didn't fit in with your view of the
>>case.

>Wimbledon was no more "senior" in the
>sense you're using than Perkins was, who was a senior Air Force
>radar controller of many years' experience.

The facts are that at the time of the 1956 incident the USAF NCO was listed as "T/Sgt.... radar Air Traffic Control Center Team Supervisor" (Blue Book telegram BOI-485, 16 August 1956). Note: Air Traffic Control centre.

Whatever his skills were, the fact is that he had never been

trained as an Interception Controller and could not have undertaken a interception using the equipment available at Lakenheath (a radar which had been installed only for a couple of months, and had no vector scanning or height finding capability).

At the time the RAF man was Chief Controller at the main radar station in Norfolk - responsible for monitoring the Eastern Sector radar and with a duty to scramble aircraft from the Battle Flight 24 hours a day, should any foreign intruder attempt to approach the English coast.

The Chief Controller would have been an officer, Squadron Leader or equivalent and in this case had four others- including a second officer (Fighter Controller) and a corporal under his command.

I'll leave it to others to judge who was more "senior" in the context of the events we are discussing, or even whether this is relevant.

>However, Wimbledon claimed that the USAF would not even have
>been privy to the radio communication frequencies used in the
>Venom intercepts and therefore Perkins could not possibly have
>listened in on the intercept -- when quite obviously Perkins did
>and that fact was supported by the TWX communications in the
>USAF files from Aug 1956. I think Thayer discounted this
>discrepancy as a memory problem by Wimbledon 20-25 years after
>the event. However now we'll get to hear what Wimbledon has to
>say 40-45 years after the fact and see if his memory has
>improved.

Brad's claims about what the RAF Controller says about the role the USAF played are not entirely correct, and no one is disagreeing that faulty memory has played a major role in producing confusion and contradiction.

However, it is a very one-sided argument to claim that one participant's version is unreliable because of faulty memory but another version (which also relies upon memory, a 12 year old recollection) is acceptable! As we have seen with the "gunlock" claim, the USAF's man version is fatally flawed. That is independently verifiable fact. Venoms had no gunlock facility in 1956. How, then, can we accept anything else he says- especially timings, heights, distances, etc recalled 12 years after the events?

This kind of imprecise witness descriptions are what Brad uses all the time to compute what he believes are extremely precise heights and triangulations of supposed UFOs. But as he should have realised, the basis of all this is the witness testimony. If this is not reliable in the first place, then the whole pack of cards collapses - "garbage in, garbage out."

No doubt Brad will argue that the USAF account is backed up by the Blue Book records and teletypes, but that argument will not stand up either because there are just as many contradictions as there agreements between the two sources - particularly with regards to timings.

The only way to make sense of all this is to accept none of these sources as 100 percent "correct" (although all of them clearly contain some elements of truth) and make progress by locating additional, independent, evidence which allows a fresh interpretation of the events.

All best wishes

Dave Clarke

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Argentina: Local Residents Terrified by "Imp"

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:24:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:03:04 -0500
Subject: Argentina: Local Residents Terrified by "Imp"

Dear Readers,

For some reason, Argentina has been a perpetual source of stories regarding diminutive entities best described as "imps". Last year we featured stories on the police station that had to be vacated after officers reported a small, nonhuman creature walking into the premises. Hoaxes? Children playing pranks? You be the judge.

Scott Corrales
Institute of Hispanic Ufology

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SOURCE: Diario Austral de Temuco
DATE: Sunday, February 18, 2001

Local Residents Terrified By "Imp"

As occurs in fairy tales and myths, a strange being has been appearing repeatedly at night in the town of Pitrufoquen.

The creature involved would be an "imp", which according to the testimony of some local children, has manifested itself in a patch of vacant land near the homes located in that city's Manuel Rodriguez street.

The children attested that the mysterious entity, which only appears at night, "is small, since he's no taller than 50 centimeters, and he's been appearing since September in the same spot."

They likewise noted that the entity hides in a sort of cave located at the site, not far from the backyard of the children's house. "We would go and see him every night. At first we thought that it was a "guagua" (newborn) living in a house close to where the creature hides. Then we realized that the baby was always crying, and we thought that it knew when the imp was approaching," explained the youngsters.

"Sometimes we would shine our flashlights on him at night. The light would blind him and make him crouch. That's when we could see things on the side of his head, which looked like ears. He'd squeal so that we'd go away, and that's why we started throwing stones at him. He would follow us, but we always managed to get away, " they stressed.

The children explained that after these incidents, they never again came near the place. "It scared us, because he could do anything. Besides, he's real strong, because he moved a car that was near the place and he'd beat up on the dogs," they noted.

The youngsters added that "the imp even got into the Hospital to pester the people there. That's why lots of people came to see him. Firemen and "Carabineros" and detectives showed up to keep an eye on things and find out what was going on."

Delmira Munoz, the children's aunt, corroborated their version of the events. "Whenever my nephews visited that place, they

would come across a little crouching man wearing a sort of blanket over his back. The other neighbors can also say the same, since many of them have seen it. Fortunately, this entity hasn't come all the way to our house, and that's why the children have no problems sleeping. But if they bother it, it reacts violently," she stated.

Delmira Munoz also noted that there were suggestions that the alleged imp had been captured. "The hospital's officials had said that it had been caught and sent to Temuco to perform experiments on it."

Hernan San Martin, another witness to this mysterious entity's presence, recalled that "one day I was drinking tea with my wife, I heard the children throwing stones at something. We went out for a look, and my wife told me that a little man was walking around. I went to check what was going on and found a sort of cave in which it seemed to hide. That's when the kids told me it was a little man with wizened features, hairy, piglike ears and shining eyes."

San Martin remarked that after the incident, he wasn't all that convinced by the children's story. "However, my wife and I thought we could feel it approaching the house in the dark. I made an effort to catch a glimpse of him, but I couldn't, because it's very astute."

As time went by, he noticed that part of his hens and chickens were slowly dying. "The likeliest explanation is that this critter killed them. What I find strangest of all is that it only drank their blood. All of these events led us to find out more about it. People told us that it was an imp raised in the countryside and would never be seen in a city. They further told us that it obeys a master and is loyal to him.

Hernan San Martin finally observed that in spite of the alleged imp's aggressive tendencies, it has not hurt the children until now. "It appears to have only wanted to play with them. But it behaves violently toward animals, since its hurt our cats and dogs don't want to go near it, because it frightens them."

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 10:40:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:09:25 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 14:10:38 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Wait one moment. The alien autopsy/cameraman scenario hinges on
>its representing another (non-Roswellian) saucer crash, as
>thoroughly demonstrated in Mantle and Hesemann's
>less-than-insightful book on the subject.

Mac,

While the dates do differ(end of May as opposed to the 2nd-3rd of July) the AA is a Roswell event. How the event the cameraman filmed is connected to the July crash and recovery is still unknown. We've never argued that the two events were the same, but the similarity of debris and symbols indicated to us the two were related.

I believe the Barney Barnett crash is the event the cameraman filmed. Even though the two were a month apart, doesn't mean that the crafts the creatures were flying weren't constructed in the same manner, including the same strange symbols.

I think it's also logical that creatures probably all looked about the same.

>Now, it appears AA proponents are back-peddling by taking highly
>dubious photos of indiscernible smudges to unite the AA
>scenario with the alleged crash at Roswell.

These are not dubious photos. Their history is well known and the symbols are contained within the photos. We're just taking a closer with new technology. I think Neil was as surprised at what he found as the rest of us. We certainly weren't expecting to find this exciting evidence. If you don't believe us, why don't you see for yourself?

>You can't have it both ways: the symbols described by Roswell
>witnesses don't even vaguely resemble the angular glyphs we see
>in the so-called "debris footage."

Which witnesses are you talking about and which descriptions? When was the last time you examined the debris footage carefully? Besides we're not talking about the obvious symbols, but symbols tucked away in the debris which are not observable without magnification.

>This smacks of
>desperation--and this is coming from someone who retains a
>(very) narrow slot in my "gray basket" for potential
>authenticity of the AA film--er--video.

What was the evidence that caused you to be so skeptical of the AA. We're trying to find all the possible objections, so what were yours?

If you have none, then we'd like you to examine our evidence and

see if it, in its totality, doesn't constitute proof.

I believe that most folks felt that the AA must be a fraud and haven't given it much thought, or felt that since folks like Stanton and Mac didn't think it legitimate, then it must be a hoax. Most folks didn't realize that hardly any of the critics had looked at the AA carefully or critically.

>But right now these look like smudges and
>wishful thinking.

I'm very surprised that you'd say something like this. I think you need to take another look. And why haven't you ordered a set of AA CDs?

Ed

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:43:18 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:12:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

Jerry wrote:

>I, too, look forward to seeing whatever Randles/Roberts/Clarke
>have come up with and determining whether it's more compelling
>than the failed (though much-hyped) attempt to debunk the
>Rendlesham case.

Jerry,

Do some research for a change. I have never written more than a few lines (if that) on the Rendlesham case.

>The jeering, boasting posting by Andy Roberts
>does not, however, exactly inspire confidence about the
>objectivity of the investigation.

Perhaps I should have written it in another style? But you know as well as I even had I written it in the style of a Harvard Lecturer (say) complete with footnotes and annotations, you would have said, "The posting by Andy Roberts" etc.

>I guess we'll find out one way or another at some point

You will. But I'll predict here and now that whatever we come up with your belief in this case (have you investigated it?) will over ride any of the multitude of facts we put before you.

Count on it Pilgrims.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:50:17 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:15:58 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:15 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 23:00:09 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>Previously, Gildas wrote of AA:

>>>>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>>>>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

><snip>

>>I don't think he mentioned a specific date but I had the
>>impression from context that he was speaking of seeing it some
>>years earlier. He also indicated having seen more of the film
>>than Santilli had.

><snip>

>>>So, I suppose he meant that he had seen it before. Then, I don't
>>>see many possibilities:

>>>1) The AA footage is an authentic military film,

>>>or

>>>2) It is a fake made by the military, or a related agency. (In
>>>this case, it could well be a fake close to a real one).

>>>In both cases, Santilli had only a copy of it, and was of course
>>>unable to give a foot of original film for datation, but this is
>>>not a key point in this context. It could have been shot any
>>>time.

>>>3) Here is another possibility: captain McAndrew lied to you!

>Hi, Gildas!

>All considered, prospects numbers 1 and 2 above make the most
>sense, if sense is to be made from such limited information
>regarding AA. In the end, AA could be both an authentic military
>film as well as a fake made by the military. That is to say that
>the alien still isn't real; but since the film could have
>originated within the military, then descriptions 1 and 2 both
>apply.

>What is important to keep in mind is that Santilli had been told
>that others had already seen the footage. Now in the context of
>the US Goberment's constant denial that we've never been visited

>by aliens or that ET craft really exists, just what is the
>likelihood that such damning, "authentic" footage would be
>available floating around out there long enough for others,
>including Japanese investors, to have also seen it?

Yes, this is the at the heart of the discussion.

Why would secret services let such images "float around", and even send them to the Japanese government?

Again, there is the idea of gradual, controled release of some information regarding very secret operations such as crash retrievals and contacts.

If there are such operations, they obviously have to solve a problem: how to let the world know without risking an explosion?

This gradual release could well be the only solution. One possible action would be to release images which are not authentic but more or less close to the real ones.

On the other hand, If these images are completely false, I don't se the point in showing them to anybody, especially to foreigners.

In a word, they cannot keep such secrets forever and they have to do something about it.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 19:26:39 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:19:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 17:18:32 -0000
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath [was: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis &]
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:06:40 -0000

>>the 'accepted' version of events repeated and perpetuated ad
>>nauseum since 1969 by everyone from Thayer to Sturrock and most
>>recently by Georgina Bruni - the latest to get the facts
>>completely wrong.

>Dave, I have never claimed to have investigated the Lakenheath
>case, but have mentioned it in my book "You Can't Tell The
>People" because it involved RAF Bentwaters, one of the bases I
>was investigating concerning the Rendlesham Forest incident. The
>information was taken from the only official records available,
>with the names offered by respectable French journalist Bernard
>Thouanel. I have a copy of the BBC tape that Jenny raved about
>but it proves nothing. So, if the facts are wrong concerning
>these official records then I look forward to you proving it.

Hi Georgina,

Well for starters the respectable French journalist Bernard
Thouanel made a most basic error, which you repeated. Your book
(pg 367) provides what you say are the names of the "RAF pilots"
involved in the Lakenheath interception. The names are in fact
the names of two navigators! They were highly amused when I
showed them your book, but no doubt you could get the mistake
rectified in the next edition.

The fact that the names are wrong means that the paragraphs
which follow (quoting an alleged conversation between the wrong
pilots) are nonsense. Inaccuracy is compounded by the fact that
the exchange you report, which included phrases such as "the
damnest thing I've ever heard" did not take place as reported, a
fact I think even Gordon Thayer came to accept by 1980 (can you
imagine an RAF pilot in 1956 using such Americanised slang?).

You are totally right that the hastily filmed interview with two
of the men outside RAF Lakenheath didn't prove anything, but so
what? You obviously felt it was worth using as a basis for your
inaccurate summary of the case!

I accept you did not investigate the case - just relied on
second and third hand evidence, just like everyone else who has
launched in print on this one. Which was precisely the point I
was making!

While you're here you might remember a review of a book called
"The UFOs that Never Were" where a certain Georgina Bruni picked
out a list of factual errors allegedly made by one of the
authors in the Rendlesham chapter. Your take was that because
some basic errors had been made, this meant that you could

safely dipense with taking anything in the other chapters seriously.

Applying your own argument can we safely dismiss the contents of "You Can't Tell the People" on the basis of the errors above?

>>Georgina took three years to 're-investigate' the Rendlesham
>>Forest case, and proved nothing.

>I strongly object to that statement and suggest you read the
>book properly with an open mind. The book could not "prove" what
>the objects were because they were and still remain UFOs.
>However, it proved it was not the lighthouse, if that's what you
>mean. There is an abundance of information in the book relating
>to what took place before, during and after the incident, but
>the debunkers have dismissed the book as if it does not exist,
>continuing to promote their theories based on old information.
>The new information of course demolishes their theories.

So the best you can say for your much-promised and much- hyped tome is that it proves that the objects still remain UFOs? Well, even if I agreed - which I don't - that hardly amounts to very much does it?

UFOs can be just about anything.

The best you could come up with is some half-hearted theory about time-travellers, interesting but completely unprovable. I was hoping that one of the serious newspapers might take up the story, and finally put someone in the know on the spot. But the fact that only the News of the World and GMTV seem to have paid it any attention just goes to show that, as I said, it takes the case no further and proves nothing. That's just my opinion, and no I haven't investigated the case and I think its gone beyond any kind of objective investigation now, too many egos, lecture tours, belief systems and bank balances stand in the way of clarity. Despite the above, I really enjoyed your book, it was very well written unlike hundreds of other tomes with silvery saucers on the front which grace the bookshelves. But being a good read does not mean to say I have to agree with your conclusions. You promised that when the book was published it would put to bed the "lighthouse" theory after all. It has not done so, in my opinion. Neither do I think that Ian Ridpath will be rushing to Chelsea to make that gentlemanly apology either. In fact, the most important piece of evidence in the whole book in my opinion is the letter from Inspector Mike Topliss of the Suffolk Constabulary, who put the whole thing in perspective as only a local copper could.

Note - my opinion.

I was hoping for some conclusive proof, but what do we get? Gordon Williams and Donald Moreland say absolutely nothing that we didn't already know - and just underlines the fact that no one "in the know" took the case seriously in the first place. But you can safely ignore my rantings, as I'm sure you will anyway.

>With regard to your witness, I find it odd that Jenny Randles
>and co have dismissed the Rendlesham witnesses testimonies. Yet
>you all seem to be saying that the witness in the Lakenheath
>case is to be believed. I just think it's very strange that in
>one case the witness testimony doesn't count, yet when it suits
>the situation, suddenly it counts.

What Jenny says or doesn't say about the Rendlesham case and its witnesses are her opinions, not mine or anyone else involved in the Lakenheath investigation. The two are entirely separate.

If you re-read my posts regarding the latter, you will see that I/we are not saying one witness is better than the other. All witness statements - especially on nebulous matters such as UFOs - should be regarded as suspect unless there is independent evidence to corroborate what is being said or claimed. In the Lakenheath case, there is truth and falsehood in all of them.

Any private detective worth his or her salt would surely agree with this basic rule of evidence, would they not?

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 12:30:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:21:05 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:05:25 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I was hoping that you would roll Roger a VHS copy as well as the
>CD, that way he could have both in hand when he checks it out.

>Cheers,

>Robert

I don't have the betacam video from which the AA CDs were digitized. Neil did that but if you're implying some sort of fraud on our part, then I don't know what to say in return. We're being as open and honest about our research as is possible. We want a discussion covering what others find on the CDs. If you don't want to participate, then fine, but why wouldn't you? I sent the AA CD's to Roger last Friday so he should have them tomorrow.

He can copy the CDs on his hard drive and then send them on to you. You can do the same then send them on to someone else and on and on until everyone has a copy on their hard drive. Then we'll all be interpreting the same information. Whether Ray lied is immaterial to the discussion.

Stanton and Bruce and Jerry Clark and everyone else should be involved.

That's what I'd like to see happen.

Ed

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Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt?

From: Tom Thehofanous <theofa@idirect.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 20:50:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 23:26:49 -0500
Subject: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt?

Source: eBay

<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=560070147>

1947 ROSWELL NM UFO CRASH SITE SOIL SAMPLE
Item #560070147

Collectibles: Science Fiction: General

This auction has ended but the item has been relisted. Go to item now.

Currently \$2.00
First bid \$2.00
Quantity 5
of bids 4 bid history
Time left Auction has ended.

Location ROSWELL, NM--HOME OF THE ALIENS & CRASH SITE
Country USA

Started Feb-12-01 14:36:45 PST
Ends Feb-19-01 14:36:45 PST

Description 1947 CRASH SITE SOIL SAMPLE

In the summer of 1947, an unidentified flying craft allegedly crashed near the town of Roswell, NM. My husband's grandfather was living just outside of Roswell in those days. He was acquainted with a gentleman who knew Mr. Mac Brazel. Mr. Brazel was located on the ranch where the crash happened.

Although they did not truly understand the significance of what had happened, Mr. Brazel and the gentleman known by my husband's grandfather, scooped up a 5-gallon pail of dirt and rocks while they were walking over the site.

After the article about the crash appeared in the Roswell Daily Record newspaper, the military was brought in on it. The area was sealed off from the public and Mr. Brazel was detained for about 7 days by the military.

The 5-gallon pail of dirt was given to to my husband's grandfather three days after it had been scooped up from the crash site by the other two gentlemen. My husband's grandfather was to keep it for Mr. Brazel's friend until he came for it. He never did. It remained in my husband's grandfather's storage room for years.

They moved between Roswell and Carlsbad several times during the intervening years, but the grandfather always kept up with that dirt. After his grandfather died many years ago, my husband kept the dirt in storage at his Mom's property.

My son suggested that we offer small plastic bags of this dirt and make them available to people interested in the 1947 Roswell UFO Crash. My husband and I thought about it and talked it over for about a week. My husband was reluctant at first but then

decided that there are many people who are very interested in the crash. He figures that it is a part of America and should be shared.

We are offering these small bags with labels to as many people who are interested while supplies last. Only a few bags will be offered since my husband doesn't wish it give it all away. Since only a few will ever be offered, my husband said to offer them at a minimum bid of \$2.00 + \$1.50 shipping and handling and when they are all gone that will be that. Good luck bidding!!

If you are interested in the 1947 Roswell UFO Crash, then you will want to have one of these "one-of-a-kind" mementos of something extraordinary that occurred in the desert plains of New Mexico over 50 years ago. If you have a successful bid, you shall be one of only a few that will own such a souvenir! A certificate of authenticity will accompany your souvenir.

Terms of Sale

Buyer pays \$1.50 fixed shipping/handling in Unites States. \$5.00 shipping/handling internationally. I do not offer combined shipping. Email notice to the high bidder must be answered within 3 days and payment must be received within 10 days of notice. No refunds or exchanges.

I accept credit card payments through Paypal, Money Orders only...no personal checks please.

Items are usually shipped the same day payment is received. New Mexico residents must add 6.5% sales tax.

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 20:52:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 23:41:34 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

I haven't seen the program - but how about this:

(a) how do we know that the photos were from two different
missions?

(b) The hills would have been at some considerable distance from
the landing site (to give the astronauts a reasonable chance of
landing somewhere flat). Therefore, the paralax differences
between two photographs looking in the same direction, but a few
yards laterally displaced, would be negligible. Hence, you can
get two identical backgrounds - but one shot with the LEM in the
foreground, and one without.

It all hinges on whether the photos were, indeed, from two
different missions. We only have Fox's word for that - so it
has to be true ;-)

This whole "documentary" just sounds like another "Alternative
3" type hoax - but inverted.

Besides, I thought this had been done-to-death in the film
"Capricorn One" (except that was Mars, of course).

-- David G Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 16:52:24 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 23:44:16 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
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>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

Hi Brad and All,

Regarding this topic I recommend very much to study the following source: "Dark Moon - Apollo and the Whistle-Blowers" by Bennet and Percy, ISBN 1 898541 108 (Paperback)

Beside stunning photographic evidence regarding the thesis of the authors this source answers the following questions:

-Did you know that a second craft was going to the Moon at the same time as 'Apollo 11'?

-Do you know that potentially lethal radiation is prevalent throughout deep space?

-Do you know that there are serious discrepancies in the account of the Apollo 13 'accident'?

-Did you know that 'live' colour TV from the Moon was not actually live at all?

-Do you know that lighting was used in the Apollo photographs- yet none was taken to the Moon?

The source uncovers a deception that emanates from the very top regarding the exploration of the Moon and more than amply demonstrates that NASA has a case to answer. It is an extensively researched and balanced assessment of the people and parallels within USSR/USA space programs and raises many subjects that some may not wish to address.

A Hasselblad spokesman said when the photographic evidence was presented to him: "Yes, it does appear that Aldrin is standing in a spotlight. I can't explain why, you will have to find Amstrong and ask him."

And:

-Did you know that the Lunar Surface Camera had no viewfinder?

Joachim Koch

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 22:55:18 -0000

Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:19:59 -0500

Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

A condensed but highly representative version of my argument is freely available to internet users (as compared to the high cost of The UFO Evidence, Volume II) by accessing a commissioned article I wrote for Joe Firmage at:

www.issso.org/inbox/science.htm

I would be very interested in hearing from non-ETH "believers" (that sort of labelling cuts both ways) about their reaction to what I have to say there.

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 21:03:09 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:14 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:42:51 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:28:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I
>find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great
>lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the
>foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed
>due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars
>are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem
>that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been
>better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon
>landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

Time for another King Roger science reality check.

The reason we see no stars in the daytime here on Earth is because Earth has something called an atmosphere (heard of it Roger?), which the Moon does not. The atmosphere has particulate matter (dust, air droplets, etc.) which scatters the bright sunlight towards our eyes obscuring the dimmer starlight.

On the airless moon, one can indeed see stars during daytime, just as someone in the space shuttle can above the Earth's atmosphere on the daylit side of the Earth.

If the stars didn't show in NASA moon landing photos, then I suspect it had to do with film dynamic range, f/stop and shutter speed. Because the surface of the moon is very brightly lit in daytime, the film and camera settings would have to compensate to prevent overexposure. Otherwise, the surface details would be completely washed out.

I do wish Roger would go back to high school and pass those basic science courses he obviously flunked the first time around.

No, I don't think NASA faked the moon landings.

David Rudiak

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Satellite Object Cases Pt. I

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:21:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:26:05 -0500
Subject: Satellite Object Cases Pt. I

I would like to commend Herb Taylor on his study currently in progress of "satellite object" cases. I urge everyone to provide any help and support you can!

These cases have been termed "motherships," "cloud cigars," etc., etc., however, "satellite object cases" is probably the best description. Generally, in such UFO cases a large object is seen associated with smaller objects. There are many aspects to these cases sometimes involving unusual appearance or disappearance, generation of and absorption of the smaller objects, generation of smoke, fog, or vapor termed as cloud-like, and various light phenomena associated with the objects.

A classic case would be the 8 September 1958 incident witnessed by Strategic Air Command officers, including the reporter, USAF navigator, Major Paul A. Duich at Offut Air Force Base, Nebraska. Richard Hall's UFO Evidence, Volume I, gives the following summary :

"1. UFO first appeared as a vapor streak, bright flare of light. Then turned red-orange, solid shaped became distinct. Major Duich described the object as pencil like with the major axis in the vertical.] Black specks appeared, cavorted near the lower end.

"2. Specks disappeared, object tilted to 45 degrees from the horizontal, begun moving slowly WSW.

"3. Object tipped to horizontal, then as it moved into the distance tilted upwards again."

Time was approximately 6:40 pm and observation duration was approximately 20 minutes.

Consulting some compilations available here and a few other sources, I was able to come up with more than 50 of these cases. Certainly this is not even the beginning of comprehensive catalogue.

Both Michel and Vallee thought these cases of great importance. Richard Hall has in The UFO Evidence I and his new second volume, The UFO Evidence, Volume II, A Thirty Year Report has compiled a large number of these cases. The list below draws on both these compilations.

Herb Taylor seeks the original sources, if possible, and any additional information such as weather and other environmental factors, etc.

Certainly, he would be interested in any cases not on this list and, of course, additional details for cases here.

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Thank you.

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UFO Reporter, Vol. 1 #2, 1992,

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Date and Location Source

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| 1944 Summer
Grenada, MS | UFOE I |
| 1947 April 29
Tucson, AZ | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jun 21
Spokane, WA | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jun 24
Portland, OR | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jun 30
Norwood, OH | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jul 6
Tucson, AZ | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jul 6
Palmdale, CA | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jul 7
Tacoma, WA | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jul 7
Cicero, IL | ROUWO1947 |
| 1947 Jul 7
Manchester, ME | ROUWO1947 |
| 1951 Fall
Birmingham to
Chattanooga | UFOE I |
| 1951 early Oct
Anderson, IN | UFOE I |

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Satellite Object Cases Pt. II

From: "Jan Aldrich" <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:24:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:28:53 -0500
Subject: Satellite Object Cases Pt. II

Greetings List

Please note that the Singapore case of April 1952 part of the compilation in The UFO Evidence, volume I, has been removed as this report is probably of bombers flying over creating vapor trails.

It should also be noted that lack of reports during certain time periods is probably not meaningful here considering that a full literature search has not been conducted.

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1952 San Mateo, CA UFOE I

1952 Jul 23 Culver City, CA UFOE I

1952 Aug 28 Benham, Bucks, UK UFOE I

1952 Oct 17 Oloron College, France UFOE I

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| 1952 Oct 27
Gaillac, France | UFOE I |
| 1952 Dec 6
Gulf of Mexico | UFOE I |
| 1954 Jun 30
nr. Labrador | UFOE I |
| 1954 Jul 8
Abbey Lakes, Lanc, UK | UFOE I |
| 1954 Aug 23
Vernon, France | UFOE I |
| 1954 Sep 14
Vendee, France | UFOE I |
| 1954 Sep 22
Fontainbleu, France | UFOE I |
| 1954 Sep 27
Rixheim, France | UFOE I |
| 1954 Oct 3
Lievin & Ablain-
St. Nazaire, France | UFOE I |
| 1954 Oct 10/11
Riom, France | UFOE I |
| 1955 Feb 16
nr Pinchincha volcano Peru | UFOE I |
| 1957 Oct 6
Tucson, AZ | UFOE I |
| 1957 Dec 15
Alminde, Jutland, Denmark | UFOE I |
| 1958 Jan 11
Vista, CA | UFOE I |
| 1958 Mar 3
nr. Marshall, TX | UFOE I |
| 1958 April
Tucson, AZ | FHOTA 1958 |
| 1958 Jun 18
Coral Gables, FL | FHOTA 1958 |
| 1958 Sep 8
Offut AFB, NE | UFOE I |
| 1960 Sep 10
nr. Scituate, MA | UFOE I |
| 1960 Oct 4
Cressy, Launceton
Australia | UFOE I |
| 1961 May 3
Toompang, NSW
Australia | UFOE I |
| 1961 Jun 4
Blue Ridge Summit, PA | UFOE I |

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Satellite Object Cases Pt. III

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:29:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:36:16 -0500
Subject: Satellite Object Cases Pt. III

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1966 Jun 2 UFOE II
Massillon, OH

1966 Aug CC&CSU
Kununurra, WA
Australia

1966 Sep 17 UFOE II
Cranes Beach
Ipswich Bay, MA

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| 1966 Sep 22
Deadwood, SD | UFOE II |
| 1967 Feb 18
Chatsworth, GA | UFOE II |
| 1967 Aug 29
Pet River Dam, Tas.
Australia | CC&CSU |
| 1968 Jan 13
Carlisle, PA | UFOE II |
| 1968 Jul 6
LaHabra, CA | UFOE II |
| 1968 Aug 22
Kalgoorlie, Australia | UFOE II |
| 1968 Aug 28
Ucero, Soria, Spain | UFOE II |
| 1968 Oct 30
Rossville, GA | UFOE II |
| 1972 Aug 12
Taize, France | UFOE II |
| 1972 Sep
Kempsey, NSW
Australia | CC&CSU |
| 1973 Nov 6
Freeport, NY | Herb Taylor |
| 1974 Mar 17
Taiwan | UFOE II |
| 1974 Mar 23
Castillo de las
Guardas, Spain | UFOE II |
| 1977 Dec 13
Leitchville, Australia | UFOE II |
| 1978 Aug 22
Adelaide-Perth
Australia | UFOE II |
| 1978 Dec 12
Messina, Italy | UFOE II |
| 1980 Mar 22
Burlington, VT | UFOE II |
| 1980 Oct 23
Morenci, AZ | UFOE II |
| 1981 Jul 31
Liekka, Finland | UFOE II |
| 1982 Oct
Tully, Deluce Hill, QL
Australia | CC&CSU |
| 1984 Dec
Hexham, NSW
Australia | CC&CSU |
| 1988 Mar 5
Fairport, OH | UFOE II |
| 1989 Aug 31
Butler Township, PA | UFOE II |
| 1993 Jun 8
Antelope Valley, CA | UFOE II |

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
 To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
 Subject: Satellite Object Cases III

Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:29:22 -0500

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Cranes Beach
Ipswich Bay, MA

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Deadwood, SD

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Chatsworth, GA

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Pet River Dam, Tas.
Australia

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Satellite Object Cases IV - Pt.IV

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:37:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:39:53 -0500
Subject: Satellite Object Cases IV - Pt.IV

Greetings List,

I would like to forward this Satellite Object case from Herb Taylor.

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This report was originally published in S.P.A.C.E., Bulletin #19, July 1958. The basic facts are as follows:

"On June 18, 1958, at approximately 11:45 P.M., two sisters, and the 12-year old daughter of one of them, were out driving in Coral Gables, Florida. They saw a peculiar shaped light in the sky that seemed to be shining brightly through the slight overcast above. It was cigar-shaped, and all three witnesses agreed that the length was about six full moons. The color was a very intense blue, and the object seemed to contract and expand. While they drove home, the cloud cover passed away, and they could see it a little better, but still not in sharp outline. It seemed to have a fuzzy appearance. The 12-year old then saw at one point an orange ball shoot out from the main object. Then they say that at least a dozen of these small orange balls shot out of the main object.

Some came out from one end, some from the other, and one seemed to take off straight up. Having now reached home they continued watching, but the large object shortly disappeared, just as if you turn off a light. The total duration was about a half-hour, and the angle of elevation was almost directly overhead.

About 15 minutes later, it suddenly appeared again, this time farther north. It stayed stationary in this position for another 15 or 20 minutes, during which time all three witnesses saw four or five more of the green lights this contradiction of color needs to be cleared up - HT) leave the large object.

Then just as suddenly as the first time, it disappeared again. Nothing further was seen."

Feel free to offer any comments or observations on the above matter.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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Budd Hopkins' IF Seminar Announcement 3/10/01 (NYC)

From: **Intruders Foundation** <IFConfer@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 23:56:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:04:01 -0500
Subject: Budd Hopkins' IF Seminar Announcement 3/10/01 (NYC)

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

ABDUCTEE PANEL DISCUSSION

Saturday, March 10, 2001

As part of its ongoing educational seminar series, the Intruders Foundation (IF) will be presenting an abductee panel discussion that will feature three individuals who have undergone UFO abductions. The panel members will describe their experiences at length, in an informal interview format with Budd Hopkins, who has conducted hypnotic regression sessions with each of the three. This casual format will allow interested members of the audience to join in the discussion with questions, thoughts, and if they wish, their own experiences.

Twice before, IF presented this kind of seminar and it proved to be so fascinating and informative that audience members asked for a program of this type to be repeated as an annual feature.

We have every reason to believe that our March panel will be as compelling as the previous abductee panels, and look forward to the evening.

(NOTE: Due to the need for witness confidentiality, we do not release the names of our participating panelists.)

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on March 10th at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the tenth floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors, and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free exchange of research, ideas, and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

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Re: Speaking Of Demons - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:56:01 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:05:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Demons - Aubeck

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 16:24:51 -0000
>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:22:48 -0500
>Subject: Speaking Of Demons

>This will probably get me in trouble, but what the heck!

>I can imagine a scenario quite consistent with the UFO data
>(depending of course on which data each of us considers
>relevant) in which the powers behind UFOs are "demonic". Not in
>the Biblical sense, though if UFOs have been around that long
>some of the ancient references could conceivably have been to
>the same phenomenon.

>If abductions are really happening, then we ain't exactly
>dealing with saints. In another sense, some data suggests that
>'they' are yanking our chains in other ways too.

>Mind you, I didn't say that I believe this or accept it as the
>truth. It is only an intellectual exercise and certainly not
>demonstrable or falsifiable at this point.

>Dick Hall

Hello Richard,

Your idea about demonic aliens was interesting, though it has been proposed before in a number of different forms (see the writings of maybe 25 authors ranging from Gordon Creighton and Salvador Freixedo to Patrick Harper and Whitley Strieber).

I have a special interest in 'demonic' cases owing to my research into Medieval encounter cases. The parallels between devils and aliens (and fairies and aliens) is often downplayed, but my extensive studies of the available material shows the correlations to run deep.

Of special interest in this regard is the way Jacobs' claims in The Threat coincide exactly with tales of incubi.

I have prepared three chapters on these topics for a forthcoming book, though I do not have any conclusions to offer and I refuse to enter into theological debates.

But it really is a fascinating field.

(One of my discoveries was that when the practically always innocent victims of the Inquisition were forced to invent testimonies about their experiences, their fantasies very often exactly coincided with modern abduction accounts. There are several possible reasons for this, including the possibility that some genuinely experienced abductions later became the stereotypical folk narratives demanded by the Inquisitors. But I'd rather not get into that now!)

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 12:33:12 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:27:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:50:30 -0000

Hello Matt,

I forgot to mention it in my last message re your site (Feb 16th), but I suppose you know that the Fund for UFO Research awarded Italian science writer Daniela Giordano the 1998 Donald E. Keyhoe journalism award for her work in Nuevo Orione (an astronomical and space magazine).

She received an award of \$750 for an article 'UFOs Depicted In Ancient Artworks'.

Maybe you should check it out?

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Re: A Minor Diversion - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 07:27:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:29:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: A Minor Diversion - Evans

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:09:18 -0800
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 18:26:57 -0500

Previously, Larry wrote:

>>>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>>>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>>>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>>>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>>>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>>>distance to the center.

<snip>

>My point is that it just gets hotter and hotter as you descend.
>It does not get hotter, and then cool back down as you pass some
>core boundary, it is pressure alone forcing the solid state.

Hi, Larry!

I know absolutely nothing about this subject, but I have been in quite a few underground caves. If, as you say, it gets hotter and hotter as you descend, then how come it gets cooler and cooler the further one descends into a cavern? Every tour of a cavern that I've ever gone on, the guide always suggests taking a sweater or something because it stays so cool. In fact, every guide makes a point of how nice it is underground, even though no air-conditioning or air supply is ever employed. What gives?

Roger

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Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents - Ledger

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:37:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:32:18 -0500
Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents - Ledger

>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 12:51:26 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents

>>From: "carpenter_joel" <ufx@mindspring.com>
>>To: "UFO Skeptics" <debunk@listbot.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents
>>Date: 14 January 2001 02:07

>Joel wrote:

>>Every Inquisition needs a Devil's Advocate, I guess.* I'm
>>curious as to how Brad Spark's points about the Orfordness
>>lighthouse below can be addressed.

>>They seem like genuine issues. Any opinions?

>>"(a) Wrong Direction
>>(b) Wrong Location for Visibility
>>(c) Wrong Color
>>(d) Wrong Duty Cycle (Steady vs. Strobe)
>>(e) Wrong Dynamics (Moving vs. Stationary,
>>"Dripping/Shooting/Exploding")
>>(f) Wrong Shape (oval with dark "pupil" center, instead of
>>strobing point source)
>>(g) Wrong Angular Size (1/3 to 1/2 full moon vs. point
>>source)."

>Joel,

>They have repeatedly been addressed and thoroughly, factually
>explained, see for instance my response to Sparks' 'SKEPTIC
>FACTOID' claims at:

It's curious how Easton's selective drivel continues to make it
through on this List, reiterating his own theories while not
addressing those questions constantly put to him.

He hits and then ignores pointed questions that demolish his
theories. He still hasn't come up with the name of the type of
light they use in that lighthouse - the one that can shine right
through a hill.

Of course as an avid debunker he does not have to prove
anything, just an attempt to confuse, while burying any weak
points in endless rhetoric.

Wonder where he picked up that habit?

Don Ledger

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Credibility and Credo Mutwa

From: **Chris Aubeck** <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 15:58:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:35:38 -0500
Subject: Credibility and Credo Mutwa

I have been researching African folklore in connection with CE-IIIs and CE-IVs, and have come upon a wealth of new and old material. However, I have been having some difficulty validating many of South African philosopher/healer/guru Credo Mutwa's claims.

I can verify a few of his stories about African belief but many of them seem (seem, but I am not accusing him of anything just yet) of his own invention. What Mack mentions in 'Passport to the Cosmos' is just the tip of an iceberg that stands quite Way Out.

I'm not even sure what kind of help I need at the moment, whether to correspond with an expert in the field of African mythology or just to see if anyone has any solid reason to proclaim him a fraud (at least as far as UFOs are concerned).

I hope someone out there can help me along the right path and out of David Icke's involvement in Mutwa's case. I just keep turning up Icke, Reptile Creatures, videos for sale and references to how wonderful Credo Mutwa is in the twin worlds(?) of Spirituality and International Politics.

Chris Aubeck

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:26:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:41:56 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Dear Duke,

>Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

My Dear "Your Grace:"

First, let m thank you for reminding us all of the appropriate use of the term "scoffer", for which the term "debunker" has been incorrestly substituted.

>"Perhaps the most insidious rhetorical trick has been the >misappropriation of the label "skeptic" to describe what are >actually _scoffers_. As sociologist Robert K. Merton pointed >out, organized skepticism is a fundamental norm in science. >However, the term skepticism is properly defined as _doubt_, not >_denial_. It is a position of agnosticism, of nonbelief rather >than disbelief. The true skeptic (a doubter) asserts no claim, >so has no burden of proof. However, the scoffer (denier) asserts >a _negative_ claim, so the burden of proof science places on any >claimant must apply. When scoffers misrepresent their position >as a form of "hard-line" skepticism, they really seek escape >from their burden to prove a negative position. "Perhaps the >greatest confusion related to the needed distinction between >skeptics and scoffers concerns their different reactions to the >failure by a claimant to support an anomaly claim. The skeptics' >attitude towards extraordinary claims (for example, those of >parapsychology) where proponents have so far produced inadequate >evidence to convince most scientists that their hypotheses about >anomalies are true is characterized as a case _not proved_. A >skeptic contends that "the absence of evidence is not evidence >of absence." The scoffer, on the other hand, sees the failure of >proponents as evidence that an anomaly claim has been >_disproved_. The perspective of the scoffer, as with most >dogmatists, tends to distinguish only black from white and fails >to acknowledge gray areas. (Our criminal justice system may >likewise be too dichotomous. Thus, similar reasoning led some >citizens to conclude that the murder acquittal of O.J. Simpson >meant he was judged innocent when he was merely found to be not >guilty. Science might better follow the path of Scottish Law >which allows for three possible judgements: guilty, not guilty >or innocent, and not proven.)"

You continued:

>Clearly there is a
>presumption here that the ET hypothesis is not a reasonable
>one.

>I don't think it is. I've said why at length elsewhere and am
>not inclined to repeat here what anyone can find in print as
>well as in various discussions fully archived on the UFOMind
>website. What strikes me as a frequent failing of those who do
>is the admission that rejecting the ETH as unreasonable is
>itself a reasonable position to take. Having said that I expect
>someone to squeak "but that's not _fair_" or words to that
>effect.

>But take Bruce Maccabee's recent arguments:

>>As for me and the ETH, I have said that it seems
>>to me to be the _simplest_ explanation - the easiest to
>>understand - in the sense that I can imagine us going
>>"there" (human transport to other planets).>

>Anthropomorphism. Who knows how aliens would think?

Missed the point: does it matter how aliens think? I'm making an argument based on the physics as we know it. we _can_ get there from here, even if it takes a _long_ time. IMHO, the argument that "they can't get here from there" is not based on physics but on "sociology:" if some humans were willing to travel for thousands of years they could get to another star using dumb old chemical rockets. Use nuclear rockets and shorten the time. Use photon rockets and get further speed. Could we do this today? ('we' = human race) No. We can only go the the nearest planets. Could we do it in a 100 years? Probably. In a thousand years? I'd say definitely. Of course, by then we might have somethig better than photon rockets.

Point: We can't rule out the possibility that aliens might think it worthwhile to take whatever time necessary to travel to earth (and , one presumes, other planets as well).

Now, I said ETH involving spaceflight was the simplest... because we understand the physics that will let us do it _now_ (or within a 100 years, which is effectively now in terms of galactic ages). Anything else such as time or dimensional travel requires an extrapolation of thinking beyond what we can now do. So far as I know no one has "teleported" a single cell through another dimension... to say nothing of a human.

That's not to say we won't be able to do such a thing in a hundred years. I just don't know about that. But I do know about space travel.

>>However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals
>>such as dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these
>>days from theoretical physics i.e, superstring theory, that
>>says there are other dimensions "close" to ours in an
>>overall 11 or more dimensional "multiverse.")

>My understanding is that the extra dimensions are "wrapped up"
>into excessively tiny spaces, and unwrapping them would need as
>much energy as was unleashed during the Big Bang. In other
>words, more than would be accessible to _any_ technology
>without, basically, bugging the Universe as we know it at the
>same time. Perhaps theories, or hypotheses, have moved on since
>I last nosed around this issue.>

Our present concepts of how and "where" other dimensions exist may be wrong... assuming they do exist. Although there is a lot of theorizing, until someone actually does a higher dimension experiment (whatever that would be) we just won't know what the requirements in energy or whatever to get to or travel through other dimensions. (Perhaps it takes a whopping energy to get through from our dimension to another, but you get all that energy back when you return to our dimensions. Perhaps, the "separation" between "sheets" in our dimension are so small that something like quantum tunnelling is possible... requiring little energy.)

Bottom Line: We just don't know (about higher dimensions)... (but we do know about space travel... and will know more "soon")

>>Dimensional travel theories can work in one of two ways:
>>transport from a completely different 4-D universe into our
>>universe or transport from one point in our 4-D universe to
>>another point in our 4-D universe by going through a 5th
>>(or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This latter
>>transport could explain "faster than light" travel.>

>The notion that wormholes can transport anything bigger than
>"Planck's length" (4×10^{-33} cm) doesn't hold up. In theory
>wormholes are arrived at by treating time as an imagined
>spacelike entity, which it may do in reality only in Big-
>Bang-like conditions -- according to the theory -- but you still
>have this titchy space into which to cram your would-be
>vee-hickle. Not even a virus would make it.

>Fair enough: Bruce hints that there are problems with these
>exotic notions, but doesn't examine them. He falls back on the
>ETH as "the simplest" explanation when that is anything but
>simple in fact, if you care to look at it critically and
>dispassionately.

On the scale of difficulty based on what we now know, IMHO,
ETH/space travel is still the simplest... which does not mean
that space travel is "simple." (Carrying humans is more
difficult than carrying machines.)

>And you still have the linkage problem. The
>lack of demonstrated linkage between UFO reports (a term that
>you may take it includes "UFO-related experiences") and anything
>ET is one reason I used the word "faith".

I agree that the demonstration of linkage can use better
evidence, such as a radar track of a single ET craft from "way out
there" to a location on the earth where there is a confirmed
sighting of a TRUFO/ALien Flying Craft. There have been radar
tracks over short distances including a Malmstrom AFB where the
unknown zipped upwards and was lost to the radar at about
200,000 ft. (1975 SAC base flyover).

>That's all from me on all that, but I should add that I
>certainly didn't mean to give the impression that Dennis had
>demolished the ET hypothesis. Look through the List archives,
>though, and you'll find he's done a pretty good job of
>demolishing the arguments of its defenders in the past, and
>stood up manfully to their gratuitous abuse, too.

SETI has become famous (or infamous) for ET theorizing without
any evidence. Therefore ufologists should not be criticized for
ET theorizing based on sighting evidence.

The more basic argument in ufology is not whether it is ET or
something else, but rather whether or not something truly
unexplained and unexplainable (in terms of known, if rare,
phenomena) is and has been occurring.

Those people who have concluded that there really is something
unusual here can justifiably argue over the ETH or whatever. All
those who deny that there is something going on should get their
explanations ready for analysis... something Dennis hasn't done.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:44:07 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:02:38 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 09:57:31 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>>>Never mind
>>>the camera original versus print argument; Santilli thought he had
>>>camera original footage, therefore he had no reason to not have it
>>>tested and looked at by someone like Bob Shell or Kodak.

Neil replied:

>I believe Bob's position is little changed from Oct 95, Volker
>at that time already had possession of all the footage and Ray
>was unable to have him relinquish any for further testing, also
>by this time Kodak were becoming ultra careful and were
>demanding a minimum of 50 frames to test, they also required a
>complete reel of film be brought to their offices and the said
>50 frames be seen to be part of the stock containing images of
>the autopsy body, just to cover their backside and
>understandable considering the publicity any dating would
>generate. Bob at this time had gone as far as he could with the
>information and samples he had access to and had become very
>frustrated by Volker's intransigence. The samples he had were
>genuine pre 1956/7 safety stock and the original negative stock
>from which it was made was dated 1947, 3 Kodak offices including
>Rochester NY confirmed the symbol dating in writing.

Hi, Neil!

Well, something is amiss, here. You maintain that testing proved
the film to be negative stock. However, note the following post
from Bob Shell:

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 10:43:20 -0400 (EDT)
>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 14:11:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'Alien Autopsy' Film Junk

>Bull! This film was REVERSAL processed, and this is far more
>likely to produce an overexposed look than an underexposed look.

So which is it? Was it reversal film or negative film? Or was it
negative film that was reversal processed? And so what if Kodak
wanted 50 frames (about 2 seconds worth) of the footage for
testing? All Kodak wanted was to see that the alien image
existed within the same continuous piece of film. The testing
could then be done on the head or tail of that film; no damage
to the alien image would even be necessary. If Santilli and
company were so dead set on verifying the image, then why not
agree to Kodak's terms? There really is no logical reason,
unless Santilli and Volker already knew the film was suspect.

Roger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:49:24 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:26:47 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Neil wrote:

>Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of
>22 reels total.

Hi, Neil!

This is not true. Note the following post from Bob Shell:

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."
>Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not
>know.

Santilli has not said "all along" that he had print film. He originally thought he had camera original and only learned that it was print film when Bob proved it to him. Clearly, there was a deception on the part of the alleged cameraman. That, alone, should have raised a red flag with Santilli as to the validity of the film. Therefore, prior to knowing that the film was a print, Santilli should have been willing to have what he "thought" was camera original validated by Kodak. Again, there is no excuse for not doing this. For Santilli to maintain that there was "nothing he could do" is a bold faced lie.

Finally, I wrote:

>>Perhaps Santilli
>>did not create the AA footage. Who knows? Certainly he knows
>>that the footage is not authentic in the "alien" sense of the
>>word.

Neil replied:

>No it's definitely on Kodak stock.

I haven't got a clue what that means in regard to this discussion. But, for what it's worth, the AA footage has never been proven to be on any film stock of any kind. The AA footage could have easily been shot on video and processed electronically to simulate the frame rate, contrast, grain, etc. Your last statement has no validation as no film footage of the alien has ever been seen out side of Santilli and friends.

Roger

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 17:56:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:54:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Easton
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 05:50:18 -0500

>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 12:48:12 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>Regarding:

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000

>Richard Hall wrote:

>>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>>essential to serious ufology.

>Richard,

>Please, let's not forget if you practised what you preach when it
>was one of your favourite cases, the 'Rendlesham forest UFO'
>debacle, that was the subject of a research publication which
>revealed critical new evidence.

>You castigate those who 'finger-point' before impending research
>material is published.

>Yet, it was FUFOR and Richard Hall who couldn't wait to do so
>when I published 'Rendlesham Unravalled', on 1 March, 1998.

>And that was before the contents had even been read.

>Not only that, you contacted one of the main witnesses to warn
>them of the forthcoming publication.

>So please spare us the patronising counsel, especially how 'Such
>detailed case investigations are essential to serious ufology'.

>If demonstrating further why 'ET UFO' beliefs are in fact borne
>of mundane terrestrial causes, they are as welcome as a
>Protestant in the Vatican.

James,

There are so many false statements or distortions in this
incredibly long and repetitious posting that I hardly know where
to begin.

You tend to use rather inflammatory word choices, which I will
choose to ignore for the most part.

Rendlesham Forest is not one of my "favorite cases," though I do think it is a highly significant one and I think Georgina Bruni has pretty much made that clear with truly significant new evidence.

Halt said that Cabansag did not enter the forest, not me, and I was only reporting what he said. He apparently did make a few minor errors, but they are pretty insignificant overall.

I do practice what I preach and have never engaged in what you accuse me of, nor has FUFOR as an entity. In case you haven't noticed, Rob Swiatek and I are two different people each speaking for ourselves.

You seem to think that you have explained the Rendlesham case. Fine. You are entitled to your opinion.

Now you should learn to be a little more civil toward people who disagree with you, as I certainly do. However, I have not prejudged anything (the case could still turn out to have a terrestrial explanation) nor have I personally attacked you and I won't be drawn into it now. I have merely criticized some of your statements and arguments, which is the way peer review is supposed to operate.

Harry Truman had another famous saying, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Dick Hall

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 13:20:21 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:56:24 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: 19 Feb 2001 09:33:04 -0800
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 22:01:32 EST
>>>Subject: Re: UNASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>>>Source: NASA Watch

>>>><http://www.nasawatch.com/index.html>

>>>>15 February 2001: Fox Airs "Moon Conspiracy"

>>>>Here's how Fox promoted their show:

>>>>"MOON LANDING QUESTIONED ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL 'CONSPIRACY
>>>>THEORY: DID WE LAND ON THE MOON' FEB. 15 ON FOX"

>>>>NASA put a man on the moon for the first time in 1969 -- or did
>>>>it? Could the entire moon program have been an elaborate
>>>>deception staged to fool the public? The conspiracy theories are
>>>>investigated in the all-new one-hour special"

>>>>Personally I prefer the 2 hour special called Capricorn 1 :)
>>>>Probably just as accurate as the Fox special.

><snip>

>>Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background
>>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

>Good question, Brad because that one kind of stuck with me too.
>That was the problem with the presentation.

>We do not know the exact references to the photos so that we
>could check them out. Refuting some of the allegations with
>specific point-by-point rebuttals would have been better.

>Were those pics of the hills taken on the same mission? Or was
>it Foxy fakery?

>Bill H

Hi Bill,

Nice to hear from you. I've gotten a few email responses to my question. One person claimed that identical hills appear on 5 different Apollo missions. I've asked for documentation by date, mission/photo numbers, etc. The response was in effect to tell me to look it up myself and plow through thousands of NASA photos to find these alleged matches -- I replied that if someone has already done that let's see the results. I'm waiting to hear back.

Another person said the views of background hills shown on Fox with and without the Lunar Module in the foreground could simply be shots taken in front of and behind the LM in the same direction. However, the distances and perspectives would differ in that case and that will be visible on careful examination. We need the photos documented in order to do that.

Brad

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From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 15:33:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 07:58:56 -0500
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>Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background
>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>the other without?

Yes, check out:

Phil Plait's Bad Astronomy Page:

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

He does a review of the Fox show at:

Fox TV and the Apollo Moon Hoax

<http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/tv/foxapollo.html>

Two news articles on the show (that also mention Plait):

CNN - NASA debunks moon landing hoax conspiracy

<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/space/02/19/nasa.moon/index.html>

USA Today - Astronomers mock Fox show about moon fakery

<http://usatoday.com/usatonline/20010215/3069311s.htm>

Take care.

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini

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Re: Speaking Of Demons - Fernandes

From: Joaquim Fernandes <jfernan@clix.pt>
Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 20:35:00 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:02:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Demons - Fernandes

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Speaking Of Demons
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 16:24:51 -0000

>This will probably get me in trouble, but what the heck!

>I can imagine a scenario quite consistent with the UFO data
>(depending of course on which data each of us considers
>relevant) in which the powers behind UFOs are "demonic". Not in
>the Biblical sense, though if UFOs have been around that long
>some of the ancient references could conceivably have been to
>the same phenomenon.

>If abductions are really happening, then we ain't exactly
>dealing with saints. In another sense, some data suggests that
>'they' are yanking our chains in other ways too.

>Mind you, I didn't say that I believe this or accept it as the
>truth. It is only an intellectual exercise and certainly not
>demonstrable or falsifiable at this point.

I would like to 'update' the comment of Richard Hall about the
"demonic" side of the UFO phenomena well translated behind the
religious apparitions of the 'Marian Kind', e.g. Fatima.

When their content does not fit with the doctrinal "corpus" of
the Catholic Church these events can be labeled as "demoniac".

Joaquim Fernandes

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>From: Pat McCartney <ElPatricio@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:31:43 EST
>Subject: Re: Greys
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I think ufology's greatest hurdle is overcoming traditional
>beliefs such as the fundamentalist view that if there are
>aliens, they must be the demons of the Old Testament to be
>consistent with the Word of God.

I've given alot of thought to that (for my own personal reasons), and basically, if you have your Fundamentalist Christian hat on, what it comes down to is simply this:

Prophecy.

If you're going to accept a strict, "literal" interpretation of the End Time scenario as described in the Judeo-Christian texts (the use of quotes is to denote that prophecy is full of symbolism, and so some things may be literal, and some may be symbolic - the "fun" is trying to figure out which is which! But for our purposes here, by "literal" I mean the Christian "End Times", "Rapture", "Second Coming", etc.), then you also have to accept that there is going to be a Satanic "mass delusion" that God allows to be promulgated, as prophesied in Revelations, which, if left unchecked, would "deceive the very Elect".

These two things - an End Times, accompanied by a Grand Delusion, whose goal would be presumably to convince the world that God does not exist, that there is no Satan, no End Times, no "Antichrist", no Second Coming, that the disappearance of a few million people was not due to "the Rapture of the Church", yada, yada - lend themselves very well, in my opinion, to fitting within a certain... oh, how shall I say... a certain kind of mass UFO abduction scenario accompanied by the introduction of an alleged "ET" (or "ET-human hybrid") who demonstrates all kinds of "powers" and takes control of the world, etc.

(Hey, I'm not saying I believe this - I'm just giving the POV of the Christian Conspiracy Theorist, something I know a bit about.)

As has been noted here in this thread, Scripture really doesn't rule out that the J-C God could have created other Intelligences (a fallacious notion that has often been associated as being a part of Christian orthodoxy), but - and here's where I really start to flail around and speculate and give my opinion - if all that other Judeo-Christian stuff is true and so forth, then I, personally, have to think that God would not allow this species (us humans) to come in contact with some other species until his End Times plans have fully played out.

I can't argue this theologically... hell, I can't argue any of this period, as, like I said, I don't necessarily believe (or dis-believe) any of this... I'm just a lonely little Agnostic trying to keep tabs on all of you's.

>I think it takes generations for the old beliefs to die out.
>Until then, the majority culture will continue to use ridicule
>and denial to marginalize the study of UFOs and those people
>who believe their existence is likely.

"A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its
opponents, but rather because its opponents die, and a new
generation grows up that is familiar with it." - Max Planck

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Alien Autopsies Are "True"!

From: **Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:44:05 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:45:15 -0500
Subject: Alien Autopsies Are "True"!

(Title) "Alien Autopsies is true!"

Local news station WSVN, channel 7, Fox, aired an interview with former Army Sergeant-Major Robert Dean, on Sunday February 18 at 11 P.M.

In the interview, Mr. Dean claimed that in 1964 saw Medical Reports of autopsies of "extraterrestrials". He stated that there were 4 different races, one of them similar to us, 4 to 4.5 feet tall. He did not care about personal repercussions, and the government should said the true to the public.

Anyone know about this interview?

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>
CHUPACABRAS (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
CHUPACABRAS (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 07:51:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:47:02 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 17:43:45 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion

>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 04:44:46 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: Toronto List <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: A Minor Diversion

>Larry wrote:

>>Recently, on the Art Bell (or surrogate) Show, there was some
>>clown advocating Hollow Earth again (sigh!). This is my radio
>>entertainment commuting home from work around midnight.

>>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>>distance to the center.

>Larry,

>Some recent research indicates Earth's core temperature to be
>circa 5500 degrees centigrade, comparative to the Sun's surface
>(the photosphere) at approximately 6000 degrees centigrade. See,
>for example, 'Earth's core nearly as hot as the Sun'. at:

>http://explorezone.com/archives/99_09/30_earth_core.htm

>>What is the temperature at the core of an atom bomb, or just
>>some controlled atomic pile?

>The temperature at the core of the sun is calculated to be
>around 15,000,000 degrees centigrade. When a nuclear weapon
>explodes, an approximate temperature of 10,000,000 degrees
>centigrade is produced within a millionth of a second.

>Immediately after the explosion time, the temperature of the
>weapon material is "several tens of million degrees" - see, 'The
>Scientific Aspects of Nuclear Explosion Phenomena', at:

><http://www.enviroweb.org/issues/nuketesting/nukeeffct/enw77b3.htm>

>James Easton.
>E-mail: voyager@ufoworld.co.uk
>www.ufoworld.co.uk

Hello James:

I browsed up similar estimates for Earth core temperatures
too.
These numbers seem low to me, but I bow to the experts.

With an Earth radius something like 3975 miles or 6400 km,
this implies an average thermal gradient of well less than

one degree C per kilometer of depth. Maybe the gradient is steeper near the surface only.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Help With 'SG' Research - Kelly

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@pacific.net.au>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 13:37:35 +1100
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:01:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Help With 'SG' Research - Kelly

I have received some e-mails about my request for info on 'SG' research. I see I should have pointed out that I don't believe it is possible to jump from Star system to Star system or Galaxy to Galaxy. I don't believe the Jump Gates were used for this for a couple of reasons.

1. For the Jump Gates to work you have to have two of them at least. This means that someone or something must go and set up another Star Jump Gate on a planet in another Galaxy. This could take hundreds of years to do, or even thousands of years. By the time it was setup most of the people wanting to use it would be long gone. Making the hole project a waste of time and if one could get to another planet and setup a Jump Gate in ones life time. Then what would the need for the Jump Gate be?.

2. Also, the gates would only be able to be used once ever so many hundreds of years when the stars are alined right. This means that even if the Jump gates did get set up then they could only be used for a short period of time. This alone would stop most people wanting to set one up.

There are just too many problems with setting up a Star Jump Gate for Star System to Star System travel.

Planet to Planet jumps within a solar system could be more feasible. But again the gates could only be used for short periods when the planets were in a lineament. Making it not so appealing to set up.

I in fact felt the Jump Gates were being used for Continent to Continent jumps here on Earth. There has been some wonderful Research done by a number of people over the last few years in regards to the distance between Ancient buildings and the angle in relation to each of these buildings. I don't think these buildings are alined and spaced out to each other with such precision by chance.

If one was to set up a Jump Gate System, Then knowing were the other gate was would be a must. You would have to know the distance and angle of the other gate as there would be no room for error when Jumping. However a very small + & - factor could be compensated for by using the Ring at the end of the building. The large ring could in fact send out a large cone shaped magnetic field. So that when the incoming Capsule/projectile reached the gate it was being sent to. The cone shaped magnetic field would help guide the capsule/projectile into the corridor for reentry.

This is what I feel the ring is used for. Much the same way a funnel is used and not as a device to dial out with.

At least there is evidence to help support the possibility of Jump gates being used here on Earth for Continent to Continent jumps. I still don't believe Humans were being sent by these devices. But materials, Food, Information in the form of documents ect could have been sent. Well this is how I am looking at the devices and it's possible use.

The one really big problem with identifying these buildings is

the fact that they were built so many years ago and that many cultures have used them since. Many of these post cultures have added there own interpretation of the buildings and have in many cases changed the appearance of the buildings. Not to mention removing all the gold and crystals that once covered the buildings. In some case the hole building has been pulled apart and the materials used to build something else.

Until we have a much better understanding of the natural materials the Ancient used, (gold quartz, Ect) I don't think we will ever be able to prove beyond doubt that Jump Gates were used or are possible. But there is to much evidence out there to ignore such possibilities altogether.

Chris

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:09:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:06:46 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

I missed the show. I planned for a week to watch it out of 50% amusement and 50% curiosity. I hope it is repeated. I must say that, on the topic of the initial moon landing, I would not be surprised to hear news of a faked landing.

However, the evidence I have read elsewhere does not point to a firm conclusion nor does what others have recounted from the recent Fox show on this List.

What I am trying to say is that since the Soviets beat the Americans into space with Sputnik and beat them to the Moon with robotic rovers, one should not be surprised that, at the height of the Cold War, the American Government would be tempted to do something as rash as fake a landing to instill national pride or some other such thing. Its just the question of weather they really did so.

Still want to see the show, silly or not it can't be any less amusing than anything else on TV. :)

Sean Liddle

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:23:28 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:08:26 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 16:52:24 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background
>>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

>Hi Brad and All,

>Regarding this topic I recommend very much to study the
>following source: "Dark Moon - Apollo and the Whistle-Blowers"
>by Bennet and Percy, ISBN 1 898541 108 (Paperback)

>Beside stunning photographic evidence regarding the thesis of
>the authors this source answers the following questions:

>-Did you know that a second craft was going to the Moon at the
>same time as 'Apollo 11'?

>-Do you know that potentially lethal radiation is prevalent
>throughout deep space?

>-Do you know that there are serious discrepancies in the account
>of the Apollo 13 'accident'?

>-Did you know that 'live' colour TV from the Moon was not
>actually live at all?

>-Do you know that lighting was used in the Apollo photographs-
>yet none was taken to the Moon?

>The source uncovers a deception that emanates from the very top
>regarding the exploration of the Moon and more than amply
>demonstrates that NASA has a case to answer. It is an
>extensively researched and balanced assessment of the people and
>parallels within USSR/USA space programs and raises many
>subjects that some may not wish to address.

>A Hasselblad spokesman said when the photographic evidence was
>presented to him: "Yes, it does appear that Aldrin is standing in a
>spotlight. I can't explain why, you will have to find Amstrong and ask
>him."

>And:

>-Did you know that the Lunar Surface Camera had no viewfinder?

Hi,

This doesn't answer my questions about identical hill backgrounds in photos from allegedly two different Apollo missions (I've been emailed privately that there are supposedly 5 different Apollo missions with identical backgrounds). With such an abundance of evidence I'd like to see just one fully documented.

I don't really want to hear about lighting, second craft, radiation, etc. Just answer the question.

And I want to see dates, NASA photo numbers, and details of the locations of the terrain as given by NASA and how those are wrong. If this is the coverup of the millennium that has supposedly been proven beyond doubt then it is incumbent on those making the claim to prove it.

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:22:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:43:18 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

Andy and patient and gentle listfolk:

>>I, too, look forward to seeing whatever Randles/Roberts/Clarke
>>have come up with and determining whether it's more compelling
>>than the failed (though much-hyped) attempt to debunk the
>>Rendlesham case.

>Do some research for a change. I have never written more than a
>few lines (if that) on the Rendlesham case.

And, as I've had occasion to note, they are sufficient to raise grave questions about your objectivity, not to mention your maturity. It's hard to imagine a serious investigator searching for the facts, whether they validate or invalidate his prior beliefs, who would write such a jeering, insulting posting, the subject of which seems as much the hoped-for humiliation of perceived enemies as the gathering of materials leading to some defensible conclusion.

>>The jeering, boasting posting by Andy Roberts
>>does not, however, exactly inspire confidence about the
>>objectivity of the investigation.

>Perhaps I should have written it in another style? But you know
>as well as I even had I written it in the style of a Harvard
>Lecturer (say) complete with footnotes and annotations, you
>would have said, "The posting by Andy Roberts" etc.

>>I guess we'll find out one way or another at some point

>You will. But I'll predict here and now that whatever we come up
>with your belief in this case (have you investigated it?) will
>over ride any of the multitude of facts we put before you.

Unlike you, I have no emotional commitment to the case, one way or another. Or to any other UFO case, as far as that's concerned. I have emotional commitments, but they're to other human beings, not to nebulous phenomena which may or may not exist, may or may not be important. I'm sorry that, from every indication betrayed by your childish taunting and boasting, it appears you may not possess the temperament that would give any objective observer confidence in your abilities or conclusions. And if you can't see that, if you can imagine a critic only as a foolish or venal character -- a depised enemy -- whom you have to trounce at all costs, you are in some serious trouble. I personally wouldn't trust a pro- UFO investigator who acts as you have acted here. I would conclude that individual was a

wildly biased true believer. Like you, apparently.

>Count on it Pilgrims.

And you can also count on a camel's passing through the eye of a needle before Andy Roberts starts acting like a mature, balanced, unbiased investigator and speaking accordingly. I am relieved, however, that my friend Jenny Randles, whom I trust and respect (and who, needless to say, has not conducted herself as Andy has), is there to provide some adult supervision.

Jerry Clark

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 20:11:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:24:36 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 06:52:41 -0600
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:42:51 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I
>>find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great
>>lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the
>>foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed
>>due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars
>>are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem
>>that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been
>>better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon
>>landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

Alfred replied:

>Gotta watch the labeling, hoss. When you point one finger, you
>point three back at yourself. Start in with labels and I go ugly
>early with personal attacks on scurrilous skepti-feebroids and
>other unbrave complacents. <g>.

>I think that that is the bone of contention, n'est-ce pas, that
>their technical accuracy sucked? By the way, only asking because
>I don't know, but who panned the camera up when the lunar lander
>made it's explosive departure? I don't think anybody has asked
>that question.

Hi, Alfred!

Actually, I was making fun of people that come up with silly
names for people that don't have the same views as themselves
(hence the silly term "foonies"). The truth is that the Fox show
did raise one interesting point regarding the duality of hills
in the distance. The lack of visible stars and the such I
understand. The repeating hills from two different moonshots is
something else altogether.

Makes me go, "Wait a minute..."

Roger

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Re: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt? - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:48:33 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:33:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt? - Young

>From: Tom Thehofanous <theofoa@idirect.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt?
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 20:50:46 -0800

>Source: eBay

><http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=560070147>

>1947 ROSWELL NM UFO CRASH SITE SOIL SAMPLE
>Item #560070147

>Collectibles: Science Fiction: General

>This auction has ended but the item has been relisted. Go to item now.

>Currently \$2.00
>First bid \$2.00
>Quantity 5
># of bids 4 bid history
>Time left Auction has ended.

Dirtbags.

Bob Young

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:52:11 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:36:10 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 20:52:26 -0000
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

> This whole "documentary" just sounds like another "Alternative
>3" type hoax - but inverted.

> Besides, I thought this had been done-to-death in the film
> "Capricorn One" (except that was Mars, of course).

David,

Poor choice of words. Capricorn One starred, among others,
O. J. Simpson.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:54:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:41:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Maccabee

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 01:17:29 EST
>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jeff King <Boroimhe@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2001 20:48:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2001 13:22:33 -0500
>>>updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham

>>All hail to the List:>

>>In his recent posting, Bruce Maccabee concludes with:

>>>The 'bottom line' is that Willingham could well have, correctly,
>>>remembered that radar detected the object and at the same time
>>>he may have incorrectly assumed that it was detected by the DEW
>>>line radar that was well publicized in 1953. He was not, after
>>>all, involved in the development of radar so would not be
>>>expected to know how various radar setups were designated.

>>Interesting. When the Air Force used the "mixed-up different
>>years" argument in Case Closed, people went ballistic. Now it's
>>used to rehabilitate a witness.

>>A more serious problem with Willingham's story is his claim to
>>be flying out of Dyess Air Force Base in 1950. Dyess wasn't
>>opened until 1956. Groundbreaking didn't even occur until 1953.
>>Perhaps he wasn't involved enough in his career to know the
>>various bases to which he was assigned.

>>At least Willingham's story is internally consistent. He
>>scrambled out of a base that didn't exist to intercept a UFO
>>detected on a radar system that also didn't exist. Maybe his UFO
>>really crashed in 1953, or 1956, or ...

>Thanks for the info on Dyess' history. This adds to the
>previously mentioned anachronistic contradictions to
>Willingham's story are as to the radar trackings and the F-94,
>although I think Zechel did look into the history of when Dyess
>AFB became operational but wasn't able to get the specifics you
>did.

A check should be made to find out if there was an Army or Air
Force airfield at or near that location BEFORE the name "Dyess"
became official. Note that radar was not uncommon after WWII.
But there were no "air defense radars" until the 1950's when some
preexisting radars were designated as ADR until new ones could
be built (see below)

>There is now an online Air Defense Radar website at:

><http://www.radomes.org/museum/>

>Under Air Defense Radar -->Early Radar -->LASHUP one can find a
>map of U.S. air defense radars in April 1950 which shows no
>radars at all in Texas, and none in Colorado that could have
>observed Willingham's alleged 90-degree turn. Nor any in Nevad,
>Idaho, or Utah along the way from Washington State to Texas.

>There are site tables that show that the first operational air
>defense radars in Texas went online in 1952. (See Air Defense
>Radar -->Radar Sites -->Radar Time Lines.) None were in
>existence in Dec 1950, the date Zechel forced onto the
>Willingham story and now enshrined as a sacred date in MJ-12
>cult religion. Same for Colorado etc. Willingham didn't just
>"confuse" the DEW Line radar that didn't yet exist because the
>DEW Line _never_ existed in Texas or anywhere outside the Arctic
>or sub-Arctic. There wasn't _any_ radar to confuse at all.>

In my MUFON symposium paper on the ImmediateHigh Alert I wrote:

"There is a discrepancy in Willinghams story which probably is
a result of faulty memory. He said that the UFO was detected by
the radar control station on the DEW (Distant Early Warning)
line (NORAD - North American Defense Command) and that the DEW
radar kept following it and they claimed that it crashed
somewhere off between Texas and the Mexico border.

The DEW line was not established until late 1953 and it was
located in Alaska and northern Canada, so it could not possibly
have tracked an object over Texas.

The closest Air Defense Command radar at the time was at Walker
AFB at Roswell, NM. However, this was also too far away.

On the other hand there were Air Force bases in Texas which
probably had radar installations that could have tracked the
object reported by Willingham. Dyess AFB at Abeline is more than
200 miles from the Del Rio area of Texas. This is beyond the
range of typical radar installations of the time (see discussion
below) and so a radar at Dyess would not have been able to
determine that an object went below the radar horizon or crashed
at the distance of Del Rio.

However, a radar installation at Kelly AFB, Brooks AFB or
Randolph AFB, all near San Antonio, could have tracked an object
to the vicinity of Del Rio without exceeding the range of the
radar."

There were radars before there were 'air defense radars'. Had
there been no previously existing radars there would have been
nothing to tie together or 'lash-up' in order to create the
'Lashup' system of air defense radars.

The real question is how many Air Force or Army Air force bases
had search radar sets?

Search radars were capable of 150-200 mile range. Perhaps the
base history from about 1940 onward would provide information on
when the first radar sets were installed at any particular
army/air force base.

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Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents -

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>>Date: Jan 13 2001 21:53:52 EST
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>>Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents>

>Regarding:

>>From: "carpenter_joel" <ufx@mindspring.com>
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>>Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' Incidents
>>Date: 14 January 2001 02:07

While being loath to become encumbered and tarred with the feathers of Rendlesham, yet my physics/optics sensibilities are disturbed by certain reasoning and conclusions regarding Halt;'s description of the red light he saw.

In the post cited above Easton has provided the "Data" twice:

<snip>

>When on the night of 27th December, Col. Halt and his team
>investigated a report that the 'UFO was back', Halt hadn't yet
>interviewed the three participants involved in this preceding
>'UFO' scare.>

>Therefore, it seems likely he would be equally unfamiliar with
>the 'beacon light' and where it originated. We also know from
>the 'Halt tape' he was in that same clearing, the supposed
>'landing site', when one of his team - who, we must remember,
>were searching for 'UFOs' - suddenly observed a 'strange
>flashing light', near the farmhouse, where the 'beacon light'
>had previously proved to be from a lighthouse. As Halt related
>to Salley Rayl:

>"...suddenly the Lieutenant pointed off to the, toward, the
>farmer's field, said, 'Look over here'."

>"We saw a glowing red object, best I can describe it. It was, it
>looked almost like a red eye with a black pupil and it was sort
>of winking and dripping what appeared to be the equivalent of
>molten metal. And we just stood there in awe and watched for
>several minutes probably, and decided to try and approach it. At
>that time, it started moving through the forest. We could see it
>moving between the trees. It was moving in a horizontal plane
>and moved probably 25, 30 maybe 40 degrees in between the trees
>and back around. It was obviously moving and sort of approached
>us a bit at one time and then it receded out into the farmer's
>field. And, as we approached the fenceline to the field, it
>literally exploded, only silently, and it broke into multi-white
>objects.

<snip>

>We know from Ed Cabansag's written statements that the beacon
>appeared to be yellow:

>"The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light".

On the Halt tape we hear:

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>flashing red light ahead.

>VOICE: There! It's yellow.

>HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it, too. Weird!
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>Halt was frequently using a 'starlight scope' image intensifier.
>It's intended for night use and to amplify available light, not
>for viewing a bright light at night! The saturation and 'burn
>out' which would result is consistent with Halt's observations,
>as recorded on tape:

>"It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to
>side. And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow
>center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at
>you, winking. And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it
>almost burns your eye".

>Well, yes. It would do.

>As I've highlighted before, Halt's recollections that the light
>eventually exploded and broke into multiple white objects (in
>his memo to the MoD he states there were five) is erroneous, as
>can easily be proven from his tape recorded documentation that
>night:

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

>No explosion, the white lights are an entirely separate
>observation and then the light which has supposedly divided into
>smaller lights is actually seen again:

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

>HALT: 3:05. We see strange strobe-like flashes to the... rather
>sporadic, but there's definitely something there. Some kind of
>phenomenon.

[End]

<snip>

>Those five white lights were almost certainly the lights atop
>five tall radio masts, visible from where Halt was at the time
>he made that observation.

(Gee, I guess that Halt didn't notice the radio mast lights
before he saw the red light. Or at least he didn't report
seeing them.... tch tch! Too bad he wasn't recording at
the exact instant of the "explosion" so that the tape wouldn't
make it appear as "an entirely separate observation.")

<snip>

>During the conference, Halt was also asked to describe the
>'object' he personally witnessed, this being seen when in the
>'clearing' next to the farmer's house, at the exact spot where
>the 'ground indentations' or 'landing site' had been designated
>following Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston's adventures:

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>looked almost like a red eye with a black pupil and it was sort
>of winking and dripping what appeared to be the equivalent of

>molten metal. And we just stood there in awe and watched for
>several minutes probably, and decided to try and approach it".>

>He neglects to mention that some of the 'phenomena' was
>witnessed using a 'Starlight scope', or 'Starscope' image
>intensifier, as confirmed in his microcassette recording:

>HALT: Let's go back to the edge of the clearing so we can get a
>better look at it. See if you can get the Starscope on it. The
>light's still there and all the barnyard animals have gone quiet
>now. We're heading about 110, 120 degrees from site out through
>to the clearing now.

[...]

>OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two to
>three hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you.
>Still moving from side to side. And when you put the Starscope
>on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a
>pupil of an eye looking at you, winking.

>And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns
>your eye. [End]

Easton makes much of the fact that SOME of the observation time by Halt was made through a starlight scope. It appears that Easton is suggesting that use of the starlight scope could make the yellow beacon light look red. We have a problem of color here: Halt repeatedly refers to the red light... and Easton must admit that at least part, if not most, of the time Halt was looking at the light with his naked eye. Halt also "admits" that he sees at one time a "yellowish tinge."

So, let me first point out that a few miles of atmosphere is not going to convert a yellowish light into a red light. This would be a sizeable spectral shift accomplished in the atmosphere by scattering of blue and yellow out of the beam while allowing the preponderance of red to pass along the beam to the observer. Such a thing can happen when the light passes through a hundred miles or more (see, for, example, red sunset or sunrise... when the sunlight passes through several hundred miles of atmosphere).

Hence, IMHO, Halt could have reported a yellow light as red only if he had a severe optical color error or deficiency (not "colorblind").

On the other hand, viewing through a starlight scope would produce a red image only if the starlight scope itself used a red phosphor to present the light amplified image. IF this were the case and if Halt were looking at a yellowish beacon light, one might expect Halt to realize that the starlight scope image was providing the wrong color and to mention the fact.

Instead, Halt says nothing about the color through the starlight scope. This is likely because he tacitly assumes (assumes without stating) that "everyone" knows that a starlight scope does not transmit the true color. ONE could check, but I believe the image would be green or perhaps whitish.

Halt's description of the image in the starlight scope as looking (I presume) circular with the dark ("hollow") center sounds to me like a defocused image. He also says the image is bright enough that it almost "burns your eye.:" Of course, his eyes were dark adapted and so they were operating at maximum sensitivity. Anyone who has looked through a light amplifying scope will know that lights that appear reasonably bright to the naked eye will be exceeding bright or "bloomed out" in a starlight scope image. A starlight scope will show lights that are too dim for the naked eye to see. The only good reasons for using a starlight scope on a light that you can easily see without the scope are (a) the scope has provided a magnified view and thus might provide more detail (unless the image is so bright as to bloom out and lose detail) or (b) to see if there is a darker structure or much weaker lights associated with the main light. Halt describes the red light as having a dark center. The description is given AS IF he could see the dark center with the naked eye. Perhaps this was true, but I would rather assume (without evidence to the contrary) that the "dark center:" was not visible to the naked eye, but only appeared as a central portion of the image in the starlight scope (which

probably showed green, not red) and, seeing the dark center in the scope Halt assumed the scope was showing him a true feature of the light, whereas the central dark area was actually, IMHO, an artifact of the scope being slightly out of focus. Of course, I could be wrong. Maybe the red object really did have a dark center. In either case, this description is difficult to understand if the yellowish beacon light were the source. Easton should describe how a yellowish light can look red to the naked eye...

>One of the main objections to Halt's party having misidentified >the lighthouse is that the rotating beacon (as opposed to beam >from it) was relatively small from that distance. As Jenny >remarks in 'UFO Crash Landing?', "Frankly, the first time I saw >the lighthouse at night I was 80 percent convinced that this was >the explanation. When I first heard the Halt tape this >conviction rose to 90 per cent. It only plummeted after talking >to eye-witnesses like John Burroughs who were out there, >although, I did have some concern because the lighthouse appears >as nothing more than a tiny pulsing light, not a massive red >object...">

>Halt has now removed that latter obstacle.

>In a statement which may prove something of a shock to those who >perceived the 'crucible of terror' to be relatively large, Halt >explained to Sally Rayl:

>RAYL: Now, I know it's hard to tell because it was dark that >night, but any idea what size the initial red object was? Any >idea?

>HALT: Nah. I would just have to guess. My guess would be >probably two to three feet, maybe a little less".

>RAYL: Two to three feet?

>HALT: From the distance, in diameter.>

>RAYL: In diameter. So, it's a very small object?

>HALT: It was a very small object, but it was very bright.

>RAYL: But not a craft that could hold a human being, for >example?

>HALT: No. It couldn't have been. But it appeared to [be] under >some kind of intelligent control. [End]

>Such a small light is now well within the realms of being the >lighthouse beacon, which was intensely bright. [END OF EXTRACT]

Easton argues that Halt's description of a small light is consistent with a beacon light which might have a lens several feet in diameter.

However, one must take into account Halt's estimate of distance: 200-300 yards. If Halt really felt it was that far away and was automatically taking this into account when he said 3 ft diameter, then what he was really giving was his impression of the angular size: $3 \text{ ft} / 600 \text{ ft} = .005 \text{ radians}$. Is it reasonable to assume he could have estimated the distance? Certainly, if the object passed between him and some objects (like trees) at a known distance.

However, Easton tacitly (without stating it) assumes that Halt was looking at the distant lighthouse beacon which has a diameter of the lens of several feet. Of course, the angular size would be tiny, much less than 0.005 radians.

How, then could Halt get the impression that a 3 ft light several miles distant was actually a 3 ft light only 600-900 ft distant?

Answer is, he wouldn't... unless' the beacon light were so bright as to create a large dazzling image in his eye. Could it have been that bright? I can't answer that and the best one could do is make a guess.

To an observer standing where Halt stood, is the beacon bright

enough to seem to be only a few hundred yards away? (Note that the world's most famous UFO, Venus, is often reported as being "close" when it is at maximum brightness.)

One thing not taken into account by Easton, and, unfortunately not mentioned by Halt, is the parallax effect: If the object were only 200-300 yards away the shift in the sighting direction to the object with a shift in observer position could be quite obvious, whereas the shift in the direction to the beacon with a shift in observer position would be negligible.

At any rate, Easton writes:

>Such a small light is now well within the realms of being the
>lighthouse beacon, which was intensely bright.

With the implication that there is no contradiction between Halt's description and an observation of the distant beacon.

Easton should demonstrate that the distant beacon was, in fact, "intensely bright" at the location of Halt's observation.

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

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>From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
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>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
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>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 19:19:02 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Does anyone have a good response to the photos of background
>>hills that were said to be identical in two different Apollo
>>missions, one photo with a Lunar Module in the foreground and
>>the other without? They overlaid the pics and showed the hills
>>were identical. Is this a photo fake by Fox?

>Hi Brad and All,

>Regarding this topic I recommend very much to study the
>following source: "Dark Moon - Apollo and the Whistle-Blowers"
>by Bennet and Percy, ISBN 1 898541 108 (Paperback)

>Beside stunning photographic evidence regarding the thesis of
>the authors this source answers the following questions:

>-Did you know that a second craft was going to the Moon at the
>same time as 'Apollo 11'?

>-Do you know that potentially lethal radiation is prevalent
>throughout deep space?

>-Do you know that there are serious discrepancies in the account
>of the Apollo 13 'accident'?

>-Did you know that 'live' colour TV from the Moon was not
>actually live at all?

>-Do you know that lighting was used in the Apollo photographs-
>yet none was taken to the Moon?

>The source uncovers a deception that emanates from the very top
>regarding the exploration of the Moon and more than amply
>demonstrates that NASA has a case to answer. It is an
>extensively researched and balanced assessment of the people and
>parallels within USSR/USA space programs and raises many
>subjects that some may not wish to address.

>A Hasselblad spokesman said when the photographic evidence was
>presented to him: "Yes, it does appear that Aldrin is standing
>in a spotlight. I can't explain why, you will have to find
>Amstrong and ask him."

>And:

>-Did you know that the Lunar Surface Camera had no viewfinder?

>Joachim Koch

Hi Joachim, hi All,

While we're on the subject of NASA, I'd like to take the opportunity to resurrect the corpses of past UFO-related reports that originated from our (so called) civilian space program, NASA. It's not just the Moon landing, or Mars and how they have been photographing Cydonia piece-meal, there is a virtual laundry-list of UFO-related material that has been accumulating since the inception of the agency.

I'd like to tack my list onto Joachim's if I may.

1. Mercury mission, May 16, 1963, astronaut Gordon Cooper spots a "UFO" over Australia and reports hearing "voices" speaking in a language "unknown" on earth. (There must be recordings from that flight somewhere so that this particular report could be checked out. It comes up again! See #7 below.)
2. Gemini 4, June 3, 1964, astronauts McDivitt & White report a sighting of a large cylinder over Hawaii.
3. Gemini 7, Dec 4, 1965, astronauts Borman & Lovell photograph a large "UFO" that had been "following them."
4. Gemini 9 June 3, 1966, astronauts Stafford & Cernan report that from the time they left the ground, they were followed by "UFOs." Their crew and the ground crew both witnessed the "UFOs."
5. Gemini 10 July 18, 1966, astronauts Young & Collins report seeing 2 "UFOs" near the Moon and a much larger one near Earth.
6. Gemini 11 September 12, 1966, astronauts Gordon & Conrad report a long "UFO" over Madagascar.
7. Apollo 8, Dec 21, 1968, astronauts Borman, Lovell, & Anders report 4 disc-shaped "UFOs" while orbiting the Moon. They also reported hearing someone speaking in an unidentifiable language. (Not the first time these strange transmissions have been picked up and reported by our men in space.)
8. Apollo 10 May 18-26, 1969, astronauts Stafford, Young & Cernan report seeing 2 "UFOs" while orbiting the Moon and a large "UFO" with red lights near earth on their return.
9. Apollo 12 Nov 14 1969, astronauts Conrad, Bean report 2 "UFOs" orbiting the Moon.
10. And finally, on another Apollo mission astronauts Cernan, Evans, & Schmidt reported seeing "UFOs" near the earth, near the Moon, and in-between.

Astronaut Cernan's name comes up several times on the above list. Does anyone know if Cernan has ever made any public comments/statements regarding these UFO sighting reports?

Does anyone know if 'recordings' of the "voices" the astronauts reported hearing on two separate missions have ever been released/analyzed/reviewed?

And I haven't listed all the sightings and video that has come out of the many Shuttle missions either!

NASA, gotta love the way they keep us mushrooms in the dark, and sated with manure. ;)

"*Nothing lies hidden in darkness that shall not see the light of day and stand revealed."

That goes for the stony hearts of mountains as well as Men's Souls.

(*Sorry, I forget the source. But I have never forgotten the words. Something I heard long ago that has stayed with me. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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

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The Halt Questions

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Subject: The Halt Questions

In the transcript of Salley Rayl's 22 April, 1997 interview with Jim Penniston, she remarks that, concerning the late December, 1980 Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' scares, "not one critic has ever interviewed Penniston".

The opportunity to interview witnesses is of course sometimes unattainable and Salley, evidently not a 'critic' in any way, did perhaps have considerable resources available - at that time working for the Microsoft Network.

Lest it should ever again be implied that no-one with any 'searching' questions had made an effort to ask these of the main witnesses, Penniston has been invited to answer the same questions which were recently put, personally, to John Burroughs.

A detailed list can be provided, however, many of these have previously been highlighted via the publications on my website, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rendlsh.htm>

Additionally, the following correspondence was recently sent to Col. Halt, with the intent it could, at least, be placed on record.

[...]

The letter read:

Dear Col. Halt,

Last year, I was able to persuade the prestigious 'Sunday Times' newspaper that there were sufficient questions about the December 1980 'UFO' events at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, that you might welcome being able to discuss this with them.

You have previous indicated an earnest wish to have one opportunity, to publish your own story, in Britain.

I understand they did contact you, to no avail.

As there have been so many investigative breakthroughs during the past 2-3 years, our understanding of the true facts is greatly improved, to the extent it seems we can now explain significant aspects of that celebrated 'UFO' flap.

I would, in turn, welcome an opportunity to ask if you could please consider answering some related questions, which I'm aware many people expect could resolve even more of the facts.

The prominent questions which require to be addressed, or at least publicly placed on record as such, are as follows:

1. As I'm sure you realise, science writer Ian Ridpath was first to suggest that Orfordness lighthouse might prove to be the source of 'UFO' sightings on base.

This idea was dismissed by yourself and other participants.

However, as you know, on 1 March, 1998 I publicly revealed the existence of the witness statements you requested in early January, 1981. These documented how a 'lighthouse' had, in truth, played a major role in our initial 'UFO' incident', which was the catalyst for all that followed.

Why, in none of those subsequent public accounts, did Burroughs, Penniston or yourself ever, once, acknowledge the lighthouse was not actually a familiar landmark and had been misidentified as a 'UFO' in the early hours of 26 December, 1980?

2. As you didn't request written testimonies from Burroughs, Cabansag or Penniston [BC&P] until the beginning of January, can you confirm that none of the numerous personnel, including yourself, who went in search of 'UFOs' during the night/early morning of 27/28 December, realised the deceptive lighthouse beacon had been mistaken for a 'UFO' by BC&P?

3. When you first read their statements, it would surely have been evident that the lighthouse probably also played a major role in the 'UFO' excitement on 27/28th.

Was this never investigated - did nobody ever establish the possibilities and rule out the lighthouse as a factor - before you wrote to the Ministry of Defence concerning those 'UFO' sightings?

4. In your memo to the Ministry, it's claimed that, concerning the initial night's incident, "The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high".

Yet, of the three patrolmen who investigated the origin of those 'strange lights', only one of them, Staff-Sergeant Penniston, actually alleged there was a structured object at all. To this day, John Burroughs is adamant he never witnessed a 'craft', merely enigmatic lights.

Furthermore, in his written statement, Penniston claims he was never closer than 50 meters - an awful long way in the dark of night and amidst a dense forest - to a perceived object, which he depicts as box-shaped, not triangular.

The fact he was never any nearer is borne out by those additional two testimonies you obtained - from Shift-Commander Fred Buran and Master-Sergeant Chandler - which document that Penniston was never able to pin-point the source of those elusive lights and ultimately pursued the lighthouse beacon.

Do you agree that only Penniston described a 'craft', that he originally stated it was never actually located and this is corroborated by the four other statements?

5. In your memo to the Ministry, it's stated that when you personally investigated the continued reports of 'UFOs':

"Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared".

This is a story you have repeated in later years.

However, surely this simply never happened, as clearly evidenced by your own microcassette recording of these events?

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

There was no 'explosion' involving the red light and these white lights are an entirely separate observation, almost certainly the lights atop five tall radio masts, visible from where you were located at that time.

More significantly, the red light couldn't have exploded as it was seen again, a fact you have never mentioned in any public accounts.

From the tape recording:

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

HALT: 3:05. We see strange strobe-like flashes to the... rather sporadic, but there's definitely something there. Some kind of phenomenon. [End]

Did it never subsequently occur that this flashing light, seeming to 'move about a bit' and 'flash from time to time' and also now realised to be "clear off to the coast", was Orfordness lighthouse?

Was it also never considered, even after the revelations in BC&P's statements, that the 'strange flashing light' you first observed in the forest and which statedly resembled "an eye winking at you", plus was intensely bright, was consistent with the lighthouse beacon?

Presumably, you do now appreciate that the beacon, only intermittently visible through the undulating, dense forest and appearing to be at eye-level, could appear to be moving from the observer's viewpoint.

Incredibly, the 'house on fire' and 'strobe-like flashes' witnessed "at the far side of the second farmer's field" can still be seen today - the former is merely an unusual, household lighting effect and the latter is a strobe-like light from a lightship.

A seemingly extraordinary and entirely separate occurrence, documented in your recording, relates to the 'beams of light', ostensibly emitted by 'star-like' objects.

In your memo, you wrote:

"The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8- 12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3".

What exactly is an '8-12 power lens' and how frequently was it being used?

In various interviews with Salley Rayl [I know Salley and she is kept up-to-date with research developments] you claimed that the 'beam' directed nearby to you was 'pencil thin' and laser-like.

Later that night, you were observing, from distance, these 'beams' being directed onto the base and elsewhere. How were you able to see such thin light-beams from far away?

The following is an extract from one of your 1997 interviews with Salley, which she published as an on-line [Internet] article:

"We've crossed the farmer's field past his house and across the road, stumbled through a small stream and went out into a large plowed field. Somebody noticed several objects in the sky to the north - three objects clearly visible with multiple-colored lights on them. The objects appeared elliptical and then they turned full round, which I thought was quite interesting. All three doing that. They were stationary for awhile and then they started to move at high speed in sharp angular patterns as though they were doing a grid search. About that same time, somebody noticed the south, a similar object, it was round - did not change shape - and at one point it appeared to come toward us at a very high speed. It stopped overhead and sent down a small pencil-like beam, sort of like a laser beam. It was an interesting beam in that it stayed - it was the same size all the way down the beam. It illuminated the ground about ten feet from us and we just stood there in awe wondering whether it was a signal, a warning, or what it was. We really didn't know."

...The beam, says Halt, just went away. "It clicked off as though someone threw a switch, and the object receded, back up into the sky," he says. "Then it moved back toward Bentwaters and continued to send down beams of light, at one point near the weapons storage facility. We knew that, because we could hear the chatter on the radio."

Halt was baffled. Whatever this object was, wherever it was from, it must have been under intelligent control. Within a couple of minutes, it was gone. Perhaps it retreated high into the skies with the other erratically moving lights up there. It was hard to say.

At around 4:30 a.m., Halt called the investigation off. "It was a cold winter night," he says. "The wind was blowing, we were wet, and I just ordered everybody back to the base. I saw no reason to stay out there any longer. We left those objects up there."

All told, Halt estimates that somewhere between 30 and 40 people stationed at various places around the dual Bentwaters-Woodbridge base, saw the object emitting beams that night. And that meant, says Halt, that this situation had to be dealt with and contained. "The thoughts running through my mind were: 'How am I going to explain this. Nobody's going to believe this. It's just too ridiculous.' But it couldn't be ignored, because now too many people were involved." [END OF ARTICLE EXTRACT]

Although I have interviewed numerous personnel who were stationed on base at that time night, including Chris Arnold, Steve LaPlume, Jerry Valdes and Sergeant Randy Smith, located in the Weapons Storage Area [WSA], no-one either witnessed or ever heard about 'beams of light' being directed onto the base.

How is this explained and wouldn't such an unprecedented security breach have resulted in a reaction with determinable, lasting consequences.

Why is there seemingly no trace of this?

6. In 'Left at East Gate', Larry Warren and Peter Robbins claim that you told them 'off the record', how those beams of light had penetrated the hardened [nuclear] bunkers in the WSA.

I have asked them both if they are certain about this and they responded that you told them so, "face to face".

Sergeant Randy Smith was on duty that night and confirms there was, certainly to his knowledge, no such occurrence. Next day and thereafter, according to Sergeant Smith, it was simply "business as usual".

Can you please clarify what's behind the published claims in 'Left at East Gate', the fact these were verified to me and that, again, any substantiating evidence is to the contrary?

7. In a recent book, 'You Can't Tell the People', by Georgina Bruni, it's claimed those witness statements are 'not authentic' and/or were 'tampered with' by the 'Men In Black'. Apparently the reasoning is that the lighthouse surely wouldn't have fooled anyone. It unquestionably did, so far as BC&P are concerned - Burroughs has recently confirmed that to me.

It's further alleged by Bruni that you have never released all of the microcassette recording because it was too 'sensitive' and the 'world wasn't ready for it', etc.

I am aware you did actually explain to Salley Rayl that you merely recorded what seemed pertinent and this was the same microcassette recording subsequently released via Harry Harris.

However, can you comment further on these published allegations?

When Salley asked, "what would close the book on this for you?", you replied:

"I have to have a lot of questions answered".

Hopefully, it's now evident that many of them possibly have been, and still can be.

Surely, that is an objective we all share.

And any aspects which might remain inexplicable, could just be worthy of a much less confused focus...

Yours sincerely,

etc.
[END]

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Re: Lakenheath - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:16:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Randles

Hi,

I think that to (hopefully) close on Lakenheath 1956 - until our report appears and we can discuss the evidence properly - I want to summarise my perspective on this case.

For many years I - like most of you - believed this was an important case - perhaps the most important to occur in the UK. I cover it in 'Science and the UFOs' in 1986 to that effect. This was based on what seemed like excellent research by numerous scientists and important papers on it by Condon, Thayer, McDonald et al. Of course, I took their research very seriously. As have you all.

I was aware of a number of British 'sidelines' to this case that had received little attention - notably Freddy Wimbledon's views as the radar officer who scrambled the venoms and the alleged (but totally unproven) visual sighting of UFO plus a venom over Ely.

However, whilst filming and scripting a low budget BBC TV documentary about the public record office data on UFOs (Britain's Secret UFO Files - co funded by the BBC and Sci Fi channel! in 1996) I was lucky - through a BBC contact - to talk to one pilot and two of the navigators from the two venoms. I was the first ufologist to talk to them since the event had occurred and what they told me (two of them on camera) was stunning. It totally disputed the classic version of the case and yet matched what Wimbledon was saying in several major aspects.

For the record they have to this day never met nor talked with nor had they until I named him even heard of Wimbledon. So there was no collusion.

As it was not the purpose of the documentary (which was about official records not this case) I only showed a brief extract of the two navigators at Lakenheath with their log books intact completely verifying their version. This fulfilled my programme aim because they had official proof of a file that was missing from the UK government records and which the MoD told me had been destroyed. Hence the title of the show about Britain's secret UFO files.

Nonetheless, these couple of minutes on screen only scratch the surface of what the three air crew had told me in interview (even on camera) and what one of them said (again on camera) in interview at his home. This data changed my perspective on the case. It had to have done with any serious investigator who was not totally blind to the truth. Wouldn't you think it reasonable to listen to what the only eye witnesses to openly speak out in this case were actually saying for the first time in 40 years?

I noted the gist of what they said in my book 'Something in the Air' (1997) and tried to make clear the true version of events as now reported by them. But I intended to develop this into a full report for Ufology on the case - with interview transcripts etc - as soon as I was contractually free to use my interviews.

In 1999 when COMETA published I politely informed them - via a net discussion - that their account of Lakenheath was wrong, noting that it relied on old versions now superceded by the air crew testimony. I got an almost completely negative response from several quarters - such as Georgina Bruni - who claimed that her reading of what the air crew said on TV differed from my own. Even though I had been there and spent hours with the air crew and she saw a brief extract on TV.

I explained then - as I explain now - that this was just a snatch from a much longer interview used for a different purpose and assured her that there was no question of what these air crew were saying. Their words were crystal clear. There was NO visual sighting - let alone - gun lock - of any UFO. Nor did the fabled 'cat and mouse' air battle where the UFO flew behind the venom take place as alleged in UFO history.

To these comments - plus a promise of a full scale UFOIN report to come - I got continued disbelief. There was simply a string of comments from several people about UFOIN being debunkers out to destroy this case and how there were other venoms up there and what we said didn't make sense in the light of what was known, etc. And Georgina's book a year later further suggested that this new version wasn't being listened to properly.

As you can see the discovery of the truth about this case was an accident of fate. All I did was pursue it towards the conclusion to which the facts that then unfolded ultimately decreed. If any of you want to call that bias or skepticism it is absurd and it is deeply worrying about the true nature of Ufology that anyone would consider a straightforward quest for the facts as anything other than an absolute necessity.

Anyhow this rather startling response from Ufology was what caused UFOIN to take more slowly the production of our report. We knew from this reaction that if we didn't get everything properly documented it would be rejected as debunking. As the truth about this case is important and needs presenting properly we have gone to a great deal of trouble and created a team of four (myself plus Andy Roberts, Dr David Clarke and Paul Fuller) to explore every avenue.

Andy and Dave carried out new interviews with all four air crew (the missing pilot having been traced). I carefully discussed the case with Freddy Wimbledon. New leads. New documents. Lots of other things came from the ongoing research. We carried out the first full study of this case - something we would hope that Ufology would applaud, rather than write off before it has even appeared.

We are close to completion now and have long made clear that we will publish openly and freely when we are ready. All we have ever asked is your patience to see a report that has taken longer because we found more than we expected and because the somewhat hasty conclusions dreamt up by Ufology required us to be diligent and circumspect as we went along.

I have said what I think the evidence points towards, but you will have to study the full report to see the whys and wherefores. That's surely not unreasonable.

As for this being in any way an attempt by debunkers to destroy a case - that is pure fantasy. It is an attempt by Ufologists to tell you what we have found from first hand investigation of the actual witnesses.

How anyone can consider that to be anything other than good Ufology is beyond me.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 11:02:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:19:39 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

Factual rebuttals to the pitiable 'moon landing hoax' claims can be found at:

http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/tv/foxapollo.html#mt_anim

Plus, thanks to Jim Oberg for also highlighting:

<http://www.redzero.demon.co.uk/moonhoax/index.htm>

This is a pertinent example of debunking.

In one of the foremost postings to 'UFO Skeptics', I wrote:

Some subscribers will be familiar with Dr. Bernard Haisch, a professional astronomer who was Editor-in-Chief for the 'Journal of Scientific Exploration', a publication which takes a more liberal view of proclaimed 'scientific' evidence that ET is here.

Haisch has a web site at:

<http://www.ufoskeptic.org/>

The domains, ufoskeptic.com and ufoskeptic.net are also redirected here.

Ostensibly the view of a 'UFO Skeptic', Haisch headlines 'ufoskeptic.org' as, 'An information site on the UFO phenomenon by and for professional scientists'.

He then suggests the term 'skeptic' represents:

'Skeptic - One who practices the method of suspended judgment, engages in rational and dispassionate reasoning as exemplified by the scientific method, shows willingness to consider alternative explanations without prejudice based on prior beliefs, and who seeks out evidence and carefully scrutinizes its validity'.

I note however that in a recent newsgroup posting, the prolific 'commentator' and infinitely less than skeptical Jack Sarfatti, has revealed some private mail, in which Haisch reportedly writes:

Hi Jack,

You might be interested in the new website I just posted today to begin to recapture the term skeptic from the debunkers:

<http://www.ufoskeptic.org>

Cheers,
Bernie

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Director, California Institute for Physics & Astrophysics (CIPA)
Scientific Editor, The Astrophysical Journal [End]

What does Haisch envisage in his apparently clandestine endeavours to 'recapture the term skeptic from the debunkers'?

It's appropriate for a 'UFO Skeptics' forum to question Haisch's interpretation of a UFO skeptic and how this applies to "professional scientists".

The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'sceptic' [strictly the true spelling] as being derived from the Latin 'scepticus' and now meaning "one who doubts the validity of what claims to be knowledge in some particular department of inquiry (e.g. metaphysics, theology, natural science, etc.)"

Also, "one who maintains a doubting attitude with reference to some particular question or statement".

The same dictionary confirms that 'debunk' means "to remove the nonsense (or false sentiment) from"...

It seems Haisch's understanding of a 'skeptic' is, if not actually diversely opposed, certainly a different interpretation than it's literal meaning.

What he perceives a 'debunker' to be, is also puzzling.

It smacks of the mentality, common amongst those who believe all/some 'UFOs' are alien spaceships, that a debunker is an 'unbeliever', a 'destructive force'; the unclean and the undead...

I've asked Haisch if he could, publicly, expand on this seemingly bizarre interpretation of 'skeptic' and 'debunker' and why he perceives they are in conflict.

As an aside, the Oxford English Dictionary references a quotation which dates from 1608 and evidences that almost 400 years ago, there were some serious skeptics around!

"Hee is a scepticke and dare hardly giue [give] credit to his senses". [END]

Coincidentally, with no knowledge of the impending FOX program, I also mentioned the 'moon landing hoax' video:

UFO Magazine (UK) are currently reviving those wacko 'Nasa Faked the Moon Landings' claims and promoting their sale of a new video, entitled, 'What Happened on the Moon', by David S. Percy ARPS and David Groves PhD - see:

<http://www.ufomag.co.uk/index.htm>

[...]

UFO Magazine accuse, "This has to be one of the most controversial, most damning and most believable portions of egg ever delivered to the face of NASA".

Well, no. It's just another exercise in marketing pap at the expense of the gormless and gullible and a huge embarrassment for any pretence that 'ufology' should [ever] be taken seriously by science or the media.

[...]

Still, can't you just hear the howls of protest from FUFOR towers et al as 'ufology' is sold down the Swanee yet again.

Erm... no you can't actually and seemingly never do. I wonder why that is.

Lee Shargel remains innocent. [END]

The 'moon landing hoax' is a pertinent example which emphasises the differing points of view apropos debunkers, skeptics and those who will readily promote and sell the most ludicrous bunk, supposedly in the heartfelt interest of 'ufology'.

It's not only of course UFO Magazine who come under the latter category in the UK.

Step right up folks, step right up...

James Easton.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:29:04 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 22:55:18 -0000

>A condensed but highly representative version of my argument is
>freely available to internet users (as compared to the high cost
>of The UFO Evidence, Volume II) by accessing a commissioned
>article I wrote for Joe Firmage at:

>www.isso.org/inbox/science.htm

>I would be very interested in hearing from non-ETH "believers"
>(that sort of labelling cuts both ways) about their reaction to
>what I have to say there.

Dick's outstanding article should be required reading for anybody interested in truly Unidentified Flying Objects. But I won't hold my breath for a rational response from the non-ETH 'believers'. The first 2 rules for these guys are "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up." and "What the public doesn't know, I am not going to tell them."

Since I was on Dennis' list, I might as well make clear where I stand.

1. I don't use the term ETH. After all, the evidence (Read Dick's piece, Jim McDonald's 71 page congressional testimony, a collection of Ted Phillips' physical trace cases, some of the best abduction reports, etc etc) is overwhelming that some UFOs are intelligently controlled ET craft.

These best cases of observations by competent observers and investigations by competent investigators clearly involve manufactured objects behaving (maneuvering if one prefers) in ways we Earthlings could not at that time duplicate. This doesn't say why, how, wherefrom, but just not from here. The notion that there is no link between these cases and an ET origin is absurd. In more than 400 of the Physical Trace cases, we have observations of strange looking beings connected to craft able to land and take off out in the middle of nowhere often silently. Are these circus beings hired by the CIA?

2. I have, I hope, made my position clear in my 1968 Congressional testimony, in more than 5 dozen articles, 2 books, a CD-ROM, some videos and more than 700 lectures in 50 states, 9 Provinces, and 13 other countries. I don't think I can be called an "apologist ufologist" or "closet ufologist".

3. I have been unable to find any reason for abandoning the notion that some UFOs are ET craft. Trips to nearby stars are feasible with what we already know; no less what we will learn in the near future. None of the SETI arguments stand up to careful scrutiny. Secrets can be kept.

Stanton Friedman

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:36:20 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:30:25 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Young

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 07:27:42 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:09:18 -0800
>>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I know absolutely nothing about this subject, but I have been in
>quite a few underground caves. If, as you say, it gets hotter
>and hotter as you descend, then how come it gets cooler and
>cooler the further one descends into a cavern? Every tour of a
>cavern that I've ever gone on, the guide always suggests taking
>a sweater or something because it stays so cool. In fact, every
>guide makes a point of how nice it is underground, even though
>no air-conditioning or air supply is ever employed. What gives?

Hi, Roger, Larry:

I think on the scale that you're talking about, Rog, relatively shallow caverns near the surface, the temperature is in the low 50s. The chilliness you experienced is just getting away from the entrance and the warmer surface air. The 50s temperature was perfect for many of our ancestors during the ice ages, no need for central heating. Fires at the cave entrances assisted the flow of air toward the living areas near the entrance during cold weather, as well as keeping the critters out. Of course, the cave bears had to be dealt with.

Maybe somebody on the list who has been a deep miner has some more info on this.

Clear skies and good spelunking,

Bob Young

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Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

From: **Matt Hurley** <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 13:47:33 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:32:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated -

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 12:33:12 -0000

>>From: Matt Hurley <m.hurley@ntlworld.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Historical Artwork And UFOs Site Updated
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 18:50:30 -0000

>Hello Matt,

>I forgot to mention it in my last message re your site (Feb
>16th), but I suppose you know that the Fund for UFO Research
>awarded Italian science writer Daniela Giordano the 1998 Donald
>E. Keyhoe journalism award for her work in Nuevo Orione (an
>astronomical and space magazine).

>She received an award of \$750 for an article 'UFOs Depicted In
>Ancient Artworks'.

>Maybe you should check it out?

Thanks for that Chris,

It stated in episode one of 'UFOs Then and Now' that she "achieved
international recognition" so I guess that's what they are
referring to.

I've sent an email to CENTRO UFOLOGICO NAZIONALE to see if they
can give me her e-mail address. She might be interested in my
site as it's similar material to what she was/is researching.

Maybe she'll have some pics which aren't on my site.

Matt

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/m.hurley/index.html>

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Re: AA Film Redux - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:46:58 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:34:04 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Young

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:08 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:02:38 +0000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>So which is it? Was it reversal film or negative film? Or was it
>negative film that was reversal processed?

Which had been copied onto something which was older? Does this suggest that the "original film" ain't?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 21 Feb 2001 06:28:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:11:34 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:26:11 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>Dear Duke,

>>>>Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

>>>>My Dear "Your Grace:"

>>>>First, let m thank you for reminding us all of the appropriate
>>>>use of the term "scoffer", for which the term "debunker" has
>>>>been incorrectly substituted.

>>>>"Perhaps the most insidious rhetorical trick has been the
>>>>misappropriation of the label "skeptic" to describe what are
>>>>actually scoffers. As sociologist Robert K. Merton pointed
>>>>out, organized skepticism is a fundamental norm in science.
>>>>However, the term skepticism is properly defined as doubt, not
>>>>denial. It is a position of agnosticism, of nonbelief rather
>>>>than disbelief. The true skeptic (a doubter) asserts no claim,
>>>>so has no burden of proof. However, the scoffer (denier) asserts
>>>>a negative claim, so the burden of proof science places on any
>>>>claimant must apply. When scoffers misrepresent their position
>>>>as a form of "hard-line" skepticism, they really seek escape
>>>>from their burden to prove a negative position. "Perhaps the
>>>>greatest confusion related to the needed distinction between
>>>>skeptics and scoffers concerns their different reactions to the
>>>>failure by a claimant to support an anomaly claim. The skeptics'
>>>>attitude towards extraordinary claims (for example, those of
>>>>parapsychology) where proponents have so far produced inadequate
>>>>evidence to convince most scientists that their hypotheses about
>>>>anomalies are true is characterized as a case not proved. A
>>>>skeptic contends that "the absence of evidence is not evidence
>>>>of absence." The scoffer, on the other hand, sees the failure of
>>>>proponents as evidence that an anomaly claim has been
>>>>disproved. The perspective of the scoffer, as with most
>>>>dogmatists, tends to distinguish only black from white and fails
>>>>to acknowledge gray areas. (Our criminal justice system may
>>>>likewise be too dichotomous. Thus, similar reasoning led some
>>>>citizens to conclude that the murder acquittal of O.J. Simpson

>>meant he was judged innocent when he was merely found to be not
>>guilty. Science might better follow the path of Scottish Law
>>which allows for three possible judgements: guilty, not guilty
>>or innocent, and not proven.)"

>You continued:

>>Clearly there is a
>>presumption here that the ET hypothesis is not a reasonable
>>one.

>>I don't think it is. I've said why at length elsewhere and am
>>not inclined to repeat here what anyone can find in print as
>>well as in various discussions fully archived on the UFOMind
>>website. What strikes me as a frequent failing of those who do
>>is the admission that rejecting the ETH as unreasonable is
>>itself a reasonable position to take. Having said that I expect
>>someone to squeak "but that's not fair" or words to that
>>effect.

>>But take Bruce Maccabee's recent arguments:

>>>As for me and the ETH, I have said that it seems
>>>to me to be the simplest explanation - the easiest to
>>>understand - in the sense that I can imagine us going
>>>"there" (human transport to other planets).>

>>Anthropomorphism. Who knows how aliens would think?

>Missed the point: does it matter how aliens think? I'm making an
>argument based on the physics as we know it. we can get there
>from here, even if it takes a long time. IMHO, the argument
>that "they can't get here from there" is not based on physics
>but on "sociology:" if some humans were willing to travel for
>thousands of years they could get to another star using dumb old
>chemical rockets. Use nuclear rockets and shorten the time. Use
>photon rockets and get further speed. Could we do this today?
>('we' = human race) No. We can only go the the nearest planets.
>Could we do it in a 100 years? Probably. In a thousand years?
>I'd say definitely. Of course, by then we might have somethig
>better than photon rockets.

Using our current rocket technology and traveling at an average
velocity of 25,000 mph, it takes 9.4 hours to reach the moon.
Not bad. We could do that within one day's work. Going to Mars
at that same speed would take 2.5 months. To reach the outermost
planet in our solar system, Pluto, would take 16 years and 5
months. That would have a serious impact on spacecraft resources
not to mention how astronauts would spend their time. Then they
would have the temerity to want to return to Earth. The whole
round trip would take nearly 33 years. Using that same rocket to
reach one of the closest stars beyond the sun, a distance of 4.2
light-years (a measure of how long it takes light to travel the
distance at light-speed: 186,282 mph), the one-way trip would
take 114, 155.2 years! That poses a serious obstacle to plans to
explore the environment around Alpha Centauri.

If we had a means to travel very close to the velocity of light,
then a very strange thing happens to our travel time to Alpha
Centauri. We would measure that a beam of light would take 4.2
light years to reach that neighborhood star. However, a crew
traveling on a spaceship that traveled at .99c (c is the symbol
for the velocity of light) would reach Alpha Centauri in 7.4
months. This effect is called time dilation and it comes from
Einstein's equations expressed in the Special Theory of
Relativity. Time dilation makes it a little more feasible that
any inhabited planets (with techno civilizations) in our local
neighborhood could pay us a visit if they have ultra-fast
spaceships.

Then, those clever scientists working on breakthrough propulsion
systems like Dr. Marc Millis who could conceivably come up with
a bright idea on reaching super-luminal speeds and we might
travel to Alpha Centauri in the time it takes us to eat our
breakfast. Hope no one gets any indigestion over that.

>Point: We can't rule out the possibility that aliens might think
>i tworthwhile to takewhatsoever time necessary totravel to earth
>(and , one presumes, other planets as well).

>Now, I said ETH involving spaceflight was the simplest...

>because we understand the physics that will let us do it _now_
>(or within a 100 years, which is effectively now in terms of
>galactic ages). Anything else such as time or dimensional travel
>requires an extrapolation of thinking beyond what we can now do.
>So far as I know no one has "teleported" a single cell through
>another dimension... to say nothing of a human.

>That's not to say we won't be able to do such a thing in a
>hundred years. I just don't know about that. But I do know about
>space travel.

>>>However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals
>>>such as dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these
>>>days from theoretical physics i.e, superstring theory, that
>>>says there are other dimensions "close" to ours in an
>>>overall 11 or more dimensional "multiverse.")

>>My understanding is that the extra dimensions are "wrapped up"
>>into excessively tiny spaces, and unwrapping them would need as
>>much energy as was unleashed during the Big Bang. In other
>>words, more than would be accessible to _any_ technology
>>without, basically, bugging the Universe as we know it at the
>>same time. Perhaps theories, or hypotheses, have moved on since
>>I last nosed around this issue.>

>Our present concepts of how and "where" other dimensions exist
>may be wrong... assuming they do exist. Although there is a lot
>of theorizing, until someone actually does a higher dimension
>experiment (whatever that would be) we just won't know what the
>requirements in energy or whatever to get to or travel through
>other dimensions. (Perhaps it takes a whopping energy to get
>through from our dimension to another, but you get all that
>energy back when you return to our dimensions. Perhaps, the
>"separation" between "sheets" in our dimension are so small that
>something like quantum tunnelling is possible... requiring
>little energy.)

New considerations in M-theory propose that there are higher
extended dimensions. Those complex, membranous objects, which
can have many spatial dimensions themselves, have become a
central part of string theory. In some versions of the theory,
the universe itself is a brane with three spatial dimensions—a
3-brane—moving through a higher-dimensional space-time. If our
3-brane universe can move through a higher-dimensional
space-time, then one can ask whether an object from our brane
can move through the higher dimension and re-emerge in our
3-brane universe or another one moving in those higher
dimensions. Let us hope, at least, that there is some separation
so that we do not get a condition of colliding branes. Crashing
branes? Hmmmm...even theoretical physics can be
hilarious.>>Bottom Line: We just don't know (about higher
dimensions)...>(but we do know about space travel... and will
know more "soon")

So far, that is the bottom line.

>>>Dimensional travel theories can work in one of two ways:
>>>transport from a completely different 4-D universe into our
>>>universe or transport from one point in our 4-D universe to
>>>another point in our 4-D universe by going through a 5th
>>>(or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This latter
>>>transport could explain "faster than light" travel.>

>>The notion that wormholes can transport anything bigger than
>>"Planck's length" (4×10^{-33} cm) doesn't hold up. In theory
>>wormholes are arrived at by treating time as an imagined
>>spacelike entity, which it may do in reality only in Big-
>>Bang-like conditions -- according to the theory -- but you still
>>have this titchy space into which to cram your would-be
>>vee-hickle. Not even a virus would make it.

>>Fair enough: Bruce hints that there are problems with these
>>exotic notions, but doesn't examine them. He falls back on the
>>ETH as "the simplest" explanation when that is anything but
>>simple in fact, if you care to look at it critically and
>>dispassionately.

>On the scale of difficulty based on what we now know, IMHO,
>ETH/space travel is still the simplest... which does not mean
>that space travel is "simple." (Carrying humans is more
>difficult than carrying machines.)

How about an ETH and EDH with the EDH standing for extra-dimensional - in this case outside of our normal space-time. Perhaps not all UFOs (spacraft types) are ET. Some may be ED. In other words, could we have a multiple-origin hypothesis, but how do we test of any these hypotheses? Are UFOs that are detected entering and leaving our exosphere proof that their origin is somewhere out in space? We are really racking our brains here to find the answer (or is it branes?). I think we need to propose some useful projects that might help determine the nature and origin of UFOs. I lean toward ETH for most, but some maybe EDH IMHO.

Bill H.

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:42:48 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:14:29 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:09:41 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>What I am trying to say is that since the Soviets beat the
>Americans into space with Sputnik and beat them to the Moon with
>robotic rovers, one should not be surprised that, at the height
>of the Cold War, the American Government would be tempted to do
>something as rash as fake a landing to instill national pride or
>some other such thing. Its just the question of weather they
>really did so.

If the Russians were capable of it, why not the country with 1/2
of the industrial potential of the developed world?

At what point do you think that fakery was overcome by reality?
Or do you think that the Space Station, too, is a fake? Maybe
Russia, itself, was a fake, created by Nazis who really won the
war but covered it up?

Clear and cold skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:55:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:18:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 21:03:09 EST
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:42:51 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:28:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

Previously, I had written:

>>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I
>>find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great
>>lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the
>>foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed
>>due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars
>>are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem
>>that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been
>>better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon
>>landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

David replied:

>Time for another King Roger science reality check.

>The reason we see no stars in the daytime here on Earth is
>because Earth has something called an atmosphere (heard of it
>Roger?), which the Moon does not. The atmosphere has particulate
>matter (dust, air droplets, etc.) which scatters the bright
>sunlight towards our eyes obscuring the dimmer starlight.

>On the airless moon, one can indeed see stars during daytime,
>just as someone in the space shuttle can above the Earth's
>atmosphere on the daylit side of the Earth.

>If the stars didn't show in NASA moon landing photos, then I
>suspect it had to do with film dynamic range, f/stop and shutter
>speed. Because the surface of the moon is very brightly lit in
>daytime, the film and camera settings would have to compensate
>to prevent overexposure. Otherwise, the surface details would
>be completely washed out.

>I do wish Roger would go back to high school and pass those
>basic science courses he obviously flunked the first time
>around.

>No, I don't think NASA faked the moon landings.

Hello, David!

The context of this entire discussion is not about whether
astronauts 'saw' stars from the moon but, rather, why the stars
do not show up in photographs. In fact, I made it clear that the
reason you can't see the stars in photographs is because of
"lighting imbalances" (as opposed to what's seen in sci-fi

films). To that end, your reasoning for why there were no stars in photographs is mostly nonsense. F-stop and shutter speed would have no effect on visibility of stars if exposure for the main, sunlit subject (astronaut, lunar surface etc.) were correct. In fact, if the earth had no atmosphere, the very same problems would apply to pictures taken here as they would on the moon. If in doubt, try taking a picture of the moon on a clear night. No matter what film you use, no matter what shutter speed or f-stop combination you try, you will not get the moon and the stars properly exposed in the same shot. This is due to "lighting imbalances" between the moon and the stars; the moon being bright due to proximity and the stars being dim due to distance.

And what you call "dynamic range" is really called "latitude" by professional photographers. No film ever made has ever had enough latitude to correctly expose both stars and lunar subject matter simultaneously. Video still doesn't have as much latitude as film. Back then, it was just dreadful; I'm surprised they got a usable image at all on video.

Considering that the context of this conversation is about photographic issues, your observations regarding terrestrial atmosphere don't even begin to apply. With or without atmosphere, you won't see the stars in a properly exposed photo of terrestrial or lunar objects taken during the day.

Remedial science classes? I don't think so. On the other hand it would seem that you need to take either some basic classes in photography or, perhaps, some remedial classes in reading comprehension and context.

Sorry to spoil your fun.

King Roger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:10:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:40:12 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 23:17:20 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 21:51:51 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:27:32 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>In prefacing my response, I would like to point out that I have
>had a number of very cordial and interesting e-mails with Neil
>Morris in which we've exchanged information and a lot of give
>and take. I think of Neil as a genuine good guy. He is an
>intelligent and honest person and I mean him no disrespect.

>On the other hand, I fear he has fallen under the sway of the
>RPIT group and its minister of propoganda, J. Bond Johnson (I'm
>sure Neil would strenuously disagree). I am writing this
>response to Neil's post to point out some clearly erroneous
>information and to clarify other matters.

<snip>

>Not true Neil. The Newton image appeared in the morning July 9
>edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer and had a civilian wire
>service attribution. This is very strong if not conclusive
>evidence that there was another civilian photographer in Ramey's
>office.

David, All,

I hold up my arm in shame here and confess that was a blooper on my part, I put it down to the flu I've been trying to get over, I've spent most of the time in a paracetamol haze, with a head full of cotton wool, mind you people say that is quite normal for me.

Yes, there is that one example of the Newton pic showing up the next morning and I would be interested David if you know what exact edition this was, ie the last of the 5 ST daily editions went to press at 2am and would have had a picture deadline sometime around midnight. It might help further fill in the timeline.

The Newton pic is a unknown quandary and I'm actively trying to pursue a lead on this at the moment, so there may be more to say about this at a later date.

But even with the Newton pic in the mix I still personally think there is a very large lack of material in the record that should have been there if the "press conference" took place as envisaged. Multiple reporters and photogs would have produced multiple reports and images in the media and that is what seems to be very lacking, I think you would agree. If the AP material was only a part of a larger whole coverage, and it was still being used a couple of days after Ramey burst the balloon where was this "other" coverage , it's noticeable by it's very

absence?

I do qualify all this though by saying I do not rule out the odd photo or reporter turning up somewhere down the timeline and snapping the Newton pic, but as for a "football scrum" style press conference at the primary photoshoot with Marcel, Ramey and DuBose as is the typical idea every one has, no I don't believe it took place that way.

Which brings us to the mysterious witness. I won't name him, but will say he was the duty reporter working in the Star Telegram office throughout the night of July 8th 1947, he didn't handle the "Roswell" story himself but worked with the person who did, and it's our ex-reporter who plainly states the story of a "press conference" out at FWAAF is totally incorrect,

All the coverage done at the ST was handled by phone, coupled with incoming wireservice reports. (The Star Telegram was a major AP affiliate and had an AP transmit facility so it could feed stories onto the AP network - remember the AP Roswell wires datelined Fort Worth).

If we recall the Dallas Morning New's coverage, they too handled the story by phone rather than send a reporter over to Fort Worth. Reporters were thin on the ground in those days, covering a story by phone sounds ludicrous now but I gather it was quite a common practice in the 40's, note our ST reporters comments regarding the Roswell story coverage, it was "all done by phone and wireservice".

Again, I don't rule out the odd photographer and/or reporter turning up at FWAAF some time after Newton's shift started, after all someone had to take that picture, though I wouldn't even class this type of scenario a "press conference".

And we are talking about two totally separate events, the primary photo session with Marcel, Ramey and DuBose and then a further session later that evening(after 6pm) with Newton.

>>>I recall James Bond Johnson's take on Roswell has been seriously
>>>challenged by Kevin Randle

>>There are two points of contention here, the first, regarding
>>phone interviews done by KR, it's not my place to go into these,
>>Bond's responses are on record in this forum.

>Since Kevin Randle sent me a complete set of interview tapes
>about 2 years ago, it was easy to review the original evidence
>(the tapes and also some letters of correspondence) and see who
>was telling the truth about the interviews and who was spinning
>the story.

>Bond Johnson has simply lied about those initial interviews and
>changed his story for reasons only he knows. He has also
>repeatedly accused Kevin Randle of altering the tapes and
>issuing inaccurate transcripts. This again is completely false.

>A detailed refutation of some of his false statements based on
>the actual tapes can be found in the UFO Updates archives at:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m29-028.shtml>

>Another rebuttal to Johnson's incessant spin-doctoring, which
>includes much of the same material below, can be found at:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m27-001.shtml>

I've quite deliberately tried to stay out of this area, I've met Bond personally and heard his side of things, I've read what the other side has to say, I believe an admission is on record that the tapes have been edited, conversely elements of Bond's story have changed, as with others stories. Also, it has to be considered that after KR's first interview, Bond himself started to research his own part in the Roswell story, he has relatives still in Fort Worth and so has been able to spend time in the ST archives and FW library. He saw for himself where his memory had let him down, ie, he still has to this day, little, if any recollection of Jess Marcel, yet he was there and he did take his picture.

What I can say while I've known Bond and questioned him

extensively, is that he has been open, honest and consistent with his answers to me, even when I've known he's not liked some of the questions I've put. Further, we are now finding that some of his most disputed information ie the "press conference" is receiving independent confirmation from an individual who was there reporting the news in FW at the time.

<snip>

>>Witness testimony, unlike KR and DS who were I assume basing
>>their take of events from Jesse Marcel's recollections of his
>>time in FW,

>Don't forget Gen. Dubose and Irving Newton, both of whom were
>also there, and both of whom stated they remembered several
>reporters being there. This wasn't just the story of Jesse
>Marcel.

From conversations with Irving some 12 months ago he has no recollection of just who took his photograph that day and could not say whether it was a civilian or military photographer. I think it's also hard to pin down just what Gen DuBose could or could not recall, I have Jamie Shandera's interview transcript where DuBose claims no pictures were ever taken at all, that is until he is shown the JBJ images of himself. Jesse's story too is obviously a partial memory, we know firmly JBJ took pictures of Marcel, Ramey and Dubose in the one session I think we are all agreed on that. Yet Marcel gives us the quote that he was only involved in the one photograph, the one he claims where he is shown holding some of the actual debris from Roswell and I believe he then goes on to mention some other "staged" photographs might have been taken later "but he was not involved with those". The only photograph(s) of Marcel(to surface) are JBJ's and we know these were taken together with the Ramey and DuBose shots (it's the same film neg batch), so what was this later "staged" photo... Newton? Marcel doesn't know, he wasn't involved, it's just what he heard happened.

The Newton shot is a separate entity, totally different debris setup, different angle of shot, changed location within Ramey's office, "sanitised" selection of debris on show, shot framed as landscape rather than portrait as Bond had framed his shots, and Newton didn't come on shift until 6pm that evening, I think both of us agree this was after Bond had left Ramey's office, though I know we diverge on the specific time of that.

So two photoshoots, at which, either, both or none was the press conference?

>The existence of at least one other press photographer is proven
>by the Newton photo which appeared the next morning. And then
>there are the Newton quotes which appeared in AP and UP stories.
>These obviously can't be attributed to Bond Johnson

Is there firm evidence it was a press photog? But we know the ST was in direct contact (by phone) with FWAAF, as we have those exclusive quotes only found in the ST that supports this point. As far as AP coverage is concerned remember the ST teletype room didn't only receive reports from the AP, it also submitted them.

>>and it must also be noted Thos DuBose, Ramey's COS
>>at the time, totally dismissed any photographs having been
>>taken until confronted with Bond's pictures, to which he
>>responded " well yes, that is the stuff they brought from
>>Roswell".

>This is very incomplete accounting of Dubose's many interviews
>on the matter, and obviously comes from the highly suspect
>Shandera "interviews" with Dubose. Even though Shandera produced
>lengthy "transcripts", he has also been unable to produce the
>tape recordings that would have been needed to produce such
>detailed "transcripts." He is also unable to reproduce even
>notes of the conversation.

>On the other hand, there are a number of recorded interviews
>with Dubose which completely contradict your assertion and RPITs
>that Dubose wasn't aware of the photographs and claimed the
>stuff in the photos was from Roswell.

>E.g., this is Dubose's statement from his sworn affidavit

>written before the Shandera interviews: "The material shown in
>the photographs taken in Maj. Gen. Ramey's office was a weather
>balloon. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a
>story to divert the attention of the press."

David, Roswell testimony is a little like The Bible, you can
find a bit to prove almost any point<g>, lets not go down that
road.

I agree DuBose said the above and I can live with your assertion
Shandera might be a little shakey in his methods, but there
again there's nothing to say he didn't make that quote to
Shandera.

I think DuBose tended to please everybody.

>>RPIT now have a witness to all the further events that
>>night in the offices of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram after Bond
>>Johnson left some time after 6pm.

>Neil, I've been hearing about this mystery witness for over a
>year now, and have never gotten a name or even exactly what this
>person had to say.

>I strongly suspect your understanding of what this person has to
>say comes heavily filtered through RPIT's minister of
>propaganda, whose constantly changing and edited accounts I
>don't exactly trust.

It's hoped at some stage we will have this witness's testimony
on the record in his own words.

>So he was at the S-T, but he wasn't in Ramey's office like
>Newton, Marcel, and Dubose. So how does this mystery witness
>know what was happening there?

Because it appears the ST were in phone contact throughout that
evening with FWAAF and if an organised shindig was in the offing
he would have gone to it.

>Reporters could have shown up there after Bond Johnson left and
>Ramey could have held an impromptu press conference (meaning
>that the S-T would not have been notified

Yes, and at that stage Bond wouldn't be there to take Marcel's
picture and he(Marcel) states he was only photographed the
once (by Bond), and Marcel was photographed at the same time
as Ramey and DuBose in that primary photoshoot, and no other
examples of that primary photoshoot are in the record.

>- they didn't cover
>Newton's appearance, did they?). Ramey made a big point of
>calling in a weather officer to make an official identification
>of the weather balloon and radar target (a story Ramey had been
>putting out for nearly two hours prior to this).

>Irving Newton has often told the story of how Ramey called him
>personally on the phone and ordered him off his post, over
>Newton's protest (he was the officer in charge of the joint
>weather post and flight control and had to leave the post
>unmanned).

>Ramey wanted the next press release to affirm the official
>weather balloon identification. He wanted this spread far and
>wide to help kill the story. What better way than to have a few
>reporters there when Newton made the identification? The
>reporters asked Newton some questions about the weather balloons
>and of course there was that very important photo taken which
>absolutely proves that at least one other reporter showed up
>after Bond Johnson.

That AP wire of 6.30pm - FW time - announcing Newton's ID is
headed as originating in Fort Worth. AP didn't have a Fort Worth
office but they did have an affiliate paper in touch with FWAAF
that also had a teletype transmitter on line to the AP network
24hrs a day, it didn't need a newshound walking the corridor
outside Ramey's office.

>>and no press conference was called.

>Then how do you explain the Newton photo? How do you explain the

>Newton quotes?

The same way the ST got those exclusive quotes from Marcel, by phone from FWAAF, the picture's more tricky, there would be no use for it by AP by the time it became available Bond's pictures had already gone out

>How do you explain three witnesses who were actually there
>saying there was one?

The same way Marcel recalled a posse of news photogs taking his picture when the historical record shows we only have Bond Johnson's 6 pictures only 2 of which are of Marcel.

The human memory.

>A press conference also doesn't have to be officially "called.,"
>i.e., the press doesn't have to be notified ahead of time that
>one is going to be held. It can be totally impromptu. Some press
>people show up after Johnson leaves, Ramey wants to put the
>finishing touch on his weather balloon cover story with an
>official identification. So he calls Newton and tells him to
>"get his ass over here," then invites the reporters in and tells
>them that a weather officer will be there any minute to identify
>the weather balloon. Newton arrives, his photo is taken by
>_somebody else_ other than J. Bond Johnson, he is asked some
>more questions, and the official weather balloon ID story goes
>out over the AP wire soon afterwards.

That's true David, and I will concede that is a possible scenario for the Newton pic. As I said at the top of this post, I don't rule out the possibility of the odd photog/reporters arriving later in the day. The point I was trying to make (badly I guess) was that of the primary photosession, that with Marcel, Ramey and DuBose, a session totally diverse from the later Newton session, but the shoot which Marcel refers to maintaining he was only present at the one photo session, this was Bond's solo photo session. You've done sterling research in this area, have you found any other Marcel images published, other than those Bond took? Or Ramey images? If the press conference scenario here was viable, is it not unreasonable to expect samples of this other coverage to be in the record? You say, correctly, it was a big story, AP went to the trouble of shipping in a wirephoto machine. Why then didn't anyone else use their hard won material if there was any?

The pictures themselves say things were not as we are lead to believe. The story has it the reporters were held back at Ramey's door and not allowed into the room. That's not what the pictures say, Bond's hat is sitting on top of the briefcase on the chair behind Ramey in the Bettmann image. The briefcase is still there in the Marcel but the hat's been removed. Bond had enough access to the room, and time, to take off his hat and place it on the chair while he set up his shots, when he noticed it in shot he had the opportunity to move it. Not the sort of actions you'd expect if there were a pack of newshounds breathing down your neck and all clamouring for the scoop shot.

>The existence of other reporters there at some later time is
>based on the Newton photo,

Yes, Very possible, but some time later.

>wire service stories quoting Newton,
>and on the testimony of three people who actually were there,

But the later Newton photosession and the Marcel-Ramey-Dubose session are two different beasts happening at two different times.

Newton wasn't in the frame when Bond was taking his pictures, if he had been we'd have a nice 4x5 of him sitting in the UTA along with Marcel, Ramey and DuBose.

>not just the conjecture of Bond Johnson who wasn't, or that of
>RPIT's mystery witness, whose actual testimony still isn't in
>the public record.

In all the above I don't think I've mentioned Bond's testimony at all.

>>Note, the ST was the
>>nearest news office to FWAAF and the title was the largest
>>circulating newspaper in the south of the USA, at that time.

>Which by no means precludes other newspapers or news agencies
>showing up there at a later time. Don't forget the Newton photo,
>or the AP/UP branch offices in nearby Dallas, or even Bond
>Johnson's story of the AP sending over two wire-photo
>technicians from Dallas to the Star-Telegram. Also don't forget
>that the AP dispatched a reporter and photographer from their
>Albuquerque branch to cover the story directly in Roswell.
>Albuquerque is a lot further from Roswell than Dallas is from
>Fort Worth. This was a very big story at the time.

It was the major story for a short time, but the Dallas
Morning News didn't bother to send a reporter? They phoned the
base. The AP had facilities in Fort Worth, the Star Telegram had
AP transmit facilities and a wirephoto machine being hooked up,
and FWAAF on the end of the phone. Maybe there you have the AP
reports datelined Fort Worth?

>BTW, I don't want to hear the same old saw about how we lack the
>names of the other reporters, as if this necessarily disproves
>their existence. Wire service stories and photos rarely carry
>bylines. E.g., Kellahin and Adair, the two AP people sent to
>Roswell, didn't receive byline credit for the AP stories and the
>Brazel photo that came from their efforts in Roswell. We only
>know of them because the Roswell Daily Record happened to
>mention them being there for Mack Brazel's press conference. And
>it seems they were mentioned only because the Brazel photo was
>the first wire-photo ever sent from Roswell. To the Daily
>Record, that was a story in itself.

Not names, just different, individual reports. In your own
examination of the very many cuttings you've amassed of the
Roswell coverage, I believe I'm correct in saying, you've
noticed that the vast majority are based on the generic
wireservice reports editorialised locally or direct transcripts
of those reports credited to the wire services.

>(Isn't it interesting that even sheep rancher Mack Brazel had a
>press conference, but evidence that General Ramey had one as
>well is written off by RPIT as some sort of fantasy of Randle
>and Schmitt?)

No, not unexpected, as the focal point of the story combined
with "local hero" media interest. Here I will break in with
some of Bond's information, in that the ST's expectation was
that additional news on the "disc" story would be coming in from
New Mexico or Washington, there was no expectation the story's
focus would shift to FW as it did.

>>There was no press conference at FWAAF as envisaged by KR and >DS.

>You can say this all you want as if it were necessarily true,
>but there is clearly very good evidence to the contrary.

>Why is it so damn important to you guys that Bond Johnson be the
>only reporter on the spot? Maybe because that's what he wants to
>believe and the rest of you are just following along? Why has he
>completely ignored the Philadelphia Inquirer Newton photo of
>July 9 that I send him and reminded him of again and again? That
>photo alone disproves his spin of being the one and only
>reporter in Ramey's office.

It's not important to me, and I gladly concede that as we know,
the Newton shot wasn't taken by Bond and so must have been taken
later by "somebody". But what troubles me is the loudly
trumpeted theory of a "press conference" being associated with
the JBJ photo-session with Marcel, Ramey and DuBose when the
evidence, in the form of lack of additional supporting material
(other images contemporary with that shoot) seems to be totally
missing from the record. I really don't think it's unreasonable
to expect at least one other image taken by one other
photographer to have been left for us to find if this
conference took place as alleged. As I see it no other
contemporary images have been found in the record to support
this premise, and you yourself have studied this subject more
than any other researcher that I know of.

<snip>

>I've tried to reserve judgment on debris analysis, though I
>remain very skeptical that it is going to show anything
>conclusive. To my eye and just about everybody else's except
>RPIT's, what was displayed on Ramey's floor is the remains of a
>weather balloon and a broken up radar target. According to
>Marcel and Dubose, the weather balloon was the cover story and
>not the real stuff.

>Now _possibly_ some other debris from Roswell got mixed up with
>the cover story balloon during all the confusion, so I thought
>it a worthwhile endeavor to analyze what was there for something
>clearly unusual or out of place. But I don't buy for a second
>that the vast majority of material wasn't anything else other
>than a weather balloon.

David, I am happy that you are willing to look, and I would be
more than happy to forward a samples image cd to you so you
could cross check my findings within your own source images.

>The real mother lode in the photos, Neil, is the Ramey message,
>not the debris. There we find clear phrases where Gen. Ramey
>continues to describe the crash object in an internal memo as a
>"disc", not a balloon, whereas at the bottom of the message
>Ramey is talking of a weather balloon press release to the
>public and adding RAWIN target demonstration crews to firm up
>the story. How the crash object was to be identified in public
>and how it was actually described internally were two different
>things entirely.

>Furthermore the message speaks of later shipping something "IN
>the disc" to Fort Worth by B-29 or C-47. There is nothing IN a
>balloon or radar target that can be shipped. And of course
>there is that damning phrase "the VICTIMS of the wreck," which
>again can't be explained by a Mogul balloon crash.

>There's quite a bit more to the Ramey message (such as it being
>addressed to Gen. Vandenberg at the Pentagon), but even these
>snippets absolutely disprove a Mogul balloon crash as the cause
>of the Roswell events. There were "victims" and Ramey continues
>to call the crash object a "disc" and how they were later going
>to ship something "in the disc." What was inside a "Mogul
>balloon" to be shipped - helium gas?

Though our interpretations on some specific details within the
Ramey message diverge, there is much we do agree on, and I
wholeheartedly agree the message must be seen as Roswell's
"Smoking Gun".

Very best regards,

Neil.

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Seen This?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:17:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:43:14 -0500
Subject: Seen This?

I'd like for anyone who knows geology to take a look at this and let me know if this is a known geological phenomenon. The "Phoenician" wall in Oklahoma looks man made, but I know there are geological phenomena which often mimic artificial constructions.

I'm not concerned with the author's ideas, just what can be determined from his photos.

<http://www.viewzone.com/sender.html>

Thanks,

Bob

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:36:11 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:44:59 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 01:26:02 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>I'd like to tack my list onto Joachim's if I may.

<snip>

>2. Gemini 4, June 3,1964, astronauts McDivitt & White report a
>sighting of a large cylinder over Hawaii.

Hi, John, Joachim:

I believe this was shown to have probably been their own Atlas-Agena-B booster. At first it was unidentified because it didn't show up on a list of other space objects, it was part of their mission. I think James Oberg reported on this in his UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries, Donning, about 1970.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:49:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:47:42 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:08 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:02:38 +0000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 09:57:31 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, I had written:

>>>>Never mind
>>>>the camera original versus print argument; Santilli thought he had
>>>>camera original footage, therefore he had no reason to not have it
>>>>tested and looked at by someone like Bob Shell or Kodak.

>Neil replied:

>>I believe Bob's position is little changed from Oct 95, Volker
>>at that time already had possession of all the footage and Ray
>>was unable to have him relinquish any for further testing, also
>>by this time Kodak were becoming ultra careful and were
>>demanding a minimum of 50 frames to test, they also required a
>>complete reel of film be brought to their offices and the said
>>50 frames be seen to be part of the stock containing images of
>>the autopsy body, just to cover their backside and
>>understandable considering the publicity any dating would
>>generate. Bob at this time had gone as far as he could with the
>>information and samples he had access to and had become very
>>frustrated by Volker's intransigence. The samples he had were
>>genuine pre 1956/7 safety stock and the original negative stock
>>from which it was made was dated 1947, 3 Kodak offices including
>>Rochester NY confirmed the symbol dating in writing.

>Hi, Neil!

>Well, something is amiss, here. You maintain that testing proved
>the film to be negative stock. However, note the following post
>from Bob Shell:

>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 10:43:20 -0400 (EDT)
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 14:11:47 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'Alien Autopsy' Film Junk

>>Bull! This film was REVERSAL processed, and this is far more
>>likely to produce an overexposed look than an underexposed look.

>So which is it? Was it reversal film or negative film? Or was it
>negative film that was reversal processed? And so what if Kodak
>wanted 50 frames (about 2 seconds worth) of the footage for
>testing? All Kodak wanted was to see that the alien image
>existed within the same continuous piece of film. The testing

>could then be done on the head or tail of that film; no damage
>to the alien image would even be necessary. If Santilli and
>company were so dead set on verifying the image, then why _not_
>agree to Kodak's terms? There really is no logical reason,
>unless Santilli and Volker already knew the film was suspect.

Roger,

The spectroscopic testing indicated the safty PRINT film base was just that Kodak Saft Print film base, nothing to do with how it was processed. The 47 symbol markings were those captured in the image COPIED onto the safty print film.

Your snip of Bob's post is so severe it does not allow one to identify just _what_ piece of film he's refering to. Ray identified his "job lot" as 20 reels safty print, 1 neg and 1 reel of scraps, whatever they were.

Neil.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:03:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:50:09 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:33 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:26:47 +0000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, Neil wrote:

>>Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of
>>22 reels total.

>This is not true. Note the following post from Bob Shell:

>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."
>>Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not
>>know.

>Santilli has not said "all along" that he had print film. He
>originally thought he had camera original and only learned that
>it was print film when Bob proved it to him.

Well Ray is on record in mid/late 1995 (don't have my archive to
hand) as saying 20 reels safty print, 1 reel neg and 1 reel scraps.

The "neg" could have been camera original. But doesn't safty print
shout at you it's a print and not original?.

And what date context is Bob Shell refering back to here?.

<snip>

>
>>>Perhaps Santilli
>>>did not create the AA footage. Who knows? Certainly he knows
>>>that the footage is not authentic in the "alien" sense of the
>>>word.

>Neil replied:

>>No it's definitely on Kodak stock.

>I haven't got a clue what that means in regard to this
>discussion.

Roger it's called humour, British humour though...

Neil.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:29:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:51:47 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:46:58 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:08 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:02:38 +0000
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>So which is it? Was it reversal film or negative film? Or was it
>>negative film that was reversal processed?

>Which had been copied onto something which was older? Does this
>suggest that the "original film" ain't?

Bob,

Not quite right...

Identified type of tested stock was not produced after 1956.

The film footage that held the images that were printed on this
defunct stock, held the date symbol marks for 1947.

>Clear skies,

Not at the moment

Neil.

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Re: Credibility and Credo Mutwa - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 11:37:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:31:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Credibility and Credo Mutwa - Sandow

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Credibility and Credo Mutwa
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 15:58:03 -0000

>I have been researching African folklore in connection with
>CE-IIIs and CE-IVs, and have come upon a wealth of new and old
>material. However, I have been having some difficulty validating
>many of South African philosopher/healer/guru Credo Mutwa's
>claims.

>I can verify a few of his stories about African belief but many
>of them seem (seem, but I am not accusing him of anything just
>yet) of his own invention. What Mack mentions in 'Passport to the
>Cosmos' is just the tip of an iceberg that stands quite Way Out.

Chris,

Keep up the good work!

When I read John Mack's "Passport to the Cosmos," I also was curious about these claims. I went on the Web, and searched for the name Mutwa gives to the gray beings. The only references I found were to Mutwa himself, and the writing about him. A Web search, of course, isn't any kind of final test, but still it seemed as if anthropologists hadn't heard of any of this.

I hope you find more sources, and I'll be very curious to know what else you uncover. It goes without saying, I hope, that John should have included a larger anthropological perspective in his book.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 17:12:53 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:34:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 19:26:39 -0000

>Well for starters the respectable French journalist Bernard
>Thounal made a most basic error, which you repeated. Your book
>(pg 367) provides what you say are the names of the "RAF pilots"
>involved in the Lakenheath interception. The names are in fact
>the names of two navigators! They were highly amused when I
>showed them your book, but no doubt you could get the mistake
>rectified in the next edition.

Dave

Bernard Thounal is not responsible for the error, he has since assured me that the names were in fact those of the navigators, although I cannot find that information in my files. So Bernard does have the proper information and it is clearly my mistake and I'm not afraid to say so. It was a very last minute inclusion in a chapter on "More Strange Encounters". As I have repeatedly made clear, I have not investigated the Lakenheath case.

>You are totally right that the hastily filmed interview with two
>of the men outside RAF Lakenheath didn't prove anything, but so
>what? You obviously felt it was worth using as a basis for your
>innacurate summary of the case!

I didn't use any of that information in the book because Jenny was not offering anything to support it at the time.

>I accept you did not investigate the case - just relied on
>second and third hand evidence, just like everyone else who has
>launched into print on this one. Which was precisely the point I
>was making!

I used the report filed by Captain Holt, which is all anybody had to go on. I admit I used the word pilot instead of navigator when discussing the RAF.

>While you're here you might remember a review of a book called
>"The UFOs that Never Were" where a certain Georgina Bruni
>picked out a list of factual errors allegedly made by one of the
>authors in the Rendlesham chapter. Your take was that because
>some basic errors had been made, this meant that you could
>safely dipense with taking anything in the other chapters
>seriously.

I believe I credited you for your research but that I had no knowledge of the cases you were proving to be non events. I was however, knowledgeable on the Rendlesham case and therefore was able to point out the errors in Jenny's chapter on that particular case.

>Applying your own argument can we safely dismiss the contents of
>"You Can't Tell the People" on the basis of the errors above?

You can do whatever you like.

>So the best you can say for your much-promised and much- hyped
>tome is that it proves that the objects still remain UFOs? Well,
>even if I agreed - which I don't - that hardly amounts to very
>much does it?

>UFOs can be just about anything.

You know that all this is just being silly. I have proved that it was not many things, including man made. I have proved that it was a UFO. Now, if I could prove where it came from, it would make history because no researcher or witness for that matter has that proof.

>I was hoping that one of the serious newspapers might take up the
>story, and finally put someone in the know on the spot. But the
>fact that only the News of the World and GMTV seem to have paid
>it any attention just goes to show that, as I said, it takes the
>case no further and proves nothing.

For a journalist you are not very well informed. My book has had plenty of publicity. I was happy to go with The News of The World for serial because they are Britain's biggest selling Sunday newspaper and as a result of that my book went into second re-print before publication date. Scotland's best selling newspaper "The Glasgow Herald" featured a good story and the East Anglian papers (where the incident took place) are still running stories relating to the book. On top of that Publishing Weekly have featured a story, even gave it "star ratings", The broadsheet "Independent" have covered it twice and I have done dozens of radio shows in the UK and abroad. The James Whale popular nightly show repeated in the morning show several times. I did Big Breakfast TV which put the book into third print one week after publication. There was a double page spread in an American tabloid which sold plenty of books in the US. I also did the Sky TV book show that went around the world and had repeats as well as Relax With A Book and a NOW TV show that was shown around the world. The book has been used by two producers and will be featured in TV documentaries later this year. I could go on but I think you get the message.

As for not taking the case further, please note that for the historical records, eleven Questions were put to the House of Lords by Lord Hill-Norton regarding my book. These are now logged in the Hansard records. I assure you that my book has been taken very seriously indeed by Defence Ministers. What the book has done is bring it to the attention of government figures who are clearly misinformed on this whole subject. So you are again wrong.

>That's just my opinion, and no I haven't investigated the case and
>I think its gone beyond any kind of objective investigation now, too
>many egos, lecture tours, belief systems and bank balances stand in
>the way of clarity.

One is obliged to do lecture tours if ones book is popular, and who ever told you there is money to made in ufology?

>Despite the above, I really enjoyed your book, it was very well
>written unlike hundreds of other tomes with silvery saucers on
>the front which grace the bookshelves. But being a good read
>does not mean to say I have to agree with your conclusions.
>You promised that when the book was published it would put to
>bed the "lighthouse" theory after all. It has not done so, in my
>opinion.

Well, it has! It's just that the lighthouse club have totally ignored the book and are still working with old material. This, has I have explained before, is because my book demolishes the lighthouse theory and rabbit sratchings etc and they just cannot except it.

>Neither do I think that Ian Ridpath will be rushing to Chelsea to
>make that gentlemanly apology either.

Actually, it's Knightsbridge!

>In fact, the most important piece of evidence in the whole book
>in my opinion is the letter from Inspector Mike Topliss of the
>Suffolk Constabulary, who put the whole thing in perspective as
>only a local copper could.

Well, Mike's information was based on Dave King's evidence for the most part and Dave has had second thoughts. Mike was obliged to write that letter as it was written on Suffolk Constabulary headed paper. Now, did you read his own personal account of his encounter with an unidentified in Suffolk? Isn't it always the case, that you guys only ever see the side of the story that suits you! And here we have a police inspector talking about his UFO encounter!

>I was hoping for some conclusive proof, but what do we get?
>Gordon Williams and Donald Moreland say absolutely nothing that
>we didn't already know - and just underlines the fact that no
>one "in the know" took the case seriously in the first place.
>But you can safely ignore my rantings, as I'm sure you will
>anyway.

This is absolutely not true!

The fact that I managed to talk to Williams was indeed a breakthrough because for twenty years nobody had ever done that, so everything was speculation, such as being accused of communicating with aliens, which was not the case. Williams was not involved in the actual encounter so he cannot be a witness to that. However, I think my chapter on the Wing Commander, the man who after all, was in charge of the bases at the time, brings new light to the case. There is also a good deal of constructive information on Moreland. Not only did my interviews with him, result in obtaining his covering letter to the MOD, entitled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" but also proved that Halt actually approached him a week earlier than first known, plus much more valuable information. So you are being silly to think there was nothing new involved here.

Best wishes
Georgina Bruni

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Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 13:27:13 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:43:59 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 18:37:04 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

><snip>

>>Perhaps Santilli did not create the AA footage. Who knows?
>>Certainly he knows that the footage is not authentic in the
>>"alien" sense of the word.

>I don't think Santilli produced the "real" autopsy. He might not
>even know exactly where it originated. That said, it's almost
>without doubt a fake. What surprises me is that no one's taken
>credit for it yet! There's really no more "big money" to be made
>in AA videotapes, is there? I had the impression the public
>fascination with the tape ended in '96 (at the latest).

>I propose this was done by someone (not necessarily the U.S.
>government) as a sociological experiment, in which case the
>footage may very well have been making limited rounds within the
>military complex for a while as part of a psychological study of
>some kind.

Your proposition is interesting, but it seems to raise new problems of its own. The scenario looks even more bizarre than the one of a direct fabrication by secret services. It's hard to imagine who this "someone" could be: a research institute of some kind? If they did it for the military, then we are back to the previous scenario. If they did not, what was doing their film in the USAF archives according to Captain McAndrews? And how did it arrive in the hands of a small British music producer?

Now, again, we must remain aware that there is no final proof, either that the film is authentic or a fabrication. Although there are plenty of arguments for the second solution. It also might be a fabrication very close to the truth. What about adding a finger or two to a real alien body, and shooting clumsily on purpose? Just an exemple of what clever hoaxers might do. This would fit to my suggestion of a military hoax.

All this reminds me that, at the preview in London on May 5th, I noticed that, after the screening when everybody was still discussing while leaving the room, a man was looking at us with great attention, obviously studying closely the reactions of the people gathered there.

Yes, it looked like a sort of sociological experiment. Who was behind it?

The debate remains open, it seems to me.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Clark vs Evans - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:53:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:46:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Clark vs Evans - Jones

Being that I am a persistent son of a bartender, I would like to post this again and ask the not so humble Andy Roberts if he could take the time to answer my questions.

Regards,
Sean

Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 21:49:14 +0000
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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: Wed, 17 Jan 2001 20:29:06 -0000

>Sean, for some bizarre reason, resurrected the following post
>from me:

Obviously you did not notice my mention of catching up with my back log of posts.

>>Andy Roberts said:

>>All UFOs are IFOs in waiting.

>>Now at first this really annoyed me.

>Good.

>>But then as I followed the
>>rest of the post's to this thread it amused me.

>Even better.

>Two sensations for the price of one.
>Normally I'd charge extra, but as I'm doing missionary
>work among the hard of thinking.....

Damn you are just so magnanimous.

>>It struck me as rather big headed of Andy to say this. I almost
>>heard echo's of boastfulness, something along the lines of "give
>>me just one chance and I can explain every UFO sighting in the
>>world" being uttered from the person who claims to be a skeptic.

>I'm sure Jerry C would point out that the plural
>of echo does not have a 's'.

You are right, it should have been echoes. But you didn't deny the accusation though, did you.

>>You state All UFOs are IFOs in waiting. If a UFO remains
>>Unexplained after many years of investigation by different
>>people using many different investigation techniques, how long
>>would it have to remain unexplained before you will accept that

>>it is unexplained? Or put another way. How long does a UFO
>>have to remain unexplained before you will accept that it will
>>not become an IFO?

>Sean, Sean, Sean. I've had a long day at the rock face of
>homelessness in Halifax, dealing with issues which actually
>affect people in reality so you'll forgive me if I find it hard
>to take your pedantry seriously. But just for you I'll explain
>again.

By golly, you sound so hard done by, do you not think that we
southerners earn a hard crust either?

>It doesn't matter how long a case remained 'unidentified' (ie a
>'UFO') it is always an IFO in waiting. Simply because whatever
>is seen must be something. 'UFOs' are not seen - they are
>just the name we give to something we cannot (yet) identify.
>Have you been asleep for the past fifty years Sean or what? The
>fact that we may not be able to resolve cases this week, last
>week, or for six hundred years four months and three days
>doesn't imply anything more or less exotic lies behind the
>'UFO'. It just means it hasn't been identified yet.

OK since you state, quite clearly in this passage that all
UFOs are IFOs in waiting and your reasoning behind it. Could you
accept that a possible answer to the riddle of some UFOs is
that they might be an alien spacecraft?

>>We have on record several cases that are unexplained after a
>>full generation have passed. As you folklorist's know a
>>generation is considered to be fifty years, and we still have
>>sightings from 1947 unexplained. I'm sorry but the pelican
>>theory really does not hold water.

>Yes?

>&?

>So?

So my dear chap, I was adding emphasis on the duration of time
that some UFOs have remained UFOs.

>By some form of strange printed thinking Sean you seem to be
>saying that if something remains unexplained for a long time it
>gets automatically elevated to exotic status. The length of time
>something remains unexplained does not alter anything about the
>real nature of the object/misperception/ whatever which is the
>cause of the sighting. And that would apply whether the initial
>stimulus was Zog from Zorg or the five-fifteen Pelican coming in
>from the Cascades.

Not knowing Zog personally, or any pelicans, I would have to ask
how can you say that I have "some form of strange printed
thinking"? I mean what is "some form of strange printed
thinking"?

>>So tell me Andy, how old would a UFO tale have to be before you
>>considered it to be a genuine UFO? BTW to help you out, I'll
>>already agree with you that not all UFO's are from Zeta
>>Reticuli.

>See above.

>And how do you know anyway?

Andy, Andy, Andy, You poor, poor soul. I know not all UFOs are
from Zeta Reticuli because I have done just a weeny bit of
research into UFOs - or did you miss my article in the UK's UFO
Magazine called "101 Possible Explanations for UFOs" a few years
back?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:57:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:49:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600

Y'all,

As usual, instead of discussing the facts of the case (in this case Lakenheath, as raised by Jenny and Dave, or of any case - as usual) Jerry chooses to rant and rave to to end other than to score points.

Jerry wrote, concerning Rendlesham and what I have written about it:

>And, as I've had occasion to note, they are sufficient to raise
>grave questions about your objectivity, not to mention your
>maturity.

Now then Jerry. As a test of your honesty tell me what it was I wrote which you disagreed with.

>Unlike you, I have no emotional commitment to the case, one way
>or another.

Jerry, in my observations of you over the years it has become increasingly apparent that you are emotioannly attached to any 'classic' case which retains its 'UFO' status. A fact borne out by your constant refusal to actually discuss or challenge any contrary evidence. The recent posts by Jenny and Dave on Lakenheath have taken this to a new level I'm afraid.

>And you can also count on a camel's passing through the eye of a
>needle before Andy Roberts starts acting like a mature,
>balanced, unbiased investigator and speaking accordingly.

Thanks for the analysis - on the Myers-Briggs scale I'm a ESTJ, an excellent type for a UFO investigator. However it hardly matters who is what as long as they come up with the underlying facts behind a case.

>I am
>relieved, however, that my friend Jenny Randles, whom I trust
>and respect (and who, needless to say, has not conducted herself
>as Andy has), is there to provide some adult supervision.

So, which bits of the Lakenheath evidence are you going to accept Jerry. You appear to be confused. Is it anything Jenny has solely discovered or maybe Jenny and Dave but not me? Please be more specific because you've got me baffled. It's the evidence which counts not the personalities and I see seldom little evidence for anything emanting from the Canby Hair-Splitting Boutique (which I suspect will be out of machines by 2002).

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: The Halt Questions - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:00:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:51:17 -0500
Subject: Re: The Halt Questions - Bruni

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:42:03 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: The Halt Questions

>7. In a recent book, 'You Can't Tell the People', by Georgina
>Bruni, it's claimed those witness statements are 'not authentic'
>and/or were 'tampered with' by the 'Men In Black'. Apparently
>the reasoning is that the lighthouse surely wouldn't have fooled
>anyone. It unquestionably did, so far as BC&P are concerned -
>Burroughs has recently confirmed that to me.

Actually, it was Cabansag and Penniston who said they did not
type those statements. Nobody said they were tampered with by
Men in Black!

>It's further alleged by Bruni that you have never released all
>of the microcassette recording because it was too 'sensitive'
>and the 'world wasn't ready for it', etc.

I did not write any such thing! Charles Halt did not say why I
would never hear the tapes, so you have exaggerated here too.

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:00:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:53:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

Jenny, I wish you every success with your research on the Lakenheath case, but must correct you on a few points.

>I got an almost completely negative response
>from several quarters - such as Georgina Bruni - who claimed
>that her reading of what the air crew said on TV differed from
>my own. Even though I had been there and spent hours with the
>air crew and she saw a brief extract on TV.

I have the BBC tape of your interview with the crew and there is nothing on it that implies they did not see anything. You then claimed this was only a fraction of the interview but refused to supply anybody with the full version. So we were none the wiser.

>And Georgina's book a year later further suggested that this new
>version wasn't being listened to properly.

It makes no such suggestion. How could I include your new version when you failed to offer it?

Georgina Bruni

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:06:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:56:19 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

<snip>

>Secrets can be kept.

>Stanton Friedman

Sure they can!

Just ask Win Ho Lee, Pollard, Aymes and, most recently, Robert Hansen, or Los Alamos labs, the CIA and FBI, respectively. (Not sure about the spelling of individuals' names or the exact agency Pollard betrayed.)

And don't forget, there were only 15 copies of the Pentagon Papers. Somehow, one of them made its way to the NY Times. Curious, no?

Guess what you meant to say was something along the lines of:

"Some secrets can be held for some length of time. But UFO secrets are (somehow) held sacrosanct forever."

But then you probably think MJ-12 was a security leak. But not the Corso book. Or the alien autopsy film.

So, what UFO secrets, exactly, are being withheld?

Do we have bodies on ice somewhere that I don't know about? Recovered wreckage? Classified radar returns? Pictures? DNA samples of alien abductors? What?

Secrets are sold out every day of the year, for reasons ranging from the purely philosophical/ideological to those of simple crass commercialism.

Just what is it, exactly, that renders so-called UFO secrets immune to human nature?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt? - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:18:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:57:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt? - Aubeck

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:48:33 EST
>Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:33:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt? - Young

>>From: Tom Theofanous <theofa@idirect.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Feel Like A Bag O'Dirt - Roswell Dirt?
>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 20:50:46 -0800

>>Source: eBay

>><http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=560070147>

>>1947 ROSWELL NM UFO CRASH SITE SOIL SAMPLE
>>Item #560070147

>>Collectibles: Science Fiction: General

>>This auction has ended but the item has been relisted. Go to item
>>now.

>>Currently \$2.00
>>First bid \$2.00
>>Quantity 5
>># of bids 4 bid history
>>Time left Auction has ended.

>Dirtbags.

>Bob Young

Well, quite.

I seem to recall that you can get the same stuff entirely free
of charge from the bull ring near where I live. (Though maybe
it's not all from the bulls.)

Chris Aubeck

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Re:

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:50:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:59:56 -0500
Subject: Re:

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:24:23 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:03:04 -0500
>Subject: Argentina: Local Residents Terrified by "Imp"

>Dear Readers,

>For some reason, Argentina has been a perpetual source of
>stories regarding diminutive entities best described as "imps".
>Last year we featured stories on the police station that had to
>be vacated after officers reported a small, nonhuman creature
>walking into the premises. Hoaxes? Children playing pranks? You
>be the judge.

>Scott Corrales
>Institute of Hispanic Ufology

<snip>

Hello Scott,

I have been collecting cases of what you translate as 'imps' for a long time. What you say about Argentina being prone to 'duende' attacks is interesting for me because of incidents such as the Las Hurdes case of 1907. Can you tell us of any more?

There is a definite Europe-South America correlation here which does not cease to surprise me because of the time elapsed between the last interesting European cases and the modern Argentinian ones.

I'd be especially grateful if you could tell me whether:

- 1) many injuries/deaths have been involved
- 2) unidentified flying globes have accompanied the entities
- 3) there has been any interest from the Church
- 4) the cases known to you had a definite starting date (ie, the first case of a wave)
- 5) any of the 'imps' sighted were black or made a sound
- 6) the locals have popular names to denote such entities and 7) anyone has connected the entities with folklore from the region.

Thank you.

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Religious Experiences - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:01:23 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:02:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Religious Experiences - Aubeck

>From: Joaquim Fernandes <jfernand@esoterica.pt>
>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 12:39:55 +0100
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Religious Experiences

>Dear List Members,

>I am comparing some physical effects observed during the Fatima
>apparitions 1917, considering the vast amount of original
>documents we got here from the sanctuary files.

>I am very curious to know if anyone have some data of physical
>and physiological effects - buzzing or humming sounds,
>temperature changes or images/words inside the head - registered
>during and after the "contact" with a "vision" or "entity" of
>any kind of religious culture outside the catholic background,
>i.e. the 'Marianism' (from the Virgin Mary devotion).

>We are promoting a scientific preview before design an
>International Conference to discuss all the objective aspects
>and dimensions of the so-called "marian apparitions".

>Thank you for your co-operation.

>Joaquim Fernandes
>University Fernando Pessoa
>Porto
>Portugal

Hello Joaquim,

I realise this comes rather late, but I have been following the issue of Fatima very closely for a few years and have read all I can about this in English, Portuguese and Spanish. I am interested in the Fatima event and in incidents from the same period (season, month and year) and incidents where similar phenomena were experienced.

If you are still interested, please contact me. I live in Madrid.

Chris Aubeck

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 17:16:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:04:38 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/21/01

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FBI AFFIDAVIT ON ROBERT P. HANSSSEN

If the FBI's counterintelligence program is in sad shape, at least the Bureau's public affairs staff is functioning well.

Following the announcement yesterday of the arrest of FBI counterintelligence official Robert Philip Hanssen on suspicion of espionage, the FBI did an outstanding job of providing information about the case to the press and the general public.

The 100-odd page FBI affidavit outlining the evidence against Mr. Hanssen is a fascinating account of the case and itself a valuable addition to the literature of espionage.

The affidavit is widely available, on the FBI web site and elsewhere, in PDF format. An HTML version of the document, which may be easier for some readers to access, is posted here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/hanssen affidavit.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/hanssen%20affidavit.html)

CORPORATE AND INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE

The transcript of a Congressional hearing on "Corporate and Industrial Espionage and Their Effects on American Competitiveness" was published this week.

The rather perfunctory hearing was held on September 13, 2000 before a subcommittee on the House International Relations Committee.

The transcript is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_hr/hr_091300.html

IRAN BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS

Another, somewhat more substantive hearing transcript was also published this week on "Iran's Ballistic Missile and Weapons of Mass Destruction Program."

"Iran has very active missile and weapon of mass destruction development programs, and is seeking foreign missile, chemical, biological, and nuclear technologies," according to Robert Walpole of the National Intelligence Council, who was one of the witnesses.

This hearing was held on September 21, 2000 before a

subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The transcript is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_hr/hr_092100.html

FAITH-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE

"Bush Unveils Faith-Based Missile Defense" is the title of a humorous article by Gregg Easterbrook that appears in today's issue of the online magazine Slate.

The article may be found here:

<http://slate.msn.com/Features/faith/faith.asp>

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Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:04:20 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:14:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - Sparks

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 00:54:21 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 01:17:29 EST
>>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>In my MUFON symposium paper on the ImmediateHigh Alert I wrote:

>"There is a discrepancy in Willinghams story which probably is
>a result of faulty memory. He said that the UFO was detected by
>the radar control station on the DEW (Distant Early Warning)
>line (NORAD - North American Defense Command) and that the DEW
>radar kept following it and they claimed that it crashed
>somewhere off between Texas and the Mexico border.

>The DEW line was not established until late 1953 and it was
>located in Alaska and northern Canada, so it could not possibly
>have tracked an object over Texas.

>The closest Air Defense Command radar at the time was at Walker
>AFB at Roswell, NM. However, this was also too far away.

>On the other hand there were Air Force bases in Texas which
>probably had radar installations that could have tracked the
>object reported by Willingham. Dyess AFB at Abeline is more than
>200 miles from the Del Rio area of Texas. This is beyond the
>range of typical radar installations of the time (see discussion
>below) and so a radar at Dyess would not have been able to
>determine that an object went below the radar horizon or crashed
>at the distance of Del Rio.

>However, a radar installation at Kelly AFB, Brooks AFB or
>Randolph AFB, all near San Antonio, could have tracked an object
>to the vicinity of Del Rio without exceeding the range of the
>radar."

>There were radars before there were 'air defense radars'. Had
>there been no previously existing radars there would have been
>nothing to tie together or 'lash-up' in order to create the
>'Lashup' system of air defense radars.

>The real question is how many Air Force or Army Air force bases
>had search radar sets?

>Search radars were capable of 150-200 mile range. Perhaps the
>base history from about 1940 onward would provide information on
>when the first radar sets were installed at any particular
>army/air force base.

Hi Bruce,

The LASHUP network was set up as a desperate emergency measure by the new Air Defense Command in 1950 to provide radar coverage that did not previously exist. Your effort to suggest that there were radars there previously just because of the name "Lashup" ignores the actual history. I have found no evidence there were any "pre-existing radars" in the relevant regions of the U.S. suddenly "designated" as air defense radars (I don't want to waste time looking for such in other areas such as the East Coast).

Good search radars had a range of about 150 miles (such as the CPS-6). But not the typical search radars with ranges closer to about 100 miles (e.g., the early 138-mile TPS-1B). Even the later DEW Line's FPS-19 search radars only had a range of 185 miles -- and these of course are design ranges not actual operational ranges which could be much less. You need to get actual data not speculation. I presented actual data and there were no radars in 1950 that could have tracked the UFO as claimed by Willingham from Washington State to Colorado where a purported 90-degree turn south took it over Texas where it was tracked by "radar" descending and crashing over the Mexican border (never mind that an actual "90-degree turn" would take it over New Mexico, not Texas, so there's another discrepancy in the Willingham story already shot full of holes, it would have been more like a 45-degree turn; I've seen another version where the turn was alleged over Texas, etc.).

Furthermore, a glance at a map would show that the alleged UFO coming down almost due south over or near Amarillo then Lubbock before crashing near Del Rio, Tex., would have barely skirted the westernmost extreme range of any purported radar 140 miles away in San Antonio (you mention Kelly/Brooks/Randolph AFB's). It would have been beyond range of the 138-mile TPS-1B. It is extremely unlikely it would even have been detected at all at such a glancing course. Because of the earth's curvature and the problem of aiming radar beams above ground clutter, search radars generally covered only down to about 1-degree above the horizon, meaning that a UFO near Del Rio would have been lost below about 25,000 feet for the brief few seconds it could have come within range of a hypothetical but apparently nonexistent search radar in San Antonio.

But of course the search radar was not a height-finding radar so the hypothetical search radar operators in San Antonio could not possibly have known that the UFO was descending and crashing over the Mexican border. The TPS-10 height-finder radar of that era had a "reliable range" of only 70 miles for large bombers, or only half way to Del Rio from San Antonio.

The first operational air defense radars in west Texas were apparently at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, in April 1952 as ADC site P-75. But the problem of Del Rio being way out of range still applies. There was an ADC site M-89 at Sweetwater AFB not far from Dyess AFB but it did not become operational until 1956. The alleged UFO track would have come down about 60-80 miles west of the future site.

Or how about this solution: Delete Willingham's story of a 90-degree turn. Just have the UFO follow a simple straight-line path from Washington State, perhaps missing Colorado entirely, but going almost straight over Roswell's Walker AFB where an air defense search radar (a CPS-5) may have become operational in time for the alleged incident (it was sometime in Dec 1950 but not known if online by the 6th, it was known as site L-46 for LASHUP-46). But even so the radar would have lost the UFO near the Texas border still more than 200 miles from Del Rio with no conceivable radar coverage anywhere in existence to see it continue on and purportedly fall and crash over into Mexico -- nearly 400 miles from Roswell/Walker AFB thus long out of range and well below the earth's curvature so it would have to be at nearly 200,000 feet altitude to be visible on radar at Walker. But with no height-finder, Walker's radar could not even have known if the alleged UFO was ascending or descending or maintaining altitude or what. Walker AFB radar could not possibly have projected or observed a crash into Mexico.

Another point I didn't make earlier is that ADC did not establish an integrated network of communications and control centers until late 1952 when Air Defense Direction Centers (ADDC's) were established in each Air Defense Region of North America. This was a predecessor of NORAD (which was established

in Sept 1957 so please don't keep dragging that into the story). Without such an integrated command and control system long delays could occur before news of an impending attack or intrusion into air space could be reported. We've seen such delays in the Dec 6, 1950, and April 16-17, 1952, unidentified aircraft incidents.

Until such networks were set up it would have been difficult for ADC to coordinate radar tracking data in Washington State and transmit it along to succeeding radar sites alerting them of the intruding radar target and its projected course, as claimed by Willingham. Apparently the procedure was not to call up other radar sites but to call up CONAC/ADC HQ in Mitchel Field, NY, and tell duty officers there and they in turn would have to alert the rudiments of what would later be called the National Command Authority (JCS, SecDef, President, etc.) and then someone would have to make a decision whether to alert other radar sites and which ones, orders would have to go out from CONAC/ADC HQ to the radar sites. (ADC was temporarily abolished July 1, 1950-Jan 1, 1951, during the time of this alleged Dec 1950 incident.) Knowing how much such communications could be screwed up and the delays involved, it was not a very coordinated system, not until the Air Defense Direction Centers were set up in late 1952.

"Faulty memory" about dates does not adequately explain the absurdity of Willingham claiming an Arctic or sub-Arctic DEW Line radar tracked the UFO over a 2,000-mile course from Washington to Colorado to Texas to Mexico. The DEW Line was not established in 1953. The DEW Line did not in fact start to become operational until 1955, was not fully operational till July 31, 1957, and it never extended down out of the sub-Arctic regions. If he was stationed in Texas in the 50's how could Willingham even imagine that Texas or any part of the contiguous U.S. was an Arctic "Distant Early Warning" region?

The only way I can see that Willingham's story can even be partially rehabilitated is if it is dated 1956 or later. Jeff King's info is correct according to the official history on the Dyess AFB website (<http://www.dyess.af.mil/history/history.html>) which states that ground-breaking was on Sept 24, 1953, and the base was finished on April 15, 1956, as Abilene AFB, renamed Dyess AFB later that year. It took a \$32 million appropriation from Congress in July 1952 to get the base started. An earlier Tye Army Air Field had been closed down at the end of WWII, and a Texas National Guard training facility took over part of the grounds but there is no indication it was Air National Guard (if it was then you'll have to put Willingham into the TANG instead of the USAF and his story starts to resemble Ronald Brooks' admitted hoax story more and more).

Just so we're clear on Dyess AFB's history of nonexistence in 1950 let me reprint part of the official history from the Dyess AFB official website (see below, at the end).

But if you redate Willingham's dubious account to 1956 or later you'll have to give up the Dec 1950 connection.

Brad

FROM: <http://www.dyess.af.mil/history/history.html>

"World War II saw the blossoming of "tent camps" throughout the United States and Abilene was no exception. Camp Barkeley, a few miles south of Abilene, became an Army infantry training camp for thousands of recruits. Army inductees were trained for various duties while there.

"Army Air Corps cadets learned to fly trainers and P-47 Thunderbolt fighters while stationed at Tye Army Air Field, a Camp Barkeley adjunct. When both installations were closed at the end of WW II, the deed to Tye Army Air Field was sold to Abilene for \$1. Fifteen hundred acres of the former Army Air Field were used by the Texas National Guard as a training facility.

"Following the outbreak of the Korean crisis, Abilenians called for a military installation. Armed with 1,500 acres and determination, civic leaders besieged Washington, DC and Pentagon officials with their request for a military installation. Proving beyond a shadow of a doubt they meant

business, Abilenians raised \$893,000 to purchase an additional 3,500 acres to provide a home for the military base they hoped would be in Abilene.

"Several prominent men were instrumental in convincing authorities of the suitability of Abilene. Oliver Howard, the late W.P. Wright Sr. and others worked in the city to promote interest in the military facility. Together with Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Congressman Omar Burleson, civil leaders persuaded military and civilian officials to put a military base in Abilene. After letters and visits had been exchanged, the Department of Defense announced in July 1952 Congress had approved the \$32,273,000 needed in appropriations for constructing a base in Abilene.

"The local community was interested in providing for the Air Force an exemplary relationship between the community and an Air Force base. After initial ground-breaking ceremonies on Sept. 24, 1953, construction of the base progressed rapidly. The red brick ranch-style architecture boasts a Texas influence throughout the base. A unique feature of the base is all buildings are permanent structures.

"Known as Abilene Air Force Base, the Strategic Air Command base was dedicated by the city fathers at the end of Abilene's Diamond Jubilee April 15, 1956. On Dec. 6 that same year, the base was renamed Dyess AFB in honor of Lt. Col. William Edwin Dyess."

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Re: Are Some Skeptics Debunkers in Sheep's

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:05:35 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:17:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Are Some Skeptics Debunkers in Sheep's

>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 17:47:34 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Katharina Wilson <kwilson@alienjigsaw.com>
>Subject: Re: Are Some Skeptics Debunkers in Sheep's Clothing?

>It's worth mentioning an official letter from the Air Ministry,
>addressed to Prime Minister Winston Churchill (August 1952) in
>response to his request for information regarding flying
>saucers, it states:

>'The various reports about unidentified flying objects described
>by the Press as "Flying Saucers", were the subject of a full
>Intelligence study in 1951..'

>Thank you for your email. I (and I'm sure Keith) was unaware of
>this British study. I will let him know about it. (Perhaps we
>should update the article.) Can you tell me when this letter was
>made public?

Dear Katharina

Apologies I am just clearing out my e-mail box and realised I didn't reply to your question of 18 January.

I can't recall when the letter was made public, I know it must be in my files someplace. Maybe somebody on the List has that information handy. If not, I'll try to get it for your. The letter is in the Public Records Office.

Best wishes

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Brookesmith

From: **Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 01 00:25:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:50:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Brookesmith

The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments:

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:22:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:43:18 -0000

In this exchange, we find Jerome giving Andy a bit of lip, as follows:

>I'm sorry that, from every indication betrayed by your
>childish taunting and boasting, it appears you may not
>possess the temperament that would give any objective
>observer confidence in your abilities or conclusions. And
>if you can't see that, if you can imagine a critic only as
>a foolish or venal character -- a depised enemy -- whom you
>have to trounce at all costs, you are in some serious
>trouble.

As so often, one observes that this was written by the man who is constantly on the qui vive for ad hominems from others, yet this appears to be little more than ad hominem ranting - patently derived from the traditional receipt, "Shoot the messenger!" - calculated to induce jeering at the UFOIN findings on the 1956 Lakenheath case, regardless of how brimming with facts that may be.

Jerome warns Andy: "if you can imagine a critic only as a foolish or venal character -- a depised enemy -- whom you have to trounce at all costs, you are in some serious trouble." Jerome should know, having got into trouble by taking such a line himself. It remains an open question whether he has learned anything from this experience, or whether he merely thinks he can get away with similar ploys on the Internet. What am I talking about? See beneath.

People, among them myself, have often remarked on Jerome's inability to read what other people have to say. What follows has to be a locus classicus of that wild talent. Yet in 1995 or so, he sent me the IUR editorial mentioned below with no hint that it verged on libel and was grossly inaccurate; indeed, he gave every indication of being proud of it. You may make of that what you will.

best wishes
Parlezvous D. Montelimar
Sweet Lips

"Never underestimate the power
of stupid people in large groups"

<http://members.aol.com/garypos/>

From the Summer 1993 Tampa Bay Skeptics Report

TBS Report editor depicts "believers"
as loathsome, schizophrenic -- or does he?
by Gary P. Posner, Editor

The "International UFO Reporter" is the bimonthly magazine of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). Although the other major pro-UFO organization in the country, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), has a larger membership, CUFOS may be the more highly regarded of the two, especially in light of MUFON's continued endorsement of Ed Walters' discredited "Gulf Breeze UFO" photographs.

IUR's editor, Jerome Clark (until recently also long-affiliated with Fate magazine), is well-known for his harsh criticisms of the organized skeptics movement and its leaders, most notably Aviation Week & Space Technology reporter/editor and UFO expert Philip Klass. But Clark outdid himself in his March/April 1992 IUR editorial about the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), which publishes the Skeptical Inquirer. Entitled "That's the way the Committee crumbles," Clark's three-page piece included the following remarks: 'CSICOP ... lacks in scientific seriousness ... (see, for [example], any of Philip J. Klass' books).... Other CSICOP notables such as James Oberg ... [have] depict[ed] us [ufologists] as cryptofascists (in UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries [1981] Oberg compared UFO groups to the "bizarre[,] irrational ... cults which preceded the fall of democratic Germany in the 1920s") ... Gary P. Posner, an associate of Klass [and] Oberg ... and a member of CSICOP's UFO Subcommittee, once opined (Skeptical Inquirer, Winter 1978, page 79) that believers in UFOs and other anomalous phenomena may be suffering from "ambulatory schizophrenia." For CSICOP it is not enough to say that those with whom it disagrees are wrong. It must also depict them as loathsome human beings.... [W]e have witnessed the spectacle of an organization in many ways out of control, so far gone into self-righteousness ... that it appears convinced those who reject its rigid scientism are not only mistaken but irrational, even evil.'

[...]

And now here is, as Paul Harvey would say, "The Rest of the Story."

In the Spring 1978 Skeptical Inquirer, CSICOP chairman Paul Kurtz had singled out some paranormalists as candidates for the "Uri Award" for silliness and naivete in parapsychological research (see pp. 90-94). One nominee had claimed the ability to communicate with the dead by employing a venus flytrap as the medium. Being a medical resident (and S.I. subscriber) at the time, such bizarre claims aroused in me the suspicion that there might be more going on than mere silliness or naivete -- perhaps a medical condition not deserving of ridicule. I was thus motivated to write a letter to the editor of S.I. which was published in the Winter 1978 issue and which included the following speculative hypothesis:

'[I]t is to this label of naivete that I address my remarks.... [While] making light of such persons by nominating them for a "Uri Award" may seem appropriate, one is obligated to consider the possibility that some of these people may be not merely naive but, rather, afflicted with a thought disorder that manifests in ... a faulty sense of reality. "Ambulatory schizophrenia" is an entity in which the subject, generally free of symptoms, develops them only under certain circumstances ... It is my opinion that much of the irrational behavior of many [I now wish I had said "some"] paranormalists may be more compatible with a diagnosis of ambulatory schizophrenia (or a close cousin thereof) than with mere naivete.... [A]s we continue to encounter bizarre intellectual behavior ... [this] possibility ... should be considered before bestowing a "Uri Award" for silliness or naivete.'

Clark's first published reference to my letter (as far as I am aware) was in his May/June 1985 IUR editorial, as an illustration of how organized skepticism is a "Crackpot

Enterprise." Clark implied that my comments had been directed toward innocent "believers in UFOs and other anomalies" (such as his typical readers) rather than toward irrational paranormalists. My best efforts to clarify the context of my comments for Clark (including informing him of my own prior belief in UFOs, the result of naivete rather than mental illness) fell upon stubbornly deaf ears. And when it was made clear to me that my corrective "Letter to the Editor" of IUR would be followed by a Clark rejoinder accusing me of insincerity, "deliberate obfuscation," and of having been assigned some "function" or "role" as a "debunking party-liner," I withdrew the letter from publication.

Clark went a step further in his January 1990 "UFO Reporter" column in Fate magazine. After again implying that my 1978 letter had pertained to mere "believers in UFOs and other anomalies," Clark added, "In other words, if you disagree with CSICOP's pronouncements on UFOs and other anomalies, you must be nuts."

But his latest effort in IUR was the last straw. To make certain that Clark did indeed consider me among those CSICOP members who "must depict [those with whom we disagree] as loathsome human beings," I reinitiated our correspondence and asked him. Clark responded: "From all available evidence ... you consider ufologists to be a loathsome lot ... moral lepers.... I hate to tell you this, Doc, but the shoe fits. Wear it in style."

James Oberg [...] is a NASA [engineer], writer and scholar (particularly with regard to the Soviet space program). He has submitted a "Letter to the Editor" to IUR which reads in part:

'On page 102 of ... UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries ... I conclude a chapter debunking a collection of crackpot claims concerning alien life discovered on the moon with a complaint that the uncritical way publishers promulgated such obviously loony material indicated poor judgement and disregard for elementary fact-checking... [I] drew a parallel with the wide-scale pseudo-scientific crazes of Germany in the 1920s ... [when] the decline of public common sense provided fertile ground for the collapse of democracy. I still cannot believe that any rational person could so grossly misinterpret that reasonable passage into an attack on "ufologists" (who are nowhere mentioned in the chapter) as "cryptofascists" (neither that term nor any accepted synonym or euphemism is used ...).

'Mr Clark's vicious accusation is thus totally unsupported.... Since I have never held the loathsome opinions Mr. Clark unfairly attributes to me ... I might expect a clarification, retraction, and apology from IUR, but I'm told I'll have to be satisfied with publication of this statement, no doubt accompanied by more self-justifying excuses from Mr. Clark.... A remedial high school class in "Reading for Comprehension" might be in order for anyone who suspects that there is any validity at all in Clark's nasty fantasy-prone misinterpretation of my words.'

But given the defamatory nature of Clark's accusations, I was not content merely to write another "Letter to the Editor." In response to a communication from my attorney, which requested a retraction, apology and clarification, Clark, while citing references allegedly demonstrating that I consider ufologists to be loathsome, maintained that the "loathsome human being" paragraph did not even pertain to me (or to Klass or Oberg), but rather only to James Randi, with whom the subsequent paragraph of his editorial dealt.

Yet, Clark offered to "insert a paragraph into our next editorial stating Dr. Posner's concerns and making it clear that he does not consider 'pro-paranormal activists,' including ufologists, to be 'loathsome human beings.'" I accepted, and submitted (via counsel) a proposed text.

In response, Clark wrote that he "would be delighted to publish a letter from Dr. Posner.... We would simply change third-person references to Dr. Posner to first-person references and publish the statement in the 'Letters' section of the first available issue of IUR." My attorney, noting the apparent "retraction of your offer ... which we assumed had been made in good faith, to 'insert a paragraph into [your] next editorial,'" conveyed my willingness nevertheless to "compromise" on this point of

contention, provided that my "'Letter' ... not be subjected to an adversarial critique." My "Letter" was then resubmitted as such, and CUFOS President Mark Rodeghier (who had co-signed Clark's letters to my attorney) wrote back to inform us that it would be (and it now has been) published in the March/April 1993 issue of IUR. The text follows:

'Your March/April 1992 editorial highly critical of CSICOP, in which I was named as a member, contained the following charge: [I then recounted the "loathsome human being" and "evil" passages.] I wish to clarify for the record that despite my fundamental disagreements with many paranormalists, including your editor, I do not believe that those with whom I disagree must be loathsome, evil human beings (nor do my colleagues). Further, as I reminded Mr. Clark in 1985 correspondence, the 1978 "ambulatory schizophrenia" remark ... had in fact been made in reference to what I termed the "irrational" and "bizarre" behavior exhibited by a number of paranormalists, not to mere "belief" in UFOs and other anomalous phenomena.... In fact, I was a believer in UFOs well into my 20s, and was even a member of the pro-UFO organization NICAP in my younger "pre-critical thinking" days.'

But even my agreement to this "compromise" had to be trumped by CUFOS. Rodeghier's letter had also stipulated that my "Letter" would be (and it was) accompanied by the following words: "The editors of IUR cannot respond to this letter from Dr. Posner because his legal counsel demanded that we provide no 'adversarial critique.'" Jim Oberg's harsher letter has yet to be published, though Oberg tells me that Clark has promised him that it will be.

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>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:26:11 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>>Dear Duke,

>>>>>Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

<snip>

>Using our current rocket technology and traveling at an average
>velocity of 25,000 mph, it takes 9.4 hours to reach the moon.

Sorry this is not correct. On our flights to the moon the propulsion system is on for less than 20 minutes and we coast most of the way gradually slowing down until the moon pulls us in. We don't provide all the energy. Mother nature does its share. The trip time is around 70 hrs. But chemical rockets, even with cosmic freeloading which we use on all our deep space probes (Cassini heading for Saturn used free kicks from Earth, Venus, and Jupiter) are not close to the ultimate. Nuclear fission rocket engines were ground tested more than 30 years ago by Westinghouse(it was an exciting program to work on), Aerojet General and Los Alamos.. The most powerful produced 4400 Megawatts.

Nuclear fusion rockets are much more exciting I worked at Aerojet Nucleonics in the early 1960s on designing a system using D and He-3 which would produce almost all its energy in the form of charged particles. These would be emitted with about 10 million times as much energy per particle as in a chemical rocket.. On a miles per gallon basis that is certainly one way to go if one wants to spend the money. Nature helps by providing a free vacuum chamber.

>Not bad. We could do that within one day's work. Going to Mars
>at that same speed would take 2.5 months. To reach the outermost
>planet in our solar system, Pluto, would take 16 years and 5
>months. That would have a serious impact on spacecraft resources

It is also true that it would be very difficult to build a pocket calculator using vacuum tubes. 45 years ago. The huge IBM main frames in use back then had 64k storage. Most desk calculators today have many gigabytes. The point is that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. A laser is NOT just a better light bulb.. different physics. It took one of Magellan's sailing ships about 2 years to go around the globe. The shuttle, using very different technology, does it in 90 minutes.

>not to mention how astronauts would spend their time. Then they
>would have the temerity to want to return to Earth. The whole
>round trip would take nearly 33 years. Using that same rocket to
>reach one of the closest stars beyond the sun, a distance of 4.2
>light-years (a measure of how long it takes light to travel the
>distance at light-speed: 186,282 mph), the one-way trip would
>take 114, 155.2 years! That poses a serious obstacle to plans to
>explore the environment around Alpha Centauri.

But nobody in his right mind would consider using chemical rocket technology for such a trip any more than complicated calculations use slide rules.

>If we had a means to travel very close to the velocity of light,
>then a very strange thing happens to our travel time to Alpha
>Centauri. We would measure that a beam of light would take 4.2
>light years to reach that neighborhood star. However, a crew
>traveling on a spaceship that traveled at .99c (c is the symbol
>for the velocity of light) would reach Alpha Centauri in 7.4
>months. This effect is called time dilation and it comes from
>Einstein's equations expressed in the Special Theory of
>Relativity. Time dilation makes it a little more feasible that
>any inhabited planets (with techno civilizations) in our local
>neighborhood could pay us a visit if they have ultra-fast
>spaceships.

To give a specific example and noting that it takes about one year at oneG to get close to c, at 99.95%c it would take 20 months pilot time to get to Zeta Reticuli(37 Light Years away). At 99.99%c it would only take 6months pilot time.

>Then, those clever scientists working on breakthrough propulsion
>systems like Dr. Marc Millis who could conceivably come up with
>a bright idea on reaching super-luminal speeds and we might
>travel to Alpha Centauri in the time it takes us to eat our
>breakfast. Hope no one gets any indigestion over that.

>>Point: We can't rule out the possibility that aliens might think
>>it worthwhile to take whatever time necessary to travel to earth
>>(and, one presumes, other planets as well).

>>Now, I said ETH involving spaceflight was the simplest...
>>because we understand the physics that will let us do it now
>>(or within a 100 years, which is effectively now in terms of
>>galactic ages). Anything else such as time or dimensional travel
>>requires an extrapolation of thinking beyond what we can now do.
>>So far as I know no one has "teleported" a single cell through
>>another dimension... to say nothing of a human.

>>That's not to say we won't be able to do such a thing in a
>>hundred years. I just don't know about that. But I do know about
>>space travel.

>>>>However, there have been more esoteric (IMHO) proposals
>>>>such as dimensional travel (which is getting a boost these
>>>>days from theoretical physics i.e., superstring theory, that
>>>>says there are other dimensions "close" to ours in an
>>>>overall 11 or more dimensional "multiverse.")

>>>>My understanding is that the extra dimensions are "wrapped up"
>>>>into excessively tiny spaces, and unwrapping them would need as
>>>>much energy as was unleashed during the Big Bang. In other
>>>>words, more than would be accessible to any technology
>>>>without, basically, bugging the Universe as we know it at the
>>>>same time. Perhaps theories, or hypotheses, have moved on since
>>>>I last nosed around this issue.>

>>Our present concepts of how and "where" other dimensions exist
>>may be wrong... assuming they do exist. Although there is a lot
>>of theorizing, until someone actually does a higher dimension
>>experiment (whatever that would be) we just won't know what the
>>requirements in energy or whatever to get to or travel through
>>other dimensions. (Perhaps it takes a whopping energy to get
>>through from our dimension to another, but you get all that
>>energy back when you return to our dimensions. Perhaps, the
>>"separation" between "sheets" in our dimension are so small that
>>something like quantum tunnelling is possible... requireing
>>little energy.)

>New considerations in M-theory propose that there are higher
>extended dimensions. Those complex, membranous objects, which
>can have many spatial dimensions themselves, have become a
>central part of string theory. In some versions of the theory,
>the universe itself is a brane with three spatial dimensions—a
>3-brane—moving through a higher-dimensional space-time. If our
>3-brane universe can move through a higher-dimensional
>space-time, then one can ask whether an object from our brane
>can move through the higher dimension and re-emerge in our
>3-brane universe or another one moving in those higher
>dimensions. Let us hope, at least, that there is some separation
>so that we do not get a conditon of colliding branes. Crashing
>branes? Hmmmmm...even theoretical physics can be
>hilarious.>>Bottom Line: We just don't know (about higher
>dimensions)...>(but we do know about space travel... and will
>know more "soon")

>So far, that is the bottom line.

>>>>Dimensional travel theories can work in one of two ways:
>>>>transport from a completely different 4-D universe into our
>>>>universe or transport from one point in our 4-D universe to
>>>>another point in our 4-D universe by going through a 5th
>>>>(or higher) dimension (wormhole theory). This latter
>>>>transport could explain "faster than light" travel.>

>>>The notion that wormholes can transport anything bigger than
>>>"Planck's length" (4×10^{-33} cm) doesn't hold up. In theory
>>>>wormholes are arrived at by treating time as an imagined
>>>spacelike entity, which it may do in reality only in Big-
>>>Bang-like conditions -- according to the theory -- but you still
>>>have this titchy space into which to cram your would-be
>>>vee-hickle. Not even a virus would make it.

>>>Fair enough: Bruce hints that there are problems with these
>>>exotic notions, but doesn't examine them. He falls back on the
>>>ETH as "the simplest" explanation when that is anything but
>>>simple in fact, if you care to look at it critically and
>>>dispassionately.

Looking at it critically and disapassionately, the notion of ET
Visitors is the best explanation for some flying saucers.

>>On the scale of difficulty based on what we now know, IMHO,
>>ETH/space travel is still the simplest... which does not mean
>>that space travel is "simple." (Carrying humans is more
>>difficult that carrying machines.)

>How about an ETH and EDH with the EDH standing for
>extra-dimensional - in this case outside of our normal
>space-time. Perhaps not all UFOs (spacraft types) are ET. Some
>may be ED. In other words, could we have a multiple-origin
>hypothesis, but how do we test of any these hypotheses? Are UFOs
>that are detected entering and leaving our exosphere proof that
>their origin is somewhere out in space? We are really racking
>our brains here to find the answer (or is it branes?). I think
>we need to propose some useful projects that might help
>determine the nature and origin of UFOs. I lean toward ETH for
>most, but some maybe EDH IMHO.

>Bill H.

Considering that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are both single, non
variable stars, roughly similar to the sun, but are about one
billion years older than the sun, and less than a light year
apart, it would not be surprising if they got started sooner on
their technological development than we have, especially with

the planets around the other star being directly observable. I would expect every advanced civilization to know about nuclear fusion since it is the primary energy production technique in almost all stars. No, of course I don't think aliens use fusion for the interstellar travel by their huge mother ships. I would expect they use techniques about which we young earthlings know nothing. Progress comes from doing things differently. Just look back 100 years no less a thousand or a million.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Cosmic Snowball Attack From Space? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:38:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:58:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Cosmic Snowball Attack From Space? - Balaskas

Hi everyone.

It has been nearly four years since I first checked into this story which was posted on UFO UpDates. Now there is new evidence (see attached University of Iowa release below) in support that the cosmic snowball attack from space is real.

Tons of dust from space from meteors, most no larger than a grain of sand, collects on the Earth surface each day. Now we are presented with new evidence for an even larger bombardment from space. Are mini snow comets, each the size of a house, really hitting the Earth once every 3 seconds or so? Could some of the unexplained UFOs video recorded in space from the Space Shuttle be these 20-40 ton snowballs? I wonder what Professor Frank's comments would be regarding these UFO space videos.

Nick Balaskas

The following release was received from The University Of Iowa, in Iowa City, And is forwarded for your information. (Forwarding does not imply endorsement by The American Astronomical Society.) Steve Maran, American Astronomical Society

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Embargoed for Release: 1 a.m. EST, March 1, 2001

UI researcher finds new evidence for small comet theory

IOWA CITY, Iowa -- In a paper published in the March 1, 2001 issue of the American Geophysical Union's Journal of Geophysical Research, University of Iowa Physics Professor Louis A. Frank, says that he has found new evidence to support his theory that the water in Earth's oceans arrived by way of small snow comets.

Frank reports that he obtained pictures of nine small comets among 1,500 images made between October 1998 and May 1999 using the Iowa Robotic Observatory (IRO) located near Sonoita, Ariz. In addition, he says that the possibility of the images being due to "noise," or electronic interference, on the telescope's video screens was eliminated by operating the telescope in such a manner as to ensure that real objects were recorded in the images. This operation of the telescope utilized two simple exposure modes for the acquisition of the images. One scheme used the telescope's shutter to provide two trails of the same small comet in a single image, and the second scheme used the same shutter to yield three trails in an image.

"In the two-trail mode for the telescope's camera, no events were seen with three trails, and for the three-trail mode, no

events were seen with two trails," he says. "This simple shutter operation for the telescope's camera provides full assurance that real extraterrestrial objects are being detected." Frank notes these images with the IRO confirm earlier reports of small comet detection using the ground-based Spacewatch Telescope during November 1987, January 1988 and April 1988.

The small comet theory, developed in 1986 with UI research scientist John Sigwarth from data gathered using the Dynamics Explorer 1 satellite, holds that about 20 snow comets weighing 20 to 40 tons each disintegrate in the Earth's atmosphere every minute. Over the lifetime of our planet, the comets would have accounted for virtually all of the Earth's water. The small comet theory has been controversial almost from the beginning, with some scientists suggesting that images identified as small snow comets actually result from electronic noise on satellite sensors and other researchers asserting that the images represent a real phenomenon. In 1997, Frank revealed a series of photographs taken by Visible Imaging System (VIS) cameras designed by Frank and Sigwarth and carried aboard NASA's Polar spacecraft as further proof of the existence of the small snow comets.

Robert A. Hoffman, senior scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. and project scientist for both the Dynamics Explorer 1 and the Polar spacecraft missions, says that because satellite-based imagery related to the small comet theory has been interpreted in different ways, ground-based imagery is a good alternative.

"Due to the controversy surrounding the interpretation of the images from space-borne detectors taken primarily in ultraviolet wavelengths, ground-based visible observations with sufficient signal-to-noise appear to be the most practical approach to obtaining clear evidence regarding the existence of these objects. I hope more such studies will be performed," Hoffman says.

Frank, a UI faculty member since 1964, has been an experimenter, co-investigator, or principal investigator for instruments on forty-two spacecraft. His instruments include those used to observe the Earth's auroras, as well as those used to measure energetic charged particles and thin, electrically charged gases called plasmas. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and the American Physical Society, a member of the American Astronomical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the International Academy of Astronautics, and a recipient of the National Space Act Award.

Further information, including images of two small comet trails, can be found at the following web site:

<http://smallcomets.physics.uiowa.edu/iro/>.

(Note to editors and reporters: Frank will be on travel from February 26 through March 3.)

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NJ UFO/ET Congress 2001 - Additions

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:32:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:52:17 -0500
Subject: NJ UFO/ET Congress 2001 - Additions

The Great UFO/ET Congress of 2001, Our Space Odyssey,
Bordentown, New Jersey

Additions

Dear List:

Advance Registration discount for the subject UFO Congress must
be received by March 17, 2001 \$85 for both days, \$90.00
thereafter.

Correction: Don Ecker will be discuss photographs of our Moon
that appear to have anomalies, not " lunar animal " reports
which was a typographical error by the promoter.

We have more details on Bob Durant's presentation and are as
follows: In July 1947, General Ramey showed reportes what he
claimed was the Roswell "Flying Disc" debris. A press
photographer took a series of pictures of the debris with Ramey
and Major Marcel. Ramey is shown holding a folded piece of
paper. Using state of the art technology, several research teams
tried to read the message on that paper. Bob will decribe the
attempts to read the memo. Only four sequential words are plain
to all eyes - but they are thought to be the true "smoking gun:
of Roswell.

Additional Speaker: Richard Cassaro will present his illustrated
lecture on Uncovering the Missing History of Ancient Egypt. His
subjects will include: Those who came down from the sky to teach
mankind - The ancient records of the Egyptian God called Osiris
and what he taught them - The similarities of Osiris as compared
to Jesus Christ - The parallels of Osirianism and Christianity -
Is there a more ancient plan designed to impart culture and
spiritual wisdom to mankind? - Did our Founding Fathers know
that an advanced intelligence contacted mankind? - Compare the
U.S. Coat of Arms to the Ancient Egyptian Seal - A government
secret?

Other speakers at press time include Pat J. Marcattilio, MC and
promoter, Dolores Cannon, Jan Alrich, Vicki Ecker, Nancy
Talbot.

For more details on other speakers talks, Congress costs,
directions, either refer to my two previous posts on the subject
or if you email me your address, I will mail you a brochure. My
email address is: sparkle@earthlink.net

Tom Benson

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Re: Seen This? - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:01:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:55:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Seen This? - McCoy

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:17:56 -0500
>Subject: Seen This?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: Errol <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I'd like for anyone who knows geology to take a look at this and
>let me know if this is a known geological phenomenon. The
>"Phoenician" wall in Oklahoma looks man made, but I know there
>are geological phenomena which often mimic artificial
>constructions.

>I'm not concerned with the author's ideas, just what can be
>determined from his photos.

><http://www.viewzone.com/sender.html>

Hello Bob, All,

Well, my own experience of being from the rimrock country of Eastern Oregon, (Columbia River Basalt) and fully aware that natural can look man (or whatever) made. Basalt is formed when two land masses/plates move apart. The crystalline form is five sided and can be formed in columns or "post piles" eg. Devils Tower in Wyoming has such features, a drive along the Columbia River, anywhere south of oh, Central B.C. to the Oregon Coast will reveal this feature.

All of this can look, well, man made. Off of the southern Oregon Coast there are synclines and anticlines of Metamorphic Rock, that look just like walls, but they are not. Ditto the Overthrust belt of the southwest U.S. Amazing order (in a supposedly chaotic Universe.)

Rain, erosion, wind can do some pretty amazing things (Mars Cadets-including myself - take heed.) and it would not be unusual for those Oklahoma formations to be entirely natural.

However, I do think that Ancient humans were world travellers and that mixing of humans began a long, long, time ago.

GT McCoy

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 21:40:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:58:29 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 22:55:18 -0000

>A condensed but highly representative version of my argument is
>freely available to internet users (as compared to the high cost
>of The UFO Evidence, Volume II) by accessing a commissioned
>article I wrote for Joe Firmage at:

>www.isso.org/inbox/science.htm

>I would be very interested in hearing from non-ETH "believers"
>(that sort of labelling cuts both ways) about their reaction to
>what I have to say there.

Dick,

Ah, the published article argument!

Which also cuts both ways.

For example, I've just perused your article. Have you read the one by Mike Davis that we published in The Anomalist 5, consisting of some 70 pages and, I don't know, 50, 60, 70 or 100 footnotes? If so, I'd be very interested in hearing your reaction to same. After having consulted every original source cited, of course.

But, seriously... if scientists and skeptics are exhorted to survey the existing UFO literature, doesn't that street run both ways, too?

In other words, for every UFO lit article scientists are directed towards, shouldn't there be a commensurate article (or two or three) in the scientific literature that ufologists are required to read, ponder, and take into account before pontificating on the subject?

Seems only fair to me.

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

PS: I've ordered your book. Have you ordered mine?

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Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:23:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:01:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps

>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alien Autopsies Are "True!"
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:44:05 -0600

>(Title) "Alien Autopsies is true!"

>Local news station WSVN, channel 7, Fox, aired an interview with
>former Army Sergeant-Major Robert Dean, on Sunday February 18 at
>11 P.M.

>In the interview, Mr. Dean claimed that in 1964 saw Medical
>Reports of autopsies of "extraterrestrials". He stated that
>there were 4 different races, one of them similar to us, 4 to
>4.5 feet tall. He did not care about personal repercussions, and
>the government should said the true to the public.

>Anyone know about this interview?

I'm not sure, but I may have parts of it on video tape...
somewhere.

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:53:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:09:27 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:42:48 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>If the Russians were capable of it, why not the country with 1/2
>of the industrial potential of the developed world?

>At what point do you think that fakery was overcome by reality?
>Or do you think that the Space Station, too, is a fake? Maybe
>Russia, itself, was a fake, created by Nazis who really won the
>war but covered it up?

Woah Bob! I did not say I agree with the fakeists(?) just that
if it turned out to be true, I would not be surprised.

To set the record straight, I don't think, with the thousands of
people involved in the space program, that they could have
gotten away with it even if they wanted to.

As to why the Russians landed robotic rovers before the Yanks,
the reason is pretty simple. Americans fund popular programs
with tax money more than unpopular. The Soviets funded what they
deemed best for their country regardless of what the average
Igor on the street thought. To Americans, it is very popular to
see "their own boys" doing a hard job and not getting killed.
That's why Vietnam was unpopular. And that is why the American
space program has always pumped cash into manned missions. The
Mars program begs for cash yet they keep dumping money into
the Shuttle program because it is popular.

Sheesh, no need to bite my head off :) Lemme just crawl back
into my hole now and sulk..

Sean Liddle

KAPRA

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Liddle

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:57:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 07:53:44 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Liddle

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:36:20 EST
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I think on the scale that you're talking about, Rog, relatively
>shallow caverns near the surface, the temperature is in the low
>50s. The chilliness you experienced is just getting away from
>the entrance and the warmer surface air. The 50s temperature
>was perfect for many of our ancestors during the ice ages, no
>need for central heating. Fires at the cave entrances assisted
>the flow of air toward the living areas near the entrance during
>cold weather, as well as keeping the critters out. Of course,
>the cave bears had to be dealt with.

I have spelunked in caves no more than 40 feet below ground surface and have found ice in the middle of summer. I think you reach a point of stable temperature at a depth of less than 100 feet deep which is maintained for quite a ways before it starts to rise. Hence why people can have drilled wells over 200 feet deep that produce water that is cold but above freezing.

Sean Liddle

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:12:49 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 07:56:18 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:03:50 +0000
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:33 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 13:26:47 +0000
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:15:16 -0600
>>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Previously, Neil wrote:

>>>Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of
>>>22 reels total.

>>This is not true. Note the following post from Bob Shell:

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>>>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>>>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."
>>>Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not
>>>know.

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>>originally thought he had camera original and only learned that
>>it was print film when Bob proved it to him.

>Well Ray is on record in mid/late 1995 (don't have my archive to
>hand) as saying 20 reels safty print, 1 reel neg and 1 reel scraps.

As I recall from previous posting the hoax tent footage was also
part of the 22 reels of film that Ray got from the cameraman. So
in essence we have film which is alleged to be "real" AA and
from the same batch of 22 reels we have film which is bogus. An
interesting lot of film.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:28:46 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 07:58:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Sparks

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

<snip>

>I think that to (hopefully) close on Lakenheath 1956

<snip>

>in 1996) I was lucky - through a BBC contact - to talk
>to one pilot and two of the navigators from the two venoms.

<snip>

>I noted the gist of what they said in my book 'Something in the
>Air' (1997) and tried to make clear the true version of events
<SNIP>

>In 1999 when COMETA published I politely informed them - via a
>net discussion - that their account of Lakenheath was wrong,

<snip>

Hi,

Some of us researchers have been waiting for up to 5 years now for full publication of this new data on the Lakenheath case of 1956. Had the data instead of blunt conclusions been fully shared in 1996 there might have been a more favorable response and more supporters instead of critics

>To these comments - plus a promise of a full scale UFOIN report
>to come - I got continued disbelief. There was simply a string
>of comments from several people about UFOIN being debunkers out
>to destroy this case and how there were other venoms up there
>and what we said didn't make sense in the light of what was
>known, etc. And Georgina's book a year later further suggested
>that this new version wasn't being listened to properly.

There has never been a satisfactory response to my rebuttal points for the past 3 years that I have been posting them -- only flat denials and now abusive bullying comments about how I'm going to have to "eat my words" and suffer shame and humiliation for not reading their minds and/or not spending many thousands of dollars to fly out to the UK to find out what is being withheld by these verbal bullies.

Can you explain why my points could not be given a courteous and full answer even in private? Had I been given a courteous and full explanation years ago I might have been convinced of the merits of this skeptical refutation of the case. I'm sure the same would have applied to other serious researchers around the world who as I were not local in the UK and had no way to afford travel to England to investigate the case.

Just as you like to point out Jenny that you have been very

receptive to a pro-UFO position on this case I have been very receptive to an anti-UFO position as my position has long been that this is a mediocre case that would barely make it onto a top 100 best UFO cases and then only because of the radar-visuals at Bentwaters -- not because of the Lakenheath events which I pointed out lacked even a timeline. It is a matter of record that I had a number of heated postings with Fran Ridge over this very issue as he insisted it was a strong case and I kept pointing out numerous weaknesses in it.

>it
>is deeply worrying about the true nature of Ufology that anyone
>would consider a straightforward quest for the facts as anything
>other than an absolute neccesity. [...]

>As for this being in any way an attempt by debunkers to destroy
>a case - that is pure fantasy. [...]

>How anyone can consider that to be anything other than good
>Ufology is beyond me.

When the majority of the "investigators" spew out continuing streams of abuse and heated invective on UpDates and/or other forums it becomes strange that anyone would consider it a "straightforward quest for the facts."

Best wishes,

Brad

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:25:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:00:24 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Evans

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:06:41 -0600
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy
>o: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

Previously, Dennis wrote:

>Secrets are sold out every day of the year, for reasons ranging
>from the purely philosophical/ideological to those of simple
>crass commercialism.

>Just what is it, exactly, that renders so-called UFO secrets
>immune to human nature?

Hi, Dennis!

You make a very interesting point. Despite my belief in ETs and the such, I am at a loss to address the issue you raise. You are quite correct. Secrets seem to be sold like stock. As much as I hate to agree, I think the fact we haven't heard about "the big one" is much an indicator as anything that there may be less to the idea of a UFO cover-up than is popular within UFO circles.

On the other hand, they say that the best place to hide a tree is in the forest. It's an old analogy, but Jesus could walk into a revival tent and I seriously doubt that anyone would believe he was genuine. Likewise we, as a society, have grown so cynical that, perhaps, we simply don't recognize the tell-tale signs of ET presence that surround us. That is to say that we are waiting for the government to spill the beans when, in reality, they have less control than we give them credit for. Maybe there is less of a cover-up and more of an effort to catch-up on the situation at hand. It would seem that the government is better at keeping secrets about something that they are developing than they can once it's been achieved.

Your point is well taken, though. It does make one take pause.

Roger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:46:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:16:41 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:49:57 +0000
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:22:08 -0600
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>>Well, something is amiss, here. You maintain that testing proved
>>the film to be negative stock. However, note the following post
>>from Bob Shell:

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 10:43:20 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Sep 1998 14:11:47 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'Alien Autopsy' Film Junk

>>>Bull! This film was REVERSAL processed, and this is far more
>>>likely to produce an overexposed look than an underexposed look.

>>So which is it? Was it reversal film or negative film? Or was it
>>negative film that was reversal processed? And so what if Kodak
>>wanted 50 frames (about 2 seconds worth) of the footage for
>>testing? All Kodak wanted was to see that the alien image
>>existed within the same continuous piece of film. The testing
>>could then be done on the head or tail of that film; no damage
>>to the alien image would even be necessary. If Santilli and
>>company were so dead set on verifying the image, then why not
>>agree to Kodak's terms? There really is no logical reason,
>>unless Santilli and Volker already knew the film was suspect.

Neil replied:

>The spectroscopic testing indicated the safty PRINT film base
>was just that Kodak Saft Print film base, nothing to do with how
>it was processed. The 47 symbol markings were those captured in
>the image COPIED onto the safty print film.

>Your snip of Bob's post is so severe it does not allow one to
>identify just what piece of film he's referring to. Ray
>identified his "job lot" as 20 reels safty print, 1 neg and 1
>reel of scraps, whatever they were.

Hi, Neil!

I would repost the entire, lengthy exchange between Bob and myself, but it would not change the context of what we are discussing. Bob was talking about the AA footage seen by millions of people across my country and yours. It was his opinion that the original film was reversal processed, if it was on film at all. No one is denying that the snip tested was safety print. What is at issue is whether or not Santilli thought he had original film when he made the deal with the cameraman. The fact is that Santilli thought he had original, which would have had all the information needed to validate the

entire story.

Didn't happen.

More to the point, since he thought he had original film, one would think that having a snip tested before spending big bucks on a purchase would only be logical. In that sense, AA proponents either give Santilli and company too much credit or not enough. On the one hand, they are simply shrewd business people that are protecting their investment by locking it away. On the other hand, they are willing to blindly pay mega-bucks for a piece of mystery film that they knew nothing about and don't even bother to have tested.

Then, again, maybe they did and that's why it's locked away.

Roger

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hart

From: Gary hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:07:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:19:46 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hart

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 11:36:42 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion

>>Hey Larry,

>>I can't answer your question but can pose one even better: what
>>is hotter - the surface of the sun or a place on the surface of
>>the earth?

>Hello Gary:

>I suppose one could argue that the center of an exploding
>volcano might qualify. But! Anything that hot, implies and even
>hotter source, since the magma will cool somewhat on expansion
>and in traveling thru cooler materials near to the Earth's
>surface.

>Larry,

Molten magma would be 2,000 degrees or less, the surface of the
Sun is 10,000 or several tens of thousands of degrees at most
though the suns corona is millions of degrees... but if you use a
non-imaging optical concentrator you can achieve 108% of the
Sun's surface temperature here on Earth!

Gary

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:24:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:21:56 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:03:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:33 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Neil wrote:

>>>Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of
>>>22 reels total.

I replied:

>>This is not true. Note the following post from Bob Shell:

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>>>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>>>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."
>>>Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not
>>>know.

>>Santilli has not said "all along" that he had print film. He
>>originally thought he had camera original and only learned that
>>it was print film when Bob proved it to him.

Neil now writes:

>Well Ray is on record in mid/late 1995 (don't have my archive to
>hand) as saying 20 reels safty print, 1 reel neg and 1 reel scraps.

>The "neg" could have been camera original. But doesn't safty print
>shout at you it's a print and not original?.

>And what date context is Bob Shell refering back to here?.

Hi, Neil!

I do not know the exact date that Bob is referring to. However,
it doesn't really matter. What matters is that before Bob
informed Santilli that all he had was print film, Santilli
thought he had camera original. As such, he should have had it
tested.

As to whether or not the camera original film was negative or
positive film; I tried to get Bob to remember which side the
emulsion appeared on the print. The reason this is important is
that the alleged cameraman says he made the print, himself. Now,
this is kind of hard to follow if some readers are not
experienced in film tech, but consider this:

As I understand it, the Santilli print was also a reversal stock. Therefore, the cameraman could not make a print off of camera negative; only off of a positive print. Since this print would have the emulsion on the opposite side than the camera original, any second generation prints off of the first print would end up with the emulsion back on the same side as camera original! This would be a print of a print of the original camera negative.

On the other hand, if the camera original was reversal, and not negative, then the print produced by the cameraman and sold to Santilli would have the emulsion on the opposite side than the camera original. This would, instead, be only a print of the original camera positive.

Therefore, if the cameraman claims to have shot negative, then the Santilli safety print would have the emulsion on one side. If the cameraman claims to have shot reversal positive, then the Santilli safety print would have the emulsion would be on the opposite.

This is why it is important to validate the film, even if it is only safety print material. Because if the cameraman claims to have shot reversal and the Santilli film ends up with the emulsion on the side calculated for a negative origin, then that means that he did not make the print off of camera original. Instead, he would have made the print off of another print. Such a revelation would mean that it is unlikely that he actually shot the film since it would prove he did not have access to the original.

On the other hand, if he claims to have shot negative, then he has to explain why the emulsion ends up where it does knowing that he could not print from negative; only from a positive print.

More to the point, the cameraman told Santilli that he was buying camera original then changed his story to include printing.

I'd certainly be interested in looking at which side the emulsion is on.

Roger

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:24:04 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:31:27 -0400

<snip>

>Considering that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are both single, non
>variable stars, roughly similar to the sun, but are about one
>billion years older than the sun, and less than a light year
>apart, it would not be surprising if they got started sooner on
>their technological development than we have, especially with
>the planets around the other star being directly observable. I
>would expect every advanced civilization to know about nuclear
>fusion since it is the primary energy production technique in
>almost all stars. No, of course I don't think aliens use fusion
>for the interstellar travel by their huge mother ships. I would
>expect they use techniques about which we young earthlings know
>nothing. Progress comes from doing things differently. Just look
>back 100 years no less a thousand or a million.

Stan,

So you accept, ipso facto, the notion of "huge mother ships"?
(Would you care to cite us a few convincing cases of same?)

Not to otherwise rain on your parade, but space travel isn't
simply a matter of time and distance.

Technologically, we can now send humans to Mars. Whether they
would be able to stand up once they got there is another
question entirely. And what about them nasty Cosmic Rays? I
know, just put some Nasty Cosmic Ray Shielding (NCRS) on your
spaceship, no matter how long you might be exposed to same.

Just give us a few years and we'll be zipping all over the
universe, just like them dang aliens out there already.

Right?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 02:22:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:26:46 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:36:11 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 01:26:02 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>I'd like to tack my list onto Joachim's if I may.

><snip>

>>2. Gemini 4, June 3,1964, astronauts McDivitt & White report a
>>sighting of a large cylinder over Hawaii.

>Hi, John, Joachim:

>I believe this was shown to have probably been their own
>Atlas-Agena-B booster. At first it was unidentified because it
>didn't show up on a list of other space objects, it was part of
>their mission. I think James Oberg reported on this in his UFOs
>and Outer Space Mysteries, Donning, about 1970.

Hola Young Bob, hi All,

Bob, have you ever heard of, or know anything about, these
alleged "snatches of conversations in an unknown language" that
the men reported? I'm intrigued because if this is true, there
-must be- some kind of record of it 'somewhere.'

And just to keep it 'topical' to the thread, the only thing I
found of any interest in the broadcast was the 'hash marks' that
should have appeared in front of objects that appeared behind
them instead, (signs of 'tampering'- but by 'who' is the real
question) and the "identical terrain" shots. Those were
pretty compelling. Although as Don Ledger says, if they were
taken on two different missions, it's probably just more; FOX
Put Dem Asses In Da Seats Media Magic. :)

And for Roger:

I agree with the camera sensitivity explanation Roger. I've had
it happen with my own camera. If you have high contrast lighting
conditions (ex: early morning sunlight) where you are confronted
with bright light and deep shadows, the camera is just incapable
of resolving the scene properly because of the extreme in the
range of lighting. The brightness 'blows out' (over-exposes)
everything and washes out all fine detail on both ends of the
lighting spectrum. You don't need an atmosphere to make stars
disappear. Just a primitive videocam with crappy range
(sensitivity) and even crappier light metering/compensating
capabilities.

Regards,

John Velez, Taken-beterian

"Nothing is at last sacred but
the integrity of your own mind."
www.space-lab.net/~jvif/

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Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 01:14:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:29:32 -0500
Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch

>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 07:27:42 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:09:18 -0800
>>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion - Hatch
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: A Minor Diversion
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 18:26:57 -0500

>Previously, Larry wrote:

>>>>To wit: What is hotter... the surface of the Sun, or the center
>>>>of the Earth? I don't have the answer, but a quick browse
>>>>indicates that I'm not the only one who doesn't know. Our
>>>>deepest drill holes are something on the order of 10-20 miles, a
>>>>small fraction of one percent of the radius of the Earth, or the
>>>>distance to the center.

><snip>

>>My point is that it just gets hotter and hotter as you descend.
>>It does not get hotter, and then cool back down as you pass some
>>core boundary, it is pressure alone forcing the solid state.

>I know absolutely nothing about this subject, but I have been in
>quite a few underground caves. If, as you say, it gets hotter
>and hotter as you descend, then how come it gets cooler and
>cooler the further one descends into a cavern? Every tour of a
>cavern that I've ever gone on, the guide always suggests taking
>a sweater or something because it stays so cool. In fact, every
>guide makes a point of how nice it is underground, even though
>no air-conditioning or air supply is ever employed. What gives?

Hello Roger:

Most caverns or natural caves just don't go down far enough. If they go below the water table, perhaps a few hundred feet give or take, they will be flooded and you will need more than a sweater.

The ones I have been in were generally cool, but not uncomfortably so.

Its when you go down miles that the thermal gradient (upward in temp as you descend) really kicks in.

Ask any miner in South Africa where gold mines go literally miles deep. They screen out the wannabes in a hellish heat chamber or so I hear. Those volcanos aren't spewing ice!

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Lakenheath - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:36:18 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:32:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Randles

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:00:09 -0000

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

>Jenny, I wish you every success with your research on the
>Lakenheath case, but must correct you on a few points.

Hi,

Appreciated, but your 'corrections' are rather misleading to
this list.

>I have the BBC tape of your interview with the crew and there is
>nothing on it that implies they did not see anything.

Like I have explained already (and I am sure most on this list
don't need it repeating ad nauseum) the short extracts of
interview that were used on BBC TV were 'not' used there to
discuss the specifics of the case and that's why this part of the
interviews - where the crew talk about not seeing a UFO - was
not transmitted. I have made that fact repeatedly clear,
explaining the aim of the BBC documentary (to discuss PRO
documents). You know I have. So why do keep on raising this as
if I haven't?

>You then
>claimed this was only a fraction of the interview but refused to
>supply anybody with the full version. So we were none the wiser.

I did no such thing. I advised that the transcripts would be
included in a full UFOIN report on the case. That way what the
air crew had said could be seen in proper context. I felt this
was a necessary precaution because extracts from any interview
can so easily be taken out of context to fit with what someone
would like them to mean .

So if promising a full report and transcript (and as David told
this list the other day one that will not be in some book but
free on the net) constitutes your definition of a refusal to
help then someone needs a new dictionary.

What I also did was describe what the air crew had said - that
is that they saw nothing, only had a radar image, and also how
the misconception about the 'cat and mouse' game between UFO and
aircraft that was reported by numerous writers on Lakenheath for
years had come about. The object was stationary. The plane flew
past it. So the target moved from the front to the rear of the
aircraft on radar but did so because of the aircraft motion -
not that of the unidentified target (as this had no motion).

Now these were the basic facts as categorically pointed out by
the air crew in 1996 and I have made them perfectly clear ever
since. You chose not to accept them. That was your prerogative

but it was also your mistake. Because that was - and is - what the air crew still maintain.

>>And Georgina's book a year later further suggested that this new >>version wasn't being listened to properly.

>It makes no such suggestion. How could I include your new version >when you failed to offer it?

In conflict with the above claim is the easily established discovery that what the air crew told me was reported in some detail (see pages 61 - 3) of my 1997 book 'Something in the Air'. That is some years before the internet exchange to which you refer above took place - rather making an absurdity of the suggestion that I 'failed to offer' Ufologists anything about their testimony . Or maybe I was trying to cover up my own book? (I prefer to leave that job to a publishers press officer) :)

What you presumably mean here is (a) you didn't bother to go read what I had said about the air crew testimony, or, (b) didn't believe what the book claims they had said if you did.

Which is up to you - but then so would be the responsibility for the fact that as a consequence you wouldn't have the correct story.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Link Between UFOs, Helicopters & Mutes? -

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 13:47:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:45:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Link Between UFOs, Helicopters & Mutes? -

>Date: 14 Feb 2001 19:39:13 -0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids@earthlink.net>
>Subject: Association Between UFOs, Helicopters & Mutes?

>National Institute for Discovery Science

><http://www.nidsci.org>

>Statistical Association between UFO/helicopters and Animal
>Mutilations? Analysis of a Wave of Anomalous Activity in
>Montana.

>1975-1977 was a period of frequent reports of UFO sightings
>around the United States. 1975-1977 also coincided with peak
>reports of a phenomenon known as animal mutilation.

>For more details on animal mutilation see:

><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/articles2.html>

>The community around Great Falls, Montana was no exception to
>this nationwide trend. However, two features about Great Falls
>are of interest with respect to this NIDS report.

>The first is that Great Falls was (and is) home to Malmstrom Air
>Force Base (MAFB). MAFB and its surrounding area was an integral
>part of the nation's missile launching capability during the
>cold war with 221 Minuteman III missile silos, and functioned as
>an important section of the entire 'Northern Tier' early warning
>system for incoming Soviet missiles.

>The second atypical feature about Great Falls was an unusually
>open-minded and energetic sheriff's captain. Captain Keith
>Wolverton was prepared to go the extra mile in investigating
>UFOs, animal mutilations and bizarre happenings in the area.

>Wolverton's energy and dedication were instrumental in alerting
>the people of Cascade County, and even in nearby Teton County,
>that if they reported UFOs, animal mutilations or unidentified
>flying lights, they would not be ridiculed and their reports
>would not be trivialized.

>Captain Wolverton allowed NIDS full access to his original
>papers and files detailing the investigations that he carried
>out on behalf of the Cascade County sheriff's department in
>1975-1977. NIDS was able to analyze the data in these files and
>they comprise an interesting picture of a wave of anomalous
>activity within a 40-mile radius of Great Falls and MAFB.

>Captain Wolverton's files comprised the original police
>blotters, original memoranda and original photo negatives
>detailing the department's investigations into 192 UFO and
>unknown helicopter sightings, and 67 reports of animal
>mutilations, the vast majority happening within a forty miles
>radius of MAFB.

>The timing of the UFO wave around MAFB is almost exactly
>contemporaneous with similar anomalous incidents that happened

>in October 1975 at Loring AFB Maine, Wurdsmith AFB Michigan,
>Minot AFB North Dakota and at the Canadian Air Force base at
>Falconbridge Ontario.

>The purpose of this paper is to examine two separate and
>unrelated questions:

>(a) Was there a linkage between the animal mutilations (temporal
>and geographical) and the unidentified aircraft flying in the
>area around Cascade County Montana 1975 through 1977 and

>(b) did the repeated unauthorized incursions of these flying
>objects over MAFB and missile silo airspace, when examined in
>the context of simultaneous incursions at other AFBs across the
>Northern Tier, constitute a national security issue for the
>United States?

>NIDS reports the first statistically significant correlation
>between mutilations and UFO/helicopter activity in the full
>report (25 pages) in the What's New section of the NIDS web site
>at:

><http://www.nidsci.org>.

>Further, we propose that the UFO wave in Montana had National
>Security implications.

Hello Colm Kelleher and all fellow Listerions,

My thanks to NIDS for the above investigation. It is very well done.

The UFO sighting and encounter reports at Air Force bases in the northern tier that I read in the late fall of 1975 caused me to jump from curious UFO book reader to: What the Hell is going on? To me, those cases of 1975 - 1977 still stand as pillars to my question.

Listfolk, for a fine reference on these cases please read Fawcett and Greenwood's book 'Clear Intent'. Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett have for many years been two of my ufological mentors in my trying to find answers. The incidents of this time period are vital in the study of Ufology and in UFO history.

Early cattle mutilation/helicopter/UFO reports from that period, especially from Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico intrigued me, as do more recent reports from almost all over.

I wondered if alien craft, the USAF, other covert agencies, or a cult were involved. Maybe the cattle were being covertly sampled due to the escape of some lethal biological warfare organism from the Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah?

Once again, what the Hell is going on?

The above NIDS report contains a puzzling statement. It is at the top of page 14 under the heading:

Discussion

A National Security Issue?

"NIDS has independently obtained information indicating that for the purposes of special operations (deception), helicopters were disguised as UFOS and operated in the 1975 - 1983 period by at least one United States intelligence agency. These helicopters had highly unusual lights and were designed to fly with the minimum of noise. It is outside the scope of this report to discuss the purpose of these operations. But if this information is placed in the context of UFO activity around Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB), an initial interpretation of this covert activity would be to test Air Force base security responses. However, the logic behind mounting a nightly assault on MAFB, documented 192 (129 UFO plus 63 helicopter cases) times in a three year period, and sometimes involving multiple craft for several hours at a time, it is difficult to justify. Moreover, it has been verified that even the commander of security at MAFB was not briefed on any special operations. Hence, it is the preliminary conclusion of this report that the near than thirty

recorded violations of restricted airspace in a three year period constituted a national security issue and should have been of great concern to the USAF."

So, once again I ask questions:

Now that we are outside the scope of this report, where did NIDS obtain information regarding the above covert intelligence activities of a helicopter disguised as a UFO?

What is the quality of the evidence this is based upon?

What were their actual purposes?

Please inform me further about those activities.

Has anyone else heard of these covert deception activities?

I've also sent a copy of this post directly to NIDS.

I also would love to see more discussion of the above report and the other USAF UFO incidents in that time period on this List in addition to dragging out such "important" emotional issues as the AA autopsy (no new evidence, totally lacking in old evidence) or the absurd idea (lacking any real evidence) that never seems to totally disappear, that 'we never went to the moon'.

Personally gut speaking, in the 1970s I worked for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM) restoring historic air and space craft.

In 1976 I was preparing the space capsule of our first moon landing for prominent exhibit next to a piece of moon rock (an icon touched by most of the millions of annual visitors) in the new museum that would soon open.

The director of NASM, my boss, was former astronaut Michael Collins, who went to the moon with astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin on that mission.

Mr. Collins, face to face, briefed me on the capsule, the mission, the landing, and his impressions.

I distinctly remember being side by side with him at that capsule, with him looking directly in my eyes and saying, "Josh, even sometimes when I go out in the yard and look at the moon I have to remind myself that I have actually been all the way up there. I've done it, it is so wondrous".

I fully believed he was telling me the truth. Even a fool cannot miss the vibes of the ring of truth. You would have had to be there.

For a passionate and well written account of the mission experience, please read Mr. Collins' book 'Carrying the Fire'.

I received passes and witnessed mammoth Saturn V Apollo moon launches from the VIP area. I met a lot of Apollo astronauts and Werner von Braun.

I believed them.

Time for blastoff,

Josh Goldstein

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:49:51 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:06:41 -0600

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

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>>Secrets can be kept.

>>Stanton Friedman

>Sure they can!

>Just ask Win Ho Lee, Pollard, Aymes and, most recently, Robert
>Hansen, or Los Alamos labs, the CIA and FBI, respectively. (Not
>sure about the spelling of individuals' names or the exact
>agency Pollard betrayed.)

>And don't forget, there were only 15 copies of the Pentagon
>Papers. Somehow, one of them made its way to the NY Times.
>Curious, no?

>Guess what you meant to say was something along the lines of:

>"Some secrets can be held for some length of time. But UFO
>secrets are (somehow) held sacrosanct forever."

>But then you probably think MJ-12 was a security leak. But not
>the Corso book. Or the alien autopsy film.

>So, what UFO secrets, exactly, are being withheld?

>Do we have bodies on ice somewhere that I don't know about?
>Recovered wreckage? Classified radar returns? Pictures? DNA
>samples of alien abductors? What?

>Secrets are sold out every day of the year, for reasons ranging
>from the purely philosophical/ideological to those of simple
>crass commercialism.

>Just what is it, exactly, that renders so-called UFO secrets
>immune to human nature?

>Dennis Stacy

Clearly some secrets have become known eventually, mostly because a very extensive effort was made by people with need to know and considerable resources who have managed to dig them out. To suggest that therefore all secrets come out is totally baseless. If I knew which ones have yet to be released in detail, they wouldn't be secrets. Hansen only was a double agent for 15 years. How long were Philby, Burgess and MacLean double

agents though working in the midst of the intelligence community? Surely you don't believe that now all US double-agents have been found?

Yes, the Naval Research Lab finally admitted 35 years after the fact that they had launched the first ELINT satellite.

Despite 12,000 people being involved at Bletchley Park there was no mention of their work on the breaking of the German codes for 25 years by which time technology had improved..

If I were to hazard a guess: Yes, there are documents describing the analysis of the Roswell wreckage, of the bodies recovered, of the flight capabilities of flying saucers as observed by sophisticated technological gear;of the activities of the Majestic 12 group. Based on the reports I have heard (without classified documents to back them up) there have been many cases in which aircraft sent up to monitor flying saucers have not returned.

Don't forget that all the ADC data about uncorrelated targets is born classified. It should also be noted that the vaunted American Press has spent next to nothing ferreting out the facts about flying saucers. I have stated that if the NY Times and Wash. Post would spend a fraction of what they spent on Monica Lewinsky and Elian Gonzales, or Watergate, they could blow the lid off the Cosmic Watergate in 6 months... as was done for My Lai, for example.

Since the DCI had admitted to an annual black budget, 5 years ago, of more than 26Billion \$, it hardly seems plausible that all the secrets have been released.

The few that leak out, or are dragged out, tell us nothing about the secrets that remain behind closed doors.

For those who might have blindly accepted the initial article in the January, 2001, MUFON Journal about MJ-12, my detailed rebuttal will appear in the March issue. I hope to post it on my web site soon at:

www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

I have also posted there my comments about Corso (there was no leakage of classified materials) and have an entire chapter on the "Autopsy" footage in TOP SECRET/MAJIC.

Stan Friedman

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BUFORA's Billy Buchanan Lecture

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:31:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:07:11 -0500
Subject: BUFORA's Billy Buchanan Lecture

From: Malcolm Robinson <spi_spi@hotmail.com>
To: <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Subject: Billy Buchanan BUFORA Lecture
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 09:48:21 -0000

Dear All,

Please find my attachement regarding Councillor Billy Buchanan's lecture to BUFORA on Monday March 5th. I do hope you can make it.

Do let others know about it.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Robinson,

BUFORA Lecture Organiser

The British UFO Research Association

Presents

Guest Speaker

Councillor Billy Buchanan.

on

The Bonnybridge UFO Phenomenon

Date: Monday March 5th 2001.

Venue: The Quaker International Centre,
The Margaret Fell Room - 1st Floor
1 Byng Place, London,
WC1E 7JH.

Entrance: Adults £4:00
BUFORA Members £2:00

TIME: 7:15pm. Till 10:00pm.

Nearest Tube Station: Goodge Street (Northern Line)

Are UFOs 'Alien' Craft?
Or are they something more down to 'Earth'!
Find out at this important event

Bonnybridge Councillor Billy Buchanan will discuss the incredible number UFOs that have been reported over his small town of Bonnybridge, in Central Scotland.

The world's media have descended on Bonnybridge over the years to try and get to the bottom of what has been going on. There have been so many UFO reports over Bonnybridge that it will soon be twinned with the town of Roswell in New Mexico - itself another UFO incident area. Come along and find out what's been going on.

Next BUFORA lecture - Monday April 2nd

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 13:10:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:11:12 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 01 00:25:53 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments:

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 16:41:32 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 13:31:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>Looking over it today
>I can see nothing in the data that supports the ETH. The case
>histories boil down in the end to stories that, if accepted as
>they stand, perhaps do suggest some ET origin for their
>stimulus. But the evidence itself does not. That is because
>there is rarely if ever any evidence over & above the stories.

>In very perplexing cases the ET
>solution strikes me as no better than what are to my mind
>equally improbable solutions: the descendants of exiles from
>Atlantis, protean airborne amoebae, goblins and djinns, the
>armies of Satan on the wing, a squadron of cosmic jokers,
>Knights Templar in astral disguise out to wreak havoc & revenge
>on the Pope - and so on.

>As for the links, where are they in any particular case,
>beyond the narrative boundary? Non existent.

>My standard is Philip Morrison's - "independent and
>multiple chains of evidence, each capable of satisfying a
>link-by-link test of meaning." I'm sure you know the text.
>Morrison notes that neither the ETH nor any other explanation of
>UFOs can show multiple chains of evidence or passes a
>link-by-link test.

Esteemed Duke of Mendoza:

Actually Philip Morrison is a perfect example of a scientist who deduces from theory that UFOs can't be real without ever, to my knowledge, investigating or studying a single case. I have never seen him attempt to explain a single puzzling case.

For some clue to the link-by-link you seek, see my article on the ISSO site mentioned previously. There is lots of evidence beyond narratives.

Also, "cosmic jokers" are on my list of hypotheses. Like Bruce Maccabee (and James McDonald before us), the ET appears to be the simplest and most straightforward of the hypotheses available to us at present.

The position you take seems to be more of a denial of the need for an hypothesis than an hypothesis per se; i.e., all we have is a bunch of stories that (each of which) could be anything.

Try looking at the obvious consistencies and patterns in those "stories," which contradict the notion that UFOs are simply a

ragtag collection of misperceptions.

In my philosophical studies, symbolic logic class, we read and discussed the Principia Mathematica by Whitehead and Russell. I think I understand logical links and illogical reasoning.

Dick Hall

B.A., Philosophy,
Tulane University,
1958

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

From: skywatcher22@space.com
Date: 22 Feb 2001 06:03:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:17:11 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:31:27 -0400

>>Date: 21 Feb 2001 06:28:54 -0800
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

>>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 11:26:11 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 01 02:23:00 +0000
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 19:44:43 -0000
>>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 15:01:06 -0500
>>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>>>>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith<Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 01 03:14:32 +0000
>>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>>>Dear Duke,

>>>>>>Ahem, Mr Hall. The correct form is "Your Grace". ;-)

><snip>

>>Using our current rocket technology and traveling at an average
>>velocity of 25,000 mph, it takes 9.4 hours to reach the moon.

>Sorry this is not correct. On our flights to the moon the
>propulsion system is on for less than 20 minutes and we coast
>most of the way gradually slowing down until the moon pulls us
>in. We don't provide all the energy. Mother nature does its
>share. The trip time is around 70 hrs. But chemical rockets,
>even with cosmic freeloading which we use on all our deep space
>probes (Cassini heading for Saturn used free kicks from Earth,
>Venus, and Jupiter) are not close to the ultimate . Nuclear
>fission rocket engines were ground tested more than 30 years ago
>by Westinghouse(it was an exciting program to work on), Aerojet
>General and Los Alamos.. The most powerful produced 4400
>Megawatts.

Stan,

You are of course, correct as far as what is done in practice. I
think that the 9.4 hour travel time was used just to indicate

that a rocket going that distance at that velocity would get there in x amount of time. The illustrations given were not so much as "how it is done" in practice, but just to give a feel for travel times.

Bill

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Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:45:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:21:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Aubeck

>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 20:38:42 +0100
>Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:16:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2001 00:49:10 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I am looking for information about three items. Can anyone help?

>>Firstly, I have been reading a book called 'U.F.O.s and
>>Extraterrestrials in History'. The author is Yves Naud and the
>>book was originally published in French. I have an English
>>translation published by 'Forni', printed in Spain and
>>distributed by 'Friends of History'. In my edition there are no
>>bibliographical references, which is unfortunate as the book is
>>full of early UFO cases (some highly dubious). Does anyone have
>>a different edition with a bibliography or notes? Who is Yves
>>Naud?

>The original edition was published in Switzerland: 'Les O.V.N.I
>et les extra-terrestres dans l'histoire', 4 vol., Famot, Geneva
>1977. There are some references (scarce!) at bottom of the
>pages, but they are French books, so it's possible that they
>disappeared in the English translation.

>I don't know Yves Naud and if it's his real name.

>>Secondly, I have come across a reference to a very unusual
>>'folkloric abduction' dated November 15th 1792. Apparently,
>>one Hans Bouchmann, a 50 year old Swiss peasant, disappeared
>>suddenly in the village of Romerswill-Sempach. He reappeared
>>two weeks later in Milan. Bouchmann said that he had been taken
>>up into the air and transported to Fairyland. When he returned
>>he found he had been thoroughly shaved and had not one hair left
>>on his body! Does anyone recognise this tale?

>Yes, I can confirm the tale. This Hans Buchmann, or Buochmann,
>lived at Romerswill and allegedly disappeared at Sempach (Luzern
>canton). He reappeared two weeks later in Milan. When he went
>back home the next year, his head was swelled, he had no hair,
>no beard and no eyebrows.

>Regards,

>Bruno

Hello Bruno,

Thanks for the reply. I thought I had sent you a response
to the above already but I must have been dreaming.

Two questions:

1) Does Naud mention his source for the 1796 Russian case? In my edition there is no bibliographic reference, though I think I know where he got it (or who invented it, perhaps).

2) Where have you read about Hans Buchmann? I haven't been able to get at the original source. If it's from a book in a language other than English, could you post a translation of the relevant passage? Can you confirm the date? How?

Thanks for your help!

Chris Aubeck

P.S. I also posted the following query:

>>Thirdly, according to articles published in specialist
>>magazines in 1975, a Belgian priest, Gustavo le Paige, was
>>convinced that alien beings had been living on earth in the
>>remote past. Le Paige was a missionary in Chile whose
>>archaeological research had led him to the discovery of hundreds
>>of tombs. He told a Chilean reporter at one point that the tombs
>>were used to bury both extraterrestrials and humans, and that
>>some of the mummies and other remains he found bore highly
>>unusual features that are not found naturally on earth. Father
>>le Paige created a museum in San Pedro de Atacama, a village at
>>the foot of the Andes, which contained a great wealth of
>>skeletons which he had personally excavated in the region, along
>>with countless other artefacts.

>>It is not known what allegedly extraterrestrial skeletons were
>>found by le Paige - if any, of course - because, unfortunately,
>>he fell ill and died in 1980, shortly before his findings could
>>be made public, and the ultimate resting place of the collection
>>is unknown. As far as I know, the last person to have attempted
>>to shed light on le Paige's sensational claims was Swiss author
>>Erich von Daniken, who had been trying to arrange a televised
>>interview with the priest just before he became terminally ill.
>>Von Daniken wrote about Le Paige in his book Pathways of the
>>Gods. Does anyone know anything else? I am unable to find any
>>other mention of Le Paige's claims, if indeed he ever actually
>>claimed any of this.

Well, although I have received many letters asking whether I have found anything, no-one has offered any new information at all. This may mean there is nothing to discover, but I would be surprised if that were the case.

Anyone planning a weekend break to San Pedro de Atacama?

Chris Aubeck

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UFOs in 1882 & 1394

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:19:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:25:04 -0500
Subject: UFOs in 1882 & 1394

Hello again,

Can anyone answer these questions?

1) An enormous UFO was seen by numerous European witnesses on November 17th 1882. It travelled westwards at an approximate altitude of 130 miles and was spotted by several eminent scientists. These included Dr. E. Walter Maunder, an astronomer at Greenwich, the English spectroscopist J. Rand Capron, and Dutch astronomers Audemans and Zeeman. Greenwich published an official report which stated that the object had a well-defined body and was "disc-like in appearance." Unlike an ordinary meteor, it said, the behaviour of the disc had seemed "orderly and controlled."

Does anyone know the location of an on-line article reproducing a whole translation of the original report? Whether the object was a natural or an artificial body is not what interests me, but rather the fact that it was apparently disc-shaped.

2) Jerome Clark, in The UFO Book: Encyclopedia of the Extraterrestrial Farmington Hills, MI: Visible Ink Press, 1997, quotes an ancient source that tells that in the winter of 1394 a wheel- or barrel-shaped object appeared in several areas of England:

A certain thing appeared in the likeness of fire in many parts of... England... every night. This fiery apparition, oftentimes when anybody went alone, it would go with him, and would stand still when he stood still... To some it appeared in the likeness of a turning wheel burning; to othersome round in the likeness of a barrel, flashing out flames of fire at the head; to others in the likeness of a long burning lance.

What was the original source of this report? Is it available on line? Unfortunately I do not have Clark's book, though I have been told it doesn't give a source anyway. (If it's from some other popular UFO book, I'd still like to be told the ORIGINAL source if possible.)

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Re: Lakenheath - Auchettl

From: John W. Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:29:13 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:28:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Auchettl

>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:12:48 -0000
>From: Dave Clarke<cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:45:12 EST
>>From: Brad Sparks<RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>That is not correct. Wimbledon's version was
>>included at the time.

Hi Dave, Brad, ebk & list,

Dave, in your argument you mention (in your post at three locations) that the Venom NF-3 did not, at that time, have a "gunlock" facility.

[1].
>Thayer's 1980 account conveniently omits the alleged phrases
>used by the RAF pilots ("Roger... I've got my guns locked on
>him... the damnest thing I ever saw"),...

<snip>

[2].
>Perhaps Thayer chose not to mention this, because
>by 1980 he had become aware of the fact that the aircraft
>involved in the interception, the Venom NF-3 did not, at
>that time, have a "gunlock" facility!

<snip>

[3].
>As we have seen with the "gunlock"
>claim, the USAF's man version is fatally flawed. That is
>independently verifiable fact. Venoms had no gunlock facility in
>1956. How, then, can we accept anything else he says- especially
>timings, heights, distances, etc recalled 12 years after the
>events?

<snip>

Dave, the above data is NOT correct.

The De Havilland, D.H.112 Venom N.F.3 in question was fitted out as a Night Fighter (N.F.3). Two crew.

This model also had some other advanced specs, that made it a very nice aircraft to fly such as - powered aileron controls a restructured tailfins and clear view canopy. And so on!

So where is the so-called "gunlock"?

It's in the radar set up.

This aircraft had a Western Electric AN/APS-57 X-Band Search & Intercept Radar fitted (nose cone), so it could do its Night Fighter task.

When activated by the crew, the AN/APS-57 would hunt a target and when it got something (a sig return) it then activated a visual report to the crew that it had located a target and was "lock on" for guns or rockets.

Thus you get the RAF pilot[s] saying:
- "Roger... I've got my guns locked on..."

It is not a physical lock, attached to the guns, its a radar return that informs the crew his guns (four 20mm cannon in nose) and radar are on a target, etc

As a side issue, the same units were tested in Australia on some of our old Gloster Meteor F8 (A-77 RAAF series 2) before an upgrade. Never used.

Regards to all,

John W. Auchettl
Director PRA Research

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:18:21 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:21:38 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:53:48 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@kos.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:42:48 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>If the Russians were capable of it, why not the country with 1/2
>of the industrial potential of the developed world?

>At what point do you think that fakery was overcome by reality?
>Or do you think that the Space Station, too, is a fake? Maybe
>Russia, itself, was a fake, created by Nazis who really won the
>war but covered it up?

>Woah Bob! I did not say I agree with the fakeists(?) just that
>_if_ it turned out to be true, I would not be surprised.

>To set the record straight, I don't think, with the thousands of
>people involved in the space program, that they could have
>gotten away with it even if they wanted to.

Sean:

Sorry, then, I misunderstood.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - KRandle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:21:51 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:28:37 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - KRandle

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:10:38 +0000
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 23:17:20 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 21:51:51 +0000
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:27:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

<snip>

>>>>I recall James Bond Johnson's take on Roswell has been seriously
>>>>challenged by Kevin Randle

>>>There are two points of contention here, the first, regarding
>>>phone interviews done by KR, it's not my place to go into these,
>>>Bond's responses are on record in this forum.

>>Since Kevin Randle sent me a complete set of interview tapes
>>about 2 years ago, it was easy to review the original evidence
>>(the tapes and also some letters of correspondence) and see who
>>was telling the truth about the interviews and who was spinning
>>the story.

>>Bond Johnson has simply lied about those initial interviews and
>>changed his story for reasons only he knows. He has also
>>repeatedly accused Kevin Randle of altering the tapes and
>>issuing inaccurate transcripts. This again is completely false.

>>A detailed refutation of some of his false statements based on
>>the actual tapes can be found in the UFO Updates archives at:

>><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m29-028.shtml>

>>Another rebuttal to Johnson's incessant spin-doctoring, which
>>includes much of the same material below, can be found at:

>><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m27-001.shtml>

>I've quite deliberately tried to stay out of this area, I've met
>Bond personally and heard his side of things, I've read what the
>other side has to say, I believe an admission is on record that
>the tapes _have_ been edited,

Neil, all -

This is an example of spin. After I interviewed Dr. Johnson in 1989, and after I had published an article in the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER, Dr. Johnson spoke to Jerry Clark, saying that many of the quotes were wrong. I called Dr. Johnson to ask him which specific quotes he believed to be wrong. As we discussed the article, he would tell me that some quote was wrong and I would

suggest that I was using his own words. He would say that he would like to hear it because he just didn't think he would say those things. So, rather than make him wade through several hours of tape, I made copies of only those sections in which the disputed quotes appeared. In other words, I edited the tapes for time but I DID NOT alter them, which is Dr. Johnson's implication. I have since sent him full copies of the tapes and explained this "editing" to him. He fails to understand it.

>conversely elements of Bond's
>story _have_ changed, as with others stories.

Such changes in stories are often small, irrelevant details. In Dr. Johnson's case, the alterations are large scale and of significant importance.

>Also, it has to be
>considered that after KR's first interview, Bond himself started
>to research his own part in the Roswell story, he has relatives
>still in Fort Worth and so has been able to spend time in the ST
>archives and FW library. He saw for himself where his memory had
>let him down, ie, he still has to this day, little, if any
>recollection of Jess Marcel, yet he was there and he _did_ take
>his picture.

This too, is more spin. I learned of Dr. Johnson because he had _already_ been to Fort Worth, had gone to the archives to recover copies of his pictures, and had photocopied the story that he claimed he wrote on the night of July 8. He sent me copies of the story and told me about taking his two pictures that night. (Yes, I know that we can attribute six to him). I have letters and other documents that prove this to be the correct order of things.

>What I can say while I've known Bond and questioned him
>extensively, is that he has been open, honest and consistent
>with his answers to me, even when I've known he's _not_ liked
>some of the questions I've put.

On the other hand, he has accused me of "editing the tapes", putting "words in his mouth", and failing to correct the mistakes I made. He has radically altered his tale and refused to respond to my requests for clarification. I have sent him letters, talked to him on the telephone, and explained the situation to him. His response is to ignore the truth and continue to spin. I have the tapes, I have the letters, and I have the correspondence to prove all that I say. Since you, Neil, are siding with him, I will make you the one time good offer of copying all this material for you so that you can hear him say the things he denies he said, listen to him claim credit for writing the July 9 article, and see how I have tried to get to the bottom of the situation. You'll learn that I did not call him cold, but that he called me the _first_ time because I didn't know who he was or have his telephone number. Betsy Hudon in Texas was kind enough to send a letter to him from me to allow him to initiate the contact. This proves, of course, that he had already been to Fort Worth and that his interest in the case predates my first communications with him.

In other words, the story, as he now tells it does not agree with the history of this event and I have the documentation to prove it. I don't have new spin just because I don't like what I said the first time around.

>Further, we are now finding that
>some of his most disputed information ie the "press conference"
>_is_ receiving independent confirmation from an individual who
>_was_ there reporting the news in FW at the time.

If you have reporters in General Ramey's office, and they are asking him questions, then you have a press conference whether it is officially called or not. We are in an argument over semantics here that has little real importance in understanding what happened that night.

<snip>

>>>Witness testimony, unlike KR and DS who were I assume basing
>>>their take of events from Jesse Marcel's recollections of his
>>>time in FW,

>>Don't forget Gen. Dubose and Irving Newton, both of whom were
>>_also_ there, and both of whom stated they remembered several
>>reporters being there. This wasn't just the story of Jesse
>>Marcel.

>From conversations with Irving some 12 months ago he has no
>recollection of just who took his photograph that day and could
>not say wether it was a civilian or military photographer.

Which is what he told me some ten or eleven years ago. But the point is that another photograph was taken, it was published the next day, and suggests that some sort of press conference was held. It matters not if it was published in one newspaper or 100 because it was published and underscores that others were in General Ramey's office.

>I think it's also hard to pin down just what Gen DuBose could or
>could not recall, I have Jamie Shandera's interview transcript
>where DuBose claims _no_ pictures were ever taken at all, that
>is until he is shown the JBJ images of himself. Jesse's story
>too is obviously a partial memory, we know firmly JBJ took
>pictures of Marcel, Ramey and Dubose in the _one_ session I
>think we are all agreed on that. Yet Marcel gives us the quote
>that he was only involved in the _one_ photograph, the one he
>claims where he is shown holding some of the actual debris from
>Roswell and I believe he then goes on to mention some other
>"staged" photographs might have been taken later "but he was not
>involved with those".

But, as I have tried to point out, Bill Moore has provided us with three versions of that quote. The first is from his book which you quote here. Second, Moore sent a letter around, again using the Marcel quote, but this time it said, "...Ramey allowed the press to take two pictures of this stuff. I was in one and he and Col. DuBose were in the other."

Then in the article, "Three Hours that Shook the Press," the quote is again altered to say, according to Moore and Shandera, "In his interview with Moore, Maj. Marcel maintained that the debris in the two photos of him..."

Then, finally, in "Enough is Too Much," Moore returns to the original quote that mentions but a single photograph of Marcel, and none of Ramey and DuBose.

This, I think, would negate the quote attributed to Marcel because the man who conducted the interview has altered it to suit him and the situation as it developed... which means as more pictures were discovered, Moore altered the quote to cover each new discovery.

>>The _only_ photograph(s) of Marcel(to
>>surface) are JBJ's and we know these were taken together with
>>the Ramey and DuBose shots (it's the same film neg batch), so
>>what was this later "staged" photo... Newton? Marcel doesn't
>>know, he wasn't involved, it's just what he heard happened.

>Or the staged photographs were the ones taken in General Ramey's
>office of the weather balloon and rawin target and not of the
>actual debris.

Which would mean that Dr. Johnson's original statements to me were accurate and he saw nothing but a balloon, as he told me on two separate occasions.

And, we do have additional information that comes from TV reporter Johnny Mann, who interviewed Marcel in Roswell in the early 1980s. He showed Marcel the photographs in Moore's book and said, "Jesse, I got to tell you. That looks like a balloon." According to Mann, when Marcel saw the pictures, he said, "No. No. That picture was staged. That's not the stuff I brought from Roswell."

So here is information that has been printed in both the IUR and the CUFOS Roswell special, and has been corroborated by Johnny Mann when asked by others, but which has been ignored. We have a witness who tells us that Marcel said the pictures in General Ramey's office were staged. We have Dr. Johnson telling us, in his original interviews, said that the setting had been staged. He didn't believe, in those original interviews, that he had seen anything special. Now, of course, he has changed his story.

<snip>

>This is very incomplete accounting of Dubose's many interviews
>on the matter, and obviously comes from the highly suspect
>Shandera "interviews" with Dubose. Even though Shandera produced
>lengthy "transcripts", he has also been unable to produce the
>tape recordings that would have been needed to produce such
>detailed "transcripts." He is also unable to reproduce even
>notes of the conversation.

>On the other hand, there are a number of recorded interviews
>with Dubose which completely contradict your assertion and RPITs
>that Dubose wasn't aware of the photographs and claimed the
>stuff in the photos was from Roswell.

Copies of those interviews, and corroboration by others is also
available. The video taped interview was conducted in August
1990 and is in the FUFOR archives. I also have copies of it.

>>E.g., this is Dubose's statement from his sworn affidavit
>>written before the Shandera interviews: "The material shown in
>>the photographs taken in Maj. Gen. Ramey's office was a weather
>>balloon. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a
>>story to divert the attention of the press."

>David, Roswell testimony is a little like The Bible, you can
>find a bit to prove almost any point<g>, lets not go down that
>road.

This is just a major cop out to deal with data that are
difficult to reconcile with the information we all have on the
subject. What I hear here is that we should reject the DuBose
statement, though it is a signed affidavit, reject the audio and
video taped testimony by DuBose, but accept the unsupported
"transcripts" by Shandera because they reinforce the position
you want to hold. In a court, the affidavit takes precedent
because it is a signed affidavit, and the Shandera "transcript"
unless supported by a tape, would be considered heresay.

In other words, because some of the statements attributed to
DuBose contradict the statements made by Dr. Johnson, we are
going to reject the DuBose statements. The contradiction arises,
not because DuBose is changing his story but because Shandera,
who has his own agenda, is attributing to DuBose, statements
DuBose might not have made. Shandera provides no evidence that
these quotes are accurate.

>I agree DuBose said the above and I can live with your assertion
>Shandera might be a little shakey in his methods, but there
>again there's nothing to say he didn't make that quote to
>Shandera.

More importantly, there is nothing to say that he did.

>I think DuBose tended to please everybody.

No, he attempted to tell the truth, as best he could remember
it when not being pushed by someone with an agenda. Billy
Cox, of FLORIDA TODAY reported on these facts a number
of years ago, as did Don Ecker of UFO Magazine (USA).

<snip>

>Because it appears the ST were in phone contact throughout that
>evening with FWAAF and if an organised shindig was in the offing
>he would have gone to it.

Semantics, semantics. Clearly it wasn't "organized" but it was
certainly held, according to the men who were there. A press
conference, by definition, is a meeting with the press and not
necessarily an "organized" affair. If you don't like the term
press conference, then call it something else, but that doesn't
alter the fact that reporters, plural, were in General Ramey's
office after Dr. Johnson was there.

>>Reporters could have shown up there after Bond Johnson left and
>>Ramey could have held an impromptu press conference (meaning
>>that the S-T would not have been notified

>Yes, and at that stage Bond wouldn't be there to take Marcel's

>picture and he(Marcel) states he was only photographed the
>_once_ (by Bond), and Marcel was photographed at the same time
>as Ramey and DuBose in that primary photoshoot, and no other
>examples of that primary photoshoot are in the record.

And how many radio reporters would take a photographer with them? Maybe that's the problem with the single, additional photograph.

<snip>

>The same way Marcel recalled a posse of news photogs taking his
>picture when the historical record shows we only have Bond
>Johnson's 6 pictures only 2 of which are of Marcel.

>The human memory.

Or human interpretation. I see nothing in Marcel's statements to suggest a "posse of news photogs." Maybe it was just radio reporters. This posse of photogs is your invention, of Dr. Johnson's invention and not supported by the facts as they have been established.

We have a great deal of information that has been spun here. We have evidence to support my claims including the audio tapes and letters. If Dr. Johnson wants to believe today that he was the only reporter there, ever, that he saw the real debris, and Ramey didn't know what it was when he was there, I don't care. When you begin to suggest that I have altered the information, that I have inaccurately reported information that is backed up by audio tape and other evidence, then I take a stand. Like it or not, Dr. Johnson told me one thing and told others something else. His spin is not going to change the facts, on tape. Listen to them if you want, but don't suggest, even as carefully as you have here that I might have altered things because I edited a tape for time to assist Dr. Johnson in understanding that he actually said the things he denies saying.

KRandle

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New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:12:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:31:35 -0500
Subject: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

Hi everyone,

Here is another picture of a baffling Martian find that was made by pre-teen school children. I wonder what else could have been found if Dr. Michael Malin gave equal time on the Mars Global Surveyor to people such as Richard Hoagland or our Mac Tonnies.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0102/22boulders/>

From what I can determine visually, the sunlit side of some of the bigger black "boulders" seems to be as bright as the ridges of the much lighter surrounding terrain. Is this because they were wind swept over many years and are partially buried (I can see no evidence of tracks from boulders rolling down hill either on my computer monitor)? If the expression "rolling rocks gather no moss" is correct, then could the tops of these boulders be covered by darker biological matter catching rays from the Sun?

Since I cannot make out any shadows for these "boulders", they may turn out to be Carl Sagan's "macrobes" which he felt would easily be identified as Martian lifeforms by orbiting spacecraft. One such macrobe that Sagan proposed may exist on Mars was a tree or bush with "...long taproots descending to a remote water table or permafrost, with perhaps just a flat segment at ground level, like a manhole, which could absorb energy from the Sun." ('The Search for Life on Mars', page 66). Have we not already detected these macrobes? Check the URL below for examples of such dark spots (or bushes?) on Mars. I wonder if these bushes on Mars will be re-imaged sometime soon so we can determine if they are geological/weather related phenomena or actual Sagan macrobes.

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/imperative10.html>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 16:24:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:50:34 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:58:29 -0500

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 21:40:36 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 22:55:18 -0000

>>A condensed but highly representative version of my argument is
>>freely available to internet users (as compared to the high cost
>>of The UFO Evidence, Volume II) by accessing a commissioned
>>article I wrote for Joe Firmage at:

>>www.isso.org/inbox/science.htm

>>I would be very interested in hearing from non-ETH "believers"
>>(that sort of labelling cuts both ways) about their reaction to
>>what I have to say there.

>Dick,

>Ah, the published article argument!

>Which also cuts both ways.

>>For example, I've just perused your article. Have you read the
>one by Mike Davis that we published in The Anomalist 5,
>consisting of some 70 pages and, I don't know, 50, 60, 70 or 100
>footnotes? If so, I'd be very interested in hearing your
>reaction to same. After having consulted every original source
>cited, of course.

>But, seriously... if scientists and skeptics are exhorted to
>survey the existing UFO literature, doesn't that street run both
>ways, too?

>In other words, for every UFO lit article scientists are
>directed towards, shouldn't there be a commensurate article (or
>two or three) in the scientific literature that ufologists are
>required to read, ponder, and take into account before
>pontificating on the subject?

>Seems only fair to me.

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

>PS: I've ordered your book. Have you ordered mine?

Dennis,

I steered people to a free online article containing the essence

of my argument. Is there some UFO article on your web site that you would like me to comment on? I would be glad to do so. Is the article you cite available online?

Not sure what book (of yours) you are talking about.

Am I pontificating? I have read plenty of the skeptical literature (Menzel, Klass, Oberg, CSICOP... you name it) so am not sure what your point is here.

What do you mean "scientific literature?" I have read a lot of that too, and do so regularly in the course of my professional work.

Incidentally, and apparently typically, you did not comment on what my ISSO article had to say. Instead you throw out a pseudo-argument about "equal time" for "scientific literature" as if people like me (Bruce, Dick Haines, and others) are ignorant of that literature. Seems more like an evasion than a reply to my posting.

Respectfully,

Dick

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X-Zone Radio Show Cancelled - Rob McConnell Out The Door
By Don Fraser - The Standard

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Rob McConnell wonders why the psychics didn't see it coming.

The seers appeared on recent episodes of the X-Zone but apparently failed to foresee the demise of the cult-hit paranormal radio show on St. Catharines' CKTB-AM.

But on Monday, McConnell was told his show was being cancelled and he was out the door.

"It has me totally shocked and caught me completely off-guard," he said. "You work so damned hard for this station and this happens to you.

"It's especially tough with all the publicity the X-Zone was generating."

The show -- with its discussions of UFOs, aliens and other weird phenomena -- had attracted listeners acasts, said McConnell.

He said he was told Monday "the X-Zone didn't fit into the present plans of CKTB and (owner) Telemedia."

"The format was basically going talk all day, then (satellite-broadcast) sports all night, I believe 6 p.m. and on. They asked me for my station pass and cancelled my e-mail account."

McConnell, a St. Catharines resident, said there had been no indication from management his show was in peril. He said ratings had nearly doubled since it debuted in Niagara 2 1/2 years ago.

The cancellation also sidelined next week's scheduled filming for a Fox TV episode. A crew was coming to St. Catharines to shoot footage for the forthcoming TV series World's Scariest Places. It was to report on CKTB as "Canada's most haunted radio station" and highlight McConnell's show.

McConnell isn't the only one losing his job in a shakeup at CKTB.

On Friday, open-line host John Hardy was released from his duties fronting the station's 3 to 6 p.m. show. Programming in that time slot was changed to resemble the station's magazine-style, information-based morning program.

Program director Madelyn Hamilton was unavailable to comment on the changes Monday.

Changes and layoffs have been a continuing story for CKTB as well as CHTZ-FM (HTZ-FM 97.7) and CHRE-FM (Light 105.7), which are all housed at 12 Yates St. in downtown St. Catharines.

Telemedia Radio Inc. of Montreal bought the stations from

Hamilton-based Affinity Radio Group in 2000. Affinity acquired CHRE in 1998 and the other two stations in 1999.

In May 2000, 17 people, including on-air hosts Doug Hobbs and Randy Taylor, were laid off at the three stations. Hobbs, a sports journalist and former CKTB broadcaster, said he couldn't understand the direction the station was going.

"It seems funny there are now all these Niagara people with a radio background who aren't working," said Hobbs. "And here's a Niagara station with a bunch of people who are not, nor have ever been, part of the scene here."

Meanwhile, McConnell was considering reviving his newsletter version of the X-Zone called the X-Chronicles and planned to shop the show around elsewhere. There's a chance he may still do fill-in work for Niagara's Telemedia stations.

"Who knows, this could be a blessing in disguise," said McConnell. "But right now, I feel so empty inside."

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>Y'all,

>As usual, instead of discussing the facts of the case (in this
>case Lakenheath, as raised by Jenny and Dave, or of any case -
>as usual) Jerry chooses to rant and rave to to end other than to
>score points.

What facts of the case? What in the world are you talking about?
Your rant was not about the "facts of the case" but about
Robertsonian ridicule of perceived enemies as well as the usual
chest-thumping.

I made the mistake of urging you to conduct yourself more
professionally, in the interests of keeping your case --
whenever you condescend to let the rest of us hear it -- from
being prejudged, as the product of a wildly biased, even
immature partisan. In other words, someone so emotionally
attached to his beliefs that his investigations are intended not
to uncover truth but to humiliate perceived enemies. I was
trying to help you. My mistake, and one I will not make
again..

Go ahead and keep acting, as you have done here again, true to
form, Andy. Pound the chest. Taunt. Ridicule. Boast. And the
rest of us will judge your forthcoming report accordingly.

Jerry Clark

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TWO JETLINERS SPOT GIANT SILVER SAUCER IN CHILE

Two airborne jetliners spotted a giant silver UFO hovering at an altitude of 18,000 meters (60,000 feet) near the city of Antofagasta in northern Chile.

"A feeling of disquiet and consternation spread over much of Chile's Second Region, including large cities such as Calama and Antofagasta, due to the sighting of an unidentified flying object around 11 a.m. yesterday," i.e. Friday, February 16, 2001.

"The phenomenon was even observed by commercial aircraft when air-space trajectories (flight paths--J.T.) brought them close to it."

"Witnesses identified it as a small silver dot towards the west of El Loa's provincial capital," Antofagasta, "which remained initially still and with a swinging motion"

"Many tried to see but were themselves thwarted in the pursuit of this goal as the object was some distance from the city. Nonetheless, others were able to see it both unaided and with binoculars."

"While the phenomenon took place, the air traffic control personnel from the Cerro Moreno Airport were on the lookout and followed the UFO's movements through accounts from airline pilots who flew at a certain distance from the object."

"Reports from Cerro Moreno indicated that two of the three airliners crossing the city while the phenomenon was taking place" witnessed the object. These were LAN-Chile Flight 560 and Avant Airlines Flight 471.

"The event, which took place at around 11 a.m., had a total duration of between 20 and 30 minutes, being first noticed by LAN-Chile Flight 560 after establishing visual contact with a shiny, oval object of incredible size. This was immediately relayed to the Air Traffic Control Center in Santiago de Chile, (the national capital--J.T.) The service personnel" in Santiago "picked up the observed phenomenon on their radar screens, which have nationwide coverage."

"The phenomenon was also seen in Calama, having been picked up by the local airport's control tower since 10:45 a.m. The description given was that of an oval, shiny object, which does not stray very far from the description given by the Cerro

Moreno airport's officials."

"According to the official statement produced by the Cerro Moreno Airport officials, the object was seen 64 kilometers (30 miles) north of Mejillones, a town northeast of Antofagasta, and was 18,000 meters (60,000 feet) high."

Avant Airlines Flight 471, "Flying between Calama and Antofagasta, reported the object to the regional capital's air facility."

"According to the air facility's functionaries, the UFO was 'flattened and elongated, like two plates facing each other,' and was seen 120 kilometers (72 miles) north-northwest of Antofagasta at Vector 350."

"Airport personnel explained that 'Radar systems filter information, otherwise even cars could show up onscreen as well as (air) traffic moving slower than the stipulated speed.'"

"Nelson Lope, Cerro Moreno's airport manager, confirmed the object's presence and noted that two (commercial) flights flying over the (Pacific) ocean picked up the apparition without being able to determine its identity. He added that the airspace occupied by the UFO contained heavy clouds, which did not allow for a more objective interpretation. However, he discarded the weather balloon theory given that the object 'was very high u, some calculations put it at 18,000 meters (60,000 feet). Perhaps a large balloon could reach this altitude, but no agency claimed credit for any such balloon launching. Both ESO (European Southern Observatory at Cerro Paranal--S.C.) and as well as a mining company near Calama near Calama always notify us before a balloon probe is launched.'"

"Despite the fact that the object was seen by a number of locals, the agency's radar system did not pick it up due to the fact that" the airport's radar system was undergoing "maintenance at the time when the phenomenon was taking place, an event which hampered the system's 'viewing capacity,' according to Lope."

"Although he claimed not to know the exact time that the object was in the sky, he noted that the sighting lasted up to 30 minutes" and the object was a good distance away, "'some 64 kilometers (40 miles) from Mejillones, more or less.'"

"The UFO was tracked by radar operators of the Fifth Air Brigade of the Fuerzas Aereas de Chile (FACH or Chilean Air Force--J.T.) based at Cerro Moreno, which is right outside of Antofagasta." (See the newspapers La Estrella del Loa for February 17, 2001, "UFO seen from Calama and Antofagasta," and El Mercurio of Calama for February 17, 2001, "Pilots see UFO over Antofagasta." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, y tambien Gloria Coluchi para esos articulos de diario.)

MORE UFOs REPORTED IN SAENZ PENA, ARGENTINA

As of this week, more residents of Saenz Pena," a city in northern Argentina, "will turn their attention heavenwards at night, due to the phenomenon witnessed by residents of the Oro Blanco sector, who claim having seen a strange light in the sky since Tuesday last," i.e. February 6, 2001.

"In an effort to identify the alleged UFO, residents of Resistencia," a barrio adjacent to Oro Blanco, "have added themselves to the effort visiting the city's air traffic control tower to identify the object from that location."

"It has become a tradition in Oro Blanco to wait for the flying object's passing--resembling a large luminous ball flying at low altitude and speed, making movements which are not typical of aircraft or other known vehicles. These characteristics arise from the testimony of locals who have been frequent witnesses to the passage of the UFOs and whose stories have appeared in our Norte de Chaco newspaper."

"At midnight on Saturday," February 10, 2001, "a group of residents of Oro Blanco, a neighborhood located behind the city's sports complex, gathered to view the luminous object but the heavy overcast hampered their viewing. In spite of this,

they watched the sky and will meet again today and in the coming days to scan the skies once more."

"These UFO sightings were allegedly confirmed by one employee of the airport control tower, who also lives in Oro Blanco. He reportedly told his neighbors that the city's air facility has been receiving phone calls since last Tuesday from persons asking if the strange lights are those of an airplane." (See the newspaper Norte de Chaco for February 12, 2001, "New UFO account from Saenz Pena." Otra vez, muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.)

DARK ROUND UFO HOVERS OVER RAWANG, MALAYSIA

Malaysia's UFO flap entered its fourth week with the sighting of a dark round UFO over a street in Rawang.

On Friday, February 16, 2001, at 6:51 a.m., student Owen K. was walking from his apartment to the college campus in Rawang, Selangor, Gombak province, Malaysia when he spotted the silent hovering UFO. He reported, "I don't really believe in UFOs but now I have seen it with a pair of my own eyes, and I believe now"

"This morning I woke up and traveled to college. Going up a dark road, I saw that an object was trying to land. It was lit up with a lot of lights. A moment later, the object had just disappeared into void and it was gone in a second. When I looked again, it was gone."

"It was a dark object, round in shape, with many lights. For sure, it was not an aircraft or an airplane" because "a plane is always moving and it cannot stay in the air without moving." (Email Form Report)

WOMAN VIDEOTAPES A UFO IN NORTH DEVON, UK

"Evidence of extraterrestrial life may have been caught on camera in Lynton," North Devon, UK.

"The sighting of strange lights spinning through the night sky was caught on video camera by an amateur photographer."

"Jo Sherlock has described her close encounter with the UFO, which happened on Thursday, January 23, 2001, as a strange experience that left her 'feeling weird' and her camera batteries low."

(Editor's Comment: Perhaps Jo Sherlock is a distant relative of a certain Georgie who lived at 22B Baker Street, London a century ago.)

"She said, 'My son was outside having a cigarette when he called me, saying there were some lights in the sky. So I went out with my cameras because I never go out without them.'"

"'There were lots of very bright green and blue in the dark sky. I had my still camera around my neck, and the flash went off three times, without me touching it.'"

(Editor's Comment: The objects' electromagnetic field must have interacted with the camera's electronics.)

"'I felt really weird, and I thought, Where am I? even though I was standing in my garden. The object got closer and it started to spin like a catherine wheel (a top--J.T.) standing up vertically, and spinning around flat (horizontally) like in the movies. It then went away from me, stopped spinning, and got really small.'"

"Jo claimed that when she went back outside after briefly going into the house, the wind was blowing heavily when previously the sky had been quite calm."

"The feeling she received from seeing the lights, which she filmed all the while, disturbed her most of all. She said, 'I just did not feel myself, I thought it was getting to me. They say some people have out-of-body experiences when they see these lights but it was not like that. I can't really explain it all.'"

Afterwards, Ms. Sherlock noticed that her "camera batteries were flat (low), a level they should not have reached so quickly." The power drain was unexplainable. (See the North Devon Journal for February 15, 2001, "Lights in the sky leave Jo feeling 'weird.'" Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

MORE UFOs REPORTED IN DERBYSHIRE DALES, UK

"Last week, a (UFO) sighting videotaped in Bonsall was reported by the Daily Mail, Channel Five and the BBC News. A German TV firm would like to film a documentary. Now the Mercury has received another close encounter, the 20th sighting since the first back in September (2000)."

"Paul Hannan, 37, of Yeld Close, Bakewell, saw a dome-shaped object at around 8 p.m. on Saturday," February 3, 2001.

"'It was between Youlgrave and Over-Haddon,' he said, 'More or less on the Manchester flight path. I shouted to my wife, 'Look at this bright light out here!' She went to get my binoculars.'"

"Mr. Hannan, who saw a similar object in Bakewell during the 1990s, said the craft was a brilliant white light in the sky."

"Through the binoculars, he could see the light gradually fade and the object get progressively smaller.."

"'After that, you could still see something with the naked eye,' he remarked."

"'Through the binoculars, you could see a light around it, as though it were illuminated from within and only faintly, but enough to distinguish the shape of it.'"

"'When I saw the light, it wasn't moving. But after the light faded, it seemed to be dancing in the sky. I didn't see any color but I could definitely make out a shape. Then it moved to the left and just completely disappeared.'"

"Mr. Hannan says he believes the UFOs are manned by alien visitors but is unsure why they are here."

"'It could be something to do with water,' he mused, 'That is a valuable asset within the universe. I think the Government has been working with them for years, Area 51 and all that. Jets were sent up to intercept them but they just disappeared. I don't think there's anything we can do.'"

"The 21st sighting surrounds a Wirksworth couple who saw a large blue light with an orange tail which shot across the sky."

"The man, who refused to be identified, was going for a walk with his girlfriend on Summer Lane at about 7:15 p.m. last Thursday," February 8, 2001, "when they saw the bright light."

"He said, "At first I thought it was a plane crashing. It is the funniest (strangest--J.T.) thing I have ever seen. It had an orange glowing tail out the back of it. But it was far too fast for a plane.'"

"'My friend also saw it. He going from Alfreton to Tansley and stopped his car to look,'" the witness added. (See the Matlock Mercury for February 15, 2001, "Close encounters continue in Dales." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

MYSTERIOUS FIREBALL CAUSES A STIR IN NORTHERN IRELAND

"A full-scale emergency to search for a crashed plane was launched" on Tuesday night, February 13, 2001, off the coast of Northern Ireland.

"Troops and RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary--J.T.) joined ambulance crews and RAF helicopters after two people were reported dead in a light aircraft accident."

"They rushed to the scene at a remote mountain near Kinawley," Northern Ireland, "on the Fermanagh border."

"Hospital staff at Enniskillen were at emergency standby."

"The emergency was called off late (Tuesday) night after four hours."

"A schoolboy is believed to have reported seeing fire and heavy smoke after he said a plane hit the mountain."

"St. Angelo Airport at Enniskillen said all its planes had been accounted for."

"The ambulance spokesman said, 'A light aircraft was seen falling from the sky. We immediately sent two ambulances and the other emergency services were also there. We were led to believe there were two people aboard the aircraft.'"

"Later the spokesman said they had used heat-seeking equipment to scan the area but had found nothing. He added, 'Well, at the moment, it would be fair to say it looks like a hoax,'"

"The (supposed) crash site was just a few miles from where rally champion Bertie Fisher's helicopter went down last month," i.e. in January 2001. (See the Daily Mirror for February 15, 2001, "Plane crash emergency 'hoax.'" Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

GREEN FIREBALL DODGES A POLICE HELICOPTER IN UK

On Thursday, February 8, 2001, a woman in Gloucester, UK reported, "My extremely sensible son was watching a police helicopter between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. when 'a large green ball' suddenly flew low across the sky and directly under the helicopter that was hovering over Fainswick Road roundabout (rotary in the USA--J.T.) It seemed to have appeared from (behind) a flock of pigeons. Its passage appeared to have disturbed their roost, as they do not fly in the dark."

The green UFO approached from the north-northwest. (Many thanks to Cosmic Conspiracies for this report.)

FOUR AMBER UFOs SIGHTED IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

"The odd lights continue to baffle many, but a new theory has begun to gel in response to the latest report of bright lights in the night sky" above Rockford, Illinois.

"Several sources speculated Tuesday that orange and gold gleaming orbs spotted Saturday," February 10, 2001, "were helium balloons carrying flares or candles, likely launched from someone's backyard as a novelty or prank."

"More than 40 people, some from as far away as Byron and Caledonia, contacted the Register-Star to relate accounts of a phenomenon that started New Year's Eve 1999" and has returned several times since.

"Lee Carlson said four amber-colored lights floated past his Hillcrest Road house on a flight path from Gregory Elementary School across Newbury Road and past A.C. Thompson Elementary School."

"'I heard them pop as they went by and saw them slowly burn out,' said Carlson, who suspects the balloons landed near the U.S. Post Office or Harrison Sunstrand headquarters on Harrison Avenue."

"Kathy Webb, wife of RVC theatre director Mike Webb, said she watched from campus Saturday as a dozen lights slowly proceeded to form the letters J, A, X and U."

"'I think they're aliens,' she said, 'But I don't think they're coming to hurt us. I think they're just observing, to see what our lives are like compared to theirs.'"

One who disagreed with the alien theory was "Duane Ingram, a physics and astronomy professor at Rocky Valley College (RVC)" who "said he doubts from descriptions he's heard that people were watching stars, constellations or planets."

"Ingram said juvenile hijinks seem a more plausible explanation. Such tricks could include lasers shot against low

clouds on dry nights or items attached to helium balloons, such as flashlights or flares."

"'Let's see...on Saturday night? Come on!' he said."

"Federal Aviation Agency spokeswoman Liz Isham Cory confirmed Tuesday that nothing unusual showed up on radar Saturday, including at the Greater Rockford Airport."

"But she said that operators at the Quad Cities control tower saw bright lights that coincided with the January 11 (2001) rash of reports in Rockford."

(Editor's Note: The "Quad Cities" include Rock Island, Illinois; Moline, Illinois; Bettendorf, Iowa and Davenport, Iowa.)

"'These lights seem to have a seasonal pattern,' she said, 'They appear on cold, clear nights they have done so at the beginning of the year.'"

"Peter B. Davenport, director of the UFO Reporting Center in Washington (state), a non-profit organization that posts sightings from persons across the country including Rockford, said local reports 'don't appear to be consistent with extraterrestrial craft,' mostly because of their slow travel speed."

"'I suspect some human being is behind this,' he said." (See the Rockford, Ill. Register-Star for February 14, 2001, "Probably balloonist behind night lights." Many thanks to Kenny Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for sending this newspaper article.)

FOUR TRIANGULAR UFOs SPOTTED IN TYLER, TEXAS

On Sunday, February 11, 2001, at 6 p.m., M.C. was driving on Loop Highway 323 in Tyler, Texas (population 17,000) when he and his friend spotted some unusual objects approaching from the west.

"I was with a friend, and she spotted the lights first," he reported, "There were two triangular/rounded dark objects in the sky moving very slowly. There was another one just a little further ahead, and it was a little to the west of the other two."

"The objects moved slowly easterly and then made an almost 90-degree turn northward. Then another object was sighted approaching, following the same flight path as the others. It appeared to be lower than the other three. As it approached, we thought we'd be able to get a better view. But before it was close enough for us to see better, it began rising and falling slowly in the same path as those others in a northerly direction. But as it got closer to the others, it also slowed."

"We were able to watch the objects for almost 20 minutes until they were out of sight."

"They were dark or black, shaped like a triangle but with rounded edges. They appeared to be very high in the night sky." (Email Form Report)

RED UFO SEEN BY FAMILY IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

On Wednesday, February 14, 2001, Cristy C. and her mother were driving near Central Avenue and the Petroglyphs National Monument on the west side of Albuquerque, New Mexico when they unexpectedly encountered a UFO.

"We were coming from" a local mall "at about 6:05 p.m.. I saw this red thing shoot up and spin really fast. I tried to tell my mom, and she freaked" when she saw it. "It then turned orange-yellow and then went high and disappeared. Now this happened near Petroglyphs National Monument." (Many thanks to Australian ufologist/researcher Barry Taylor for this email report.)

BROWN GOOP FALLS FROM THE SKY IN LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Remember that weird brown coop that fell from the sky in

Pennsylvania a couple of years ago? Well, it's back!

"A foul-smelling brown substance has been raining down on a Polk County neighborhood and neither residents nor county health officials know what it is."

"The theories range from bird droppings to to airplane litter to pollen or even emissions from nearby industries. All the residents along a four-block area of Cimarron Drive in south Lakeland know is the stuff is coating cars, driveways and picnic tables."

"'I don't see any birds or planes,' said neighbor Demetra Kaitzos, 'I don't get where it's coming from. It doesn't wash out good. It's ruining my clothes and everything.'"

"Polk County officials are investigating. Samples were sent to a laboratory on Thursday," February 15, 2001, "but results are not expected for several days, said Gene Jeffers, an environmental engineering administrator for the Polk County Health Department."

"Jeffers said the stuff could be coming from nearby orange groves or be airborne muck from wildfires burning south of Mulberry, Florida."

"In the meantime, neighbors are trying to stay clean and safe."

"'I can't even go into my backyard because the stuff is falling from the sky everywhere, and it's disgusting,' Kaitzos said, 'I don't know if it's going to be hazardous to my kids.'" (See the Miami Herald for February 16, 2001, "Mysterious brown smelly stuff raining on Lakeland neighborhood." Many thanks to Steve Wilson and Gerry Lovell for this newspaper article.)

HAM OPERATORS LISTEN IN ON SECRET HAARP TEST

A California radio enthusiast claims to have picked up a secret test of the top-secret HAARP system on Saturday, February 17, 2001.

Marshall Smith stated that he was tuning in to frequency 3.390 megahertz (MHz) when "HAARP began testing with greatly increased full power."

The USA Defense Department has stated that the HAARP array, almost a forest of radio masts located in Gakona, Alaska, is a facility for high-energy physics experiments. However, some people in the UFO community believe that HAARP is the "jewel in the crown" of a NATO "Star Wars" anti-UFO defense system.

"Very early this morning (Saturday, February 17), about 2 a.m., HAARP could be heard at its old usual signal strength," Smith reported, "At 3 a.m., the signal changed both its pulse timing and inter-pulse spacing. At 4:30 a.m., the signal strength suddenly increased tremendously."

Unlike on previous occasions, he added, "There was no F-layer fade out when the sun rose here in California at 6:45 a.m. I have never heard the HAARP signal during the daytime before."

Because the signal remained strong during daylight, Smith theorized that "this is an extremely powerful groundwave signal and I was receiving the 'leakage' off the lobes of the antenna."

HAARP's power strength is said to be 350 megawatts, but Smith's guesstimate was that Saturday's signal was powered by an electrical output that could be measured in gigawatts.)Many thanks to Rev. Billy Dee and Steve Wilson for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: Next question: Could the HAARP test have anything to do with the sudden sharp upsurge in UFO sightings last week?)

HIGH WINDS DELAY THE LANDING OF ATLANTIS

NASA announced a change of plans Tuesday afternoon, February 20, 2001, changing the landing site of the space shuttle Atlantis from Florida to California.

High winds and continuing bad weather at the Kennedy Space Center landing strip in Cape Canaveral, Florida delayed the original landing, which had been planned for Sunday, February 18, and also on Monday, February 19. The crew of Atlantis is in no danger as the shuttle has enough food, water and breathable air to remain in orbit until Wednesday.

The delay has been the only glitch in an otherwise picture-perfect Atlantis mission.

On Monday, February 12, 2001, astronauts Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam "ventured out on another spacewalk and spruced up the sparkling new Destiny science laboratory on the International Space Station."

Jones and Curbeam "installed the electronic base for a large robot arm that will be added to the space station in April (2001). They strung a slide wire along the length of the 28-foot (7-meter) lab for use by future construction workers, and they wired up a shuttle docking port on the end of the lab."

On Tuesday, February 13, 2001, Jones and Curbeam "floated outside space shuttle Atlantis, performing chores on the International Space Station." This was the 100th spacewalk by astronauts of the USA.

Curbeam and Jones "continued the string of space romps that started in 1965 with Edward White's 21-minute spacewalk during the Gemini 4 mission."

(Editor's Note: Younger readers, in those days spacewalks were known as extra-vehicular activities or EVAs.)

On Thursday, February 15, 2001, "space shuttle Atlantis astronauts gave one final orbit-raising lift to the International Space Station and hauled over the last batch of supplies."

"All that remained for the two crews were goodbyes and the shuttle's morning departure."

"The space station commander, Bill Shepherd, said he regrets not having had more time to socialize with the astronauts of the space shuttle."

"The toughest thing is to see folks kind of coming and going for a week and not really having any down time to sit there and relax," Shepherd said, "We did a little bit of yakking last night. It was very good."

"He said he planned to inaugurate the space station's new DVD player Thursday night in his first spare time since the Atlantis's arrival last Friday," February 9, 2001, "with the \$1.4 billion science laboratory."

"The shuttle crew delivered the DVD player along with about 20 movies and 3,000 pounds of supplies."

(Editor's Comment: It just struck me that history is being made aboard Station Alpha. Whoever's face first appears in the first movie played on the station's new DVD machine has the distinction of becoming the first actor or actress to perform in a drama or comedy shown outside the bounds of Earth's atmosphere. In addition, Bill Shepherd, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalyov are the first audience of humans to watch a movie away from Earth.)

Atlantis also "left the space station in a much higher orbit."

"Atlantis's thrusters repeatedly were fired this week to raise the shuttle/station complex. The end result was an average altitude of 237 miles (379 kilometers), 16 miles (25 kilometers) higher than before." (See USA Today for February 13, 2001, "Astronauts get Destiny ready to go," page 7A; February 15, 2001, "Astronauts complete 100th spacewalk," page 3A; and February 20, 2001, "Atlantis homecoming delayed again, reset for today," page 3A. Also the Minneapolis, Minn. Star-Tribune for February 17, 2001, "Atlantis leaves space station in a higher orbit," page 3A.

From the UFO Files...

1954: ALIENS LAND IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL

During the 1950s and early 1960s, there were many cases in which the UFO occupants were human beings, amazingly like the people here on Earth. One of the most interesting cases involving these "Space Brothers" or "Off-World Humans" (OWH) took place in the town of Santa Maria, in Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state in Brazil.

"In March 1954, a Brazilian named Rubem Hellwig, of German origin, encountered a small craft, not of this world, and spoke with its occupants."

"The machine (UFO) shaped like a melon or rugby football, was of about the size of a Volkswagen car, was standing not far from the road on which Hellwig was driving at 5 p.m. He stopped and walked over. The crew were two men of slim build, about a metre, 60 centimetres (6 feet) in height, their faces brownish and they were not wearing helmets. One was inside the machine, and the other was collecting specimens of grass."

"They spoke to Hellwig in a strange language and yet somehow he says he understood what they asked, which was where they could get some ammonia. He directed them to a nearby town. With blue and yellow flames and great luminosity, the craft vanished silently and instantly."

"The next day, early, he met what seemed to be the same machine again, but this time with a different crew, a tall, fair-complexioned man and two women with light brown skin, long silky black hair and large dark slant eyes. All three were clad alike in one-piece brown garments (coveralls) resembling suede, with zippers. This party said they were scientists, spoke enthusiastically of the natural riches of Brazil and were enthralled that, unlike the other folk whom they had seen, Hellwig did not flee from them in fear."

"Hellwig stated, in his account to the newspaper, that these people could all easily pass here as Earth natives." (See the book The Humanoids, Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, Ill. 1969, pages 91 and 92.)

This wraps up one of the busiest UFO weeks we've had in a while. Not only are the Argentina and Malaysia flaps still going strong, we have an upsurge in UFO activity in UK and Chile. It'll be interesting to see what the coming week brings. In addition, there was an earthquake in El Salvador last week measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale. Maybe that Hindu astrologer in Ahmedabad was right about it being "earthquake season." Anyway, join us 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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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 12:06:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:23:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 01 00:25:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments:

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:22:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:43:18 -0000

With all due apologies to patient and gentle listfolk:

>In this exchange, we find Jerome giving Andy a bit of lip, as
>follows:

>>I'm sorry that, from every indication betrayed by your
>>childish taunting and boasting, it appears you may not
>>possess the temperament that would give any objective
>>observer confidence in your abilities or conclusions. And
>>if you can't see that, if you can imagine a critic only as
>>a foolish or venal character - a depised enemy - whom you
>>have to trounce at all costs, you are in some serious
>>trouble.

>Jerome warns Andy: "if you can imagine a critic only as a
>foolish or venal character - a depised enemy - whom you have
>to trounce at all costs, you are in some serious trouble."
>Jerome should know, having got into trouble by taking such a
>line himself. It remains an open question whether he has learned
>anything from this experience, or whether he merely thinks he
>can get away with similar ploys on the Internet. What am I
>talking about? See beneath.

Yes, see beneath, by all means. PB reprints a self-serving
screed from militant debunker Gary P. Posner, who once
threatened to sue CUFOS because of an editorial I wrote critical
of debunking excesses. (By the way, amusingly, PB has shown, by
a whole lot of tactful silence on the subject, not to mention
his own, er, distinctively colorful outburst, that he believes
"debunking excesses" to be logically and rhetorically
impossible.).

Make no mistake about it: I am proud of the IUR piece - one of
the best short articles I have ever written - and stand by its
accuracy, which till now no unpaid outside observer ever
challenged (Posner did so, ofcourse, only because he was one of
those criticized therein and, like all debunkers, can dish it
out but can't take it in return). I note that in 1992, in an
interesting Journal of the American Society for Psychical
Research paper on CSICOP's history of excesses, George P.Hansen
-- who is no more a friend of mine than Posner is - also

mentioned the "ambulatory schizophrenia" assertion Posner made in a letter published in a 1978 issue of CSICOP's magazine.

Posner's curious claim was widely remarked on at the time among observers of the newly organized CSICOP. I recall conversations in which even skeptics laughingly or concernedly cited it as evidence of extremism in CSICOP's ranks and as evidence there might be problems down the road (as there were). If memory serves, it was no less than CSICOP co-founder (and early defector) Marcello Truzzi who first drew the letter to my attention. No wonder, in retrospect, Posner found it so embarrassing and sought to silence anyone who reminded the world of what he had written, one hopes (charitably) in the enthusiasm of the moment.

In any event, CUFOS' attorney told us that we would win if we went to trial, but urged us not to fight it because, even if we "won," we'd lose in effect because of the enormous legal expenses. The usual story, in other words.

IUR, with the attorney's vetting, drafted a nonretraction/retraction, essentially stating that because of legal threats we could not publish a defense or rejoinder to Posner's letter. Even Phil Klass and CSICOP refused to back Posner and encouraged him to drop the matter. No one besides Posner (and now, I gather, PB) ever professed to believe I'd said anything libelous.

All that's interesting in PB's verbiage, by the way, is its gross hypocrisy. The posting implicitly defends Posner as an innocent victim while putting forth the allegation that I am guilty of holding one's intellectual adversaries to be, in my words, "foolish or venal characters - a despised enemy - whom you have to trounce at all costs." In fact, it was precisely people who think like that whom I was criticizing in the editorial that gave PB and his pal Posner such a severe case of the vapors.

Let us now consider the case of Gary P. Posner, who considers ufologists and other anomalists to be an unsavory lot indeed. The following is a memorandum for the record I wrote in 1992. I found it, appropriately enough, in a folder titled "Posner Threats." The opening references are to the IUR editorial in question:

"Posner is quoted in the lead paragraph (#1) on page 22. The editorial mentions his remarks regarding ambulatory schizophrenia in the context of a criticism of debunkers' rhetorical excess - as one example of "strange charges against ufologists." The following paragraph (#2) nowhere mentions Posner and in fact sets up the paragraph after (#3); note the opening "Thus" in #3, linking it directly with the sentiments in #2. #3 concerns James Randi's attack on Uri Geller for "appalling moral lapses, such as a role in what Randi alleges was an American scientist's suicide."

In fact, on August 14, 1992, Jerome Clark wrote Posner as follows: "In my IUR editorial, your ambulatory-schizophrenia accusation was cited as an example of debunkers' 'strange charges against ufologists.' Any other reading is inconceivable." In fact, CSICOP, which was the subject of the sentence to which Posner objects but in which he nowhere figures, indicated in an unsolicited letter (from executive director Barry Karr, September 3) to Clark that it found nothing in his editorial (reprinted in the July 5 issue of Saucer Smear) to merit legal action.

The following has no bearing on the published IUR remarks but is concerned with subsequent personal correspondence between Posner and Clark [and Ron Westrum] in which the former's views of ufologists' character were discussed and debated:

It is Clark's view that other statements of Posner's displayed a contempt for ufologists and their motives and suggested a belief that they are dishonest and unsavory. In a June 29, 1979, letter to Ron Westrum, Posner asked rhetorically, "Is [Allen Hynek] dishonest?... I do not know the answers to these questions." In other words, he deemed ufology's most prominent proponent's dishonesty at least an open question. On September 9 of the same

year he referred, again in a letter to Westrum, to Philip J. Klass's "repeated demands for some semblance of honesty and professional morality among ufologists," implying that such are in short supply in ufologists' ranks. On September 20 Posner wrote Westrum, "UFO proponents seem invariably to assume an evasive and/or deceptive posture." In a January 26, 1978, letter to Hynek, he said, "If you continue your present course, your personal finances may remain sound, and you may even eventually get your own TV show, but I assure you that your credibility among the 'logical' segment of the population (no matter how few of us there may be left) will erode to zero, if it has not already done so." The implication, of course, is that Hynek's UFO interests were motivated by profits and publicity rather than scientific curiosity.

In a September 19, 1979, letter to Clark, Posner went beyond innuendo to state bluntly his belief in the unsavory character of UFO proponents: "In a field in which the purported evidence is so flimsy and subjective, one would be very foolish to trust the opinions and judgement of anyone with an established pattern of deceptive and evasive behavior - hence my present mistrust of virtually all of the prominent UFO proponents."

Writing to Clark on August 17, 1992, Posner stated he still held that view of UFO proponents. He said, "I now do appreciate and freely acknowledge that the concluding paragraph of my 1/26/78 letter alluded to only one of several possible explanations for [Hynek's] unscientific behavior (i.e., there may be more fame and fortune in pro-UFO advocacy than in scientific pursuit of the truth)... When even Allen Hynek ... began to exhibit behavior that appeared evasive at best and deceptive at worst, I found myself in an admitted state of 'mistrust of virtually all the prominent UFO proponents.' Unfortunately, things do not appear to have changed one iota for the better in the nearly 15 intervening years."

Posner expressed a comparable sentiment to Tom Zucco, a reporter for a Florida newspaper, Naples Daily News. In its May 31, 1992, issue Posner is quoted as indicating that ufologists researching UFO abductions have questionable motives. They have created a manufactured mystery because of their "interest in promoting UFO stories or selling books." In other words, ufologists are not interested in truth-seeking but in creating a sensation and making money from it.

In an October 11, 1985, letter Clark asked Posner to cite five "points of disagreement" he might have with fellow debunker Klass. Posner said on October 16 that "I cannot think of any" such disagreements - a point repeated in a November 5 communication. On August 26, 1992, Posner reaffirmed his entire agreement with Klass's pronouncements and on September 2 wrote, "I cannot think of any substantive UFO issues with which I disagree significantly with Phil." A third affirmation appears in a September 10 letter. In short, Posner indicates that, among other things, he has no problem with anything Klass says about the character of persons with a sympathetic interest in UFOs.

In his many writings Klass has accused ufologists of a variety of social crimes, not the least of them habitual deceit of the public. One, made repeatedly, is that ufologists cover up prosaic explanations of UFO cases to keep money coming into their organizations. Thus he has used the phrase "UFO promoters" rather than "UFO proponents" to describe their true, unsavory motives. He has also compared meetings of UFO enthusiasts with meetings of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party. He has, moreover, called ufologists "kooks and cultists" who abuse "honorable men ... for daring to speak well of this country and its institutions and leaders" (December 12, 1983, letter to Clark). He has accused ufologists of working for the same ends as the Soviet Union (while stopping short of calling them conscious agents of international Communism). In early 1984 Klass circulated the transcript of a phone conversation he had with University of Nebraska administrator Robert Mortenson. In it Klass says, referring to ufologists who believe the U.S. government is concealing significant UFO secrets:

"[A]s a patriotic American, I very much resent the charges of 'coverup,' of lying, of falsehoods, charged against not one Administration, not two, but teight Administrations going back to a man from Missouri named Truman, a man named Dwight Eisenhower. Because if this charge is true - Cosmic Watergate

-- then all of these Presidents were implicated, and all of their Administrations.... [In making this charge, ufologists] seek what the Soviet Union does - to convey to the public that our Government can not be trusted, that it lies, that it falsifies.... I know this charge is completely false. And I resent it as an American citizen."

In this instance Posner's endorsement of a Klass charge - in this case that reckless and irresponsible ufologists are doing such damage to their country that a "patriotic American" feels compelled to protest - was not just implicit but explicit. In the April 25, 1984, issue of Saucer Smear, Posner discussed the matter and praised Klass as a "highly respected journalist and editor with a well-earned reputation for scrupulous honesty and factual accuracy (among all but the 'pro-Weirdness' crowd)." Referring to Klass's statements to Mortenson, Posner declared that if he were Mortenson, he "would have appreciated Phil's efforts to educate" him and other university officials responsible for sponsoring a conference organized by ufologists.

A final note: In its early days (especially the late 1970s) CSICOP defined its mission as no less than defense of democracy, allegedly imperiled by irrational cults such as ufology. The historical analogy most often cited was Weimar Germany, in which occult groups (some of which included Nazis in their membership) proliferated. That is where James Oberg's reference - in a 1981 book - obliquely linking ufologists and fascistically inclined occultists came from. The analogy was so brazenly bogus that CSICOP, after criticism from within its own ranks, dropped it. After my IUR editorial appeared, Oberg sent me some near-hysterical letters alleging that I had misrepresented his views, which I hadn't. Like Posner, rather than admit that he'd been wrong or that he had since changed his mind (which actually would have made both men look good, since everybody makes mistakes), he tried to silence the critic who'd pointed to the unfortunate claim. As PB would put it, rather than accept an embarrassing truth, Oberg, like Posner, sought to kill the messenger.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Evans

From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 12:42:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:52:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:23:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps
>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:44:05 -0600

Previously, Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo wrote:

>>Local news station WSVN, channel 7, Fox, aired an interview with
>>former Army Sergeant-Major Robert Dean, on Sunday February 18 at
>>11 P.M.

>>In the interview, Mr. Dean claimed that in 1964 saw Medical
>>Reports of autopsies of "extraterrestrials". He stated that
>>there were 4 different races, one of them similar to us, 4 to
>>4.5 feet tall. He did not care about personal repercussions, and
>>the government should said the true to the public.

>>Anyone know about this interview?

Michel replied:

>I'm not sure, but I may have parts of it on video tape...
>somewhere.

Hi, Michel!

Perhaps it is lost in the abundance of flying saucer tapes you
claim to have. I refer to the following post:

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:22:10 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>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.

In response, I asked:

>So let me get this straight; you know flying saucers are real
>because you have video tape of them?

>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...

Come on, Michel. It's been several months. How long does it take
to find the video of the flying saucer shot that makes you
know they are real. If the interview tape that Dr.
Sanchez-Ocejo is seeking is stored with your other tapes, then I
hold out little hope of it ever seeing the light of day.

You do have video of flying saucer, right?

Roger

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Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:24:52 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:56:54 -0500
Subject: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast

Greetings List

This is copied from today's Yorkshire Post (Leeds, 22 February 2001):

'Earthquake' was no great shakes...
Mark Branagan.

If you failed to notice the "earthquake" which rattled the Yorkshire coast yesterday, don't worry...neither did the British Geological Survey.

Not, that is, until the panic calls began flooding in to the BGS headquarters in Edinburgh from Boulby, Whitby, Scarborough, Bridlington, Filey and Hornsea.

BGS equipment is capable of picking up earth tremors on the other side of the world, but the event on the Yorkshire coast did not even register at their local seismic station in Pickering.

The reason was that the rumble which shook houses for 50 miles at 11.40am was no freak of nature. More probably, it was a sonic boom from RAF jets on exercise over the North Sea.

Scientists say the vibrations were definitely not caused by an earthquake, although those whose homes were affected could have been forgiven for fearing the worst.

Seismologist Glenn Ford, of the BGS, said the shaking sensation produced by jets going supersonic and those of minor earthquakes were very similar.

"We get about six of these incidents a year when people report earthquakes after hearing sonic booms," he said although such reports were now less common than in the heyday of Concorde.

Yesterday's two-second rumble was still one of the biggest since 1997, when a boom from 16 Tornado jets over the North Sea shook Cleveland, Co Durham and Hartlepool power station.

Sounds picked up by a BGS microphone at Leeds University suggested Yorkshire had suffered a similar fluke yesterday and the Ministry of Defence confirmed aircraft were in the area at the time.

Mr Ford said that although pilots were not allowed to break the sound barrier over land, they could do while training over the sea, and the resulting sonicboom had been known to drift for miles.

Yesterday's bang led to many panicked householders fleeing into the street.

Police and Scarborough Council were bombarded with calls for much of the day about the "earthquake".

Health and safety officers were stirred, but not shaken. The walls of the town hall may have been rattled, but the only report of any damage was a broken window at Whitby.

For retired policeman John Melville, 51, now living on a croft near Robin Hood's Bay, however, the tremor conjured up some uncomfortable memories.

He said: "I remember when I was in Glasgow and a small boy was killed in a big tremor. Before that I was in Belgium when there was an earthquake and people were killed. I'm out in the country having a nice retired life, then today our life was interrupted with the almightiest of shakes.

"We phoned the council about 20 miles away and they said they were feeling a bit shaken as well."

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Re: Cosmic Snowball Attack From Space? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:36:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:00:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Cosmic Snowball Attack From Space? - Velez

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:38:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Cosmic Snowball Attack From Space?

>Hi everyone.

>
>It has been nearly four years since I first checked into this
>story which was posted on UFO UpDates. Now there is new evidence
>(see attached University of Iowa release below) in support that
>the cosmic snowball attack from space is real.

>Tons of dust from space from meteors, most no larger than a
>grain of sand, collects on the Earth surface each day. Now we
>are presented with new evidence for an even larger bombardment
>from space. Are mini snow comets, each the size of a house,
>really hitting the Earth once every 3 seconds or so? Could some
>of the unexplained UFOs video recorded in space from the Space
>Shuttle be these 20-40 ton snowballs? I wonder what Professor
>Frank's comments would be regarding these UFO space videos?

>Nick Balaskas

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>The following release was received from The University Of Iowa,
>in Iowa City, And is forwarded for your information.
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>Astronomical Society.) Steve Maran, American Astronomical
>Society

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>Embargoed for Release: 1 a.m. EST, March 1, 2001

>UI researcher finds new evidence for small comet theory

>IOWA CITY, Iowa -- In a paper published in the March 1, 2001
>issue of the American Geophysical Union's Journal of Geophysical
>Research, University of Iowa Physics Professor Louis A. Frank,
>says that he has found new evidence to support his theory that
>the water in Earth's oceans arrived by way of small snow comets.

>Frank reports that he obtained pictures of nine small comets
>among 1,500 images made between October 1998 and May 1999 using
>the Iowa Robotic Observatory (IRO) located near Sonoita, Ariz.
>In addition, he says that the possibility of the images being
>due to "noise," or electronic interference, on the telescope's
>video screens was eliminated by operating the telescope in such
>a manner as to ensure that real objects were recorded in the
>images. This operation of the telescope utilized two simple
>exposure modes for the acquisition of the images. One scheme
>used the telescope's shutter to provide two trails of the same
>small comet in a single image, and the second scheme used the
>same shutter to yield three trails in an image.

>"In the two-trail mode for the telescope's camera, no events
>were seen with three trails, and for the three-trail mode, no
>events were seen with two trails," he says. "This simple shutter
>operation for the telescope's camera provides full assurance
>that real extraterrestrial objects are being detected." Frank
>notes these images with the IRO confirm earlier reports of small
>comet detection using the ground-based Spacewatch Telescope
>during November 1987, January 1988 and April 1988.

>The small comet theory, developed in 1986 with UI research
>scientist John Sigwarth from data gathered using the Dynamics
>Explorer 1 satellite, holds that about 20 snow comets weighing
>20 to 40 tons each disintegrate in the Earth's atmosphere every
>minute. Over the lifetime of our planet, the comets would have
>accounted for virtually all of the Earth's water. The small
>comet theory has been controversial almost from the beginning,
>with some scientists suggesting that images identified as small
>snow comets actually result from electronic noise on satellite
>sensors and other researchers asserting that the images
>represent a real phenomenon. In 1997, Frank revealed a series of
>photographs taken by Visible Imaging System (VIS) cameras
>designed by Frank and Sigwarth and carried aboard NASA's Polar
>spacecraft as further proof of the existence of the small snow
>comets.

>Robert A. Hoffman, senior scientist at NASA's Goddard Space
>Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. and project scientist for both the
>Dynamics Explorer 1 and the Polar spacecraft missions, says that
>because satellite-based imagery related to the small comet
>theory has been interpreted in different ways, ground-based
>imagery is a good alternative.

>"Due to the controversy surrounding the interpretation of the
>images from space-borne detectors taken primarily in ultraviolet
>>wavelengths, ground-based visible observations with sufficient
>signal-to-noise appear to be the most practical approach to
>obtaining clear evidence regarding the existence of these
>objects. I hope more such studies will be performed," Hoffman
>says.

>Frank, a UI faculty member since 1964, has been an experimenter,
>co-investigator, or principal investigator for instruments on
>forty-two spacecraft. His instruments include those used to
>observe the Earth's auroras, as well as those used to measure
>energetic charged particles and thin, electrically charged gases
>called plasmas. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union
>and the American Physical Society, a member of the American
>Astronomical Society, American Association for the Advancement
>of Science and the International Academy of Astronautics, and a
>recipient of the National Space Act Award.

>Further information, including images of two small comet
>trails, can be found at the following web site:

><http://smallcomets.physics.uiowa.edu/iro/>.

>(Note to editors and reporters: Frank will be on travel from
>February 26 through March 3.)

Hiya Nick, hi All,

Nick this is absurd. Are serious astronomers really giving
this 'theory' consideration? With just cursory consideration it
doesn't make sense.

If the earth is being pelted every three seconds or so by
"house-sized" chunks of ice, then so is the moon. The moon has
no atmosphere to melt, or slow down, or to diminish in size and
impact these rather large ice bullets. Even my 8 inch Celestron
would be able to detect the little dust clouds that would be
thrown up with each and every impact.

(IF) what Franks suggests is true, and the moon is also being
pelted at the rate of three impacts per second by house-sized
chunks of ice traveling at 40,000mph or so, observing the
surface of the moon would be like watching corn pop in the
kettle with the cover off.

An argument:

Oh but if they are coming from deep in the solar system they

would strike the far side of the moon and we'd never see them.

BS there are times when the precession of the moon allows a peek beyond the limb and if not then, they would have certainly been detected by our craft and astronauts as they circumvented the moon. Clementine was up there doing detailed imaging and nothing is ever mentioned about this 'three event per second' rain of ice chunks hauling ass at 40 to 50 thousand mph.

You're an astronomer yourself. You've probably spent more time at the eyepiece than I have studying minutia on the surface of the moon. Have -you- ever witnessed an impact of any kind?

Neither have I. And I hunt (intentionally) for any kind of anomalies on the lunar surface whenever I turn my scope on it.

Three impacts per second? That's tantamount to a space blizzard! And it's never been detected until now? I don't buy it.

Regards,

John Velez, amateur astronomer 30 years, never seen a snowball in Heaven or Hell.

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

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:40:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:05:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 17:12:53 -0000
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>I was hoping that one of the serious newspapers might take up the
>>story, and finally put someone in the know on the spot. But the
>>fact that only the News of the World and GMTV seem to have paid
>>it any attention just goes to show that, as I said, it takes the
>>case no further and proves nothing.

>For a journalist you are not very well informed. My book has had
>plenty of publicity. I was happy to go with The News of The
>World for serial because they are Britain's biggest selling
>Sunday newspaper and as a result of that my book went into
>second re-print before publication date.

Hi Georgina,

I'm as well informed as the next journalist....

My experience tells me is that whatever the selling power of the
News of the World, no one would take any "UFO story" published
in that rag with anything other than a huge pinch of salt! Come
on, if you had a *serious* story to tell would you take it to
the News of the World?

The NOTW is only slightly down the food chain than the
Sunday Sport in terms of credibility when it comes to
UFO stories. For a story such as this to appear in its
pages is the surest way to kill off any interest from
the serious media - as Jenny found back in 1983.

The fact remains that if the revelations in your Rendlesham book
were as earth shattering and had worried people in high places
as much as you claim, then the story should have been on BBC
news or at least rated lead story status in one of the *quality*
nationals (it did get a mention in the Ariadne column in the
Independent, but that does not count in this context).

Don't give me the 'D-Notice' and cover-up theory for
this one, the simple fact is that the media are not interested
in the story because there is no proof, no solid evidence
of anything. Its a confusing mass of confusing testimony,
claim and counterclaim. Reading your book just brought it home to
me how disparate, contradictory and confusing the
eyewitness testimony is. Larry Warren's multitude of
claims and counter-claims even put Alex Birch to shame.

But I will say this - you deserve credit for making the effort
to get out there, collecting and recording direct eyewitness
testimony. This is something most armchair UFOlogists never
achieve - it's far easier to speculate and recycle second, third
and fourth hand accounts.

Recording is one thing - interpretation of that evidence
is another. That's where things start getting tricky!

>One is obliged to do lecture tours if ones book is popular, and

>who ever told you there is money to made in ufology?

What a revealing statement! At least you're honest.

>Well, it has! It's just that the lighthouse club have totally
>ignored the book and are still working with old material. This,
>has I have explained before, is because my book demolishes the
>lighthouse theory and rabbit sratchings etc and they just cannot
>except it.

I can't see how you can claim you have demolished the lighthouse theory when you make the point in your book that you can't be bothered to even debate the theory. You say (pg 272) that "...I am not even going to discuss suggestions that UFOs were the lights from an NSA building etc...far too much time has already been spent debating these theories, which I believe are of no significance whatsoever..."

You are right to be sceptical of scoffers because they follow a tradition of disbelief equal to the believers - but to dismiss very valid arguments concerning witness perception and confabulation is not going to endear your book to scientists, investigative journalists or anyone else who might consider taking up this case with the Establishment.

For the record, I don't find the lighthouse arguments totally satisfying for all aspects of the reported phenomena - but the optical effects have to be considered in the context of the other events - such as the bright bolide, the lightship, the space debris re-entry. Plus the undoubted influence of rumour and exaggeration in the re-telling of the story as it spread through the base complex.

You do your creditable investigation a disservice by taking what witnesses tell you at face value!

>>In fact, the most important piece of evidence in the whole book
>>in my opinion is the letter from Inspector Mike Topliss of the
>>Suffolk Constabulary, who put the whole thing in perspective as
>>only a local copper could.

>Well, Mike's information was based on Dave King's evidence for
>the most part and Dave has had second thoughts. Mike was obliged
>to write that letter as it was written on Suffolk Constabulary
>headed paper. Now, did you read his own personal account of his
>encounter with an unidentified in Suffolk? Isn't it always the
>case, that you guys only ever see the side of the story that
>suits you! And here we have a police inspector talking about his
>UFO encounter!

Yes but Mike Topliss's personal UFO encounter has got absolutely zero connection with the Rendlesham incident we are discussing, ie the events between 26-30 December 1980 and the role played by the Orfordness lighthouse!

This is a classic error made by UFO apologists - making connections between events which have no connection!

>The fact that I managed to talk to Williams was indeed a
>breakthrough because for twenty years nobody had ever done that,
>so everything was speculation, such as being accused of
>communicating with aliens, which was not the case. Williams was
>not involved in the actual encounter so he cannot be a witness
>to that. However, I think my chapter on the Wing Commander, the
>man who after all, was in charge of the bases at the time,
>brings new light to the case. There is also a good deal of
>constructive information on Moreland. Not only did my interviews
>with him, result in obtaining his covering letter to the MOD,
>entitled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" but also proved
>that Halt actually approached him a week earlier than first
>known, plus much more valuable information. So you are being
>silly to think there was nothing new involved here.

You deserve credit for getting Williams to speak, well done. But other than giving you a baseball cap with "The Truth is Out There" on it, I don't think what he told you takes us any further than his original bland statement printed in the News of the World back in 1983.

As for Moreland and his cover-letter marked "UFOs" - again well

Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

done. But there are literally thousands of cover- notes in the Public Record Office files marked "UFOs" and "Flying Saucers" - the phrase means nothing other than "Unidentified Flying Objects", which was what Halt and his men claimed to have seen.

What else did you expect Moreland to entitle his cover letter "Report of Time Travellers from the planet Zog" ?

So your point is?

All best wishes

Dave Clarke

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Students Uncover Baffling Martian Boulders

From: Kelly <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 17:35:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:07:03 -0500
Subject: Students Uncover Baffling Martian Boulders

[Interesting photos on site - Kelly]

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0102/22boulders/>

Students uncover baffling Martian boulders
NASA/JPL NEWS RELEASE
Posted: February 22, 2001

In a case of beginner's luck, a group of international students, who won the chance to image Mars with a NASA spacecraft camera, have stumbled upon a surprising cluster of dark-colored boulders situated in the middle of light-colored terrain.

Mars Global Surveyor image. Photo: NASA/JPL/Malin Space Science Systems

The students' discovery has so far baffled veteran Mars scientists. The mystery boulders, found in images captured by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., cover one of three Martian sites targeted by the young scientists. How the boulders got there and what geological history they represent on Mars are questions scientists still need to answer.

"It's puzzling," said Michael Carr of the U.S. Geological Survey. "I looked at a few pictures around [the area] and couldn't find anything to explain it. Very puzzling! These are huge boulders. There are no indications of any outcrops that could shed such boulders."

"The location and nature of these boulders is unusual, but their shape and distribution -- in respect to the slope upon which they sit -- is consistent with a boulder shattered by weathering. The fall to their present location could also have broken the boulders apart. The mystery is why so much of the rest of the slope is smooth and devoid of blocks," said Dr. Michael Malin, of Malin Space Science Systems, which operates the Mars Orbiter Camera aboard the Global Surveyor spacecraft.

Images of the two other sites chosen by the students revealed an equatorial Martian region with layers of sediment, possibly deposited by flowing water, and layered terrain of a Martian polar cap.

The students, all members of the Planetary Society's week-long Red Rover Goes to Mars Training Mission, range in age from 10 to 16. Under the supervision of scientists at Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, Calif., they studied imaging data from Global Surveyor and selected interesting areas that coincided with the spacecraft's current orbital position around the red planet. They also selected a candidate landing site for a possible sample return mission, to be imaged sometime in the next five months when Global Surveyor's orbit takes it past the target area.

"This kind of opportunity makes me wish I were a student again," said Michelle Viotti, lead for the Mars Public Engagement Program at JPL. "For those who are still in school, we hope to open up many more opportunities in the near future for students to participate personally in the exploration of Mars."

The fledgling scientists were chosen through an essay contest from more than 10,000 entrants worldwide. The four girls and five boys represent Brazil, Hungary, India, Poland, Taiwan and the United States.

The Planetary Society's Red Rover Goes to Mars project is conducted in cooperation with NASA and JPL. JPL manages NASA's Mars Global Surveyor mission for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, D.C., and Malin Space Science Systems built and operates the Mars Orbiter Camera. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

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Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:09:32 -0500
Subject: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

This was forwarded to me. I have no opinion or knowledge about it. So don't shoot the messenger!

Posted By: LAKE ZURICH
Date: Thursday, 22 February 2001, 4:09 a.m.
Thursday, February 22, 2001
All day...

These are the coordinates at which the so-called Planet X, 10th Planet, 12th Planet, Nemisis, Nibiru or whatever you want to call it, is going to be visible, with a telescope!

RA 5.16659 Dec 16.57897
February 22nd, 2001

RA 5.16653 Dec 16.56912
March 1st, 2003

RA 4.29741 Dec 9.96621
March 3rd, 2003

Get this out to all the astronomers you know. They will appreciate it!

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:12:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 14:34:10 EST
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 20:02:56 -0000

>Gildas,

>>>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>>>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>>>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>>>essential to serious ufology.

>>Agreed!

>>But, let's hope that Jenny Randles et al will be better than on
>>Rendlesham.

>>And that the pilot's testimonies "who have seen nothing" will be
>>loud and clear.

>>The "Cometa boys" are waiting and getting older).

>I, too, look forward to seeing whatever Randles/Roberts/Clarke
>have come up with and determining whether it's more compelling
>than the failed (though much-hyped) attempt to debunk the
>Rendlesham case. The jeering, boasting posting by Andy Roberts
>does not, however, exactly inspire confidence about the
>objectivity of the investigation. I guess we'll find out one way
>or another at some point.

>Jerry Clark

Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's
testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will
have to be produced before independant parties. I suggest for
instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas
Redfern and Omar Fowler.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:39 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:15:59 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:10:38 +0000
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 23:17:20 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 21:51:51 +0000
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:27:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>In prefacing my response, I would like to point out that I have
>>had a number of very cordial and interesting e-mails with Neil
>>Morris in which we've exchanged information and a lot of give
>>and take. I think of Neil as a genuine good guy. He is an
>>intelligent and honest person and I mean him no disrespect.

>>On the other hand, I fear he has fallen under the sway of the
>>RPIT group and its minister of propaganda, J. Bond Johnson (I'm
>>sure Neil would strenuously disagree). I am writing this
>>response to Neil's post to point out some clearly erroneous
>>information and to clarify other matters.

To David, Neil and the List

First, thanks again to David Rudiak for his patient and excellent contribution in this very long discussion, which is becoming irritating. I have read just a bit of it, but this last message contains truly debunking stuff which could be signed by either Philip Klass, Kal Korff or Karl Pflock ("our best debunker", said Cavitt). Neil says for instance:

>David, Roswell testimony is a little like The Bible, you can
>find a bit to prove almost any point<g>, lets not go down that
>road.

This Neil's comment on the quotation of General DuBose's affidavit by David: a part of the "Roswel Bible"!

What do you mean? Than anything can be drawn from it?

And the phrasing suggests, if I understand well, that the same may said of other Roswell testimonies.

Strong smell of debunking here!

Then, Neil further puts in doubt General DuBose:

>I think DuBose tended to please everybody.

I don't think that at all.

I also read the long interview of DuBose by Shandera, as published in the Mufon UFO Journal of January 1991.

There is, yes, a difficult point, when DuBose claims that the debris was not changed in Ramey's office. But he did not say it was the real debris from the Roswell crash! He just said that it was a "bunch of trash" which was delivered in a canvas pouch (Marcel was not in that plane):

"I took this pouch to Ramey's office. In it was a bunch of trash. We unbuckled it and laid it out on the floor. It was cold potatoes as far as I was concerned".

As for the real debris from the Roswell crash, he always said that he never saw it.

What else do we need?

We have the affidavit, and we have the pictures which show quite obviously debris of balloon and radar target, as identified at once by Irving Newton.

I have looked carefully at the pictures (on Stan Friedman's CD, and the details given by Neil), but there is nothing extraordinary! Just plain balloon debris, like DuBose and Newton said.

So, why all this endless arguing and fighting?

All it does is add further confusion to the Roswell case, and bring water to the skeptic mill (you see, the real debris was just balloon debris, says Pflock).

I am almost beginning to wonder if this could be the real objective of Mr Bond Johnson, "RPIT minister of propaganda".

Gildas Bourdais

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From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:31:47 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:17:30 -0500
Subject: ufowatchdog.com Site

Dear List Members,

I just wanted to express my thanks to all of those here who have sent me e-mails and comments about the website. Thanks for your words and support, they are greatly appreciated and I hope you have enjoyed the website. Take care.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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The Watchdog E-Update - 02-22-01

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 16:40:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:23:36 -0500
Subject: The Watchdog E-Update - 02-22-01

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Exclusive!

UFOWATCHDOG.COM will be talking with Gary Lowery about his case in an exclusive interview. Find out about more physical evidence and current events taking place in this unusual case straight from the source! UFO X Files <http://www.ufofiles.com> CEO Chris Wyatt also comments! Story to be posted soon.

Thank You

A gracious thank you to all who have visited the site and have subscribed to THE WATCHDOG. Also, thank you for the massive amount of e-mail. An effort has been made to personally respond to each message and my hands have never been more sore in all of my life. Thanks for your comments, kind words, not so kind words, new information, and everything else you've sent. Feel free to contact UFOWATCHDOG.COM with any comments, news items, UFO evidence or other information you may have. I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III UFOWATCHDOG.COM ufowatchdog@earthlink.net

E-Rant

"I'm sure your government handlers are proud. Keep up the good disinformation work."

(E-mail from a person who was not happy about Billie Meier and Jim Dilettoso being listed in the UFO Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes, Morons. I'll be sure to tell the MJ-12 guys howdy for you...)

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:46:44 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:28:37 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 02:22:26 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:36:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Bob, have you ever heard of, or know anything about, these
>alleged "snatches of conversations in an unknown language" that
>the men reported? I'm intrigued because if this is true, there
>must be- some kind of record of it 'somewhere.'

Hi John:

Haven't heard of that one.

>And just to keep it 'topical' to the thread, the only thing I
>found of any interest in the broadcast was the 'hash marks' that
>should have appeared in front of objects that appeared _behind_
>them instead, (signs of 'tampering'- but by 'who' is the real
>question)

The bright portions of the image bled over the thin dark lines
on the negative, making it look like they were behind. If NASA
had faked this, why not simply take the picture with a camera
with crosshairs, or one without crosshairs, or just not release
the pictures. Why bother faking it?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:13:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:30:26 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Lehmborg

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:31:27 -0400

<snip>

>Just give us a few years and we'll be zipping all over the
>universe, just like them dang aliens out there already.

>Right?

>Dennis Stacy

Right, not to put too fine a point on it. I don't know how you can argue the antithesis given the vertical acceleration of aggregate potentiality observed in the last few decades. That potentiality encompasses all eventualities right up to the our complete destruction, is completely open ended, and the proof of any curmudgeon's demise. You hang on too desperately to mere social contrivance of a recent past. The past is a lens that distorts the future if it is used to justify that something cannot be done because it hasn't BEEN done. You line up with an early 20th Century patent office that was going to shut down because everything that COULD be invented HAD been invented. ...glad we're not waiting around for YOU to invent the next level processor...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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, scourged by the scurrilous skepti-feebroids.

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Re: Seen This? - A Geologist Responds - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:29:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:36:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Seen This? - A Geologist Responds - Shell

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:17:56 -0500
>Subject: Seen This?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: Errol <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I'd like for anyone who knows geology to take a look at this and
>let me know if this is a known geological phenomenon. The
>"Phoenician" wall in Oklahoma looks man made, but I know there
>are geological phenomena which often mimic artificial
>constructions.

>I'm not concerned with the author's ideas, just what can be
>determined from his photos.

><http://www.viewzone.com/sender.html>

Errol,

For the attention of those interested:

>Sorry to dissappoint you; but theres no unknown civilizations
>behind this construction. It is almost certainly (about 99,99%)
>stromatolites. Stromatolites are algal mats growing in
>concentric layers that trap sediments. They are among the oldest
>life known on Earth (3,5 billion years) and still exist today.
>Heres a link where you can see them both recent and fossil:

><http://imiloa.wcc.hawaii.edu/krupp/BIOL101/present/lecture13/sld021.htm>

>They usually are round in shape but as can be seen from the
>picture, when they grow together they tend to be more square.
>The rocks in question are probably also modified by later
>deformation making them look almost manufactured.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Strickland

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 07:38:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:39:23 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Strickland

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:25:16 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:06:41 -0600
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy
>>to: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

Dear Dennis, Stan, Roger and Peter,

Dennis, you asked Stan some valid questions:

1. What UFO secrets, exactly, are being withheld?
2. Do we have bodies on ice somewhere that I don't know about? Recovered wreckage? Classified radar returns? Pictures? DNA samples of alien abductors? What?
3. Just what is it, exactly, that renders so-called UFO secrets immune to human nature?

The last question is most important. From whom, besides Stan, are you expecting answers, Dennis? Just curious. I would not bother to participate on this list nor any list, if it were not in my experience to know why I am there (or here); to have at least a few pieces of this huge jig-saw puzzle in mind. If curiosity drives your personal need to learn the truth, whatever that may be, why are you so reluctant to see viewpoints outside the parameters of your personal experience, Dennis?

For example, I have not seen nor experienced the making of a crop circle (hoaxed or otherwise); therefore, it is understandably difficult for me to link the making of same with the ETs. However, since I have had numerous experiences over many years with ETs (and Peter, you are perfectly within your right to call them "the descendants of exiles from Atlantis, protean airborne amoebae, goblins and djinns, the armies of Satan on the wing, a squadron of cosmic jokers, Knights Templar in astral disguise out to wreak havoc & revenge on the Pope - and so on."), it seems quite within the parameters of reality that the creation of some crop circles by ETs (or whatever) is possible, if not probable.

And, I don't have any proof that ETs have done any of the crop circles, but if they haven't, I'd surely like to meet the creator(s) and at least learn how the task was accomplished, wouldn't you? If you were the creator/designer of such intricate and beautiful artwork, and your ego demanded that you show the world your talent in the fields of grain across the world, what would you deduct about that individual's ability to keep his identity a secret for years and years? Depends on the

punishment, right? Since the wheat in "real" crop circles is apparently not damaged in the creation of the crop circles, what would be the appropriate punishment? Capture? Death? No. Our government would create a martyr in doing so. Secrecy and/or avoidance of the subject matter all together, and if necessary, diversion to idiocy and moronic explanation (like swamp gas), would be more in keeping with the standards previously set by our power-keepers.

In short, what is keeping our government and the governments around the world from divulging the answers to the questions you asked? A lack of curiosity? Stan, if you know the answers to Dennis' questions, please fill us all in on what's going on. Since many have in their experience a few pieces of this puzzle, and more children are being "educated" in the ways of the abductors on a nightly basis, it seems stupid to withhold the *rest* of the story, doesn't it? Unless you don't have any answers and no solutions and the punishment for divulging that information is far greater than the need to teach the truth. Somehow, that doesn't fit the "design" of your personality, Stan. You've always been a risk-taker, and a truth-seeker, and a truth-teacher.

I will apologize now for the arrogant distain in the tone of voice I bring to this email. It is unavoidable when discussing this topic with educated, intelligent and seemingly responsible non-experiencers, who refuse (but are capable) to look at their own questions and discover the truths inherent in them.

Perhaps Peter Brookesmith's closing statement on his sign-off says more than enough about our government's state of mind: "Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large crowds." Stan, please divorce yourself from that group, and "do the right thing." Answer Dennis' questions.

Sue

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:04:28 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 14:20:51 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:06:41 -0600

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>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

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>>Secrets can be kept.

>>Stanton Friedman

>Sure they can!

>Just ask Win Ho Lee, Pollard, Aymes and, most recently, Robert
>Hansen, or Los Alamos labs, the CIA and FBI, respectively. (Not
>sure about the spelling of individuals' names or the exact
>agency Pollard betrayed.)

>And don't forget, there were only 15 copies of the Pentagon
>Papers. Somehow, one of them made its way to the NY Times.
>Curious, no?

>Guess what you meant to say was something along the lines of:

>"Some secrets can be held for some length of time. But UFO
>secrets are (somehow) held sacrosanct forever."

>But then you probably think MJ-12 was a security leak. But not
>the Corso book. Or the alien autopsy film.

>So, what UFO secrets, exactly, are being withheld?

>Do we have bodies on ice somewhere that I don't know about?
>Recovered wreckage? Classified radar returns? Pictures? DNA
>samples of alien abductors? What?

>Secrets are sold out every day of the year, for reasons ranging
>from the purely philosophical/ideological to those of simple
>crass commercialism.

>Just what is it, exactly, that renders so-called UFO secrets
>immune to human nature?

>Dennis Stacy

Dennis, List, all -

When the secrets are important, they can be kept. Sometimes we learn of them only after the reason for them to remain secret has ended. Such is the case of Operation Solo. This was a covert operation, run by the FBI from Chicago and New York. Solo referred to Morris Childs, an American who had once been a member of the American Communist Party.

Childs apparently joined the Communist Party in the 1930s but as he learned what Stalin and the communists had done in Russia became disillusioned. The communists did not view everyone as equal and they were not creating a utopian society in the Soviet Union. They were exchanging one group of despotic leaders for another. The Czar cared little for the people and the communists viewed them as the property of the state. Childs broke away from the communists and eventually came to the attention of the FBI.

Beginning in the late 1950s, Childs made many trips into the Soviet Union, into other communist countries in Europe and Asia, and met with the highest leaders in those countries. Yes, he met with, conferred with, and advised Khrushchev and Brezhnev and Kosygin and Castro and Mao. He traveled at the highest levels of the communist party, listened to what they had to say, what they believed to be in store in the future, and what they feared about the United States. He consulted with the KGB and other arms of Soviet intelligence. They accepted, without reservation, his advice and his expertise, never once realizing that he was, in fact, working for the FBI.

The whole of the FBI operation was run out of the FBI offices in Chicago and New York. It was a closely held secret, so secret that those in the FBI in Chicago and New York, who were not directly involved, knew nothing about it. The State Department knew nothing about it. The Defense Department knew nothing about it. Even the CIA knew nothing about it. Certainly, there were intelligence reports created and circulated among the leaders. When the President was going to meet the Soviet leadership, when there was a policy question about Soviet nuclear intentions, or arms reduction, or even the war in Vietnam, the President knew what the Soviets were thinking, what the bottom line was, and how far the Soviets could be pushed. Everything that our side had to know for the meetings and negotiations, had been given to them.

When John Kennedy pushed the Soviets to the brink of nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis, he knew the Soviet philosophy. He knew that the Soviets feared the American nuclear arsenal and that they feared being forced back into an agrarian society. In other words, the gamble Kennedy ran to force the missiles out of Cuba wasn't nearly as risky as it could have been. He knew that the Soviets would back down.

Here's how this applies to the issue of secrecy. Neither the President or the Secretary of Defense knew about Operation Solo. Neither was briefed on the fact that the FBI had a source on the inside. Had either asked, he would have been told that no such operation existed. The secret was so closely held that they would not reveal it to anyone. The information that Childs was gathering was just too important to endanger in a world of partisan politics.

The exception came in 1974 when Nixon resigned from the White House. Newly sworn-in President Ford had to deal with the Soviet Union and it was decided that he needed confidence in the intelligence he was given. He was told about the Operation Solo.

The point here, however, is that it was a highly classified operation that provided priceless information to Americans who had to negotiate with the Soviets. And, the President was unaware that the operation existed. If he had asked, he would have been told that it did not. He would have been told that the information was pieced together from a variety of sources.

And, as mentioned, this information was kept secret from the beginning of the operation in the 1950s until Morris Childs retired and then died. Only after that was the whole story told. It proves that secrets can be kept. For those who wish to read more, might I suggest John Barron's book, 'Operation Solo', available at Amazon and bookstores.

KRandle

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An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:06:34 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:25:57 -0500
Subject: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

Hi everyone.

My colleagues at York University are baffled with this bizarre 1600 painting which appears to depict a "Sputnik". Through my own twenty-first century eyes it looks very much like some radio operated eye-in-the sky satellite. From the lengths of the two antennae looking protrusions and the diameter of the aperture of what seems to be a space camera (we can use the dove and other objects of known size to get the correct scale) we have hints on what radio frequencies God may be listening to or even if He can see us on the Earth with this device.

What are your comments regarding this "Sputnik" found in the URL below?

http://www.montalcino-tuscany.it/montalcino_ufo.htm

Check out Matthew Hurley's web site for other old artwork which also have what look like spacecraft or UFOs (including domed saucer shaped craft too). Are there any other such artwork that anyone knows about which Hurley can include in his web site?

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/m.hurley/index.html>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:28:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:37:30 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:31:27 -0400

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>>Considering that Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are both single, non
>>variable stars, roughly similar to the sun, but are about one
>>billion years older than the sun, and less than a light year
>>apart, it would not be surprising if they got started sooner on
>>their technological development than we have, especially with
>>the planets around the other star being directly observable. I
>>would expect every advanced civilization to know about nuclear
>>fusion since it is the primary energy production technique in
>>almost all stars. No, of course I don't think aliens use fusion
>>for the interstellar travel by their huge mother ships. I would
>>expect they use techniques about which we young earthlings know
>>nothing. Progress comes from doing things differently. Just look
>>back 100 years no less a thousand or a million.

>Stan,

>So you accept, ipso facto, the notion of "huge mother ships"?
>(Would you care to cite us a few convincing cases of same?)

Who said anything about ipso facto acceptance of anything?

Might I refer you to the December 1996 Yukon case so ably
investigated by professional Engineer Martin Jasek who dealt
with more than 30 witnesses (groups of 2 or 3) which enabled
triangulation 3 times, establishing a length of 0.6-1.2 miles
long. I was up there. One witness said it was the full width of
the big dipper or more than 1 foot at arms length.

How about the JAL case: twice the size of an aircraft carrier?
How about the Canadian Airlines international case 5 or 6 times
the size of a 747? to name just a few. Sound like mother ships to
me.

>Not to otherwise rain on your parade, but space travel isn't
>simply a matter of time and distance.

Of course not. It also isn't easy or cheap for us latecomers to
the world of advanced technology.

>Technologically, we can now send humans to Mars. Whether they
>would be able to stand up once they got there is another
>question entirely. And what about them nasty Cosmic Rays? I
>know, just put some Nasty Cosmic Ray Shielding (NCRS) on your
>spaceship, no matter how long you might be exposed to same.

>Just give us a few years and we'll be zipping all over the

>universe, just like them dang aliens out there already.

>Right?

Several decades should do it for our local cosmic neighborhood. I don't worry about the universe. We might also try cosmic hitchhiking with our visitors

You might want to check out all the silly objections to manned space travel set forth by earlier noisy negativists... cosmic rays, meteorites ,radio transmitter would be too heavy, couldn't handle zero gravity (one might plan on accelerating rather than coasting).

You might look at my 1999 MUFON paper "Star Travel? YES!". Dr, Campbell in 1941 scientifically calculated that the required initial launch weight of a chemical rocket able to get a man to the moon and back would be a million million tons. The Saturn 5 at liftoff weighed 3000 tons. He was only off by a factor of 300,000,000.

What it takes is vision and money.

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:26:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:39:30 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Clark

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: UFOs in 1882 & 1394
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:19:41 -0000

Mr. Aubeck,

>2) Jerome Clark, in The UFO Book: Encyclopedia of the
>Extraterrestrial Farmington Hills, MI: Visible Ink Press, 1997,
>quotes an ancient source that tells that in the winter of 1394
>a wheel- or barrel-shaped object appeared in several areas of
>England:

>A certain thing appeared in the likeness of fire in many parts
>of... England... every night. This fiery apparition, oftentimes
>when anybody went alone, it would go with him, and would stand
>still when he stood still... To some it appeared in the likeness
>of a turning wheel burning; to othersome round in the likeness
>of a barrel, flashing out flames of fire at the head; to others
>in the likeness of a long burning lance.

>What was the original source of this report? Is it available
>on line? Unfortunately I do not have Clark's book, though I
>have been told it doesn't give a source anyway. (If it's from
>some other popular UFO book, I'd still like to be told the
>ORIGINAL source if possible.)

I would encourage you to work with the original, not the
abridged, version of my book. The original is The UFO
Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., of which The UFO Book is a considerably
shortened version intended for a popular mark. If you had
consulted the original, you would have that (1) I didn't write
about the 1394 incident; Eddie Bullard did (in his entry
"Anomalous Phenomena Before 1800") and (2) he cites his source
as the following:

Raphael Holinshed, Holinshed's Chronicles of England, Scotland,
and Ireland. Six volumes. London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1808.
The account appears in the second volume, page 829.

Jerry Clark

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 16:25:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:41:40 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:24:37 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:03:50 +0000
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 10:34:33 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, Neil wrote:

>>>>Ray said all along he bought 20 reels of safety print out of
>>>>22 reels total.

>I replied:

>>>This is not true. Note the following post from Bob Shell:

>>>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>>>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>>>>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>>>>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."
>>>>Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not
>>>>know.

>>>Santilli has not said "all along" that he had print film. He
>>>originally thought he had camera original and only learned that
>>>it was print film when Bob proved it to him.

>Neil now writes:

>>Well Ray is on record in mid/late 1995 (don't have my archive to
>>hand) as saying 20 reels safty print, 1 reel neg and 1 reel scraps.

>>The "neg" could have been camera original. But doesn't safty print
>>shout at you it's a print and not original?.

>>And what date context is Bob Shell refering back to here?.

>Hi, Neil!

>I do not know the exact date that Bob is referring to. However,
>it doesn't really matter. What matters is that before Bob
>informed Santilli that all he had was print film, Santilli
>thought he had camera original. As such, he should have had it
>tested.

>As to whether or not the camera original film was negative or

>positive film; I tried to get Bob to remember which side the
>emulsion appeared on the print. The reason this is important is
>that the alleged cameraman says he made the print, himself. Now,
>this is kind of hard to follow if some readers are not
>experienced in film tech, but consider this:

>As I understand it, the Santilli print was also a reversal
>stock. Therefore, the cameraman could not make a print off of
>camera negative; only off of a positive print. Since this print
>would have the emulsion on the opposite side than the camera
>original, any second generation prints off of the first print
>would end up with the emulsion back on the same side as camera

<snip>

Roger,

It's a good technical point, but unlikely to be answered without access to the film stock and I see little chance of that.

As I understand it Bob has only had access to a couple of film fragments at the most, and we only have what Ray has stated was the actual mix of the film stock he bought.

You could also throw into this mix that we also have no idea as to whether the cameraman had contact or optical printing equipment, though if the 1947 edge markings turned up on the "safty prints" as well as the neg reel he says he had, this would suggest the old B+H contact style printer was used not an optical.

As I've said though, without cooperation these points are likely to remain unanswered.

Neil.

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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:15:16 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:44:50 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:12:32 -0500 (Eastern >Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

>Hi everyone,

>Here is another picture of a baffling Martian find that was
>made by pre-teen school children. I wonder what else could
have been found if Dr. Michael Malin gave equal time on the
>Mars Global Surveyor to people such as Richard Hoagland or our
>Mac Tonnies.

><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0102/22boulders/>

<snip>

NASA seems schizophrenic when it comes to Martian life -
microbial or otherwise. They justify unmanned missions as "the
search for life," yet seem to completely ignore photos that
might show examples of what they're after.

We have it in our collective head that, if Mars has life, then
it's necessarily microbial. With what we know about Mars now
(running water, etc.), this mentality is antiquated. There is
every reason to suspect macroscopic life.

NASA's tight-lipped stance on the matter of life is really
disheartening. Fortunately Arthur C. Clarke has broached the
subject; hopefully someone at NASA will venture an explanation.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:30:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:16:33 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Tonnies

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:21:51 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>So here is information that has been printed in both
>the IUR and the CUFOS Roswell special, and has been
>corroborated by Johnny Mann when asked by others,
>but which has been ignored. We have a witness who
>tells us that Marcel said the pictures in General
>Ramey's office were staged. We have Dr. Johnson
>telling us, in his original interviews, said that
>the setting had been staged.

>He didn't believe, in those original interviews,
>that he had seen anything special. Now, of course,
>he has changed his story.

I can vouch for the accuracy of what Randle reports here. I
e-mailed Dr. Johnson in 1994/95 when he first became "known" and
asked him about what he saw. He was quite clear that it was
"stinking garbage" from a balloon and nothing at all special or
even noteworthy.

When the RPIT came online I was rather surprised. I wish I
still had the e-mailed testimony from Johnson, as there is a
huge discrepancy.

That said, Johnson was nothing but helpful and honest in my own
dealings with him.

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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:19:13 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/23/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 23, 2001

**AFTERMATH OF THE HANSSSEN ARREST
**PANAMA DECLASSIFICATION SOUGHT

AFTERMATH OF THE HANSSSEN ARREST

As officials sort through the wreckage of U.S. counterintelligence following the arrest of Robert Philip Hanssen on charges of espionage, one of their reference points will be an earlier critique of the FBI's ability to detect foreign spies within the ranks of U.S. intelligence agencies.

That study was performed in 1997 by the Justice Department Office of Inspector General, then led by Michael R. Bromwich, to evaluate the FBI's performance in the Aldrich Ames case.

"Our review revealed that throughout nearly the entire nine-year period of Ames' espionage, FBI management devoted inadequate attention to determining the cause of the sudden, unprecedented, and catastrophic losses suffered by both the FBI and the CIA in their Soviet intelligence programs," Mr. Bromwich wrote.

Since Ames' nine-year tenure as a foreign spy coincided with the early part of Hanssen's 15 year career as a Soviet and Russian spy, the Inspector General's conclusions as of 1997 are equally pertinent to the latter case.

FBI spokesman John Collingwood said yesterday that the recommendations of Mr. Bromwich's 1997 report had been adopted and helped lead to the apprehension of Mr. Hanssen. "The post-Ames focus on the possibility of additional compromises led directly to the charges against Hanssen."

Most of the nearly 400 page Inspector General Report -- "A Review of the FBI's Performance in Uncovering the Espionage Activities of Aldrich Hazen Ames" (April 1997) -- remains highly classified. However, the unclassified executive summary is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/oig/amesxsml.htm>

The Senate Intelligence Committee announced plans to hold hearings next week on the Hanssen case and its implications.

"This could be a very, very, very serious case of espionage," Committee chairman Sen. Richard Shelby said on Tuesday. In a possible homage to President Bush's notoriously fractured English, Senator Shelby issued a statement noting that "Director Freeh has been keeping the Vice Chairmen [sic] and I [sic] appraised [sic] of the case as it developed over the past few months."

See the Committee statement on the Hanssen case here:

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/010221.htm>

As others have now pointed out, Mr. Hanssen could not possibly have been correct when he allegedly told his Russian handlers that "I decided on this course when I was 14 years old. I'd read Philby's book."

When Hanssen, who was born in 1944, was 14 years old, British intelligence officer Kim Philby had not yet been exposed as a Soviet spy. He defected to the USSR in 1963. Philby's book, *My Silent War*, was published in 1968.

PANAMA DECLASSIFICATION SOUGHT

If secrecy impedes official accountability, declassification by the same token can help to advance justice and reconciliation.

A "truth commission" established in Panama to investigate atrocities committed by that country's military dictatorship between 1968 and 1989 is asking the U.S. government to declassify U.S. records concerning human rights violations in Panama.

Commissioner Fernando Berguido said the commission, which was appointed by Panama's president, had written to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell urging that relevant records be declassified as quickly as possible. See:

<http://www.elpanamaamerica.com.pa/archive/02212001/nation01.html>

A New York Times editorial on February 20 noted that "Such secret files have been invaluable for understanding the dictatorships in Chile, Guatemala and El Salvador and Washington's role in backing them. The Bush administration should expedite a full declassification of material on abuses in Panama."

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:22:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: John W. Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:29:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 18:12:48 -0000
>>From: Dave Clarke<cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>Dave, in your argument you mention (in your post at three
>locations) that the Venom NF-3 did not, at that time, have a
>"gunlock" facility.

>Dave, the above data is NOT correct.

Hi John

Many thanks for the background information regarding the Venom NF-3 and its radar lock capabilities. This will be useful for our study.

However, your contention that my argument regarding the "gunlock" is incorrect is based upon a misconception.

What you say about Venoms having a radar lock on capability in 1956 is correct - but only in the case of certain versions fitted with the particular brand of the Western Electric AN/APS-57 X-Band equipment you describe.

Your argument fails quite simply because the Venoms which took part in the Lakenheath incident, operating out of RAF Coltishall and Waterbeach, were not fitted with this (then) advanced American radar system. As a result the two aircraft involved were not capable of either radar or physical gun-lock and the target had to be tracked manually by the navigators - quite a remarkable achievement in itself.

This information - which was no doubt classified at the time - came directly from the pilots and navigators who flew these aircraft at the time and date in question.

I have interviewed five who served with this Venom night-fighter squadron and all independently volunteered the same information.

One of the radar operators/navigators describes the problems caused by the lack of a radar lock on device in the following way: "...one difficulty at low altitude was that ground clutter on the radar tube (AI Mk 21 American Westinghouse kit) reduced the radar range... we had no 'lock on' facility, it was all done manually moving the scanner by means of a tiny joystick...it was a one armed paper hanger situation."

Describing the radar kit further, he says: "...AI 21 was American. It did have a lock on facility, but we didn't have it fitted to our aircraft, although I did use it somewhere when I went on an air firing course.."

Therefore, no 'lock on' - and certainly no physical gunlock, which is the important phrase I was disputing.

The fact remains that the pilots and navigators would not have said "Roger...I've got my guns locked on him" given the circumstances described above. All the crews were unanimous in describing the phraseology recalled by the USAF controller as "nonsense."

RAF pilots and navigators were trained to use a very limited number of code-words during an intercept so as not to reveal tactics to any potential enemy.

Phrases such as "Contact", "Lost Contact, More help", "Judy" and "Bingo" may have been used ("Contact" most certainly was), but nothing as melodramatic as that reported by the USAF Controller in this case.

Perhaps now you can appreciate the level of technical detail collected by this re-investigation, you may be able to understand why it has not been possible to publish our report with the haste some of the more impatient UFOlogists would have preferred.

All best wishes

Dave Clarke

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Re: Lakenheath - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:23:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Salvaille

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:36:18 -0000

>>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:00:09 -0000

>>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

>>Jenny, I wish you every success with your research on the
>>Lakenheath case, but must correct you on a few points.

<snip>

>>You then
>>claimed this was only a fraction of the interview but refused to
>>supply anybody with the full version. So we were none the wiser.

>I did no such thing. I advised that the transcripts would be
>included in a full UFOIN report on the case. That way what the
>air crew had said could be seen in proper context. I felt this
>was a necessary precaution because extracts from any interview
>can so easily be taken out of context to fit with what someone
>would like them to mean .

>So if promising a full report and transcript (and as David told
>this list the other day one that will not be in some book but
>free on the net) constitutes your definition of a refusal to
>help then someone needs a new dictionary.

<snip>

Hello Jenny, Georgina and List,

Let me to point out Jenny that you've been providing the List
with tidbits of the UFOIN report for more than a week now. You
have also been presenting some of the conclusions of the same
report.

On February 18th, you wrote to Richard Hall:

>>All this finger-pointing both ways is silly until the UFOIN
>>report is published and peer reviewed. I for one look forward to
>>it with great interest. Such detailed case investigations are
>>essential to serious ufology.

>I agree.

>This comment is appreciated and it is all we are asking of
>anyone I should add.

>Thanks for such a responsible reaction.

And went on with a supplementary 40 lines on Lakenheath.

On February 21, you came back with a 125-line addendum on Lakenheath, just to clarify your position which evidently had not been clarified in your previous post.

And it's always the same story: on one hand you say "I can't tell you more about the facts, as facts can never be partially exposed"; on the other hand you allow yourself to show previews of the conclusions and advertise the idea that this report will be a definitive piece of evidence... never refusing to put forward partial facts to advocate partial conclusions of a yet to be released free report on the Internet.

Can you blame people from being a little annoyed by this?

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:52:53 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:26:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clarke

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

>>I, too, look forward to seeing whatever Randles/Roberts/Clarke
>>have come up with and determining whether it's more compelling
>>than the failed (though much-hyped) attempt to debunk the
>>Rendlesham case. The jeering, boasting posting by Andy Roberts
>>does not, however, exactly inspire confidence about the
>>objectivity of the investigation. I guess we'll find out one way
>>or another at some point.

>Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's
>testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will
>have to be produced before independent parties. I suggest for
>instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas
>Redfern and Omar Fowler.

Gildas,

So you feel that Tim Good and Omar Fowler are "independent parties"?! That says a lot about where you are coming from.

It's obvious that nothing will satisfy your entrenched belief system, whatever the facts demonstrate.

You might be interested to learn that Nick Redfern has already been appraised of the substance of our findings and rather than sticking his head in the sand has accepted the inevitable historical revisions they entail.

Nick (are you listening mate?) has the intellectual honesty to accept the fact that there are many different interpretations of witness testimony, and many other explanations of UFO sightings other than ETH which he personally favours.

That is quite something in the heavily polarised subject which ufology has inevitably become, and brings respect.

Not that we care whether you accept our findings or not, you can be assured that Nick Redfern will have full access to all our recordings and transcripts in due course.

As for the other two - do they actually communicate with mere mortals anymore, or have they risen above having to answer awkward questions about cases they have made claims about?

All best wishes

Dave Clarke

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: "Dennis Stacy" <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 14:01:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:28:45 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 16:24:03 -0000

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>Dennis,

>I steered people to a free online article containing the essence
>of my argument. Is there some UFO article on your web site that
>you would like me to comment on? I would be glad to do so. Is
>the article you cite available online?

The article I referred to, "Cosmic Dancers on History's Stage? The Permanent Revolution in the Earth Sciences" by Mike Davis, is not online (that I'm aware of). We published it in The Anomalist 5, which I'd be happy to send you a copy of.

>Not sure what book (of yours) you are talking about.

The Field Guide to UFOs: A Classification of Various Unidentified Aerial Phenomena by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe.

>Am I pontificating? I have read plenty of the skeptical
>literature (Menzel, Klass, Oberg, CSICOP... you name it) so am
>not sure what your point is here.

You shouldn't take things so personal. I wasn't suggesting that you were pontificating, but referring to ufologists and ufology in general, in the context, see below, of Required Reading (or study) lists.

>What do you mean "scientific literature?" I have read a lot of
>that too, and do so regularly in the course of my professional
>work.

I mean the literature referring to any number of scientific disciplines with which the UFO subject deals. In other words, to cite but two examples, ufologists who want to inform themselves as to whether or not the ETH is a viable hypothesis should be familiar with the existing mainstream literature regarding same, outside the UFO literature, that is. Similarly, ufologists who wish to inform themselves about the nature of hypnosis, should familiarize themselves with the available, non-UFO literature on same.

>Incidentally, and apparently typically, you did not comment on
>what my ISSO article had to say. Instead you throw out a
>pseudo-argument about "equal time" for "scientific literature"
>as if people like me (Bruce, Dick Haines, and others) are
>ignorant of that literature. Seems more like an evasion than a
>reply to my posting.

>Respectfully,

>Dick

Why do you say "typically"? I didn't know I was required to comment on or critique your article. But, for the record, I find it an excellent summary of ufology's best position (from the ETH perspective). You could call it required reading for scientists, and that was the aspect of the article I was addressing.

My point was a simple one. Anyone directing skeptics and scientists to the best evidence ufology has to offer, would surely (but perhaps not?) agree with the flip side of that coin. Sauce for the gander, that sort of thing, or don't you agree?

It's not a pseudo-argument, but a simple statement of principle: both sides of any argument, ideally, should be well versed in the opposition's evidence and arguments.

Again, you add a personal tone where none was intended. I'm quite aware that you and a number of other prominent (and not so prominent) ufologists are well read outside the UFO literature. That doesn't mean that most are, or that the field as a whole is.

Apart from the ideal position, there are the practical problems both scientists and ufologists face, beginning with the simple one of time. That's why I mentioned the Davis article. To begin with, it's something like 55 pages long and contains 155 footnotes.

Rhetorically, I could ask you to comment on it. After your response, I could then say, "yes, but what about all the original sources cited in the 155 footnotes? Have you attended to every one of them, too?" But that would be rather unfair of me, wouldn't it?

You asked for reactions to your article, and I gave you one. The fact that you apparently (and typically?) didn't like it, doesn't make it evasive.

If you really want me to address it (and the ETH) in greater detail, I will (when I have the time). My first response to the ETH component, however, is the Davis article cited above, which struck me as an epiphany. (Others' mileage may vary).

In a nutshell, it suggests that the presence of ETI in the universe is hardly a given, that is, a logical extrapolation or outcome of existing physical laws, including the biological one of evolution, because contingency plays a pivotal role in the possibility of same. To see but the latest example, look no further than page 13 of today's NY Times and the article about the extinction event (some 250 million years ago) that wiped out 90 per cent of the species then alive.

More later, as time permits. And after we solve the UFO issue, maybe we can tackle global warming.

Dennis

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>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 09:07:47 -0400

>><snip>

>>>Secrets can be kept.

>>>Stanton Friedman

>>Sure they can!

>>Just ask Win Ho Lee, Pollard, Aymes and, most recently, Robert
>>Hansen, or Los Alamos labs, the CIA and FBI, respectively. (Not
>>sure about the spelling of individuals' names or the exact
>>agency Pollard betrayed.)

>>And don't forget, there were only 15 copies of the Pentagon
>>Papers. Somehow, one of them made its way to the NY Times.
>>Curious, no?

>>Guess what you meant to say was something along the lines of:

>>"Some secrets can be held for some length of time. But UFO
>>secrets are (somehow) held sacrosanct forever."

>>But then you probably think MJ-12 was a security leak. But not
>>the Corso book. Or the alien autopsy film.

>>So, what UFO secrets, exactly, are being withheld?

>>Do we have bodies on ice somewhere that I don't know about?
>>Recovered wreckage? Classified radar returns? Pictures? DNA
>>samples of alien abductors? What?

<snip>

>Dennis, List, all -

<snip>

>Here's how this applies to the issue of secrecy. Neither the
>President or the Secretary of Defense knew about Operation Solo.
>Neither was briefed on the fact that the FBI had a source on the
>inside. Had either asked, he would have been told that no such
>operation existed. The secret was so closely held that they
>would not reveal it to anyone. The information that Childs was
>gathering was just too important to endanger in a world of

>partisan politics.

>The exception came in 1974 when Nixon resigned from the White
>House. Newly sworn-in President Ford had to deal with the Soviet
>Union and it was decided that he needed confidence in the
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>unaware that the operation existed. If he had asked, he would
>have been told that it did not. He would have been told that the
>information was pieced together from a variety of sources.

>And, as mentioned, this information was kept secret from the
>beginning of the operation in the 1950s until Morris Childs
>retired and then died. Only after that was the whole story told.
>It proves that secrets can be kept. For those who wish to read
>more, might I suggest John Barron's book, 'Operation Solo',
>available at Amazon and bookstores.

>KRandle

List:

It may surprise a few people that I am in full agreement with Kevin on the excellent post above, (i.e. not all secrets have been revealed) and also on his post about J. Bond Johnson. One reason is that many years ago Bond wrote me that General Exon no longer considered the bodies and wreckage from Roswell, which he had seen, as classified material.

I called the General, read him the comments, and was told that they did not represent at all what he had said. Nor what he had seen either. Furthermore J. Bond had been totally unaware of the comments and drawings made by Dr. Jesse Marcel of the wreckage he had seen, so was making claims that had no basis about what was seen.

Operation Solo sounds very much worth reading.

Stan Friedman

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>not sure what your point is here.

Hello Richard, Dennis, et al.:

None of which you included in the bibliography of your piece, other than the Condon Report and the 1969 UFO Symposium book, edited by Sagan and Page, and Condon. Presumably this was because it included papers by some of the pro-UFO participants. You didn't even list Hendry, surely one of the most useful books ever written for UFO investigators. Of course, it isn't a book of ET proof.

I've read your interesting position paper and it brings to mind the following questions:

1) Since you think that true UFOs are pre-1980 style traditional disks (i.e., 'saucers'), what do you think of the large number of 'triangles' now being reported? Do you rule these out by their nature, and should these elicit skepticism from investigators?

2) What percentage of UFO sighting reports do you think are representative of the first three categories of skeptics' explanations which you reject? Are there any UFO reports which you think can be explained by these factors?

3) I noticed that you offered no references on meteorological optics, such as Menzel or Minneart, or references which might shed light on psychological factors. What sources do you suggest investigators might consult for this aspect of their work?

4) You did not mention abductions. Do you consider these claims a part of the UFO phenomena, or is there some other explanation?

Just some thoughts which come to mind after reading your paper.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>information was pieced together from a variety of sources.

Kevin,

What do you mean by "exception" here? Your second paragraph contradicts your first, as obviously Ford was told. The fact that there was subsequently an enite book written about Operation Solo is further evidence that when it comes to keeping secrets, we're basically talking differences in shelf life, not some infallible procedure(s).

Of course secrets can be kept -- until they're not.

My point is that there is no 'mechanism' that guarantees that secrets are kept secret in perpetuity, because humans in charge of keeping secrets betray them whenever it suits their own purposes. Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly early on.

There is no compelling reason that I'm aware of as to why UFO secrets would be any more immune to human nature than military or intelligence secrets.

Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio in the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert on same said that there were four reasons for divulging secrets, ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately, I can't remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!

For all I know, Operation Solo could have remained secret as long as it did because only two people were involved. Who knows? There were only 15 copies of the Pentagon Papers, though, and one of those wound up at the NY Times, courtesy, if memory serves, of Daniel Ellsberg.

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:26:02 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:14:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

>This was forwarded to me. I have no opinion or knowledge about
>it. So don't shoot the messenger!

Hi, Wendy:

When did you first receive this? Before or after Feb 22?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Secret Keeping

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 21:27:38 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 07:39:01 -0500
Subject: Secret Keeping

In response to various recent posts on this subject, it can be documented by records obtained under the FOIA that UFO-related radar scope photographs and film/photo data (among other things) are being withheld by the CIA. I have written about this in the past citing references, but if I suggest reading material Dennis will demand equal time for Pelican literature. (Just kidding, Dennis.)

I have lived most of my adult life in and around Washington, D.C., and although I have never worked directly for the Government, I have worked for some Government contractors.

Also (and this will get me in trouble with the conspiratorialists) I have had friends, acquaintances, and even neighbors that worked for CIA and NSA, and was personally interrogated by the CIA about my UFO activities.

Two of my brothers held high-level security clearances, one on active Army duty in counterintelligence and the other as an employee of a military subcontractor (civilian tech rep). Hell yes, secrets can be kept.

In addition, the argument that UFO secrets should have leaked out if they are there rings hollow. They have partially leaked out on many occasions, but have been obscured and/or discredited by some combination (choose your level of paranoia) of tabloid-style reporting and disinformation. By the way, I don't include MJ-12 in this statement and certainly not Corso; I am skeptical about those. I am referring partially to UFO crashes, cases such as Rendlesham Forest, and numerous other examples of highly significant military sightings that were leaked to NICAP.

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Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - King

From: Jeff King <Boroimhe@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 16:56:18 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 07:41:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham - King

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:04:20 EST
>Subject: Re: Dec 1950 Crash & Willingham
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Damn! I was just getting ready to send the same Dyess site cut and paste as Brad. Oh well.

To add a few more details, I originally obtained the Dyess history from phone conversations with the PIO and the 7th bomb group's historian back in the dark ages before the internet's ubiquity. Anticipating that someone would claim Tye Field as Willingham's base of operations, I asked and the PIO confirmed that the Guard used it for infantry training. Even during W.W.II, Tye only had dirt runways, so it would not have been suitable for aircraft like the F-94.

I would also point out that Dennis Stacy and Tom Deuley did an extensive on site investigation of the alleged crash to see if anyone on either side of the border knew anything about it. They first published their results in Omni lo these many years ago, and the answer was nada.

Face it Bruce, either Willingham is a very bad liar, or so hopelessly confused as to be useless as a witness.

Jeff King

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:18:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 07:49:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:51:44 -0600

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:57:21 -0000

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600

>>Y'all,

>>As usual, instead of discussing the facts of the case (in this
>>case Lakenheath, as raised by Jenny and Dave, or of any case -
>>as usual) Jerry chooses to rant and rave to to end other than to
>>score points.

>What facts of the case? What in the world are you talking about?
>Your rant was not about the "facts of the case" but about
>Robertsonian ridicule of perceived enemies as well as the usual
>chest-thumping.

>I made the mistake of urging you to conduct yourself more
>professionally, in the interests of keeping your case --
>whenever you condescend to let the rest of us hear it -- from
>being prejudged, as the product of a wildly biased, even
>immature partisan. In other words, someone so emotionally
>attached to his beliefs that his investigations are intended not
>to uncover truth but to humiliate perceived enemies. I was
>trying to help you. My mistake, and one I will not make
>again..

>Go ahead and keep acting, as you have done here again, true to
>form, Andy. Pound the chest. Taunt. Ridicule. Boast. And the
>rest of us will judge your forthcoming report accordingly.

Wouldn't it be best to judge the report by what's actually in
it?

--

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

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Re: Lakenheath - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 17:49:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:01:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Randles

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:28:46 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

><snip>

>Hi,

>Some of us researchers have been waiting for up to 5 years now
>for full publication of this new data on the Lakenheath case of
>1956. Had the data instead of blunt conclusions been fully
>shared in 1996 there might have been a more favorable response
>and more supporters instead of critics.

Firstly, there are no 'blunt conclusions' in my book. There's a discussion of what the air crew said and its meaning for the case. You seem here to be ascribing to me comments presumably made by others and just as I wouldn't dream of attacking you over what other researchers have said about any case you are interested in, then please don't do this either.

Have you read 'Something in the Air' ? If so, why do you find it 'blunt'?

Secondly, as I also explained when this was first raised, the BBC documentary that I wrote and presented in 1996 was co-funded by the BBC and Sci Fi channel and I had to wait until they had screened it several times to be free to use its material. I also had to obtain from the BBC the original interviews that I filmed (which was extremely extensive and fills many tapes recorded over a nine month period). I was not free to start any appraisal of this material until late 1999 and that's when the work began to create the UFOIN report and include the full transcripts of the interviews.

So - yes, its been about 15 months since this work started, but the case has spiralled as new leads have been followed and we decided not to publish piecemeal but as a comprehensive report when we had it all completed.

Therefore I trust you can see that the above suggestion of people waiting since 1996 is silly. The interviews I did with the air crew that year are merely a small part of the new data on this case - most of which wasn't even underway until the year 2000. And like I said, I have hardly hidden what the air crew told me in 1996 as its reported in that book four years ago. I couldn't quote directly from it then as I didn't have the original interview tapes yet to do so.

>There has never been a satisfactory response to my rebuttal
>points for the past 3 years that I have been posting them --
>only flat denials and now abusive bullying comments about how

>I'm going to have to "eat my words" and suffer shame and
>humiliation for not reading their minds and/or not spending many
>thousands of dollars to fly out to the UK to find out what is
>being withheld by these verbal bullies.

If you are in any way suggesting that I have been 'abusing' or
'bullying' you as you here seem to imply I think I am entitled
to see some kind of proof of that, because as far as I can see
that's a total fantasy.

Whatever problems you have with other researchers are not down
to me. And why do you expect me to answer for other people?

I haven't even been on the internet for three years (in fact it
is actually less than two!) so this comment about not replying
to your rebuttals for that greater length of time certainly
cannot by any standards apply to me. And I don't intend to
respond to any debate about pros and cons of the case and what
may or may not have happened as I haven't formulated my personal
conclusions yet.

I am happy to debate the evidence I have seen first hand, but
have politely asked to do that after the report appears so
that we are all singing from the same hymn sheet as it were. I
don't think that is bullying. I don't even think it is being
unreasonable.

>Can you explain why my points could not be given a courteous and
>full answer even in private? Had I been given a courteous and
>full explanation years ago I might have been convinced of the
>merits of this skeptical refutation of the case.

Who is arguing a 'skeptical refutation of the case'? Not me. If
you want to debate this you'll have to do so with someone who is
seeking to demolish the case. All I am doing is reporting
witness testimony obtained and that contradicts the traditional
interpretation of that part of the story.

I don't have the desire to go from there into some kind of open
battle over where the case now stands as that depends upon a
collective view of various disparate strands of evidence that
are coming together via various researchers right now and will
feature in the UFOIN report. And when I see them all together
and can properly think them through I will form my opinion on
this case. But asking me to do so prematurely is much more like
bullying than anything I am practising I fear.

All I reported was that the witness testimony from the air crew
means that the case (or that part of it anyhow) is not what we
thought it was. Given that there was no visual sighting of a UFO
and no cat and mouse chase between UFO and plane (as legend has
it), I doubt that is even a controversial statement. But I don't
see me saying anywhere that this constitutes a 'skeptical
refutation of the case' which I thus should defend in depth with
you. It is simply a reporting of new data.

>I'm sure the
>same would have applied to other serious researchers around the
>world who as I were not local in the UK and had no way to afford
>travel to England to investigate the case.

And they wont have to when they see the report - as they all
will soon have chance to do. But I completely agree with the
others that this report should appear when we have dotted all
the i's and crossed all the t's - and not prematurely just
because you want to see this now. I would expect every
researcher to publish their work when they are ready to do so -
not before. That's the best way to get it right. What is so
peculiar about this way of doing things?

>When the majority of the "investigators" spew out continuing
>streams of abuse and heated invective on UpDates and/or other
>forums it becomes strange that anyone would consider it a
>"straightforward quest for the facts."

Please indicate where I have ever been 'spewing out' these
'streams of abuse and heated invective'?

Nowhere.

Right?

So what is so odd about my reporting this as a 'straightforward quest for facts' - because, so far as I am concerned, that's exactly what it is - nothing more and nothing less. And I'd be interested in one example you can cite here where that's not consistent with what I have said or done?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:53:49 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:03:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Sparks

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

>This was forwarded to me. I have no opinion or knowledge about
>it. So don't shoot the messenger!

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>Posted By: LAKE ZURICH
>Date: Thursday, 22 February 2001, 4:09 a.m.
>Thursday, February 22, 2001
>All day...

>These are the coordinates at which the so-called Planet X, 10th
>Planet, 12th Planet, Nemisis, Nibiru or whatever you want to
>call it, is going to be visible, with a telescope!

> RA 5.16659 Dec 16.57897
> February 22nd, 2001

> RA 5.16653 Dec 16.56912
> March 1st, 2003

> RA 4.29741 Dec 9.96621
> March 3rd, 2003

>Get this out to all the astronomers you know. They will
>appreciate it!

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Hi,

These "coordinates" are nonsense. Is the Declination North (+) or South (-)? Without knowing that one doesn't know whether to point a telescope to the Northern or the Southern skies. Is the Right Ascension in hours or degrees? (I'll assume hours.) What times on these dates do these absurdly exact figures apply? Are the 2003 dates typos and meant to be 2001? Otherwise we've missed the Feb 22 date already and would have to wait two years.

If the dates are all meant to be in 2001 then it represents an extraordinary "planetary" orbit. For 8 days this alleged Planet X will have been almost motionless with respect to the earth (moving less than 0.01 deg), then suddenly from March 1-3 it moves almost 7 degrees in Declination and almost one hour in RA (about 13 degrees).

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 00:20:52 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:17:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

>Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's
>testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will
>have to be produced before independant parties. I suggest for
>instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas
>Redfern and Omar Fowler.

>Gildas Bourdais

Hi,

Thanks Gildas for this amusing post. Made my weekend. I assume this was not meant to be serious and that you do not really suggest that in future all Ufologists must demonstrate that they are not faking interview transcripts by presenting proof in front of a panel of hand picked experts of your choosing?

Such an idea would reduce the average time required to investigate a light in the sky to, oh, maybe six years. As for a complex abduction, we might publish by the next millennium.

Perhaps you could also name who will form the Spanish Inquisition in front of whom we should parade our data. And do you want the declaration in blood typed Oh, Negative, or Be Positive?

My tone here is deliberately light hearted, of course, for which I apologise, hopefully so that it is in keeping with your intent. Because surely you would not actually be suggesting that my word as a fellow Ufologist isn't to be trusted? Such a suggestion would be hard to understand (not to say a slur) and I would have to ask you to enlarge upon it if it is your intention. Since I don't recall doing anything to engage distrust.

If anyone prefers not to believe the full transcript of what the air crew say when we present it and insists - as here - upon independent corroboration then this action would prove the point that I have made all week. We had to take our time in putting this case report together and couldn't simply discuss this research piecemeal fashion as some have requested. Otherwise the honest commentary on what the air crew have said to me - which I have given - would simply be challenged and disbelieved each step of the way and would thus become a pointless exercise.

Of course, any one of you is perfectly entitled to dismiss the testimony as if it were made up rubbish. It isn't and you'll be the one heading off for the clouds rather than a clearer insight

into this case if you chose that path. But it is everybody's privilege here to believe that if you prefer.

I just hope that some of you have the sense to wait, read and judge the full report on its merits and to ask then any questions that you have and which we have said repeatedly we will then be happy to debate respectfully with you.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:29:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:20:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 12:42:45 -0600
>From: Roger Annette Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 22:23:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Alien Autopsies Are "True"! - Deschamps
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:44:05 -0600

>Previously, Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo wrote:

>>>Local news station WSVN, channel 7, Fox, aired an interview with
>>>former Army Sergeant-Major Robert Dean, on Sunday February 18 at
>>>11 P.M.

>>>In the interview, Mr. Dean claimed that in 1964 saw Medical
>>>Reports of autopsies of "extraterrestrials". He stated that
>>>there were 4 different races, one of them similar to us, 4 to
>>>4.5 feet tall. He did not care about personal repercussions, and
>>>the government should said the true to the public.

>>>Anyone know about this interview?

>Michel replied:

>>I'm not sure, but I may have parts of it on video tape...
>>somewhere.

>Hi, Michel!

>Perhaps it is lost in the abundance of flying saucer tapes you
>claim to have. I refer to the following post:

>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:22:10 -0500
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Debunker-Skeptic-Believer-Zealot? - Deschamps

>>>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.

>In response, I asked:

>>So let me get this straight; you know flying saucers are real
>>because you have video tape of them?

>>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...

>Come on, Michel. It's been several months. How long does it take
>to find the video of the flying saucer shot that makes you
>know they are real. If the interview tape that Dr.
>Sanchez-Ocejo is seeking is stored with your other tapes, then I
>hold out little hope of it ever seeing the light of day.

>You do have video of flying saucer, right?

Roger,

I believe it's an excerpt from "Sightings" or "Encounters" that
I have where Bob Dean is being interviewed about this. It is
also mentioned in a newsclipping in an issue of the UFO
Newsclipping Service put out by Lucius Farish.

As for my own two recordings of UFOs... yes, I do have them and
I know where they are.

Michel

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Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:52:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:52:47 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

Filer's Files #8 -- 2001, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
February 19, 2001

FILER'S SHORT HISTORY OF MARS AND THE WORLD - As an intelligence analyst I have experience in taking the findings of others and putting them together to develop a possible scenario. Recent scientific discoveries are starting to make the history of our world and our relationship to our neighboring Red planet more clear. I feel we may have more in common than is generally realized. In the history of Earth, much of the great scientific and historical knowledge was collected in the religious scriptures that repeatedly tells of extraterrestrial visitors.

My own photo analysis of Mars images of Cydonia and other areas suggest to me that Mars was once inhabited and defended. The layered terrain on Mars show a striking resemblance to sedimentary deposits that form underneath the water on Earth. NASA is slowly revealing what has been known for a decade that there was and still is water on Mars. These apparent lakes on indicate that Mars likely harbored life in the distant past. Where there is water, microbial life is likely to have thrived. Fossils giving proof of life likely exist in the sediments. Rocks that blasted off Mars from some type of explosions were eventually found on Earth. NASA scientists claim microbial evidence essentially proves life once existed on Mars. I hypothesize that intelligent life either visited or developed on Mars. One area on Mars where there are strong indications of intelligent life is the area known as Cydonia. The famous face on Mars is in the Cydonia area and can possibly be explained away as a trick of nature, but new images show an eye socket, and a well formed eye pupil, an eye brow, and even lips. The Cydonia area also has structures that appear as a fort, a possible city mound, a dozen outpost mounds, a pathway and pyramid like structures. These do not appear as natural formations.

My hypothesis is we are looking at artifacts of an ancient civilization probably defended against attacks. Excellent researchers such as Dr. Horace W. Crater of the University of Tennessee Space Institute and Dr. Stanley V. McDaniel, Dr. Mark Carlotto, both of Scientists for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR)--Erol Torun, Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar and many others have accomplished brilliant research pointing out the mathematical and geometrical anomalies indicating artificial origin of the area. Dr. Stanley V. McDaniel asks, "Does the mound geometry conform to some understandable grid? Is the mound geometry unique? Is there any recognizable cultural or symbolic quality in the patterns that might provide a clue to possible meaning or utility?" See <http://www.mcdanielreport.com/geometry.htm>.

FORTIFICATIONS ON MARS - My answers to his questions are yes. While in Vietnam as the 7th Air Force Intelligence, III Corps analyst, I spent a great deal of time examining photographs looking for North Vietnamese and Viet Cong rocket sites that were used for attacking Saigon nightly. The enemy would launch the rockets from mounds leaving small burned marks showing the

rockets had been fired from that position. I felt the Communist 122 mm rockets were personally aimed at me providing incentive to discover the enemy operations. Eventually we were able to figure out the North Vietnamese movements and construction patterns of the mounds. They brought the rockets to about ten miles from Saigon using small boats on the various streams. They set up and fired the rockets killing my neighbors nightly. The Communist movements, their construction of small mounds or hills could be observed in our daily photographic footage. Eventually we were able to attack the most likely rocket movements and sites.

My analysis of Mars images picked up similar mounds arranged in a geometric pattern indicating alien artifacts and possible intelligent life. The mounds on Mars are not unlike fortifications used by the military on Earth for centuries. They have built similar numbers, with precision, location and geometry to establish overlapping fields of fire. Nature tends to do things by chance, and these structures appear to be designed as either offensive or defensive positions. The general arrangement is in variations of triangles. In one of my favorite military books, "The Tools of War" written by James R. Newman, he provides the reader with a series of drawings of fortifications that were used by Europeans preparing defensive bastions throughout the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries, I have visited some of these fortifications with angled walls in Germany and France. The structures on Mars remind me of these diagrams. Many of these fortifications are designed using various triangles geometric variations, because they provide strong defensive positions and fields for cross fire. Often the infantry and ammunition were hidden underground. Only the cannon would be above ground and these were often covered in various ways. I suggest we are looking at ancient Martian fortifications placed in a triangular pattern with key points about two miles apart. In Europe, many similar fortifications were still in use during World War II. The French Maginot line comes to mind with some ninety percent of its fortifications underground. On Mars, there are what appears to be openings to underground facilities. It seems too much of a chance for nature to have built twelve mound like fortifications in a roughly geometric and isosceles triangular configuration at Cydonia.

What appears has a fort, pyramid, city mound, various fortifications all suggest that intelligence at one time existed on Mars. I admit this is not easy to see unless you make the assumption that intelligent life once existed on Mars. Then the signs of their presence are suddenly apparent. The structures appear to represent architecture designed to protect its occupants from weapons fire, bombs or possibly meteorites. Many appear pyramidal in shape with deliberately shaped sloping walls. These structures are similar to Bastions designed for warfare where the slanted angles cause artillery fire to glance off. In any case they seem deliberately shaped as opposed to a natural formation and designed to deflect flying objects. In Vietnam, I analyzed the effectiveness of our air strikes. I see evidence of similar attacks and bombardment. This bombardment is likely from meteorites, but they might be huge bomb craters from a war in the distant past. I count at least a dozen bomb craters or meteorite strikes in the fortifications. Mars has always been known throughout history as the planet of war, perhaps mankind was provided this information by visitors. These images suggest that life once existed on Mars, but this is not our only evidence.

SOVIET INFRARED PHOTOGRAPHY FROM PHOBOS 2 - In 1989, the Soviet Phobos 2 took infrared photos of a possible underground city on Mars. Photos shown on Canadian TV, show an infrared scan radiometer image of the Martian surface depicting clearly defined rectangular areas. The film showed chess board like straight channels resembling city blocks. The infrared film measures the heat radiated from a two hundred fifty square miles of checker board square like parallel lines and rectangles. The corresponding surface features taken by regular cameras provided no indication of intelligent life. Dr. John Becklake of the London Science Museum stated, "The city-like pattern is 60 kilometers wide and could be easily be mistaken for an aerial view of Los Angeles." It is my opinion that the data is too geometrically regular to be formed naturally and that much of the Martian civilization moved underground. The Soviets were then shocked when almost immediately after the

infrared images were taken by Phobos 2 that satellite stopped functioning. Embarrassed the Soviets released most of the last taped television transmission sent back to Earth by Phobos 2 before it fell silent forever. On March 25, 1989, Phobos photographed a dark shape described as a "thin ellipse" showing what appears to be a gigantic cylindrical spaceship or huge cigar-shaped 'mothership'.

In his careful words to 'Aviation Week and Space Technology', the chairman of the Soviet equivalent of NASA, referred to the last frame, saying, "One image appears to include an odd-shaped object between the spacecraft and Mars." This "highly secret" photo was later given to the Western press by Colonel Dr. Marina Popovich, a Russian astronaut and pilot who has long been interested in UFO's. At a UFO conference in 1991, Popovich confirmed that their satellite had been destroyed by the alien vehicle. These photos can be seen at www.filersfiles.com

I might remind my readers that at this time our world was locked in the Cold War. Soviet and American forces were prepared to destroy one another but now Russia and Americans are together in space building a new space station. At the time President Reagan understood the situation when he spoke at the 42nd General Assembly of the United Nations. Sept. 21, 1987, and stated: "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us realize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, IS NOT AN ALIEN FORCE ALREADY AMONG US?"

DNA REVEALS INTERVENTION BY OUTSIDE FORCE IN HUMANS

Red Setter writes that, "Already biologists have figured out that we were formed suddenly by hybridization, rather than gradually by Darwinian means." See American J. Human Genetics 2000, authors Royce and Baird from Leicester, where they say that man came about "through hybridization of two widely separated primate lines, which had not interbred previously for 1.9 million years." How then could those two primate lines be naturally interfertile? This result argues to some extent for Sitchin's hypothesis, of hybridization between tall blond aliens (the "Anu" people) and a local primate, homo erectus. Indeed, one of the two sequences is clearly African in origin. However, we have not yet measured the DNA sequence (near telomeres) for a blond alien, hence such a hypothesis cannot be formally proved. Also, the new Human Genome sequence shows that almost half of our DNA comes from invading elements; while over 200 of the 30,000 genes come from bacterial-like sources by unknown means. Further scrutiny of these complex data may show that our species was gene-engineered in the past. Some of those CG-rich genes, e.g. HIC-1 as a tumor suppressor, reduce the risk of cancer and thereby increase lifespan greatly. I expect that fewer and fewer people will believe in Darwin as time proceeds. Best, Red Setter

Editor's Note: Darwinian Theory essentially explains that you and I are here by chance. That once we were ape like creatures and before that worms or cells in a primordial soup. But recent DNA discoveries indicate that Homo Sapiens have had the same DNA for 200,000 years. Suddenly, a couple hundred thousand years ago the brain size of primitive hominids jumped one-third in size and our ancestors became relatively intelligent. I suggest this happened by design, due to an outside force. The scriptures state it was angels sent by God. Strangely that face on Mars looks human and more like my ancestor than the apes. I think our view of history needs some rewriting.

PENNSYLVANIA TWO OVAL/EGG SHAPED OBJECTS SPOTTED OVERHEAD

STATE COLLEGE - The witness reports my grandfather and I were walking home from church around dusk on February 3, 2001, when two bright oval objects caught our attention above the tree line. We thought at first it was an aircraft from the local airport. But, because of the tremendous acceleration of the objects, we knew that it could not be an airplane. As the objects passed almost directly above us, we heard no sound at all, even though they were traveling at a high rate of speed. As they sped away, they seemed to change direction very abruptly. The weather was overcast, so we could not maintain

visual contact for very long. Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

GEORGIA UFO SIGHTING

BUFORD -- Brant Connolly says, " I am reporting on a sighting that occurred on February 12, 2001 at 5:20 PM about 45 miles Northeast of Atlanta near the tip of Lake Sydney Lanier." As I was leaving work that evening to go to the gym, I noticed an aircraft coming from the East, traveling in a Westerly direction. I was facing to the South at the time. The aircraft was putting out a very thick double vapor trail which looked kind of odd, so I stood and watched it. The aircraft was about maybe an eighth of an inch long at arm's length, without much detail other than wings. But what caught my attention next was NOT normal. Something else moving caught my eye and I saw two dark "disk" shaped objects moving towards the southwest, at a very slow, controlled speed. The disks were about the size of a pencil eraser at arm's length and about 2" apart, one slightly above the other. There was NO sound, no lights, no wings or other protuberances. The objects were in sight for about 1-1/2 minutes until they were lost to view. Weather conditions were mostly clear with a nice blue sky, and the sun was starting down. The damn things flew practically right over my head and I didn't see them until I noticed the movement against the sky. "The sun clearly reflected off of the airplane, but these things were DARK-NO REFLECTION at all!" Thanks to Brant Connolly

FLORIDA FLYING TRIANGLE

FT. LAUDERDALE - The witness was driving on I-595 when he saw a strange flying triangle shaped object with 3-4 lights on it February 5, 2001, at 7:30 PM. I would guess that it was 75-100 feet in altitude, I thought it might be a light pole top but as I got closer I could see that it was just hovering. I slowed down and it stayed there even as I passed it. Then I saw another closer to the airport in the distance and thought maybe they were planes but neither was moving. I thought maybe they were helicopters hovering but they usually have blinking lights and make a little noise but I didn't hear anything.

KENTUCKY - FLYING TRIANGLES

ADAIRVILLE -- I saw a total of three triangular shaped craft over open farm fields on February 5, 2001. Two remained at a distance of about a half a mile away from the roadway. One was about 300 yards from my vehicle and was triangular in shape. It had a dome top with a yellow light on in the dome. It was perfectly still hovering 50 feet above the ground. It did not have any engine noise and was perfectly quite. On the tips of the triangular ends was a red light on one side and a blue light on the other. It appeared to be as large as a medium sized aircraft but not the shape of any aircraft that I have ever seen including the Stealth. The lights began dimming and the craft began crossing the road and headed west silently and then flew away very fast. I have seen these several nights while driving home from work.

BOWLING GREEN - Another witness reports, I was outside looking at the moon February 7, 2001, when my kids asked if they could stay out and watch the stars. I looked to the right of the Moon and saw a cigar shaped object in the sky moving east. It turned left towards the Moon and flew in front and just above it. It turned to the west, and changed from a cigar shape to a triangle shape craft. The lights were red and yellow, and then changed to blue and back again. As it flew just above the Moon it looked a little bit silver as the light may have reflected off it. The craft stopped for two seconds and the moved again. It seem to jump forward for a foot and in just a flash it was gone. The craft made no sound, I know it was not a plane since they fly over all the time. The object was 4 inches long with my arm fully extended. Peter Davenport spoke via telephone with this witness, and found him to be quite precise in his description of the object observed by him and his children. He was quite convincing. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director National UFO Reporting Center www.ufocenter.com

OHIO UFO SIGHTING

CHILLICOTHE -- "Philip E. Diehl" wrote to Dave Vetterick

stating, I was in my backyard in Chillicothe Ohio at 6:41 PM on Dec. 24, 2000, looking at the stars when I heard a faint 60 cycle hum overhead." I looked over in time to see a triangular shaped craft move quickly from due north to due south. I have seen many aircraft in my 53 years, but none that could move so fast or that low that quietly. It was triangular shape with rounded points. It had three large, but very dim lights on the underside that could have been exhaust ports. One in the nose and one on each (for lack of better word) wing. This could have been some secret government craft? I don't know, but I only know what I saw Thanks to Dave Vetterick

ILLINOIS REPORTS OF LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT SKY SHOW INCREASE

ROCKFORD --Lightfate reports scores more residents contacted the Rockford Register Star Tuesday with personal accounts of having seen strange lights in skies on February 10, 2001. Photographs in Tuesday's paper by the Register Star's Gary Carlson showed orange-gold lights making curious patterns in the Northeast sky. On February 14, Mark Bonne wrote in the Rockford Register Star that. " The odd visions continue to baffle many, but a new theory has begun to gel in response to the latest reports of bright lights in the night sky. Several sources speculated that orange and gold glowing orbs spotted Saturday night were helium balloons carrying flares or candles, likely launched from someone's back yard as a novelty or prank. More than 40 people some from as far as Byron and Caledonia contacted the Rockford Register Star to relate accounts of a phenomenon that started New Year's Eve 1999 and returned twice in as many months. Lee Carlson said four amber-colored lights floated past his Hillcrest Road home. I heard them pop as they went by and saw them slowly burn out," said Carlson, who suspects the balloons landed on Harrison Avenue. Duane Ingram, a physics and astronomy professor at Rock Valley College, said he doubts from descriptions he's heard that people are mistaking stars, constellations or planets as the phantom lights. Ingram said juvenile hijinks seems a more plausible explanation.

CALIFORNIA CREATES VAPOR TRAIL INVISIBLE AIRCRAFT

Kevin McClellan writes, "I was shocked to read about your report about invisible aircraft." It parallels my experience so closely, I could have written that account. I've never seen an invisible aircraft before (ha ha). Last week, I saw a northbound vapor trail being formed. I've had a lifetime fascination (obsession) with aircraft, so I stopped to notice it. Like your experience, the aircraft was invisible, yet the vapor trail still formed. When I first saw the trail forming in the distance, I got my wife's camera and 500 mm telephoto lens. Looking through, I still saw no plane, just the vapor trail. I then called my wife, who came outside just in time to see the plane appear right in front of our eyes. I took a couple of pictures. The plane had four engines, and was a white, standard jetliner/tanker/commercial aircraft. When I thought about why I didn't see the plane, I wondered if the atmosphere could've somehow naturally masked the plane from my sight. I considered it doubtful, since it remained invisible from the horizon until it was straight over my head, and because of the immediate transition from invisible to visible. So active camouflaging is a possibility. I first read about that several years ago, in a cover story of 'Popular Mechanics' magazine. But why would (presumably) the military want to conceal an aircraft over a big city?

Someone with access to lots of white tanker aircraft has been systematically spraying over densely populated areas, for the past few years. I didn't believe it at first, until one year ago, when I looked up to find an "X" in the sky that turned into a grid of white lines. Unlike other contrails, this grid of vapor trails increased in size, until they spread into a wispy cloud cover, with a nice 'rainbow ring' around the sun. For 28 years, I have lived near three international airports (OAK, SFO, San Jose), and Moffet Field (Navy Aviation, NASA Ames). With my lifelong fascination for aircraft, I think I'm qualified to say that these vapor trails were not created along the usual flight routes. After about a month, they stopped spraying in the San Francisco Bay area. Then last November, they began again, usually 2 or 3 days a week. I've taken several photos of them as they turn the spray on and off. After a while, it became like sport, trying to catch them 'in the

act'. That's why I grabbed the camera for this latest plane. Normal vapor contrails don't "turn on or off." By the way, the day of my "invisible plane sighting" was yet another "spray day." A couple of hours afterward, the sky was again covered with a grid of vapor trails. After reading and observing, I've come up with a theory. I think it's merely a secret SDI program to place a catalyst in the air, to enhance the effectiveness of an electromagnetic 'boundary layer' in the upper atmosphere. China and Russia would be upset if they knew we had an operational Star Wars system. Solution? Keep it secret, even from American citizens. And that, my friend, explains the invisible aircraft. Thanks to Kevin McClellan
<http://www.rense.com/general3/anex.htm>

UNITED KINGDOM SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

NORTH DEVON, ENGLAND -- Farshores reports, The sighting of strange lights spinning through the night sky was caught on video camera by an amateur photographer. Jo Sherlock has described her close encounter with the UFO, which happened on Tuesday, January 23, as a strange experience that left her feeling "really weird" and her camera batteries low. There were lots of very bright green and blue lights in the dark sky. I had my camera around my neck and the flash went off three times, without me touching it. "I felt really weird and I thought, 'where am I?', even though I was standing in my garden. "The object came closer and it started to spin like a Catherine wheel, standing up vertically, not spinning around flat like you see in movies. It then went away from me, stopped spinning, and went really small." Jo claimed that when she went back outside after briefly going into her house, the wind was blowing heavily when previously it had been quite calm. The feeling she received from seeing the lights, which she filmed all the while, disturbed her most of all. She said: "I just did not feel myself, I thought it was getting at me." Thanks to Farshores.

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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 over an hour long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. 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: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'? - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:39:22 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:10:47 -0500
Subject: Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'? - Young

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:06:34 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

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Nick, Everybody:

The "protruding space camera" is the Moon; the yellow spot at the upper part of the "sputnik" is the Sun. The thing is actually not a sphere, but has a lip around in, upon which the Moon seems to ride. Also seen are clouds and blue sky in the center, and greenery (trees?) around the outside of the inner part of the sphere. The "antennae" may be rods with which the Earth, surrounded (of course: it was doctrine) by the Sun and Moon, was suspended in heaven.

Clear skies (and low JPG compression),

Bob Young

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:47:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:13:43 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 16:25:06 +0000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 23:24:37 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I wrote:

>>I do not know the exact date that Bob is referring to. However,
>>it doesn't really matter. What matters is that before Bob
>>informed Santilli that all he had was print film, Santilli
>>thought he had camera original. As such, he should have had it
>>tested.

>
>>As to whether or not the camera original film was negative or
>>positive film; I tried to get Bob to remember which side the
>>emulsion appeared on the print. The reason this is important is
>>that the alleged cameraman says he made the print, himself. Now,
>>this is kind of hard to follow if some readers are not
>>experienced in film tech, but consider this:

>>As I understand it, the Santilli print was also a reversal
>>stock. Therefore, the cameraman could not make a print off of
>>camera negative; only off of a positive print. Since this print
>>would have the emulsion on the opposite side than the camera
>>original, any second generation prints off of the first print
>>would end up with the emulsion back on the same side as camera

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Neil replied:

>It's a good technical point, but unlikely to be answered without
>access to the film stock and I see little chance of that.

>As I understand it Bob has only had access to a couple of film
>fragments at the most, and we only have what Ray has stated was
>the actual mix of the film stock he bought.

>You could also throw into this mix that we also have no idea as
>to whether the cameraman had contact or optical printing
>equipment, though if the 1947 edge markings turned up on the
>"safty prints" as well as the neg reel he says he had, this
>would suggest the old B+H contact style printer was used not an
>optical.

>As I've said though, without cooperation these points are likely
>to remain unanswered.

Hi, Neil!

Isn't that the point of this whole discussion? You're looking
for needles of truth in a haystack layered with suspicion and
doubt. Wouldn't it be better to get one simple question answered
by the man that will benefit the most than to try and solve

hundreds of other secondary questions that won't prove anything? More to the point; doesn't it piss you off that Santilli and company won't bother to help you exonerate them?

I think we've taken this as far as we can. I received the CD's from Ed and they won't open on either of my computers. I know the problem is not on my end as I play MPEGS and AVI files all the time in my work.

Regarding the emulsion question, I think that it should be followed up on. If Ed has any connections with the man he so zealously defends, then perhaps we can get a statement from the alleged cameraman about the following:

- 1) Did he shoot negative or positive?
- 2) Which side does the emulsion appear on the sample clips Bob looked at?

The value of this information is that we don't even need to see the alien on the footage. If the results match, it does not necessarily validate the cameraman's story or AA. However, if we accept that the sample clip is supposed to be from the AA footage and the calculated result for the placement of the emulsion does not match the origin given by the cameraman, then the guy is simply lying (not 'mistaken') and that would be definitive.

At this point, I am not going to reveal which side the emulsion would be on for each scenario. Instead, I'll wait to see what the cameraman says and see if it matches the results from the sample clip.

Roger

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:51:01 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:17:26 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:28:15 -0400

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600

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>Might I refer you to the December 1996 Yukon case so ably
>investigated by professional Engineer Martin Jasek who dealt
>with more than 30 witnesses (groups of 2 or 3) which enabled
>triangulation 3 times, establishing a length of 0.6-1.2 miles
>long. I was up there. One witness said it was the full width of
>the big dipper or more than 1 foot at arms length.

Hi Stan, Dennis:

Man, that measurement must have been made by bigfoot. The Big Dipper is 25 degrees from tip of cup to end of handle. This is about 7.5 inches, or so, at my arm's length. Of course, little people (not greys) have shorter arms and bigger people have their rulers a little further away. But, this was most likely done in daylight, and by memory.

This is probably a pretty good example of how this kind of "data" of eyewitness accounts of surprising events later become giant motherships, or whatever.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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From: **Emiliano Occhetta - CUN Novara** <novaracun@freemail.it>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:31:14 -0500
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> below?

>http://www.montalcino-tuscany.it/montalcino_ufo.htm

>Nick Balaskas

Hi,

In the Church Of San Pietro in Montalcino (near Siena) there is
a painting by Bonaventura Salimbeni that is very strange, in
fact there is represented a "metallic sphere" very similar to a
Sputnik or Vanguard II.

Italy's National UFO Center made inquires about this painting
and deduced that the "Sputnik" is in reality a planisphere,
there are visible some lines of meridians and parallel.

Similar raffigurations are frequent in orthodox art.

Emiliano Occhetta

Italy's National UFO Center

PS Sorry for my English :-)

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Brookesmith

From: **Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 01 02:07:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:30:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Brookesmith

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 12:06:51 -0600
>Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:23:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 01 00:25:59 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

Jerome's post contained some interesting background information to the shall-we-call-it tiff between Dr Posner and himself as leader writer for IUR.

There are a couple of things that bother me about Jerome's account, however. One is this:

>[...] it was no less than CSICOP co-founder (and early defector) Marcello Truzzi who first drew the letter to my attention. No wonder, in retrospect, Posner found it so embarrassing and sought to silence anyone who reminded the world of what he had written, one hopes (charitably) in the enthusiasm of the moment.

If the letter was so embarrassing to Posner, why does he have it on his website for all to read? Follow the links from:

<http://members.aol.com/garypos/critics.html>

-- and why does he quote from it extensively in the piece that I posted, I wonder? And what are all the other items written by his many critics doing there? Should Jerry tell him, Quick, get them out of sight?

Having read Posner's original 1978 letter in the original publication, it seems to me pretty clear that Posner is chiding CSICOP for making fun of people who may be more ill than stupid. That seems a fairly humane position.

Then we have:

>In fact, on August 14, 1992, Jerome Clark wrote Posner as follows: "In my IUR editorial, your ambulatory-schizophrenia accusation was cited as an example of debunkers' 'strange charges against ufologists.' Any other reading is inconceivable."

Yet what a strange reading it is. The word "ufologist" does not appear in Posner's 1978 letter anywhere, least of all attached to the "ambulatory-schizophrenia accusation" (which is not an accusation at all, by the way: it is an admittedly speculative diagnosis). In short I fail to see any connection between what Posner wrote in 1978 and ufologists in general, unless Jerome considers ufologists to be a subsection of "paranormalists" -- an association at which I should have expected him to balk.

James Oberg and I agree that Jerome appears to be in need of remedial reading lessons, and it's because of his very strange distortion of Posner's position that I would tend to believe Oberg's version of what he wrote over Jerome's. I would be prepared to substitute terms such as "misreading" or "misapprehension" in this sentence, but the net effect is a distortion. Unfortunately I don't have Oberg's book to make an independent check of his account. Which, from the way Jerome carries on, anyone would think was not there for all to see in Posner's article as posted by me. Odd!

I think Posner's characterizations of ufologists, as quoted by Jerome, are overly harsh, although we cannot see their context from these snippets. That isn't to say that ufologists are incapable of dishonesty, deception and evasiveness, even about UFOs. Check the List archives!

Posner's general agreement with P. Klass is hardly surprising. Presumably Jerome's point is that anyone who agrees with Ole Unca Phil is ipso facto horned, hooved and tailed. The ritual cant about Phil equating ufologists with communists is bullshit, as any intelligent reading of the record shows; and as was discussed long ago in this forum.

I don't expect Jerome to change his mind about his self-righteousness in this matter, stunned tho' I am to find he is *proud* of his inaccurate and unctuous editorial. (That was a bit of literary criticism: not personal, just business.) Others may have found the peek into his reading and comprehension skills useful in rounding out their knowledge of ufology's second easiest person to wind up.

best wishes
Pokemon D. Monopoly
Licensed Poltergeist

"Never underestimate the power
of stupid people in large groups."

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Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:29:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:57:43 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 02:22:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:36:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOX-TV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, John wrote:

>I agree with the camera sensitivity explanation Roger. I've had
>it happen with my own camera. If you have high contrast lighting
>conditions (ex: early morning sunlight) where you are confronted
>with bright light and deep shadows, the camera is just incapable
>of resolving the scene properly because of the extreme in the
>_range_ of lighting. The brightness 'blows out' (over-exposes)
>everything and washes out all fine detail on both ends of the
>lighting spectrum. You don't need an atmosphere to make stars
>disappear. Just a primitive videocam with crappy range
>(sensitivity) and even crappier light metering/compensating
>capabilities.

Hi, John!

We have to be careful. We seem to be agreeing too much, lately.
People will talk.

Anyway, about the camera sensitivity thing and not seeing stars.
Previously, David Rudiak repeated the tired old tale about the
Earth's atmosphere not letting us photograph or see any stars
during the day because it scattered and diffused the sun's rays,
blah, blah, blah.

What makes this obviously incorrect?

Well, for starters, the sun is a star! Therefore, we do see at
least one star during the day, don't we? What makes it
different than the others? It's closer, that's all. If the other
stars were as close and, therefore, as bright we would not only
be able to see them during the day, we could photograph them, as
well. Therefore, while the atmosphere does do what David says it
does, it is not the reason for lack of visible stars by eye or
in photos. Instead, it is only a symptom created by a lighting
imbalance that results from a difference in proximity between
the sun and all the other stars.

Again, we can see any star that is close enough, like the sun,
even with atmosphere. But, if you got rid of the atmosphere,
your photos would not come out any different. You could see the
sun in them as well as anything lit by the sun, but you would
still see no stars other than the sun in your photos if your
exposure is set for terrestrial subjects even though you could
see the stars with your eyes (depending on which way one
looked). If anything, a lack of atmosphere would make things
worse for photography since you'd have direct, harsh light
illuminating your terrestrial subject with no atmospheric
diffusion to help control contrast.

Proximity is the culprit, not atmosphere. In fact, the atmosphere is merely part of the terrestrial subject that would be photographed. Notice that pictures of the Earth taken from space do not show any stars, either. Down here or up there, the lighting imbalance created by proximity will prevent you from photographing the stars along with anything else properly exposed. Atmosphere got nothin' to do with it.

Regarding David's advice on remedial schooling; this is not only basic photography, it's basic science.

King Roger

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 02:49:10 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:32:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 17:56:51 -0000

Richard Hall wrote:

>There are so many false statements or distortions in this
>incredibly long and repetitious posting that I hardly know where
>to begin.

Richard,

I would suggest that you actually cite some supporting evidence.

>Rendlesham Forest is not one of my "favorite cases," though I do
>think it is a highly significant one and I think Georgina Bruni
>has pretty much made that clear with truly significant new
>evidence.

What "truly significant new evidence" is that?

>Halt said that Cabansag did not enter the forest, not me, and I
>was only reporting what he said.

Why didn't you realise this was contrary to such critical,
documented evidence - those unpublished witness statements in
your files?

Again, I wrote:

"If nothing else, can we please confirm where CAUS obtained
copies of the witness statements and how long the startling
revelations about the lighthouse has been known about?"

Is that question ever going to be answered, and if not, why not"

Will you please comment on this?

>He apparently did make a few minor errors, but they are pretty
>insignificant overall.

We can now highlight and document these 'minor' errors:

1. The dates of both incidents in Halt's memo to the Ministry of
Defence [MoD] are consummately proven to be wrong - Halt has
acknowledged he wrote this 'from memory'.

Presumably if, as the MoD claim, the Ministry investigated
Halt's report, their enquiries would have been focused on two,
inconsequential dates. What an unbelievable mistake on Halt's
part.

2. In that official report, he also stated, re the first night's
event's, "The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing

object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high".

In truth, one of those 'individuals', John Burroughs, still maintains they didn't see a structured object at all.

Another, Ed Cabansag, provided Halt with an affidavit which confirmed, "...we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light".

The other participant, Jim Penniston, is in fact the only one who claimed he observed a 'structured object', however, he also provided a statement to Halt which explained that he was never closer than "50 meters" to a perceived source, which it's acknowledged he could never confirm.

Halt also had two further affidavits which verified that was an accurate synopsis of events.

3. Halt advised the Ministry how, "As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared".

That never happened. The three 'patrolemen' testified how their investigation of some unfamiliar lights resulted in those same lights being lost from sight, before again being observed near a farmhouse. Subsequently, they again lost sight of the lights before pursuing a source which was ultimately realised to originate from a coastal lighthouse.

4. Halt also told the MoD, "The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate".

That never happened. It originates from a reported, brief sighting of "a blue light" - never an 'object' - when our three-man patrol were returning to base.

5. Subsequent to his own involvement in the 'UFO' hysteria, Halt further advised the MoD that, "Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared".

That never happened either, as obviously evident from Halt's microcassette recording of those events.

Halt is once again, alarmingly, grossly mistaken.

And so on... all of the above is of course factual.

To recap; Halt informs the MoD about a purported 'UFO' incursion and...

- gets the dates of both incidents wrong
- describes a three-man patrol's detailed 'sighting' of a structured 'UFO', when in truth only one participant perceived that and couldn't confirm it
- erroneously tells the Ministry those three patrolmen watched an object 'manoeuvre' through the trees
- omits to inform the MoD that those same lights were in truth again seen, apparently near a farmhouse
- fails to tell the MoD that the patrol then followed a flashing light for a stated TWO MILES, before realising it came from a coastal lighthouse
- misinforms the Ministry that the 'object' was observed "approximately an hour later"
- tells the MoD that he personally witnessed an unfamiliar light

which "broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared", when it should have been obvious to Halt how that never happened if he had listened to his own tape-recorded documentation

- blindingly forgets to tell the MoD that the 'light' which had supposedly 'exploded' was in fact seen again and documented by Halt personally as now visible, "clear off to the coast".

You stated, "Halt's TESTIMONY is full, complete, on the record, and highly credible. His information anchors the entire case".

"My forthcoming account of the case in 'THE UFO EVIDENCE: II' is based on direct communications with Colonel Halt, who has been very helpful and cooperative...".

Before addressing anything else, can we be clear that you do consider all of the above, in the context of an obviously important 'UFO EVIDENCE II' case, has trivial consequence and Halt has merely contributed, as you say...

"a few minor errors, but they are pretty insignificant overall".

James Easton.
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Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:12:07 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:35:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Young

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

>This was forwarded to me. I have no opinion or knowledge about
>it. So don't shoot the messenger!

Wendy, List:

I checked this with a search engine on the Minor Planet Center website, producing a list of known asteroids brighter than 18 magnitude within 5 degrees of the first site and found nothing near this location which did not already have a known orbit.

I also could not find anything listed for Near Earth Objects, or recent objects in need of confirmations near the position. The two additional position suggest that the object, if real, has orbital elements which have been determined to allow predictions of its position two years into the future.

I also searched under the names Niburu and Nemesis, and found nothing.

The weird thing about this information is that only a date was given, not a decimal date or anything more. Yet the positions were given to 5 decimals. In other words, the thing could move a lot in the course of a day, giving these detailed location was absurd without a more accurate time.

The fact that the object is supposed to be in about the same area of the sky (within 15 degrees or so) about two years later suggests that the object has an orbit slightly outside that of Mars, which might put it among the Amor Group of asteroids with perihelions (positions closest to the Sun) inside the orbit of Mars. The positions given also indicated that it would have a fairly high (30 degree) inclination to the ecliptic, the path of the planets and most asteroids.

Something near Mars but dimmer than 18th magnitude would be tiny. As a comparison, the two moons of Mars, Phobos and Deimos have diameters of about 21 and 12 Kms, respectively, and visual brightness' of magnitude 11.6 and 12.7, respectively. Their albedos, or brightnesses, are very dark. Anyone calling something on this scale "planet X, Y or Z" is feeding us a line.

Incidentally, for some very interesting and informative websites about asteroids, see;

<http://astrosun.tn.cornell.edu/staff/bottke/asteroid.html>

Clear and dark skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
Date: 24 Feb 2001 04:55:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:37:44 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - McGonagle

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:04:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio in
>the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert on same
>said that there were four reasons for divulging secrets,
>ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately, I can't
>remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!

Could it have been retribution/revenge?

Joe

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Richard Brunswick?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:57:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:39:48 -0500
Subject: Richard Brunswick?

Hi All,

Does anyone have any contact details for Richard Brunswick who wrote the book 'UFO'?

Contact me at the above please.

Regards,

Roy..

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'The Big Pay Off'?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 05:05:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:41:45 -0500
Subject: 'The Big Pay Off'?

Hi All,

I am not sure if this book is in print, but I would not mind getting a copy (if it exists).

Has anyone heard of the book 'The Big Pay Off - Nineties Ufology'

I don't have an authors name, any help would be appreciated.

Regards,

Roy..

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Bruni Lecture - A Review

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 05:06:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:45:20 -0500
Subject: Bruni Lecture - A Review

Hi All,

I would just like to say what a great lecture Georgina Bruni gave at the London UFO Studies monthly meeting place Unity Hall Walthamstow East London.

With a fully packed hall, Georgina delivered a very good and neatly outlined over-view of her excellent research and new findings into the Rendlesham Forest incident.

It was also good to note, that many of the people who attended the meeting, did have some knowledge of the case, and when Georgina was questioned near the end of the lecture, people (the general public) asked, quite puzzled, why leading UK UFO researchers had not welcomed her new findings, and also why these researchers continued to drool on about a much now dropped lighthouse theory.

In her cool and witty style, Georgina gave an all around good lecture, which was very well received by the public who attended. A rapturous round of applause finished off this very interesting and revealing lecture.

Roy Hale

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

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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 01:10:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:48:49 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:15:16 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:12:32 -0500 (Eastern >Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

>>Here is another picture of a baffling Martian find that was
>>made by pre-teen school children. I wonder what else could
>>have been found if Dr. Michael Malin gave equal time on the
>>Mars Global Surveyor to people such as Richard Hoagland or our
>>Mac Tonnies.

>><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0102/22boulders/>

><snip>

>NASA seems schizophrenic when it comes to Martian life -
>microbial or otherwise. They justify unmanned missions as "the
>search for life," yet seem to completely ignore photos that
>might show examples of what they're after.

>We have it in our collective head that, if Mars has life, then
>it's necessarily microbial. With what we know about Mars now
>(running water, etc.), this mentality is antiquated. There is
>every reason to suspect macroscopic life.

>NASA's tight-lipped stance on the matter of life is really
>disheartening. Fortunately Arthur C. Clarke has broached the
>subject; hopefully someone at NASA will venture an explanation.

Hiya Mac,

Yep, it's great that AC Clarke has chimed in about those weird
tunnel/tubular shaped features on Mars. Maybe the weight of his
celebrity will elicit a response from NASA. I hope so anyway. I
have attached two .gifs of this odd feature. More importantly I
want to ask everyone on the list what they make of the 'silvery-
metallic' looking sphere inside of the tubular structure. I have
included two close-ups that were taken from the larger version
that is available over at the Enterprise Mission website.

The "sphere" appears to have some kind of an 'appendage' that
extends from the back (front?) of the thing. Looks kinda like a
"Heavy Metal Sperm!" <VBG>All kidding aside, does anyone have
any idea as to what this thing (or the tubular structures for
that matter) could possibly be? I'm drawing blanks. I've never
seen or heard of anything quite like this.

see: <http://enterprisemission.com/images/arthur.jpg>

I think that features like this deserve much more attention (and
camera time) than something like the Face. Maybe we are all
mesmerized by the anthropomorphic qualities of the Face, because

it "looks like us" when instead we could be focusing on something that genuinely strange and anomalous like these tubular structures and that very odd metallic looking sphere within it. I have attached two small .gifs for you guys to study on your own. Please, let me know what you think of this feature. The face "could be" just a propitious combination of shapes/shadows and a "perceived" resemblance to "Man." But these tubes and that sphere are something else altogether. I'm completely stumped. I have no idea what these features could be or represent.

Truly "Alien" in the traditional sense of the word.

Look forward to getting your feedback.

Regards,

John Velez

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

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Re: AA Film Redux - Johnson

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 01:13:11 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:52:42 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Johnson

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:30:21 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: AA Film Redux - KRandle
>To: UFO Updates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>When the RPIT came online I was rather surprised. I wish I
>still had the e-mailed testimony from Johnson, as there is a
>_huge_ discrepancy.

>That said, Johnson was nothing but helpful and honest in my own
>dealings with him.

There is posted online at Roswell Crash Photographer a series of email exchanges between Joshua Shapiro and myself during the period 6 October 1996 and 4 November 1996. These continue to be my recollections of my small part in the Roswell Event on July 8, 1947.

There is an error contained in my 25 October 1996 email, as stated below in part, which should be corrected. The error is that at that time of making that statement I was under the misimpression that only a shot of General Ramey alone -- which ran on the afternoon of July 9 and morning of July 10, 1947 -- ever ran in the Star-Telegram. Only later did I learn that photos that I had taken of General Ramey and Colonel Dubose and a head shot of Major Marcel ran on the front page in the morning editions on July 9, 1947, beginning with the four star edition at midnight. I did not and do not recall ever having seen those editions.

"The Rawin kite/weather balloon "cover story" probably was issued by General Ramey live on radio on orders of General McMullen within two hours after I took the pictures and returned to the Star-Telegram to develop and print them. The story was still very live when I returned to the S-T city room but was superseded by the cover story within the couple of hours it probably would have taken to recall to work the air brush artist who would have been needed to retouch the photo for engraving and publication in the a.m. paper (this happened rather routinely). The photo did not run then until the next p.m. editions on 7-9-47. All of the stuff I saw appears in the photos. One of the larger, flat I-beams -- I did not notice any strange markings at the time -- does appear in one of the photos. This was cropped out of the picture published in the paper.

Some people also may identify the several "balsa wood kite sticks" (as they later have been described) in the photos as I-beams. Kent Jeffrey told me last week that they are blowing up the negatives now with some new technology to see if any markings appear on the "I-beams." The debris did smell like a burned building (which I experienced frequently as a police reporter). I do not recall any feelings as to its origin or caused to sense anything "out-of-this world." I recall wondering at the time why this stinking stuff was displayed in the Commanding General's office on his nice carpet rather than in a

hanger where airplane crashes usually were and are laid out for investigation. I already had gone home and was out of the loop when the "cover story" was issued so I had no reason to question anything announced by Gen Ramey on the radio. There is no record of any formal "press conference." I know that in 1947 as a recently discharged AAF pilot cadet I would not likely have challenged a West Point grad Air Force commanding general's explanation."

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Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:32:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:55:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:45:42 -0000

>>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 20:38:42 +0100
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:16:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2001 00:49:10 -0800 (PST)
>>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>I am looking for information about three items. Can anyone help?

>>>Firstly, I have been reading a book called 'U.F.O.s and
>>>Extraterrestrials in History'. The author is Yves Naud and the
>>>book was originally published in French. I have an English
>>>translation published by 'Forni', printed in Spain and
>>>distributed by 'Friends of History'. In my edition there are no
>>>bibliographical references, which is unfortunate as the book is
>>>full of early UFO cases (some highly dubious). Does anyone have
>>>a different edition with a bibliography or notes? Who is Yves
>>>Naud?

>>The original edition was published in Switzerland: 'Les O.V.N.I
>>et les extra-terrestres dans l'histoire', 4 vol., Famot, Geneva
>>1977. There are some references (scarce!) at bottom of the
>>pages, but they are French books, so it's possible that they
>>disappeared in the English translation.

>>I don't know Yves Naud and if it's his real name.

>>>Secondly, I have come across a reference to a very unusual
>>>'folkloric abduction' dated November 15th 1792. Apparently,
>>>one Hans Bouchmann, a 50 year old Swiss peasant, disappeared
>>>suddenly in the village of Romerswill-Sempach. He reappeared
>>>two weeks later in Milan. Bouchmann said that he had been taken
>>>up into the air and transported to Fairyland. When he returned
>>>he found he had been thoroughly shaved and had not one hair left
>>>on his body! Does anyone recognise this tale?

>>Yes, I can confirm the tale. This Hans Buchmann, or Buochmann,
>>lived at Romerswill and allegedly disappeared at Sempach (Luzern
>>canton). He reappeared two weeks later in Milan. When he went
>>back home the next year, his head was swelled, he had no hair,
>>no beard and no eyebrows.

>Hello Bruno,

>Thanks for the reply. I thought I had sent you a response
>to the above already but I must have been dreaming.

>Two questions:

>1) Does Naud mention his source for the 1796 Russian case? In my
>edition there is no bibliographic reference, though I think I

>know where he got it (or who invented it, perhaps).

No, there is no source. In view of the fact that it is described just after the famous Alençon case (1790, France) I have checked its source (not given by Naud): Alberto Fenoglio, "Antichi visitatori dal cielo", 'Clypeus' #10, 1966, pp. 13-14, but it's not here (it's better because Fenoglio has invented many stories like the German Sonderbüro and the Alençon landing...). I will forward a copy of this mail to Boris Shurinov, perhaps he know something.

>2) Where have you read about Hans Buchmann? I haven't been able >to get at the original source. If it's from a book in a language >other than English, could you post a translation of the relevant >passage? Can you confirm the date? How?

My references:

- 'Waterland' (Luzern newspaper) 29 February 1980,
- 'UFO-Nachrichten' #263, May-June 1980, pp. 5-6 ('Waterland' paper),
- Ulrich Magin, 'Kontakte mit "Ausserirdischen" im deutschen Sprachraum', GEP, Lüdenscheid (Germany) 1991, p. 39,
- Michel Meurger, "Alien abduction", 'Scientifictions' #1, vol. 1, 1995, pp. 24-30 (in French),
- Gisela Ermel, "Die "Luftfahrt mit dem Wilden Jäger"", 'Ancient Skies' #6, 1996, p. 4.

Sorry, I don't know an English source and can't post a translation. There is no dispute about the date. The story come from a manuscript of the well-known chronicler Renward Cysat (1515-1614), 'Collectanea chronica und denkwürdige sachen pro chronica Lucernensi et Helvetiae'.

Regards,

Bruno

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Watch On For Doomsday Asteroids, Comets

From: **Steve Wilson Senior** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:58:29 -0500
Subject: Watch On For Doomsday Asteroids, Comets

Watch is on for doomsday asteroids, comets

By Maggie Fox, Health and Science Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb 23 (Reuters) - One got the dinosaurs. Another wiped out the trilobites and just about everything else on Earth. And an asteroid or comet might get us, too, scientists say.

That is why dozens of centers are searching the sky for moderate-sized asteroids or comets that might one day collide with the Earth.

It appears that every 100 million years or so, something big enough to wipe out nearly all life hits the planet, Chris Chyba of Stanford University in California says.

Such impacts bracketed the dinosaur age, scientists now think. This week's issue of the journal Science carries a report suggesting that an asteroid or comet was responsible for the "mother of all extinctions" -- the Permian event 250 million years ago that wiped out 90 percent of all marine species and 70 percent of animals and plants on land.

It would have been about the size of the asteroid believed to have hit what is now the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico, sending up clouds of dust and sparking volcanic activity that wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

The first impact would have ended the Paleozoic age 250 million years ago, starting the Mesozoic, during which dinosaurs evolved and thrived. The impact 65 million years ago ended the party for the dinosaurs, allowing mammals and eventually humans to evolve during the present age.

"Statistically, there is something like 100 million years between impacts of 10-kilometer (6-mile-wide) objects and the Earth," Chyba told a news conference sponsored by the space agency NASA on Thursday.

That scenario would allow for a theoretical 35-million-year buffer. But of course asteroids and comets do not operate on schedule. And something smaller could make quite a mess, too.

SMALLER IMPACT COULD KILL A LOT OF US

"Smaller impacts ... even a kilometer (half a mile) in size could also cause not mass extinctions but could strongly affect human existence," Chyba said.

It could kick up enough dust to cause a "nuclear winter" that would wipe out crops and might cause tsunamis to swamp coastal areas.

It did not take the recent release of asteroid disaster films to make scientists aware of this threat.

In 1998 NASA started what is called the Spaceguard Survey, which

aims to find 90 percent of near-Earth objects larger than a kilometer (half a mile) in diameter by 2008.

Teams of astronomers around the world are surveying the sky with electronic cameras to find objects, and amateur sky-watchers help in the effort.

"We think we know all of the 10-kilometer (6-mile-wide) objects," Chyba said. "There aren't very many of them that are crisscrossing Earth's orbit. We don't have to worry about them."

He said researchers are about halfway through a catalog of one-kilometer (half-mile) objects.

If one is found to be on a collision course with Earth, Chyba and other experts say there will be plenty of time to think about what to do -- whether to launch a spacecraft to try and deflect it, or make the best of a bad situation and move people away from coastal areas and stockpile food.

If one has been missed, NASA says the first warning will be the explosion when it strikes.

"Statistically, the greatest danger is from a NEO (near-Earth object) with about 1 million megatons energy," NASA says in its Web site devoted to the threat at <http://impact.arc.nasa.gov/>.

This object would be 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) in diameter.

"On average, one of these collides with the Earth once or twice per million years, producing a global catastrophe that would kill a substantial (but unknown) fraction of the Earth's human population. Reduced to personal terms, this means that you have about one chance in 20,000 of dying as a result of a collision," NASA says.

Of course such impacts give as well as receive. Some scientists believe that meteors, comets and asteroids smashing into the Earth may have carried the very seeds of life. Evidence of amino acids and even tiny bacteria have been found in meteorites.

Just weeks ago a team at the University of California Santa Cruz said they created an artificial cell wall in space-like conditions and said it showed living cells could have survived a trip through space.

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 10:16:39 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:02:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:36:18 -0000

Hi Serge -

<snip>

>Let me to point out Jenny that you've been providing the List
>with tidbits of the UFOIN report for more than a week now. You
>have also been presenting some of the conclusions of the same
>report.

>And it's always the same story: on one hand you say "I can't
>tell you more about the facts, as facts can never be partially
>exposed"; on the other hand you allow yourself to show previews
>of the conclusions and advertise the idea that this report
>will be a definitive piece of evidence... never refusing to put
>forward partial facts to advocate partial conclusions of a yet
>to be released free report on the Internet.

>Can you blame people from being a little annoyed by this?

Serge, if people are a little annoyed by this that's their
problem.

My view is that we can't do right for doing wrong.

The reason I've ventured out of my bunker and posted what I have
on UpDates is because Brad Sparks and others were implying - on
this List - that we were "sitting" on this material, i.e.
deliberately covering up facts, and not answering his questions.

I've resisted giving into this sort of insinuation, but I
thought 'what the heck' with all the money the Government is
giving me as a double agent, I might as well take a deep breath,
fire up the computer and press that dreaded "Send to UFO
Updates" button.

I thought - and no doubt Jenny did too - that by providing some
information about what we had found the List might be overjoyed
that someone had taken the time and trouble to do some real
work on a classic case, rather than just sitting on our butts.

So we keep this to ourselves and we get stick for doing so. We
respond to uninformed nonsense posted on this list, and try to
inform people of the facts, and what do we get - more stick.

It is the same old story.

Believe me I have far better things to do than spend hard earned

cash travelling around the country gathering information for a bunch of ingrates to sit and pick holes in.

So while you think we might have been giving things away on this List you might be surprised to find that what we have said is but a tiny proportion of the findings which will be making their way into ufology over the next few years.

I can guarantee to you that the Lakenheath report will be book length; it will contain reams of information; it will be available free to download via the UFOIN website. Hopefully it will be available by the end of the year - and we won't be making a single English penny out of it.

Now excuse me, I'm off to have a check up from the neck up.

Best regards,

Dave Clarke

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Re: Nibiru Visible With 'Scopes... - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 02:14:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:05:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Nibiru Visible With 'Scopes... - Hatch

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Nibiru Visible With 'Scopes...

>This was forwarded to me. I have no opinion or knowledge about
>it. So don't shoot the messenger!

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>Posted By: LAKE ZURICH
>Date: Thursday, 22 February 2001, 4:09 a.m.
>Thursday, February 22, 2001
>All day...

>These are the coordinates at which the so-called Planet X, 10th
>Planet, 12th Planet, Nemesis, Nibiru or whatever you want to
>call it, is going to be visible, with a telescope!

> RA 5.16659 Dec 16.57897
> February 22nd, 2001
>
> RA 5.16653 Dec 16.56912
> March 1st, 2003
>
> RA 4.29741 Dec 9.96621
> March 3rd, 2003

>Get this out to all the astronomers you know. They will
>appreciate it!

Hello Wendy!

No shots for the messenger of course.

Any chance of tracing the story back to its origin?

If not, I understand. Like so many chain missives, this was probably forwarded over and over until the actual source is lost.

Not that its worth much trouble, Nibiru-Anunaki-flakes are a dime a dozen, even the ones that can spell properly [as in Nemesis.]

I'd like to be a fly on the wall when somebody presents this to a professional astronomer.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:14:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:09:27 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:04:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>House. Newly sworn-in President Ford had to deal with the Soviet
>>Union and it was decided that he needed confidence in the
>>intelligence he was given. He was told about the Operation Solo.

<snip>

>Kevin,

>What do you mean by "exception" here? Your second paragraph
>contradicts your first, as obviously Ford was told.

<snip>

>Of course secrets can be kept -- until they're not.

>... Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>early on.

Hello Dennis:

I never heard of any major compromise of the Manhattan Project, but I'm no historian. My best recollection however, having read up on the matter, is that %99.999 of the American public had no inkling whatsoever that an atomic bomb was in the works, until the bombshell when Harry Truman announced that two were dropped on Japanese cities.

Oh yes, I read how some blabbermouth let fly that the Hanford works had something to do with Uranium or some such and was immediately canned of course.

There were similar indiscretions, inevitable with the many many thousands of plant workers; the best scientists from home and abroad; the military .. etc. etc. but no important "compromise" of the Manhattan Project comes to mind. The Japanese were taken completely by surprise, and even doubted the Truman broadcast if I recall. {burp!}

Come to drink of it, The M-project makes hiding crashed ET saucers, with or without zork-aliens, and especially out in some desert, seem like a walk in the park.

Suppose the Japanese surrendered before the bomb was to be dropped, so it could remain secret, a sort of ace-in-the-hole. Would we have learned of the existence of atomic weapons in the

first decades after the war?

Eventually, yes. But we can probably argue endlessly how long it might have taken. Non?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'? - Lissoni

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 13:15:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:13:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'? - Lissoni

Best wishes, from Italy;

The Italian "Sputnik" - in the St. Peter Church of Montalcino, near Siena - is a painting of Bonaventura Salimbeni, 1595.

In 1995 members of the Italy's National UFO Center (CUN) photographed it in detail; sorry, it was not a Spuntik (as said Yusuke Matsumura, many years ago) or an UFO, but a planisphere.

I found similar objects in the Mechitaristic pictures (painted by etyopic orthodoxes) and in the "Dolcinian" (Friar Doclcino was an Italian heretic during Middle Age) Church of Orta St.Giulio, near Novara.

See:

<http://members.tripod.com/~ufocun/index4e.html>

Best wishes

Alfredo Lissoni
(UFO-researcher pro ETH)

Italy's National UFO Centre
<http://www.cun-italia.net>

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The Great Moon Hoax - NASA Responds

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:23:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:30:13 -0500
Subject: The Great Moon Hoax - NASA Responds

From: NASA Science News <snclist@lyris.msfc.nasa.gov>
To: NASA Science News <snclist@snclist.msfc.nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, February 23, 2001 5:58 PM
Subject: The Great Moon Hoax

NASA Science News for February 23, 2001 12:00:00 PM

Yes, there really is a Moon hoax, but the prankster isn't NASA.
Moon rocks and common sense prove Apollo astronauts really did
visit the Moon.

Full story at:

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast23feb_2.htm?list58791

¿Habla español? If you do, check out our new Spanish-language
web site at <http://ciencia.msfc.nasa.gov>.

If you need to get in touch with us directly, please go to:

<http://science.nasa.gov/comments>

Home page: <http://science.nasa.gov>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:52:43 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:33:04 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>The exception came in 1974 when Nixon resigned from the White
>>House. Newly sworn-in President Ford had to deal with the Soviet
>>Union and it was decided that he needed confidence in the
>>intelligence he was given. He was told about the Operation Solo.

>>The point here, however, is that it was a highly classified
>>operation that provided priceless information to Americans who
>>had to negotiate with the Soviets. And, the President was
>>unaware that the operation existed. If he had asked, he would
>>have been told that it did not. He would have been told that the
>information was pieced together from a variety of sources.

>What do you mean by "exception" here? Your second paragraph
>contradicts your first, as obviously Ford was told. The fact
>that there was subsequently an enite book written about
>Operation Solo is further evidence that when it comes to keeping
>secrets, we're basically talking differences in shelf life, not
>some infallible procedure(s).

Nope, the second doesn't contradict the first. It means that no
president, from Eisenhower through Bush, with the exception of
Gerald Ford was told about Morris Childs or the extraordinary
information he was supplying. The exception was made because
Ford had just taken over for Nixon and Ford was about to meet
with the Soviets. It was decided by those in charge, as an
effort to bolster Ford's confidence in the intelligence, that he
would be told the source of it.

So those in charge of "running" Childs made a decision to share
the nature of the intelligence with a single president, who, BTW,
didn't reveal anything about it. This widened the circle of
those who knew but didn't compromise the integrity of the
operation at that time. In other words, everyone still kept the
secret.

Your point about shelf-life is valid but the point is, this
secret was not compromised until after Childs had died and the
Soviet Union was gone. Then Childs was recognized for his
extraordinary contribution to the security of the United States.
The secret was kept until there was no reason to keep it.

>Of course secrets can be kept -- until they're not.

>My point is that there is no 'mechanism' that guarantees that
>secrets are kept secret in perpetuity, because humans in charge

>of keeping secrets betray them whenever it suits their own
>purposes. Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>early on.

And my point is that some secrets are kept and kept well for decades without a hint of what is going on. No one is suggesting that secrets will be kept forever, only that some secrets can be kept while it is necessary for them to be kept.

And, so what if the Manhattan Project was compromised, Operation Solo was not. The Soviets, who had an interest in learning of the operation never suspected that it existed.

Further, during WWII, the Japanese Balloon Bomb attacks were kept secret from the Japanese. This means that although Japanese spies were attempting to learn if their balloon bombs were reaching the US, and even though thousands were in on the secret, that the only thing the government did to keep the secret was ask those who had observed balloon bombs, seen them fall, or found parts of them, was ask the witnesses not to talk. Japanese spies, who were actively working to find any indication that the balloon bombs had reached the US failed to do so. This was a big secret, meaning that thousands were involved. So, some secrets are kept by large numbers for short periods.

>There is no compelling reason that I'm aware of as to why UFO
>secrets would be any more immune to human nature than military
>or intelligence secrets.

Except that some secrets are simply kept because the people involved have been asked to keep them (though there are criminal penalties for revelation). I only suggest here that some secrets are kept and others are not. To suggest that nothing can be kept secret isn't quite right.

>Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio in
>the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert on
>same said that there were four reasons for divulging secrets,
>ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately, I can't
remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!

Of course, all true. Some secrets are leaked, some are sold, some are so incompetently kept that they leak into the public. And some are not revealed until that revelation will do no damage.

>For all I know, Operation Solo could have remained secret as
>long as it did because only two people were involved. Who knows?
>There were only 15 copies of the Pentagon Papers, though, and
>one of those wound up at the NY Times, courtesy, if memory
>serves, of Daniel Ellsberg.

So, even if there were only two people involved, the point is that it was kept secret. Actually, when you read the book, you find that many people knew about it because it was their jobs to assist in the gathering of the information and the transmission of that data to those who needed it. The point is that here is a secret that was kept.

KRandle

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Tell The People

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:35:11 -0500
Subject: Tell The People

Georgina Bruni's book "You Can't Tell the People" contains some excellent investigative journalism and a lot of important new information on the case (or series of cases).

However, having now reached the final chapters I see that it takes a sudden plunge downwards in credibility by speculating about wild-eyed stories of secret communications with aliens and pseudoscientific "studies" rather than resting on the strong case presented to that point.

For example, there is a huge difference between alleged Reichian "cloud-busting" (pseudoscience) and seeding of clouds to produce precipitation (real science).

Also, I just received a telepathic message from aliens who told me that Dan Sherman is a fraud. ;-)

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Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:31:29 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:37:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes... - Young

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:53:49 EST
>Subject: Re: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:17:09 -0500
>>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Niburu Visible With 'Scopes...

>These "coordinates" are nonsense. Is the Declination North (+)
>or South (-)? Without knowing that one doesn't know whether to
>point a telescope to the Northern or the Southern skies.

In general, you're right about this being nonsense. But, when I assumed (you know the old story here) that these were North, it does sort of work out for an object with about a two year orbit. But, you are right, the fact that no + or - was included points to the fact that whoever put this out didn't know the difference.

<snip>

>What times on these dates do these absurdly exact figures apply? Are
>the 2003 dates typos and meant to be 2001? Otherwise we've
>missed the Feb 22 date already and would have to wait two years.

Yes, it would make a big difference.

>If the dates are all meant to be in 2001 then it represents an
>extraordinary "planetary" orbit. For 8 days this alleged Planet
>X will have been almost motionless with respect to the earth
>(moving less than 0.01 deg), then suddenly from March 1-3 it
>moves almost 7 degrees in Declination and almost one hour in RA
>(about 13 degrees).

It could work out to be an asteroid (see my other post) near opposition (it's moving in retrograde motion, "backwards" to that of most objects in the Solar System, as the Earth "passes" it).

This is obviously B.S. Unless, of course, the secret "planet" is only a couple kms across, in which case it ain't one!

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:44:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:39:40 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:04:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>The exception came in 1974 when Nixon resigned from the White
>>House. Newly sworn-in President Ford had to deal with the Soviet
>>Union and it was decided that he needed confidence in the
>>intelligence he was given. He was told about the Operation Solo.

>>The point here, however, is that it was a highly classified
>>operation that provided priceless information to Americans who
>>had to negotiate with the Soviets. And, the President was
>>unaware that the operation existed. If he had asked, he would
>>have been told that it did not. He would have been told that the
>>information was pieced together from a variety of sources.

>Kevin,

>What do you mean by "exception" here? Your second paragraph
>contradicts your first, as obviously Ford was told. The fact
>that there was subsequently an enite book written about
>Operation Solo is further evidence that when it comes to keeping
>secrets, we're basically talking differences in shelf life, not
>some infallible procedure(s).

>Of course secrets can be kept -- until they're not.

>My point is that there is no 'mechanism' that guarantees that
>secrets are kept secret in perpetuity, because humans in charge
>of keeping secrets betray them whenever it suits their own
>purposes. Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>early on.

>There is no compelling reason that I'm aware of as to why UFO
>secrets would be any more immune to human nature than military
>or intelligence secrets.

>Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio in
>the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert on same
>said that there were four reasons for divulging secrets,
>ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately, I can't
>remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!
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>long as it did because only two people were involved. Who knows?
>There were only 15 copies of the Pentagon Papers, though, and
>one of those wound up at the NY Times, courtesy, if memory
>serves, of Daniel Ellsberg.

>Dennis Stacy

Dennis:

There are literally billions of pages of classified documents out there with tens of thousands of people with access to some of them.

There has been one Daniel Ellsberg releasing highly classified documents. Old historical ones at that. That suggests to me that the great majority of people with access do not compromise security.

Over 180,000,000 pages (almost all more than 25 years old) were declassified in 1996 alone because of Executive Order 12958.

There is a very long way to go.

In visits to 19 archives I have never seen declassified Special Compartmentalized Intelligence documents..i.e. TOP SECRET Code Word. Every old timer I spoke with indicated that there were secrets that would never come out.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:42:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Bruni

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:40:51 -0000

>I'm as well informed as the next journalist....

I don't think so David. In fact I know you aren't.

>Come on, if you had a *serious* story to tell would you take
>it to the News of the World?

Yes, this was serial and the NOTW has a massive readership which means more people will be made aware of the incident.

>For a story such as this to appear in its pages is the surest way
>to kill off any interest from the serious media - as Jenny found
>back in 1983.

On the contrary, that story was picked up by the media worldwide.

>The fact remains that if the revelations in your Rendlesham book
>were as earth shattering and had worried people in high places
>as much as you claim, then the story should have been on BBC
>news or at least rated lead story status in one of the *quality*
>nationals (it did get a mention in the Ariadne column in the
>Independent, but that does not count in this context).

Actually, it was the lead story in that column twice and the biggest piece ever written. It did worry people in high places but I'm not about to disclose that information at this time. The NOTW piece was serial, but what actually happened with regard to the others was that I was holding back because there was a review and interview scheduled to appear in the MOD journal FOCUS and for reasons I won't mention, it was better to play it down with the media so as not to jeopardise these items appearing. However, this was pulled when word of the book reached the 6th floor. Not only that but the journalists from the Times, Guardian and other press were not allowed into the launch at the MOD. In fact all press were refused, the only press who made it were those who had already RSVPd, and you know that journalists are always the last to accept invitations.

>I can't see how you can claim you have demolished the lighthouse
>theory when you make the point in your book that you can't be
>bothered to even debate the theory. You say (pg 272) that "...I
>am not even going to discuss suggestions that UFOs were the
>lights from an NSA building etc....far too much time has already
>been spent debating these theories, which I believe are of no
>significance whatsoever..."

Wrong, I did cover the lighthouse theory good and proper. It was the NSA lights, lightship lights and lights from a police car that I wasn't going to waste space on because these are nonsense theories in the light of the new information gathered for the book which prove that these are of no significance whatsoever. So your quoting is incorrect.

>You are right to be sceptical of scoffers because they follow a

>tradition of disbelief equal to the believers - but to dismiss
>very valid arguments concerning witness perception and
>confabulation is not going to endear your book to scientists,
>investigative journalists or anyone else who might consider
>taking up this case with the Establishment.

On the contrary, in fact even I am amazed at the amount of interest coming from scientists who have read the book and taken it very seriously indeed. I have also learnt a great deal more about this subject as a result of that. With regard to investigative journalists, I am also amazed at the amount of interest received from my colleagues who have been very helpful in pointing me in other directions which is helping with further research in this field. With regard to the Establishment, in case you hadn't noticed Lord Hill Norton used the book to ask Questions in the House of Lords and although the Answers recorded in the Hansard records were disappointing, they have led to new information which I hope will prompt more Questions. So all of your assumptions are so far erroneous..

>For the record, I don't find the lighthouse arguments totally
>satisfying for all aspects of the reported phenomena - but the
>optical effects have to be considered in the context of the
>other events - such as the bright bolide, the lightship, the
>space debris re-entry. Plus the undoubted influence of rumour
>and exaggeration in the re-telling of the story as it spread
>through the base complex.

You obviously have not read my book properly or you would not be making these suggestions because these were covered in detail in the book, which also exposed the rumours and myths.

>You do your creditable investigation a disservice by taking what
>witnesses tell you at face value!

I certainly did not take their testimonies at face value! I listened to what they told me (several times) and then investigated it further, so you are wrong again!

>You deserve credit for getting Williams to speak, well done. But
>other than giving you a baseball cap with "The Truth is Out
>There" on it, I don't think what he told you takes us any
>further than his original bland statement printed in the News of
>the World back in 1983.

If you had read the book you would realise that Williams never talked to the NOTW and that this was the first time he had gone public. There was a great deal to be learnt from Gordon Williams, not only did it put to bed the false belief that he was out in the forest communicating with aliens, but that the Wing was not involved in the incident and many other interesting things, such as the names he supplied. Not only that but if it were not for Williams I might not have managed to get the better copy of the Halt tape. These are just a few points to consider. So you might make light of this but Williams made a valuable contribution to the case.

>As for Moreland and his cover-letter marked "UFOs" - again well
>done. But there are literally thousands of cover- notes in the
>Public Record Office files marked "UFOs" and "Flying Saucers" -
>the phrase means nothing other than "Unidentified Flying
>Objects", which was what Halt and his men claimed to have seen.

There was a great deal more to be learned from Moreland too, as I already pointed out in a previous post. You are so wrong about so many things Dave and I suggest you stop making all these comments until you have digested the book properly.

>So your point is?

Well, I shall answer with a quote from a Dale Carnegie book:

'Unjust criticism is often a disguised compliment. It often means that you have aroused jealousy and envy. Remember that no one ever kicks a dead dog.'

Is that what all this bickering is about, I wonder!

Georgina Bruni

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>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800

>Hello Jenny, Georgina and List,

>Let me to point out Jenny that you've been providing the List
>with tidbits of the UFOIN report for more than a week now. You
>have also been presenting some of the conclusions of the same
>report.

Hi Serge,

I don't really want to get caught up in this debate because I have no information other than that which is in the public domain, and I have not investigated it. The reason I came in is because my name was mentioned and then Dave Clarke began attacking my research on the Rendlesham case.

If Jenny and the others have the information that they claim and can prove without doubt that the Lakenheath case was a non event, then I take my hat off to them for solving the case. What I hope though, is that they really do take all the information into consideration and not just that which suits the situation, as has been the case in Rendlesham.

Incidentally, worth mentioning is that there was another interesting event taking place during the month of August 1956. (I wrote about it in my book "You Can't Tell The People".) There was for instance, a test taking place at Orfordness, just a few miles away, when a large live object, that was part of an atomic device, was launched and aimed at Australia. The test failed and one might wonder whether this had any part to play in the Lakenheath case.

That's all!

Best wishes

Georgina Bruni

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

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>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 16:24:03 -0000

>The article I referred to, "Cosmic Dancers on History's Stage? The
>Permanent Revolution in the Earth Sciences" by Mike Davis, is not
>online (that I'm aware of). We published it in The Anomalist 5,
>which I'd be happy to send you a copy of.

Please do and I will comment on it.

>You shouldn't take things so personal. I wasn't suggesting that
>you were pontificating, but referring to ufologists and ufology
>in general, in the context, see below, of Required Reading (or
>study) lists.

I'm not taking your remarks personally, just seeking clarification, or explanation when I don't understand or disagree with what you said. You used the word "pontificating" directed at UFologists. I'm a Ufologist. As you well know, I hold no brief for "ufology in general" which is largely a joke, and have said so repeatedly in print.

>Why do you say "typically"? I didn't know I was required to
>comment on or critique your article. But, for the record, I find
>it an excellent summary of ufology's best position (from the ETH
>perspective). You could call it required reading for scientists,
>and that was the aspect of the article I was addressing.

No requirement, just a request. I failed to see anything that appeared to be a response from you to that request. I now do and thank you for your comments. "Typically" because I rarely if ever see you respond to questions that ask you, for example, what your hypotheses are and how you would explain hardcore cases like those in my article.

>My point was a simple one. Anyone directing skeptics and
>scientists to the best evidence ufology has to offer, would
>surely (but perhaps not?) agree with the flip side of that coin.
>Sauce for the gander, that sort of thing, or don't you agree?

From my perspective, we have been deluged with skeptical arguments over the years (not to mention crackpot ravings) and the case for UFOs being a significant new phenomenon has been obscured, whether ET in origin or not. I am trying to redress the balance a bit. Certainly I agree that self-styled "ufologists" should be conversant with scientific and skeptical data and arguments.

>Again, you add a personal tone where none was intended. I'm
>quite aware that you and a number of other prominent (and not so
>prominent) ufologists are well read outside the UFO literature.
>That doesn't mean that most are, or that the field as a whole

>is.

Again, I hold no brief for most people who style themselves as ufologists. Just don't paint me with that brush or I will take it personally. How many self-styled Fortean are well-versed in science and skepticism? Your generalizations, when not specified otherwise, certainly can appear to be directed at me as a member of the group loosely labelled "ufologists." The serious people and serious facts need to be the focus of attention, not what Boobus Americanus says or thinks.

>Apart from the ideal position, there are the practical problems
>both scientists and ufologists face, beginning with the simple
>one of time. That's why I mentioned the Davis article. To begin
>with, it's something like 55 pages long and contains 155
>footnotes.

Wait until you see the footnotes in The UFO Evidence, Volume II!
I share that problem of time, and have a backlog of 10-12 unread
UFO books and twice that of other books.

>Rhetorically, I could ask you to comment on it. After your
>response, I could then say, "yes, but what about all the
>original sources cited in the 155 footnotes? Have you attended
>to every one of them, too?" But that would be rather unfair of
>me, wouldn't it?

>You asked for reactions to your article, and I gave you one. The
>fact that you apparently (and typically?) didn't like it,
>doesn't make it evasive.

I didn't see anything that I would call a response to the
content of my article in previous messages. Now you have
responded.

>If you really want me to address it (and the ETH) in greater
>detail, I will (when I have the time). My first response to the
>ETH component, however, is the Davis article cited above, which
>struck me as an epiphany. (Others' mileage may vary).

I would like to see you address UFO sightings and whether or not
they can all be explained as human misperceptions of one sort or
another. The ETH is secondary to that.

>In a nutshell, it suggests that the presence of ETI in the
>universe is hardly a given, that is, a logical extrapolation or
>outcome of existing physical laws, including the biological one
>of evolution, because contingency plays a pivotal role in the
>possibility of same. To see but the latest example, look no
>further than page 13 of today's NY Times and the article about
>the extinction event (some 250 million years ago) that wiped out
>90 per cent of the species then alive.

If the evidence suggests "they" are here, then theory be damned.

>More later, as time permits. And after we solve the UFO issue,
>maybe we can tackle global warming.

Okay. That's an easy one! Wipe out the big oil companies'
monopolies and their powerful political influences and go to
clean energy sources, the U.S. being the worst offenders. Of
course, that's a lot easier said than done. But we do have an
oil expert in the White House now. Just ask Molly Ivins.

Dick

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>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 16:24:03 -0000

>>Am I pontificating? I have read plenty of the skeptical
>>literature (Menzel, Klass, Oberg, CSICOP... you name it) so am
>>not sure what your point is here.

>Hello Richard, Dennis, et al.:

>None of which you included in the bibliography of your piece,
>other than the Condon Report and the 1969 UFO Symposium book,
>edited by Sagan and Page, and Condon. Presumably this was
>because it included papers by some of the pro-UFO participants.
>You didn't even list Hendry, surely one of the most useful books
>ever written for UFO investigators. Of course, it isn't a book
>of ET proof.

Why should I? The skeptics have been over-exposed as it is, and I was not making a case for their position or writing an investigators' handbook. The Condon Report isn't a book of ET proof either, nor is the bulk of the Sagan & Page book. You make unjustified assumptions about my motivation and scholarship. The Hendry book was not an appropriate citation for this article. You will see practically every skeptic on earth cited in The UFO Evidence, Volume II.

>I've read your interesting position paper and it brings to mind
>the following questions:

These are intelligent and appropriate questions and I will try to answer them at least briefly here.

>1) Since you think that true UFOs are pre-1980 style traditional
>disks (i.e., 'saucers'), what do you think of the large number
>of 'triangles' now being reported? Do you rule these out by
>their nature, and should these elicit skepticism from
>investigators?

It's not a matter of what I think. I can and do cite well-documented data proving beyond the shadow of a doubt the shapes and other patterns of UFOs. Of course I don't rule out triangles (which, by the way, were cited as a recognized type of UFO in The UFO Evidence, 1964). Also, my next column in the MUFON Journal happens to be about the triangle reports. They should elicit careful investigation to rule out revolutionary aircraft.

>2) What percentage of UFO sighting reports do you think are
>representative of the first three categories of skeptics'
>explanations which you reject? Are there any UFO reports which
>you think can be explained by these factors?

I'm not sure what skeptical factors you are talking about, but let's assume you mean human misperceptions. The percentage game I consider to be totally meaningless. Of things initially reported by the public as UFOs probably something on the order of 75 percent usually prove to be identifiable (depends on your screening system and what you decide is important enough to investigate in the first place). I don't think the skeptical factors can explain many if any of the hardcore cases like those I have identified, although I am always open to discovery of unusual or unexpected answers that slipped through the screen.

>3) I noticed that you offered no references on meteorological
>optics, such as Menzel or Minnaert, or references which might
>shed light on psychological factors. What sources do you suggest
>investigators might consult for this aspect of their work?

Again, I was not presenting either an argument for the skeptical position or an investigators handbook, and this sort of citation was not relevant. For meteorological optics, see James McDonald as well as Minnaert. See Hendry. See Richard Hall's writings about UFO investigation methods. See the MUFON Investigators Manual.

>4) You did not mention abductions. Do you consider these claims
>a part of the UFO phenomena, or is there some other explanation?

No, and I specifically stated in the article that the human-alien contact reports were beyond the scope of the article. Yes, I do consider abduction reports as part of the UFO mystery and associated with it in some way, I have no idea exactly what or how. The topic is dealt with at length in The UFO Evidence, Volume II. The skeptical arguments about abduction reports are totally unconvincing. Abductions are a very perplexing issue that I wish would go away, but apparently they won't.

>Just some thoughts which come to mind after reading your paper.

Good thoughts and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Clear thinking,

Dick

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Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:18:14 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:51:44 -0600

>>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:57:21 -0000

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2001 18:51:51 -0600

John,

>>I made the mistake of urging you to conduct yourself more
>>professionally, in the interests of keeping your case --
>>whenever you condescend to let the rest of us hear it -- from
>>being prejudged, as the product of a wildly biased, even
>>immature partisan. In other words, someone so emotionally
>>attached to his beliefs that his investigations are intended not
>>to uncover truth but to humiliate perceived enemies. I was
>>trying to help you. My mistake, and one I will not make
>>again..

>>Go ahead and keep acting, as you have done here again, true to
>>form, Andy. Pound the chest. Taunt. Ridicule. Boast. And the
>>rest of us will judge your forthcoming report accordingly.

>Wouldn't it be best to judge the report by what's actually in
>it?

Andy's behavior, of course, raises the interesting question: Is his case sufficiently weak that, before it is even laid out in print, he has to ridicule and taunt potential critics into silence? At the very least, John, we are seeing in Andy's behavior a disturbing absence of professionalism. And if it did not violate the pelicanist code, which forbids criticism of another pelicanist's excesses however egregious, I'm sure even pelicanists would agree that Andy is doing himself no good.

I do, however, have confidence in Jenny Randles's good senses, and a private exchange with Dave Clarke offers me hope that the report will prove a much more serious contribution than we would infer from Andy's adolescent hijinks.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 13:15:34 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:40:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:18:14 +0000
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>>>Y'all,

>>>As usual, instead of discussing the facts of the case (in this
>>>case Lakenheath, as raised by Jenny and Dave, or of any case -
>>>as usual) Jerry chooses to rant and rave to to end other than to
>>>score points.

>>What facts of the case? What in the world are you talking about?
>>Your rant was not about the "facts of the case" but about
>>Robertsonian ridicule of perceived enemies as well as the usual
>>chest-thumping.

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>>professionally, in the interests of keeping your case --
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>it?

From what Andy has said, it doesn't take much to conclude what
the alleged master piece of investigation will tell us. Being a
skeptic is easy, you just add the following words to the
executive summary, conclusion or whatever:

Hoax, pelicans, lighthouses, birds, venus, stars, moon,
misidentification of natural phenomona, witness were either
mistaken, lying, hoax or trying to pull a big one over on us and
lastly how everything in time can and will be identified to one
of the above.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:56:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:42:07 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Jones

Morning Listers

This has got to have been one of the most interesting threads that I have read for a long time. To boot, there has been no bitchiness, or personal insults flying back an forth either.

I wish I could add some valuable comments to what Sue Strickland, Kevin Randle, Stan Friedman, Dennis Stacey and the others have written but my flu ridden mind ain't ticking over too well at the moment.

Here's hoping to more threads where this kind of intelligent discussion takes place.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.
Sean Jones
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Renaissance Sputnik? - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:42:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:44:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Renaissance Sputnik? - Christensen

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:06:34 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

>My colleagues at York University are baffled with this bizarre
>1600 painting which appears to depict a "Sputnik". Through my
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>what radio frequencies God may be listening to or even if He can
>see us on the Earth with this device.

>What are your comments regarding this "Sputnik" found in the URL
> below?

>http://www.montalcino-tuscany.it/montalcino_ufo.htm

>Nick, Everybody:

>The "protruding space camera" is the Moon; the yellow spot at
>the upper part of the "sputnik" is the Sun. The thing is
>actually not a sphere, but has a lip around in, upon which the
>Moon seems to ride. Also seen are clouds and blue sky in the
>center, and greenery (trees?) around the outside of the inner
>part of the sphere. The "antennae" may be rods with which the
>Earth, surrounded (of course: it was doctrine) by the Sun and
>Moon, was suspended in heaven.

>Clear skies (and low JPG compression),
>Bob Young

In the enlarged view of the painting in question, it's clear that the "antennae" are held by God the Father and God the Son in much the same way one might hold a pen, pencil or other writing implement. (This is especially clear in God the Son.) The "sphere" is, as Mr. Young points out, a graphic depiction of the cosmos, including landscape, clouds, sun and moon. The Trinity is engaged in guiding the course of the cosmos in a "graphic" (in all senses of the word) manner, with the two anthropomorphic members of the Trinity actually "writing" its ongoing path and destiny.

Someone more familiar with Bible texts than I might be able to find a scriptural quote that describes this "writing" of the course of the cosmos by the Trinity. The painter may well have been illustrating such a verse.

It is also interesting that the human figure (the Pope?) gazing from below at the Trinity is holding a book himself (and possibly a writing instrument -- the resolution isn't good enough for me to tell for sure) as a possible counterpoint or comparison to the heavenly "writing" going on above. I would be interested in seeing the entire painting, to see what the other figures are doing.

Purrrrs...

Wendy Christensen
(another "mere illustrator")

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Re: Lakenheath - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 20:38:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:49:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Randles

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 10:36:18 -0000

>>>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 20:00:09 -0000

>>>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>>>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 10:56:37 -0000

>Hello Jenny, Georgina and List,

>Let me to point out Jenny that you've been providing the List
>with tidbits of the UFOIN report for more than a week now. You
>have also been presenting some of the conclusions of the same
>report.

Hi,

Sorry, but I have not. I have reported the gist of what the air crew told me in 1996 - that's all - and that their data, in my opinion, effects one's judgement of the case because it rules out several fundamental aspects of the story that were formerly believed to be true.

I have provided no conclusions of the full report nor indeed any discussion of its primary content because it isn't written yet and I haven't reached any specific conclusions on it myself. And, again as we have noted, the research going into this report comprises much, much more than what the air crew told me five years ago. That was just the starting point of a detailed exploration. Work done by three other people, all of whom I named and two of whom have commented separately to this list.

>And it's always the same story: on one hand you say "I can't
>tell you more about the facts, as facts can never be partially
>exposed"; on the other hand you allow yourself to show previews
>of the conclusions _and_ advertise the idea that this report
>will be a definitive piece of evidence...

I have done no such thing and offered no previews of the conclusions to the report largely because there are no conclusions written for me to preview! Nor have I stated that this report is definitive research.

I have told you what the air crew said to me, because this was already in the public domain and has been since 1997 when I wrote 'Something in the Air' - and this point was the subject of

a specific debate on this list - hence my response to it. To not refer to this would therefore have been silly.

But I have not previewed the many other things in the report - which will be a comprehensive review of the case and we are trying to make sure it pre-empts the inevitable questions folk like you will ask by covering all obvious angles before release. That's all.

>Can you blame people from being a little annoyed by this?

Who is 'annoyed' apart from you? I expect others appreciate any illumination we can bring and answers to questions we can provide.

But, fine, if not and you are annoyed I will shut up and say no more in an effort to try to help.

I actually went to considerable trouble to answer these messages to this list this week as I have a major domestic crisis restricting me to an hour a day on the computer.

Now I wish I had not wasted my time trying to stop the silly bickering over a not even released report and the extraordinary display of impatience we see.

All I have tried to do was to explain the situation in an amicable way. I might have known it would be a waste of time with some people who only seem interested in spoiling for a fight.

Well I am only interested in doing UFO research, so do forgive me if I opt out from such a thing.

This rather silly discussion merely distracts from the work going on to speed that day when the research and report are ready.

Damned if you do, damned if you don't rather springs to mind here.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:43:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:52:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

on 2/24/01 9:52 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto at
updates@sympatico.ca wrote:

>Source: <http://www.filersfiles.com/>

>Filer's Files #8 -- 2001, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>February 19, 2001

Hiya George, hi All,

Senior Filer wrote:

>FILER'S SHORT HISTORY OF MARS AND THE WORLD - As an
>intelligence analyst I have experience in taking the findings
>of others and putting them together to develop a possible
>scenario. Recent scientific discoveries are starting to make
>the history of our world and our relationship to our
>neighboring Red planet more clear. I feel we may have more in
>common than is generally realized. In the history of Earth,
>much of the great scientific and historical knowledge was
>collected in the religious scriptures that repeatedly tells of
>extraterrestrial visitors.

I brought that up recently on the List in hopes of engaging in a lively discussion of the topic. I think it's time we give all that material (biblical and historical accounts that are virtually identical to modern day UFO sighting/contact and abduction reports) a "group perusal." The problem is, anytime you bring up politics or religion, somebody's toes are going to get stepped on. It's just too 'loaded' a subject for an open, public List like this. It's a shame really. We have all grown up with a partial history of mankind that is sketchy, at best, and has many huge gaps. We have been "historically lobotomized" since those animals burned the Great Library at Alexandria. Much of what we have left in terms of ancient human history is contained in books like the Qoran, the Bhagavad Gita, the Bible, etc. We need to go back over it armed with our 20/20 hindsight.

>My own photo analysis of Mars images of Cydonia and other areas
>suggest to me that Mars was once inhabited and defended. The
>layered terrain on Mars show a striking resemblance to
>sedimentary deposits that form underneath the water on Earth.
>NASA is slowly revealing what has been known for a decade that
>there was and still is water on Mars. These apparent lakes on
>indicate that Mars likely harbored life in the distant past.
>Where there is water, microbial life is likely to have thrived.
>Fossils giving proof of life likely exist in the sediments.
>Rocks that blasted off Mars from some type of explosions were
>eventually found on Earth. NASA scientists claim microbial
>evidence essentially proves life once existed on Mars. I
>hypothesize that intelligent life either visited or developed
>on Mars.

The opposite is also true George. The microbial migration from Mars to Earth could have been more like "cross pollination" than a one way trip. Whatever happened on Mars to expel material into

space, most surely happened here on old Mother Earth as well. I wonder how many 'earth-chunk' meteors are sitting on the surface of Mars. ;)

I just wanted to point out that the "Life" on Mars "could have" originated here. Including the possible intelligent Life! The earth is nearly four -billion- years old. Who's to say that an ancient and technologically advanced, space faring civilization didn't flourish/exist right here at home. Maybe what we are finding are the remnants of our own past explorations/colonizations.

The earth is so geologically active on the surface that traces of any civilization that might have existed say 4 million years ago would be completely wiped out of the environment. That doesn't mean that they didn't exist. Only that it's just as possible that "We" are the ancient astronauts, as it is that we were visited -by- them. This is why I don't like to engage in speculation. Anybody can 'speculate' (or imagine) just about anything. None of it means anything unless it can be substantiated.

>One area on Mars where there are strong indications of
>intelligent life is the area known as Cydonia. The famous face
>on Mars is in the Cydonia area and can possibly be explained
>away as a trick of nature,

I don't think it's as much a "trickery of Nature" as it is of the Human Mind. I think the tubular structures that appear to contain a large 'metallic looking' sphere, (that Arthur C. Clarke has recently raised public questions about,) are much more compelling scientifically than the so called Face. Which I think is more a 'trick of Mind' than Nature.

Warm regards from a long time fan of "Filer's Files," (Thanx for all the hard work George. It is much appreciated always. :)

* George, you're a MUFON director, have you heard _anything_ at all about the headquarters investigation into the John Carpenter (sale of abductee files) business? I'm both curious and trying to do a follow up. It's been awhile since we've heard anything new about their "internal investigation."

"Love All,"..... trust _few!_

John Velez ;)

"Nothing is at last sacred but
the integrity of your own mind."
www.space-lab.net/~jvif/

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Lehmborg

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:22:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:55:21 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Lehmborg

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:13:46 -0600

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600

>>Just give us a few years and we'll be zipping all over the
>>universe, just like them dang aliens out there already.

>>Right?

>>Dennis Stacy

>Right, not to put too fine a point on it. I don't know how you
>can argue the antithesis given the vertical acceleration of
>aggregate potentiality observed in the last few decades. That
>potentiality encompasses all eventualities right up to the our
>complete destruction, is completely open ended, and the proof of
>any curmudgeon's demise. You hang on too desperately to mere
>social contrivance of a recent past. The past is a lens that
>distorts the future if it is used to justify that something
>cannot be done because it hasn't BEEN done. You line up with an
>early 20th Century patent office that was going to shut down
>because everything that COULD be invented HAD been invented.
>...glad we're not waiting around for YOU to invent the next
>level processor...

Alfred,

Actually, it took me about five minutes in front of an old
Kaypro II lo these many years ago to realize that computers were
the wave of the future. I even played a role in getting the
first computer inside MUFON HQ, which wasn't as easy as you
might think, so there!

My objections to ET Is Everywhere in Great Numbers and Now They
Are Here, Too! are personal and based solely on my own take and
experience of the present. They are way too complicated to get
into now, and would probably bore half the people on this List
to death in any event.

But I can summarize them. The computer, for example, has greatly
affected my life. Whether it be for better or worse may be
arguable, but the fact of the computer and its day to day impact
or influence is not.

I can see that it's here, in front of me. If I want, I can even
try to sell other people on its usefulness. If I want to add a
hard drive, I can, if I want to learn how to program the thing,
I can. I can learn everything about its history, including the
inventions that eventually led up to it, along with the names of
every individual involved. I can take it apart and handle and
identify every component part. In theory, there is no question I
can put to the computer as such, the answer to which can't be

provided.

This is not the case with the UFO=ET hypothesis, for any number of reasons which it doesn't take a curmudgeon to point out. Au contraire, the case is exactly the opposite: I can't get a good, definitive answer to *any* single question I put to UFOs as such. Q: What do they look like? A: You name it! Q: How do they behave? A: You name it! Q: Where are they from and how? A: You name it! And, unfortunately, so on.

In the same vein, the presence of intelligent lifeforms on this planet from another world would arguably be the profoundest thing that could happen during my lifetime. Yet when I look around for examples or experience of that potential profundity in my own life and the world around me I get, in the main, vapor. Books, pictures, *some* evidence, yes, but no keyboard or hard drive, if you know what I mean.

I apologize for not having been abducted. But as Gurdjieff said, there are two ends to the world, Greater and Lesser. The latter is when someone else dies, the Greater End to the World is when you yourself die.

In the same vein, I don't see any behavioral evidence on a large scale that we are being visited. Governments and air forces behave pretty much like they "always" have, near as I can tell. The sun still comes up in the east and sets in the west, the paper is in the driveway, and my kid still needs a ride to school.

Sorry to be such a stiff, but my disillusionment didn't occur overnight. I've been a ufologist as long, if not longer, as most posters on this board. I've simply come to the observation that what should be the most profound thing in my life has the least impact in terms of my experience of life. I find that somewhat strange and upsidedown.

It could be argued -- as Jim Deardorff does -- that aliens are visiting us yet not causing any planetary impacts precisely because that is their intention.

Hard to argue with that, except to say that it seems another example of where the cart might have gotten ahead of the horse.

Mind, I don't even require that extraordinary evidence accompany extraordinary claims -- I'd settle simply for good, convincing evidence of an incontrovertible (or demonstrable) nature.

And of course my apologies if I've disappointed anyone. Still don't know what those saucers are, but the upside is that they don't seem to give a fig what I think.

FWIW, my next computer purchase is going to be an Apple G4 PowerBook encased in titanium -- the same stuff they make jet fighters out of. Cool! Not as cool as the Roswell stuff, mind, but cool nonetheless.

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

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Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:14:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:56:59 -0500
Subject: Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

>From: Emiliano Occhetta - CUN Novara <novaracun@freemail.it>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 02:41:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'? - Occhetta
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 11:06:34 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: An Italian 'Sputnik/UFO'?

Previously, Emiliano posted:

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>>Nick Balaskas

>Hi,

>In the Church Of San Pietro in Montalcino (near Siena) there is
>a painting by Bonaventura Salimbeni that is very strange, in
>fact there is represented a "metallic sphere" very similar to a
>Sputnik or Vanguard II.

>Italy's National UFO Center made inquires about this painting
>and deduced that the "Sputnik" is in reality a planisphere,
>there are visible some lines of meridians and parallel.

>Similar raffigurations are frequent in orthodox art.

Sure looks like Sputnik to me! Cool!

Roger

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:24:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:00:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:47:09 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hi, Neil!

>Isn't that the point of this whole discussion? You're looking
>for needles of truth in a haystack layered with suspicion and
>doubt. Wouldn't it be better to get one simple question answered
>by the man that will benefit the most than to try and solve
>hundreds of other secondary questions that won't prove anything?
>More to the point; doesn't it piss you off that Santilli and
>company won't bother to help you exonerate them?

Roger,

First of all, we're not trying to exonerate Ray. We're trying to establish the legitimacy of the AA footage. Whether Ray and company benefit is secondary. I don't think you understand. Ray is not pushing our efforts in any way. He has made it clear that he does not want to be bothered with our investigations. He is allowing us to distribute the digitized AA for research purposes but other than that, he's made it clear that he's not available for questions. I have forwarded your questions, though.

I agree that it would be extremely helpful if he simply gave us a section of the footage so it could be checked by experts for authenticity but that isn't going to happen. He must have his own reasons for not cooperating, but has not shared these with me. I speculate that he was frightened by his visit with US authorities but it could well be Volker's idiosyncrasy, or some other factors we haven't considered. We just don't know why they're being so uncooperative concerning the testing. Knowing Ray, I feel he would help us out if he could.

>I think we've taken this as far as we can. I received the CD's
>from Ed and they won't open on either of my computers. I know
>the problem is not on my end as I play MPEGS and AVI files all
>the time in my work.

I don't know what the problem is since I tested everything I sent and all was in order. I have several other sets of CDs copied and just finished testing them again and all were working properly.

>Regarding the emulsion question, I think that it should be
>followed up on. If Ed has any connections with the man he so
>zealously defends,

I do not defend Ray or his actions, zealously or otherwise. I believe he is telling the truth about how he aquired the footage. If the AA were found to be legimate, it would change the nature of Ufology. My main concern in getting researchers and other interested parties to take a look at the AA footage and then discuss what they observe. I think anyone who views the digitized version will be amazed at the wealth of detail.

>snip

>The value of this information is that we don't even need to see
>the alien on the footage. If the results match, it does not
>necessarily validate the cameraman's story or AA. However, if we
>accept that the sample clip is supposed to be from the AA
>footage and the calculated result for the placement of the
>emulsion does not match the origin given by the cameraman, then
>the guy is simply lying (not 'mistaken') and that would be
>definitive.

This brings up a problem that the AA skeptics have failed to elaborate on in any detail. If the cameraman is lying about the history of the footage and his involvement with it, then he must have created the hoaxed footage and Ray and Volker were conned. But why would he create something like this, and then sell it for 100 grand when it probably would have cost him at least that much to produce. (unless it's a government disinformation ploy then we'd have to ask how they were able to produce the footage) It's not as simple as it seems.

If Ray invented the cameraman, then he also must have hoaxed the footage himself, but a close look at the digitized version will soon have you asking: If Ray created this as a hoax, how in the world did he do it and why? (If he could have produced this footage, then he'd qualify as a major film director and certainly wouldn't need to suffer the torment and abuse he's had to endure.) There are clues hidden in the footage that will help us answer these questions.

Why are folks on the List refusing to purchase the new version? Is it the price? It seems cheap to me but just in case, if a person has money problems, write me and I'll see what I can do to get you a copy. We do not intend to make money on this. But there's no way to discuss the AA and our new evidence without being familiar with the AA footage.

To order send \$35 in cash, check or money order to:
Ed Gehrman
PO Box 543
Quincy, CA 95971

To Dennis R, KR, Rebecca, Sue, Jim M, John V, Wendy, Stan, and others listers: Why haven't you ordered? I guarantee its the best UFO investment you'll ever make. This is a money back offer. Besides you also can order, then copy and send the CDs to someone else. Remember you also get a copy of Flatland which contains two important articles on the AA.

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:22:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:04:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 01 02:07:04 +0000

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 12:06:51 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:23:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>>>From: Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <Mendoza@appleonline.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 01 00:25:59 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

Patient, gentle, and bored-stiff listfolk:

>If the letter was so embarrassing to Posner, why does he have it on
>his website for all to read?

For the simple reason, I imagine, that he has been forced to stand by it, after I drew attention to it and he rushed to threaten me about it. Under the circumstances he has chosen for himself, how can he act otherwise than as if he still believed his own self-pitying assessment that he was hideously victimized?

Gary P. Posner would have been better off simply to admit that he was wrong and that he no longer holds the view I cited. But being a pelicanist, as we all know, means never having to say you're mistaken. Not being a pelicanist, I have no problems in that department. I've even disowned an entire book of mine (the dismally wrong-headed and often just plain goofy *The Unidentified*, published in 1975). Too bad Posner couldn't distance himself from something so relatively inconsequential as a simple (and long-ago) letter to the editor.

Incidentally, is it your view that it's a good idea to try to silence dissenting views with legal threats? Your own silence on the subject is certainly interesting. One has no trouble imagining the degree of outrage that would follow, of course, if a ufologist threatened to sue a pelicanist over a claimed misquote or misreading.

>Having read Posner's original 1978 letter in the original
>publication, it seems to me pretty clear that Posner is chiding
>CSICOP for making fun of people who may be more ill than stupid.
>That seems a fairly humane position.

What an extraordinarily condescending view, I must say. Imagine, without any evidence to the effect, arguing that those who hold views you consider eccentric or otherwise heterodox may be actively mentally ill, then pretend to feel sorry for them. A considerable body of psychological/psychiatric literature by now, of course, indicates that there is no correlation between belief in or sympathetic views of anomalies and the paranormal on one side and mental disorder on the other. Moreover, there is not even a meaningful correlation between mental illness and

those who say they have experienced the anomalous or the paranormal.

PB may correct me if I'm wrong, and I will be happy to acknowledge error if that proves to be the case, but to my knowledge Posner has never conceded that the above-mentioned studies have effectively falsified his claim about "ambulatory schizophrenia" as a cause of paranormal (including, in CSICOPian, ufological) belief or experience.

>>In fact, on August 14, 1992, Jerome Clark wrote Posner as
>>follows: "In my IUR editorial, your ambulatory-schizophrenia
>>accusation was cited as an example of debunkers' 'strange
>>charges against ufologists.' Any other reading is
>>inconceivable."

>Yet what a strange reading it is. The word "ufologist" does not
>appear in Posner's 1978 letter anywhere, least of all attached
>to the "ambulatory-schizophrenia accusation" (which is not an
>accusation at all, by the way: it is an admittedly speculative
>diagnosis).

I love this delicate phrase "admittedly speculative diagnosis."
Let's be blunt about it: it's pure self-serving bullshit. It
does not rise even to the level of "speculative diagnosis." It
amounts to little more than a form of name-calling.

>In short I fail to see any connection between what
>Posner wrote in 1978 and ufologists in general, unless Jerome
>considers ufologists to be a subsection of "paranormalists" --
>an association at which I should have expected him to balk.

Wow. This is really stretching it. As the rest of you know and
as PB also knows, though here pretends not to, every jeremiad
erupting from Mount CSICOP or other "skeptical" Olympias citing
threats to reason and virtue posed by irrationalists includes,
near always explicitly, ufologists on the list of miscreants.
Routinely. And characterizes them as "paranormalists."
Routinely. If Posner thought ufologists were exempted from this
supposed dishonor roll, he should have said so. Unlike PB, I
don't claim the power to know what's going on inside somebody
else's mind.

As I documented, from every independent indication gleaned from
prose and polemic, Posner considers ufologists among the hordes
of irrationalists. Maybe I should have written, every time I
referred to Posner's speculations about the possible mental
states of those who hold beliefs he detests, that he was
referring to "ufologists and other anomalists and
paranormalists," but since I was addressing grown-ups, I didn't
think I had to.

>Posner's general agreement with P. Klass is hardly surprising.
>Presumably Jerome's point is that anyone who agrees with Ole
>Unca Phil is ipso facto horned, hooved and tailed. The ritual
>cant about Phil equating ufologists with communists is bullshit,
>as any intelligent reading of the record shows; and as was
>discussed long ago in this forum.

The question, as PB wants you not to understand, was not
"Posner's general agreement with P. Klass," as my last posting
on the subject went to some effort to point out (and PB
complains about my alleged incomprehension of the printed
word!), but Posner's exact agreement with Klass.

That exact agreement extended even to approval of Klass's weird
equation (in a now-legendary phone call to the University of
Nebraska) of ufologists' charges about official secrecy with
Soviet plots to discredit American government. PB touchingly
professes to believe that somehow Klass's words can be parsed to
be read otherwise by the "intelligent." Klass himself couldn't
manage that in the extensive correspondence we had on the
subject, leading me to wonder if we haven't learned something
about PB's private assessment of Klass's IQ shortage. More
likely, though, it only underscores the lengths to which
pelicanists will go. Their hypocritical oath calls for them never,
ever, under any circumstances, to criticize a fellow true
disbeliever's excesses, however funny.

Posner's (and, arguably, PB's) lock-step march with every Klass
action, even the really over-the-top ones, calls to mind an old

saying: Whenever two persons agree absolutely, one of them is unnecessary.

>I don't expect Jerome to change his mind about his self-righteousness in this matter, stunned tho' I am to find he is >*proud* of his inaccurate and unctuous editorial. (That was a >bit of literary criticism: not personal, just business.) Others >may have found the peek into his reading and comprehension >skills useful in rounding out their knowledge of ufology's >second easiest person to wind up.

Of course no inaccuracy has ever been demonstrated. What we have here is an expression of the peculiar pelicanist theological doctrine that to wish is to make so.

PB's final utterance is especially peculiar coming from a guy so obsessed with my heresies that he can be counted on to post something almost daily on the subject. I, happily, would barely afford PB a passing thought -- and then only when hearing a recording of the obscure blues-harpist Forrest City Joe, of whom both PB and I are admirers and once, in happier days, discussed -- if he didn't persist in hurling odd and phony charges against me with such numbing, obsessive frequency.

If he is not, in fact, ufology's or pelicanism's easiest person to drive into advanced fits of hissy, all he has to do is to cease his screeds on the ever more tiresome subject of the undersigned's purported high crimes and misdemeanors. Who wants to bet that PB will find it within himself so to restrain himself? What? No takers?

Jerry Clark

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:02:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:07:21 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:14:32 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

>>... Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>>early on.

>Hello Dennis:

>I never heard of any major compromise of the Manhattan Project,
>but I'm no historian. My best recollection however, having read
>up on the matter, is that %99.999 of the American public had no
>inkling whatsoever that an atomic bomb was in the works, until
>the bombshell when Harry Truman announced that two were dropped
>on Japanese cities.

Larry,

Does the name Rosenberg ring a bell?

I believe husband and wife were both executed.

Dennis

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Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:12:43 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Morris

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 11:21:51 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:10:38 +0000
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux

<snip>

>>I've quite deliberately tried to stay out of this area, I've met
>>Bond personally and heard his side of things, I've read what the
>>other side has to say, I believe an admission is on record that
>>the tapes have been edited,

>Neil, all -

>This is an example of spin. After I interviewed Dr. Johnson in
>1989, and after I had published an article in the INTERNATIONAL
>UFO REPORTER, Dr. Johnson spoke to Jerry Clark, saying that many

Kevin,

The above comment was uncalled for on my part and as such I apologise.

But I repeat again, I don't want to become "piggy in the middle" here, I strive to keep a neutral stand, but I regret the above was not.

I have also deliberately tried to approach this research with an open mind, in fact when I first looked at the images (from your book) I thought to myself "what is this guy on about?...No Way", but I was still curious to see if I could identify just what Bond was on about.

The results from the work so far have not come through details within Bond's testimony but details within the pictures he took and which he's had no control over together with the media coverage which survives.

Even without any direct contact with Bond, I believe I would still have arrived at the opinions I hold today.

>Since you,
>Neil, are siding with him, I will make you the one time good
>offer of copying all this material for you so that you can hear
>him say the things he denies he said, listen to him claim credit
>for writing the July 9 article, and see how I have tried to get

Siding?, that gives the wrong impression, I have tried to stay impartial, and it's not my place to wade into differences that I have had no personal involvement with.

But should you choose to completely set aside Bond's testimony altogether, which is an exercise I've gone through, what does

it actually alter in the scheme of things, not a lot really.

It doesn't change the fact the photo's were taken, and what's more it doesn't alter their _content_.

<snip>

>>Further, we are now finding that
>>some of his most disputed information ie the "press conference"
>>_is_ receiving independent confirmation from an individual who
>>_was_ there reporting the news in FW at the time.

>If you have reporters in General Ramey's office, and they are
>asking him questions, then you have a press conference whether
>it is officially called or not.

>We are in an argument over
>semantics here that has little real importance in understanding
>what happened that night.

I guess this boils down really to an argument over scale, I wouldn't say a possible couple of reporters arriving unannounced out at FWAAF would constitute "press conference".

As I mentioned to David, his own research into the news reporting of the time suggests a far lower "on the ground" profile of news gathering, ie Ramey quotes coming out of Washington sources and we have some interesting Kirton/Ramey quotes an RPIT colleague has turned up from Reuters, again date lined Washington.

FWAAF Maj Kirton seems to have been busy on the phone that evening, it's he The Dallas Morning News _phoned_ to get their story, and the same Kirton who phoned up the FBI to tell them what was going on. It's this same Kirton Reuters Washington quote with this fascinating line that seems at odds with what he told the Dallas Morning News at 5.30pm (later) that evening.

After referencing Ramey's radio broadcast it continues:

Before Brigadier General Rameys broadcast, Major Edwin Kirtan, duty officer at Eighth Air Force headquarters at Fort Worth, quoted him as saying "it looks like a hexagonal object covered with tinfoil or other shining material suspended from a balloon of about twenty feet in diameter. It is possibly a weather balloon flown at the highest altitude but none of the army men at this base recognize it as an army type balloon.

Note the last sentence.

It seems here we have a direct admission from FWAAF that (a) they could not identify "tin foil" from an Army Signal Corp ML307 and (b) they could not identify a std neoprene meteo balloon. And also the description matches the stuff seen on the floor of Ramey's office in both the JBJ _and_ Newton pics.

Regrettably the Kirton piece does not contain times and though compiled by Reuters on July 9th, it must have been sourced prior to 5.30pm July 8th due to it's content as the cover "Balloon Story" had already kicked in by that time and was reported to the Dallas Morning News by this same Maj Kirton, the Morning News quoting the time of their call to FWAAF at 5.30pm July 8th.

I think further evidence of a low press profile on the ground appears to be the Marcel quotes (?who was told _not_ to speak to the press?) in the late edition Star Telegram, quotes unique to that paper (according to DR), yet we know from the only ST reporter on duty that no ST reporter went out to FWAAF that night, _but_ that the ST _was_ in contact by phone. Why was the ST the _only_ paper to carry what reads like a full PIO press release yet they _didn't_ have a reporter on the ground out at FWAAF?.

><snip>

>>>>Witness testimony, unlike KR and DS who were I assume basing
>>>>their take of events from Jesse Marcel's recollections of his
>>>>time in FW,

>>>Don't forget Gen. Dubose and Irving Newton, both of whom were

>>>_also_ there, and both of whom stated they remembered several
>>>reporters being there. This wasn't just the story of Jesse
>>>Marcel.

>>From conversations with Irving some 12 months ago he has no
>>recollection of just who took his photograph that day and could
>>not say whether it was a civilian or military photographer.

>Which is what he told me some ten or eleven years ago. But the
>point is that another photograph was taken, it was published the
>next day, and suggests that some sort of press conference was
>held. It matters not if it was published in one newspaper or 100
>because it was published and underscores that others were in
>General Ramey's office.

Yes, agreed, the Newton photo was taken later in what seems to
have been a supporting role to his balloon ID, but just who took
the photo, military or civilian, is still an unknown.

>>I think it's also hard to pin down just what Gen DuBose could or
>>could not recall, I have Jamie Shandera's interview transcript
>>where DuBose claims no pictures were ever taken at all, that
>>is until he is shown the JBJ images of himself. Jesse's story
>>too is obviously a partial memory, we know firmly JBJ took
>>pictures of Marcel, Ramey and Dubose in the one session I
>>think we are all agreed on that. Yet Marcel gives us the quote
>>that he was only involved in the one photograph, the one he
>>claims where he is shown holding some of the actual debris from
>>Roswell and I believe he then goes on to mention some other
>>"staged" photographs might have been taken later "but he was not
>>involved with those".

>But, as I have tried to point out, Bill Moore has provided us
>with three versions of that quote. The first is from his book
>which you quote here. Second, Moore sent a letter around, again
>using the Marcel quote, but this time it said, "...Ramey allowed
>the press to take two pictures of this stuff. I was in one and
>he and Col. DuBose were in the other.

>Then in the article, "Three Hours that Shook the Press," the
>quote is again altered to say, according to Moore and Shandera,
>"In his interview with Moore, Maj. Marcel maintained that the
>debris in the two photos of him..."

>Then, finally, in "Enough is Too Much," Moore returns to the
>original quote that mentions but a single photograph of Marcel,
>and none of Ramey and DuBose.

>This, I think, would negate the quote attributed to Marcel
>because the man who conducted the interview has altered it to
>suit him and the situation as it developed... which means as
>more pictures were discovered, Moore altered the quote to cover
>each new discovery.

Kevin, I think we must accept peoples recollections of event
from such a long time ago will be coloured by both the passage
of time and what they themselves discover of the events in the
present. Marcel's story changed it seems the more interviews he
gave, it's hard not to believe that in between these interviews
more and more of the story he was involved in would be
"refreshed?" and we possibly end up with a feedback loop of
acquired information augmenting the original memory.

I put it forward that this is what has happened in Bond's case,
together with many of the other Roswell witnesses, I don't think
it's deliberate, it's just the way we seem to work as humans.

>>>The only photograph(s) of Marcel(to
>>>surface) are JBJ's and we know these were taken together with
>>>the Ramey and DuBose shots (it's the same film neg batch), so
>>>what was this later "staged" photo... Newton? Marcel doesn't
>>>know, he wasn't involved, it's just what he heard happened.

>>Or the staged photographs were the ones taken in General Ramey's
>>office of the weather balloon and rawin target and not of the
>>actual debris.

>Which would mean that Dr. Johnson's original statements to me
>were accurate and he saw nothing but a balloon, as he told me on
>two separate occasions.

>And, we do have additional information that comes from TV
>reporter Johnny Mann, who interviewed Marcel in Roswell in the
>early 1980s. He showed Marcel the photographs in Moore's book
>and said, "Jesse, I got to tell you. That looks like a balloon."
>According to Mann, when Marcel saw the pictures, he said, "No.
>No. That picture was staged. That's not the stuff I brought from
>Roswell."

>So here is information that has been printed in both the IUR and
>the CUFOS Roswell special, and has been corroborated by Johnny
>Mann when asked by others, but which has been ignored. We have a
>witness who tells us that Marcel said the pictures in General
>Ramey's office were staged. We have Dr. Johnson telling us, in
>his original interviews, said that the setting had been staged.
>He didn't believe, in those original interviews, that he had
>seen anything special. Now, of course, he has changed his story.

><snip>

Yet we have the direct counter to that from Shandera's DuBose
interview where DuBose say's "yes that's the stuff they brought
from Roswell" when shown quite likely the very same photo's, and
he additionally states that no substitution of debris ever
took place.

Like I said before, you can select testimony from Roswell to
support any stance, pro or anty, and believe me, I hold a very
pro position.

>>This is very incomplete accounting of Dubose's many interviews
>>on the matter, and obviously comes from the highly suspect
>>Shandera "interviews" with Dubose. Even though Shandera produced
>>lengthy "transcripts", he has also been unable to produce the
>>tape recordings that would have been needed to produce such
>>detailed "transcripts." He is also unable to reproduce even
>>notes of the conversation.

>>On the other hand, there are a number of recorded interviews
>>with Dubose which completely contradict your assertion and RPITS
>>that Dubose wasn't aware of the photographs and claimed the
>>stuff in the photos was from Roswell.

>Copies of those interviews, and corroboration by others is also
>available. The video taped interview was conducted in August
>1990 and is in the FUFOR archives. I also have copies of it.

<snip>

>>I agree DuBose said the above and I can live with your assertion
>>Shandera might be a little shakey in his methods, but there
>>again there's nothing to say he didn't make that quote to
>>Shandera.

>More importantly, there is nothing to say that he did.

>>I think DuBose tended to please everybody.

>No, he attempted to tell the truth, as best he could remember
>it when not being pushed by someone with an agenda. Billy
>Cox, of FLORIDA TODAY reported on these facts a number
>of years ago, as did Don Ecker of UFO Magazine (USA).

In the end DuBose either said it or he didn't, and I can accept
he actually said both statements, and therefore contradicted
himself in the process. Does it nullify all his testimony?, or
just indicate he had very poor recall of the events. Being
shown the photograph's by Shandara doesn't mean to say he
positively ID'd the debris either, but merely it might
have looked like what he could recall after 40 odd years.

><snip>

>>Because it appears the ST were in phone contact throughout that
>>evening with FWAAF and if an organised shindig was in the offing
>>he would have gone to it.

>Semantics, semantics. Clearly it wasn't "organized" but it was
>certainly held, according to the men who were there. A press
>conference, by definition, is a meeting with the press and not

>necessarily an "organized" affair. If you don't like the term
>press conference, then call it something else, but that doesn't
>alter the fact that reporters, plural, were in General Ramey's
>office after Dr. Johnson was there.

>>>Reporters could have shown up there after Bond Johnson left and
>>>Ramey could have held an impromptu press conference (meaning
>>>that the S-T would not have been notified

>>Yes, and at that stage Bond wouldn't be there to take Marcel's
>>picture and he(Marcel) states he was only photographed the
>>_once_ (by Bond), and Marcel was photographed at the same time
>>as Ramey and DuBose in that primary photoshoot, and no other
>>examples of that primary photoshoot are in the record.

>And how many radio reporters would take a photographer with
>them? Maybe that's the problem with the single, additional
>photograph.

><snip>

>>The same way Marcel recalled a posse of news photogs taking his
>>picture when the historical record shows we only have Bond
>>Johnson's 6 pictures only 2 of which are of Marcel.

>>The human memory.

>Or human interpretation. I see nothing in Marcel's statements to
>suggest a "posse of news photogs." Maybe it was just radio
>reporters. This posse of photogs is your invention, of Dr.
>Johnson's invention and not supported by the facts as they have
>been established.

Not my invention Kevin, but I believe the public perception of
the event. Granted in your books you relate it just as reporters
arriving later. But I've seen presentations by notable
researchers where this has been "spun" into the realm of a
media feeding frenzy.

>We have a great deal of information that has been spun here. We
>have evidence to support my claims including the audio tapes
>and letters. If Dr. Johnson wants to believe today that he was
>the only reporter there, ever,

The fact Bond's story has changed over time I accept and don't
have a problem with, it hasn't had an impact on the research
I've personally been engaged in. As I've said, set aside Bond's
testimony totally and what difference does it make to what we
know of events that night?. Most of the information we have to
work with comes from sources other than Bond.

Bond Johnson's unique contribution to the Roswell story is not
his verbal testimony interesting though it is, but the legacy of
the photographs he took that afternoon.

>that he saw the real debris, and
>Ramey didn't know what it was when he was there, I don't care.

I could "selectively" quote DuBose at this point, but I won't, I
could selectively quote Marcel but I won't, what I will do
though is repeat that quote from Maj Kirton who is giving a
statement from Gen Ramey to Reuters, this, some time before
5.30pm that afternoon.

"it looks like a hexagonal object covered with tinfoil or other
shining material"

^^
??Couldn't they ID tinfoil??

"It is possibly a weather balloon flown at the highest altitude
but none of the army men at this base recognize it as an army type balloon."
^^

At this point can I also mention here that the above line seems to give
some support to my current interpretation of the Ramey Message, at lines

#6) -----MIDDAY 509# ToLd newspaPeR sEgMEnt Of STORY Adv *****
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and reading in part these lines as:

"...advise..." "... initially theory put for air force weather station balloon's radar were..."

Kirton was still in essence, saying this in his phone call to the FBI as recorded in their 6.12pm teletype, this even after, according to that teletype, FWAAF had consulted Wright Field, the home of AMC, they should have been able to identify a Signal Corp ML307 and a Neoprene weather balloon if any one could. It's also coincidental that who should Ramey get to ID to the world just what the debris was but the FWAAF "weather station" man, Irving Newton, coincidence?.

At a stage of the timeline prior to 5.30pm, Ramey via Kirton publicly admits to Reuters they don't know what the debris is.

>When you begin to suggest that I have altered the information,
>that I have inaccurately reported information that is backed up
>by audio tape and other evidence, then I take a stand. Like it
>or not, Dr. Johnson told me one thing and told others something
>else. His spin is not going to change the facts, on tape. Listen
>to them if you want, but don't suggest, even as carefully as you
>have here that I might have altered things because I edited a
>tape for time to assist Dr. Johnson in understanding that he
>actually said the things he denies saying.
>

I agree the comment was uncalled for, again accept my apology.

And I would be happy to review your material, the Uni address below will find me.

Best regards
Neil.

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:43:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:17:03 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:39 EST
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>First, thanks again to David Rudiak for his patient and
>excellent contribution in this very long discussion, which is
>becoming irritating.

Gildas,

I too find the AA discussion "irritating" but it has nothing to do with its duration. What I find irritating is the denial by otherwise intelligent and well meaning researchers of the possibility that the AA is an authentic historical document and refuse to even look at the new evidence we've gathered. I realize it might take a little effort. You'll have to mail \$35 to me for the CDs. You'll have to email Neil and ask him to send you the FW photos. Then you'll have to down load the CDs onto your hard drive. But you'll see; it will be worth the effort.

The refusal to even investigate our research is a symptom of what Reich calls the "emotional plague".

My advice to everyone on this List: inoculate yourself as soon as possible with a high dose of AA reality.

Ed

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Re: Tell The People - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:26:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:18:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Tell The People - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Tell The People
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:02:56 -0000

>Georgina Bruni's book "You Can't Tell the People" contains some
>excellent investigative journalism and a lot of important new
>information on the case (or series of cases).

>However, having now reached the final chapters I see that it
>takes a sudden plunge downwards in credibility by speculating
>about wild-eyed stories of secret communications with aliens and
>pseudoscientific "studies" rather than resting on the strong
>case presented to that point.

>For example, there is a huge difference between alleged Reichian
>"cloud-busting" (pseudoscience) and seeding of clouds to produce
>precipitation (real science).

>Also, I just received a telepathic message from aliens who told
>me that Dan Sherman is a fraud. ;-)

Dick,

Hey, welcome to the club!

Looks like you're beginning to get the hang of this e-mail
stuff, after all!

Dennis

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>precipitation (real science).

Richard,

Have you read or do you understand Reich's ideas and writings?
Cloud-busting is not a pseudo-science. I realize cloud-busting
sounds crazy, but most modern science was considered flotsam and
jetsam at one time or another.

Ed

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:14:52 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:34:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Easton
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 17:32:50 -0500

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 02:49:10 -0000

James,

Repetition does not equal truth. The main investigators and followers of the case have answered your questions many times.

>Again, I wrote:

>"'If nothing else, can we please confirm where CAUS obtained
>copies of the witness statements and how long the startling
>revelations about the lighthouse has been known about?'"

>Is that question ever going to be answered, and if not, why not"

>Will you please comment on this?

Sure! Why ask me? Ask CAUS. I have no idea. Except I think your "startling revelations about the lighthouse" exist somewhere exclusively in your mind and are not a fair or accurate reading of the complete testimony.

>>He apparently did make a few minor errors, but they are pretty
>>insignificant overall.

>We can now highlight and document these 'minor' errors:

Who cares what the exact dates were? It is the obvious "craft" that was described that counts.

>And so on... all of the above is of course factual.

Oh, really? Your "facts" have been seriously disputed in many cases, and if you ever showed a sincere interest in establishing what the real facts are and stopped repeating questions that have already been answered, you probably would receive more friendly cooperation.

>You stated, "Halt's TESTIMONY is full, complete, on the record,
>and highly credible. His information anchors the entire case".

>Before addressing anything else, can we be clear that you do
>consider all of the above, in the context of an obviously
>important 'UFO EVIDENCE II' case, has trivial consequence and
>Halt has merely contributed, as you say...

>"a few minor errors, but they are pretty insignificant overall".

Yes, I will stand by that statement, but will acknowledge that on the basis of new evidence I no longer think Halt's testimony has been "full" and "complete." I think he knows a lot more than

he has let on, and I hope he will publish his own full account of it. And, until you hear his full story, don't pre-judge it! As I have told Jenny Randles privately, the UFOE-II account is the case "according to Halt" as best I was able to draw it out, and I spent some effort in trying to get him to open up, but he had been badly burnt by some so-called ufologists in the past and I can understand his reluctance to talk to us. As my mother used to say, "Be nice to people and they will be nice to you." Although you still seem to insist that you and only you have the facts straight, I nevertheless thank you for your comparatively civil remarks this time. That could pave the way for some rational communication, such as Jenny and I seem to be able to accomplish.

Dick Hall

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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:39:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:37:02 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 01:10:55 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

<snip>

>The "sphere" appears to have some kind of an 'appendage' that
>extends from the back (front?) of the thing. Looks kinds like a
>"Heavy Metal Sperm!" <VBG>All kidding aside, does anyone have
>any idea as to what this thing (or the tubular structures for
>that matter) could possibly be? I'm drawing blanks.

>I've never seen or heard of anything quite like this.

>see: <http://enterprisemission.com/images/arthur.jpg>

John, List,

If I had to venture a guess, this is either the remains of some exotic macroscopic lifeform (a literal "worm") or else a technological artifact of unknown purpose. Richard Hoagland has proposed these things are "pipes" for channeling water: not a bad guess, in my opinion.

>I think that features like this deserve much more attention (and
>camera time) than something like the Face. Maybe we are all
>mesmerized by the anthropomorphic qualities of the Face, because
>it "looks like us" when instead we could be focusing on
>something that genuinely strange and anomalous like these
>tubular structures and that very odd metallic looking sphere
>within it.

<snip>

I think we owe it to ourselves to see the Face inquiry through, first. But there's no convincing reason we can't investigate all of this weird Martian stuff. Studying one anomaly doesn't necessarily exclude studying additional anomalies.

And let's face it: Mars is one big anomaly.

Check out the new image of the "Cliff" in Cydonia: there are features very much like the "worm" to its immediate right. A most interesting coincidence.

=====

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 19:52:17 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:38:30 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Rudiak

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:51:01 EST
>Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:17:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 12:28:15 -0400

<snip>

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>>with more than 30 witnesses (groups of 2 or 3) which enabled
>>triangulation 3 times, establishing a length of 0.6-1.2 miles
>>long. I was up there. One witness said it was the full width of
>>the big dipper or more than 1 foot at arms length.

>Man, that measurement must have been made by bigfoot. The Big
>Dipper is 25 degrees from tip of cup to end of handle.

Minor point -- closer to 28 degrees from tip to tip according to my sky
charts.

>This is
>about 7.5 inches, or so, at my arm's length. Of course, little
>people (not greys) have shorter arms and bigger people have
>their rulers a little further away. But, this was most likely
>done in daylight, and by memory.

Let's at least get the math right. I don't know about bigfoot,
but "arm's length" for humans is typically around 60 cm or 2
feet. 1 foot at 2 feet distance subtends an angle of -- 28
degrees, or exactly the same size as the Big Dipper.

If the witnesses arms were a little longer than this, however,
28 degrees would be a little more than 1 foot at arm's
length.

On the other hand, 7.5 inches at 2 feet subtends an angle of
only about 18 degrees. For 7.5 inches to be 28 degrees, your
arm's length would be only 15 inches.

Are you secretly a grey Bob?

>This is probably a pretty good example of how this kind of
>"data" of eyewitness accounts of surprising events later become
>giant motherships, or whatever.

Looks to me like like a better example of the witness getting it
right on the money whereas your "math" supposedly discrediting
the witness' reliability is way off in left field somewhere.

Back to high school Bob, along with King Roger and his statement
that the moon's sky is "starless" in daylight just like here on
Earth.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Clear thinking,

David Rudiak

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Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 20:01:09 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:40:36 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -

>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 08:55:41 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:18:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 21:03:09 EST
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject:

>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 11:42:51 -0600
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 20:28:55 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

>Previously, I had written:

>>>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>>>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth. I
>>>find this amusing because, if NASA really did go to great
>>>lengths to create a "reality" that was technically accurate, the
>>>foonies obviously prefer their own reality that has been skewed
>>>due to watching too many science fiction movies where the stars
>>>are always visible; lighting imbalances be damned. It would seem
>>>that, if the landing was faked by NASA, they would have been
>>>better off trying to please peoples' perceptions of what a moon
>>>landing would look like instead of going for technical accuracy.

>David replied:

>>Time for another King Roger science reality check.

>>The reason we see no stars in the daytime here on Earth is
>>because Earth has something called an atmosphere (heard of it
>>Roger?), which the Moon does not. The atmosphere has particulate
>>matter (dust, air droplets, etc.) which scatters the bright
>>sunlight towards our eyes obscuring the dimmer starlight.

>>On the airless moon, one can indeed see stars during daytime,
>>just as someone in the space shuttle can above the Earth's
>>atmosphere on the daylit side of the Earth.

>>If the stars didn't show in NASA moon landing photos, then I
>>suspect it had to do with film dynamic range, f/stop and shutter
>>speed. Because the surface of the moon is very brightly lit in
>>daytime, the film and camera settings would have to compensate
>>to prevent overexposure. Otherwise, the surface details would
>>be completely washed out.

>>I do wish Roger would go back to high school and pass those
>>basic science courses he obviously flunked the first time
>>around.

>The context of this entire discussion is not about whether
>astronauts 'saw' stars from the moon but, rather, why the stars
>do not show up in photographs.

OK, and you said the reason is the same here on Earth when you try to take pictures in daylight, which is complete garbage. In fact you even referred to the moon's sky as "starless" during daylight. You can take pictures of stars on the moon in daylight with the proper exposure. But you can't on Earth no matter what you do.

>In fact, I made it clear that the
>reason you can't see the stars in photographs is because of
>"lighting imbalances" (as opposed to what's seen in sci-films).

Yes, you mentioned "lighting imbalances" without being clear about what you meant. But let's look at what you first wrote, which is what I was responding to:

>>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth.

Please note that Roger uses the word "see" here, not "photograph," though he now claims the "context" was not about "seeing" but photographing. Notice he also refers to the sky as "starless" both on the moon and Earth in daylight.

The reason one can't "see" or photograph stars here on Earth in daylight is because of light scatter off the atmosphere. You can't photograph stars here on Earth during daytime no matter what exposure you use.

On the moon, the sky is never "starless" because there is no air. One can "see" stars there at all times. To photograph the stars, just point the camera up away from the surface, select a longer exposure, and the stars will photograph just fine. It's a completely different situation.

>To that end, your reasoning for why there were no stars
>in photographs is mostly nonsense. F-stop and shutter speed
>would have no effect on visibility of stars if exposure for the
>main, sunlit subject (astronaut, lunar surface etc.) were
>correct.

Which is exactly what I said. f-stop (or essentially effective lens aperture) and shutter speed both effect how much light enters the camera. You can adjust either or both to control the film exposure.

If the exposure is adjusted to prevent details on the brightly lit lunar surface from washing out, the exposure won't be great enough to capture the dimly lit stars.

>In fact, if the earth had no atmosphere, the very same problems would
>apply to pictures taken here as they would on the moon.

Oh really? You think? This is just King Roger again trying to bluster his way out of another tight spot by pretending he knew what he was talking about all along.

Does Roger really believe anybody thinks he was comparing an airless daylit Earth to the daylit Moon? You can't "see" or photograph stars on Earth during daytime for completely different reasons than those on the Moon. The Earth has an atmosphere that scatters light. The moon doesn't.

>If in doubt, try taking a picture of the moon on a clear night.

Wasn't your point that you couldn't take pictures of stars in daytime on the moon for the same reason you couldn't take pictures of stars on Earth in daytime? Both were "starless."

>No matter what film you use, no matter what shutter speed
>or f-stop combination you try, you will not get the moon and the
>stars properly exposed in the same shot.

Uh-huh, but you're changing the subject again to distract from your faux pas.

>This is due to
>"lighting imbalances" between the moon and the stars; the moon
>being bright due to proximity and the stars being dim due to

>distance.

If you read my post I was clearly talking about what you call "lighting imbalances" as the reason the stars didn't appear in photographs taken on the lunar surface.

>And what you call "dynamic range" is really called "latitude" by >professional photographers.

This is just different terminology. In engineering and bioengineering the same property is called dynamic range. The human eye, e.g., has a far greater dynamic range than any film or video camera, which is why an astronaut can "see" both stars and lunar surface details simultaneously, whereas a camera can't capture both simultaneously.

The moon's sky is not "starless" in daylight.

>No film ever made has ever had
>enough latitude to correctly expose both stars and lunar subject
>matter simultaneously. Video still doesn't have as much latitude
>as film. Back then, it was just dreadful; I'm surprised they got
>a usable image at all on video.

But this isn't the real reason you can't photograph stars in daytime from Earth, is it Roger?

>Considering that the context of this conversation is about
>photographic issues, your observations regarding terrestrial
>atmosphere don't even begin to apply. With or without
>atmosphere, you won't see the stars in a properly exposed photo
>of terrestrial or lunar objects taken during the day.

You tried to cover up your ignorance as best you could, but in the end you just had to open your big mouth again and blow your cover. The Earth's atmosphere has everything to do with why you can't "see" or photograph stars on Earth in daylight.

Of course, now you're trying to cover your tracks by talking about a "properly exposed" photo, whereas your original statement was about how you couldn't "see" stars on the moon in daylight because, well gee, the sky is "starless" during the day, isn't it, just like back on good old Earth. Roger was brilliant; the "phoonies" were idiots.

>Remedial science classes? I don't think so. On the other hand it
>would seem that you need to take either some basic classes in
>photography or, perhaps, some remedial classes in reading
>comprehension and context.

>Sorry to spoil your fun.

King Roger the blusterer to the end.

BTW, Roger, how are those Trent photo reproductions coming? How long has it been, about 6 months, to "easily" reproduce those photos? If it's taken clever Roger this long and still no results, the much less clever Paul Trent must have spent years practicing his hoax until he got it just right.

David Rudiak

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>"data" of eyewitness accounts of surprising events later become
>giant motherships, or whatever.

You must be quite short Bob. I just went out in the cold up here in New Brunswick. The Big Dipper is 11" between my hands at arm's length. I am only 5'9.5". The comments were made by the witness as he observed both the craft and the big dipper late at night. How could you possibly suggest this was most likely done in daylight by memory? Psychic powers?

Martin, a Civil Engineer at that, while travelling the route up the Klondike Highway at about the same time at Night in December as the sighting occurred, was able to do 3 triangulations. based on witness testimony as to landmarks where the front and back end of this huge craft were and how far away it was. There was a lake and many hills as well along the road. May I suggest you read the report before putting computer in gear?.

My estimate of a foot was based on my being up there and holding my arms out and looking at the Big Dipper lying horizontal in October... My hand span is almost 9". The big Dipper was wider. By the way, even if it had only been 7.5", which it wasn't, would you not say that was huge considering the minimal distance it was, based on all the testimony? Armchair theorizing is not

the same as field investigation. Read the report. Much of it has been published in shorter form as well.

Did you go out and measure the width?

Stanton Friedman

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:00:09 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:53:00 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Rudiak

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600
>Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:10:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

>What do you mean by "exception" here? Your second paragraph
>contradicts your first, as obviously Ford was told. The fact
>that there was subsequently an enite book written about
>Operation Solo is further evidence that when it comes to
>keeping secrets, we're basically talking differences in
>shelf life, not some infallible procedure(s).

There have also been a few erudite books written about UFOs as well (e.g. Richard Hall's "The UFO Evidence), including information from military and government leakers. If there hadn't been leakers, there wouldn't be people like you to denounce them all as liars or deluded, would there?

>Of course secrets can be kept -- until they're not.

This is a UFO discussion group, is it not? The subject hasn't been secret for some time. The contention, however, is that the best evidence, the type of evidence that might convince even you (then again, maybe not) is still in government/military hands and that is what remains secret. This would include bodies, crash debris, unequivocal film footage, incriminating documents, etc., etc.

What remains firmly in place is not the secret, but the denial of the secret, or, if you will, the official stamp of approval that the secret is true.

>My point is that there is no 'mechanism' that guarantees
>that secrets are kept secret in perpetuity,

But there are certainly many security mechanisms in place that strongly discourage or directly prevent the leaking of secrets. See below.

>because humans in charge
>of keeping secrets betray them whenever it suits their own
>purposes. Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>early on.

Right, and there have been hundreds of leakers who have come forth, every one of them condemned as liars, sociopaths, senile, deluded, confused, uncorroborated, etc.

By denying that there are any true leakers, you can continue to write posts to UFO groups and claim that since there are no leakers as you would expect, UFOs can't be real. It's a wonderful closed logic system.

>There is no compelling reason that I'm aware of as to why
>UFO secrets would be any more immune to human nature than
>military or intelligence secrets.

According to Las Vegas TV journalist George Knapp, who has covered both organized crime and UFOs, Mafia insiders are far

more willing to talk about organized crime than government/military insiders are about what they know about UFOs. The UFO insiders he has described as often being terrified and extremely reluctant to divulge any information.

Now assuming Knapp isn't another of those liars, this is rather remarkable. The Mafia code of silence includes the penalty of death for violating it. But according to Knapp, the UFO insiders were generally more frightened than the Mafia insiders.

An insidious security system to keep the biggest of the big secrets would probably deter most potential leakers.

>Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio
>in the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert
>on same said that there were four reasons for divulging
>secrets, ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately,
>I can't remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!

Maybe it's conscience in some cases?

>For all I know, Operation Solo could have remained secret as
>long as it did because only two people were involved. Who
>knows? There were only 15 copies of the Pentagon Papers,
>though, and one of those wound up at the NY Times, courtesy,
>if memory serves, of Daniel Ellsberg.

Since you bring up the topic of Ellsberg, I also remember Nixon's "plumbers" breaking into the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist hoping to find material to either discredit Ellsberg or blackmail him. That's one example of how an insidious security system can operate. There are many ways to frighten people into silence.

As for Ellsberg's motivation in leaking the Pentagon Papers, it seems to have been one almost entirely one of conscience. Money, glory, ideology, etc. don't seem to have entered into it at all. In fact he knew full well that by becoming a whistleblower and leaking top secret information he was risking jail and forever destroying his high-level career in government.

Ellsberg also testified before Congress in 1973 about numerous security clearances (some of which he had) that went beyond mere top secret (in another interview I read he referred to the material as "above top secret"). He spoke of the extreme compartmentalization of these secrets. Greg Sandow posted some of this very interesting testimony to Updates Dec. 18, 1996. See:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1996/dec/m18-002.shtml>

Amongst Ellsberg's statements were descriptions of numerous secured reading rooms in the Pentagon housing our nations deepest and darkest secrets. Only a handful of people might know of the existence of any given room much less be granted access to it. As a high-level defense analyst serving the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Advisor, Ellsberg was one of these selected few.

In general, Ellsberg had the following to say about the matter of keeping secrets:

"But I am saying, as many as 100,000 or 400,000, nevertheless keep secrets very well because of this apparatus of conspiracy, special channels, special couriers for each clearance. The couriers for one clearance do not know the existence of the other ones. Special briefings, special access lists, special libraries, each separate, the apparatus of an espionage ring; a Government that consists of cells but with the President at the top. Certainly when I say there are clearances that the President may not know of, I say that only to make a point. The more important point is, the President does know virtually all of this...."

Although Ellsberg was speaking specifically about topics like electronic intelligence, Vietnam, the Cuban missile crisis, etc. and not UFOs, the same sort of intelligence and security apparatus could obviously be maintained to keep the biggest of the big secrets. It could also involve thousands if not tens of

thousands of people, all of them isolated into "cells" of compartmentalized information, not knowing of the existence of others involved or what they might know. Few people would know the big picture. One can easily imagine another of those Pentagon reading rooms devoted exclusively to the subject and with very few having the clearance to gain access. When somebody does leak, they are usually acting alone and lack the corroboration of others. The information they do have is limited because of the compartmentalization. Few of them have access to evidence as incriminating as the Pentagon Papers or the opportunity to smuggle it out of secured areas. They can therefore be dismissed as kooks or liars.

To this we could add that the whole subject of UFOs has been bathed in ridicule for a very long time. There is natural human incredulously over some of the mindboggling implications to UFO reality, not to mention fear and psychological denial. If Daniel Ellsberg had gone to the NY Times and instead said he had seen Top Secret documents about crashed saucers and alien autopsies, I seriously doubt the Times would have paid him any attention.

And that's how big secrets can be kept.

David Rudiak

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 23:55:53 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:11:36 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:14:32 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

<snip>

>Suppose the Japanese surrendered before the bomb was to be
>dropped, so it could remain secret, a sort of ace-in-the-hole.
>Would we have learned of the existence of atomic weapons in the
>first decades after the war?

>Eventually, yes. But we can probably argue endlessly how long it
>might have taken. Non?

'Till the first Hydrogen bomb test, probably.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:16:33 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:21:13 -0000

<snip>

>If the evidence suggests "they" are here, then theory be damned.

The odd thing (at least to me) about the evidence is that it could just as easily be so much different than it is. Just imagine, for example, that an ET craft had crashed in downtown Cincinatti in 1964 rather than, say, outside Roswell in 1947.

That would be pretty hard to cover up, I think we both would agree. And in which case this List would be moot.

Or let's suppose that only one recovered "implant" had been convincingly demonstrated as extraterrestrial in nature, never mind those alleged "missing" fetuses. That would be pretty hard to dismiss, too, no?

So why is it that the UFO as ET evidence is so, what shall I say, marginal? That is, suggestive, but never quite landing in the realm of conclusive, when it's so easy to imagine alternative outcomes, in which case we wouldn't be having this discussion?

Theories -- damned or otherwise -- welcomed.

And just because I don't accept the ETH as a given shouldn't be interpreted to mean that I know what's going on. Those are two different things.

Dennis

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:42:27 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:18:49 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:52:43 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600

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>Further, during WWII, the Japanese Balloon Bomb attacks were
>kept secret from the Japanese. This means that although Japanese
>spies were attempting to learn if their balloon bombs were
>reaching the US, and even though thousands were in on the
>secret, that the only thing the government did to keep the
>secret was ask those who had observed balloon bombs, seen them
>fall, or found parts of them, was ask the witnesses not to talk.
>Japanese spies, who were actively working to find any indication
>that the balloon bombs had reached the US failed to do so. This
>was a big secret, meaning that thousands were involved. So, some
>secrets are kept by large numbers for short periods.

Hi, Kevin:

The government asked newspaper editors (I've seen a copy of the letter in an article), and probably radio news executives not to report any of the balloon attacks.

I do have, though, someplace in my files a clipping from March 1945 from the Philadelphia American with an article about the balloon attack which killed several people on the West Coast. I doubt that the paper had a correspondent on the West Coast, although I don't know this for sure. I assume they got the story from a wire service. I wonder if there were others.

So, while the effort was apparently successful, word eventually did leak out. Whether the Japanese ever found out or not I don't know.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 21:44:15 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:23:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Hatch

>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:32:17 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:45:42 -0000

>>>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 20:38:42 +0100
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:16:12 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2001 00:49:10 -0800 (PST)
>>>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
>>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>I am looking for information about three items. Can anyone help?

>>>>Firstly, I have been reading a book called 'U.F.O.s and
>>>>Extraterrestrials in History'. The author is Yves Naud

<snip>

>>Hello Bruno,

>>Thanks for the reply. I thought I had sent you a response
>>to the above already but I must have been dreaming.

<snip>

>No, there is no source. In view of the fact that it is described
>just after the famous Alençon case (1790, France) I have checked
>its source (not given by Naud): Alberto Fenoglio, "Antichi
>visitatori dal cielo", 'Clypeus' #10, 1966, pp. 13-14, but it's
>not here (it's better because Fenoglio has invented many stories
>like the German Sonderbüro and the Alençon landing...). I will
>forward a copy of this mail to Boris Shurinov, perhaps he know
>something.

>>2) Where have you read about Hans Buchmann? I haven't been able
>>to get at the original source. If it's from a book in a language
>>other than English, could you post a translation of the relevant
>>passage? Can you confirm the date? How?

>My references:

>- 'Vaterland' (Luzern newspaper) 29 February 1980,

>- 'UFO-Nachrichten' #263, May-June 1980, pp. 5-6 ('Vaterland'
>paper),

>- Ulrich Magin, 'Kontakte mit "Ausserirdischen" im deutschen
>Sprachraum', GEP, Lüdenscheid (Germany) 1991, p. 39,

>- Michel Meurger, "Alien abduction", 'Scientifictions' #1,

>vol. 1, 1995, pp. 24-30 (in French),

>- Gisela Ermel, "Die "Luftfahrt mit dem Wilden Jäger"", 'Ancient
>Skies' #6, 1996, p. 4.

>Sorry, I don't know an English source and can't post a
>translation. There is no dispute about the date. The story come
>from a manuscript of the well-known chronicler Renward Cysat
>(1515-1614), 'Collectanea chronica und denkwürdige sachen pro
>chronica Lucernensi et Helvetiae'.

Hello Bruno!

Regarding Alencon (France 1790):

Is it established that this is the complete invention of one
Alberto Fenoglio? I had already derated that case based on some
earlier posts, and would like to know if it more properly
belongs in my "Poubelle List" of thoroughly discredited UFO
stories:

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

My two sources for this tale are:

SOBEPS: Inforespace Journal, bimonthly, #28 (Belgium) _and_ John
Keel: Operation Trojan Horse; NY, Putnams Sons 1970 page 66.

The merits of these two sources vary greatly. (chuckle!)

This is of course the tale of " many people " who saw a big
sphere land. Some man-like entity got out, and walked into the
woods. The sphere then turned completely to dust.

If the entire story turns to dust, I would rather be done with
it.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast - Bolton

From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:21:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:25:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast - Bolton

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>Subject: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:24:52 -0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>This is copied from today's Yorkshire Post
>(Leeds, 22 February 2001):

>BGS equipment is capable of picking up earth tremors
>on the other side of the world, but the event on the
>Yorkshire coast did not even register at their local
>seismic station in Pickering.

I seem to recall that on past occasions where sonic booms have occurred there have been claims that the BGS can also pick up thier effects - and hence differentiate between them and true earth tremours. Are they now claiming that they can't?

>Sounds picked up by a BGS microphone at Leeds University
>suggested Yorkshire had suffered a similar fluke yesterday
>and the Ministry of Defence confirmed aircraft were in the
>area at the time.

Is there also a remote seismograph at Leeds Uni? What did that pick up? Is anyone on this list (DC?) digging a bit further?

Cheers,

Dave B

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David G Bolton
<David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>

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Re: Still looking for Niburu? - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:43:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:31:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Still looking for Niburu? - Christensen

Look here:

<http://www.rumormillnews.net/cgi-bin/config.pl?read=7043>

(
and again, please don't shoot the messenger!)

Purrrrs....

Wendy Christensen
(I'm a catwriter, not an astronomer!)

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Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:36:02 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:52:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Aubeck

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
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>from a manuscript of the well-known chronicler Renward Cysat
>(1515-1614), 'Collectanea chronica und denkwürdige sachen pro
>chronica Lucernensi et Helvetiae'.

Hello again Bruno,

Thanks for the information regarding Naud! You have reached the same conclusion as I have about the Russian case - it was invented by Fenoglio along with the Alençon report. Glad to see we're all aware of how much garbage can be attributed to Fenoglio's interference.

I still find the Buchmann case confusing, I'm afraid. You say the date is undisputed. I keep coming across the date of November 1792. But you write that the original story was from Renward Cysat, who died in 1614. I think one of us is missing something here, and the sources you so kindly mention are quite obscure so I can't check this out myself.

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:53:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:54:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 12:01:59 -0600

>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:18:14 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>John,

>>>I made the mistake of urging you to conduct yourself more
>>>professionally, in the interests of keeping your case --
>>>whenever you condescend to let the rest of us hear it -- from
>>>being prejudged, as the product of a wildly biased, even
>>>immature partisan. In other words, someone so emotionally
>>>attached to his beliefs that his investigations are intended not
>>>to uncover truth but to humiliate perceived enemies. I was
>>>trying to help you. My mistake, and one I will not make
>>>again..

>>>Go ahead and keep acting, as you have done here again, true to
>>>form, Andy. Pound the chest. Taunt. Ridicule. Boast. And the
>>>rest of us will judge your forthcoming report accordingly.

>>Wouldn't it be best to judge the report by what's actually in
>>it?

>Andy's behavior, of course, raises the interesting question: Is
>his case sufficiently weak that, before it is even laid out in
>print, he has to ridicule and taunt potential critics into
>silence? At the very least, John, we are seeing in Andy's
>behavior a disturbing absence of professionalism. And if it did
>not violate the pelicanist code, which forbids criticism of
>another pelicanist's excesses however egregious, I'm sure even
>pelicanists would agree that Andy is doing himself no good.

I'm reminded of the chest-beating comments that were posted on
UpDates before the Sturrock Report was published, about how
psychosocial ufologists were going to "take in in the chops",
how it would finish off the sceptics, and so on and so forth, by
a certain, er, Jerome Clark

--

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 17:10:00 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:58:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:30:31 -0000

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:40:51 -0000

Greetings Georgina,

>>I'm as well informed as the next journalist...
>
>I don't think so David. In fact I know you aren't.

Oh you do, do you? Well let's hope your sources for UFO stories are better than your journalistic ones.

Being an 'uninformed journalist' has obviously done wonders for my career over this past decade. Perhaps if Georgina would like to come along to the Hilton Hotel in central London on March 13 she might get to see how this 'uninformed journalist' managed to get his PR team shortlisted for the "Communications Team of the Year Award" - one of the most prestigious Public Relations Awards in this country!

Being 'uninformed' didn't stop me getting my expose of a multi-million pound scam which put condemned pet food onto dinner tables across Britain onto TV screens across the world (ITN, BBC, Channel 4, NBC news), and lead story in virtually every national broadsheet (Guardian, Times, Telegraph, Mail and Express) just before Christmas.

Press Awards (Feature Writer of the Year, Yorkshire Press Awards 1993) aren't usually given out to 'uninformed' journalists, neither does the Daily Mail give pg 1 splash ('Nuclear waste shipped by air scandal' 1995) status to stories from such uninformed sources.

I could go on but don't want to be accused of bragging, a vice which one could never accuse Georgina of being guilty of - not!

>>The fact remains that if the revelations in your Rendlesham book >>were as earth shattering and had worried people in high places >>as much as you claim, then the story should have been on BBC >>news or at least rated lead story status in one of the _quality_ >>nationals (it did get a mention in the Ariadne column in the >>Independent, but that does not count in this context).

>Actually, it was the lead story in that column _twice_ and the >biggest piece ever written. It did worry people in high places >but I'm not about to disclose that information at this time.

No doubt the information will be disclosed when it comes to writing up your next book? You really gave the game away in your last posting when you said "who ever told you there is no money to be made from UFOs".

It should be obvious to everyone that you are not interested in whether the Rendlesham story is credible or not. In fact it serves your purposes to perpetuate the mystery, not to solve it. If you solve it it takes away the prospect of more books, lecture tours and TV appearances. That's why you chose the News of the World, because all that matters is how many books you sell, not whether anyone takes what you're saying seriously!

>NOTW piece was serial, but what actually happened with regard to
>the others was that I was holding back because there was a
>review and interview scheduled to appear in the MOD journal
>FOCUS and for reasons I won't mention, it was better to play it
>down with the media so as not to jeopardise these items
>appearing. However, this was pulled when word of the book
>reached the 6th floor. Not only that but the journalists from
>the Times, Guardian and other press were not allowed into the
>launch at the MOD. In fact all press were refused, the only
>press who made it were those who had already RSVPd, and you know
>that journalists are always the last to accept invitations.

If journalists were as interested and impressed by your stories as you claim - then how come so few of them could be bothered to put pen to paper?

The facts are that not one serious national broadsheet felt the revelations in your book were worthy of a single news item, even in a lighthearted fashion. The same can be said of the TV coverage.

As for the News of the World "investigation" - the use of that word in this context is an insult to investigative journalism. The story they printed last November didn't display one iota of basic investigation - it was clearly directly re-written from a Press Release sent to the paper by your publisher. I very much doubt that the paper had even bothered to pick up a phone to ask a single question of a single source.

It's the sort of piece my news editor used to call "easy copy."

You may think I'm attacking you, but actually I'm disappointed. The best way to get to the truth is by allowing a credible national newspaper to take the story on. But you chose the News of the World because it might sell you more copies of your book.

I rest my valise.

>On the contrary, in fact even I am amazed at the amount of
>interest coming from scientists who have read the book and taken
>it very seriously indeed. I have also learnt a great deal more
>about this subject as a result of that. With regard to
>investigative journalists, I am also amazed at the amount of
>interest received from my colleagues who have been very helpful
>in pointing me in other directions which is helping with further
>research in this field.

But of course, I wager not one of these scientists and investigative journalists would stand up and allow their names to be associated with your claims about time-travellers, would they? Anyone can quote 'unnamed sources' who have made polite noises during cocktail parties to make themselves sound important. It doesn't impress me.

>With regard to the Establishment, in
>case you hadn't noticed Lord Hill Norton used the book to ask
>Questions in the House of Lords and although the Answers
>recorded in the Hansard records were disappointing, they have
>led to new information which I hope will prompt more Questions.
>So all of your assumptions are so far erroneous..

My assumption is far from erroneous. As John Rimmer pointed out in an earlier posting, your 'spin' on the House of Lords questions simply distorted what was actually said - which was precisely nothing! The MOD simply said what they have always said, that nothing of defence significance occurred. Making such a meal of the fact that the MOD told the US Air Force about your book is just typical of your attitude - even the most innocent and routine developments are 'interpreted' in the most sensational of ways.

And as for Lord Hill Norton - is this the same former Chief of Defence Staff who likes to write forwards to popular UFO books

supporting the idea of a "cover-up" of UFO secrets and yet when put on the spot by the BBC in 1982 and asked that surely in his position he would have been aware of a cover-up, replied:

"I think I ought to have known, but I certainly didn't, and, had I known, I would not of course be allowed on an interview like this to say so."

Must be a pretty good cover-up if even the Chief of Defence Staff didn't know about it! If he didn't know then who did? Perhaps it was a secret that went as high up as the Queen herself? No doubt with such an informed seeker after the truth on your case your investigation will go far!

While I'm here, and to put in context Lord Hill Norton's rather confused views on UFOs, I'll tell you what one of my Establishment contacts told me privately about UFOs.

Air Marshall Sir Timothy Garden KCB is the former assistant Chief of Defence Staff and Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. He is now visiting Professor at the Centre of Defence Studies, King's College, London, and has extensive knowledge of European Defence and Security Policy.

His views on UFOs and the alleged cover-up? Well to be polite, like most defence chiefs, he treats the whole thing as a joke.

"Nobody in MOD seemed greatly interested in them as far as I recall. In my flying career I can only remember one pilot submitting one of these reports, and he caused much amusement amongst his colleagues as a result. I can certainly think of no connections between such reports and the development of European defence policy."

I suggest Georgina that you get out more and collect a more representative sample of official viewpoints with regards UFOs. Like most pro-UFO writers, you are very selective in your use of quotes - using pro-UFO viewpoints but ignoring those which do not support what you are claiming.

And beware what people tell you at cocktail parties - especially after they have had one or two and have a dry sense of humour!

>If you had read the book you would realise that Williams never
>talked to the NOTW and that this was the first time he had gone
>public.

So you are now saying that the News of the World was such a credible media source that they were capable of "inventing" a quote from Gordon Williams back in 1983.

That doesn't say much for their standards or credibility does it?

But of course, the journalistic standards of that newspaper had changed dramatically by the time they ran your story last November.

>>So your point is?

>Well, I shall answer with a quote from a Dale Carnegie book:

>'Unjust criticism is often a disguised compliment. It often
>means that you have aroused jealousy and envy. Remember that no
>one ever kicks a dead dog.'

Jealousy and envy might be appropriate if there was anything to be jealous or envious of.

As I have demonstrated, your book contains nothing new and takes the Rendlesham farce no further in terms of human understanding.

Perhaps when you have produced a few more books and learned how to accept constructive criticism in a more gracious way (your reaction to Jenny's Fortean Times piece - the only informed review your book has had so far - did not do you any favours), you might demonstrate a more mature approach to the debate.

In the meantime, I shall answer you with one of my favourite quotes which sums up my attitude to your book. It comes from Bertrand Russell who once wrote:

Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

"Man is a credulous animal and must believe in something; in the absence of good grounds for belief, he will be satisfied with bad ones."

Ta-ta for now,

Dave Clarke

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[SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 25 Feb 2001 09:18:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 19:06:56 -0500
Subject: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!

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Subject: [Fwd: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!]
To: skywatcher22@space.com
From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:36:05 -0800

Billy Baty wrote:

Hello all,

I have found a photo of an astronaut on the moon which includes stars in the background. Curiously, I found a photo only a few frames away from the first which has the stars blackened out. The antenna on the astronaut's backpack has also been blackened out, as well as portions of the horizon.

The photo came from a NASA Website and I guess it will render useless the argument that stars did not photograph well in the brightness, which is the official explanation.

Please have a look: <http://wwpg.net/moona.html> . There are zooms where one can see the stars in the astronaut's visor.

All the best,

Billy Baty

P.S. In my archive (from NASA) I also have photos that clearly show what may be ice and snow around and close to the moon's polar regions. There are indications in some of the photos that there was once a great flood on the moon similar to that on Mars (and Earth?!) Bookmark the site and I will post these NASA photographs as soon as I can get around to it.

<http://wwpg.net/moona.html>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 17:21:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 21:39:37 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Lehmsberg
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:22:45 -0600

>My objections to ET Is Everywhere in Great Numbers and Now They
>Are Here, Too! are personal and based solely on my own take and
>experience of the present. They are way too complicated to get
>into now, and would probably bore half the people on this List
>to death in any event.

>But I can summarize them. The computer, for example, has greatly
>affected my life. Whether it be for better or worse may be
>arguable, but the fact of the computer and its day to day impact
>or influence is not.

>I can see that it's here, in front of me. If I want, I can even
>try to sell other people on its usefulness. If I want to add a
>hard drive, I can, if I want to learn how to program the thing,
>I can. I can learn everything about its history, including the
>inventions that eventually led up to it, along with the names of
>every individual involved. I can take it apart and handle and
>identify every component part. In theory, there is no question I
>can put to the computer as such, the answer to which can't be
>provided.

>This is not the case with the UFO=ET hypothesis, for any number
>of reasons which it doesn't take a curmudgeon to point out. Au
>contraire, the case is exactly the opposite: I can't get a good,
>definitive answer to *any* single question I put to UFOs as
>such. Q: What do they look like? A: You name it! Q: How do they
>behave? A: You name it! Q: Where are they from and how? A: You
>name it! And, unfortunately, so on.

>In the same vein, the presence of intelligent lifeforms on this
>planet from another world would arguably be the profoundest
>thing that could happen during my lifetime. Yet when I look
>around for examples or experience of that potential profundity
>in my own life and the world around me I get, in the main,
>vapor. Books, pictures, *some* evidence, yes, but no keyboard or
>hard drive, if you know what I mean.

>In the same vein, I don't see any behavioral evidence on a large
>scale that we are being visited. Governments and air forces
>behave pretty much like they "always" have, near as I can tell.
>The sun still comes up in the east and sets in the west, the
>paper is in the driveway, and my kid still needs a ride to
>school.

>Sorry to be such a stiff, but my disillusionment didn't occur
>overnight. I've been a ufologist as long, if not longer, as most
>posters on this board. I've simply come to the observation that
>what should be the most profound thing in my life has the least
>impact in terms of my experience of life. I find that somewhat
>strange and upsidedown.

Dennis,

I may have missed something in the past, but anyway I am glad to

see this statement of your position. Over my 45 years in the field I have seen others reach a state of "disillusionment," burnout, whatever, and I can understand that emotionally and psychologically having been through a short period of it myself. It is an interesting statement and provides the grounds for future discussion as time permits.

Dick

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Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:47:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 21:46:36 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Evans

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:24:37 -0800
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:47:09 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I has written:

>>Isn't that the point of this whole discussion? You're looking
>>for needles of truth in a haystack layered with suspicion and
>>doubt. Wouldn't it be better to get one simple question answered
>>by the man that will benefit the most than to try and solve
>>hundreds of other secondary questions that won't prove anything?
>>More to the point; doesn't it piss you off that Santilli and
>>company won't bother to help you exonerate them?

Ed replied:

>First of all, we're not trying to exonerate Ray. We're trying to
>establish the legitimacy of the AA footage. Whether Ray and
>company benefit is secondary. I don't think you understand. Ray
>is not pushing our efforts in any way. He has made it clear that
>he does not want to be bothered with our investigations.

Ed,

First off you are the biggest defender of Ray, despite his
track record of deception and avoidance of responsibility
regarding AA. I think 'exonerate' is a pretty good description.
Second off I don't think you understand: Ray is not pushing
your efforts in any way. He has made it clear that he does not
want to be bothered with your investigations.

Doesn't that, in itself, tell you something?

Continuing, Ed wrote:

>I agree that it would be extremely helpful if he simply gave us
>a section of the footage so it could be checked by experts for
>authenticity but that isn't going to happen. He must have his
>own reasons for not cooperating, but has not shared these with
>me.

Again, doesn't that, in itself, tell you something?

>I speculate that he was frightened by his visit with US
>authorities but it could well be Volker's idiosyncrasy, or some
>other factors we haven't considered. We just don't know why
>they're being so uncooperative concerning the testing. Knowing
>Ray, I feel he would help us out if he could.

But you really don't know Ray, Ed. Yes perhaps you've
communicated with him about something that he would like to
forget about, but how can you say that you know the man and what
his thought process are? Action speak louder than words.

In-action speaks even more. In that sense, Santilli has said plenty.

Finally, regarding the emulsion-side question, I wrote:

>>The value of this information is that we don't even need to see
>>the alien on the footage. If the results match, it does not
>>necessarily validate the cameraman's story or AA. However, if we
>>accept that the sample clip is supposed to be from the AA
>>footage and the calculated result for the placement of the
>>emulsion does not match the origin given by the cameraman, then
>>the guy is simply lying (not 'mistaken') and that would be
>>definitive.

Ed replied:

>This brings up a problem that the AA skeptics have failed to
>elaborate on in any detail. If the cameraman is lying about the
>history of the footage and his involvement with it, then he must
>have created the hoaxed footage and Ray and Volker were conned.
>But why would he create something like this, and then sell it
>for 100 grand when it probably would have cost him at least that
>much to produce.

This is simply not true and repeating it over and over does not make it so, Ed. Again, I produced a very silly feature film called 'Forever Evil' with over 30 actors that ran 120 minutes back in 1987. It was shot on 16mm film, played on USA twice that I know of and is still available on VHS from VCI Home Video.

120 minutes, Ed. That's two hours. And the total budget was only \$120,000. I am not saying that this film was any good; more to the point it was not. But it had mucho special make-up effects that were on par with anything seen in AA. To keep up the notion that AA would cost so much money to produce is a lie that you promote to make it seem out of reach of any hoaxer. It goes hand in hand with the false idea that Santilli would not have any reason to believe he could make money off of AA in face of the fact that it was a featured special on the FOX network. You think that Santilli let Fox use it for free?

Now, you claim you want to get to the bottom of AA. Okay, ask Santilli for the film clip that Bob looked at or, perhaps, another from the film. Also ask him if the cameraman shot positive or negative film. Within these two simple questions we can tell if the cameraman is lying.

Roger

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Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 14:03:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 21:50:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 20:01:09 EST
>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' -
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously I had written:

>>>The "fake-moon-landing" proponents (foonies?) ironically take
>>>the opposite stance. They look at the lack of stars as a sign of
>>>fakery when, in fact, a starless sky is exactly what one would
>>>see if on the moon during the "day" just like here on Earth.

David replied:

>Please note that Roger uses the word "see" here, not
>"photograph," though he now claims the "context" was not about
>"seeing" but photographing. Notice he also refers to the sky as
>"starless" both on the moon and Earth in daylight.

>The reason one can't "see" or photograph stars here on Earth in
>daylight is because of light scatter off the atmosphere. You
>can't photograph stars here on Earth during daytime no matter
>what exposure you use.

>>In fact, if the earth had no atmosphere, the very same problems would
>>apply to pictures taken here as they would on the moon.

>Oh really? You think? This is just King Roger again trying to
>bluster his way out of another tight spot by pretending he knew
>what he was talking about all along.

>Does Roger really believe anybody thinks he was comparing an
>airless daylit Earth to the daylit Moon? You can't "see" or
>photograph stars on Earth during daytime for completely
>different reasons than those on the Moon. The Earth has an
>atmosphere that scatters light. The moon doesn't.

<snip of more Rudiak nonsense>

>You tried to cover up your ignorance as best you could, but in
>the end you just had to open your big mouth again and blow your
>cover. The Earth's atmosphere has everything to do with why
>you can't "see" or photograph stars on Earth in daylight.

David, David, David.

Why do you do this to yourself?

Even with the above snip, we can count no less than 3 times that
David says we can not see any stars during the day because of
the atmosphere.

Hoo, boy....

The sun is a star, big guy. We see it just fine, during the
day, even with the naked eye. We don't see the other stars
because they are too far away and, therefore, too dim to compete
with the intensity of the sun. If the other stars were closer

and, therefore, just as bright we'd see them during the day, as well. The atmosphere does do what you say it does, just like the sun bouncing off the white hood of a car. But it is not the reason that we can't see the other stars. The reason lies with the stars, themselves, and their proximity to the earth.

Even at night, without the symptom you describe, the atmosphere still exists. The only thing that changes is the balance of the lighting. Even so, we can't see every star that's out there. The reason is the same. Some stars are too far away and, therefore, too dim to register in our eyes, much less photographs. Likewise, at the end of the day, some of the brighter stars begin to penetrate the atmosphere, even though it is still "daylight" outside. Of course, I guess we can't see those other "suns", either, using David's logic.

Again, repeat after me David, the sun is a star. The sun penetrates the atmosphere just fine. We can see the star we call the "sun" just fine. Therefore, we can see any star that is close enough and bright enough to penetrate the atmosphere. Therefore, your assertions about not being able to see any stars during the day is wrong.

Despite all this blustering, David writes:

>Of course, now you're trying to cover your tracks by talking
>about a "properly exposed" photo, whereas your original
>statement was about how you couldn't "see" stars on the moon in
>daylight because, well gee, the sky is "starless" during the
>day, isn't it, just like back on good old Earth. Roger was
>brilliant; the "phoonies" were idiots.

Again, the context was why photos and video don't show any stars in them. If my saying "see" confused you, I'm not surprised. After all you are, without a doubt, the only person I've known that apparently believes that the sun is not a star and is something different. According to you, we can't see stars... but we can see the sun! Typical Rudiak reasoning. Again, in case you missed the news, the sun is a star.

And finally this gem:

>BTW, Roger, how are those Trent photo reproductions coming? How
>long has it been, about 6 months, to "easily" reproduce those
>photos? If it's taken clever Roger this long and still no
>results, the much less clever Paul Trent must have spent years
>practicing his hoax until he got it just right.

Two issues, here, David.

One is that Trent already had the mirror in his possession and didn't have to please anybody with his choice. We're still looking for a mirror that we feel Bruce would accept as a match. Technique is not an issue for delay.

Second, not that it's any business of yours, David, but I've got a business to run, a child that's had surgery and a father that's deathly ill. As far as I'm concerned, you need to get a life and stop hovering over your computer email, looking for every opportunity to try and "gig" me. Your constant display of illogic combined with your obsessive need to play king of the hill is, frankly, pathetic.

Careful that you don't get "star-burned" this summer, smart guy. ;)

King Roger

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 15:09:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 21:57:37 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:00:09 EST
>Subject: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>There have also been a few erudite books written about UFOs as
>well (e.g. Richard Hall's "The UFO Evidence), including
>information from military and government leakers. If there
>hadn't been leakers, there wouldn't be people like you to
>denounce them all as liars or deluded, would there?

Ah, the ever hospitable David Rudiak!

Perhaps you could tell me the names of a few government and military leakers I've denounced as liars or deluded? I do remember having some rather unpleasant things to say about Corso and his Ultimate Leak. But while we're at it, maybe you could enlighten this List as to whether you think Bob Lazar, William Cooper, or Robert Dean might fall into either (or both) of those categories?

>This is a UFO discussion group, is it not? The subject hasn't
>been secret for some time. The contention, however, is that the
>_best_ evidence, the type of evidence that might convince even
>you (then again, maybe not) is still in government/military
>hands and that is what remains secret. This would include
>bodies, crash debris, unequivocal film footage, incriminating
>documents, etc., etc.

I would think, after all that, that there wouldn't be much etc., etc. left!

>Right, and there have been hundreds of leakers who have come
>forth, every one of them condemned as liars, sociopaths, senile,
>deluded, confused, uncorroborated, etc.

This is hyperbole, right? If not, maybe you could list just a hundred leakers who fall into these categories, along with proof that each and every one was so labeled by someone somewhere sometime.

>By denying that there are any true leakers, you can continue to write posts
>to UFO groups and claim that since there are no leakers as you would expect,
>UFOs can't be real. It's a wonderful closed logic system.

Yes, but that doesn't necessarily make it my logic system. UFOs could still be real, and that wouldn't necessarily imply that we must have alien bodies on ice somewhere. My point was, simply, that if we indeed have all this stuff under tight wraps, then it's possible to imagine the release of something that would be so incontrovertible as to render moot what anyone thought of the leaker. To my knowledge that hasn't happened yet -- for any number of reasons that might apply. Your argument is one, and the possibility that we don't actually have any bodies or crash debris to divulge is another.

Moreover, your basic assumptions apply only to the theoretical stuff in our vaults. Who or what is there to guarantee that other

countries/leaders wouldn't behave differently? Might not a cash-strapped Montenegro, to think of but one example, auction off a recovered crashed disk and bodies to the highest bidder?

The single most glaring weakness that the UFO secret keepers are always overlooking is the fact that the US Air Force doesn't rule the world, and neither does a mythical (or real) MJ-12. It's plausible to imagine any number of potential UFO events that could never have been kept secret in the first place -- such as the crash of a UFO in downtown Manhattan yesterday. Yet, somehow, all UFO crashes have been so "convenient" that all Project Moondust, or whoever, had to do was rush in, seal off the site, and haul everything away to the Pentagon's secret UFO vault, or vaults as the case now may be, there having been more UFO crashes than I can conscientiously keep track of. Strange, innit?

>According to Las Vegas TV journalist George Knapp, who has
>covered both organized crime and UFOs, Mafia insiders are far
>more willing to talk about organized crime than
>government/military insiders are about what they know about
>UFOs. The UFO insiders he has described as often being terrified
>and extremely reluctant to divulge any information.

Makes for good TV, doesn't it? Also makes you wonder why they would risk talking to Knapp in the first place, if this were indeed the case. And isn't this the same Knapp who went to Moscow and simply bought official UFO documents. Guess the Soviets couldn't quite put the fear into their leakers that we can. Now that I think about it, I don't remember seeing Bob Lazar shaking in his boots when he was being interviewed by Knapp, either.

>Now assuming Knapp isn't another of those liars, this is rather
>remarkable. The Mafia code of silence includes the penalty of
>death for violating it. But according to Knapp, the UFO
>insiders were generally more frightened than the Mafia
.insiders.

>An insidious security system to keep the biggest of the big
>secrets would probably deter most potential leakers.

Knapp should know, I guess. And before you accuse me of calling Knapp a liar, that's not what I said. If he said somebody said something, then I believe him. I might quibble with his source, however, and his definition of "UFO insiders."

>>Just yesterday they had a program on National Public Radio
>>in the wake of the latest FBI security breach. Some expert
>>on same said that there were four reasons for divulging
>>secrets, ideology, money, and thrill-seeking. Unfortunately,
>>I can't remember the fourth right now -- or maybe it's a secret!

>Maybe it's conscience in some cases?

Actually, I think you're right.

>Since you bring up the topic of Ellsberg, I also remember
>Nixon's "plumbers" breaking into the office of Ellsberg's
>psychiatrist hoping to find material to either discredit
>Ellsberg or blackmail him. That's one example of how an
>insidious security system can operate. There are many ways to
>frighten people into silence.

Yes, and my point was that Ellsberg wasn't silenced. He knew exactly the risks he was running, as you admit below.

>As for Ellsberg's motivation in leaking the Pentagon Papers, it
>seems to have been one almost entirely one of conscience. Money,
>glory, ideology, etc. don't seem to have entered into it at all.
>In fact he knew full well that by becoming a whistleblower and
>leaking top secret information he was risking jail and forever
>destroying his high-level career in government.

Absolutely agreed.

>Ellsberg also testified before Congress in 1973 about numerous
>security clearances (some of which he had) that went beyond mere
>top secret (in another interview I read he referred to the
>material as "above top secret"). He spoke of the extreme
>compartmentalization of these secrets. Greg Sandow posted some

>of this very interesting testimony to Updates Dec. 18, 1996.
>See:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1996/dec/m18-002.shtml>

>Amongst Ellsberg's statements were descriptions of numerous
>secured reading rooms in the Pentagon housing our nations
>deepest and darkest secrets. Only a handful of people might know
>of the existence of any given room much less be granted access
>to it. As a high-level defense analyst serving the President,
>the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Advisor,
>Ellsberg was one of these selected few.

From the FWIW department, I recently read the second volume of
Ian Kershaw's 2-volume biography of Hitler, "Hitler: 1936-1945
Nemesis." In it, Kershaw attributes the original
compartmentalization of intelligence to Hitler himself. I assume
that to be the case, but I wasn't aware of it.

<Another snip; there have been several already.>

>To this we could add that the whole subject of UFOs has been
>bathed in ridicule for a very long time. There is natural human
>incredulosity over some of the mindboggling implications to UFO
>reality, not to mention fear and psychological denial. If Daniel
>Ellsberg had gone to the NY Times and instead said he had seen
>Top Secret documents about crashed saucers and alien autopsies,
>I seriously doubt the Times would have paid him any attention.

>And that's how big secrets can be kept.

>David

Yes, but he didn't go to the NY Times and tell them he had seen
the Pentagon Papers: he gave them his copy. Very big difference.

You can seriously doubt what the Times might have done all you
want. Few people in this field tend to recall that the Times
actually did a very large (continued over two pages), evenhanded
treatment of the MJ-12 document when it first surfaced. If
memory serves, it ran in the Tuesday Science Times section.
Stanton Friedman probably has a copy in his files. Actually,
I've got a copy in my files -- or would have if I had files, as
opposed to a mountain of miscellaneous clippings and papers.
Which is my secret to keeping secrets: hide 'em from yourself.

Dennis

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Re: Tell The People - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 21:59:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Tell The People - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Tell The People - Gehrman
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:20:50 -0500

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tell The People
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:09:47 -0800

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Tell The People
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:02:56 -0000

>>For example, there is a huge difference between alleged Reichian
>>"cloud-busting" (pseudoscience) and seeding of clouds to produce
>>precipitation (real science).

>Richard,

>Have you read or do you understand Reich's ideas and writings?
>Cloud-busting is not a pseudo-science. I realize cloud-busting
>sounds crazy, but most modern science was considered flotsam and
>jetsam at one time or another.

Ed,

Yes, I have read Reich and clashed with his lunatic disciples.
We'll have to agree to disagree on this. Orgone energy to you!

Dick

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Re: Lakenheath - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:29:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 22:02:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Salvaille

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 20:38:04 -0000

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800

Hello Jenny,

Interesting prospects...

<snip>

>>Let me to point out Jenny that you've been providing the List
>>with tidbits of the UFOIN report for more than a week now. You
>>have also been presenting some of the conclusions of the same
>>report.

>Hi,

>Sorry, but I have not. I have reported the gist of what the air
>crew told me in 1996 - that's all - and that their data, in my
>opinion, effects one's judgement of the case because it rules out
>several fundamental aspects of the story that were formerly
>believed to be true.

>I have provided no conclusions of the full report nor indeed any
>discussion of its primary content because it isn't written yet
>and I haven't reached any specific conclusions on it myself.

<snip>

>I have done no such thing and offered no previews of the
>conclusions to the report largely because there are no
>conclusions written for me to preview! Nor have I stated that
>this report is definitive research.

<snip>

>But I have not previewed the many other things in the report -
>which will be a comprehensive review of the case and we are
>trying to make sure it pre-empts the inevitable questions folk
>like you will ask by covering all obvious angles before release.
>That's all.

<snip>

You will find in addendum extracts of some of your previous posts on Lakenheath. They definitely prove that:

1. I'm full of it: your never hinted conclusions of the UFOIN report;
2. I'm doubly full of it: you have not yet made up you mind yet on the Lakenheath case.

<snip>

>>Can you blame people from being a little annoyed by this?

>Who is 'annoyed' apart from you? I expect others appreciate any
>illumination we can bring and answers to questions we can
>provide.

<snip>

No, I'm not annoyed anymore.

And don't think I'm pissed off. Why should I be?

I am just humbled by such awesome display of honesty and your
clear intellect.

Honest.

Just read the addendum.

<snip>

>But, fine, if not and you are annoyed I will shut up and say no
>more in an effort to try to help.

<snip>

Nonononono!

Please don't abandon your crusade against lies, distortion and
arrogance. Holy shit, you've just saved me from same.

Ufology needs you.

Best wishes,

Serge Salvaille

Addendum

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m16-003.shtml>

(To Andy Roberts)

>Indeed - by delicious irony - I have been the only one of the
>four involved in this case to have retained a view that
>something unexplained might have occurred that night. In fact so
>much so that right up until this week I was arguing against one
>explanation with my co-researchers - as they will all attest.

>I was doing so - it transpired - from a faulty premise. I now
>accept that they were probably right and I was probably wrong.

<snip>

>And for the record I am certainly not a debunker. I still think
>that there are unsolved cases and novel phenomena behind some
>events. But you have to view the evidence for each case as it
>stands individually and say so when any case clearly fails.

>Lakenheath 1956 is far from the case we all once thought it was.

>But clinging to it as a definitive moment in UFO history (as I
>once thought it was) is simply not going to be credible any
>more. Nobody is more sorry to have to accept that than I am.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m18-014.shtml>

(To Richard Hall)

>I have long argued (see several of my earlier books) that
>Lakenheath was a highly impressive case. I'd be delighted to say
>that were still true after this investigation and don't have any
>vested interest in making my own prior comments about it look
>inappropriate. But that's the way the cookie crumbled and what
>do you expect me to do but honestly tell you that?

>Facts here decree what they do and after my conversations with
>several direct eye witnesses (who all tell a consistent story)
>it would be foolish of me to say other than that this case is
>not what we thought it was. That's a fair summation of the data.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/feb/m19-012.shtml>

(To Georgina Bruni)

>This is not a
>threat or shady tactic - its merely a statement of the situation
>offered by me in friendship to you all to stop anyone making
>themselves look foolish as they will do if they try to insist
>the air crew offer even a shred of suspicion that they saw
>something.

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Mortellaro

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Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Mortellaro

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:22:45 -0600

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 08:13:46 -0600

>>Snip

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>Are Here, Too! are personal and based solely on my own take and
>experience of the present. They are way too complicated to get
>into now, and would probably bore half the people on this List
>to death in any event.

>Snip

Dennis argues the point of touchy-feely computers and adds...

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>of reasons which it doesn't take a curmudgeon to point out. Au
>contraire, the case is exactly the opposite: I can't get a good,
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>is when someone else dies, the Greater End to the World is when
>you yourself die.

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>scale that we are being visited. Governments and air forces
>behave pretty much like they "always" have, near as I can tell.
>The sun still comes up in the east and sets in the west, the
>paper is in the driveway, and my kid still needs a ride to
>school.

>Sorry to be such a stiff, but my disillusionment didn't occur
>overnight. I've been a ufologist as long, if not longer, as most
>posters on this board. I've simply come to the observation that
>what should be the most profound thing in my life has the least
>impact in terms of my experience of life. I find that somewhat
>strange and upsidedown.

>It could be argued -- as Jim Deardorff does -- that aliens are

>visiting us yet not causing any planetary impacts precisely
>because that is their intention.

>Hard to argue with that, except to say that it seems another
>example of where the cart might have gotten ahead of the horse.

>Mind, I don't even require that extraordinary evidence accompany
>extraordinary claims -- I'd settle simply for good, convincing
>evidence of an incontrovertible (or demonstrable) nature.

>Snip

Dear Dennis, Al, Listers and Errol,

Perhaps the purpose of ET is not to present the same reality as we attempt to present to ourselves as entertainment. In the forties and fifties, radio was the medium. You had to sit there and listen to the sounds, and from the sounds, create your own reality of what was happening to Sam Spade, Private Eye. Or Lum's closet. Or folks marching around Don MacNeil's Breakfast Table. It was imagination which precluded the enjoyment of radio. Made you think. YOU created your own reality. Designed the sets. Produced the stars, imagined what they looked like.

Perhaps there is a similar purpose with ET. Assume, please, that ET is here, just for the sake of argument. I would argue that those perceptions which presented to me during my own life, validate a damned good argument for ET's presence. And even in your own book, Dennis, you present case histories from 1945 through the present, many of which just cannot be explained. Just think of the plethora of cases which are not reported, and the wealth of data extant within the minds of literally millions of us who perceive to be abductees, have had sightings or just plain believe.

On the assumption that ET is here, then to what end or purpose is ET here? Why the mystery? And is the government(s) hiding what they know to be contact between our races? I believe in the strong possibility of affirmative answers to the above. Yes to all.

Then why the manner in which ET wishes to be perceived? Could it be that we are being led, much like a vector has magnitude, it needs a direction to be one. Maybe as a race of entities, we are headed in the wrong direction. Maybe we need some guidance and control. Just enough to provide a push here, a thrust there. To avoid a collision with the asteroid of our destruction, but on a spiritual level.

Maybe.

Too New Age and spiritual for your taste? You quoted Deardorff above ... let me repeat it here, because it is my point...

>It could be argued -- as Jim Deardorff does -- that aliens are
>visiting us yet not causing any planetary impacts precisely
>because that is their intention.

In Strieber's book, The Key, whatever your opinion about the man, he does present an argument for ET's intervention on a level which has not (to the best of my Gripple-addled memory) been presented and discussed here. As Velez opined in another post about religion, that the subject is just too personal and deeply rooted to become a dialog here, the same appears to be true about the more spiritual possibilities of ET and the abduction phenom, only more so. In this case we can add the words, "New Age." Cripes, that ought'a do it.

Anyway, it's just another way of looking at it.

Jim

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>>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 00:34:23 -0600

>>>Just give us a few years and we'll be zipping all over the
>>>universe, just like them dang aliens out there already.

>>>Right?

>>>Dennis Stacy

>>Right, not to put too fine a point on it. I don't know how you
>>can argue the antithesis given the vertical acceleration of
>>aggregate potentiality observed in the last few decades. That
>>potentiality encompasses all eventualities right up to the our
>>complete destruction, is completely open ended, and the proof of
>>any curmudgeon's demise. You hang on too desperately to mere
>>social contrivance of a recent past. The past is a lens that
>>distorts the future if it is used to justify that something
>>cannot be done because it hasn't BEEN done. You line up with an
>>early 20th Century patent office that was going to shut down
>>because everything that COULD be invented HAD been invented.
>>...glad we're not waiting around for YOU to invent the next
>>level processor...

>Alfred,

>Actually, it took me about five minutes in front of an old
>Kaypro II lo these many years ago to realize that computers were
>the wave of the future. I even played a role in getting the
>first computer inside MUFON HQ, which wasn't as easy as you
>might think, so there!

I'm for just pushing the generally insincere civility to the
side for a moment in pursuit of what would should truly
fascinate and consume even the rational. As a member of this
List who is too easily affronted by those with a propensity to
be too quick with a self assured sneer (and lacking Bob Todd to
unload on <g>), I took too hasty issue with what I imagined to
be an appalling lack of vision, imagination, and efficacious
hubris, and further, an opportunity to chide an additional
component of deconstructing, self-limiting, and self-defeating
hubris. Truly, all of your disappointments and frustrations are
self generated. There is plenty to keep the ufological spark
more than just merely alive. What keeps Stanton Friedman going?
What keeps Errol Bruce-Knapp going?

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>Are Here, Too! are personal and based solely on my own take and
>experience of the present. They are way too complicated to get
>into now, and would probably bore half the people on this List
>to death in any event.

I think you would be surprised, sir. I think it would be an opportunity for a self examination that is always instructive and valuable. I think it would be a treasure without regard to which side a reader falls from the ufological _fence_. I would enjoy the amplification.

>But I can summarize them. The computer, for example, has greatly
>affected my life. Whether it be for better or worse may be
>arguable, but the fact of the computer and its day to day impact
>or influence is not.

I don't think we have an apt analogy here in the following paragraph. You're not so much comparing apples and oranges here as you are comparing gods and the preachers who front for them. Computers and preachers are something humankind has worked out for itself. Gods and UFOs have their own timetable, priority, imperative, and motivation. Apples and cosmic oranges.

>I can see that it's here, in front of me.

But unless you're a computer scientist it's still a _magic_ box. The reality of it is something you have made up individually out of thin air. It has only the meaning that you give it. As your invention, it is predictable, can be measured, and allows itself in the box of your perception. Apples and oranges.

>If I want, I can even
>try to sell other people on its usefulness. If I want to add a
>hard drive, I can, if I want to learn how to program the thing,
>I can. I can learn everything about its history, including the
>inventions that eventually led up to it, along with the names of
>every individual involved. I can take it apart and handle and
>identify every component part. In theory, there is no question I
>can put to the computer as such, the answer to which can't be
>provided.

Having accepted the false analogy you continue with its well worded defense. You express that because your pet will do tricks for you and follow your commands that it is proof of the existence of one thing and disproof of the existence of another. How can that be when these two things actually have no relationship?

>This is not the case with the UFO=ET hypothesis, for any number
>of reasons which it doesn't take a curmudgeon to point out.

You'll have to admit it helps. One with real bad gout... and hemorrhoids.

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>contraire, the case is exactly the opposite: I can't get a good,
>definitive answer to _any_ single question I put to UFOs as
>such. Q: What do they look like? A: You name it! Q: How do they
>behave? A: You name it! Q: Where are they from and how? A: You
>name it! And, unfortunately, so on.

You aren't answering the questions that you ask fairly, and you aren't asking the right questions. What do they look like? Well, they look like the things that I've seen in about eight minutes of video tape I have boiled down from about eighty hours of assorted UFO footage. They look like the things artistically depicted throughout history in ink, paint and stone. They look like the things described to me by people I trust. They look like the things flying over my house! Where are they from and how? How can you expect an answer to that? Does a cat ask where the Cessna is from and how? Does it have a frame and reference and an experiential foundation to ask that question? I don't think it at all likely that we are the crown of even this 'corner' of creation. I think it's a cross purposed fallacy to presume that we are. Just a cursory glance at the history that the rank and file are _allowed_ provides abundant demonstration that we are most, assuredly, not. There is ample evidence that is physical, photographic, historical, anecdotal, and personal.

The question that goes unasked is why do we allow our government to be less than forthcoming with us about anything ...

forgetting UFOs for a moment. The answer to that question begins to answer to all the rest.

>In the same vein, the presence of intelligent lifeforms on this planet from another world would arguably be the profoundest thing that could happen during my lifetime.

Profoundly unsettling for homo sap. But there's the problem... there's the rub. There is the taproot of our denial, our pretended arrogance, and our obstinate and assumed ignorance.

>Yet when I look around for examples or experience of that potential profundity in my own life and the world around me I get, in the main, vapor. Books, pictures, some evidence, yes, but no keyboard or hard drive, if you know what I mean.

I think you'll have to admit that there are some thoughts, concepts, and ideas presently beyond the capability of some UFO researchers.<g> You only admit here that there is a demonstrable phenomena that won't perform for you like your K-Pro, so you're going to pull the blankets of your credulity over your head in a traditionally unsuccessful manner to avoid the uncomfortable. I mean no disrespect.

>I apologize for not having been abducted.

My understanding of that conundrum is that you should more thankful than apologetic... moreover, that flippant apology could be taken for a sneer, sir. I don't think that's, at all, justified.

>But as Gurdjieff said, there are two ends to the world, Greater and Lesser. The latter is when someone else dies, the Greater End to the World is when you yourself die.

Cool quote. I don't get its relevance here, though.

>In the same vein, I don't see any behavioral evidence on a large scale that we are being visited. Governments and air forces behave pretty much like they "always" have, near as I can tell.

Not at all, they get a lot more attention now, must aspire to more convolution and cleverness because of that attention, and at least give lip service to a demonstrated ethical behavior they never had to even worry about before. The word gets out quicker and travels faster now than at any time in known history. We are as Gods to the men and women of just a few centuries ago, live in virtual Utopia, and have more potential for satisfaction than they ever did scraping for the manor lord... Can't you feel this acceleration to propensity that we are all caught up in? God, but it's exhilarating!

>The sun still comes up in the east and sets in the west, the paper is in the driveway, and my kid still needs a ride to school.

...and then the asteroid hits. <g>. Reality is a little more varied than kids and driveway's and even selected suns.

>Sorry to be such a stiff, but my disillusionment didn't occur overnight.

I understand. Still, while I'll agree that much of 'it is fake... some of it is not. I would suggest that that fuel your ongoing ufological epiphany, as it does me.

>I've been a ufologist as long, if not longer, as most posters on this List.

An appeal to authority that means nothing here, you know that. C'mon.

>I've simply come to the observation that what should be the most profound thing in my life has the least impact in terms of my experience of life.

That's the way it's been built for you, for sure. But that's just part of the game to keep you comfortable in a now tattered cloak of plausible deniability.

>I find that somewhat strange and upsidedown.

I find it as predictable as your K-Pro. Forthcomingness is in opposition to the status-quo. That just slipped out. Sorry. <g>.

>It could be argued -- as Jim Deardorff does -- that aliens are >visiting us yet not causing any planetary impacts precisely >because that is their intention.

Hey -- If we can invent the "prime directive" -- anybody can. And there's good reason for a Prime Directive. Read "Dark Rivers of the Heart." Forget the author, but it inspired "Apocalypse Now"

>Hard to argue with that, except to say that it seems another >example of where the cart might have gotten ahead of the horse.

...Just trying to make sense of the aggregate craziness, hoss. And it matters not the position of the horse, the cart is without its wheels.

>Mind, I don't even require that extraordinary evidence accompany >extraordinary claims --

Which Jean Van Gemert rationally dismissed as a too "convenient think cloak", and an excuse for a constantly receding evidentiary horizon -- a permanent buffer for woundable hubris.

>I'd settle simply for good, convincing >evidence of an incontrovertible (or demonstrable) nature.

It would go a long way to dispel the general uneasiness, sure. But with your sensibility jerked so ferociously back and forth across rational credulity how are we ever to have that incontrovertible proof presented to us, and then have it be believed, when it is?

>And of course my apologies if I've disappointed anyone. Still >don't know what those saucers are, but the upside is that they >don't seem to give a fig what I think.

Or what anybody thinks... that's just part of the discomfort.

>FWIW, my next computer purchase is going to be an Apple G4 >PowerBook encased in titanium -- the same stuff they make jet >fighters out of. Cool! Not as cool as the Roswell stuff, mind, >but cool nonetheless.

Show-off! Give me a good desk-top PC! More bang for the abused buck, and a lot less presumptuous and more open ended about how it is to be used. Man should not presume to know the mind of the windows operating system. <g>.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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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, scourged by the scurrilous skepti-feebroids.

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Re: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 20:22:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 22:50:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast - Lemire

>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 11:21:32 -0000
>Subject: Re: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>Subject: Mystery Bang Rocks Yorkshire Coast
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:24:52 -0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>This is copied from today's Yorkshire Post
>>(Leeds, 22 February 2001):

>>BGS equipment is capable of picking up earth tremors
>>on the other side of the world, but the event on the
>>Yorkshire coast did not even register at their local
>>seismic station in Pickering.

>I seem to recall that on past occasions where sonic booms have
>occurred there have been claims that the BGS can also pick up
>thier effects - and hence differentiate between them and true
>earth tremours. Are they now claiming that they can't?

>>Sounds picked up by a BGS microphone at Leeds University
>>suggested Yorkshire had suffered a similar fluke yesterday
>>and the Ministry of Defence confirmed aircraft were in the
>>area at the time.

>Is there also a remote seismograph at Leeds Uni? What did that
>pick up? Is anyone on this list (DC?) digging a bit further?

>Cheers,

>Dave B

>--
>David G Bolton
><David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>

David,

I picked this up from the Leeds site, so there is the capability
for the sonic booms to have been detected.

"Additionally, a very low magnification seismometer (to provide
non-overloaded record of large local events), an accelerometer,
and a low frequency microphone (to identify sonic events such as
aircraft sonic booms) are sited here on the Campus."

<http://earth.leeds.ac.uk/~bows/seismic.htm>

There's nothing on the BGS site, with the latest news release
being on the 15th of February.

I just finished writing Dr. Roger Clark, the Departmental
Seismologist at Leeds, so hopefully something fruitful will
emerge.

Sincerely,
Todd Lemire
Michigan UFO CENTRAL

For some related research please visit
<http://members.home.net/tlemire/zoo.html>

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:49:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 22:55:10 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:02:55 -0600

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:14:32 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

>>>... Even the Manhattan Project was compromised fairly
>>>early on.

>>Hello Dennis:

>>I never heard of any major compromise of the Manhattan Project,
>>but I'm no historian. My best recollection however, having read
>>up on the matter, is that %99.999 of the American public had no
>>inkling whatsoever that an atomic bomb was in the works, until
>>the bombshell when Harry Truman announced that two were dropped
>>on Japanese cities.

>Larry,

>Does the name Rosenberg ring a bell?

>I believe husband and wife were both executed.

>Dennis

Hello Dennis!

Yes indeed the Rosenbergs!

As I recall, they were executed in the early 1950s, well after
the 1945 announcement by HST. I remember hearing of that in
early grades of elementary school, which dates me.

Yes, they "compromised" nuclear secrets to the Soviets, who kept
equally silent if not more so!

It is the public at large that I thought was the issue, as in
the Pentagon Papers, or any other secret matters that were
publicly blown in the Washington Post or elsewhere. I'm sure the
Rosenbergs never blabbed to the press (some last words maybe.)

If the US Government knows something we don't (hardly a
surprise) and another government spies it out but keeps equally
silent (as one would expect) then we are right where we
started... a big big secret is kept... from the public at large.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Sister Aloytius (sp?) at the parochial school here even told the kids that they had to zap one of the Rosenbergs 2 or 3 times. I didn't need to know that.

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From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 13:39:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:09:03 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hatch

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 23:55:53 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 04:14:32 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

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>>Suppose the Japanese surrendered before the bomb was to be
>>dropped, so it could remain secret, a sort of ace-in-the-hole.
>>Would we have learned of the existence of atomic weapons in the
>>first decades after the war?

>>Eventually, yes. But we can probably argue endlessly how long it
>>might have taken. Non?

>'Till the first Hydrogen bomb test, probably.

Hello Bob: Good point!

I should have said years instead of decades [burp!] and not very many at that.

They had to evacuate entire islands in the Pacific, the natives had little choice in the matter.

Some things are hard if not impossible to conceal from the press, science, the public at large. An H-Bomb test is pretty hard to hide.

Jim McCampbell was present for one of those tests. I forget which, there was a series of them, but this one was much more powerful than anticipated!

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Atomic Bombs and Fugo Balloons

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:30:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:10:10 -0500
Subject: Atomic Bombs and Fugo Balloons

After the first Japanese balloon bomb was discovered in Montana, censorship was requested in the press. This was most successful. The censorship was lifted after the incident in Oregon in which a number of women and children were either killed or injured by a Fugo balloon found by the children.

The Western Defense Command files at the National Archives has an intercepted letter written to the Japanese--thru a neutral country--by a woman who urged the Japanese to send balloons with chemical agents and explosive to the US. There is no evidence that she knew of the attack in progress at that time.

On the atomic bomb, this type of weapon was talked about in the press, especially during the Dec 1944-Jan 1945 secret weapon press feeding frenzy. The Germans threatened to use atomic bombs against American troops. The idea of atomic bombs was not secret, but the American program was. Certain outsiders did figure out what was going on. However, the program was compromised by spies like Claus Fuchs and others.

Stalin had information on the American test. When Truman mentioned he had something special up his sleeve, Stalin would not take the bait, but suggested that the Americans hurry and use it, as he has his own special program--which was the Manchurian campaign.

Tokyo Rose welcomed the 509th to the Pacific theater with a mocking announcement that they had something special to do.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:15:49 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:13:34 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:42:27 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:52:43 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:00:12 -0600

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>>Further, during WWII, the Japanese Balloon Bomb attacks were
>>kept secret from the Japanese. This means that although Japanese
>>spies were attempting to learn if their balloon bombs were
>>reaching the US, and even though thousands were in on the
>>secret, that the only thing the government did to keep the
>>secret was ask those who had observed balloon bombs, seen them
>>fall, or found parts of them, was ask the witnesses not to talk.
>>Japanese spies, who were actively working to find any indication
>>that the balloon bombs had reached the US failed to do so. This
>>was a big secret, meaning that thousands were involved. So, some
>>secrets are kept by large numbers for short periods.

>The government asked newspaper editors (I've seen a copy of the
>letter in an article), and probably radio news executives not to
>report any of the balloon attacks.

Yes, I have a story from an Iowa newspaper, dated the date after
the war ended, and another from about twenty years ago, talking
about the attack on Iowa. The reporter was visited by the FBI
who requested that she not publish a thing until the war ended.
She agreed.

>I do have, though, someplace in my files a clipping from March
>1945 from the Philadelphia American with an article about the
>balloon attack which killed several people on the West Coast. I
>doubt that the paper had a correspondent on the West Coast,
>although I don't know this for sure. I assume they got the
>story from a wire service. I wonder if there were others.

>So, while the effort was apparently successful, word eventually
>did leak out. Whether the Japanese ever found out or not I don't
>know.

This isn't quite right. After the six people (five children and
one adult) were killed in Oregon (the only war deaths as a
result of enemy action in the continental United States), the
policy shifted to warn people about the balloon bombs. There is
even a "Cap't Jack" comic in which the balloon bombs are
discussed. So, the information didn't leak, but it was part of a
carefully orchestrated "whispering" campaign to teach people to
stay away from the ground balloons. And, no, the Japanese

believed that all the balloons fell harmlessly into the ocean.

My point here was that secrets, held by thousands, can be well kept, at least for short periods.

KRandle

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UFOBC Updates - 02-25-01

From: David Pengilly <david_pengilly@dccnet.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:48:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:15:39 -0500
Subject: UFOBC Updates - 02-25-01

UFOBC has moved! We have a new domain name now - ufobc.ca
We are also hosted by a new company - NetNations Communications
of Vancouver, British Columbia - very fast!

- 1) "UFOBC Homepage"
 - Our new webmaster, Ray Skibo, has given us a modern new look!
 - Browse around and send us your comments.
 - The local "Search" won't be fully functional until all the search engines find our new site.
 - www.ufobc.ca
- 2) New UFOBC "Guestbook"
 - Please sign our Guestbook
 - <http://bridge.netnation.com/~ufobc/cgi-bin/ugb.cgi>
- 3) "Online Chat Forums"
 - Sign up on one of our new chat forums. They are not too busy right now but we are hoping they will be soon.
 - <http://bridge.netnation.com/~ufobc/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>
- 4) "What's New"
 - Links to our most recent postings. This is the page that return visitors might want to bookmark.
 - <http://www.ufobc.ca/New/index.html>
- 5) "UFO Yukon Research Society"
 - "The Yukon Report" keeps the old style but gets a face-lift.
 - Martin Jasek and associates have formed a non-profit society!
 - Martin's excellent reports are recognized world-wide!
 - <http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/index.htm>
- 6) "Recent Sightings"
 - We plan to update weekly. Come back soon!
 - <http://www.ufobc.ca/Sightings/recent.htm>
- 7) "Radio Archives"
 - UFOBC is Broadcast LIVE on the JEFF RENSE SHOW on the 4th Tuesday of Each Month, from 7:00 - 10:00 PM
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Re: Lakenheath - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:42:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:17:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Hale

>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 10:16:39 -0000

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>Believe me I have far better things to do than spend hard earned
>cash travelling around the country gathering information for a
>bunch of ingrates to sit and pick holes in.

Hi All,

Sorry are you refering to Errol Knapp's excellent UpDates service?

Roy

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 22:13:30 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:21:06 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

>>I never heard of any major compromise of the Manhattan Project,

>Does the name Rosenberg ring a bell?

>I believe husband and wife were both executed.

Hi Larry, Dennis;

And there were others. Some friends of mine had a place in Santa Fe and about two blocks away the street ran on a little bridge over the Sante Fe River, which is just a little, nearly dry creekbed.

Under the bridge there some famous exchanges of Manhattan bomb secrets passed inside a newspaper, between a British member of the Project and a Soviet spy. Forget their names and the rest of the story but my friend and I posed in like fashion with a newspaper under the bridge.

Then we went for margaritas.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 23:51:13 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:46:25 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 19:52:17 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 19:51:01 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:17:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>>Man, that measurement must have been made by bigfoot. The Big
>>Dipper is 25 degrees from tip of cup to end of handle.

>Minor point -- closer to 28 degrees from tip to tip according to my sky
>charts.

Hi, Dave:

Well, The Skalnate Pleso Atlas of the Heavens by Antonin Becvar, actually gives a bout 25 degrees from Alpha to Eta Ursa Majorae, and the AAVSO Variable Star Atlas gives about 25 degrees. But, there is sometimes some distortion in charts in the East-West direction at high latitudes, particularly if the chart scale is small.

We can split the difference - Let's just say it's close enough for Guv'mnt work (Oops).

>>This is about 7.5 inches, or so, at my arm's length. Of course,
>>little people (not greys) have shorter arms and bigger people
>>have their rulers a little further away. But, this was most likely
>>done in daylight, and by memory.

>Let's at least get the math right.

OK

> I don't know about bigfoot, but "arm's length" for humans is
>typically around 60 cm or 2 feet.

Yikes. I must be one of the bigfoot types that Walt Andrus used to show in his Investigators Handbook - you know, the one that looked like a Wookie. I'm 2 foot 7 inches from shoulder socket to end of claw (and it's been recently trimmed, er, sharpened).

None of the witnesses were greys, were they? Wonder how long their arms were? What if they bite their nails?

>1 foot at 2 feet distance subtends an angle of -- 28
>degrees, or exactly the same size as the Big Dipper.

>If the witnesses arms were a little longer than this, however,
>28 degrees would be be a little more than 1 foot at arm's
>length.

Uh, huh.

>On the other hand, 7.5 inches at 2 feet subtends an angle of
>only about 18 degrees. For 7.5 inches to be 28 degrees, your

>arm's length would be only 15 inches.

But my arm's length is 31 inches. This is how something can become twice its size in UFOlogical logic.

Well, I guess this must prove that when the witnesses said that this fantastic apparition they saw was a 1.2 miles in length, it must have been so. Did anybody else notice this mothership?

>Are you secretly a grey Bob?

No, but I've just experienced some missing time, here.

>Looks to me like like a better example of the witness getting it >right on the money whereas your "math" supposedly discrediting >the witness' reliability is way off in left field somewhere.

Yup, right on the money. Hey, they are UFO witnesses, right? Must be perfect. Not like the rest of us. After all, there have got to be loads of 1 mile long starships lumbering around, hell people are seeing them all the time.

>Back to high school Bob, along with King Roger and his statement >that the moon's sky is "starless" in daylight just like here on >Earth.

Questrion for your David. How many stars can be videotaped with a cheap hand-held camera pointed at a white wall in full daylight on Earth?

How many do you think could be imaged with the camera pointed to a bright white object, in full daylight, on the surface of the Moon?

Please explain any expected differences.

Now I'm going to check in with my handlers. Need some Gork.

Thinking of clear skies,

Bob Young

Prince of the Wookies

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:48:27 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:04:21 -0400

>You must be quite short Bob. I just went out in the cold up here
>in New Brunswick. The Big Dipper is 11" between my hands at
>arm's length. I am only 5'9.5". The comments were made by the
>witness as he observed both the craft and the big dipper late at
>night. How could you possibly suggest this was most likely done
>in daylight by memory? Psychic powers?

Hi, Stan:

No, it was a guess.

>Martin, a Civil Engineer at that, while travelling the route up
>the Klondike Highway at about the same time at Night in December
>as the sighting occurred, was able to do 3 triangulations. based
>on witness testimony as to landmarks where the front and back
>end of this huge craft were and how far away it was. There was a
>lake and many hills as well along the road.

Well, this could give one something to measure against.

>May I suggest you read the report before putting computer in
>gear?.

Actually, in rereading your original post, I see that the
estimate of size was .6 to 1.2 miles long, so there is a lot of
fudge there which could account for any reasonable arm size.

If the measurements are so exact, what accounts for a 100%
margin of error?

>Did you go out and measure the width?

I'm familiar with the size of the Dipper.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Still looking for Niburu? - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 01:05:32 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:49:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Still looking for Niburu? - Young

>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:43:19 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates list <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Still looking for Niburu?

>Look here:

><http://www.rumormillnews.net/cgi-bin/config.pl?read=7043>

Hi, Wendy, All:

Yeah, this doesn't change things much. In a few days the object moves, but is at each location "all day". Now it has an inclination to the ecliptic of nearly 90 degrees. But, two years later it is nearly at the same place, so would be somewhat beyond Mars.

Probably the important thing is that after they urge all the astronomers to be told they say that "they'll appreciate it". Sounds like a joke.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 00:10:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:51:13 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Borraz

>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:19:41 -0000
>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: UFOs in 1882 & 1394

>Hello again,

>Can anyone answer these questions?

>1) An enormous UFO was seen by numerous European witnesses on
>November 17th 1882. It travelled westwards at an approximate
>altitude of 130 miles and was spotted by several eminent
>scientists. These included Dr. E. Walter Maunder, an astronomer
>at Greenwich, the English spectroscopist J. Rand Capron, and
>Dutch astronomers Audemans and Zeeman. Greenwich published an
>official report which stated that the object had a well-defined
>body and was "disc-like in appearance." Unlike an ordinary
>meteor, it said, the behaviour of the disc had seemed "orderly
>and controlled."

>Does anyone know the location of an on-line article reproducing
>a whole translation of the original report? Whether the object
>was a natural or an artificial body is not what interests me,
>but rather the fact that it was apparently disc-shaped.

<snip>

Hi Chris,

I found a few lines about it in the books of W. R. Corliss
("Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena", "Lightning, Auroras,
Nocturnal Lights, and related Luminous Phenomena").

Note that:

- It probably was a rare auroral phenomenon (in fact, it took
place "while the aurora was fitfully blazing in the north,
north-east, and north-western sky"; hence the somewhat
misleading term "auroral meteor" that was used by many
scientists at the time).

- It was mainly described as a torpedo-shaped cloud of whitish
light.

Manuel

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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:13:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:53:17 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:39:11 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 01:10:55 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?

><snip>

>>The "sphere" appears to have some kind of an 'appendage' that
>>extends from the back (front?) of the thing. Looks kinda like a
>>"Heavy Metal Sperm!" <VBG>All kidding aside, does anyone have
>>any idea as to what this thing (or the tubular structures for
>>that matter) could possibly be? I'm drawing blanks.

>>I've never seen or heard of anything quite like this.

>>see: <http://enterprisemission.com/images/arthur.jpg>

Hiya Mac, hi All,

Mac wrote:

>John, List,

>If I had to venture a guess, this is either the remains of some
>exotic macroscopic lifeform (a literal "worm") or else a
>technological artifact of unknown purpose. Richard Hoagland has
>proposed these things are "pipes" for channeling water: not a
>bad guess, in my opinion.

Did you catch "Strange Days,...Indeed" on Saturday night? We discussed our impressions of these "glass worm" images for almost an hour. My 'take' is, that the structure looks "organic" (of 'Natural' origin) as opposed to "manufactured." (Artificial) One of the ways I described it for the radio listeners who may not have ready access to the Internet to peruse the pix for themselves was, that it 'looked like' the hollow (shed) skin of some impossibly large snake or worm. To me, what's even more intriguing than the transparent tubular structures is the fact that there "appears to be" an enormous (metallic looking) sphere lodged inside of one of the segments.

One of the things that NASA has not been providing the public are color images. So, we have to "guess" at the true colors of features on the surface. I use the word "silver" or "metallic" in my description only because that is the 'appearance' of the object inside the tubular structures depicted in the -supplied-B&W images. Not because I am intentionally trying to make a case for artificiality. The photos are weird enough all by themselves and they don't need any help from me! ;)

If you study the pix carefully you'll notice that:

1. The (photographic) North end of the 'tube' is distended as if the sphere, (which appears to be wider than the tubular

structure it is encased in) stretched it out as it passed through it.

2. Just below the sphere the tubular structure is uniformly narrower. It looks like the 'sphere' has been somehow wending its way along the tube stretching it out to accommodate its girth as it moves along.

3. The details on the tubular structure itself look "organic" (a remnant or some living thing, or natural process) and not like an 'artificial' or 'manufactured' artifact. I detect nothing that resembles mechanical or 'manufactured' parts anywhere in the structure. As I have said, it 'looks like' some impossible worm left behind its outer skin layer on the Martian surface. (That's what it -looks like- not what I think it is.)

Maybe Frank Herbert wasn't too far off the mark with his "giant desert worm" creations in Dune! :O

And I'm sorry Mac, I know you have a lot of respect and admiration for the guy, but Richard Hoagland lost me when he started making absolutely wild "predictions" in public as if he was the "Psychic Hotline" for anything ET related. The guy has almost systematically destroyed any credibility he may have once enjoyed. Or, that his credentials may have afforded him. "Credentials" can only carry you but so far. As far as I'm concerned his "pipe" theories are just as valid or invalid as anybody else's. Because it's "Hoagland" putting the theory forward carries no weight with me what-soever.

>>I think that features like this deserve much more attention (and >>camera time) than something like the Face. Maybe we are all >>mesmerized by the anthropomorphic qualities of the Face, because >>it "looks like us" when instead we could be focusing on >>something that genuinely strange and anomalous like these >>tubular structures and that very odd metallic looking sphere >>within it.

><snip>

>I think we owe it to ourselves to see the Face inquiry through, >first. But there's no convincing reason we can't investigate >_all_ of this weird Martian stuff. Studying one anomaly doesn't >necessarily exclude studying additional anomalies.

We'll agree to disagree on this one Mac. I think these tubular structures with their attendant 'sphere' are much more intriguing as a structured phenomena than what "may be" a fortuitous placement of shapes and shadows on the top of that Cydonian Plateau.

I have always thought that the "Face" existed more in our 'perceptions' (the observers mind) of it than in actuality on the surface of Mars. Those tubes and that sphere are like nothing we've ever seen before anywhere in the solar system (so far.) I hope that NASA responds to A.C. Clarke publicly regarding his question about the tubes. I'm curious to hear what NASA thinks these things are. (or what they are not.)

>And let's face it: Mars is one big anomaly.

So are we! But that's another thread! <LOL>

>Check out the new image of the "Cliff" in Cydonia: there are >features very much like the "worm" to its immediate right. A >most interesting coincidence.

I discussed those features with EBK on the program. The "worm-like" terrain feature appears to run along a gully at the base of those rocky hills/ridges which tips the scale to the feature being a local/naturally occurring one. Whenever the 'Hairy One' gets a copy of the show posted to the program archive, go and check it out.

This is a new one. Let's see what develops as more and more people begin to study the pix and chime in on it. I'm excited about this find and I look forward to learning more about it.

Truly "alien" stuff!

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Tell The People - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:19:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:55:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Tell The People - Velez

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Tell The People
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 18:26:18 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Tell The People
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:02:56 -0000

>>Georgina Bruni's book "You Can't Tell the People" contains some
>>excellent investigative journalism and a lot of important new
>>information on the case (or series of cases).

>>However, having now reached the final chapters I see that it
>>takes a sudden plunge downwards in credibility by speculating
>>about wild-eyed stories of secret communications with aliens and
>>pseudoscientific "studies" rather than resting on the strong
>>case presented to that point.

>>For example, there is a huge difference between alleged Reichian
>>"cloud-busting" (pseudoscience) and seeding of clouds to produce
>>precipitation (real science).

>>Also, I just received a telepathic message from aliens who told
>>me that Dan Sherman is a fraud. ;-)

>Dick,

>Hey, welcome to the club!

>Looks like you're beginning to get the hang of this e-mail
>stuff, after all!

>Dennis

Hello Dick,

I waited to extend this 'welcome' because I wasn't quite sure if you were only 'dropping in' temporarily in response to Dennis's original posting.

As a regular reader/participant on the List I would like to you to know that I am enjoying reading your contributions, and also how good it is to have an individual as knowledgeable and experienced as yourself participating on the List.

Proof of the respect that you command even from folks on the 'other side of the fence' is evident in your dialog with the Texas Sasquatch. (Dennis) Who, can often times be as ornery as a polecat with people he has less respect for intellectually.

I was hoping you'd poke your head over the fence one day. The "day" has come! Nice to have you with us "on the front lines." Hope you stick around for a bit. ;)

Warmest regards, and a hearty, 'Ahoy mate, welcome aboard!'

John Velez

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 10:21:29 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:25:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 12:01:59 -0600

Excuse the lateness of my reply to the following, but a karmically induced and extremely virulent bout of adult chicken-pox has been somewhat distracting.....

In response to Jerry's latest John Rimmer suggested that perhaps:

>>Wouldn't it be best to judge the report by what's actually in
>>it?

Irrespective of who was involved in a case this would be a good idea but Jerry responded:

>Andy's behavior, of course, raises the interesting question: Is
>his case sufficiently weak that, before it is even laid out in
>print, he has to ridicule and taunt potential critics into
>silence?

As I noted in several previous emails about both the current case under discussion (Lakenheath 56), and others, Jerry will, under no circumstances discuss the facts of the matter. In this particular case both Jenny and Dave have freely given new evidence which is pertinent and which radically alters the perceived nature of the Lakenheath 56 case. Neither of its two main proponents, ie Jerry and Brad, have commented on these facts.

Instead Jerry in particular uses the same, techniques to detract from the work which has been done.

But at least I am also prepared to get out there and dig at the roots of a case rather than to sit at home.

>At the very least, John, we are seeing in Andy's
>behavior a disturbing absence of professionalism.

Well then I should jolly well be ejected from the club then!

>I do, however, have confidence in Jenny Randles's good
>senses, and a private exchange with Dave Clarke offers me
>hope that the report will prove a much more serious contribution
>than we would infer from Andy's adolescent hijinks.

Which again raises the spectre of yet another question offered to (and initially begged by) Jerry, and yet another which he chose not to answer.

How on earth is the man going to be able to decide which parts of this new evidence I have had my hands on and have therefore in some way presumably distorted? Obviously Jerry is now happy with the esteemed Dr Clarke - simply because Dave has favourably reviewed Jerry's UFO Encyclopaedia for the 2001 issue of 'Folklore'. And it is always politicly correct for Jerry to have

'confidence' in Jenny otherwise IUR looks even weaker on the UK representation front.

No doubt when all the new stuff I've unearthed on foo-fighters and the UK government's role in the 'ghost rocket' events comes out this year people will ignore that too. It's fantastically interesting, but I'm afraid you just won't be able to take it seriously.

Can't have it both ways.

In between rashes of spots this one also appeared.....

>From: Gildas Bourdais <>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

Gildas wrote:

>Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's >testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will >have to be produced before independant parties. I suggest for >instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas >Redfern and Omar Fowler.

I know Jenny and Dave have already responded to this but.....

Omar Fowler? Old Ma Riley would be more appropriate!

Tim Good is a story teller.

Nick Redfern, however, is welcome to scrutinise every click, pop and overdub on the interview tapes I've been involved in. Nick and I are good pals who discuss ufology regularly and he has been kept up to date on what's happening with Lakenheath as he was with other cases he has written about such as the Berwyn Mountains 'crash'.

Lawdy - he even likes the Ramones and the Sex Pistols.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:28:45 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randles

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:21:13 -0000

><snip>

>>If the evidence suggests "they" are here, then theory be damned.

>The odd thing (at least to me) about the evidence is that it
>could just as easily be so much different than it is. Just
>imagine, for example, that an ET craft had crashed in downtown
>Cincinnati in 1964 rather than, say, outside Roswell in 1947.

>So why is it that the UFO as ET evidence is so, what shall I
>say, marginal? That is, suggestive, but never quite landing in
>the realm of conclusive, when it's so easy to imagine
>alternative outcomes, in which case we wouldn't be having this
>discussion?

>Theories -- damned or otherwise -- welcomed.

>
Hi,

I agree with this, Dennis. My problem with the ETH is not that it is implausible (it is easily the most likely theoretical solution to fit all the facts if it were supported by sufficiently strong evidence). Rather it is that the theory fails to match the level of support that it receives from the phenomenon that it is supposed to explain.

It is virtually impossible to conceive that in so many years of apparently extensive alien contact these beings who are not even able to effectively block memory (meaning any tinpot hypnotist can 'retrieve' the truth without hassle) are yet so expert that they dont seem to ever accidentally leave behind anything conclusively extraterrestrial. A DNA sample, a bit falling off the back of their spaceship - anything of the order that fate simply has to decree would happen sooner or later. And it couldn't be 'covered up' because these things would surely happen without the knowledge of the ETs - just as a silencer (muffler) might fall off your car, be found on the roadside and you'd never know you had lost it until you got home.

To me there is a suspicious lack of congruence between the way the phenomenon often seeks to assert that it is ET in origin and the virtual absence of any real proof to that effect.

As such, if there is an intelligence at work here the data better matches one that is seeking to fulfill our expectations of an alien visitation whilst at the same time unable of proving that it is, because in reality it isn't. One logical reason for that is that the intelligence prefers us to think of it as an ET visitation so we dont dwell too long on what else it might be.

So the real question might be - who or what else might wish to pretend to be extraterrestrial in origin as a way to observe our cultural reaction? Maybe this is a gigantic sociological experiment on the part of someone or something closer to home.

And - no - I dont mean some government agency. The intelligence involved seems more human than alien, but also advanced technologically - assuming we accept that there is an intelligence, of course. And that's by no means a given.

Ponder that.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 13:13:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:34:47 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 18:16:33 -0500

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

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>And just because I don't accept the ETH as a given shouldn't be
>interpreted to mean that I know what's going on. Those are two
>different things.

Dennis,

Let me respectfully suggest that perhaps you haven't yet digested the full panoply of evidence when it is laid out on a "spread sheet," as it were, and perhaps are somewhat overly negatively influenced by the exaggerated claims and weird behavior of some self-styled ufologists whose shenanigans really are irrelevant to the central question: Do we or don't we have a unique, unexplained phenomenon that requires a new hypothesis?

(Is that a world record for sentence length?)

I recognize that you are a genuine skeptic (i.e., doubter), and the field is richer for that. Always a pleasure to clash swords with you. It's the outright cocksure debunkers who force-fit the facts to their preconceived conclusions that bug me.

Dick

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MGS Imaged _Entire_ Mars Face

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 08:35:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:04:46 -0500
Subject: MGS Imaged _Entire_ Mars Face

June 3, 2000: MGS Imaged The _Entire_ Mars Face

But Dr. Malin, in his infinite wisdom, just didnt see fit to download the entire image to Earth. The ancillary data for M1600184, the "partial" Face image, shows this. The ancillary data can be accessed at:

http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/msss/camera/images/01_31_01_releases/cydonia/ancillary_f.tab

The "edit_mode" for this image is 1536. This means that the values in the camera's 2040-element CCD array were not transferred to memory for pixels numbered from 0 to 1535. The pixel numbers start with zero for the left-most CCD element and increase to the right.

At first I assumed that this edit mode was chosen because the MGS was so far to the west of the Face that only the western half of the Face was within the camera's field of view. In that situation, the plains to the west of the Face would have taken up most of the image. Since there is little interest in that area, it would make sense to limit the section of the returned image to the part that included the Face. This was, in fact, the case with the previous imaging attempt in February, 2000 that failed due to a transmission error. The western side of the Face was at the extreme left edge of that image. For it, an edit_mode of 0 was selected and image width was limited to 500 or so pixels. The spacecraft was moving south to north so the left edge of the image was to the east of the right edge and the top of the image was to the south of the image bottom. Almost everything beyond the first 500 pixels was just the western plains.

But for this latest Face image, the spacecraft was also moving south to north, which means that the image as published by Malin was rotated 180 degrees to put north on the top and south on the bottom. That means that what appears to be the left edge of the image is really the extreme right edge of the camera's physical field of view and the missing eastern side of the Face was covered by the elements of the CCD array for which data was (presumably) not transferred to memory. The aerographic coordinates below for the four image corners confirm this interpretation. TL means top left, TR means top right, BL bottom left and BR bottom right:

TL: (9.74W 40.99N) TR: (9.75W 40.99N)
BL: (9.78W 41.23N) BR: (9.79W 41.23N)

The latitudes of the top corner coordinates are to the south of the bottom corner coordinates, so South is toward the top.

I suppose that the explanation for this that Malin would give is that there was too much of the buffer already filled with more "important" data than the Face image, so they only had room for what they got. And I think that would be a completely lame excuse. The MGS has made thousands of orbits and planetary science as we know it wouldn't have been set back for decades by reserving the data buffer for one decent image of the entire Face landform.

It might even be suspected that Malin did in fact download the full image but he didn't like what he saw on the eastern side and just decided not to release it, altering the edit_mode in the ancillary data to make it appear that the full image was not received. But I don't know why he would do that, since the eastern side of the Face is the part that appears to be the most "ruined" in the second Viking image. I would think that Malin would be eager to get a photograph of the eastern side because it would be more likely to undermine the artificiality hypothesis than these repeated images of the western side, the latest of which shows the "eye" feature in close conformity to what would be expected according to the artificiality hypothesis. But then, Dr. Malin may know more about what's really there than the rest of us do.

It's been observed by other people that it's almost as if Malin has an aversion to photographing the eastern side of the Face. This latest image does nothing to dispell that impression; he clearly had an opportunity he chose not to take.

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PRA - Almost History A Book

From: John W. Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 12:08:56 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:06:59 -0500
Subject: PRA - Almost History A Book

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK & Researchers,

I think (?) most on this List will like this book. In the end it is a fascinating look at US history and how people control what we are told. It has no direct line to the UFO business, but has many guidelines on information, on how we can be fooled.

I trust you will enjoy it, however, this book would be a good research reference for many serious students of history.

"Almost History"
By Roger Bruns

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ABSTRACT:

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- * The telegram that warned of Pearl Harbor a year before it happened.
- * Secret war plan commissioned by Winston Churchill to study the feasibility of invading the USSR at the conclusion of WWII.
- * Robert McNamara's meeting with Kennedy on the pre-invasion bombing of Cuba.
- * Nixon's cancelled speech on the Apollo 11 mission astronauts if they never returned from the moon?
- * Eisenhower's unneeded apology for the failure of the D-Day invasion.

PRA SITE OF THE WEEK

OLD AUSTRALIAN UFO MAGAZINE COVER
Copy of the front cover of one of Australia's oldest UFO magazines. Feb 1955. In PDF file. Zoom in to read.

<http://members.nbci.com/praufo/prapeople/oldmag1955.htm>

Regards to all,

John W. Auchettl
Director PRA Research

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Chilean AF Welcomes UFO Researchers - Corrales

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:46:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:11:51 -0500
Subject: Chilean AF Welcomes UFO Researchers - Corrales

SOURCE: TERRA.com
DATE: February 26, 2001

CHILEAN AIRFORCE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WELCOMES UFO RESEARCHERS

** On account of the news items suggesting the alleged links between this service branch and the UFO research conducted in Chile by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency **

February 26, 2001 (TERRA).- De to all of the news items which have emerged in regard to the declassification of documents held by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in which Chilean UFO sightings are mentioned, the Director of Communications of the Chilean Air Force invited Cristian Riffo, Director of Ovnivision-Chile to hold a meeting to analyze the content of the documents which were made known and in which FACH personnel is mentioned.

During the meeting, researchers shall deliver a letter addressed to Patricio Rios, the FACH's Commander in Chief, in which they request an answer to the questions raised by the subject. Attached to the letter is a list of cases in which Chilean Air Force pilots are involved. Foremost among them is a case involving Hernan Gabrielli, the current Chief of Staff.

Translation (C) 2001. S. Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology.
Special Thanks to Gloria R. Coluchi

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

From: GBourdais@aol.com
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 14:29:22 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:15:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Bourdais

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 00:20:52 -0000

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

>>Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's
>>testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will
>>have to be produced before independant parties. I suggest for
>>instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas
>>Redfern and Omar Fowler.

>Hi,

>Thanks Gildas for this amusing post. Made my weekend. I assume
>this was not meant to be serious and that you do not really
>suggest that in future all Ufologists must demonstrate that they
>are not faking interview transcripts by presenting proof in
>front of a panel of hand picked experts of your choosing?

Hello

I am not joking at all.

I repeat my question: will you present the full recordings to
independant parties, yes or not ?

If you don't, a doubt will remain.

If you do and they accept your proofs, be assured that I will
accept them too, as will most probably everyone.

Including the Cometa members whom you put in doubt a week after
the publication of their report because they did not know your
new testimonies.

When you act that way, don't be surprised if people ask for
solid proof.

Gildas Bourdais

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Alencon France 1790 [was: Naud, Bouchmann & Le

From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 20:31:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:18:52 -0500
Subject: Alencon France 1790 [was: Naud, Bouchmann & Le

>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 21:44:15 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

>>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:32:17 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

<snip>

>>No, there is no source. In view of the fact that it is described
>>just after the famous Alençon case (1790, France) I have checked
>>its source (not given by Naud): Alberto Fenoglio, "Antichi
>>visitatori dal cielo", 'Clypeus' #10, 1966, pp. 13-14, but it's
>>not here (it's better because Fenoglio has invented many stories
>>like the German Sonderbüro and the Alençon landing...). I will
>>forward a copy of this mail to Boris Shurinov, perhaps he know
>>something.

>Hello Bruno!

>Regarding Alencon (France 1790):

>Is it established that this is the complete invention of one
>Alberto Fenoglio? I had already derated that case based on some
>earlier posts, and would like to know if it more properly
>belongs in my "Poubelle List" of thoroughly discredited UFO
>stories:

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

>My two sources for this tale are:

>SOBEPS: Inforespace Journal, bimonthly, #28 (Belgium) and John
>Keel: Operation Trojan Horse; NY, Putnams Sons 1970 page 66.

No, it's not established.

Belgian ufologist Christiane Piens ('Les OVNI du passé',
Nouvelles Editions Marabout, Verviers [Belgium] 1977, pp. 81-82)
checked the French archives and found no trace of this case, but
we can't prove (at present) that Fenoglio has invented it.

Perhaps Edoardo Russo would have new info?

Is Fenoglio still alive? A Google search reveals that he
published a book on Ancient Egypt in 1995.

Regards,

Bruno

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:00:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:22:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:53:19 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 12:01:59 -0600

>>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 22:18:14 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>>behavior a disturbing absence of professionalism. And if it did
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>>another pelicanist's excesses however egregious, I'm sure even
>>pelicanists would agree that Andy is doing himself no good.

>>I'm reminded of the chest-beating comments that were posted on
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>>psychosocial ufologists were going to "take in in the chops",
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>>a certain, er, Jerome Clark

I apologize for the redundancy. You guys have taken it in the
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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:55:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:24:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:53:19 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
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Please allow me to have another crack at this. As I reflect on
what John is saying, I realize that I have no reason to
apologize. He's comparing apples and oranges and shrugging off a
genuine concern all of us ought to be sharing.

I never claimed to have participated in the Sturrock report or
to be one of the investigators involved in the project. If I had
and were caught out boasting about how I was going to nail all
perceived enemies before the report was published, I'd merit a
reprimand and accusations of not practicing what I preached. I
was, in fact, doing nothing like what Andy has been doing.

My original point remains valid: Andy is an investigator deeply
involved in an ongoing, possibly very important, study of the
Lakenheath case and a forthcoming report on it. Why wouldn't
an outsider be concerned about the tub-thumping attitude Andy is
betraying on this list? To whom, except an avid partisan,
wouldn't it raise real questions about Andy's objectivity?

Frankly, I'm disappointed that John doesn't share these
concerns, instead choosing -- without much serious reflection,
it appears -- to shoot the messenger for delivering the bad

news .

Jerry Clark

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Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 18:45:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:32:57 -0500
Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Evans

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: 25 Feb 2001 09:18:12 -0800
>Subject: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Subject: [Fwd: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!]
>To: skywatcher22@space.com
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@earthlink.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 08:36:05 -0800

Previously, Bill posted the following from Bill Baty:

>I have found a photo of an astronaut on the moon which includes
>stars in the background. Curiously, I found a photo only a few
>frames away from the first which has the stars blackened out.
>The antenna on the astronaut's backpack has also been blackened
>out, as well as portions of the horizon.

>The photo came from a NASA Website and I guess it will render
>useless the argument that stars did not photograph well in the
>brightness, which is the official explanation.>

>Please have a look: <http://wwpg.net/moona.html> . There are zooms
>where one can see the stars in the astronaut's visor.

Hi, Bill and Bill!

They sure look like stars, don't they? Interesting. Looks like the exposure might have hit just right. On the other hand, I also notice quite a few "stars" from that shot that look about an inch long on my monitor. In all, I wonder if these stars are just noise in the black areas. Still, could be stars.

What I do find odd about a lot of the moon photos is the "hot spot" in the center of the frame and how the lighting seems to fall off drastically in the distance and sides. It almost looks as if there were a spot light on the astronaut. Weird.

Roger

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Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 17:11:17 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:35:10 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01

THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE
Water Flows and Martian Life

by Mac Tonnies

Mars anomalist Efrain Palermo has catalogued dozens of enigmatic "leaks" or "stains" on the surface of Mars that can be reasonably attributed to the presence of flowing water. NASA has endorsed similar stains as evidence of liquid water (in the Valles Marineris region, where the air pressure is estimated to be suitable for short-lived water flows) but suggests, less-than-convincingly, that stains elsewhere on Mars are dust flows.

[image]

Typical Martian "stain." Liquid or dust?

Palermo notes, accurately, that Martian winds quickly scatter particles on the planet's surface, and that it's unlikely that the alleged "dust flows" could persist for any length of time before they were scattered and blurred. In the graphic below, Palermo shows a known dust streak next to one of the many anomalous "stains." The latter feature shows no signs of streaking, as does the former. The bottom-most picture is a computer simulation of what the "stain" in question would look like if it is, indeed, composed of nothing more than dark dust.

[image]

Last but not least, the stains' dark color could very well be due to the presence of photosynthetic pigments or the product of unknown biological processes. A biological tenet here on Earth seems to be "Where there is water, there is life." If Palermo's stains indeed show water, then it's not unreasonable to expect them to be seething with primitive life, eking out an existence on Martian sunlight (thus the anomalously low albedo, such as that seen in algal growths).

NASA's pending announcement of confirming evidence of past life on Mars also raises the possibility that these stains are composed, partially, of magnetite (the substance found in Martian rock specimens and generally attributed to extraterrestrial bacteria).

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Re: Australian State Director's Page

From: **Diane Harrison** Director AUFORN <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:28:21 +1100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:36:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Australian State Director's Page

Hi Folks, Errol

Its always nice to know who your talking to. Get know what some of our OZ Directors look like.

<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/Directors.html>

By the way I don't get paid for hit's on my page.

Bye for now
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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
Australian Skywatch Director

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Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 14:29:25 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:01:10 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Bourdais

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:43:11 -0800

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:39 EST
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>First, thanks again to David Rudiak for his patient and
>>excellent contribution in this very long discussion, which is
>>becoming irritating.

>Gildas,

>I too find the AA discussion "irritating" but it has nothing to
>do with its duration. What I find irritating is the denial by
>otherwise intelligent and well meaning researchers of the
>possibility that the AA is an authentic historical document and
>refuse to even look at the new evidence we've gathered. I
>realize it might take a little effort. You'll have to mail \$35
>to me for the CDs. You'll have to email Neil and ask him to send
>you the FW photos. Then you'll have to down load the CDs onto
>your hard drive. But you'll see; it will be worth the effort.

>The refusal to even investigate our research is a symptom of
>what Reich calls the "emotional plague".

>My advice to everyone on this List: inoculate yourself as soon
>as possible with a high dose of AA reality.

Thank you for you offer, but frankly I have seen enough
documents about the Fort Worth photos.

As for the AA film, Bob Shell said he had not seen one frame of
the alleged original film. So, I don't understand why this
endless discussion about the film being negative or reversal,
etc. I don't see the point.

On the other hand, I remain quite interested by the testimonies
of Bob Shell and Colin Andrews, which do not seem to attract
much attention on this list.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 22:37:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:03:11 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Christensen

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:29:27 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>It was imagination which precluded the enjoyment of radio.

You don't mean "precluded." You mean something like "enabled" or "facilitated" or even "enhanced." "Precluded" is the opposite of what you mean.

Purrrrrrs...

wac

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The Watchdog E-Update - 02-27-01

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 10:21:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:07:44 -0500
Subject: The Watchdog E-Update - 02-27-01

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~ Gary Lowery Interview: UFOWATCHDOG.COM speaks with Lowery about his unusual case. Interview to be posted Wednesday.

~ Sean David Morton is scheduled to appear on the Art Bell show Friday, 02-FEB-01. Will late night radio show continue to showcase frauds? SEE: The Boy Who Cried UFO in the NEWS.

~ 10th Annual International UFO Congress Convention:
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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:10:13 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 12:49:38 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact

<snip>

>If the US Government knows something we don't (hardly a
>surprise) and another government spies it out but keeps equally
>silent (as one would expect) then we are right where we
>started... a big big secret is kept... from the public at large.

Coincidentally, PBS is airing a special about the making of the H-bomb even as I type. For the record, I think it was Klaus Fuchs who gave up the goodies on the A-bomb. The Rosenbergs seem to have done the same for the H-bomb.

Once the technologies of both were bandied about (in general terms) in the press and scientific papers, it became relatively easy for any body of scientists to get the gist of the matter. The secret was out, in other words, regardless of whether you or I could cook one up in our kitchen sink.

Watch the PBS special. Operation Bravo became publicly known when a Japanese fishing boat got doused with so much radiation that one of the sailors died.

And don't be silly. I'm not saying that this meant that Japanese fishermen could therefore manufacture an H-bomb. But the cat was definitely out of the bag.

And, mind, I'm mainly referencing UFO "secrets" that couldn't be covered up by anyone -- unless you think MJ-12 is running the world.

Happy hops!

Dennis Stacy

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Re: AA Film Redux - Gates

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>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 14:24:37 -0800
>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux - Gehrman
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 18:47:09 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA Film Redux
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Previously, I has written:

>>>Isn't that the point of this whole discussion? You're looking
>>>for needles of truth in a haystack layered with suspicion and
>>>doubt. Wouldn't it be better to get one simple question answered
>>>by the man that will benefit the most than to try and solve
>>>hundreds of other secondary questions that won't prove anything?
>>>More to the point; doesn't it piss you off that Santilli and
>>>company won't bother to help you exonerate them?

>Ed replied:

>>First of all, we're not trying to exonerate Ray. We're trying to
>>establish the legitimacy of the AA footage. Whether Ray and
>>company benefit is secondary. I don't think you understand. Ray
>>is not pushing our efforts in any way. He has made it clear that
>>he does not want to be bothered with our investigations.

>Ed,

>>First off you are the biggest defender of Ray, despite his
>>track record of deception and avoidance of responsibility
>>regarding AA. I think 'exonerate' is a pretty good description.
>>Second off I don't think you understand: Ray is not pushing
>>your efforts in any way. He has made it clear that he does not
>>want to be bothered with your investigations.

>>Doesn't that, in itself, tell you something?

>>Continuing, Ed wrote:

>>>I agree that it would be extremely helpful if he simply gave us
>>>a section of the footage so it could be checked by experts for
>>>authenticity but that isn't going to happen. He must have his
>>>own reasons for not cooperating, but has not shared these with
>>>me.

>>Again, doesn't that, in itself, tell you something?

Bottom line is when supporters ask Ray for a piece of the film,
they will get nothing, nada, zip, zero.

This was something that many people noticed. When Ray was
getting squeezed into a corner, suddenly Volker was trotted out.

>>I speculate that he was frightened by his visit with US
>>authorities but it could well be Volker's idiosyncrasy, or some
>>other factors we haven't considered. We just don't know why
>>they're being so uncooperative concerning the testing. Knowing
>>Ray, I feel he would help us out if he could.

>But you really don't know Ray, Ed. Yes perhaps you've
>communicated with him about something that he would like to
>forget about, but how can you say that you know the man and what
>his thought process are? Action speak louder than words.
>In-action speaks even more. In that sense, Santilli has said
>plenty.

Probably went along the lines of:

Ed: Well Ray, what about the film clip you have been endlessly
promising and haven't delivered yet?

Ray: Ed you know I really want to give it to you, and
I really wanted to help you but you know Volker....."

And thus we have Ray really wanting to help everybody, but when
he gets squeezed, he floats the V word.

>Finally, regarding the emulsion-side question, I wrote:

>>>The value of this information is that we don't even need to see
>>>the alien on the footage. If the results match, it does not
>>>necessarily validate the cameraman's story or AA. However, if we
>>>accept that the sample clip is supposed to be from the AA
>>>footage and the calculated result for the placement of the
>>>emulsion does not match the origin given by the cameraman, then
>>>the guy is simply lying (not 'mistaken') and that would be
>>>definitive.

>Ed replied:

>>This brings up a problem that the AA skeptics have failed to
>>elaborate on in any detail. If the cameraman is lying about the
>>history of the footage and his involvement with it, then he must
>>have created the hoaxed footage and Ray and Volker were conned.
>>But why would he create something like this, and then sell it
>>for 100 grand when it probably would have cost him at least that
>>much to produce.

>This is simply not true and repeating it over and over does not
>make it so, Ed. Again, I produced a very silly feature film
>called 'Forever Evil' with over 30 actors that ran 120 minutes
>back in 1987. It was shot on 16mm film, played on USA twice that
>I know of and is still available on VHS from VCI Home Video.

>120 minutes, Ed. That's two hours. And the total budget was only
>\$120,000. I am not saying that this film was any good; more to
>the point it was not. But it had mucho special make-up effects
>that were on par with anything seen in AA. To keep up the notion
>that AA would cost so much money to produce is a lie that you
>promote to make it seem out of reach of any hoaxer. It goes hand
>in hand with the false idea that Santilli would not have any
>reason to believe he could make money off of AA in face of the
>fact that it was a featured special on the FOX network. You
>think that Santilli let Fox use it for free?

As I recall Ray allegedly sold between 400,000 to 600,000 copies
of the AA tape world wide, not to mention whatever FOX paid.
When you run the numbers of just the video sales alone that
equates out to 4-7 million dollars or thereabouts. Thats not a
bad chunk of change for say a \$100 K investment. We are also
told by AA supporters that the hoaxed tent footage also came
from the cameraman as part of the 22 rolls of film.

I suspect the bottom line is that all the money that can be made
off of AA has already been made, so hence no interest in
authenticating the footage or doing anything further. None of
the AA supporters have actually, with their eyes, in their
hands, so to speak seen a copy of the "original" AA film, nor
has any of the supporters "actually" seen the so called and
alleged cameraman. The only proof they have is "Well Ray
said..." and "...I believe Ray..."

>Now, you claim you want to get to the bottom of AA. Okay, ask

>Santilli for the film clip that Bob looked at or, perhaps,
>another from the film. Also ask him if the cameraman shot
>positive or negative film. Within these two simple questions we
>can tell if the cameraman is lying.

I predict a couple of things. Five years from now Ray will still not have provided any original film to the AA supporters. In the mean time if the pressure gets great enough to trot out the cameraman, we will hear a "sad story" about how he died; how he really wanted to step forward, etc etc.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Velez

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>>Subject: Re: P-47_ ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
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>>My objections to ET Is Everywhere in Great Numbers and Now They
>>Are Here, Too! are personal and based solely on my own take and
>>experience of the present. They are way too complicated to get
>>into now, and would probably bore half the people on this List
>>to death in any event.

>Dennis argues the point of touchy-feely computers and adds...

<snip>

>In Strieber's book, The Key, whatever your opinion about the
>man, he does present an argument for ET's intervention on a
>level which has not (to the best of my Gripple-addled memory)
>been presented and discussed here. As Velez opined in another
>post about religion, that the subject is just too personal and
>deeply rooted to become a dialog here, the same appears to be
>>true about the more spiritual possibilities of ET and the
>abduction phenom, only more so. In this case we can add the
>words, "New Age." Cripes, that ought'a do it.

>Anyway, it's just another way of looking at it.

Hello Jim,

As Mr. Stacy said to Mr. Hall, "I think you're gettin' the hang
of this e-mail thing." ;)

In response to your remark above:

If you can find a "spiritually" saving grace in the act of one
person being kidnapping by another_against_ their will, and
the_forced_ violation of the body and mind of that person, then
I tip my hat to you. I suppose it's possible to entertain some
"higher" purpose for what these 'things' are doing to us.
Although 'what' that "higher purpose" is, is once again (like
religion and politics) a matter left up to individual
interpretation.

Personally I find the whole abduction business a GROSS violation
of my most basic human rights. A complete emasculation, (I am
helpless to defend or protect myself or my family) and I
consider it the worst form of enslavement imaginable. What has
been done to me is rape and assault. Period. I cannot make a

single connection between what I have experienced and "spiritual" enlightenment.

As for my own 'spiritual' growth and evolution, that is solely my domain and not that of another. The implications in your statements are; that we are all so incredibly un-evolved and spiritually bankrupt that as a race, we need an "intervention" from ET in order to make any meaningful progress spiritually. BS. As a race (mankind) we already have everything we need to attain enlightenment. (And I don't mean that 'blissed out' kind of 'hippie panacea' enlightenment either.

I'm talking about our innate capability to connect with Cosmos/the universe directly, without the aid or intercession of priests or aliens. Nothing stands between you and your "Source" but whatever limitations, garbage, and obstacles, you have placed there yourself.

I consider that those who sublimate the grosser aspects of the abduction experience as "something spiritually beneficial" are in a deep state of denial. They need the 'band-aid' that the belief that "all this is for my own good" affords them. It frees them (artificially) from fear instead of facing it square on and dealing with it. Overcoming it. THAT, is where the real human spirit shines and comes through loud and clear. Not in denial and self delusion/pacification.

What I resent about 'some' New-Agers is, they condescendingly refer to other abductees (who are more in touch with the reality of what is happening) as being "un-evolved" spiritually because they hold a "negative" belief system concerning their own repeated kidnappings. The ones they refer to as "spiritually un-evolved" are the ones who have squarely faced and integrated the reality of the abductions in a way that doesn't sugarcoat them or twist them into something other than what they are.

Kidnaping and a rape. Over and over and over again.

Hey, maybe they're right! Speaking strictly as an un-evolved human ape all I can say is, if this is for our own good, they have a hell of a way of going about winning us over to their way of perceiving the Universe. If they really care so very much about our spiritual progress and our enlightenment you would think that they'd meet us openly, seek our willing cooperation. Maybe even demonstrate their caring and concern for us as a species and do 'something' about all the war and genocide and pure misery that exists in the world. (As opposed to screwing with ordinary family people like myself who make no connection between what they are doing to me and to my family, and "spiritual" anything.) I don't give a rats ass if this "good for me or not." I want it to stop.

If they want to "enlighten" me they can damn well ask me if I wish to be "enlightened!"

It's fine by me if folks want to think that kidnap and rape is somehow good for their souls. I suppose everybody involved has to find 'some way' to deal with this monster. I don't blame them one bit for taking the 'easy way out.' This is the hardest thing I've ever had to confront or deal with. I know first hand that it ain't "easy."

"Whatever gets you through the night is alright." ;) John Lennon

Good post.

John, I'll take care of "Enlightening" myself thank you, Velez

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

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New Evidence Strengthens Claims of Ancient Life on

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New Evidence Strengthens Claims of Ancient Life on Mars -
Study of Martian Meteorite Reveals Magnetic Fossils

PRESS RELEASE
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Johnson Space Center

Researchers have found magnetic material in a 4.5 billion-year-old Martian meteorite that could only have been produced by bacteria. This new data strongly supports the primitive life on Mars hypothesis of David McKay and co-authors in 1996.

"There are no known reports of any organic process that could produce such magnetites," said Kathie Thomas-Keprta, an astrobiologist at NASA's Johnson Space Center and the lead researcher on the study. The Martian magnetites are identical to those found in a bacteria strain on Earth called MV-1. "This group of magnetite deeply embedded in the Mars meteorite is so similar to the ones produced by the Earth bacteria that they cannot be told apart by any known measurement," said David McKay, a geologist at JSC and a co-author on the paper. "We considered that perhaps earth bacteria or earth magnetite had gotten into the Mars meteorite," McKay continued, "but extensive examination and testing by both our team and many other investigators eliminated that possibility."

Scientists generally agree that ALH84001 is a member of the group of 16 meteorites found on Earth that originated on Mars. The potato-sized igneous rock is the oldest of them -- about 4.5 billion years. It lay in Antarctic ice for more than 13,000 years. But the biogenic-type magnetite crystals are embedded in 3.9-billion-year-old carbonates within ALH84001. Previous work by co-author Chris Romanek, of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory has shown that these carbonates formed on Mars; thus the magnetite crystals must also have formed on Mars.

Using electron microscopy, team members examined the Martian magnetites still embedded in the carbonate and also removed about 600 crystals and examined the individual particles to determine their chemical composition and crystal geometry. "These crystals are so tiny, ranging from 10 to 200 nanometers, that nearly a billion of them would fit on the head of a pin," said Thomas-Keprta.

The authors found that about a quarter of the Martian magnetites from ALH84001 are identical to magnetites produced on Earth by the magnetotactic bacteria strain MV-1, which has been extensively studied by co-author Dennis Bazylinski, a geobiologist and microbiologist at Iowa State University who has developed many ways of culturing these difficult to grow microorganisms. No one has found terrestrial inorganic magnetites, produced either naturally or in the laboratory, that mimic all the properties displayed by biogenic magnetites. "There is currently no known inorganic chemical means of

producing these magnetite crystals with their unique morphologies," he said.

Magnetite (Fe₃O₄) is produced inorganically on Earth. But the magnetite crystals produced by magnetotactic bacteria are different -- they are chemically pure and defect-free. Their size and shape is distinct. Magnetotactic bacteria arrange these magnetite crystals in chains within their cells. These characteristics make the magnetite crystals very efficient compasses, which are essential to the survival behavior of the bacteria by helping them locate sources of food and energy.

"Mars is smaller than Earth and it developed faster," co-author Simon Clemett of Lockheed-Martin at JSC noted. "Consequently, bacteria able to produce tiny magnets could have evolved much earlier on Mars."

"The process of evolution has driven these bacteria to make perfect little bar magnets, which differ strikingly from anything found outside of biology," added, Joe Kirschvink, a geobiologist at Caltech and a co-author of the paper. "In fact, an entire industry devoted to making small magnetic particles for magnetic tapes and computer disk drives has tried and failed for the past 50 years to find a way to make similar particles. A good fossil is something that is difficult to make inorganically, and these magnetosomes are very good fossils."

Mars has long been understood to provide sources of light energy and chemical energy sufficient to support life. Early Mars, the authors note, may have had even more chemical energy produced by active volcanism and hydrothermal activity. Also, when the team asserted in 1996 that Martian meteorite ALH84001 showed signs of life existing on Mars, that planet was not known to have ever had a strong magnetic field. But since then, the Mars Global Surveyor has observed magnetized stripes in the crust of Mars that show a strong magnetic field existed early in the planet's history, about the same time as the carbonate containing the unique magnetites was formed. Surface features also suggest that early Mars had large oceans and lakes. These attributes, coupled with a CO₂-rich atmosphere, provided the necessary environment for the evolution of microbes similar to the fossils found in ALH84001.

A team of 10 researchers collaborated on the four-year study, which was published Feb. 27 in a special Astrobiology issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. The team, led by Thomas-Keprta of Lockheed Martin at Johnson Space Center, was funded by the NASA Astrobiology Institute. Co-authors of the study are Simon Clemett and Susan Wentworth of Lockheed Martin at the JSC; Dennis Bazylinski of Iowa State University (funded by the National Science Foundation); Joseph Kirschvink of the California Institute of Technology; David McKay, Everett Gibson and Mary Fae McKay of JSC; and Christopher Romanek of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory.

RELATED RESOURCES

For a more technical discussion of this paper please see the following Web site:

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<http://ares.jsc.nasa.gov/astrobiology/biomarkers/recentnews.html>

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Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Rudiak

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>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 20:01:09 EST
>>Subject: Re: NASA - Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'
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>David, David, David.

>Why do you do this to yourself?

I don't know Roger. I guess I'm just a wild and crazy guy and can't help myself.

>Even with the above snip, we can count no less than 3 times that
>David says we can not see any stars during the day because of
>the atmosphere.

>Hoo, boy....

Just because you can see stars in space with the sun out but not here on Earth, this wild scientific theory cropped up that maybe the Earth's atmosphere had something to do with it -- junk like sunlight scattering off the atmosphere.

E.g. check out this bozo who said the exact same things I did. The guy even claims to have a PhD and be a professional astronomer.

<http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/tv/foxapollo.html>

Hoo boy, were we wrong. Fortunately Roger Who-Knows-All is here to clear up this misconception that our atmosphere keeps us from seeing stars during the day..

>The sun is a star, big guy. We see it just fine, during the
>day, even with the naked eye. We don't see the other stars
>because they are too far away and, therefore, too dim to compete
>with the intensity of the sun.

So here on Earth the stars have to "compete" with with the sun because they are far away and dim and the sun is close and bright.

But the stars are much better at "competing" on the moon because they can be seen from the moon with the same sun in the sky. I guess that means the stars are a lot closer to the moon than they are to the Earth, making them much brighter, so they can "compete" better. Have I got that right?

>If the other stars were closer,
>therefore, just as bright we'd see them during the day, as
>well. The atmosphere does do what you say it does, just like the
>sun bouncing off the white hood of a car. But it is not the

>reason that we can't see the other stars. The reason lies with
>the stars, themselves, and their proximity to the earth.

So you're saying the stars are a lot closer to the moon, making them brighter, they "compete" better, and that's why you can see them in the same sky with the sun? Perhaps you've stumbled onto the solution for interstellar travel.

>Even at night, without the symptom you describe, the atmosphere
>still exists.

True, the atmosphere still exists at night without the "symptom" I described.

>The only thing that changes is the balance of the
>lighting. Even so, we can't see every star that's out there.
>The reason is the same. Some stars are too far away and,
>therefore, too dim to register in our eyes, much less
>photographs.

These must be the very shy stars. They don't like to get close.

>Likewise, at the end of the day, some of the
>brighter stars begin to penetrate the atmosphere, even though it
>is still "daylight" outside. Of course, I guess we can't see
>those other "suns", either, using David's logic.

So you're saying that the sun erects some sort of shield during the day that the stars can't "penetrate." When the sun goes down to go to sleep, the sun's shield also disappears. Now the stars can "penetrate." Also the stars don't like to "compete" with the sun because it's so bright. When the sun isn't there to frighten the stars; they creep closer, and get much brighter so we can see them. The boldest stars creep closer first so we can see them even before the sun goes completely away. The shy stars keep their distance and we can't see them ever. I think I'm beginning to see where you're going with this.

>Again, repeat after me David, the sun is a star.

OK, Roger, I'll play along. The sun is a star. I can live with that.

>The sun penetrates the atmosphere just fine.

The sun penetrates the atmosphere just fine. That's because it has to get real close so we can see it.

>We can see the star we call the "sun" just fine.

I'm still with you Roger. We can see the star we call the sun just fine because it's so close and penetrates the atmosphere.

>Therefore, we can see any star that is
>close enough and bright enough to penetrate the atmosphere.

So for us to see the other stars besides our sun, they have to get real close and penetrate our atmosphere. Interstellar travel will be a snap with this theory.

>Therefore, your assertions about not being able to see any stars
>during the day is wrong.

I really don't know what I was thinking Roger! It never occurred to me that the sun was also a star and visible during the daytime. It also never occurred to me that the sun and its fellow stars had to get real close and penetrate our atmosphere to be seen.

What I don't understand is how the sun is able to frighten away the other stars here on Earth so they can't be seen in daylight but the same isn't true on the moon. The stars seem to be a lot bolder up there and creep a lot closer, because they can be seen with the sun out. For some reason the sun isn't as good at "competing" up there even though it's just as close and just as bright.

Perhaps it's because the Earth is a lot bigger than the moon, so the Earth and the sun together are more frightening to the stars than the sun and the moon. But when the sun goes away at night, the Earth by itself isn't frightening enough. The stars get a

lot closer and penetrate our atmosphere. Then we can see them.
Fortunately the Earth is just frightening enough that the stars
don't penetrate our atmosphere too much and burn us all up.

<snip>

>Again, the context was why photos and video don't show any stars
>in them. If my saying "see" confused you, I'm not surprised.
>After all you are, without a doubt, the only person I've known
>that apparently believes that the sun is not a star and is
>something different. According to you, we can't see stars... but
>we can see the sun! Typical Rudiak reasoning. Again, in case you
>missed the news, the sun is a star.

Hoo boy... I'm so embarrassed. Thank you for dumbing down your
explanations so that even I can understand them. i didnt git a
gud eddication lik u.

"David, David, David" Rudiak

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>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
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>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:14:19 -0800

>Hello Jenny,

>Interesting prospects...

>You will find in addendum extracts of some of your previous
>posts on Lakenheath. They definitely prove that:

>1. I'm full of it: your never hinted conclusions of the UFOIN
>report;

>2. I'm doubly full of it: you have not yet made up you mind yet
>on the Lakenheath case.

Hi,

I don't want to perpetuate a silly row that isn't necessary
anyway. I 'dont have the opportunity to do so given my domestic
circumstances. And I dont think the List in general would want
me to.

Your quotes simply show:

1: That, like I said, I have only discussed details of the air
crew testimony in my posts, not any other of the detailed
findings that are still coming in - except in general to, of
course, admit that they exist. Which would be absurd not to do
so.

2: Indicated that my colleagues (notably David Clarke and Andy
Roberts) involved in the eventual writing of this report are
deeply skeptical of the case, and of UFOs as a novel phenomena
as whole, which is what they themselves have made clear via
their own posts to this list so would be foolish to pretend
otherwise. And that I am rather less skeptical, as I think my
own posts make clear, but that I am, hopefully, forming my
opinion on this case - as I would with any case - from an
assessment of all the incoming data and facts not my overall
opinion about Ufology per se. I would have hoped that is not
something I should apologise for doing. It seems good practice
to me.

3: Suggested that I - too - was persuaded that the case was not
what it was. Like I said in earlier messages, that is proven by
what the air crew say. The visual sighting and aerial cat and

mouse chase of UFO legend just did not happen. So what else would be an honest thing to say about the case based on that?

4: I am still evaluating the evidence, adapting as new facts come in, debating it with my colleagues - amicably I should add - and being swayed by the developing arguments pro and con. Which is exactly what I told you I was doing. I assume Andy and Dave will do the same, even though as is clear from their posts they are probably starting from a more skeptical position as regards UFOs . But, ultimately IMO you decide on a case based on the sum total of the facts - not from some of the facts - and whilst this case research is well progressed - there is still more to do.

5: Yes, the case as a seminal episode in UFO history is on present evidence in trouble. It would be pointless trying to hide that fact given what Andy and Dave have said to you all. But whether that trouble is terminal and / or all embracing to the many strands that this case possesses - well - as I noted - I'm not yet sure. The air crew story definitely is much less credible in terms of it reflecting any kind of inexplicable UFO event . Although the air crew story is simply one part of this case you should remember.

As and when we write the final report - then I'll make my mind up where the full case stands and we will all offer our position statements - with reasoning - into that report. Until then any debate about conclusions is premature .

I will decide what I think when all the data is in and the time is right for me to decide.

And I think it would be a good idea if you did the same. That's all I am politely trying to suggest.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Filer's Files #9 -- 2001 [Truncated]

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:54:47 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #9 -- 2001 [Truncated]

Filer's Files #9 -- 2001, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
February 26, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

UFO REPORTS INCREASE IN SPACE, FROM AIRCRAFT AND ON THE GROUND
The new year brings spectacular Disc shaped UFO reports in
Chile, Michigan, Arizona, Oregon and England. Flying Triangle
reports come in from New Jersey, Alabama, and Georgia,
maneuvering lights are reported in Florida, Indiana, Texas, and
United Kingdom.

DISC SHAPED UFOs REPORTED IN UFOs SPY ON STS-98 SHUTTLE FLIGHT

Jeff Challender writes, "I've been looking through the raw
material gathered so far from the STS-98 mission. There have
been some anomalies, and no thanks to NASA very limited live
television. The pattern on this flight has been a dearth of live
downlink TV. There are two kinds of coverage: One is called
KU-Band, which is full motion television just as we are used to
it. The other is called S-Band, and is a herky jerky slide show
type of TV, changing images every 20 to 30 seconds. I have noted
that it is getting more common, as time passes, that the S-Band
slide show is used during most of the "action" parts of the
mission. That is: during dockings, undocking, space walks, and
any other time when it is likely that large numbers of viewers
are tuned in. This was particularly obvious during the
installation of the new Destiny module, and during space walks,
as well as this morning's undocking. During the Destiny
sequence, the S-Band slides went in sequence for a while, but
there was a very large, distinct gap just before Destiny was
locked to Alpha.

One wonders why? This morning, the KU Band downlink was in use
right up to the last seconds before separation. Then, at
separation, the S-Band was kicked in, and stayed in use until
the operation was complete. KU-Band was restored after all was
over. Hmmmm. It didn't stop me from detecting an object in space
which has appeared three times this week. I have jokingly named
this object the "Twinkie," due to it's shape. A couple days ago,
an orange orb was seen hovering off the Shuttle. It bore some
cursory resemblance to the Moon, but a check of the ephemeris
showed the Moon to be nearly 180 degrees away from the camera
angle. Also, the Moon never has an orange color when seen from
space. There's more, but unfortunately, there is no time or room
here to describe them all. I plan to release a new video
containing all the anomalies garnered from the flights of STS-92
(Oct. 2000), STS-97 (Dec. 2000) and STS-98 (Feb. 2001). The
video, like my previous release, "What Do 'They' Know," should
raise some eyebrows in the coming months. Kindest regards, as
always, Jeff Jefchall@worldnet.att.net

NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE

WANAQUE RESERVOIR -- On February 16, 2000, a Flying Triangle was
observed floating over Ringwood and the reservoir at 1:30 AM for
ten minutes. A 37 year old male reported the sighting of the
Flying Triangle at treetop level around 50 feet in altitude. The
object had a dark surface, and was the size of a baseball at

arm's length. The object hovered and appeared unsteady as it wobbled changing direction in flight. The Flying Triangle caused a strange tingling sensation in the ears of the witness. The object had blue-white lights that did not conform to FAA regulations.

DEAL -- On a winter Sunday morning in 1984, my friend and I were going to try to catch the sunrise at the beach. We were on a street in Loch Arbor when I noticed to my right, low to the ground and very close to the base of a house, a luminous golden pink cloud shaped object. It was moving very quickly following the outline of the side of the house. It moved across the yard and crossed directly in front of our vehicle. The car's headlights made the object very visible and gave the impression of a cloud rather than being a defined circle. It was about 42 feet high and 4 feet wide. It moved in front of our vehicle and continued across the street and disappeared behind a house. It seemed to be an entity rather than a mechanical device. It reminded me of a hound dog tracking a subject the way it was low to the ground and followed the contour of the house. It moved at about the same speed a tracking dog would. My friend, who was driving said that a dark area in the cloud looked like an eye shape to her. The object was a beautiful pink color with a golden hue with no sharp borders or definitive edges. We were both awestruck. Thanks to Martha Nuzio JNuz@aol.com

ALABAMA ARMY DISCS

HUNTSVILLE -- David Ring writes, "With all the news you have been including about scientific discoveries I haven't noticed anything about the disc developed in Labs in Huntsville that can generate it's own gravity field as either a "push" or a "pull." See article in October Popular Mechanics. When activated this disc has the ability to nullify the effects of gravity. The inventor theorizes that she may be able to design a disc that will be powerful enough to extend the field of the disc up out of the earth's atmosphere. A novel mode of space launch to be sure. I've seen no other news on this no headlines. She uses the Bose-Einstein effect and extremely low temperatures as the route to her gravity field. Conversely, Hutchison has rediscovered the means to achieve his gravity defying effects using a very different less theoretically sophisticated approach. Thanks to David Ring

GEORGIA AND ALABAMA SIGHTINGS OF FLYING TRIANGLE

Renowned investigator John Thompson received a call from a former Navy mine countermeasures software specialist who reported that unusual military helicopter activity has been ongoing in Randolph County, Alabama. To him the helicopters seemed to be searching for something and flew so low as to cause cattle and horses to scatter in fear. Above average helicopter activity has also been confirmed in neighboring Troup and Heard counties in Western Georgia. On Monday January 29, 2001, just after dawn, the Randolph witness said he saw a large Flying Triangle moving towards Heard County. The slab-like triangle was of "weathered gray" color on its sides, with its back being of a darker color and possibly concave. Its thickness or height was approximately a quarter of its total length. The software specialist said that the best way to picture what the Flying Triangle craft looked like is to imagine taking the pyramid on the back of a dollar bill and slicing a thick lateral wedge from that pyramid. It had non-blinking red, yellow and blue lights on its back.

WEDOWEE -- Initially the Flying Triangle was seen near Randolph County High School on Highway 48. Because of the craft's low altitude--less than a 1000 feet--and close proximity to the high school the witness was able to estimate the sides of the craft of being 150 feet long and its thickness, or height about 35 feet. The Flying Triangle was seen for five minutes and moved at a speed of only 50-60 miles-per-hour. It was last seen traveling slowly eastward over Omaha towards the Heard County line. There was no noise from the craft. No wings, protruding structures or engines were seen on the triangle UFO. The witness's description seems to match the craft seen on 1/5/00 in St. Clair County, Illinois by many law-enforcement officers. It is thought by many that the Illinois UFO was a stealth blimp of some kind. Calls were made to 911 centers in Randolph and Heard counties, but there were no other reports. There was a low ceiling that morning with a temperature in the 30s. A woman in northwest

Troup County, said a military helicopter buzzed her car. After flashing the headlights of her car on three extremely low-flying helicopters who were flying in front of her, one of the choppers circled back and dove at her car twice. Thanks to John C. Thompson

FLORIDA BRIGHT WHITE OBJECT DARTING CLOUD

SARASOTA - A couple was driving on Highway I-75 between Bradenton and Sarasota just after noon on February 16, 2001. The witness indicates his fiancé was driving, when he looked out the passenger window at the clouds and saw an object dart across the sky very fast west of his position over the Gulf of Mexico. The object looked far away, yet he saw it clearly. It was round and bright white in color and flew into a small puff of cloud. The cloud was only a few miles off the Gulf coast. The object stayed in the cloud for about 5 seconds, reversed trajectory and flew up at around a 45 degree angle to another small cloud, stayed there for another ten seconds. It then shot off at a right angle to another cloud EXTREMELY fast. The object then remained in the cloud and did not come out. It just did not look normal. Thanks to Peter Davenport, National UFO Reporting Center <A HREF="<http://www.ufocenter.com/>">NUFORC www.nuforc.com

MICHIGAN DISC RETURNS THREE NIGHTS IN A ROW

ESCANABA -- Three adults at home on Friday, February 9, 2001, (the first night) noticed a bright light in the sky. After watching for twenty minutes they looked through binoculars and saw a large round shape, with white lights in the center and red and green around it. It stayed there for over one hour, then slowly descended and turned red before going below the trees. This object has returned for three nights now, and many people are watching it. The witness reports, "I took a very good video of this object and am wondering what it is? Escanaba is located in Northern Michigan on Lake Michigan. Thanks to MUFON Worldwide Data Base <http://ohiomufon.services4all.com/>."

INDIANA 75 MINUTE FILM CLOSE UP OF UFO

TELL CITY -- Saturday evening, February 10, 2001, at 9:00 PM, my husband was getting ready to go to bed when he yelled at me to look at all of the airplanes flying by. I glanced through the window that faces west and saw an odd shaped bright light. When it started bobbing around, I got my video camera and started taking pictures. It danced around, disappeared, came back, and came so close the first time that I got a stunning look at it. It was round, except at the very bottom, and looked flat. It had two lines through the middle, a round circle in the center of the parallel lines, and an emblem in the middle of the circle. There were designs on the top and bottom parts. I viewed this for about 5 seconds, then it gradually moved away and across the trees, then into a bright ball again. It had a dark side and a bright side. When it was bright, there would be a jagged streak of light moving upward, dimming the bottom part as it went. After it dimmed, it would then get smaller. It bobbed around, disappeared, and maneuvered for several minutes. Then the dark side got very close and was very large. It had the same markings on that side as the bright side. There were red, yellow, and orange lights. It came very close 3 times before it finally disappeared. I have great movies of this. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC who spoke by telephone with this witness, and found her to be a good witness. www.nuforc.com

TEXAS STROBE LIGHT FLIES ERRATICALLY

AUSTIN -- David K. Pevehouse writes, I witnessed a plane laying a contrail at 5:00 AM in that was horizon to horizon in length. I should really call it a chemtrail due to the fact it stayed in place for over 20 minutes keeping its thin shape. I looked down a little ways from where the plane was and to the left and noticed a sparkling strobe light. It seemed to sparkle and strobe at the same time. The colors were blue greenish, purple and moved funny, back and forth very fast. It was darting north then south, again north and south. I looked at different areas of the sky to see if it was my vision but I did not see the same thing in other areas of the sky. Only way I can describe it is that it was very strange and seemed to move like a bug, very erratically. Thanks to David K. Pevehouse dkp34@juno.com

ARIZONA FOUR DOMED CIRCULAR DISK CRAFT SHAPE

PHOENIX -- It was 7:30 PM on February 6, 2001, when the witness left his driveway and turned north when a brightly illuminated sight in the evening sky caught his attention. "My gosh! Look at that! He said to himself. He pulled the car to the curb and got out for a better look. The witness stated, "I saw four very brightly lit domed circular craft! Each was illuminated totally in brilliant white light. They were each four to five inches in size from where I stood." The domed top was clear on all the craft. They were moving from south to north in a diamond formation. Each swayed back and forth and traded places, still maintaining the diamond formation as they collectively traveled forward to the north. "I watched them as they grew smaller, and smaller until they disappeared in the distance," the witness stated. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC
<http://www.ufocenter.com>

OREGON DISC WITH LIGHTS SEEN BY CREW CHIEF

ROGUE RIVER -- In one of the best reports I've received recently an SR-71 Air Force Crew Chief phoned to tell me he and his family of four had witnessed a disc shaped UFO outside their home around 8:30 PM on both February 21st, and 22nd, 2001. It started when he noticed a bright light at the top of the mountain behind his home. Since the nearest airport is 35 miles south in Medford, he thought it was strange to see a plane with its landing lights on. The home is located in a rural area with two mountains behind the house, one 2000 feet and the other 3500 feet high. Twenty minutes later he looked out again and saw the lights were still there. Grabbing his binoculars he was able to get an excellent view of the craft that was flying lower toward his home. At first, he noticed a bright diamond shaped light that at first didn't move. Then it started getting lighter and brighter and smaller and bigger. It started moving down a hill. Then it stopped. Then it got lighter, brighter, smaller and bigger. Then it went back up the hill and seemed to stop. It kept on doing it over and over. The disc shaped UFO flew down the side of the mountain and moved at its closest about 400 yards away. The disc was almost as large as his fist at arm's length. It had four triangular shaped panels or windows in a X pattern. Two panels were above the rim and two were below emitting light. The disc was made of a grayish metallic material. The Crew Chief assured me he had never seen a craft in the Air Force or any where remotely similar. The craft slowly climbed in altitude up the side of the mountain sweeping its bright lights appearing to be searching for something. The red glowing lights appeared to emit flares as it slowly flew up the side of mountain very close to the trees. Radio towers are on the top of the mountain.

The following night there was a similar bright diamond shaped light in the northwest sky just above the ridge line in the back of their home. They watched the light pull apart from the sides and pull back together several times. The light divided and a separate bright red light came from the north and pulled up next to the bright light. The second hovered for almost ten seconds and zigzagged off to the south very quickly. The bright light hovered and then maneuvered and suddenly disappeared. The object followed the ground to the top of the ridge and went over the top and stopped just on the other side. It stayed there for about 5 minutes and was gone. My son yelled, "Look to the right." The UFO was moving left, right up and down with terrific speed. It was not a helicopter or plane and there was no sound what so ever. Insects, frogs, and other animals started to make sounds only after the UFO left. They saw the object for 15- 20 minutes. The Crew Chief's eleven year old son said, "The UFO was cool and awesome!"

Editor's Note: Several elk herds live in the mountains and the UFO crew may have been searching for food. In Oregon there have been reports of U

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UFOs in Adams County, Illinois?

From: **Chris Aubeck** <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:28:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:58:12 -0500
Subject: UFOs in Adams County, Illinois?

Hello to One and All,

Can anyone give me any information about UFO phenomena seen in Adams County, Illinois? I'm mainly interested in the 1900-1935 period but anything would be handy.

Thank you

Chris Aubeck

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:08:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:01:12 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Friedman

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 00:50:13 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 22:04:21 -0400

>>You must be quite short Bob. I just went out in the cold up here
>>in New Brunswick. The Big Dipper is 11" between my hands at
>>arm's length. I am only 5'9.5". The comments were made by the
>>witness as he observed both the craft and the big dipper late at
>>night. How could you possibly suggest this was most likely done
>>in daylight by memory? Psychic powers?

>Hi, Stan:

>No, it was a guess.

>>Martin, a Civil Engineer at that, while travelling the route up
>>the Klondike Highway at about the same time at Night in December
>>as the sighting occurred, was able to do 3 triangulations. based
>>on witness testimony as to landmarks where the front and back
>>end of this huge craft were and how far away it was. There was a
>>lake and many hills as well along the road.

>Well, this could give one something to measure against.

>>May I suggest you read the report before putting computer in
>>gear?.

>Actually, in rereading your original post, I see that the
>estimate of size was .6 to 1.2 miles long, so there is a lot of
>fudge there which could account for any reasonable arm size.

>If the measurements are so exact, what accounts for a 100%
>margin of error?

Nobody said the measurements were exact. Three different
triangulations indicating the object was 0.6-1.2 miles. allowing
margins of error. Surely even 0.6 miles is big enough for a
mothership, isn't it?.

>>Did you go out and measure the width?

>I'm familiar with the size of the Dipper.

So theory triumphs over measurements? New science! Read the
report. It is an outstanding objective and carefully done piece
of work by a professional.

The number of witnesses interviewed is now more than 31.

Scoffing was the right word .. scepticism is not.

Stan Friedman (off to Weber State University. Back on March 5)

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Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:09:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:03:01 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394 - Clark

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay@teleline.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFOs in 1882 & 1394
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 00:10:01 +0100

>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 15:19:41 -0000
>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: UFOs in 1882 & 1394

>>1) An enormous UFO was seen by numerous European witnesses on
>>November 17th 1882. It travelled westwards at an approximate
>>altitude of 130 miles and was spotted by several eminent
>>scientists. These included Dr. E. Walter Maunder, an astronomer
>>at Greenwich, the English spectroscopist J. Rand Capron, and
>>Dutch astronomers Audemans and Zeeman. Greenwich published an
>>official report which stated that the object had a well-defined
>>body and was "disc-like in appearance." Unlike an ordinary
>>meteor, it said, the behaviour of the disc had seemed "orderly
>>and controlled."

>>Does anyone know the location of an on-line article reproducing
>>a whole translation of the original report? Whether the object
>>was a natural or an artificial body is not what interests me,
>>but rather the fact that it was apparently disc-shaped.
>>I found a few lines about it in the books of W. R. Corliss
>>("Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena", "Lightning, Auroras,
>>Nocturnal Lights, and related Luminous Phenomena").
>>Note that:

>- It probably was a rare auroral phenomenon (in fact, it took
>place "while the aurora was fitfully blazing in the north,
>north-east, and north-western sky"; hence the somewhat
>misleading term "auroral meteor" that was used by many
>scientists at the time).

>- It was mainly described as a torpedo-shaped cloud of whitish
>light.

I think Manuel is right. Even Eddie Bullard, who wrote about
the incident in an entry in my encyclopedia, did not consider
it a real UFO.

Jerry Clark

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:07:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:05:31 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Evans

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:15:49 EST
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:42:27 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, Bob wrote:

>>So, while the effort was apparently successful, word eventually
>>did leak out. Whether the Japanese ever found out or not I don't
>>know.

Kevin replied:

>This isn't quite right. After the six people (five children and
>one adult) were killed in Oregon (the only war deaths as a
>result of enemy action in the continental United States) , the
>policy shifted to warn people about the balloon bombs. There is
>even a "Cap't Jack" comic in which the balloon bombs are
>discussed. So, the information didn't leak, but it was part of a
>carefully orchestrated "whispering" campaign to teach people to
>stay away from the ground balloons. And, no, the Japanese
>believed that all the balloons fell harmlessly into the ocean.

>My point here was that secrets, held by thousands, can be well
>kept, at least for short periods.

Hi, Kevin, Bob, all...

There seems to be a general disagreement about what constitutes a "secret". This is much like the on-again, off-again debate about what constitutes a "conspiracy". In my mind, any agreement between two or more people to do harm to other(s) is a conspiracy, plain and simple. Others feel that such a deed has to encompass a larger, organized group of people to be called a conspiracy. Still others feel even that doesn't really apply because, eventually, the evil doers get caught which, for some reason I don't understand, is supposed to negate the previous existence of the conspiracy.

Likewise, in my mind, one person can keep something to themselves and that is a secret. To others, a secret is something that is, ironically, shared between two or more people. Again to others, it is not the degree of secrecy that defines it as such, but the duration; how long it is kept a secret.

In the end, we have the problem of defining just what is a secret. More to the point, the duration of the secret-keeping seems to affect our perception of whether or not something was, indeed, a "secret", just information "little known by the general public" or, in the end, information that quickly became "common knowledge". In other words, just how long does something have to be known by only a few (or the one) before it is classified as a "secret"? How quickly does it have to spread to

become "common knowledge"? How many people have to know about it before the term "secret" no longer applies? Does damage have to be done before repetition of the secret is considered a "breach of security"? Or is something still considered a secret if nothing happens? How long have papers sat in the archives after declassification before someone with an agenda finds the one piece of paper that makes a difference in their research about a particular topic?

After all, the computer which was used as a reference during this discussion was, at one time, a secret within the company that developed it, was it not? Certainly we can say that they are common place now, and that they are a ubiquitous part of our everyday lives, but that was not always the case. During the design stage, all companies keep close tabs on their product development information. I've done plenty of work for BMC software, here in Houston, and I can tell you that there are areas of that building that are off limits to most everyone except certain personnel with their own company.

I'm not sure we can compare the existence of items we take for granted with information that we have no access to and claim, "All the secrets are out about everything or we'd be hearing about them." After all, if it's secret, how would we know?

Just what is a secret these days?

Roger

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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 09:58:48 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:16:42 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:13:04 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian
>Macrobes?

<snip>

>3. The details on the tubular structure itself look "organic" (a
>remnant or some living thing, or natural process) and not like
>an 'artificial' or 'manufactured' artifact. I detect nothing
>that resembles mechanical or 'manufactured' parts anywhere in
>the structure. As I have said, it 'looks like' some impossible
>worm left behind its outer skin layer on the Martian surface.
>(That's what it -looks like- not what I think it is.)

>Maybe Frank Herbert wasn't too far off the mark with
>his "giant desert worm" creations in Dune! :0

Hi John, List,

I agree: it looks organic. Then again, so do some technological constructions. I'm quite open to this being a "sandworm" carcass, frankly. I wonder if we can start importing some of that "spice"...

>And I'm sorry Mac, I know you have a lot of respect and
>admiration for the guy, but Richard Hoagland lost me when he
>started making absolutely wild "predictions" in public as if he
>was the "Psychic Hotline" for anything ET related.

Again, I agree. Hoagland and I have a very different take on Mars and its significance, as you can tell by perusing our respective websites. Hoagland is very eager to look for "grand unified theories" that describe everything in a Martian context (a commendable endeavor, but one I don't think is warranted by the evidence).

I do, however, applaud his willingness to entertain possibilities. Does he go over the edge sometimes? Certainly. But chances are none of us would even know about the "worm" if not for his scouring Malin's releases.

As for the Face's status as a possible artifact, the a priori predictions of secondary features, such as the "nostrils" and "eye" (plus extra ones, such as apparent "lips" and ornamentation) would tend to favor intelligent origin. One good overhead shot could tell us so much.

I think the potential scientific payback represented by the Face (and other Cydonian features) makes it worth the trouble--and Malin's demonstrated ability to aim the MOC camera accurately, contrary to previous public statements, indicates that the "trouble" is actually pretty minimal.

Last night, SPSR's Ian Fleming dropped the bombshell that the entire Face was imaged in June of 2000. For some reason, the eastern half has not been released.

Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

Keep an eye on my site. It's possible we already have a complete overhead view!

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:16:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:19:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 10:21:29 -0000

>>From: Jerome Clark
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clark
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 12:01:59 -0600

Andy,

>Excuse the lateness of my reply to the following, but a
>karmically induced and extremely virulent bout of adult
>chicken-pox has been somewhat distracting.....

Sorry to hear about your chicken pox -- no fun having when you're a kid (as I did), and much worse in one's adult years. I hope you're well recovered and back in action shortly.

Beyond that, to the less important issue of the Lakenheath case, you have in no way addressed my concerns about your repeatedly demonstrated lack of (even lip-service) objectivity. Instead, you've just dug yourself in deeper. You have tried to change the focus to my alleged refusal to address the "facts of the matter," even knowing fully well that since the report and its attendant evidence are unavailable to us except in the most (conveniently) piecemeal fashion, no meaningful discussion is currently possible. I am told that you and your colleagues are actively refusing to share information with other Lakenheath experts.

This, let me repeat, is what concerns me, and indeed ought to concern all who desire a non-ideologically driven investigation of UFO cases: You seem to have a far deeper emotional attachment to a particular set of beliefs regarding the incident than I, personally, could ever muster. You also appear to have a deep-seated need to make enemies and, failing that, to imagine them. Do you want to be known less as an investigator than as a martyr? I am sorry to disappoint you, but whether Lakenheath stands or falls is of no concern to me, except to the degree that whichever finally happens is the option that most coheres with facts and logic.

You also keep coming back to the slander that, for reasons evidently known to you but certainly not to me, I refuse to accept prosaic causes of classic UFO cases. Well, it's true I refuse to accept them when they make no sense (.e.g., Arnold's pelicans) or otherwise fail to measure up (Klass and Menzel on Socorro), but when good skeptical explanations are available, I am glad to embrace them, as I've accepted many over the course of time (as my writings document). I even once personally debunked a once classic CE3, in the process proving, incidentally and amusingly, that pelicanists reject "anecdotal testimony" only when it is pro-UFO; anti-UFO anecdotal testimony is quite another matter.

Perhaps, while we're at it, you can list some proposed prosaic

explanations for classic UFO cases that you reject -- or is the phrase "prosaic explanation" sufficient to identify it as both correct and beyond reproach?

In any event, I pretend to no expertise on Lakenheath. All I have is curiosity both about what you allegedly have found -- should you ever deign to share it with us lesser mortals -- and about what your peers who do know the case well have to say about your methods and conclusions, favorable or unfavorable, when we finally learn, if we ever do, what you're talking about.

In the meantime, to all appearances you are implying that your ideas amount to sacred text and all who (inevitably) will question them (just as you have questioned previous pro-UFO readings of the incident, as is your right) are in some sense heretics, true believers, or other undesirables. If so, you're doing ufology no good.

Indeed, if that's your view (and it certainly seems to be your view, though I would like to be wrong), one can only conclude, sadly, that you don't understand how the scientific process works.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Velez Question On John Carpenter [was: Filer's

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:05:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:27:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Velez Question On John Carpenter [was: Filer's

>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:43:17 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

>George (Filer), you're a MUFON director, have you heard _anything_
>at all about the headquarters investigation into the John
>Carpenter (sale of abductee files) business? I'm both curious
>and trying to do a follow up. It's been awhile since we've
>heard anything new about their "internal investigation."

>"Love All,"..... trust _few!_

>John Velez ;)

John Velez,

It may interest you to know that my own investigation of John Carpenter's activities has continued since last July when John Schuessler messaged other board members and said an ethics committee would look at the evidence I had presented and make a decision in two weeks... Since I made it clear that any MUFON decision should be communicated to me using a certified letter - if the so-called ethics committee had reached a decision, I would know of it.

My evidence package has grown from 231 pages to well over four hundred pages as I have followed every lead to it's logical end and contacted every person on John's case file list that could be reasonably contacted. Every person contacted was appreciative of my effort to contact them and supply printed materials to prove what had happened to their case files.

In addition to other materials, I provided each person with a message John wrote to the UpDates mail list where he didn't contest: his selling of files, the number of files sold or the resulting need to contact the abductees. John expressed his (supposed) willingness to make these contacts, difficult as they are. The people _I_ have been able to contact are, of course, the easiest to contact considering name changes, etc. To a person, no one had been contacted by Carpenter for any reason.

Based on my own investigative efforts I can now draw these several conclusions: no investigation by MUFON's ethics committee ever took place. They would _have_ to contact me as chief investigator. They would _have_ to contact the available witnesses. They would _have_ to corroborate my evidence sources just as I have done and there has been _no_ word back to me of any effort to do this.

When these facts became clear a few days ago, I called MUFON Midwest Region Director John Kasher and asked several questions about his knowledge of the Carpenter case. His responses told me he knew essentially nothing about the substance of the case. He _had_ been contacted by Carpenter and assured the charges Kasher might have heard about were false, so no proper investigation has taken place unless you call talking to a defendant an investigation - I don't.

My attention is focused solely on MUFON's board of directors and not on MUFON's general membership as they have been kept in the dark like the rest of us and cannot be held accountable for the actions of a few. My conversation with Kasher confirmed that most of the board directors were also purposefully kept in the dark about this exceptionally important case.

I immediately messaged the board with a copy of my July 2000 Formal Complaint and a detailed case time line to show there was indeed a series of events, a complete and detailed story of misconduct that could impact MUFON and the reputations of all members of MUFON's Board because it could now be seen that the MUFON Board had failed to act on a situation that may include criminal conduct.

I received back several messages from Board members stating they were unaware of my specific allegations of misconduct. By the way, I do recognize, respect, appreciate and encourage the efforts of some Board members to communicate with me. This is an essential step to start repairing a situation that now has inevitable consequences.

Attention focuses on the three people who are paid for their services by MUFON: John Schuessler, Thomas Whitmore and Tom Dueley, International Director, Treasurer And Secretary respectively. Chief investigator Dan Wright apparently was aware of case details and quit MUFON in December. Two other Directors have quit in recent months, also.

I hereby call for the resignation of these three persons, their ouster by MUFON's Board or an immediate public statement regarding MUFON's position on the Carpenter case. Take your pick.

MUFON's effort last year to vote in new by-laws failed by a wide margin through lack of interest. Only 15% of all the membership voted, well short of the 25% voting level needed to make the vote valid. Did any of you MUFON members know this? Anyone bother to tell you?

Gary Hart

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Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:02:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:29:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath - Clarke

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:42:38 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath

>>From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 10:16:39 -0000

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>>Believe me I have far better things to do than spend hard earned
>>cash travelling around the country gathering information for a
>>bunch of ingrates to sit and pick holes in.

>Hi All,

>Sorry are you refering to Errol Knapp's excellent UpDates service?

Hi Roy,

No problems experienced with the excellent service, just a small minority of the 'users'!

But hey, there's room for everyone at the inn..and are you telling me these little disagreements don't make life more interesting?

After all, if everyone agreed with each other, it would be a pretty boring 'service'... what do you think, ebk?

Cheers,

Dave Clarke

"The Skeptick doth neither affirm, neither denie any position;
but doubteth of it." --Sir Walter Raleigh

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Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 20:05:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 18:34:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 16:36:02 -0000

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige
>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:45:42 -0000

>>>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 20:38:42 +0100
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 09:16:12 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige - Mancusi

>>>2) Where have you read about Hans Buchmann? I haven't been able
>>>to get at the original source. If it's from a book in a language
>>>other than English, could you post a translation of the relevant
>>>passage? Can you confirm the date? How?

><snip>

>>Sorry, I don't know an English source and can't post a
>>translation. There is no dispute about the date. The story come
>>from a manuscript of the well-known chronicler Renward Cysat
>>(1515-1614), 'Collectanea chronica und denkwürdige sachen pro
>>chronica Lucernensi et Helvetiae'.

>Thanks for the information regarding Naud! You have reached the
>same conclusion as I have about the Russian case - it was
>invented by Fenoglio along with the Alençon report. Glad to see
>we're all aware of how much garbage can be attributed to
>Fenoglio's interference.

No, no, no! I wrote the contrary: I didn't find the Russian
case in 'Clypeus' article. Perhaps it is described in another
Fenoglio's article but I don't know...

>I still find the Buchmann case confusing, I'm afraid. You say
>the date is undisputed. I keep coming across the date of
>November 1792. But you write that the original story was from
>Renward Cysat, who died in 1614. I think one of us is missing
>something here, and the sources you so kindly mention are quite
>obscure so I can't check this out myself.

Excuse me, I didn't check your date. The correct one is 15
November 1572. Cysat manuscript is archived at the Zentral- &
Hochschulbibliothek Luzern:

<http://www.zhbluzern.ch/zhbhandschriften/zhbhand.htm>

Regards,

Bruno

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Mystifying Shuttle Shadow

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Mystifying Shuttle Shadow

By Globe Staff, 2/27/2001

The launch of the space shuttle Atlantis on Feb. 8, on a mission to the International Space Station, was one of the most spectacularly beautiful ever. Lifting off at 20 minutes after sunset and eight hours before a full moon created spectacular visual effects, best captured in this photo by Pat McCracken of NASA headquarters.

But many people were mystified by the long, dark cone extending from the shuttle's bright exhaust plume to the full moon near the horizon. Some news accounts described it as rainbow-like, and some observers wondered how a dark shadow could possibly extend from one very bright object (the shuttle plume) to another (the full moon).

Robert Greenler, a leading expert on unusual optical phenomena in the sky, believes the explanation lies in the shadow cast by the rocket's own plume, whose base was still in darkness but whose tall spire extended up into sunlight, progressing through the colors of sunset along the way.

The phenomenon is closely related to the dark rays that are often seen extending upward from the sun around sunset, called crepuscular rays. These are the shadows of clouds or mountains near the horizon. In some cases, these rays can be seen converging on the opposite side of the sky, where they are called "antirepuscular rays."

"My guess is that we are looking at an antirepuscular ray, which in this case is the shadow cast across the sky by the rocket plume," said Greenler, a physicist and author of "Rainbows, Halos and Glories" and "Chasing the Rainbow."

"The lower part of the plume is dark and the top is bright, which suggests that the sun had just set for an observer on the ground, but still illuminates the plume higher in the sky. A shadow cast by the obscuring plume would be in the form of a fan converging to the antisolar point," the point in the sky exactly opposite to the sun's position.

Based on the time of the shuttle launch, Greenler estimated that the antisolar point would be just above the horizon in the east, creating a shadow extending through the moon and disappearing in the murk close to the horizon. The fact that the shadow passes through the moon is just a coincidence, he said, because when full, it is very near the antisolar point.

The confusing fact that the shadow fan converges, instead of diverging, toward the moon is a result of perspective, Greenler explained - the same effect that causes parallel train tracks to appear to converge toward the horizon.

DAVID L. CHANDLER

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Velez

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>THE CYDONIAN IMPERATIVE
>Water Flows and Martian Life

>by Mac Tonnies

>Mars anomalist Efrain Palermo has catalogued dozens of enigmatic
>"leaks" or "stains" on the surface of Mars that can be
>reasonably attributed to the presence of flowing water. NASA has
>endorsed similar stains as evidence of liquid water (in the
>Valles Marineris region, where the air pressure is estimated to
>be suitable for short-lived water flows) but suggests,
>less-than-convincingly, that stains elsewhere on Mars are dust
>flows.

<snip>

>Last but not least, the stains' dark color could very well be
>due to the presence of photosynthetic pigments or the product of
>unknown biological processes. A biological tenet here on Earth
>seems to be "Where there is water, there is life." If Palermo's
>stains indeed show water, then it's not unreasonable to expect
>them to be seething with primitive life, eking out an existence
>on Martian sunlight (thus the anomalously low albedo, such as
>that seen in algal growths).

>NASA's pending announcement of confirming evidence of past life
>on Mars also raises the possibility that these stains are
>composed, partially, of magnetite (the substance found in
>Martian rock specimens and generally attributed to
>extraterrestrial bacteria).

Hiya Mac, hi All,

I mentioned in my last post that NASA has been very circumspect about providing B&W images only to the public. After seeing the breathtaking color images of Jupiter and its moons, as well as Saturn and all the outer planets, I cannot believe that they spent millions to send a craft to Mars stocked with a camera that can only capture black & white images.

If we could see the colors of what we are looking at, many questions would get answered immediately. Plant/algae, and organic substances can many times be identified by 'color'. ie; green for algae or other types of vegetation, and browns and other colors for organic substances. For reasons I cannot fathom NASA is not permitting us to see Mars as it is.

Once a year a vast strip/portion of the Martian surface changes color with the Martian seasons. Every professional and amateur astronomer is familiar with the cyclical phenomenon. The part of the Martian surface that 'changes' turns green. One of the things I had hoped to see during this particular mission was tight resolution shots of these changing surface areas. I wanted

to see the "green" on Mars as close-up as the technology would allow.

Wouldn't ya know it, NASA is only putting out B&W images that make Mars (a dynamic and active planet) look like the moon. Dull, grey, and lifeless. Any reasonable person would be hard put to believe that it is anything other than intentional on the part of NASA.

Those "glass worms" could be blue with bright yellow streaks for all we can tell. Vast portions of the surface turn Green in Martian spring and summer, it all looks likes barren desert in B&W, the streaking that is being discussed could be bright green for all we know.

Damn shame. Has anybody else questioned this particular detail of this mission. Why B&W only? If any, "who" is in possession of the _color_ images?

NASA makes me feel like I'm trapped in a bad B&W 'cine noir' 50's flick. What's up with that! This 2001 not 1951. Tell me that those dolts don't have any working 'color' imaging cameras on that craft because I have a bridge in Brooklyn that I'd like to sell you. ;)

Regards,

John Velez,

'I gotz color vision but all I sees is B&W!' :)

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

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Sparks

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:43:27 -0500
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>In this
>particular case both Jenny and Dave have freely given new
>evidence which is pertinent and which radically alters the
>perceived nature of the Lakenheath 56 case. Neither of its two
>main proponents, ie Jerry and Brad, have commented on these
>facts.

I was waiting for the dust to settle -- has it yet? I was also expecting some announcement of the imminent release of the UFOIN report but instead we are told it isn't "soon" but "end of the year."

As for these alleged "facts" or "new evidence" Jenny says hers is not new at all. Anyway I have seen enough that I am satisfied now about the UFOIN investigation.

I do hope that the RAF document on the Lakenheath case would be published without having to wait for UFOIN. With all the FOIA-type activity one would have expected this to have been published right away.

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:46:10 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

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>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 13:13:03 -0000

>Let me respectfully suggest that perhaps you haven't yet
>digested the full panoply of evidence when it is laid out on a
>"spread sheet," as it were, and perhaps are somewhat overly
>negatively influenced by the exaggerated claims and weird
>behavior of some self-styled ufologists whose shenanigans really
>are irrelevant to the central question: Do we or don't we have a

>(Is that a world record for sentence length?)

>I recognize that you are a genuine skeptic (i.e., doubter), and
>the field is richer for that. Always a pleasure to clash swords
>with you. It's the outright cocksure debunkers who force-fit the
>facts to their preconceived conclusions that bug me.

>Dick

Dick,

In the copy of The Anomalist 5 that I've almost mailed you is another article that I think you may find of interest. This is Karl Pflock's "UFOs: For RAND Use Only." It's about what might as well be described as a classic UFO case investigated by George Kocher of RAND in the mid- 1960s. It's also an excellent guide as to how a UFO field investigation should be conducted. (Newton, Illinois, October 10, 1966.)

As with the best such cases, the UFO described therein is truly perplexing. I have no idea what it may have been, although it is highly suggestive of an advanced aerial platform not known to be in anyone's arsenal at the time.

In other words, it falls well within the "embarrassment of riches" of which Hynek spoke, or was it warned? Hope you enjoy it if you're not already well aware of it. I'm not sure if it's made it into the general UFO literature or not.

But if you search your spreadsheet data for another case exactly like it, you won't find one -- just as you won't exactly find another Trans-en-Provence object. Close, maybe, but no Cuban cigar.

The sheer number of sightings is one of the philosophical aspects of the ET hypothesis that rarely gets addressed. The question of why UFOs have external lights at all is another one, along with wondering why some show up on radar and others apparently don't. (And, I might add, so on.)

Some ufologists, Jim Deardorff springs immediately to mind, explain the nagging questions above by reference to alien intentions, which is a classic case of circular reasoning, if ever there was one. (You can't use some speculative interpretation of the hypothesis you're proposing as "proof" of the original hypothesis.) I'm referring to Deardorff here, btw, not you.

Even the best ET scenario would still need to have several pluses following it to account for the vast plethora of different shapes and behaviors reported, never mind such a category as "shape-shifter," when the UFO stimulus is reported as actually changing shape during observation.

Thus, ETH + _____, or ETH + _____ + _____,
or ETH + _____ + _____ + _____.

In other words, there is nothing about the ETH itself that necessarily (or should I say adequately) addresses the sheer number of sightings. It's one thing to suggest we've been visited once, a handful, or even hundreds of times in historical memory, quite another to argue for thousands, or perhaps hundreds of thousands of visitations in the last half-century alone, never mind those pesky abductions. With the actual, hardcore evidence of all those visitations being so conveniently amenable to cover-up by military/intelligence agencies. Choose your villains here: NSA, FBI, CIA, NASA, or all of the above and more.

These numbers cannot be supported by even a rudimentary knowledge of what mainstream science tells us about the universe we live in (nor is there any way that a mythical MJ-12 or other agency could conceivably cover up such a UFO "invasion" of such massive proportions).

Ironically, whatever it is that "explains" the UFO phenomenon, the ETH in and of itself would seem not to be it. In that regard, then, yes it is time for another, "newer," theory.

And I bet I'm driving ebk mad with all these overlong line breaks!

Dennis

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:48:16 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randles
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:28:45 -0500

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>>So why is it that the UFO as ET evidence is so, what shall I
>>say, marginal? That is, suggestive, but never quite landing in
>>the realm of conclusive, when it's so easy to imagine
>>alternative outcomes, in which case we wouldn't be having this
>>discussion?

>Hi,

>I agree with this, Dennis. My problem with the ETH is not that
>it is implausible (it is easily the most likely theoretical
>solution to fit all the facts if it were supported by
>sufficiently strong evidence). Rather it is that the theory
>fails to match the level of support that it receives from the
>phenomenon that it is supposed to explain.

What is "sufficiently strong evidence?"

>It is virtually impossible to conceive that in so many years of
>apparently extensive alien contact these beings who are not even
>able to effectively block memory (meaning any tinpot hypnotist
>can 'retrieve' the truth without hassle) are yet so expert that
>they dont seem to ever accidentally leave behind anything
>conclusively extraterrestrial. A DNA sample, a bit falling off
>the back of their spaceship - anything of the order that fate
>simply has to decree would happen sooner or later. And it
>couldn't be 'covered up' because these things would surely happen
>without the knowledge of the ETs - just as a silencer (muffler)
>might fall off your car, be found on the roadside and you'd
>never know you had lost it until you got home.

There are lots of artifacts that are very hard to prove anything
with one way or the other. Re: the "alien" supposed inability
to block memory, how do we know that what the hypnotists manage
to bring out is the "truth?" I doubt that it is entirely (with
the usual proviso, if it is really happening). The salient
feature of abductions is memory manipulations, if the reports
are taken at face value.

>To me there is a suspicious lack of congruence between the way
>the phenomenon often seeks to assert that it is ET in origin and
>the virtual absence of any real proof to that effect.

>So the real question might be - who or what else might wish to
>pretend to be extraterrestrial in origin as a way to observe our

>cultural reaction? Maybe this is a gigantic sociological
>experiment on the part of someone or something closer to home.

>And - no - I dont mean some government agency. The intelligence
>involved seems more human than alien, but also advanced
>technologically - assuming we accept that there is an
>intelligence, of course. And that's by no means a given.

Yes, the problem with all this hypothesis swapping is that more often than not we don't agree on what is "real evidence" that an hypothesis must take into account. This alternative intelligence notion is also on my list (cosmic jokers, cosmic manipulators, whatever) but obviously it would be even harder to adduce strong evidence for it, much less obtain proof. I accept that an intelligence is involved (or intelligences).

>Ponder that.

I have and I will. Anyway, the UFO Evidence II will have lots of data for you to ponder as well, and you may be surprised at the strength of the case for ETH. You are right that the same data might be "explainable" by the alternative intelligence hypothesis. That would be even more extraordinary than ET visitation, and perhaps have relevance to religion and spirituality.

As with Dennis, I recognize that you are a true skeptic and scientific in spirit (as am I) so I always welcome your ideas and insights.

Dick

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Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish'

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Subject: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish'

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2001/2/27/nation/2714pkal&sec=nation>

The Star [Malaysia] | 27 Feb. 2001

Wife sees husband 'vanish'

By Muguntan Vanar

TAMBUNAN: A police report has been lodged about an incident that could have come right of an X-Files episode.

A woman told police that her husband became "invisible" right before her eyes, and has not been seen since the incident last week.

Keningau district police chief Deputy Supt Abdul Hadi Baharudin confirmed that a report was lodged by a housewife who said her husband, hospital assistant Yabi Gintukod, 45, had gone missing.

"Like all missing persons cases, we have flashed the information to all OCPDs and are seeking the help of the village committee to help trace Yabi," he said.

Mainis Gampat, a mother of eight, claimed that Yabi suddenly became invisible and vanished into thin air before her eyes just after dinner on Feb 20.

"We have not been able to locate him since then," she told reporters at her house in Kampung Kepayan Baru here.

She claimed it was the second time that her husband had disappeared.

In the last incident which occurred two days before his second disappearance, Mainis said Yabi was found sitting in a bush in a stupor. They sent him for a medical check-up and he was found to be in good health.

Yabi's brother-in-law Mahat Kulimpang claimed that Yabi had spoken to him of an encounter with a man whom he claimed to be an "alien" with a square body.

"Yabi told me that the alien wanted him to go a strange place," Mahat said.

He claimed that Yabi had always wanted to go to that place.

"The night before Yabi disappeared, he was wearing white and his feet were not touching the ground.

"When I touched his shirt, it slowly turned black and he soon passed out," claimed Mahat, who seemed puzzled by the phenomenon.

Police, however, are not ready to comment on the family members' stories saying only that they were searching for Yabi.

In the meantime, Yabi's wife has also sought the assistance of bomohs to trace the whereabouts of her husband.

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Secrecy News -- 02/27/01

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
February 27, 2001

**ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE REPORTED
**ACQUISITION OF WMD TECHNOLOGIES REPORTED
**CUBAN DOCUMENTS ON BAY OF PIGS

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE REPORTED

"The risks to sensitive business information and advanced technologies have dramatically increased in the post-Cold War era as foreign governments -- both former adversaries and allies -- have shifted their espionage resources away from military and political targets to commerce."

That is one finding of the latest unclassified Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage, prepared by the National Counterintelligence Center (NACIC) and published on Friday.

Previous editions of the Report refrained from naming the countries that conduct economic espionage against the U.S. "Because of the ramifications to US foreign policy as well as the sensitivity of source information, the specific identities of countries are included in the classified report only," the first unclassified Annual Report said in 1995.

But the new Report, citing the results of an industry survey, drops the pretense and for the first time officially names the worst offenders: China, Japan, Israel, France, Korea, Taiwan, and India.

A copy of the Report is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/docs/fy00.htm>

Trade secrets and military technologies obviously deserve appropriate protection, but it seems equally obvious that the consequences of espionage have been dramatically overstated.

So many officials have cried "wolf" (or "crown jewels" or "vital secrets" or "extremely grave") over the years that a more skeptical public understanding of the threat from espionage is gradually developing in response.

James Surowiecki, writing in The New Yorker (February 19 & 26, 2001) observed that "A spate of hysterical books and articles in the early nineteen-nineties depicted an innocent America being sapped of its secrets by wily corporate pirates in Europe and Asia. Of course, now that the economies of Europe and Japan are languishing, that story line doesn't hold up as well."

Fundamentally, the role of "secrets" has been overestimated, both in commercial enterprise and national security.

"A successful business rarely depends on some equation locked away in a vault," Surowiecki wrote. "In the popular imagination, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Coke rule the world

because of their coveted secret formulas, but without their distribution networks and branding powers they wouldn't be much bigger than Old Country Buffet. If Popeye's knew the Colonel's 'original recipe,' would it really be able to sell that much more fried chicken?"

Likewise, one might add, the national security of the United States depends infinitely more on our constitutionally-based political system, our economy, and our military infrastructure than it does on any "secret" that could be written down on a piece of paper and handed over to an adversary.

ACQUISITION OF WMD TECHNOLOGIES REPORTED

The CIA last week published its semi-annual "Unclassified Report to Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions, 1 January Through 30 June 2000."

The Report largely reiterates the findings of past unclassified editions, such as this: "We assess that North Korea has produced enough plutonium for at least one, and possibly two, nuclear weapons."

A copy is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/bian_feb_2001.htm

CUBAN DOCUMENTS ON BAY OF PIGS

The Cuban government announced that next month it will declassify "new information on the Bay of Pigs, known in Cuba as Playa Girón."

"The declassification of documents on the US-led mercenary invasion in 1961 will coincide with an international conference entitled 'Girón, 40 years later', set for 20 March to 25 March here in Havana," according to a February 24/25 announcement on Radio Havana.

"Cuban Council of State official José Ramón Fernández told journalists in Havana that the aim of the conference is to clarify all aspects of the Bay of Pigs invasion, including the events leading up to the invasion, as well as its effect on the U.S.-Cuba relations."

"The conference in the Cuban capital will be the first time that actual participants on both sides will meet together to discuss the issue," the Radio Havana report said.

See the Radio Habana Cuba web site here:

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Re: Atomic Bombs and Fugo Balloons - Goldstein

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Subject: Re: Atomic Bombs and Fugo Balloons - Goldstein

>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
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>Subject: Atomic Bombs and Fugo Balloons
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:30:24 -0500

>After the first Japanese balloon bomb was discovered in Montana,
>ensorship was requested in the press. This was most
>successful. The censorship was lifted after the incident in
>Oregon in which a number of women and childred were either
>killed or injured by a Fugo balloon found by the children.

>The Western Defense Command files at the National Archives has
>an intercepted letter written to the Japanese--thru a neutral
>country--by a woman who urged the Japanese to send balloons with
>chemical agents and explosive to the US. There is no evidence
>that she knew of the attack in progress at that time.

>On the atomic bomb, this type of weapon was talked about in the
>press, especially during the Dec 1944-Jan 1945 secret weapon
>press feeding frenzy. The Germans threatened to use atomic bombs
>against American troops. The idea of atomic bombs was not
>secret, but the American program was. Certain outsiders did
>figure out what was going on. However, the program was
>compromised by spies like Claus Fuchs and others.

>Stalin had information on the American test. When Turman
>mentioned he had something special up his sleeve, Stalin would
>not take the bait, but suggested that the Americans hurry and
>use it, as he has his own special program--which was the
>Manchuran campaign.

>Tokyo Rose welcomed the 509th to the Pacific theater with a
>mocking announcement that they had something special to do.

>Jan Aldrich

Hello Jan,

The Japanese attempts to attack the US were pretty meager and somewhat pitiful, especially considering who they were up against. The attack on Pearl Harbor jump started us into the war and we certainly had the industrial power to overcome those losses and build an unprecedented armada to defeat Japan. A Japanese sub surfaced near Santa Barbara and fired a shell at a little oil drilling building. The Fugo balloons had no real psychological or material affect to make a difference in the war.

Near the end of the war Japan started to build a few special sobmarines. These were designed with a hangar on the deck that would hold two planes. The special planes were single engined and named Aichi. The plan was for the sub to go to the west coast of the USA, surface, assemble the plane in 7 minutes and launch it to drop a bomb somewhere. They tried it once but the sub was sunk in the western Pacific ocean. The Americans shipped back an Aichi to the US. It was recently restored at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian. They also published an excellent book covering the Fugo program. School

age girls were enlisted to sew the balloons. To me, a great mystery is wondering what the heck that UFO was that caused the LA Air defense to start shooting at it.

We had the Manhattan project and the 509th to deliver a huge wallop. When I worked at the National Air and Space Museum we had the Enola Gay in storage along with hundreds of other historic aircraft. This was back in the 1970s when I restored aircraft by day and made music at night. When I and a fellow technician used to take breaks we would often unlock a storage hangar, go inside, pick a historic plane and sit in it sharing a joint. We would get high and try to feel the vibes of the airplane, imagining we were the pilots on historical flights. One of those planes was the Enola Gay. This is dark humor, but I remember how weird it was to sit in the bombardier's position with my hand on the bombing button and getting a creepy feeling.

The Germans were never anywhere near a bomb. We had gotten a reactor to go critical and warm up the stadium bleacher seats above it. We then started moving towards a bomb. The Germans never got a reactor to go critical. If you'll remember, the allies had a special mission to destroy the Nazi heavy water facility, as portrayed in a couple of films. That pretty much knocked out any hope of an atomic bomb before the end of the war.

The Soviets had Claus Fuchs and the Rosenbergs to thank for their early ability. Man, I remember during the anti-war demonstrations in the 1960s there were some misguided communists parading around holding signs that the Rosenbergs were innocent - yeah, right. The Russians took a B29 bomber that had crash landed in the USSR and copied it rivet to rivet to make their first prop superbomber.

Take care,

Josh Goldstein

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Joe Firmage Aiming For The Stars?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:58:09 -0500
Subject: Joe Firmage Aiming For The Stars?

Hi everyone.

No, that very bright light in the sky is not a UFO, it is Joe's spaceship!

Several international groups, including one from Canada which included students with the Canadian Space Society, had plans at one time to send up their own solar sail spacecrafts to the Moon or Mars. It seems that our dream of sailing to other worlds will soon be a reality - and it will be cheap too! I wonder if Joe has plans to re-image the Face or look for "macrobes" which Carl Sagan's suspected may be found on Mars (much like the dark spots we have already found)?

Nick Balaskas

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THE PLANETARY SOCIETY AND COSMOS STUDIOS ANNOUNCE COSMOS 1 THE FIRST SOLAR SAIL SPACE MISSION

TEST FLIGHT WILL LAUNCH IN APRIL WITH ORBITAL MISSION TO LAUNCH LATER THIS YEAR

Cosmos 1: The First Solar Sail is a project of The Planetary Society and is solely sponsored by Cosmos Studios

THIS MISSION IS ONE GIANT LEAP FOR HUMANKIND - THE FIRST FLIGHT OF A TECHNOLOGY DESTINED TO TAKE HUMANKIND THROUGHOUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND TO THE STARS

For News and Updates on this mission, visit

<http://planetary.org/>

Pasadena, CA. - February 26, 2001: The Planetary Society's Cosmos 1: The First Solar Sail mission, sponsored by Cosmos Studios, is set to test in April with the prime mission scheduled to launch between October - December this year.

The deployment test flight will launch from a Russian submarine in the Barents Sea and will be lifted into a thirty-minute sub-orbital flight from a Russian Volna rocket, a converted ICBM. The main mission, with the goal of first solar sail flight, will launch into Earth orbit later this year, also from a Volna rocket.

Once in orbit, the solar sail spacecraft will be as bright as the full moon (although only a point in the sky) and will be visible from places on Earth with the naked eye. Images of the sail in flight will be sent to Earth from two different cameras on-board the spacecraft.

The mission represents the first private mission of space exploration technology and the first mission by a private space interest organization. It will explore and develop technology that could open the door to future flights throughout the solar system and beyond. The mission will be carried out by a unique, privately funded Russian-American space venture.

"This could be a pivotal moment for space exploration, said Louis Friedman, Executive Director of The Planetary Society and Project Director of Cosmos 1. "Solar Sailing is a grand adventure as well as an important leap in technological innovation."

Space sailing is done not with wind, but with reflected light pressure - pushing on giant sails, changing the orbital energy and spacecraft velocity continuously. The sunlight pressure is powerful enough to push spacecraft between the planets from Mercury out to Jupiter. Beyond Jupiter, and out to the stars, space sailing can be done using powerful lasers focused over long distances in space.

"The lasers themselves will be powered by solar energy - keeping the spirit of solar sailing alive to other stars," added Friedman.

"The many special aspects of this first attempted solar sail flight - Russian-American collaboration; use of weapons of war for launching peaceful technologies for humankind's future; attempting a very low cost, privately funded space initiative in a one-year time schedule; realizing one of Carl Sagan's dreams; working with Ann Druyan, Sagan's wife and long-time collaborator, who, together with Joe Firmage, had the courage to fund this project - make us extremely proud of what we have accomplished before we've even launched," said Friedman.

"We have lingered long enough on the shores of the cosmic ocean. We are ready at last to set sail for the stars," wrote Sagan and Druyan in their television series, Cosmos.

"This is a Kitty Hawk moment to us. We feel as if we've been given the chance to outfit the Wright Brothers' Bicycle Shop," said Ann Druyan, CEO of Cosmos Studios, Inc. "We at Cosmos Studios are honored to work with the brilliant scientists and engineers of many countries brought together by The Planetary Society for one great purpose. We are proud to be part of this historic mission, which is a critical baby step to the stars. It's also emblematic of Cosmos Studios' philosophy: to support good science, clean high technology and bold exploration, and to engage the widest possible audience in the romance of the adventure."

The low cost of this mission is made possible due to the Russians ability to "piggy-back" on a successful program in developing an inflatable re-entry vehicle. Once injected into Earth's orbit, the sail will be deployed by inflatable tubes, pulling out the sail material and then rigidizing the structure. The sail is constructed into eight "blades" or "petals" - roughly triangular in shape. They can be turned (pitched) like helicopter blades, and depending on how they are turned, the sunlight will reflect in different directions. This is how the attitude of the spacecraft is controlled and how the sail can "tack."

Low cost is also made possible by use of the Volna rocket, manufactured by the Makeev Rocket Bureau in Russia. The Babakin Space Center is the prime contractor for the project - the company is a spin-off organization of NPO Lavochkin, the largest manufacturer of robotic spacecraft in the world.

The April launch will be a sub-orbital flight test of the deployment of two solar sail blades. An inflatable re-entry shield is planned to bring the pictures of the deployment back to a landing and recovery site in Kamchatka. The actual solar sail flight will commence from an 850 km circular orbit, with a launch being planned in a window between October - December of this year. The sail will be 600 square meters of aluminized mylar, constructed into 8 blades.

Solar sailing enables space travel without fuel. Applications from space weather satellites that can hold position against the

force of gravity, to interplanetary shuttles carrying cargo between the planets and the asteroids and comets are all part of the solar sailing future. By diving in close to the Sun, future solar sails will achieve enormous velocities enabling rendezvous with any solar system object, or, as mentioned above, a flight to the stars.

Cosmos 1 is staffed by a world team of Americans and Russians. The Planetary Society website has a dedicated section to this mission, which includes an animation of the mission, spacecraft details, updates and news releases. It will allow the world public to follow and participate in this mission. This site is open to the public and is located at

<http://planetary.org>

This will be the first space mission that will utilize a website to continuously interface the sequence of the mission with the general public, allowing continued and uninterrupted public participation. Additional information will also be available at the Cosmos Studios website located at

<http://carlsagan.com>

The Planetary Society is headquartered in Pasadena, California, U.S.A. The organization was co-founded by Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray and Louis Friedman in 1980 to advance the exploration of the solar system, and to continue the search for extraterrestrial life. With 100,000 members in over 140 countries, the Society is the largest space interest group in the world.

Cosmos Studios creates science-based entertainment that seeks to thrill and engage the broadest possible audience through the convergence of television, cinema and the Internet. The company creates programming that makes news, entertains, uplifts and inspires humankind's quest for knowledge, our understanding of cosmic evolution, and our place in its great story. Cosmos Studios is based in Los Angeles, California and is managed from Ithaca, New York.

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Re: Velez Question On John Carpenter - Velez

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Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 17:59:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 09:43:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Velez Question On John Carpenter - Velez

>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 13:05:11 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Velez Question On John Carpenter

>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 15:43:17 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #8 -- 2001

>>George (Filer), you're a MUFON director, have you heard _anything_
>>at all about the headquarters investigation into the John
>>Carpenter (sale of abductee files) business? I'm both curious
>>and trying to do a follow up. It's been awhile since we've
>>heard anything new about their "internal investigation."

>>"Love All,"..... trust _few!_

>>John Velez ;)

>John Velez,

>It may interest you to know that my own investigation of John
>Carpenter's activities has continued since last July when John
>Schuessler messaged other board members and said an ethics
>committee would look at the evidence I had presented and make a
>decision in two weeks... Since I made it clear that any MUFON
>decision should be communicated to me using a certified letter -
>if the so-called ethics committee had reached a decision, I
>would know of it.

Hi Gary, hi All,

Gary, you wrote me a long and detailed response, thank you for taking the time to do so. I don't want to 'stir the pot' (I've had a belly-full already thank you) so I'm only going to comment on the following. I do want you to know that I appreciate your timely response. ;)

You wrote:

>My attention is focused solely on MUFON's board of directors and
>not on MUFON's general membership as they have been kept in the
>dark like the rest of us and cannot be held accountable for the
>actions of a few. My conversation with Kasher confirmed that
>most of the board directors were also purposefully kept in the
>dark about this exceptionally important case.

>I immediately messaged the board with a copy of my July 2000
>Formal Complaint and a detailed case time line to show there was
>indeed a series of events, a complete and detailed story of
>misconduct that could impact MUFON and the reputations of all
>members of MUFON's Board because it could now be seen that the
>MUFON Board had failed to act on a situation that may include
>criminal conduct.

MUFON is a joke. There is every bit as much 'ass covering' going

on inside MUFON over this affair as JC himself has engaged in.
The fact(s) remains that:

1. At the time of the sale of the abductee files to Bigelow, JC was also/simultaneously the head of the MUFON abduction databank project.

2. Unless MUFON performs a case by case inventory, comparing the case files in the database with those sold to Bigelow (by Carpenter that,....

3. MUFON cannot know whether the database and the privacy, and anonymity (of those whose reports are included in it) have been compromised in any way. They cannot give anyone any assurances unless they do the work. (conduct an investigation into the matter.) You'd think it would be important to them to do so and to do it in a timely way.

4. Those files were donated to MUFON from the researchers that gathered the data initially. They have an obligation to those researchers and to their clients (in turn) to assure them that a proper investigation into the matter has been conducted. And then to publish those results in a manner that will permit any and all interested parties to read it.

Carpenter did more than demure, he admitted in writing here on this List in response to one of my posts that; he was "wrong" for having done it, and that the sale of the files itself was "wrong." He went even further and he agreed with me that the clients should be informed/told of the transaction.

And that, three years after the fact! As if he couldn't have figured it out on his own before that. He never followed through on that either. As far as I'm concerned Mr. Carpenter has shown himself to be a \$ motivated individual with the ethics of an Orangutan.

MUFON on the other hand should be held accountable for the security of the database. If it has been compromised they need to know it, and inform all parties most directly affected by it. Before they can provide any assurances they need to conduct a formal internal investigation. If they don't, (which they haven't so far) then my stated opinion that MUFON is a joke stands. If they actually conduct an investigation into this I'll apologize in public. (Profusely if it will help to expedite it!)

Nuff said, I think (hope) we've all learned a valuable lesson from this. It's the last time I put my balls on the line like that. The end results have been every bit as disappointing as the original revelation about JC selling abductee files to private citizen Bigelow. Bummer from start to finish. America, you can buy or sell -anything- here.

Thanx again for your response. I want no more to do with any of it.

Best of luck in your pursuit of this issue.

John Velez, I got Carpenter Fatigue!

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the integrity of your own mind."
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Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 18:02:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 09:48:02 -0500
Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes? -

>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 09:58:48 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian Macrobes?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 02:13:04 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: New Evidence Of Sagan's Martian
>>Macrobes?

><snip>

>>3. The details on the tubular structure itself look "organic" (a
>>remnant or some living thing, or natural process) and not like
>>an 'artificial' or 'manufactured' artifact. I detect nothing
>>that resembles mechanical or 'manufactured' parts anywhere in
>>the structure. As I have said, it 'looks like' some impossible
>>worm left behind its outer skin layer on the Martian surface.
>>(That's what it -looks like- not what I think it is.)

>>Maybe Frank Herbert wasn't too far off the mark with
>>his "giant desert worm" creations in Dune! :O

Hiya Mac, hi All,

Mac writes:

>Hi John, List,

>I agree: it looks organic. Then again, so do some technological
>constructions. I'm quite open to this being a "sandworm"
>carcass, frankly. I wonder if we can start importing some of
>that "spice"...

We already have. Where do you think Viagra comes from! It turns
people's eyes blue doesn't it? <LOL>

Hey I'm not kidding Mac, I use that "worm" analogy half jokingly
because it really does look organic. It is a thing of wonder to
look at. Never, anywhere, anything quite like it. For my \$ the
first really and truly "signs of Life" on Mars. Whatever it is,
I'm willing to bet the farm it isn't naturally occurring geology
that's responsible for those amazing structures. More like,
naturally occurring -biology!-

>>And I'm sorry Mac, I know you have a lot of respect and
>>admiration for the guy, but Richard Hoagland lost me when he
>>started making absolutely wild "predictions" in public as if he
>>was the "Psychic Hotline" for anything ET related.

>Again, I agree. Hoagland and I have a very different take on
>Mars and its significance, as you can tell by perusing our
>respective websites. Hoagland is very eager to look for "grand
>unified theories" that describe everything in a Martian context
>(a commendable endeavor, but one I don't think is warranted by
>the evidence).

Yeah well send him an e-mail for me and tell him that Zephod

Beeblebrox says that the Universal Supercomputer "Deep Thought" figured out all that 'Grand Scheme' macro stuff years ago. The answer to Life, The Universe and Everything is 42. Tell Mr. Hoagland not to waste his time duplicating work that has already been done.

>I do, however, applaud his willingness to entertain possibilities. Does he go over the edge sometimes? Certainly.
>But chances are none of us would even know about the "worm" if >not for his scouring Malin's releases.

Was it Hoagland himself who discovered the feature? Or is he taking credit for it?

>As for the Face's status as a possible artifact, the a priori >predictions of secondary features, such as the "nostrils" and >"eye" (plus extra ones, such as apparent "lips" and >ornamentation) would tend to favor intelligent origin. _One good >overhead shot_ could tell us so much.

If there's an "eye" feature in the Eastern half of the face I'll eat my words and jump on the artificial origin bandwagon. I seriously doubt that I'll have to though. Let's see what develops.

>I think the potential scientific payback represented by the Face >(and other Cydonian features) makes it worth the trouble--and >Malin's demonstrated ability to aim the MOC camera accurately, >contrary to previous public statements, indicates that the >"trouble" is actually pretty minimal.

We want _color_ shots!

>Last night, SPSR's Lan Fleming dropped the bombshell that the >_entire Face_ was imaged in June of 2000. For some reason, the >eastern half has not been released.

One of those things that makes you go hmmm! ;)

>Keep an eye on my site. It's possible we _already have_ a >complete overhead view!

Keep us all posted Mac. And thank you. You do a great job with the website and as a lifetime lover of astronomy and science I find all this stuff stompdown fascinating. It's just plain Fun to explore. Like a kid in a candy store. ;)

Regards, "May the Face be with you,"

John Velez

Old 'white eyes!' <LMAO>

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Alien Biology Sparks Class

From: Kelly <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 18:39:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:09:32 -0500
Subject: Alien Biology Sparks Class

Alien biology sparks class

A pilot course considers far-away possibilities

By Sandy Coleman, Globe Staff, 2/27/2001

LEICESTER - Is there life on other planets?

If so, does it look like the monstrous thing Sigourney Weaver battled in the 'Alien' movie blockbusters? Could you kiss it the way Captain Kirk was so fond of doing on 'Star Trek'? Or, could it be related to your house plant?

Students are grappling with such lively questions in 'Astrobiology: The Search for Life in the Universe', a course being piloted at Leicester, West Springfield, and 23 other high schools and middle schools nationwide.

If pondering the possibility of alien life can send minds racing and launch thousands of science fiction movies, educators say, maybe it can lure students into a closer encounter with science.

http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/058/nation/Alien_biology_sparks_class+.shtml

TERC Web site URL:

<http://www.terc.edu/>

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Writing, Symbols & Emblems?

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 00:19:39 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:12:09 -0500
Subject: Writing, Symbols & Emblems?

Dear Colleagues

I am currently continuing to collect samples of alleged alien writing, symbols and emblems with a view to compiling a comprehensive database on alien languages; and in this endeavour I have managed so far to acquire a number of different and interesting examples and references from around the world.

If anyone knows of any cases where alleged alien symbols, writings, emblems or language are reported, please mail details to garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk any questions, suggestions or comments are always welcome.

Submissions of samples of alien writings, symbols and emblems should be accompanied by brief background details, outlining when and where the symbols were seen etc... Further reference details are also gratefully accepted. Confidentiality will be adhered to in respect of any case details that are submitted and investigators/researchers will be fully credited for their contributions.

It is hoped this database will be made available to the 'ufological' community at some future date.

Would you please keep my interest in mind during your future researches should you find anything which you may feel relevant to my project? I am interested in cases with alien symbols that have been proven or suspected as hoaxes as well as unknowns.

No 'Star Trek' or other fictional stuff please.

All best regards,

Gary Anthony

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:26:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:15:28 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Maccabee

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>>So why is it that the UFO as ET evidence is so, what shall I
>>say, marginal? That is, suggestive, but never quite landing in
>>the realm of conclusive, when it's so easy to imagine
>>alternative outcomes, in which case we wouldn't be having this
>>discussion?

>>Theories -- damned or otherwise -- welcomed.

>Hi,

>I agree with this, Dennis. My problem with the ETH is not that
>it is implausible (it is easily the most likely theoretical
>solution to fit all the facts if it were supported by
>sufficiently strong evidence).

That is what I have said so long ago (last week?) and got either
disparaging comments or ignored.

ET via space travel is the simplest to explain truly
unexplainable sightings which include observations of structured
objects.

OF course, if there are no such reports (all misidentifications,
hoaxes or delusions), then there is no point in making any ET
argument. (I note that Dennis still hasn't responded to my query
as to whether or not he accepts ANY sighting as unexplained and
truly unexplainable.)

>Rather it is that the theory
>fails to match the level of support that it receives from the
>phenomenon that it is supposed to explain.>

>It is virtually impossible to conceive that in so many years of
>apparently extensive alien contact these beings who are not even
>able to effectively block memory (meaning any tinpot hypnotist
>can 'retrieve' the truth without hassle) are yet so expert that
>they dont seem to ever accidentally leave behind anything
>conclusively extraterrestrial. A DNA sample, a bit falling off
>the back of their spaceship - anything of the order that fate
>simply has to decree would happen sooner or later. And it
>couldn't be 'covered up' because these things would surely happen
>without the knowledge of the ETs - just as a silencer (muffler)
>might fall off your car, be found on the roadside and you'd
>never know you had lost it until you got home.

>To me there is a suspicious lack of congruence between the way
>the phenomenon often seeks to assert that it is ET in origin and

>the virtual absence of any real proof to that effect.

>As such, if there is an intelligence at work here the data
>better matches one that is seeking to fulfill our expectations
>of an alien visitation whilst at the same time unable of proving
>that it is, because in reality it isn't. One logical reason for
>that is that the intelligence prefers us to think of it as an ET
>visitation so we dont dwell too long on what else it might be.>

Of course, there have been reports of "samples" of whatever is being observed, as well as landing traces, etc. Somehow all said cases seem to get messed up or covered up or whatever. I am reminded of the metal particles supposedly found in the Zamorra case. Or the chemical changes in soil in the DElphos Kansas ring, or reports of "angel hair," Trans-en-Provence changes in chlorophyll (suggesting some weird radiation), and, of course, optical (photos) and radar data.

There hasn't been "absolute proof" because what has been available as been "argued away" or, perhaps, grabbed by "official agencies."

However, I can understand your inferred pleading: why hasn't a saucer had an "Ubatuba problem" (explosion) over a city?

>So the real question might be - who or what else might wish to
>pretend to be extraterrestrial in origin as a way to observe our
>cultural reaction? Maybe this is a gigantic sociological
>experiment on the part of someone or something closer to home.

The way I see it, the real problem is, is there any evidence of Other Intelligences (OI) or Non-Human Intelligence (NHI) involved, regardless of where it came from.

If there are no unexplained or unexplainable cases, the answer is simple: no evidence.

>And - no - I dont mean some government agency. The intelligence
>involved seems more human than alien, but also advanced
>technologically - assuming we accept that there is an
>intelligence, of course. And that's by no means a given.

>Ponder that.

Ponder this: is there any case which anyone here dares to claim is unexplainable, period. If so, then we can argue over whether or not it represents OI/NHI.

This, of course, gets us back to ground zero... but what so many "newbies" don't understand is that after all these years we are still at ground zero at least as far as the scientific community, and to a large extent the public at large, is concerned.

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Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:26:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:18:08 -0500
Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Maccabee

>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 18:45:49 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>What I do find odd about a lot of the moon photos is the "hot
>spot" in the center of the frame and how the lighting seems to
>fall off drastically in the distance and sides. It almost looks
>as if there were a spot light on the astronaut. Weird.

This may be a common effect in photography known as "vignetting"
(if I recall correctly). The exposure level of an area of film
depends upon the area of the lens (aperture). For light coming
straight down the axis of the lens... the center of a photo...
the area of the lens is πr^2 or $(\pi/4)D^2$ with D being
the diameter and since the f# is focal length/diameter, the area
of the lens is proportional to $(1/f\#^2)$.

However, for light coming at an angle to the axis the lens area
is smaller: the lens effectively becomes an ellipse with an area
that is $(\pi/4)D^2$ times the cosine of the angle off axis.

The extreme example of this "shrinkage" of the aperture is for
light coming in at a grazing angle to the lens... nearly
perpendicular to the axis... when the fixture holding the lens
actually blocks the light so the effective aperture is zero...
but this light doesn't get to any film in ordinary cameras.

There are other cosine factors that can come into play also (up to
cosine raised to the fourth power) depending upon the situation.
Hence darkening at the extremities of the picture are not
unusual and do not require a "spotlight" on the astronaut.

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:29:28 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:20:12 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Sparks

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:21:13 -0000

<snip>

>To me there is a suspicious lack of congruence between the way
>the phenomenon often seeks to assert that it is ET in origin and
>the virtual absence of any real proof to that effect.

Hi List,

I have seen endless lines of verbiage on this topic for the past weeks now and one point I never see addressed only mentioned as if everyone already knows the answer, and that is: What is proof of ET origin?

I think most answers really amount to Proof of Reality of an extraordinary phenomenon rather than Proof of ET Origin. And they do not even prove the location of the origin at all, only possibly allow inferences to the origin. Which gets us right back to one of the main bones of contention on this List that ETH advocates infer an ET origin by excluding terrestrial origins. This inference seems to be a reasonable one if all terrestrial origins can be reliably eliminated, but it remains only an inference and a very weak one because other non-terrestrial / non-ET possibilities may exist, which Jenny alluded to in the very interesting part of her post I snipped.

Then there is the issue of how specific the origin must be to qualify. Skeptics seem to want an exact origin such as "Zeta Reticuli 1" or "Zog from Zorg." ETHers seem to accept "Anywhere But Earth" as reasonable for an "ET Origin" even though that would seem to include the entire universe exclusive of earth and maybe that's sufficient. (If it isn't sufficient, why not? Maybe it is.)

The typical answers to the "What is proof of ET origin" question in the past have been:

1. UFO lands on White House lawn. (This proves Reality, not Origin, not where the UFO came from.)
2. Alien addresses the UN. (This proves Reality, not Origin. Phil Klass' favorite example. This proves Reality of the alien

but not where the alien comes from; could be a billion-dollar fraud staged by some government with a lot of money to play with and an agenda of some type.)

3. Alien lands somewhere and tells us where he/she/it comes from. (Abductees claim this all the time, does this really prove where the entities came from or only that they are very strange?)

4. UFO's destroy large areas of the earth's surface. (Proof of Reality, not Origin. All sorts of half-baked theories could be devised to explain this away -- antimatter collision, a cloud of tiny black holes, etc etc.)

5. UFO crashes and leaves intelligible chunks of machinery. (Proof of Reality but what of Origin? Are we supposed to find "Made on Zeta Reticuli" stamped on the wreckage? How does a working antimatter propulsion system prove where it came from? Again it's only an inference it had to come from Elsewhere, not proof that it did.)

6. And many other similar suggestions.

Maybe a space war with aliens would be sufficient Proof of Reality that it rises to the level of excluding so many other non-ET possibilities that it might prove ET Origin. A space war is a kind of larger-scale version of a single UFO crash with alleged alien machinery. I'm not sure but simply open it up for discussion.

What this all seems to boil down to is this: Proof of ET Origin seems to require direct observation of that ET Origin.

In other words, Proof of ET Origin seems to require something like earth-based sensor observations of an alien spaceship taking off from a distant star system and following its flight and landing on earth (an absolute impossibility with present-day technology). Or a group of human news reporters are taken to said star system and observe the civilization there and return to earth to file stories about their interstellar junket. Isn't that what you skeptics and debunkers demand for proof of ET origin?

Brad

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Re: T Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 20:48:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:22:15 -0500
Subject: Re: T Hypothesis & ET Fact - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 20:09:05 -0000

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>As with Dennis, I recognize that you are a true skeptic and
>scientific in spirit (as am I) so I always welcome your ideas
>and insights.

>Dick

Dick,

Let's not get too touchy, feely here, or, as David Rudiak might
opine: let's not fraternize with the enemy.

Seriously, your civility is well appreciated.

Now, I must attend to Bush's address to the joint houses of
Congress. The man seems determined to make a millionaire out of
me despite the fact that I didn't vote for him.

Will wonders never cease!

Dennis

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:54:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:24:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Fleming

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:16:27 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:41:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Velez

>NASA makes me feel like I'm trapped in a bad B&W 'cine noir'
>50's flick. What's up with that! This 2001 not 1951. Tell me
>that those dolts don't have any working 'color' imaging cameras
>on that craft because I have a bridge in Brooklyn that I'd like
>to sell you. ;)

The MGS low-resolution (approx. 200 meter) camera does have color capability - sort of. It has a red filter and a blue filter, so red and blue images can be combined into a color image.

The problem with this is, aside from the low resolution, that nothing like the true color of a scene can be reproduced to any degree of certainty with only red and blue.

The same two red and blue images can be combined to get purple or magenta as well as green or brown, depending on what you prefer.

You need the green component to get anything like true color. Without it, JPL can only combine the images in a way that shows what they think Mars is supposed to look like in color.

From their point of view, I guess that's not a problem at all; they probably see it as a big plus.

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:11:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:28:13 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Deardorff

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:19:09 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 13:13:03 -0000

>...
>The sheer number of sightings is one of the philosophical
>aspects of the ET hypothesis that rarely gets addressed. The
>question of why UFOs have external lights at all is another one,
>along with wondering why some show up on radar and others
>apparently don't. (And, I might add, so on.)

>Some ufologists, Jim Deardorff springs immediately to mind,
>explain the nagging questions above by reference to alien
>intentions, which is a classic case of circular reasoning, if
>ever there was one. (You can't use some speculative
>interpretation of the hypothesis you're proposing as "proof" of
>the original hypothesis.) I'm referring to Deardorff here, BTW,
>not you.

Hello Dennis, Hello Listees,

You want to drag me into this, Dennis? I don't see the alleged circular reasoning here. ETs or aliens could either be dumber than us, or smarter, or some of each. It's rather plausible that the ones that can get here from there must be quite a few centuries, if not millennia, ahead of us in their development. So it's better than 50-50 odds that those ones are smarter than us, and are capable of having intentions. Is this OK so far?

It follows that those intentions could be rather difficult for ufologists to figure out. But we do the best with the evidence at hand. It's obvious to most that those intentions have included, over the past 53 years, presenting themselves to us in a semi-covert manner.

One could call it semi-covert because it's obvious they're here, doing their thing, to those who study it seriously without being in a total state of denial. "They" being the intelligences behind the operation of the UFOs and within the heads of reported aliens who've been sighted. But their presence is not obvious to those who don't want ETs to be around and aware of us, however much they may say they hope that ETs do exist (provided they're many light years away.)

The odds seem exceedingly small that the UFOI or ETI could have achieved this state of affairs, maintaining a roughly 50% awareness within our populace that UFOs are real for several decades, by chance, after hundreds of thousands of sightings. Thus alien intentions is the first thing that ought to come to mind. Go for what seems the most obvious first.

What reason is there to avoid this simple reasoning? The one that first comes to mind is that too many ufologists are afraid

to discuss the consequences of the UFO aliens being smarter than we are. So I look upon that as the last vestiges of anthropocentrism. We've come to accept that we're not at the center of the universe, etc., and even that aliens likely exist, but they'd better not be millions of years ahead of us (or hundreds of thousands) and right here, and smarter than us, because that's hard on our egos! It means that not only is the universe not up for us to try to dominate in our very distant future, but not the galaxy either or our corner of it outside the solar system. So greed -- lust for power and dominance -- may also be a factor.

So it seems to me that the aliens intend for those of us who can accept the idea of their presence to be able to figure at least this much out. And I should think that they expect us to be bright enough to realize that in the past 53 years, as well as in previous millennia, they haven't wiped us out, or enslaved us, or even interfered noticeably with the development of our civilizations in the last few millennia. Instead, they've been gradually getting us used to their presence, subliminally if not consciously, and educating those who are interested. This strongly suggests an alien ethic a bit ahead of ours, even if their mode of educating us involves some fraction of people being abductees who can let us know about telepathic messages and much other stuff that won't seem so much like magic after we've gotten used to its being in alien use. (Dick: I think I can almost keep up with you in sentence length.)

>Even the best ET scenario would still need to have several
>pluses following it to account for the vast plethora of
>different shapes and behaviors reported, never mind such a
>category as "shape-shifter," when the UFO stimulus is reported
>as actually changing shape during observation.

The number of different alien types reported so far, different in detail including number of fingers, etc., is what: 50? Perhaps each alien type has 20 different kinds of vehicles or UFOs, or perhaps more than we have on Earth; plug in 200 if you wish rather than 20. But if each of these UFO vehicles can split into two or more, as often observed, and change shape, we could multiply by another 2 or 10. And if up to half the sightings could be images placed by aliens in "witnesses"' minds, the variety of shapes could multiply by two again. So that could be 100,000 different shapes of UFOs?? Almost enough to explain why scarcely any two different sightings are of a craft of the very same appearance.

>Thus, ETH + _____, or ETH + _____ + _____,
>or ETH + _____ + _____ + _____.

>
>In other words, there is nothing about the ETH itself that
>necessarily (or should I say adequately) addresses the sheer
>number of sightings.

That would seem to involve aliens being able to communicate amongst themselves over vast distances via superluminal speeds. My own guess here is that the aliens "in charge" of us, back around WWII or even earlier this century put out a call for all who are interested to come observe us and help out in preparing us for eventual contact. Those who want to abduct some of us for their own reasons seem to have accepted the call too, but it's interesting that they're abiding by the same rules of not violating the coverup, and returning the abductees (as far as we know).

All this is not to say, of course, that the ETs involved haven't had access to other dimensions for aeons, such that they could be called extra-dimensional as well.

So, is this circular?:

Observations:

- A. UFOs are real, and they are under intelligent control.
- B. The controlling aliens are either dumber or smarter than we.
 - 1) Hypothesis: They are smarter (evidence points this way).
 - 2) They are smart enough of having intentions of how to deal with us (evidence also points this way).

How does one complete a circle? How about this:

- 3) Therefore they are smart enough to have been able to construct UFO vehicles in the first place.

Jim D.

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Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 23:36:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:42:24 -0500
Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Young

>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 18:45:49 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Date: 25 Feb 2001 09:18:12 -0800
>>Subject: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Please have a look: <http://wwpg.net/moona.html> . There are zooms
>>where one can see the stars in the astronaut's visor.

>They sure look like stars, don't they? Interesting. Looks like
>the exposure might have hit just right. On the other hand, I
>also notice quite a few "stars" from that shot that look about
>an inch long on my monitor. In all, I wonder if these stars are
>just noise in the black areas. Still, could be stars.

Hi, Roger, Bill:

Notice how the shadows on the helmet in the upper pix are almost black, compared to the shadow in the lower picture (with the "stars"). The differences are clearly due to different exposures or printing times.

>What I do find odd about a lot of the moon photos is the "hot spot" in the center of the frame and how the lighting seems to >fall off drastically in the distance and sides. It almost looks >as if there were a spot light on the astronaut. Weird.

Most likely due to the angle of incidence of the low Sun. Close at the feet of the photographer the ground is much darker.

The one thing that is curious is the "antenna". I wonder if this is the same astronaut as in the other picture. Can anyone point us to other pictures with antennas? Are they extended at all times?

Clear, star-studded skies,

Bob Young

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Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 23:56:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:44:14 -0500
Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 11:07:16 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 21:15:49 EST
>>Subject: Re: P-47 - ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Randle
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>There seems to be a general disagreement about what constitutes
>a "secret". This is much like the on-again, off-again debate
>about what constitutes a "conspiracy". In my mind, any agreement
>between two or more people to do harm to other(s) is a
>conspiracy, plain and simple. Others feel that such a deed has
>to encompass a larger, organized group of people to be called a
>conspiracy. Still others feel even that doesn't really apply
>because, eventually, the evil doers get caught which, for some
>reason I don't understand, is supposed to negate the previous
>existence of the conspiracy.

Well, I'm willing to go with a legal definition of "conspiracy".
Any legal beagles listening?

>Likewise, in my mind, one person can keep something to
>themselves and that is a secret.

I agree. However, there is also the matter of an officially
defined "secret". If we had a definition, it might help.

>Just what is a secret these days?

I'm sure there are some, but if we knew what they were, they
wouldn't count anymore, if only personal secrets. This starts to
go round and round after a while.

It would help to be able to define something as a
government_secret.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 21:54:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:46:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Deardorff

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:57:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Wife sees husband 'vanish'

>The Star [Malaysia] | 27 Feb. 2001

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>before her eyes, and has not been seen since the incident last
>week. ...

There have been other reports like this. One that comes to mind is the Veronezh incident, where a boy disappeared for a while after the alienoid pointed something at him. He was later returned.

In the Meier case there were a few witnesses who saw Billy Meier vanish suddenly, on occasions when he would return a couple hours later from a contact. Frau Meier was one of these witnesses, her testimony being taken on video tape in 1979, perhaps still available from Genesis III. On a few other occasions witnesses saw Meier suddenly appear in front of them when they were waiting out in the hills for him to return to their car after a contact. Some of these are among the written statements they made for Wendelle Stevens, which are in my website at:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/witnessa.htm>

as taken from Stevens' 1982 book. A later version remembered by one of the witnesses in 1998 was recorded by Hesemann, and is among those available at:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/witness.htm>

The fellow Yabi in the Malasian news story seems to have been a sort of abductee, and one that may not be returned.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: FOs in Adams County, Illinois? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 00:56:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:48:34 -0500
Subject: Re: FOs in Adams County, Illinois? - Hatch

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: UFOs in Adams County, Illinois?
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:28:31 -0000

>Hello to One and All,

>Can anyone give me any information about UFO phenomena seen in
>Adams County, Illinois? I'm mainly interested in the 1900-1935
>period but anything would be handy.

>Thank you

>Chris Aubeck

Hello Chris:

I thought I would find more, but I have only two cases listed
here for Adams County, IL proper:

#8844: 1969/11/30 1930h 91:17W 39:49N NAM USA ILN
SR 96 15mi SE/QUINCY,IL : ROUNDED TRIANGLE LIFTS CAR
10 feet! : MOTOR+LITES STAY ON
/rf# 79 RODEGHIER,Mark:UFO RPTS/VEHICLE INTF Pg.48

#9022: 1970/10/04 1830h 91:25W 39:56N NAM USA ILN
QUINCY,IL: 3/CAR:2 RED ORBS HVR 10min in the West:
3rd DISTANT ORB >>N : Then 1st 2 >>N: /APRO -and-
/rf# 114 HAINES,Richard: PROJECT DELTA Pg.113

[Edited for line lengths and legibility etc.]

These two are less than a year apart, and perhaps 15 miles
apart.

"Orbs" (probably described as spheres, I say orbs to save space
in my short synopses) may be troublesome. Some people take any
light in the sky as a ball or sphere. The rounded triangle in
the first case sounds a lot more interesting.

Sorry

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 01:29:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:51:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Hatch

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcb@attcanada.ca>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:57:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Wife sees husband 'vanish'

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>week.

<snip>

>Police, however, are not ready to comment on the family members'
>stories saying only that they were searching for Yabi.

>In the meantime, Yabi's wife has also sought the assistance of
>bomohs to trace the whereabouts of her husband.

Hello Kelly:

A very entertaining story! One might ask if the Star (Malaysia)
is considered mainstream/straight news, or tabloid/sensational.

They give no clue what a "bomoh" is. Might that be some sort of
witch doctor or spiritual advisor? A bomoh could be a bloodhound
for all they tell you.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 11:31:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:56:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Randles

>From: GBourdais@aol.com
>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 14:29:22 EST
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 00:20:52 -0000

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:19:41 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2001 12:11:52 -0600

>>>>Yes, and I do not think that a mere transcript of the pilot's
>>>>testimonies will suffice. Video or at least audio recording will
>>>>have to be produced before independent parties. I suggest for
>>>>instance, among British ufologists, Timothy Good, Nicholas
>>>>Redfern and Omar Fowler.

>Hello

>I am not joking at all.

>I repeat my question: will you present the full recordings to
>independent parties, yes or not ?

>If you don't, a doubt will remain.

>If you do and they accept your proofs, be assured that I will
>accept them too, as will most probably everyone.

>Including the COMETA members whom you put in doubt a week after
>the publication of their report because they did not know your
>new testimonies.

>When you act that way, don't be surprised if people ask for
>solid proof.

Hi,

Act what way?

All I did was point out that the COMETA team needed to
reconsider their stance on Lakenheath - as mentioned by their
report - because they depended upon the older version claiming
that the air crew visually saw a UFO that played cat and mouse
with their plane. This is what UFO history says happened in this
case - but its not what the air crew themselves report.

So what was wrong with suggesting that COMETA update their
information on this case to take account of what the witnesses

themselves say happened? Only you are turning it into some kind of anti COMETA witch hunt. I'm not.

Although you may have a grievance against my colleagues for their straight talking style - from my long experience of them that's just their way (Its typical of Yorkshire men - war of the roses and all that - which I can add as I originate from Lancashire BTW!) (And, I should add, that's British irony - rather than strictly serious - although Yorkshire men are indeed renowned for their bluntness) .

Having known Andy and Dave for over 20 years I appreciate the quality of the work they do on case investigations. I have no hesitation in saying that it's amongst the best in the world and that's what matters to me.

But I hope I have always tried to be civilised with this list, telling you what I could to help and explaining why we prefer to complete the report before openly debating it, but offering to debate it as much as you like when we do publish. I don't see anything unprofessional in that.

And I really don't see why this is subject to various messages to this list (not just from you, of course,Gildas) arguing that we are 'hiding' things, refusing to discuss the matter with other researchers and inferring this report might never appear.

Of course it will. We have all spent a lot of time on this investigation. And we haven't done that so as not to publish what we find.

I am deeply impressed with the amount of work put in by Andy, Dave and Paul into this case. And I myself am happy to wait to see it all drawn together (with the bits that I have done) into what will be a huge case report. Until this happens not even those of us working on the report can 'pre-judge' our verdicts because we wont see the big picture until we slot all the pieces together. Doesn't that make sense?

So I don't think any reasonable minded person should object to this method and I doubt they will be disappointed by the thoroughness exhibited. But thoroughness doesn't happen overnight and you simply cannot rush this kind of work. After all the case did happen 45 years ago. What is the big problem with waiting a few more months?

And given the level of criticism on this list of a not even completed investigation I totally support the decision we took to wait until we have finished the work before discussing its results, because it is obvious that otherwise we would waste more weeks arguing over things still being resolved or being told we have ignored aspects of the research that we inevitably just could never mention in an e-mail exchange given the large extent of the data involved here.

This is a very complicated case and a lot of strands are being tied together. It makes total sense to let you see all that in context and 'then' debate it when you have digested it all. Why on earth is that not simply a logical plan?

We will publish everything that we consider appropriate to the report . The criteria for this will be to create a useful and informative report, hopefully to scientific standards. But it will definitely not be to react to hectoring demands.

To parade in front of some cooked up panel of your pet experts degrades the material and the UFO subject. It also creates a completely spurious impression that we have something that we must prove. Something that can be used in future to regard the data as 'tainted' and so not to take it seriously.

It is wise to judge evidence on its merits and its internal consistency as well as its consistency within the phenomenon. Not whether any of us like it or its originator.

If you ultimately agree with the conclusions, then fine, if you don't then equally fine. Its a free world.

If we all went around demanding each other to appear in front of 'juries' to vet our evidence we would quickly stuff Ufology up

its own backside into the realms of total absurdity. The real debunkers would have huge fun at our expense.

Our interest in doing this case work is because we had an opportunity after my fortune in talking to the original air crew and as a team we decided to take it forward from there. It is purely being carried out so as to add useful new data to illuminate this under explored case. You can happily take that data or leave it once it is published. I wont lose any sleep if some of you do not.

We have every confidence that anybody with common sense, an objective head on their shoulders and who cares about unravelling the truth will accept sincerely reported and properly qualified data. Really that's all that matters here.

But I have long since learnt that it is a waste of time trying to persuade the un-persuadable.

In any case there is no way UFO research is ever going to happen without some degree of trust. It is after all a subject based largely on witness testimony - every one of whom could be lying through their teeth to us. I am perfectly sure that the majority of them are not. But by your standards we would have to ask them all to 'prove' this fact by appearing in front of some grand jury of peers armed with lie detectors and sodium pentothal since the fact that they told investigator 'A' (whom someone doesn't like) would not be considered good enough.

The problems in Ufology tend to come when you believe people who say what you want to hear but challenge those whose evidence disputes your own conclusions. The need instead is to recognise that nobody knows the ultimate truth with certainty and you must accept all the evidence - like it or not - and use it all as a basis for a synthesis of the most rational conclusion.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Alencon France 1790 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 04:09:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 10:59:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Alencon France 1790 - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 20:31:54 +0100
>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alencon France 1790 [was: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige]

>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 21:44:15 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

<snip>

>No, it's not established.

>Belgian ufologist Christiane Piens ('Les OVNI du passé',
>Nouvelles Editions Marabout, Verviers [Belgium] 1977, pp. 81-82)
>checked the French archives and found no trace of this case, but
>we can't prove (at present) that Fenoglio has invented it.

>Perhaps Edoardo Russo would have new info?

>Is Fenoglio still alive? A Google search reveals that he
>published a book on Ancient Egypt in 1995.

Thanks again Bruno!

Most important to me is whether the 1790 Alencon matter
is trashed or not. Whether it was Fenoglio who invented
it or not would be secondary in that case, interesting
though that might be.

I certainly welcome input from Edoardo and anyone else who
might know even more than Bruno on this particular story.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: My emails seem to come in on time, but they are going out
with a delay for some reason. ISP troubles again I suppose.

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Re: Tribal Beliefs and UFOs - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 13:16:10 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 11:04:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Tribal Beliefs and UFOs - Aubeck

Hello to All,

Since I began my research in these matters I have tried to collect information on Native American traditions regarding UFOs. This seems like an easy task at first sight, as a search for material on the internet produces amazing numbers of documents and links. However, a percentage of what is available is evidently utter nonsense invented to fool unwary UFO believers.

Would it be fair to say that some modern Native American Indians are exploiting the UFO craze either to update their vanishing tribal traditions in a bid to preserve them, or just to earn a fast buck, or both? The recent denouncements of Robert Ghost Wolf's claims are just one example that comes to mind.

I know from the Native American folklore published long before the advent of ufology that 'little people' traditions existed throughout the continent, and I have gathered as many myths and stories about them as I can find. I feel there is a case to be made for a UFO presence in early Native American culture. Yet I have witnessed the emergence of a strange new grey area of knowledge composed of ancient folklore and modern fiction in equal parts. What has apparently happened to African tradition through the intervention of Credo Mutwa has also happened to North American Indian belief through the dubious teachings of some of its 'Elders.'

In a sense, therefore, we can compare the Zulu UFO vision with that of, say, the Hopis. In fact Credo Mutwa does this himself in interviews.

I have also observed that "100% pure-blooded Indian" writers or teachers are thought to be more reliable sources of information than writers of only semi-Native American ancestry. I'm not sure that this is the best rule to go by.

I would like to receive comments from anyone with a greater knowledge of this subject than I have (and my understanding of all this is severely limited, as anyone can see). Basic questions in need of a definitive answer include the following:

-How long have Indian tribes been publicly aware of the UFO enigma?

-Are non-ufologist anthropologists aware of the extent to which Native Americans seem to fuse the UFO enigma with tribal traditions?

-With no written sources to go by in the majority of cases, how can anyone distinguish genuinely old beliefs from what has been added in recent years?

-Tribal elders often give the impression that most Native Americans with any knowledge of the beliefs of their forefathers automatically accept and sympathise with the abduction enigma. To what extent is this true?

It would be interesting to know whether the situation in

Australia is similar. I suspect it may be, judging by Bill Chalker's fascinating report on Australian Aboriginal Culture and Possible UFO Connections (NSW Australia, 1996). Lorraine Mafi-Williams, a spokeswoman for the Bundjalung tribe, told Chalker that:

"We believe in UFO, but here... we have the aboriginal concept and belief, and we know about abductions and why."

These words remind me of Vladimir Azhazha's surprising statement in Vallee's UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union (1992):

"UFO abductions have become especially common during 1989; so common that we believe we have now identified the mechanism of these events."

In neither case do I come away any wiser about the possible howness or whyhness of the abduction phenomenon. Perhaps Mr. Chalker could provide a synopsis of the Bundjalung view of abductions as it stands. It could make very interesting reading.

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Alencon France 1790 - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:11:16 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 11:09:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Alencon France 1790 - Aubeck

>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 20:31:54 +0100
>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Alencon France 1790

>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 21:44:15 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

>>>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 09:32:17 +0100
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Naud, Bouchmann & Le Paige

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>>>No, there is no source. In view of the fact that it is
>>>described just after the famous Alençon case (1790, France)
>>>I have checked its source (not givenbyNaud):Alberto
>>>Fenoglio, "Antichi visitatori dal cielo", 'Clypeus' #10, 1966,
>>>pp. 13-14, but it's not here (it's better because Fenoglio
>>>has invented many stories like the German Sonderbüro and
>>>the Alençon landing...). I willforward a copy of this mail
>>>to Boris Shurinov, perhaps he know something.

>>Hello Bruno!

>>Regarding Alencon (France 1790):

>>Is it established that this is the complete invention of one
>>Alberto Fenoglio? I had already derated that case based on some
>>earlier posts, and would like to know if it more properly
>>belongs in my "Poubelle List" of thoroughly discredited UFO
>>stories:

<snip>

>No, it's not established.

>Belgian ufologist Christiane Piens ('Les OVNI du passé',
>Nouvelles Editions Marabout, Verviers [Belgium] 1977, pp. 81-82)
>checked the French archives and found no trace of this case, but
>we can't prove (at present) that Fenoglio has invented it.>

>Perhaps Edoardo Russo would have new info?

>Is Fenoglio still alive? A Google search reveals that he
>published a book on Ancient Egypt in 1995.

>Regards,

>Bruno

Hello Bruno, Larry, everyone,

Since I posted a request for information regarding this old case

a few months ago I have received many letters from readers and researchers interested in getting to the bottom of it. Others were only vaguely aware that the case existed, although dozens of UFO catalogues mention the incident as if it were an established fact in ufological history.

The time has come to lay inspector Liabeuf to rest. The Alençon myth can be buried for good.

For the benefit of those who do not remember the details of the story, here is a summary:

It is said that on June 17th 1790, near Alençon, France, at 5:00 in the morning, several farmers saw a huge globe in the sky, surrounded by flames. They first took it to be a balloon which had caught fire, but its speed and the strange whistling sound coming from it led them to think otherwise. The globe descended slowly, touching the top of a hill, where it tore up the plants along the slope. The flames from the object set fire to the small trees and the grass. Fortunately, the locals managed to stop the fire from spreading.

In his report on the incident, police inspector Liabeuf wrote that the sphere was still hot in the evening. It showed no signs of damage despite the heat. "It stirred up so much curiosity that people came from all directions to see it."

After some time, a very unexpected thing happened. A door burst open in the sphere and a person came out! "But this person was dressed in a very strange fashion. He wore a suit which clung to his body, and when he saw all this crowd he said a few words which could not be understood, and ran to take flight in the woods." The peasants drew back from the sphere instinctively - which was fortunate for them, because at that moment the object exploded, hurling pieces everywhere. A search was undertaken to find the mysterious visitor but he was never found.

As the Alençon incident has been included in so many anthologies of UFO reports and hundreds of books, it has become one of the best-known 'folkloric' cases in the field. I felt a little disappointed, therefore, though perhaps not very surprised to discover that the event never really occurred. The earliest reference to this case comes from an article published in 1966 by the late Italian ufologist Alberto Fenoglio. A writer known to have made up many UFO reports in his time, Fenoglio invented the story about Inspector Liabeuf for a purportedly serious article about UFOs in ancient history, published in the Italian magazine *Clypeus*. This article, *Antichi visitatori dal Cielo* (Ancient Sky Visitors) was widely distributed and translated into several languages. The truth of the matter came to light way back in 1975 when the brilliant Italian ufologist Edoardo Russo carried out an in-depth investigation into Fenoglio's claims (my only reference is my personal correspondence with Mr. Russo) and discovered them to be false. In spite of this, books and magazine articles presenting the story of the Alençon 'crash' as a genuine case are published every year in many countries.

Similar circumstances surround another tale of the same kind but set in Russia. According to author Yves Naud, the inhabitants of a Russian village in the region of Don were surprised to find a large metal ball in one of their fields. This was in March 1796, making it just six years after the alleged Alençon event. It was ten feet in diameter. People from everywhere flocked to see it, and they wondered where it had come from. Clearly it had not been delivered by road, as there were no wheel tracks to be seen anywhere in the vicinity.

It could have fallen from the sky, they thought, but there was no crater. Except for a regular pattern of circles etched into it the surface of the ball was as smooth as marble. The village folk tried to move the object but their effort was useless, it would not budge an inch. Then Pushkin arrived. Pushkin was a drunkard and a gambler, even a heretic, and everyone looked down on his ways. But despite his faults, he was known to be very courageous. He was led to the spot. "He drew his sabre, spurred his horse toward it, he cursed it and defied it, whether it came from heaven or hell he challenged it to fight back."

The man struck the object with his sword again and again. Suddenly the crowd around him began to howl with terror: one of the circles on the ball had opened up, revealing a single

inhuman eye! Pushkin sneered and carried on with his blows against the object. He struck it so hard, in fact, that blade of his sabre snapped off.

The peasants fled in fear. Behind them they saw the drunkard and his steed were both becoming transparent "then finally disappear into the air." They could still faintly hear his voice, however, as his angry cussing faded away. "The villagers were not unduly perturbed by this; they murmured that the devil had gotten his own back with the brawling Cossack."

Two days passed and nothing was seen or heard of Pushkin. Then to everyone's surprise both he and his trusty horse staggered back into the village as if drunk. He seemed calm enough, but he soon "flew into a great rage and began to howl" that he was going to put end to the unholy globe and set fire to it and the woods and everything around it. "Everybody trailed along after him to enjoy the spectacle. But all that was there to be seen was his sorry mortification. The ball was no longer there".

Unlike in the case of the supposed crash at Alençon, I have so far been unable to ascertain whether this tale is truly old or a modern hoax. If it is of recent origin it would be interesting to know what prompted the author to write it, as it tallies with many other incidents and it would not be the only interesting case dating to 1796. There exists a strong probability, however, that the tale was another of Fenoglio's inventions, as its general literary style and setting resemble the Alençon incident considerably. I can also state that not one of the many Russian researchers with whom I have corresponded have ever heard of the tale.

Considering the time that has elapsed since the actual unmasking of Fenoglio, it would be obviously be a good idea if Edoardo Russo and other ufologists possessing a complete list of Fenoglio's fraudulent claims could post them on the internet, thus preventing similar problems for future generations of ufologists. The problem is that when cases are proven to be hoaxes people tend to forget about them rather than distributing their findings. As I have said before in my posts on this site, we must make an effort to make negative findings known, as they are no less important than positive ones.

Alençon is only one example. The Vidal case is another. Most people know that the Vidal abduction never happened, but how many outside the Spanish-speaking world know that the story was concocted by film director Anibal Uset?

A lot of information becomes available in the French, German and Spanish press but does not get mentioned in English books or even on the internet. There's not much point arguing about whether English speakers should learn foreign languages to further their research in these matters as, at least today, English is the lingua franca of ufology. We cannot expect every new UFO case that appears in the Spanish or German press to get coverage in English journals and news servers, but when important hoaxes and confusions are found out they must be made public through English -language channels.

Chris Aubeck

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Follow Up On Chupacabra Skull Analysis

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:23:23 -0500
Subject: Follow Up On Chupacabra Skull Analysis

Dear Friends,

Very often, we get chastised--perhaps rightly so--for not following up on "sensational" items in the press. Unfortunately, such follow ups on high strangeness cases are not often possible, given the fact that the newspaper itself may have lost interest in the subject and no longer considers it newsworthy, etc.

It is by sheer chance that we are able to offer you the results of the clinical analysis of the so-called "Chupacabras Skull" found in Chile (not to be confused with the incredible shrinking goatsucker of Nicaragua).

In a letter received by IHU from Chilean researcher Liliana Torres mentions that Universidad Austral in Santiago de Chile had offered an expert opinion on the structure, which belonged to a predator shot in Arique, Valdivia, in Chile's 10th Region, on January 3, 2000. A peasant shot one of two specimens, saved its head, and delivered it to the Diario Austral newspaper, which subsequently turned it over to the University. A team of five doctors--zoologists, veterinarians and clinicians of the Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG)--conducted the study and was unable to deliver a definite answer as to its origin. Doctors Roberto Schlater and Rosario Ulbrich compared it to the skull of a Chilla Fox, but quickly noticed the differences between the molars and an upper bone located between the eyesockets that is lacking from any known species of fox.

Drs. Milton Gallardo and Freddy Mondaca concurred, noting that the only foxes in Chile are the Chilla, Culpeo and Chiloe varieties, whose skulls do not remotely coincide with the one found in Arique. "This could even be a fourth species of fox that is unknown to us," Dr. Gallardo is quoted as saying.

Universidad Austral's four month study, which included DNA sampling (NOTE: this answers a question posed by a member of the INEXPLICATA list), has left scientists startled and surprised, writes Ms. Torres in her letter. Experts have been unable to identify the animal in question and even more surprising is the fact that another specimen is on the prowl near Antilhue, not far from where the first one was shot.

Dr. Gallardo appears to continue his research, but a veil of secrecy has fallen over his endeavors, presumably until a final verdict on the skull's provenance is issued. The only comment so far is that it is "unlikely" that the skull could belong to a mutant variety of the Culpeo, Chilla and Chilote Foxes.

Universidad Austral's Institute of Ecology and Evolution agrees that it is possible to still find "mammals unknown to science" -- a statement found in a paper by Dr. Milton Gallardo, discussing the 1992 discovery of new species of mole-like creatures in the Valdivian rainforest.

On the other hand, the Police Criminology Lab in Santiago de Chile says that the so-called Chupacabras hair samples provided compare to the fur of all animals found in the region, including

lamb's wool.

Universidad Catolica del Norte, writes Ms. Torres, has determined that the footprint casts collected in northern Chile match those of dogs, and no biological material was found on the tattered jacket of a security guard who survived a Chupacabras attack. It appears that similar tests were not performed on other items of clothing collected from the same region.

IHU wishes to thank Ms. Torres for her letter. We hope that our readers find this information helpful in their own research.

Best wishes,

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 11:40:19 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:31:08 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Young

>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:26:48 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 11:02:18 -0000

>>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>Ponder this: is there any case which anyone here dares to
>claim is unexplainable, period. If so, then we can argue over
>whether or not it represents OI/NHI.

>This, of course, gets us back to ground zero... but what so many
>"newbies" don't understand is that after all these years
>we are still at ground zero at least as far as the scientific
>community, and to a large extent the public at large, is
>concerned.

Hi, Bruce, Et. Al.,

You have stated what is the central conundrum in ufology.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 28 Feb 2001 09:21:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:34:01 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact - Hamilton

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:29:28 EST
>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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>>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 00:20:35 -0600

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>>Subject: Re: ET Hypothesis & ET Fact
>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 16:21:13 -0000

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>>To me there is a suspicious lack of congruence between the way
>>the phenomenon often seeks to assert that it is ET in origin and
>>the virtual absence of any real proof to that effect.

>Hi List,

>I have seen endless lines of verbiage on this topic for the past
>weeks now and one point I never see addressed only mentioned as
>if everyone already knows the answer, and that is: What is
>_proof_ of ET origin?

>I think most answers really amount to Proof of Reality of an
>extraordinary phenomenon rather than Proof of ET Origin. And
>they do not even _prove_ the location of the origin at all, only
>possibly allow inferences to the origin. Which gets us right
>back to one of the main bones of contention on this List that
>ETH advocates _infer_ an ET origin by excluding terrestrial
>origins. This inference seems to be a reasonable one if all
>terrestrial origins can be reliably eliminated, but it remains
>only an inference and a very weak one because other
>non-terrestrial / non-ET possibilities may exist, which Jenny
>alluded to in the very interesting part of her post I snipped.

>Then there is the issue of how specific the origin must be to
>qualify. Skeptics seem to want an exact origin such as "Zeta
>Reticuli 1" or "Zog from Zorg." EThers seem to accept "Anywhere
>But Earth" as reasonable for an "ET Origin" even though that
>would seem to include the entire universe exclusive of earth and
>maybe that's sufficient. (If it isn't sufficient, why not? Maybe
>it is.)

>The typical answers to the "What is proof of ET origin" question
>in the past have been:

>1. UFO lands on White House lawn. (This proves Reality, not
>Origin, not where the UFO came from.)

- >2. Alien addresses the UN. (This proves Reality, not Origin.
>Phil Klass' favorite example. This proves Reality of the alien
>but not where the alien comes from; could be a billion-dollar
>fraud staged by some government with a lot of money to play with
>and an agenda of some type.)
- >3. Alien lands somewhere and tells us where he/she/it comes from.
>(Abductees claim this all the time, does this really prove _where_ the
>entities came from or only that they are very strange?)
- >4. UFO's destroy large areas of the earth's surface. (Proof of
>Reality, not Origin. All sorts of half-baked theories could be
>devised to explain this away -- antimatter collision, a cloud of
>tiny black holes, etc etc.)
- >5. UFO crashes and leaves intelligible chunks of machinery.
>(Proof of Reality but what of Origin? Are we supposed to find
>"Made on Zeta Reticuli" stamped on the wreckage? How does a
>working antimatter propulsion system prove _where_ it came from?
>Again it's only an inference it had to come from Elsewhere, not
>proof that it did.)
>
- >6. And many other similar suggestions.

Brad, I have made similar statements as you have and your reasoning is excellent. Proof of origin almost amounts to putting a tracking device on board a UFO and hoping that the signal does not fade out when it moves back to home base. Kidding aside...

I would like to suggest an intermediate qualification. The question is: Do any UFOs move in exoatmospheric regions of space? This would, at least, demonstrate that UFOs can space travel to some extent. Since there have been eyewitness sightings of UFOs moving in that region as well as some unexamined telescopic footage (Japan) of UFOs moving close to the lunar surface, could we make a stronger inference that these UFOs are most likely extraterrestrial in origin? UFOs seen near MIR or Alpha may also qualify as well as those detected (by satellites) leaving or entering Earth's atmosphere. I think the ETH should be thought about in terms of how we can resolve this problem on a gradient scale.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 11:39:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:35:48 -0500
Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Evans

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:26:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon! - Maccabee
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 18:45:49 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: [SO] Photo of Stars on Moon!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I wrote:

>>What I do find odd about a lot of the moon photos is the "hot
>>spot" in the center of the frame and how the lighting seems to
>>fall off drastically in the distance and sides. It almost looks
>>as if there were a spot light on the astronaut. Weird.

Bruce wrote:

>This may be a common effect in photography known as "vignetting"
>(if I recall correctly). The exposure level of an area of film
>depends upon the area of the lens (aperture). For light coming
>straight down the axis of the lens... the center of a photo...
>the area of the lens is πr^2 or $(\pi/4)D^2$ with D being
>the diameter and since the f# is focal length/diameter, the area
>of the lens is proportional to $(1/f\#^2)$.

>However, for light coming at an angle to the axis the lens area
>is smaller: the lens effectively becomes an ellipse with an area
>that is $(\pi/4)D^2$ times the cosine of the angle off axis.

>The extreme example of this "shrinkage" of the aperture is for
>light coming in at a grazing angle to the lens... nearly
>perpendicular to the axis... when the fixture holding the lens
>actually blocks the light so the effective aperture is zero...
>but this light doesn't get to any film in ordinary cameras.

>There are other cosine factor that can come into play also (up to
>cosine raised to the fourth power) depending upon the situation.
>Hence darkening at the extremities of the picture are not
>unusual and do not require a "spotlight" on the astronaut.

Hi, Bruce!

Well, I'm not taking the stance that a spot light was used.
However, we have about every lens that Hassleblad ever made and
that's what the astronauts shot with, as I understand it. I know
we have all the wide angle lenses for the Hassy's. We've shot
out in the desert at all times of the day under a cloudless sky
and we have never had any vignetting on any of our shots, even
with the wide lenses, which is where you one would expect this
to occur. Plus the light seems to fall off behind the astronaut
and not across the front of the astronaut. A vignette would
affect everything in the photo and wouldn't be selective. I'm
sure there's a logical explanation but it looks pretty weird, to
be sure.

Roger

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 12:19:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:38:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Evans

>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 19:54:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Fleming
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 14:16:27 -0500
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 2-26-01 - Velez

Previously, John wrote:

>>NASA makes me feel like I'm trapped in a bad B&W 'cine noir'
>>50's flick. What's up with that! This 2001 not 1951. Tell me
>>that those dolts don't have any working 'color' imaging cameras
>>on that craft because I have a bridge in Brooklyn that I'd like
>>to sell you. ;)

Lan replied:

>The MGS low-resolution (approx. 200 meter) camera does have
>color capability - sort of. It has a red filter and a blue
>filter, so red and blue images can be combined into a color
>image.
>
>The problem with this is, aside from the low resolution,
>that nothing like the true color of a scene can be reproduced to
>any degree of certainty with only red and blue.

Hi, Lan, John.

I understand that you are talking about the specific low-rez camera of the MGS. However, you give the impression that using color filters in conjunction with a black and white camera will yield lower resolution pictures than a color camera and this is not the case. Black and white video cameras and scanners are inherently higher in resolution than their color counterparts. In fact, one of the best images you can get on video (next to a scanner) is to use a modern, high resolution black and white CCD camera and make three passes; red, blue and green and then combine them in Photoshop for use on TV productions. I do this for color artwork and graphics that are too big for my scanner and the resolution and color definition is far superior to that of any 3-chip color camera. Of course, the subject matter must not be moving, but the results are superior.

Roger

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Secrecy News -- 02/28/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@igc.org>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 12:29:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:42:46 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/28/01

SECURITY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** ANOTHER HANSEN AFFIDAVIT
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ANOTHER HANSEN AFFIDAVIT

The government yesterday released another FBI affidavit in the case of Robert Philip Hanssen, the FBI agent who was arrested on February 18 on suspicion of espionage.

The newly released 9 page affidavit was filed in DC District Court in support of a search of Hanssen's office space at the FBI and at the State Department located in the District of Columbia. Last week's ample 100 page affidavit was filed in the Eastern District of Virginia, in support of Hanssen's arrest and search of his home and cars located in Virginia.

The latest affidavit adds a few poignant details to the picture, notably the text of a decrypted farewell message that Hanssen allegedly sent to his Russian handlers.

The text of the affidavit, dated February 21, is posted here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/hanssen affidavit2.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/hanssen%20affidavit2.html)

WOLFOWITZ ON CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

"It's kind of shocking, the extent to which classified information frequently and with great speed, finds its way into public in one form or another," said Paul Wolfowitz, the Bush Administration nominee for Deputy Secretary of Defense, at his confirmation hearing yesterday.

"Any one of us has come across a classified document that we may have thought was overclassified, but that doesn't give you an individual right to take it on yourself -- (laughs) -- to declassify it or downgrade it," Mr. Wolfowitz said. "There are procedures for doing that and they should be stuck with."

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner asked Mr. Wolfowitz if he would undertake, "as one of your top priorities," a review of the safeguarding of classified information at the Pentagon. Mr. Wolfowitz said he would.

Their discussion of classification policy is excerpted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/02/wolfowitz.html>

Secrecy News is archived at:
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/secrecy/index.html>

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Re: Writing, Symbols & Emblems? - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 13:55:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:44:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Writing, Symbols & Emblems? - Velez

>From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Writing, Symbols & Emblems?
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 00:19:39 -0000

>Dear Colleagues

>I am currently continuing to collect samples of alleged alien
>writing, symbols and emblems with a view to compiling a
>comprehensive database on alien languages; and in this endeavour
>I have managed so far to acquire a number of different and
>interesting examples and references from around the world.

Hi Gary, Hi All, Gary why don't you contact Stuart Apelle at Cornell University here in New York. Four years ago I submitted some 'writing samples' to Budd who in turn forwarded them (and several other samples) to Mr. Apelle for study and analysis. A report was 'supposed' to have appeared in the Journal of UFO Studies. As we all know, no such report ever materialized. I believe JUFOS is no longer being published. In all fairness to Stuart Apelle there were \$ problems with the publication of the Journal etc.etc.etc. The bottom line is, Mr. Apelle is sitting on a cache of these writing samples and speaking as one of the contributors to the study I'm pissed that (for whatever reasons) it was never conducted.

Try Stuart -and- Budd, (as Budd was the one who provided most, if not all, of the raw material for the study.) Good luck. I hope something comes of it. It's a shame that nothing has been done with this material before now. I'm still waiting for medical & mental health professionals to launch a formal investigation into the abduction phenom and the abductees themselves. Volunteering for a scientific study/examination was how I got involved in this mess to begin with. (NOVA) I'm still waiting. So far, it's all been just so much 'rap.'

Mucho viento, poco trabajo! (Lot's of wind, little work.) ;)

Go to my website Gary. Right on the AIC banner you'll find three examples of what you're looking for. I have incorporated two "writing" samples (individual letters/words/ whatever) and one of the "symbols" that are associated with "them." You are welcome to those for your collection. I cannot provide you more because I promised Budd I would not make it all a matter of 'public record.' Those writing samples are one of the few tools he has to help identify legit/ possible abduction cases. They are still somewhat useful because they have not been splattered all over the media like the images of Greys have for instance. -Everybody- knows what a 'Grey' looks like, -few- have ever seen the writing samples.

<http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/>

Regards,

John Velez,
Let's do the science!

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

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Filer's Files #9 -- 2001 - Pt. 2

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 17:21:03 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 17:49:56 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #9 -- 2001 - Pt. 2

AOL has informed me they have considerably shortened the length of all emails. You may not have recieved the entire Files.

Regards,

George Filer

Filer's Files #9 -- 2001, 2nd Part MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern February
26, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts; Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

UFO REPORTS INCREASE IN SPACE, FROM AIRCRAFT AND ON THE GROUND
The new year brings spectacular Disc shaped UFO reports in
Chile, Michigan, Arizona, Oregon and England. Flying Triangle
reports come in from New Jersey, Alabama, and Georgia,
maneuvering lights are reported in Florida, Indiana, Texas, and
United Kingdom.

OREGON DISC WITH LIGHTS SEEN BY CREW CHIEF

ROGUE RIVER -- In one of the best reports I've received recently
an SR-71 Air Force Crew Chief phoned to tell me he and his
family of four had a witnessed a disc shaped UFO outside their
home around 8:30 PM on both February 21st, and 22nd, 2001. It
started when he noticed a bright light at the top of the
mountain behind his home. Since the nearest airport is 35 miles
south in Medford, he thought it was strange to see a plane with
its landing lights on. The home is located in a rural area with
two mountains behind the house, one 2000 feet and the other 3500
feet high. Twenty minutes later he looked out again and saw the
lights were still there. Grabbing his binoculars he was able to
get an excellent view of the craft that was flying lower toward
his home. At first, he noticed a bright diamond shaped light
that at first didn't move. Then it started getting lighter and
brighter and smaller and bigger. It started moving down a hill.
Then it stopped. Then it got lighter, brighter, smaller and
bigger. Then it went back up the hill and seemed to stop. It
kept on doing it over and over. The disc shaped UFO flew down
the side of the mountain and moved at its closest about 400
yards away. The disc was almost as large as his fist at arm's
length. It had four triangular shaped panels or windows in a X
pattern. Two panels were above the rim and two were below
emitting light. The disc was made of a grayish metallic
material. The Crew Chief assured me he had never seen a craft in
the Air Force or any where remotely similar. The craft slowly
climbed in altitude up the side of the mountain sweeping its
bright lights appearing to be searching for something. The red
glowing lights appeared to emit flares as it slowly flew up the
side of mountain very close to the trees. Radio towers are on
the top of the mountain.

The following night there was a similar bright diamond shaped
light in the northwest sky just above the ridge line in the back
of their home. They watched the light pull apart from the sides
and pull back together several times. The light divided and a
separate bright red light came from the north and pulled up next
to the bright light. The second hovered for almost ten seconds

and zigzagged off to the south very quickly. The bright light hovered and then maneuvered and suddenly disappeared. The object followed the ground to the top of the ridge and went over the top and stopped just on the other side. It stayed there for about 5 minutes and was gone. My son yelled, "Look to the right." The UFO was moving left, right up and down with terrific speed. It was not a helicopter or plane and there was no sound what so ever. Insects, frogs, and other animals started to make sounds only after the UFO left. They saw the object for 15- 20 minutes. The Crew Chief's eleven year old son said, "The UFO was cool and awesome!"

Editor's Note: Several elk herds live in the mountains and the UFO crew may have been searching for food. In Oregon there have been reports of UFOs picking up elk and abducting them. The witness also reported the sighting to Peter Davenport who also felt he was a high quality witness.

CHILE, PILOTS SPOT GIANT SILVER SAUCER

ANTOFAGASTA -- Two airborne jetliners spotted a giant silver UFO hovering at an altitude of 18,000 meters (60,000 feet) near the city of Antofagasta in Northern Chile. "A feeling of disquiet and consternation spread over much of Chile's Second Region, including large cities such as Calama and Antofagasta, due to the sighting of an unidentified flying object around 11:00 AM on Friday, February 16, 2001. "The phenomenon was even observed by commercial aircraft when flight paths brought them close to it." "Witnesses identified it as a small silver dot towards the west of El Loa's provincial capital," Antofagasta, "which remained initially still and with a swinging motion" "Many tried to see but were themselves thwarted in the pursuit of this goal as the object was some distance from the city. Nonetheless, others were able to see it both unaided and with binoculars."

"Air traffic control personnel from the Cerro Moreno Airport followed the UFO's movements through accounts from the airline pilots." "Two of the three airliners crossing the city witnessed the object. These were LAN-Chile Flight 560, and Avant Airlines Flight 471. The event took place at around 11:00 AM, had a total duration of between 20 and 30 minutes, being first noticed by LAN-Chile Flight 560 after establishing visual contact with a shiny, oval object of incredible size. This was immediately relayed to the Air Traffic Control Center in Santiago de Chile and was picked up on their radar screens, which have nationwide coverage. "The phenomenon was also seen by Calama airport's control tower since 10:45 AM who saw an oval, shiny object. Avant Airlines Flight 471, flying between Calama and Antofagasta reported the object to the regional capital's air facility. The UFO was 'flattened and elongated, like two plates facing each other,' and was seen 72 miles north of Antofagasta at Vector 350. "Airport personnel explained that 'Radar systems filter information, otherwise even cars could show up onscreen as well as air traffic moving slower than the stipulated speed. Nelson Lope, Cerro Moreno's airport manager, confirmed the object's presence and noted that two commercial flights flying over the Pacific Ocean picked up the apparition without being able to identify it. He added that the airspace occupied by the UFO contained heavy clouds, which did not allow for a more objective interpretation. He discarded the weather balloon theory. "The UFO was tracked by radar operators of the Fifth Air Brigade of the Fuerzas Aereas de Chile the Chilean Air Force based at Cerro Moreno." (See the newspaper La Estrella del Loa for 2/17/01, Thanks to Scott Corrales, and UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 6 #8 2/22/01, Editor: Joseph Trainor

Editor's Note: It is refreshing to see that UFOs are freely reported by the news media, airline crews and radar in Chile. Despite frequent sightings in the US everyone involved seems afraid to report these incidents, even when crashes or our aircraft occur.

UNITED KINGDOM HAS 21st UFO REPORT

LEICESTER, ENGLAND -- Andy Seaton reports that, "On the morning of January 24, 2001, I woke at 05:10 AM, sitting up and looking out through our East facing window (we sleep with curtains open). I observed what I first took to be a star, my attention was drawn by its unusual sparkling appearance akin to a fireworks sparkler. It then began to move in a very jerky fashion, not unlike the flight of a butterfly. The general

direction of movement was south to north. The morning was not yet fully light. There was only a little wispy cloud above the object. I woke my wife (a skeptic) who, when I showed her, had to agree it was indeed a UFO. We continued to observe until it disappeared traveling northward. The whole sighting lasted about five minutes. I have had an interest in UFO's since I was a child, but this is my first definite sighting. Thanks to Andy Seaton seatonaj@lineone.net.

DERBYSHIRE DALES - Farshores reports the February 15, 2001, the Matlock Mercury Newspaper reports that close encounters continue in Dales as the national media picks up on the long string of UFO stories. Last week, sightings including the videotape episode in Bonsall were reported by the Daily Mail, Channel Five and BBC News. Now the Mercury has received word of another close encounter - the 20th sighting since the first back in September. Paul Hannan (37) of Yeld Close, Bakewell saw a dome-shaped craft at around 8:00 PM on February 3. "It was over Haddon," he said, "more or less on the Manchester flight path. "I shouted to my wife, 'Look at this bright light out here!' Mr Hannan, who saw a similar object in Bakewell during the mid-1900s said the craft was a brilliant white light in the sky. Through the binoculars, he could see the light gradually fade.

TANSLEY -- The 21st sighting surrounds a Wirksworth couple who saw a large blue light with an orange tail which shot across the night-sky. The man was going for a walk with his girlfriend on Summer Lane, at about 7:30 PM last Thursday when they saw the strange light. He said: "At first I thought it was a plane crashing - it is the funniest thing I have ever seen. "It had a massive glowing tail at the back of it - but it went far too fast for a plane. "My friend also saw it." Thanks to farhores@inorbit.com (farshores)

SWEDISH GLOWING CYLINDER

GOTHENBURG --At the age of 12, the witness reports I saw a big cigar shaped UFO moving slowly and silently following a horizontal path over Gothenburg. I was with my parents , and also joined by 3 adult neighbors. It was silver colored and reflected the light of the afternoon sun. About every 10 seconds it lit up completely like a light-bulb and ten seconds later, the light was turned off and it was again silver colored. We saw no lights, windows or fins on the cigar- it was completely smooth. No sound. After about 5-10 minutes it suddenly turned around, and took off in the direction from where it had come. The speed was now accelerating and it went from horizon to horizon in a few seconds. Thanks to MUFON Worldwide Data Base <http://ohiomufon.services4all.com/>.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S EYES TEAR OVER UFOs

Art Greenfield writes, "In your Filer's Files # 7 on 2/13/01 is the report of the call to Larry King's show where Shirley MacLaine was asked about what President Carter had told her about UFOs? I was that caller." The story of this is in my soon to be printed book. Additionally, when I first called in to the show and told the call screener what I was going to ask Shirley, the screener said: "Larry is going to love this!!!" I followed up with a letter to President Carter himself, asking him to reveal what he knew to the public, but I have not had a response. A year or so later when President Carter was a guest on the Larry King Show, I called in and told the call screener I wanted to ask the President what he had told Shirley MacLaine about the government knowing about aliens and recovered UFOs was true? The screener said that President Carter had told them he would only answer questions about his new book. But that was not the end of the story. Just a few months before Art Bell retired, he read a news wire item at the beginning of his show. Art said that former President Jimmy Carter had been at a book store in Oregon for a book signing on his new book. A man in line to get his book autographed asked President Carter about his campaign promise that if elected, he would look into what the government knew about UFOs and aliens. Art Bell said, "President Carter just looked at the man and did not answer in words. "Tears sprang from his eyes." Thanks to Art Greenfield Cocoa, FL 32926

LAST YEAR 252 CROP CIRCLES REPORTED FROM 16 COUNTRIES

The official ICCA count per month looks is as follows: January: 1 / February: 1 / March: 4 / April: 6 / May: 21 / June: 40 /

July 103 / August: 70 / September: 4 / October 1 / November: 1 / December: 0. The official ICCA count per country was as follows: Canada: 9 / Czech Republic: 32 / Denmark: 6 / England: 139 / Finland: 1 / France: 1 / Germany: 25 / Italy: 2 / Malaysia: 1 / New Zealand: 1 / Poland: 1 / Russia: 1 / Slovenia: 1 / Spain: 3 / The Netherlands: 15 / USA: 14. Thanks to mueller@invisiblecircle.de - <http://invisiblecircle.de>

NEW YORK CITY THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE ON ABDUCTIONS Bob Durant, writes, "I got a long email from Harold Egelin concerning a new play to be performed in New York City. The play is based on UFO abductions, which I think is a "first." The shows are at 8:30 PM except Sunday March 4, at 4:00 PM, followed by a Panel Discussion with Experts on the Topic. 145 Sixth Avenue (between Spring and Dominick) www.here.org Tickets are \$15 to \$20, Box Office @ 212.647.0202

NEW JERSEY GREAT UFO CONGRESS 2001 BORDENTOWN -- March 31 and April 1 at the Days Inn on Route 206 at the NJ Turnpike Exit #7. Jan Aldrich, Don and Viki Ecker, Dolores Cannon, Richard Cassaro, Bob Durant, and Nancy Talbot have been invited to speak. Call Pat Marcatillio for reservations at 609 631-8955

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 over an hour long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. 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: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Hatch

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 19:37:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 17:52:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish' - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 01:29:43 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Wife Sees Husband 'Vanish'

>>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 15:57:10 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Wife sees husband 'vanish'

<snip>

>>In the meantime, Yabi's wife has also sought the assistance of
>>bomohs to trace the whereabouts of her husband.

>They give no clue what a "bomoh" is. Might that be some sort of
>witch doctor or spiritual advisor? A bomoh could be a bloodhound
>for all they tell you.

Hi Larry,

You got it right first time.

A quick search on the 'net produced:

A Bomoh is a Malay witchdoctor. Also known as pawang or dukun.
They are still active today and work professionally.

This was taken from Encyclopedia Mythica at

<http://www.pantheon.org/mythica/articles/b/bomoh.html>

Note - The above is the complete entry for 'Bomoh'

Best wishes,
John Hayes

webmaster@ufoinfo.com

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgement - Fuller

From: Paul Fuller <CPaulFuller@cs.com>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:47:37 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 18:09:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgement - Fuller

Hi there,

I don't normally subscribe to this List but I've been alerted to some comments that have appeared in the past few days which seem to imply that I (or my colleagues Jenny Randles, David Clarke and Andy Roberts) would bow so low as to invent transcripts to undermine the famous Lakenheath-Bentwaters case of 1956. This is a very serious allegation which I hereby deny. I think an apology is required from the individual who is making these allegations.

I know its a tough life tapping away at our PCs but seriously please remember that some of us have full-time jobs. I do all I can in my spare time to research UFO cases but I can't just drop everything to respond to demands from X, Y and Z to justify everything I have ever said or done. I think that perhaps we all forget this sometimes (me included !).

Our Lakenheath re-investigation is continuing to unearth new facts and new evidence every day. And every day there's more work to be done to check that evidence from different angles and chase new leads. With some aspects of this case I still don't know the truth of what happened or did not happen, so how can I possibly come before my peers and justify myself even before I've reached a conclusion ?

So, hold on to your hats. The fat will be in the fire soon enough,

Cheers,

Paul Fuller
("demented and litigious" according to George Wingfield <G>)

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Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:32:54 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 18:16:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Evans

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 02:57:53 EST
>Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy' - Rudiak
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 14:03:30 -0600
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Response To FOXTV's 'Moon Conspiracy'

Previously, I wrote:

>>Even with the above snip, we can count no less than 3 times that
>>David says we can not see any stars during the day because of
>>the atmosphere.

>>The sun is a star, big guy. We see it just fine, during the
>>day, even with the naked eye. We don't see the other stars
>>because they are too far away and, therefore, too dim to compete
>>with the intensity of the sun.

David now writes:

>Just because you can see stars in space with the sun out but not
>here on Earth, this wild scientific theory cropped up that maybe
>the Earth's atmosphere had something to do with it -- junk like
>sunlight scattering off the atmosphere.

>E.g. check out this bozo who said the exact same things I did.
>The guy even claims to have a PhD and be a professional
>astronomer.

<http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/tv/foxapollo.html>

David, I checked out the link. Let's share this info with everyone on the list that gives two cents about our debate. The link read:

>The stars are there! They're just too faint to be seen.

>The Moon's surface is airless. On Earth, our thick atmosphere
>scatters sunlight, spreading it out over the whole sky. That's
>why the sky is bright during the day. Without sunlight, the air
>is dark at night, allowing us to see stars.

>On the Moon, the lack of air means that the sky is dark. Even
>when the Sun is high off the horizon during full day, the sky
>near it will be black. If you were standing in
>the Moon, you would indeed see stars, even during the day.

>So why aren't they in the Apollo pictures? Pretend for a moment
>you are an astronaut on the surface of the Moon. You want to take
>a picture of your fellow space traveler. The Sun is low off the
>horizon, since all the lunar landings were done at local morning.
>How do you set your camera? The lunar landscape is
>brightly lit by the Sun, of course, and your friend is wearing a
>white spacesuit also brilliantly lit by the Sun. To take a picture
>of a bright object with a bright background, you need to set the
>exposure time to be fast, and close down the aperture setting too;
>that's like the pupil in your eye constricting to let less light in

>when you walk outside on a sunny day.

>So the picture you take is set for bright objects. Stars are
>faint objects! In the fast exposure, they simply do not have time
>to register on the film. It has nothing to do with the sky being
>black or the lack of air, it's just a matter of exposure time.
>If you were to go outside here on Earth on the darkest night
>imaginable and take a picture with the exact same camera settings
>the astronauts used, you won't see any
>stars!

Gee, that's funny, the very first reason he gives is that the stars are too dim. Now, why would a professional astronomer with a Ph.D. say something like that? I guess because that's the fundamental reason we can't see the other stars.

Continuing David wrote:

>Hoo boy, were we wrong. Fortunately Roger Who-Knows-All is here
>to clear up this misconception that our atmosphere keeps us from
>seeing stars during the day..

I'm glad I could help out in that area. Here's another misconception I can help you clear up: Only you were wrong, David. There was no "we" involved. The guy's explanation acknowledges that the stars are too dim, right from the beginning. In fact, it is the very first thing he says on the topic. In case you missed it, he wrote:

>The stars are there! They're just too faint to be seen.

I have never said that the atmosphere does not scatter the light. What I have maintained all along is that the other stars are too dim to penetrate this. If they were brighter, then they could also be seen along with the star that we call the "sun".

On the other hand, I purposely let you go on for several posts with your claims that we can't see any stars during the day, wondering if you would ever realize the error you were making; that we can see at least one star during the day. But you never did. Then, when I pointed out your obvious error, you try and back pedal your way out of a jam, all the while casting stones because of my use of the word "see".

It was my assumption that everyone would understand that the context referred to "why don't we see stars in the photos or video". I guess I was wrong. Certainly, you should understand such a slip in writing, David. After all, you're the one that has written many times that we can't see any stars during the day on earth because of atmosphere, all the while talking about how the light from the sun (which is a star) interferes with the viewing process. In essence you're saying that we can't see any star while saying, at the same time, that we see too much of one!

And you bust my chops for using the word "see"?

The big difference is that I can at least justify that I was operating within a given context; that I assumed we were all on the same page talking about not seeing other stars in photos and video. But your statement is outside of context and has no basis in fact, period. You wrote over and over that we can not see any stars during the day when we obviously can. You even went so far as to distinguish the sun as being different from stars, as if it were a different kind of celestial body. This wasn't just a slip in writing. This was just plain ignorance of the science involved.

Admit it, David, you were so hung up on trying to create an issue where no issue existed, that you forgot that the sun is a star. What other explanation could you offer?

Or maybe, just maybe you thought that everyone would simply understand the context of the discussion and know that you really meant stars other than our sun? Nah... If I can't get any slack, then why should you?

Roger

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Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clarke

From: Dave Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 21:16:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 18:31:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 12:16:08 -0600

>>From: Andy Roberts <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath Pre-Judgment
>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2001 10:21:29 -0000

>I am told that you and your colleagues are
>actively refusing to share information with other Lakenheath
>experts.

Hi Jerry,

I'm sorry to hear that you are paying attention to hearsay evidence - it was this sort of thing which allowed the myth to grow in the first place.

Rather than listening to Brad Sparks you should be asking pertinent questions like why he and Thayer suppressed the contradictory evidence of the RAF Fighter Controller in their account of 1980 - a question Sparks has pointedly failed to address on this List (see the post from Joe McGonagle, and my reply).

As for us "actively refusing" to co-operate with other "Lakenheath experts", don't make me laugh.

The only individual you can possibly be referring to is Brad Sparks, so why don't you make it clear what you mean. Sparks, by his own admission, has spent 20 years recycling second and third hand information rather than investigating anything first hand. Now he realises that someone else has broken the rules of this rather cosy gentlemen's club and actually traced some first-hand testimony and documents, he wants to be in on the act - when it suits him.

What qualifies someone as a "Lakenheath expert" other than self-proclamation?

Private correspondence I had with Sparks made it quite clear that he could not offer any new information to the investigation which we did not already possess. This was explained to Sparks, despite him making a groundless suggestion that we had already made "serious errors" in our investigation - something he could not possibly have known as he had no knowledge of what we had discovered!

Given such an attitude - why on earth should we waste time corresponding with someone who knows nothing, and jumps to such a conclusion without evidence?

Our investigation has been conducted following journalistic procedure - talking to first-hand sources and obtaining contemporary documents. To this end we have been dealing directly with RAF aircrew, retired Squadron Leaders and the

Ministry of Defence who have been very helpful. We also have enlisted the help of two radar experts, with almost a century of technical experience between them to act as advisors.

Our approach as been simple - unless someone has some new information, rather than just tired old information and speculation to offer, then why should we pay any attention to it?

>Indeed, if that's your view (and it certainly seems to be your >view, though I would like to be wrong), one can only conclude, >sadly, that you don't understand how the scientific process >works.

You talk about "how the scientific process works", but see my comments above. No scientist involved in a research project would halt in the middle of his writing up to post his unfinished notes to an e-mail list before his conclusions have been formulated.

The correct process is to publish and then allow peer review, which is what we intend to follow.

No amount of bullying and groundless insinuation will change our intention to do just that, in our own time.

If that is not good enough for the more impatient "Lakenheath experts" out there, then so be it.

With best regards,

Dave Clarke

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Re: Writing, Symbols and Emblems - Anthony

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 18:38:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Writing, Symbols and Emblems - Anthony

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 13:55:06 -0500
>Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:44:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Writing, Symbols & Emblems? - Velez

>>From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Writing, Symbols & Emblems?
>>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 00:19:39 -0000

>>Dear Colleagues

>>I am currently continuing to collect samples of alleged alien
>>writing, symbols and emblems with a view to compiling a
>>comprehensive database on alien languages; and in this endeavour
>>I have managed so far to acquire a number of different and
>>interesting examples and references from around the world.

>Hi Gary, Hi All, Gary why don't you contact Stuart Apelle at
>Cornell University here in New York. Four years ago I submitted
>some 'writing samples' to Budd who in turn forwarded them (and
>several other samples) to Mr. Apelle for study and analysis. A
>report was 'supposed' to have appeared in the Journal of UFO
>Studies. As we all know, no such report ever materialized. I
>believe JUFOS is no longer being published. In all fairness to
>Stuart Apelle there were \$ problems with the publication of the
>Journal etc.etc.etc. The bottom line is, Mr. Apelle is sitting
>on a cache of these writing samples and speaking as one of the
>contributors to the study I'm pissed that (for whatever reasons)
>it was never conducted.

Hi John, I contacted Stuart Appelle about a year ago and he told me:

'Although a linguistic analysis may indeed be interesting, I see that as a second step. The first step, I believe is to determine if the symbols reported by abductees differ in any way from symbols that might be generated by a control population asked to imagine symbols observed under circumstances similar to those reported by abductees.'

I agree 100% though was a bit confused why Prof' Appelle would take this up, as it is in the realm of both psycho-linguistics and linguistics to determine experimentation. This is indeed a valid and necessary part of what must seem like a long process, it would also be interesting to experiment with things like what people doodle or what 'linguistics experts' _imagine_ an alien language may represent and how this differs from other cross section samples. A senior linguistics colleague of mine has also corresponded with Stuart and exchanged ideas in this area. As far as I know, Stuart had set up some experimentation along these lines with 100 subjects, but he had not yet subjected his data to a statistical analysis. Indeed, if a paper were published along these lines it would be a necessary addition to the topic, as it would add to the essence of what we may consider prima facie examples of alleged alien semiotics to be? Stuart thinks linguistics analyses are valid as do Mack and

others and yet very few people in the 'ufology' business are properly archiving or describing the samples in a 'scientific' manner.

There are two Universities willing to conduct all of this research and both may conduct certain preliminary experimentation into various related aspects of alleged alien communications and symbolism a scientific paper/s combining the expertise of the fields of psycho-linguistics, linguistics and cryptography would be propitious to this cause. I am working on this already John, with two experts, but we still require a lot more input and co-operation. Understandably, some people are uncomfortable or do not feel that their samples of alien semiotics require scrutiny or validation even though I have access to some of the best linguists in the world, who have also interjected relevant commentary and suggestions and there are certainly a lot of tools the 'scientific discipline' of linguistics can bring to bear on this topic.

>Try Stuart -and- Budd, (as Budd was the one who provided most, >if not all, of the raw material for the study.) Good luck. I >hope something comes of it. It's a shame that nothing has been >done with this material before now. I'm still waiting for >medical & mental health professionals to launch a formal >investigation into the abduction phenom and the abductees >themselves. Volunteering for a scientific study/examination was >how I got involved in this mess to begin with. (NOVA) I'm still >waiting. So far, it's all been just so much 'rap.'

Tried Budd Hopkin's with a couple of brief mail requests, trying to initiate a correspondence, don't know if he has been busy or whether I may have dissuaded him with my 'British-ness' (not intended, ironically I think I was one of the first Brits to have a copy of 'Intruders' signed when colleagues of mine organised the first big UK conferences). The only big cheese 'state-side' who has contacted me, has been David Jacob's with a succinct, poignant and surprising mail. I have however, had lot's of help and assistance with abductees/experiencers and researchers in America -- particularly people like Leo Sprinkle, Dana Redfield, Katharina Wilson, Debbie Kauble et al... Who initially gave me a great start and some brilliant suggestions. Since then, quite a few people that Budd Hopkin's has worked with have contacted me and sent samples. I have also been really surprised by the amount of reference there is out there on this topic, I have unearthed articles I never thought existed, some from way back. There are even quite a few behind the scenes researchers, who have made life-long studies of this topic and collected reference, some in academia. Mainstream science, however, is far removed from the abduction phenomenon, despite cavalier attempts to generate interest and involvement, indeed much that goes on in 'ufological' circles and literature sometimes has an opposing effect to academia. However, you can be assured that as long as there is life in me, I will endeavour to get this ball rolling a bit faster. I only wish sometimes I had more time to publicly bounce a few ideas and questions around forums like this, and since my 'missus' has just had our twin boys my time is even more limited.

So far, I have been approached by two book publisher's who have found out what I am doing and asked me to write a book -- this is unheard of in the present UK publishing climate, as UFO books and paranormal books delved into a depression recently. Rarely do publishers approach people, it is usually the other way around. Obviously they presume I have found a niche or something, but I will not detract from the main goal of getting analyses done. Later there may be time for varied publication, as I have learned some interesting things along the way, that is for sure. Publishing is secondary and having read many ufological tomes I am inclined to leave well alone and find some useful ways of making the information widely and freely available. There's a niggling curiosity to see where this focus leads?

>Mucho viento, poco trabajo! (Lot's of wind, little work.) ;)

Point well taken! I was very frustrated when I started out with this work and have been waiting for at least 16 years to see someone do it or see what it may amount to?

>Go to my website Gary. Right on the AIC banner you'll find three >examples of what you're looking for. I have incorporated two

>"writing" samples (individual letters/words/ whatever) and one
>of the "symbols" that are associated with "them." You are
>welcome to those for your collection. I cannot provide you more
>because I promised Budd I would not make it all a matter of
>'public record.' Those writing samples are one of the few tools
>he has to help identify legit/ possible abduction cases. They
>are still somewhat useful because they have not been splattered
>all over the media like the images of Greys have for instance.
>-Everybody- knows what a 'Grey' looks like, -few- have ever seen
>the writing samples.

Thanks for this John. I will indeed take a look at AIC Banner
and if I may, accurately reproduce same? There is a matter that
I may ask you privately about -- not as a disclosure, but which
I think you may or may not be able to confirm anyway, by way of
covering ground.

><http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/>

>Regards,

>John Velez,
>Let's do the science!

Best Regards

Gary Anthony

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