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HUMANOIDS IN ITALY

by Roberto Pinotti.

Aug. 14, 1947. Raveo. Artist and SF-writer R. L. Johannis saw a disk on the ground and two dwarfs less than 1 m tall, wearing dark blue coveralls with red collars and belts. They had oversized heads, greenish faces, huge, salient dark eyes without eyelashes or eyebrows, but surrounded by a ringlike muscle. They wore something similar to crash helmets. The center of their belts projected a "light" and the witness suffocated, feeling a strong electrical discharge. The creature had greenish hands with eight talonlike fingers.

Apr. 24, 1950 Abbiate Guazzone (Varese). Bruno Facchini heard and saw sparks coming from a dark, hovering object, near which a man dressed in tight-fitting clothes and wearing a helmet seemed to be making repairs. Three other men were seen near the craft. When the work was finished, a trap through which light had been shining was closed and the thing took off. The witness had the time to note many details of the machine and its occupants. When Facchini, thinking strange beings are American pilot, answer if they need help, one of this projected a "light" from a tube and the witness fell to the ground, feeling a strong discharge that burns his abdomen skin. When the UFO disappears, Mr. Facchini finds on the ground many UFO fragments.

1952, 18 November: During the most famous 1952 UFO wave farmer Nello Ferrari of Castelfranco Veneto found himself flooded in red light; looking up, he saw 30 ft (9 m) above the ground a 70 ft (20 m) wide copper-gold disk with a rotating cylinder beneath; from it came sounds like an electric motor. On the upper surface was a turret from which three beings observed him directly. They looked "perfectly human". The cylinder was retracted and the craft took off vertically at high speed.

Oct. 25, 1954, Colcerasa (Macerata). At 5 pm, two 12-year-old boys, Marziano Giampieri and Pacifico Santucci, suddenly saw three figures who, as soon as they were discovered, entered a small spherical craft cocealed 10 m. away behind some bushes. The beings were small, about 35 cm tall, and very large heads and lead-gray skin. The craft had two sharp-pointed propellers in front, which started spinning. The craft took off suddenly with a hissing sound from the fields and zoomed away with a sort of explosion. The case was investigated by local authorities, including Carabinieri and Police. A woman, Maria Ruggeri, confirmed she saw, too, a mysterious flying object "just over my head", leaving the spot.

(to be continued).

1999: ITALIAN FLAP

January, 1999, a strong UFO flap interest Italy. UFO sightings continued, with more encounters in different areas of the peninsula. On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 10:30 p.m., a teenaged boy returning home in Cava dei Tirreni spotted "a black discoidal object" hovering above some houses. The saucer, he reported, "had a diameter estimated at 10 meters (33 feet), emitted no sound, and showed no lights or colors of any kind. It circled twice over the town before flying away". On Monday, January 11, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., a fireball appeared in the sky over the city of Bologna, 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Rome. "The UFO crossed the sky for 15 seconds in a southeasterly direction". Witnesses telephoned the Carabinieri (Italian police) and the control tower at Marconi International Airport. Tower personnel said there was nothing on radar.

On Monday, January 18, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., a UFO appeared over Trecastagni, a town on the island of Sicily, described by witnesses as "a luminous object that crossed the sky going from the west to the south". "The group spotted the object near the peaks of Tre Monti on the outskirts of Trecastagni and took note of the luminous trail rising in the west. It crossed the sky, lighting up the clouds like the last burst of sunshine and then went in a southerly direction. Some witnesses spoke of one object with three lights and a luminous molten glow. Others spoke of a trio of luminous objects proceeding in formation. The object reportedly zigzagged and its speed was too excessive for it to be a conventional jet." (See the Italian newspaper La Sicilia for January 19, 1999). On Saturday, January 23, 1999, at 8:15 p.m., seven young people spotted a trio of UFOs in the night sky over Pescara, a port city on the Adriatic Sea about 165 kilometers (102 miles) east of Rome. Two female witnesses, Paola and Elisa, said they saw "three luminous stars of a red color high in the sky, flying toward the southwest. Two of them (UFOs) broke away from the formation and traveled in a circular pattern. Then they zigzagged, appearing at several different points in the sky. The third unidentified object remained visible for five minutes" (See the Italian newspaper La Stampa Siciliana for January 24, 1999). Also on Saturday, January 23, at 3:10 p.m., a man who was saying prayers at a family graveside at the Cimitero Comunale in the city of Piacenza, 110 kilometers (66 miles) southeast of Milano (Milan), spotted a UFO in the sky. "He saw a cylindrical object passing over the city. The object flew from the northeast to the northwest, passing in a diagonal line over Piacenza with a constant linear trajectory. The sighting lasted about one minute". On Sunday, January 24, 1999, at the Parco Nazionale del Vesuvio, near Napoli (Naples), about 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of Rome, four people climbing Monte Somma mountain at 11 a.m. "saw a brilliant sphere of colors ranging from a metallic silver to an incandescent red. At just past the hour, this object appeared at several different points in the sky without seeming to move from point to point. The witnesses were adamant that this object was not the planet Jupiter. One witness testified that the object appeared to rotate on its own axis".

Italy recorded other UFO sightings in various regions of the country in March, 1999. On Sunday, March 14, 1999, from 6:30 to 7 p.m., witnesses in Iglesias, a city on the west coast of Sardinia, spotted two luminescent elongated forms that remained motionless in the sky for nearly half an hour. The two UFOs came together once, "forming an inverted U and disappeared on the horizon seconds later". Iglesias is in Sardinia's Cagliari province about 140 kilometers (84 miles) south of Sassari, the capital. (See the newspaper La Nuova Sardegna for March 16, 1999.) On Saturday, March 20, 1999, at 8:30 p.m., eyewitness at Ozzano Emilia was driving into Castel San Pietro when he saw a strange glow in the woods. He then watched a large light rise into the sky. He described the UFO as a dark yellow color. On Sunday, March 21, 1999, in the city of Milano (Milan), a strange light was seen in the sky by two people over the suburb of Ripamonti. The light was definitely much larger and brighter than a star, giving off flashes of red, green and yellow light as it rose into the sky. It stayed at one point for several minutes, then (quickly) crossed the sky. Two days after at 20:38 section of Italy's National UFO Center in Milan received a call by an anonymous, with hispanic accent, reporting of a strange

light in the sky over Ripamonti street.

More sightings in Liguria: July 13, at Alassio, a young saw a light like a star - but very large - in the sky; July 16, at Pegli, a strange light appeared for 15 minutes and disappeared behind houses rooves; July 19, at 2:45 a.m. at Ubaga (Imperia) sighted a star-like object with trail.

SEVERAL CASES IN 1996...

January 8, 1996, at 9:30 p.m., a handful of people at Torrile, near Parma, saw "a white globe suddenly appear 200 meters above their heads. It hovered for several minutes and then disappeared"; January 10, two taxi drivers in Camerlata, in Como province, spotted "a strange object moving among the clouds"; January 11, a woman in Asso, Como province, spotted "three parallel rows of white rectangular lights hovering high above". These lights "flew away after four minutes". That same night, in nearby Canzo, a family saw "a large disc-shaped white light" descending into some alpine woods. January 14, at 8:10 p.m., a young woman in Cimpello, in Pordenone province, saw "a white triangle passing swiftly over" her head. In March, at 9:00 p.m., at Pieve Emanuele (Milan), sighted a stationary light in the sky; after, UFO moves to south, south-east. March 14, at 9:21, Melzo (Milan), a worker videotaped many UFOs crossing planes; March 28, at 9:50, a star-like object hovering in the sky of Milan, Bovisa neighbourhood. In July or August, 1:30 a.m., two motorists saw over Inzago (Milan) a shining ball moving from Trecella to Masate.

July 7, Italian newspaper "Il Giorno" (The Day) publish two UFO photos showing lights in the sky of Milan (hoax?); July 25, at 11:30 p.m., an half-cygar appeared over Buccinasco (Milan). According to the witness, UFO was shining, with a little tower above and below; witness saw UFO for many evenings (doubtful case). In August, nocturnal lights was sighted in Liguria, Switzerland and over Milan. In early August, a fiery UFO passed a truck at night on a road outside Vicenza. In addition, a ring of burned grass was found in the village of Lugo Vincentino, near Vicenza. The previous night, onlookers had seen a bluish-white luminosity on the same hillside. On August 10, two men reported seeing "a bright red disc" flying low above a farm in Fontana Rosa, near Avellino. A circle of dry yellowish grass was found the following day. On August 17, tourists camping out at Varazze, in Savona province watched a round white light in the sky from 1 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. The light gradually changed color from white to yellow. The same day, two daylight discs appeared in the sky over Livigno in central Italy. The UFOs were videotaped by a young man, who turned the tape over to the Carabinieri (Italian police). On August 22, "a large red ball, twice as big as the moon" frightened campers in Baia Domizia, near Caserta, appearing at 9:30 p.m. and hovering for five minutes over the bay. As one tourist lifted his videocam, the UFO sped away. On August 24, mysterious lights in the sky were seen at Guspini, Cagliari district, on the island of Sardinia. Teenagers watched the lights from 9:30 to 9:40 p.m. On Sunday, August 25, 1996, at 5:40 p.m., ten people in Alassio, a small town in Italy's Savona province, witnessed a UFO overflight with their binoculars. The UFO came in from the sea and hovered over the town for ten minutes, making lateral motions. Later the same evening, at 9:30 p.m., a second UFO flew over Alassio. Witnesses described it as a rotating UFO with lights all around its equator. September 21, in the evening, three lights appeared over Lorenteggio neighbourhood (Milan), for an hour. Searchlights probably. Between 8:45 and 10:00 p.m., over Milan and Cusago, people saw three rotating lights; September 24, at 6:30 a.m., two luminous points from north to south, moving with horizontal line, are sighted from S.Giuliano Milanese (Milan). According Italy's National UFO Center, witness was very credible.

AND IN 1998...

On November 7, 1998, at about 8 p.m., a couple in Casalmaggiore, a town near Cremona, 140 kilometers (84 miles) southeast of Milano (Milan), "observed a white sphere, luminous, much larger than a star, that traversed the sky... The same object, and a similar one, appeared before two gentlemen at the Teatro Regio in Parma, around midnight". Parma is 125 kilometers (75 miles) southeast of Milano. On Saturday, December 5, 1998, "a green disc measuring 20 centimeters at arm's length was sighted near

Castelbuttano. The object had a definite shape and dropped down in a power dive. The object did not leave any trail".

On Monday, December 7, 1998, at 11:05 p.m., "a motorist who was driving toward Pavia," a city 75 kilometers (45 miles) south of Milano, "had noticed in the sky a blob of light that speedily ascended in a perpendicular trajectory, covering several hundred meters of distance. The object appeared as a luminous piece of yellowish-orange color. In one-tenth of a second, the UFO had described a course toward the witnesses 'with a direction almost perpendicular and at an incredible velocity". The witness estimated that the sudden had "generated a force of 20 G's and 'nothing living could have survived such a furious velocity'". Also on December 7, "a triangular blue light was seen flying over the Piazza de Ferraris in central Genoa," a major port city 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of Rome, "at about 5 p.m."

CONES AND CIGARS

As the Italian journalist Renato Albanese reported in "La domenica del Corriere" in 1962, "the young farmer and stockbreeder Giuseppe Fenu lives in Villamassargia, an agricultural district of the Campidano (in Sardinia). He has assured us personally that on October 10, 1956, at about 10.30 pm, he had a fantastic sighting. He was coming home from the cinema and noticed, in the completely clear but moonless sky, a luminous globe moving in a N.-S. direction. Suddenly it vanished over the horizon, and the just as suddenly three more globes appeared, in formation. 'About half an hour after this first sighting', he continues, 'we all saw a kind of airship in the sky. It was luminous, of the apparent length of 20 metres, with an extremely luminous bluish-coloured strip running along its full extent. This strip was intersected at equal intervals by vertical bands of a lesser degree of luminosity, like grid-holes. Then we watched something quite fantastic. The globes began to circle round the giant cigar".

Thousands see cone-shaped object near Tuscany - A mysterious cone-shaped object hovered for two hours over the tiny wooden islet of Giglio, off the coast of Tuscany, on Saturday, July 13. Most of the 2,000 islanders reported seeing the unknown flying object. It came from the south, moving against prevailing winds, and flew at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. It was shaped like a long cone, with one silver coloured turret on the upper side and one on the bottom. It changed colour and some parts of its surface appeared to be moving, the islanders said. The object left in a northeasterly direction.

USO IN THE LIGURIAN SEA

June 3rd, 1961, about 6.35 pm near Savona (Ligurian Sea). Mr. Giacomo Barra of Savona went out in a motorboat with Giuseppe Pordoi, businessman, Filippo Marin, office employee, and Silvano Guardinfante, owner of the boat. When quite a good distance out to sea, "we shut off the engine and sat there chatting and enjoying the morning breeze. Suddenly the rocking motion of the waves increased, and the boat began to roll badly. We looked around, thinking it must be due to the proximity of one of the many tankers that put into our port. But nothing of the sort. At a distance of a kilometre from us, the surface of the sea was bulging like an enormous ball, with long billows going out from it on all sides. Dumbfounded, we were still wondering what it was when, suddenly, a strange contraption rose up from the bulge of water. Perhaps it was one of the celebrated 'flying saucers', for the lower part of it looked like a plate upside down, and the upper part ended in a cone. While it was emerging from the sea, the water was thrust away all round it, as by a cushion of air. After it had emerged completely from the sea, it stopped still for a few seconds, at a height of 10 metres or so, and then rocked slightly a few minutes. Then a halo formed round the base of it, and the thing shot away very fast across the sea and vanished towards the north-west".

UFO-LANDING NEAR CASTELFRANCO EMILIA

In the morning of November 16, 1952, at half past 9, near Castelfranco Emilia (Modena) a farmer, Nello Ferrari, 41, was working in the fields. Suddenly Mr. Ferrari found himself flooded with a reddish light from above, and saw a large circular object about 10 meters above him, between gold and

copper in colour. This structure was like two plates with their edges almost touching each other. At the center of the bottom surface, 20 meters in diameter, there was a cylinder of 5 meters in diameter (inside which there were some rapidly rotating parts), producing a noise similar to that of an electric motor. On the upper surface of the object there was a similar cylindrical structure like a turret. From the inside space between the two "plates" almost touching each other forming the main structure of the object three occupants were visible, looking directly at the witness. They looked perfectly human, wore rubber coveralls and transparent face mask. They spoke also a few words ("verren iirg unk", according the witness) which were not understood. Then a loud metallic noise was heard and the top part of the object (the upper late) lowered itself toward the lower plate. The sound gained intensity, and the craft flew vertically at very high speed. A part from some accounts in the local press, the event was reported by the Roman newspaper "Il Tempo" (The time) eleven years later (on July 12, 1963) and investigated by CUN personnel in 1969 (see Notiziario UFO no. 40-41 - July-October 1971- pages 34-36 and J.Vall=E9e 'Passport to Magonia', case 106 but incorrect details). The witness was considered highly reliable.

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Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:47:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 04:42:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

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Luis and Listfolk,

For some reason I can't call up Luis R. Gonzalez's post on the Oxford UFO abduction and use the reply function. So I'm having to make a separate post and am having to quote Luis from hard copy of his posting.

He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a remark by an early investigator. In point of fact, the investigator did not suggest the moon generated the whole incident, as the quote makes clear. She was interested in the "reality distortion" -- Jenny Randles would call it the Oz Factor -- aspect. In other words, the high strangeness the witnesses reported, the sense of unreality as time collapsed, weird lights and other sights began to appear, strange physiological symptoms were observed and felt, and the like. The investigator thought it possible that the witnesses were so frightened and disoriented during all of this that they may have mistaken the moon for something else. I don't necessarily disagree, but this is not at all the same thing as Luis's theory which -- exactly as I stated -- is a recent suggestion.

Aside from hoax and severe mental disorder, the only nonextraordinary explanation that could conceivably account for such fantastic perceptions is that the two were using hallucinatory drugs. If so, it is strange that, unlike other bad-trippers, they didn't recognize the source of the problem (at least afterwards, as the effects wore off) and make a point of not advertising their illegal activities. But I advance this possibility as a more believable alternative to Luis's notion that all of this arose out of a more or less ordinary misperception of the moon.

I fail to see the relevance of the speculations about the witnesses' personal lives. And I don't think it is surprising, given the deep stress they were under from their experience, that the men, "quite visibly shaken and upset" (in the investigator's words quoted by Luis), should, not many hours later, mistake astronomical bodies for something else. That the ufologist who interviewed them recognized these objects for what they were tells us something about the sobriety and seriousness the investigator brought to the case, as does -- as we have already seen -- the effort of another investigator to determine the moon's position. Thus, it is surely significant that not one of those who investigated the incident came to the conclusion that Stephens and Gray were, so to speak, lunatics. Of course, they didn't have the advantage of judging the case from an ocean away.

Luis mentions Travis Walton's story and claims, misleadingly, that by December 17, 1975, it had "reached every corner of the USA." In reality, though the Walton's disappearance had indeed

attracted national attention, at that time relatively little was known about the details of his experience. A full account, detailing what he saw while allegedly on board, did not appear until 1978, with the publication of books by Bill Barry and Walton himself.

It is worth noting, however, that in his treatment of the Oxford case in his monumental UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery, Thomas E. Bullard documents the remarkable number of elements from later abduction accounts this incident incorporates. That could be used as an argument for its authenticity, if one were so inclined. But since it rests solely on testimony, a portion of it elicited under hypnosis, we cannot know that with anything approaching reasonable certainty.

Unless evidence of a hoax or acid trip emerges (always possible), the resolution of cases like the Oxford abduction will probably have to await the resolution of the UFO question itself. In the meantime, at least, I think most would agree we can discard moon-effect theories.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Salvaille

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Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 13:07:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 04:47:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Salvaille

>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 16:32:11 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Joel Henry <jhenry@visi.com>
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>From: Tom Shanahan <shanahan00@cox.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters
>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 23:25:57 -0700

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 15:31:02 -0500
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 18:45:39 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Hello Joel, Tom, John and all

<snip>

>The cow is most probably dead or anethetised (see NIDS site for
>details) at this point.

<snip>

There is an interesting 'mainstream' article on silent
helicopters at:

<http://www.aviationtoday.com/reports/rotorwing/previous/1000/10noise.htm>
(Aviation Today - October 2000).

The is also a very good paper on the subject of Animal
Mutilations at:

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/animal1.html>

ANIMAL MUTILATIONS: WHAT WE KNOW
George E. Onet, D.V.M., Ph. D.

This is a must read.

It shows that Animal Mutilations have been known since the early
1960s... 50 years ago and in many different countries: Mexico,
Panama, Puerto Rico, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Sweden,
Australia, Japan, the Canary Islands, Canada, and the United
States.

The modus operandi hasn't changed much.

Associating Animal Mutilations with some secret stealth
government technology would mean that silent helicopters - some
kind of Graal for engineers - would have been in operations for
half a century and were never used for any other purpose than to
persecute land owners.

<snip>

>I doubt if much of the medical procedures if any are done in
>the helicopter, most likely a secure site nearby. I think they
>are only checking out already dead carcasses to see what has
>been done to them and perhaps add a few mysterious clues to
>confuse anyone checking the cow later.

<snip>

You think they are only checking out already dead carcasses to see what has been done to them?

Wouldn't it be cheaper and much easier to simply get the dead cow, carry it in a \$20,000 Ford truck, do whatever you want behind closed lab doors and dispose of it properly? Disposing of a dead animal on a farm has its load of problems. I am sure that the owner would be happy to see an agency doing it for free.

It seems though that some people prefer to snatch livestock, empty the animal from all blood, and put the carcass back where they took it... in a multi-million dollar crashable secret device from a multi-billion dollar R&D budget.

This involves at least 3 teams: the helicopter crew, the medical people and the logistics team - you know, the guys who plan the operations.

And don't forget about the usual red shirts: the ones that probably carry the full fledged near half-ton animal from the chopper to the lab and back with the clean carcass.

<snip>

>None of your arguments make it impossible or even improbable.
>Just has to be well executed by trained professionals.

<snip>

Your arguments do not take into account the data gathered by NIDS. NIDS is still baffled by the phenomenon and, using critical thinking, has examined mundane explanations which get readily contradicted by their own observations.

see:

<http://www.nidsci.org/news/mutilationofcalves.pdf>

<snip>

>Joel Henry
>Minnesota MUFON

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Are you implying, Joel, that the US government is the perpetrator of - yet again! - criminal actions?

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:08:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 04:52:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hall

>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hpothesis

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2002 17:27:41 +0000

>>>Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 10:20:41 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>John,

>>I will be snipping out some passages where we have few (or no)
>>differences in order to focus on more significant points.
>>Apparently you and I represent practically polar opposites as to
>>our perspectives, so some dialogue might be informative for
>>listeners.

>>Your passage about the fringe creating the subject by collating
>>a wide variety of phenomena, etc., betrays an outrageous bias
>>and clearly reveals your dismissive position, not to mention
>>made-up mind. Typically for psychosocials, you love to focus on
>>all the noise and insist that, therefore, there is no signal.
>>For the 99th time, what about the hardcore, well-investigated,
>>highly patterned cases that we sane proponents focus on? Are
>>they babies to be thrown out with the bath water?

>There may be a signal, in the sense that some previously
>unidentified phenomonon is responsible for some UFO reports. No
>psychosocially inclined ufologist will deny this. Where we
>differ is whether that signal is in the "hardcore" cases that
>you think are the heart of the phenomenon, or some other aspect
>of the wealth of reported cases. I might say that typical of
>nuts-and-bolters you also concentrate on one small part of the
>phenomenon and ignore the cases that interest me. Indeed, you go
>much further than me, and seem to define the phenomenon as
>being "The Cases That Interest Dick Hall".

John,

I don't know how you are using the word, but I am using 'signal'
to mean an identifiable pattern (one or more) that becomes
apparent once you screen out irrelevancies; indeed, that is the
intended meaning of the 'signal-to-noise ratio' concept. One
hears a lot of noise, but if one listens carefully, voila! I
think I'm beginning to understand where you are coming from,
correct me if I'm wrong: There is no way (you seem to be saying)
to sift UFO data and determine whether or not patterned,
hardcore unexplained cases are the ones that matter (?) You are
more interested (or just as interested) in noise, and therefore
the cases I talk about are merely a preference on my part? In
fact, the many-more scientific Ufologists than you admit to
agree with Dick Hall and see the same patterns I do. I know
because a dozen or so of us met in Washington, D.C., a few weeks

ago. So, I would venture to say, do most people on this list who are not psychosocials.

>Psychosocial ufologist try to look at the subject as a whole,
>even the cases which embarrass the nuts-and-bolters. It's not us
>who are throwing out the baby. To return your question: "For the
>99th time, what about the cases which do not fit neatly into
>preconceptions about what an extraterrestrial craft should look
>like? What about the cases that demonstrate the extremes of
>radical misperception that witnesses are capable of?"

I have looked at the subject 'as a whole' for around 50 years and have concluded that there is a very clear 'signal.' All I am throwing out is cases that fail to offer consistent, patterned testimony or evidence for an unexplained phenomenon or phenomena (i.e., mostly IFOs that are unlike hardcore UFO cases in all respects), other than perhaps ball lightning, which is poorly understood but has become recognizable as a phenomenon in its own right. How about some specific examples of what I am allegedly throwing out? Who has preconceptions about what an ET craft should look like, you or me? I go only by what's reported and the hypothetico-deductive method of science. You are the one arguing that they can't be spaceships. I am arguing from evidence to theory (empirically); you are arguing from theory to refute evidence.

>>To say that the nutcases 'form the basis of ufology today' is
>>to, once again, suggest that because a bunch of kooks and
>>crazies say stupid things, there is no factual or defensible
>>basis for true 'scientific ufology' one of whose hypotheses is
>>ET visits. But never mind that hypothesis; why don't such
>>consistent and highly patterned reports that indicate solid,
>>physical, craft-like objects deserve very serious scientific
>>attention? The kooks are nothing but a smokescreen that conceals
>>the hardcore evidence, with the help of psychosocials who love
>>to suggest that the kooks are the whole ball game.

>One again you seem to be promoting the idea that there is a
>powerful central core of serious ufologists who are looking at
>the UFO phenomenon in a scientific and objective way, whose work
>is hampered by a minority of fringe types who get all the
>publicity, but who are peripheral to "serious ufology". This is
>not how it looks from my pelican's nest. It is certainly not how
>it would look to the casual reader of this List.

I didn't say anything about 'powerful'; in fact we appear to be quite impotent. Otherwise you are dead on. I'm not sure who all reads this list, but unless they are pretty well informed, they certainly would encounter a lot of bad information and poor arguments. And how much should we go by appearances only, in this or anything else? I am personally in touch with several dozens of scientifically oriented Ufologists, and our work surely is hampered - severely - by the majority (not minority) of fringe types.

>I reiterate my earlier comment:

>>>For a long time there has been a very small, hardcore group of
>>>people claiming to be 'scientific ufologists' who consider
>>>themselves to be looking at the 'real UFO phenomenon'. They have
>>>always been very wary of contact, abduction and similar claims,
>>>going back to Keyhoe and NICAP.

>I would say that these people number in the low tens. I also see
>a group of sceptical ufologists - possibly even smaller - who do
>a great deal of first hand and archive research into "hard core"
>cases, but unfortunately find that these cases seem to collapse
>when examined in such depth. Look out for Clarke and Roberts's
>forthcoming reinvestigation of Lakenheath for an example of
>this.

What do these numbers really matter? Isn't it evidence and logic that counts? From the smaple I have seen, these skeptibunkers who claim to explain hardcore cases take a lot of liberties with both evidence and logic in the process. We've been waiting a long time for the 'forthcoming reinvestigation' of Lakenheath, which has been used as a blunt weapon by skeptibunkers before it has ever seen the light of day. Let's see it!

>There is a rather larger group of people looking at the
>abduction phenomenon, whose scientific attitude is, to say the

>least, variable. However, even the people who try to be as
>objective as possible in this work keep coming up with data
>which seems to be heavily subjective, and often contradicts the
>basis of the 'scientific ufologists' work. There is a
>substantial minority of people, with varying views who are not
>active in resaerch or publishing, but who take an informed
>interest in the subject, and beyond these are the vast numbers
>of armchair ufologists and UFO camp-followers who broadly
>speaking are looking for entertainment, and are well served by a
>wide range of sensationalist writers and magazines.

>>>However, an outsider looking at the world of ufology does not
>>>see a hard core of sense surrounded by a lightweight, whacky
>>>fringe, which is what they see in other scientific and even
>>>pseudo-scientific areas.

>>Yes, that is exactly the false picture they get of the only part
>>of 'ufology' worthy of that name, again, thanks to those whose
>>better judgment apparently is drowned out by noise.

>Once again, we are talking about "The kind of ufology I am
>interested in", prop. R. Hall. I also find R/V, structured craft
>cases, etc., of interest, but I do not pretend, for the sake of
>keeping ufology respectable, that these are the only significant
>parts of the subject. I do not think that people who see a wider
>view of ufology are getting a false picture.

Again, examples please? What are you interested in that
scientific Ufologists allegedly are throwing out? What, exactly,
is a 'wider view of Ufology?'

>>>Now you will say that this applies to the area of ufology which
>>>interests you: close visual encounters with structured objects,
>>>radar/visual cases, some photographic cases, some physical trace
>>>cases. You claim, quite rightly, that they are capable of
>>>objective scientific assessment. The problem you have is that
>>>you are now trying to isolate this core research from the larger
>>>thing called 'ufology', much of which you don't like. The
>>>problem is that you have not yet make this distinction clear
>>>enough for the subject to look appealing to many mainstream
>>>scientists.

>>True, but so what? And, yes, I am trying hard to isolate it from
>>all the irrelevant noise that has little if anything to do with
>>the hardcore UFO mystery. Why do you seemingly insist that there
>>is something wrong about this approach? I quite honestly do not
>>understand your argument here.

>I am not as sure as you are that it is actually possible to
>distinguish between 'noise' and 'signal'. Once again the
>implication is that signal is the stuff that I'm interested and
>'noise' is the stuff the other guy is interested.

See above.

><Arguments about whether or not the ETH challenges scientific
>paradigms snipped, until Dick Hall replies:>

>>Well, I think you are even more wrong. The acceptance of actual
>>ET visits to earth has profound implications for science and
>>society and pretty much undercuts the paradigm; the accepted
>>paradigm, in shorthand, is that they can't get here from there
>>and would ahve no reason to want to come here anyway....So it
>>does call into question the foundations of scientific knowledge.

>I just cannot accept this. Science may feel that the chances of
>ET contact are vanishingly remote based on the evidence
>presently accumulated, but such contact does not, repeat not,
>challenge basic scientific principles.

Are you suggesting that intelligent life flying in
high-performance craft and visiting earth does not challenge
basic scientific principles? Surely there is some confusion of
terms here.

>>>Where the problems arise is when we find these reported ETs
>>>performing what is basically magic: spaceships which can only be
>>>seen by one or two people; the ability to move through solid
>>>walls; genetically impossible cross-breeding; bizarre
>>>prophecies. All those things which I suspect you are as doubtful
>>>about as I am.

>>Shall I invoke Arthur C. Clarke about advanced science and the
>>appearance of 'magic?'

>Invoke any science-fiction writer you like, but it doesn't help
>us understand what's going on here and now. Are you saying that
>you are not doubtful about stories of abductees being
>transported through brick walls, and that such phenomena are
>simply examples of advanced science? If so, how can we undertake
>any logical study of supposed extraterrestrial UFOs if we accept
>that they can do magic tricks?

Point of my allusion: Magic tricks to us, routine science to them.

>>>Psychical research, on the other hand, does actually challenge
>>>the basic understandings of modern science. The discovery of the
>>>type of mental powers or unknown physical forces which would be
>>>required to account for the reported range of psychical
>>>phenomena would overturn the whole basis of contemporary
>>>science. Yet this does not frighten off scientists from
>>>undertaking such research - there are to my knowledge at least
>>>three university departments in the UK alone undertaking such
>>>research. And yes, other scientists have been critical of this,
>>>but such criticism does not seem to generate the same levels of
>>>paranoia that criticism of ufology does!

>>I think the UK has quite a different tradition than the U.S.
>>when it comes to psychical research, and your comments do not
>>apply well here.

>Despite considerable controversy at the time, I understand that
>the American Society for Psychical Research was accepted into
>the American Academy of Sciences. I suspect hell will freeze
>over before MUFON or CUFOS is!

Do you mean the National Academy of Sciences? Surely not! Maybe
you were thinking of the American Association for the
Advancement of Science, which is quite a different story.

>>>>If my salary depended on getting serious work done I know which
>>>>one I wouldn't choose!

>>>>I agree that economic factors are one strong element, but it is
>>>>ridicule of scientists who try to take an objective look at UFOs
>>>>that does the most harm.

>>>Names please, apart from McDonald and Klass's rather silly
>>>attempt to get a university to pull a UFO conference, both quite
>>>a long time ago. Some recent examples would be nice.

>>David Jacobs and John Mack in regard to abduction studies; the
>>Rockefeller panel of a couple of years ago whose very mild
>>endorsement of the need for some basic data gathering on UFOs
>>resulted in a chorus of peer ridicule so severe that the panel
>>began crawfishing like mad and withdrawing their mild support.
>>Read all about it at CUFOS.

>As I recall it, despite criticism from other academics, Mack's
>position at his university was upheld despite his work on
>abductions.

After threats of loss of tenure, pressures to resign, and legal
actions he managed to survive. And what about the Rockefeller
panel scientists?

>>>>Also, where is the simple scientific
>>>>curiosity about an interesting phenomenon that has stirred up so
>>>>much controversy? If you are a true skeptic in the historical
>>>>sense, you should be condemning ridicule and encouraging
>>>>scientific discussion of UFOs rather than finding excuses not to
>>>>do so because you think you already know the answers. In my The
>>>>UFO Evidence, Volume II, I make what I think is a very strong
>>>>argument that scientific study of UFOs could yield a great deal
>>>>of 'productive results,' but if you mean by that receiving a
>>>>salary commensurate with the effort, I would have to agree with
>>>>you on your choice. But why is this so? Not because of inherent
>>>>lack of important content in UFO data.

>>>Well actually, I think there IS an inherent lack of content in
>>>the UFO data. It is impossible to come up with any testable
>>>hypothesis from the mish-mash of often contradictory data which

>>>has been accumulated over the last sixty years. We do not have a
>>>body of evidence, so much as a collection of anecdotes - some
>>>very interesting but few contributing data towards any sort of
>>>coherent theory.

>>Then you haven't studied The UFO Evidence, Volume II, Peter
>>Sturrock's book, the university press UFOs & Abductions book, or
>>any of the other scientific 'ufology' books of the past few
>>years, because they clearly demonstrate very strong, consistent,
>>and persistent content in the UFO data. Your 'collection of
>>anecdotes' remarks also illustrates your lack of study of the
>>more solid sources of information. I guess you are just deafened
>>by the noise! Indeed, there are also a few testable hypotheses.

>I have read those books. The Sturrock report seemed to me to be
>a fairly anodyne document, which presented little that was new
>despite the committee taking evidence exclusively from pro-UFO
>figures. It certainly did not live up to Jerome Clark's
>prediction that it would be "a slap in the face" ('duros
>palazos', as The Pelican would say) to psychosocial ufology.
>Incidentally, would these be the scientific books which were
>published despite the ridicule and scientific conspiracy to
>prevent such works?

If you have read The UFO Evidence, Volume II, how did you miss
the 39 radar cases since the 1950s, 25 of them 1970s and later?
What do you do about the patterns in Sections VIII-X? Throw them
out? - Signal Dick to Noise Rimmer, over and out.

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Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 06:57:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2002 17:27:41 +0000

>>>Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 10:20:41 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

>>John,

>>I will be snipping out some passages where we have few (or no)
>>differences in order to focus on more significant points.
>>Apparently you and I represent practically polar opposites as to
>>our perspectives, so some dialogue might be informative for
>>listeners.

>>Your passage about the fringe creating the subject by collating
>>a wide variety of phenomena, etc., betrays an outrageous bias
>>and clearly reveals your dismissive position, not to mention
>>made-up mind. Typically for psychosocials, you love to focus on
>>all the noise and insist that, therefore, there is no signal.
>>For the 99th time, what about the hardcore, well-investigated,
>>highly patterned cases that we sane proponents focus on? Are
>>they babies to be thrown out with the bath water?

>There may be a signal, in the sense that some previously
>unidentified phenomenon is responsible for some UFO reports. No
>psychosocially inclined ufologist will deny this. Where we
>differ is whether that signal is in the "hardcore" cases that
>you think are the heart of the phenomenon, or some other aspect
>of the wealth of reported cases. I might say that typical of
>nuts-and-bolters you also concentrate on one small part of the
>phenomenon and ignore the cases that interest me. Indeed, you go
>much further than me, and seem to define the phenomenon as
>being "The Cases That Interest Dick Hall".

>Psychosocial ufologist try to look at the subject as a whole,
>even the cases which embarrass the nuts-and-bolters. It's not us
>who are throwing out the baby. To return your question: "For the
>99th time, what about the cases which do not fit neatly into
>preconceptions about what an extraterrestrial craft should look
>like? What about the cases that demonstrate the extremes of
>radical misperception that witnesses are capable of?"

>>To say that the nutcases `form the basis of ufology today' is
>>to, once again, suggest that because a bunch of kooks and
>>crazies say stupid things, there is no factual or defensible
>>basis for true `scientific ufology' one of whose hypotheses is
>>ET visits. But never mind that hypothesis; why don't such
>>consistent and highly patterned reports that indicate solid,
>>physical, craft-like objects deserve very serious scientific
>>attention? The kooks are nothing but a smokescreen that conceals

>>the hardcore evidence, with the help of psychosocials who love
>>to suggest that the kooks are the whole ball game.

>One again you seem to be promoting the idea that there is a
>powerful central core of serious ufologists who are looking at
>the UFO phenomenon in a scientific and objective way, whose work
>is hampered by a minority of fringe types who get all the
>publicity, but who are peripheral to "serious ufology". This is
>not how it looks from my pelican's nest. It is certainly not how
>it would look to the casual reader of this List.

Hello John, Richard:

I cannot speak for others whom I consider to be serious ufologists. However, I strongly doubt that a single one of them would consider themselves to be the majority, while the nut fringe is the minority.

Its quite the opposite, as any browse of the Internet will quickly demonstrate. There is no "powerful central core", especially numerically, and nobody has said so that I can recall.

I think it is unfair for you to put such an insupportable assertion into somebody else's mouth.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Self-Coverup - Velez

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Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 15:35:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 07:01:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Self-Coverup - Velez

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 00:54:57 -0500
>Subject: Self-Coverup [was: Alfred's Odd Observation #009]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:46:35 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 19:38:41 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>>The individual's world view is shattered for the 'quantum leap'
>>thinkers as well, it's just easier for them to integrate the new
>>data/new world view, into their old one. They have more
>>flexibility, they are less rigid in their thinking, than their
>>more 'logical/linear' thinking brethren.

Hi Bruce,

You wrote:

>As I wrote in another email message, people without flexible
>minds, people who are mentally rigid and not willing to
>"question everything" (John knows where this comes from) are
>not likely to make it when the paradigm shattering truth stands
>tall (or short.... like about 4 ft) before us all.

My comments are based on my own experience Bruce. I can't speak for anybody else. Part of the reason why I enjoyed your book so much was because it was so 'right on' in terms of my own experience. It was easy for me to relate to the material. Identify with it.

The one and only reason that I am here (in public) is because I know I have the truth on my side. It has allowed me to weather ridicule, character assassination, scorn, condescension, and all manner of "pricks" as you and Mr. Shakespeare have so eloquently put it. :)

I consider it a social obligation to stand up and be counted and to tell what I know has happened to me and to my family. To help 'prepare' others for the same set of changes that I/we had to go through. It's not going to be "easy" on anyone when the truth is finally known.

Even those who 'think' they will be alright with it will experience a period of disorientation and helplessness. Maybe even profound sadness at the passing of a 'humans only' era. It's one thing to deal with this subject (intellectually) at arm's length, and then quite another to have to deal with it (literally) 'at arms length'!

Ready or not, people are in for a real shock when the time comes. :))

>>In some cases that is true. I have called to my wife on several
>>occasions to come out to corroborate a sighting and she yells
>>back at me from inside of the house, "No! I don't want to look!
>>I've told you, I don't want to see those things."

>Amusing. An anecdote that supports the little made-up statement
>I presented... which in turn is based on a cartoon I once saw
>showing two little kids looking up at a flying saucer and one
>says to the other, "Its a flying saucer, don't look at it." She
>should have added "If we don't look it'll go away." Out of
>sight.....

It was a conscious 'choice' on her part Bruce. My wife of 33 years is not an ostrich that hides her head in the sand. My Margie is the grounded/practical half of the corporation. She knows only too well how "real" it all is. She just wants to live out her life as "normally" as she can manage it. UFOs and aliens scare the crap out of her. Although she acknowledges the reality of the phenomenon, she chooses not to discuss it and she doesn't enjoy having it rubbed in her face. But she knows alright.

I'm her polar opposite. The type that has to know and to see things with my own eyes. It is why I think I have so many sightings. I consider it an 'accommodation' from Them. Rather than excite me or intimidate me, the repeated sightings only serve to reinforce my conviction and commitment. In the end I suppose it serves their purposes somehow. Who knows?

>>>control. And control is the most important thing in life.
>>>Control uber alles!

>>The wise ones know that there is no such thing. :)
>
>We must be as children.....
>Children have little to no control.

On the money Jackson! :))

>>Part of the interest in us may be our suicidal tendencies as a
>>race. How many "intelligent" races can there be in the universe
>>as Hell bent on self destruction as we are? We must represent a
>>major aberration. An insane society.

>>If I was a sane, intelligent, rational being from somewhere else
>>I would be curious about all that myself. :))

>Amusing. Our attempts at control, on personal as well as
>societal levels, are attempts at self-preservation in the face
>of uncertainties, the "pricks of chance" (Shakespeare). We are
>always kicking against the pricks (hold that laughter!). And
>our kicking often causes worse pricks. In fact, we may prick
>ourselves to death while trying to establish complete control.

Yep, the "pricks" are everywhere. <lol>

Regards,

John ;)

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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 07:05:13 -0500
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>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:46:35 -0500
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>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 19:38:41 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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Hiya Josh,

>>But for the most part, I think folks not only look, but that
>>they can't help standing there slack-jawed and in a state of
>>complete awe and blissful kind of child-like wonder. That is how
>>it affects me.

You responded:

>John, get your wife into a therapist to treat her fear of loss of
>control phobia and she will soon be watching UFOs by your side. <g>

Josh, she has had to live through a lot of this stuff with me. My wife has suffered through weird physical stuff, she has seen UFOs, and she has seen the scoop marks (including two scars on my son's knees that appeared over-night) on herself and our children. This whole subject is no joke for her. It's part of the reason I am so deadly serious about this subject all of the time.

(See my post to Bruce M. on this same thread.)

She is more aware and in touch with the phenomenon than many of the people on this List I would dare say. She has made a 'choice' for herself. She doesn't try to impose it on me. She only asks that I respect her choice as to how she will deal with it all. I do. She supports and respects my "way" as well. Without her support I could not do as much public work as I do. You have her to either curse, or to thank, for my presence here. (Depending on who you are)

In time, she may change that decision, but she'll do it all in her own time and in her own way. We've been together for 33 years Josh. You don't stay together that long with anyone unless mutual love and respect is at the foundation of the relationship.

I don't much agree with the method she has chosen, "If I don't see it, I don't have to deal with it," but I also don't think it is something that requires "therapy" either. What you call "loss of control phobia" is a condition shared by us all. That is what Bruce and I have been talking about. What she is going through

in terms of her own integration process is perfectly normal (for her) and almost 'expected.' :)

It wasn't 'easy' for me either bro. I'm just more of a 'come on with it' gung ho type of personality when it comes to dealing with personal issues. I'd rather face it square on than give in to feelings of fear and helplessness. To each his/her own.

>I've always had trouble accepting Star Trek and science fiction >movies that show some older alien species than us who haven't >overcome the aggression that causes our worst problems. I would >hope that those things are overcome over time.. But what do I >know? I'm only human.

Me too Hoss! :)

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Felder

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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 07:07:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Felder

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>And finally, I'm not aware of any technology that would take the
>noise out of the helicopter (which, of course, doesn't mean it
>doesn't exist, but I'd have to see it to believe it). With a
>helicopter, there will be noise, unless you are far enough away
>and the wind is blowing in the wrong direction...

Couple of questions here. First, how far away is "far enough
away"? And which direction is the "wrong direction" in reference
to the wind?

Also, if the terrain was sloping downward away from the observer
as a chopper flew over at a short distance, would the slope of
the land - open field, not wooded - dampen the noise of the
chopper in any way?

Bobbie
The non-scientifically inclined, in case it didn't show :)

"The level of civilization of a people can be judged by the social
position of its women." - Domingo Sarmiento

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Re: US Is Like The Bull In Aliens' Bullring - Kelly

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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 07:09:08 -0500
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>From: William H Evans <whevans032766@juno.com>
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>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 16:39:51 -0600
>Subject: Re: US Is Like The Bull In Aliens' Bullring

>>From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: US Is Like The Bull In Aliens' Bullring - Kelly
>>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2002 20:14:21 +1100

William, I will have a go at answering the below questions.

>>I know that the future is something that can be viewed by
>>some and I wouldn't put it past the Greys or other Alien races
>>being able to also do this. I/we have even read articles on the
>>US and Russian military trying to do much the same, so this
>>also points to it being possible. I don't think either the US
>>nor Russia would put so much time, money and effort into
>>something that wasn't possible or at least feasible? Then and
>>again maybe they wouldn't.

Perhaps my lack of writing skills has drawn you to the wrong conclusion here William as I was pointing out or I thought I was pointing out that things like viewing the future was indeed feasible and perhaps possible, so these do need greater research.

But seriously, can any of us here equal the kind of research done by countries like Russia and the US? Of course not which is why I don't mind articles like the one Larry listed. Given the fact we will never be able to equal budgets like those you mention below, I see such wild new age theories and articles as being a necessary evil for research value and research value only.

>Two points/questions:

>1) How can you say whether something is possible or at least
>feasible unless you seriously investigate it?

As for 'How can I say whether something is possible or at least feasible unless it is seriously investigated?

I have a philosophy about such things which is; 'Everything is possible and/or feasible until it is proven other wise. Rule out nothing and explore every little detail, no matter how small'.

>2) Either side in the Cold War would have spent \$20 billion or
>more investigating a technology that would allow them to view
>the future, no matter how close to nil the possibility might be
>to achieve such a technology, just because they thought the
>other side was or might be looking into the same technology.

Never a truer words was written, I totally agree with you here.

>You can use Gen. Buck Turgidson (George C. Scott) in Dr.
>Strangelove as an example of this type of thinking. Turgidson

>said "Mr. President, we must not allow a mine-shaft gap!" in
>Dr Strangelove.

A great movie classic, and it's it strange how such movies can touch so close to the truth.

>You could also make a valid case to research such a technology
>based on the almost limitless advantage it would give to the
>side that perfected it. No matter how small the chance is that
>you will succeed, you'd better research it because the other
>guy might succeed.

Very true also and what I have found with my research it that while sometimes you may not found what you are looking for after hours, months or years of research, one may in some cases find other unexpected things or technology which is known as or called "spin offs" from the research. Most of the time I find what I am looking for only when I'm not looking for it or researching something else completely different. Strange how this always seems to happen. Given the money and people used in some of the research programs set up by the US and Russia it makes the mind boggles too think just what they may have found or achieved over the years.

Cheers

Chris (Tophar)

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From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 07:14:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

Just a quick note in case anyone has the impression that I am veering off-topic in an attempt to 'bash' Stan, I think I should clarify my reasoning for challenging his post.

Please note that this post may be negated by any response from Stan that is already in the pipeline.

A major postulation involved in this thread is that Ufology as a subject area has little or no credibility in the general scientific community.

I believe that the most likely cause for this perception by the scientific community is a tendency for many people involved (even among 'serious' researchers, including Stan) to set out to prove that UFOs are spaceships from another planet in our universe.

It is my contention that the scientific approach should not be to prove that UFOs are spaceships from another planet, but to attempt to identify what UFOs are.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:21:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:31:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Salvaille

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:18:22 -0800
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>)
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 18:54:13 -0400

<snip>

>>Having grown up in Linden, New Jersey, from 1934-1953, I am very
>>curious about the Linden crash. Any more info available?

>Stan;

>Here is the text of the article at:

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/47index.html>

>regarding the Linden, N.J. saucer crash.

<snip>

Hello Kenny,

I checked your:

7-6-47
Grafton Wisconsin
Priest recovers round metal disc, lands after whirring noise and
thud.

It is covered by the FBI files at:

<http://www.anomalies.net/ufo/foia/fbi/ufo2.pdf>

On pages 13 to 15.

Page 15 has a full size photo of the disk: evidently, a circular
saw.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:45:19 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:32:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Mortellaro

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 00:54:49 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:00:31 EST
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 19:38:41 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

><snip>

>>Bruce, people do not want to accept this phenomena. It would
>>change them. And what is the most difficult thing for mankind to
>>accept? Change. Change kills.

>If these people weren't so "set in their ways" I would recommend
>they read my Abduction book.... for intruactional purposes!

>However, anyone who reads that book had better do so with plenty
>of mental flexibility and a willingness to "question everything"
>(a chapter in the book!). People who are set in their ways will
>be in for a shock.

Dear Bruce, List and Errol,

People today are not the same as they were back forty years ago.
Or even twenty. The combination of technology and overall speed
to accomplish this and that, working and shopping every day of
the week and in general, having much more responsibility than
ever, have in my opinion, dulled their senses... no... worse,
their intellects. Add the media and the Internet, and there is
no longer room for ANY intellectual pursuits; let alone the UFO
phenomena.

My feeling as a non conspiracist, is that I am becoming one. And
the conspiracy is to occupy the mind and dull the spirit of
American citizens so that they are slowly but surely losing
their ability to use judgment, imagination, free will, and their
freedoms in general.

Nothing remains as constant as change, but the change is not an
improvement. N'est pa?

Take as an example, peoples' reaction to art. Say, in this case,
Alfred Lehmborg's art. His Odd Odes is art. And how many truly
do with it what they would normally do with a piece of creative
art otherwise?

Ignore it. C'et un domage and please, my French stinks, let
alone my Canuck ... Cannuck??? whatever.

Jim

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Re: More UFOs & Geological Phenomena In Chile

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:08:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:35:07 -0500
Subject: Re: More UFOs & Geological Phenomena In Chile

More UFOs and Geological Phenomena in Northern Chile

Mystery lights in the sky, underground fires, tremors, and ground splits continue to appear in Northern Chile. In the town of Baquedano, entire local and national government buildings are being relocated, the ground is sinking in many areas, and several ground splits are causing transportation authorities to close two major roads. On February 26 of 2002, an earthquake was registered in Arica, the same location where a few days earlier, many people saw bright lights in the sky. At the same time, in Calama, local authorities are trying to put out underground fires, and a local mining facility has collapsed and sunk.

The so-called western geological fault in Calama has been determined to be the most probable cause for the collapse of the Chuqui mining facility near Calama, Chile. The situation appears to be under control. There is a major evacuation of personnel and equipment taking place. Nevertheless, there is a great sense of fear and insecurity among mining workers.

According to previously recorded geological events, the mine appears to be in a highly active volcanic and seismic area. Furthermore, it is believed that in addition to the already active volcanic area, there seems to be some tectonic plate fracture activity as well, causing a four-meter wide split. Additionally, the steep inclination level where the facility is located has worsened the effects of the apparent fault.

Coincidentally, there seems to be UFO activity occurring simultaneously with these geological phenomena. On the 18th of February of 2002, a strange flying object was seen in the city of Calama. Two young men reported seeing a bright oval-shaped UFO flying over buildings in the south side of the city. "At first, we thought it was an advertisement balloon attached to a building, but it suddenly began to move. It was about 20 meters in length, and bright orange reddish colored. It began moving from a tall building named Asturias towards the local chicken processing plant. After about 3 minutes, it began ascending slowly, and then very rapidly until it gained so much altitude that we lost it", said one of them.

On November of 2001, similar objects were seen near the mine of Quetena. According to "Jorge", an eyewitness, workers at a nearby cement manufacturing plant saw three of those objects flying in formation, then, they merged into one and left the area. The sighting lasted about four minutes. Jorge claimed that the objects changed their inclination angle, then, they merged. After the objects merged into one, it flew up very rapidly and disappeared.

But Chile is not the only part of the world where these phenomena take place. Many UFOs or "night lights" have been sighted before or during earthquakes throughout the world. For example, in Turkey, on January 26 of 2002, a bright light was seen before and during an entire earthquake. In Canada, as many as 38 of these lights were seen in Quebec during and after the earthquake of 1988. Similar events have taken place in Alaska

and in Japan.

It has not been confirmed that the earthquake in Arica was the cause of the Chuqui Mine collapse in Calama. Although, the earthquake occurred several miles away, both events took place almost simultaneously. On the 9th of February of 2002, while traveling at night, a major news media journalist reported seeing a very bright light in Arica, where the earthquake took place; the light was so bright that was seen by other eyewitnesses several miles away. In addition to all of these "coincidences", the Chilean government, as well as international organizations have begun a "nuclear monitoring" project, as well as the construction of radio telescopes in the area. There is something very strange going on down there.

Field Investigation by Jaime Ferrer

Translation by Mario Andrade

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Secrecy News -- 02/28/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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** CONTROVERSY OVER CLASSIFIED RESEARCH ON CAMPUS
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CONTROVERSY OVER CLASSIFIED RESEARCH ON CAMPUS

The propriety of conducting classified research in academia is once again becoming a subject of controversy on university campuses across the country, with some schools moving to ban such research and others considering relaxing the restrictions that now exist.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has prohibited classified research on campus "to the greatest extent possible" since the late 1960s while permitting such research at its off-campus Lincoln Laboratory. Because classification by definition interferes with free scientific exchange and open publication, it has generally been viewed as incompatible with academic pursuits.

But earlier this month, MIT established a faculty committee to reexamine its current policy on classified research.

"The committee's work is happening at a time of change in laws governing access and disclosure of research materials and information following the September 11 attacks," according to Helen Samuels of the MIT Provost's Office.

See "New committee to look at Institute policies on scientific information access, disclosure," from MIT Tech Talk (2/13/02):

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/tt/2002/feb13/access.html>

Classified research is currently prohibited at Stanford University, State University of New York, and a number of other campuses.

Duke University recently rejected a government research contract because it would have permitted the Defense Department to block release of research results (as reported in "Universities Review Policies for Onsite Classified Research" by David Malakoff, Science Magazine, 22 February 2002, pp. 1438-9).

Next week the University of Alaska at Fairbanks (UAF) will consider new steps to restrict classified research, a subject that has prompted intense debate on campus.

According to opponents of the proposed restrictions, it is not classified research that conflicts with academic freedom but rather the efforts to restrict such research.

"If the university chose to forbid classified research, or to put in place constraints that made it impossible to pursue, it would severely infringe on the academic freedom of the faculty," according to UAF electrical engineering professor William Bristow. "Faculty should be free to choose their areas of inquiry so long as they are consistent with the mission of the university, will not endanger the health or safety of the public, and will comply with pertinent regulations."

This is clever, but not quite persuasive since it evades the question of whether the restrictions on access, speech and publication entailed by classification can ever be "consistent with the mission of the university."

The pending University of Alaska motion, authored by Prof. Norman K. Swazo, may be found here:

http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/DRAFT_MOTION_CR.rtf

It will be addressed by the UAF Faculty Senate on March 4.

BUSH SECRECY REBUKED BY SCHLAFLY, COURT

The Bush Administration was bluntly criticized this week by conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly because of its affinity for secrecy generally and its resistance to the General Accounting Office's request for records on the Vice President's Energy Task Force in particular.

"Regardless of the legal veil woven over the energy policy meetings, Cheney's secrecy is a political mistake," Schlafly wrote in a February 25 column for Copley News Service.

"When information is kept secret, the natural inference is that there must be something the administration is very eager to hide."

"The American people do not and should not tolerate government by secrecy. The Freedom of Information Act and many other laws embrace the limited-government principle that 'government by the people' requires government disclosure to the people," wrote Schlafly. "Inexplicably, the Bush administration appears to be taking a contrary approach."

"The Bush Administration's pursuit of secrecy is pushing his party's fate into the hands of the judiciary," she concluded. "It's a high-risk gamble to assume how the courts will rule on executive secrecy issues."

As if to confirm this assessment, a federal court ordered the Energy Department to release 7,500 pages of records related to the Vice President's Energy Task Force, while criticizing the Department's "glacial pace" of responding to requests for the records, which it described as "of extraordinary public interest."

The decision, disclosed yesterday, came in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Natural Resources Defense Council. A press release with links to the new ruling is posted here:

<http://www.nrdc.org/media/pressreleases/020227a.asp>

The new decision does not immediately affect the unprecedented lawsuit filed last week by the General Accounting Office, which involves a different set of issues concerning GAO access to Vice Presidential records. A copy of the GAO complaint is posted here:

<http://cryptome.org/cg-v-vp-comp.htm>

DISINFORMATION THEN AND NOW

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld officially announced the termination of the short-lived Office of Strategic Influence this week. Rumsfeld cited press reports that it might engage in planting false stories in foreign news media, a notion that he termed "inaccurate." Supporters of the program said that the

Office itself had become a victim of disinformation.

"The office has clearly been so damaged that it's pretty clear to me that it could not function effectively," said Rumsfeld on February 26. "So it's being closed down." See:

<http://www.fas.org/scp/news/2002/02/dod022602.html>

Following up the controversy over the Pentagon office, writer Jeff Stein profiled the Rendon Group, a peculiar public relations firm that has been involved in Pentagon media operations abroad for over a decade. See "When Things Turn Weird, The Weird Turn Pro" in TomPaine.com:

<http://www.tompaine.com/feature.cfm/ID/5188>

The practice of disinformation in recent history, mainly in the context of intelligence operations, was reviewed in "U.S. Planting False Stories a Common Cold War Tactic," by Tabassum Zakaria in Reuters (2/25/02):

http://www.reuters.com/news_article.jhtml?type=search&StoryID=631793

Official lying, it can be said dispassionately, remains commonplace today. It is particularly evident in disputes over public access to government information.

So, for example, in order to legally withhold information about the first Cold War intelligence budgets from 1947 and 1948 (currently the subject of some clumsy FOIA litigation), the CIA must assert that disclosure of this information would damage national security.

Although such an assertion is obviously false, particularly given that budget figures from 1997 and 1998 have been declassified, CIA officials have no difficulty uttering the falsehood that permits them to block disclosure.

NEW RELEASES

A collection of newly declassified records on U.S.-China rapprochement during the Nixon Administration has been assembled by the National Security Archive. The collection notably contains documentary evidence concerning U.S. views of Taiwan that contradicts former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's published memoirs.

"The Beijing-Washington Back-Channel and Henry Kissinger's Secret Trip to China," edited by William Burr, is available here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB66/>

The National Archives is opening another 500 hours of Nixon White House tape recordings today. See:

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/pressrelease/nr02-35.html>

New releases from the UK Public Records Office this week include a declassified 1964 report on a simulated biological weapons attack in the London Underground. See:

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/releases/r2002.htm>

Meanwhile, however, "A government study estimating that about 15,000 Americans died from cancer as a result of Cold War nuclear fallout has been withheld from the public for nearly a year." See "Despite clamor, fallout study still unreleased" by Peter Eisler in USA Today today:

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2002/02/28/usat-nuke-sidebar.htm>

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UFO Update: Melbourne's First UFO ?

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Subject: UFO Update: Melbourne's First UFO?

PRESS RELEASE -- IMMEDIATE

LIGHTS IN THE SKY? FEELING LIKE
SOMEONE=B9S WATCHING YOU?

DON'T WORRY -- IT'S PROBABLY JUST
THE DELEGATES FOR MELBOURNE'S
FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL UFO
CONFERENCE ARRIVING!

Assuming they=B9re not abducted by aliens on the way, delegates to
Melbourne=B9s first UFO conference will soon be winging their way
into the city for a major international conference on the UFO
phenomenon.

The conference aims to provide as much information on this
perennially popular subject as possible. Local and overseas
researchers will be presenting evidence -- including
world-renowned experts from the United Kingdom and the USA -- who
will collectively represent more than 150 years experience in
their field.

Conference organizers stress that the purpose is not to "prove
beyond a shadow of doubt" that UFOs or Alien life exists, but
simply to show that 'something unusual' has been and is
happening which needs to be scientifically and openly
investigated.

It has been almost 55 years since Kenneth Arnold's famous
sighting of nine strange flying objects at Mount Rainier,
Washington, USA in June 1947.

Shortly after, a newspaper report based on Arnold=B9s description
of the flight characteristics of the objects coined the term
"flying saucers". And even though UFOs have since been reported
in all shapes and sizes since, the term stuck. Since that time
millions of people have reported similar experiences all over
the world.

The Melbourne UFO Conference plans to interest, excite and no
doubt astound with the revelation of material that they claim is
not reported on T.V., newspapers or radio.

Interviews with the organizers, and in due course key speakers,
are now available.

Venue
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April 2002
10am - until 6:30pm each day
Dallas Brooks Convention & Function Centre
300 Albert Street, East Melbourne
Price
\$55.00 two days or \$38.00 one day
Website
www.melbourneufo.com

Speakers

Jim Marrs -- United States

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Jim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of North Texas in 1966 and attended Graduate School at Texas Tech in Lubbock for a further two years.

He has worked for several Texas newspapers, including the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; beginning in 1968 he served as a hardheaded police reporter. Jim then became a general assignments reporter covering stories locally, in Europe and the Middle East. After a leave of absence to serve with a Fourth Army intelligence unit during the Vietnam War, he became military and aerospace writer for the newspaper and an investigative reporter.

Since 1980, Jim has been a freelance writer and public relations consultant. He also published a rural weekly newspaper along with a monthly tourism tabloid, a cable television show and several videos.

Since 1976, Jim has taught a course on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy at the University of Texas at Arlington. In 1989, his book, *Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy*, was published to critical acclaim and within three years had gone into an eighth printing in both hardbound and softbound editions. *Crossfire* reached the New York Times Paperback Non-Fiction Best Seller list in mid-February 1992 and remained there for more than six weeks. His book later became a basis for the Oliver Stone film JFK. Jim served as a chief consultant for both the film's screenplay and production.

Beginning in 1992, Jim spent three years researching and completing a non-fiction book on a top-secret government program involving the psychic phenomenon known as remote viewing - only to have it mysteriously cancelled as it was going to press in the summer of 1995. Within two months, the story of military-developed remote viewing broke nationally in the Washington Post after the CIA held a press conference revealing the program but putting their own spin on the psychic studies. In 2001, *Psi Spies* was finally published in a paperback form and is available from JimMarrs.com.

In May 1997, HarperCollins Publishers published Marrs' in-depth investigation of UFOs, *Alien Agenda*. In less than two months, *Alien Agenda* garnered many positive reviews and gone into an eighth printing. Jim has been a featured speaker at a number of national conferences including the Annual International UFO Congress and the Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference.

Publisher's Weekly described *Alien Agenda* as "the most entertaining and complete overview of flying saucers and their crew in years." The paperback edition was released in mid-1998 and has since become the best-selling UFO book ever in the United States. Beginning in 2000, he began teaching a course on UFOs at the University of Texas at Arlington.

An award-winning journalist, Mr. Marrs is listed both in *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in America*. In addition he has won several writing and photography awards including the Aviation/Aerospace Writer's Association's National Writing Award and Newsmaker of the Year Award from the Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. In 1993, he received *Freedom Magazine's* Human Rights Leadership Award.

Jim has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, CSPAN, the Discovery, Learning and History Channels, *This Morning America*, *Geraldo*, *Montell Williams*, *Today* and *The Larry King* and *Art Bell* radio programs along with numerous national and regional radio and TV shows. He is a former president of the Press Club of Fort Worth and a current member of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and the Investigative Reporters and Editors.

Graham Birdsall - UK

Graham W. Birdsall is an internationally-recognised UFO researcher and the editor of the UK-based monthly UFO Magazine, widely regarded as the world's leading newsstand UFO publication which began life as a subscription-only journal in 1981, and several years prior to that, a newsletter.

Intrigued by the UFO phenomenon, Graham became an active member

and then UFO investigator of the Oxford-based UFO organisation, Contact International (UK), rising to the status of Coordinator. He received their prestigious 'Investigator of the Year' award in 1981.

Shortly after, Graham established the Yorkshire UFO Society which, in 1989, was renamed Quest International to cater for national and worldwide interest. That same year Quest Publications International Ltd was formed. This ultimately led to the appearance of Britain's first national UFO newsstand publication - UFO Magazine - in the summer of 1994.

Over many years, Graham has either contributed to or been referenced or credited in numerous UFO-related book titles. Graham has featured in a wide number of leading UK and international newspaper titles over the years, including: The Sunday Times, Los Angeles Times, New York Daily News, Mail on Sunday, TV & Radio Times, Just Seventeen, Maxim, Sun, Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, Who Weekly, The Western Australian, to name but a few.

Christopher Martin - UK

For the past six years, Christopher Martin has been filming some of the clearest video footage of unidentified flying objects flying over the busy air corridors above London ever seen.

His footage has been shown on the BBC, Channel 4/5, MTV, Live TV, LWT, Carlton as well as numerous countries around the world. He is also convinced that, not only are these objects extra-terrestrial in origin but that this extra-terrestrial intelligence is attempting to communicate with him.

In his book: Intruders in the Night, he chronicles the events that have led him to endorse this startling conclusion. His testimony is startling but yet painfully honest. His evidence is compelling and will no doubt challenge the sternest sceptic.

The accompanying VHS video documentary - UFOs - The Evidence - features exclusive video footage of anomalous spheres darting in and around the skies above London, performing the most incredible manoeuvres and also includes new never-before seen footage.

Bill Chalker -- New South Wales

Educated at the University of New England, graduating with an Honours Science Degree (B.Sc. Hons.) with majors in Chemistry and Mathematics. One of Australia's leading UFO researchers and has written extensively on the subject. He is a contributing editor for the International UFO Reporter and coordinates the NSW UFO INVESTIGATION CENTRE (UFOIC). Australian representative for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (APRO) from 1978 to 1986 and NSW state representative for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) from 1976 to 1993.

Bill Chalker has undertaken extensive research and published major papers on many topics including Australian physical evidence, historical Australian reports (pre 1947), the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and UFOs, Australian "missing time" events and UFO abduction experiences. In 1996 his book on the Australia UFO experience, "The OZ Files: the Australian UFO story", was published.

George Simpson -- Victoria

George Simpson has been interested in UFO's since he was child. "I read a ufo book titled 'Flying Saucers over Australia' by Richard Tambling in the late 60s".

He has had several distant sightings of things that behave in ways that our most sophisticated craft cannot. George has been actively involved in UFO research for over 14 years, and is the director of the Victorian Branch of the Australian UFO Research Network. With AUFORN he has investigated many good sighting reports over the last two years. Some of these investigations are still current. George conducts quarterly meetings for the AUFORN Victorian branch.

Brenda Butler - Victoria

Brenda is the convenor of a group called UFO Experiences Support Group has been running for 8 years emphasising of people=B9s personal experiences with UFO=B9s and abductions. Brenda will be presenting the latest investigations into the =8CAbduction=B9 Phenomena.

Harry Mason -- Western Australia

Harry Mason's investigations into the intriguing and mysterious "fireball" events in Australia have by no means ended with the conclusion of his series in NEXUS.

Rather than being rare anomalous phenomena, these events seem to have increased in number and frequency in recent years. They have been reported with increasing frequency around the world.

Harry Mason, BSc, MSc, MAIMM, MIMM, FGS, is a UK-born geologist and geophysicist, now resident in Perth, Western Australia. His 30-year career in mineral exploration has had him stationed all over the world, including Alaska, India, Norway, Mexico, Morocco, Sudan and UK.

He has extensive field experience in geo-recce, geological mapping, geophysics/ geochemistry, prospecting, remote-sensing/computer imaging technologies, and seismic and electromagnetic studies. He specialises in the geology and resource exploration of WA's Eastern Goldfields. Lately he has been devoting his private time and expertise to researching mysterious Australian outback phenomena of possibly natural and/or man-made origins.

Mike Farrell - NSW

Mike Farrell was born in 1951 and raised in Northern California and has been involved with UFO Research Organisations both in America and Australia for over 20 years.

His particular passion has been to gather and share all kinds of UFO and related video material. His video library includes amateur UFO videos, television programs and news reports, specials and documentaries, lectures and UFO video art from all parts of the world, including videos in English, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Scandinavian, Mexican and Hebrew languages.

During the 1980', he travelled coast to coast across America investigating UFO hotspots and attending various UFO events and conferences. Mike then immigrated to Australia in 1991 and become actively involved with the UFO Research Group of Sydney, NSW.

In 1997, he moved to Port Macquarie, NSW, got a personal computer and began a project to establish a global email network of fellow UFO video enthusiasts who regularly volunteer their time and resources to exchange UFO videotapes with each other.

The goal of this ongoing global project -- UFO-VAC -- "UFO-Video Action Coalition" is to more quickly pass on the latest and most important UFO video evidence and reports to serious UFO researchers and groups around the world with. This UFO video evidence is then analysed and the results are shared with all.

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## Electronic UFO Detector Plans

From: John W. Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 23:53:29 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:44:13 -0500  
Subject: Electronic UFO Detector Plans

EBK & List Members,

If you're into electronics and subjects that hunt for UFOs then this may be for you? If it works for you then great. However, if it's a little simplistic then don't look. The response to these items has been marvellous so I thought you may be interested in this report.

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 9 - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 10:18:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:48:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 9 - McCoy

>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:02:06 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 9

<snip>

Hello, all

With the subject of Black Helicopters and all I noticed this in 'UFO Roundup':

>BLACK HELICOPTER SIGHTED NEAR PRYOR, MONTANA

>Black helicopters have been reported flying over the high prairie and the coulees (gulches) of the Crow Indian Reservation in eastern Montana. Recently, a group of Absaroka indigenous people living on the reservation snapped a photo of one.

>On Saturday, February 9, 2002, a group of Absaroka people were riding their horses just northeast of Pryor, Montana. "They saw a black helicopter hovering over a hill they had just crested. They thought it was weird to see the black helicopter, and one of them happened to have a (pocket) camera and took a picture."

>The black helicopter whirled around and flew away at a high speed.

>Pryor is a small town on Montana Highway 418 approximately 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Billings, the state's largest city. (Lila pilamaya to Frank Running Elk, Kirsanna and "the Children of the Raven" for this report.)

<snip>

Billings happens to be one of my favortie places, and I have been in and out of there many times. Pryor is one of the local I.D. points for traffic coming in from the South to the Airport.

There is a lot of Military traffic there. I have seen OH-6's, OH-58's, Blackhawks of all stripes (and colors) CH-47's, most in dark, olive-drab camouflage, that looks, well, black at certain angles. Also the UH-1 and most of its various forms, including fire-fighting sub-species.

With all due respect to the Absarkoa people, this is easliy explained.

GT McCoy

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:40:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:50:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hatch

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 21:50:24 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 14:26:01 -0800  
>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 16:20:47 -500

>Good Evening List, All -

>Just for the hell of it:

>Kenny Young wrote:

>>Many of these are begging to be investigated with the same  
>>amount of detail, passion and effort that has been poured into  
>>Roswell the last 10-years, such as the Shreveport, LA case,

>I will point out that Shreveport, LA was, in fact a hoax, with  
>pictures of the disk and everything. Many of the first reports  
>of crashes, or physical evidence were hoaxes... or mistakes.  
>Some of them deserve no follow up.

>KRandle

Hello Kevin, Kenny, Bruce..

I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

I want to make sure I have it rated properly, if its listed here  
at all. Some details about the unmasking of the hoax would be  
very welcome as well. If its a real lulu, it may belong on my  
discredited sightings page.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 03:08:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:51:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Velez

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>From: Tom Shanahan <[shanahan00@cox.net](mailto:shanahan00@cox.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:53:14 -0700

>>Greetings John,

>>The reason for my post was to hopefully put to rest some of the  
>>urban legend surrounding the "bad" helicopter business. That  
>>which is perceived as real is real in its consequences. If  
>>enough folks believe that helicopters are the bad guys, it is  
>>only a matter of time before somebody starts shooting. I think  
>>common sense tells us that the cattle mutilations which started  
>>decades ago were not conducted from helicopters then or now.  
>>Just hoping to save some poor, lost Army pilot a lot of grief

>I would like to point out that is it too late to save that poor,  
>lost Army pilot. Back in the olden days, when I flew for the  
>Iowa National Guard, we took fire from a farmer with a shotgun.  
>Me, being in the Weapons Platoon, thought we should return fire  
>for fire received, but cooler heads prevailed. (For those  
>interested, I was with the Hornets at Cu Chi Sep 68 - Mar 69 and  
>the Crusaders at Tay Ninh Mar 69 - Sep 69.)

>I will add a couple of other points here. One, that has been  
>mentioned but overlooked is that the color scheme on military  
>aircraft changed about 15 or 20 years ago so that the paints  
>were all flat and dark and the markings were made smaller and in  
>the same type of flat paints which made them more difficult to  
>see.

>Second, a woman who claimed to see black helicopters over her  
>house all the time showed me pictures of those helicopters. They  
>were all dark colored, especially those seen from the ground,  
>looking up into a bright sky... and she seemed unaware that her  
>house was situated near three (yes three) heliports which might  
>account for all the helicopters she saw.

>And finally, I'm not aware of any technology that would take the  
>noise out of the helicopter (which, of course, doesn't mean it  
>doesn't exist, but I'd have to see it to believe it). With a  
>helicopter, there will be noise, unless you are far enough away  
>and the wind is blowing in the wrong direction...

Hello Kevin, hi All,

Kevin, what do you know about the RAH-66 Comanche? I would love to be able to ask one of the witnesses that have reported seeing a "black helicopter" if the buggger they saw looked anything like the Comanche. Although I'm sure it's noisy as hell, it does have a very 'stealthy' looking body design.

Just a side note about military aircraft and noise:

On Sept. 11th after the attack, there were several fighters in the air over and around New York City. I live within a couple of miles of JFK International airport and very near to Jamaica Bay. The fighters were making unusually low fly overs. Maybe to reassure the populace by making themselves very visible. They also were loud enough to wake the dead. Those machines produce a 'fearsome' sound.

I would hate to be a war-time enemy of this country. The roar of the engines on those things rattled my windows. I swear that it sounded like the 'end of the world' as those machines thundered by. Until my mind was able to identify a cause to the approaching roar, the almost deafening sound struck fear into my heart. And I knew they were friendly!

I can imagine how demoralizing if not paralyzing that oncoming sound would be to an enemy.

There's a lot of "psychology" behind that thunderous roar.

If any of you military guys (Marty, Alfred, GT, Josh,) know anything about the RAH-66 Comanche in terms of stealth capabilities and if it's a 'noisy' bugger, please let me know. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Self-Coverup - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:16:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:56:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Self-Coverup - Maccabee

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 15:43:16 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 05:43:44 +0100  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>Josh, she has had to live through a lot of this stuff with me.  
>My wife has suffered through weird physical stuff, she has seen  
>UFOs, and she has seen the scoop marks (including two scars on  
>my son's knees that appeared over-night) on herself and our  
>children. This whole subject is no joke for her. It's part of  
>the reason I am so deadly serious about this subject all of the  
>time.

>(See my post to Bruce M. on this same thread.)

>She is more aware and in touch with the phenomenon than many of  
>the people on this List I would dare say. She has made a  
>'choice' for herself. She doesn't try to impose it on me. She  
>only asks that I respect her choice as to how she will deal with  
>it all. I do. She supports and respects my "way" as well.  
>Without her support I could not do as much public work as I do.  
>You have her to either curse, or to thank, for my presence here.  
>(Depending on who you are)

>In time, she may change that decision, but she'll do it all in  
>her own time and in her own way. We've been together for 33  
>years Josh. You don't stay together that long with anyone unless  
>mutual love and respect is at the foundation of the  
>relationship.

>I don't much agree with the method she has chosen, "If I don't  
>see it, I don't have to deal with it," but I also don't think it  
>is something that requires "therapy" either. What you call "loss  
>of control phobia" is a condition shared by us all. That is what  
>Bruce and I have been talking about. What she is going through  
>in terms of her own integration process is perfectly normal (for  
>her) and almost 'expected.' :)

Of course, I knew nothing about your wife's experiences when I  
wrote the book, but I can see another reason why you have been  
able to identify with the "action" portrayed therein.

Has she read the book? Or has she decided not to?

"We have a good life. I wouldn't want to ruin it."  
---Susan, in Abduction In My Life

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

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Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:20:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 16:57:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

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>To: <[ufonet@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ufonet@yahoogroups.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 00:12:00 -0000

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Actually, IMHO, the first thing to do it to prove that there are credible sightings of phenomena which cannot be explained in any conventional manner. This is where the skeptics attempt to establish their point of view: there is nothing strange happening because all credible sightings can be explained (no one except the fringe care about the incredible sightings... and, of course, "credibility" can be the subject of a loooooonngg discussion).

So, let's first establish that there is at least one, well reported, credible sighting, presumably with a description that defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as "unintelligent" - phenomenon.

If we find one, then we can offer speculation as to what can explain the presence of said phenomenon.

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## MIWs - Men In White Coats

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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:01:01 -0500  
Subject: MIWs - Men In White Coats

MIWs - Men In White Coats Asked To Solve UFO Mystery

It now seems that the World UFO community has raised it's hands and admitted that, as far as they can see, they have been unable to solve the UFO mystery to date.

Long investigations, carried out over many years, have proved futile in the name of Science. Organisations that were set up by non-scientific minded individuals, will now be asked to close. Your time and effort in this subject has been noted, and we thank you for the blood sweat and tears you have devoted to this subject. We appreciate, that some of you guys and gals, from all over this planet, have devoted such a major part of your life to try and answer the unanswerable. For some, it is too late to read this, as you have now passed on to those glorious gates in the sky, but hopefully looking down and smiling at our impasse.

To all those UFO researchers, who perhaps have had their marriages wrecked, their personal life's ripped to shreds, their goals and ambitions put on the back burner, and their health put at risk, all through trying to find the answer, I salute you. Science will not salute you, your not important to Science, in their eyes, this subject is not about you, and how it effects you as a human, it is about sticking badges on people and giving them awards for coming to a conclusion which, as far as Science is concerned, does not even conclude?

To the guys and gals, who go out in all kinds of weather to interview that witness who claims to have seen one of the many UFOs seen in the world, I admire you and your determination on finding answers to this mystery. Yet, if you feel you know longer call it a mystery, and can offer a rational, logical, evidential, and factual explanation to the riddle, it's not good enough?

To all those who write books, make videos, give lectures, perhaps this is now no longer required? If you are not trained in Science, then your writing on this subject is quite possibly not correct in the eyes of Science? We admire your contribution to the UFO subject, and hope that you are also happy to have made, some of the planet aware of who you are, and what the UFO subject meant to you. Science does not require any more books, videos or lectures on this subject, it will only muddy the waters, and even if you rub shoulders with the top brass in science, they do not need you and your views on UFOs anymore, they need to resolve this mystery alone.

To all those web masters out there, not based with any scientific degrees( includes me) perhaps it is time to close the sites down, and let mainstream science begin the cleansing of UFO research. Perhaps there will be a major backer for those scientists who are wish to put their efforts and research of UFOs on to the web, hasn't happened yet, but once ufology is closed down as we know it, perhaps maybe even those people who scream "UFO Nutters - Alien Believers" will find it within themselves to dip into their pockets, and fund these new scientific based research UFO sites, to bring the non-alien answers they wish to seek?

Maybe the new question for ufology should be:

Is it time to place this subject solely in the hands of Science  
to find the answers?

Best,

Roy..

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Salvaille

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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:05:07 -0500  
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>To: <[ufonet@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ufonet@yahoogroups.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
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Hello Joe, Stan and List

<snip>

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<snip>

Let's do some table turning.

The scientific approach to any problem starts with studying the data available. Projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book are a good place to start. And let's put in some data by Dick Hall for good measure. Jerome Clark's Encyclopedia? Maybe. Why not.

The data gathered so far leads us to think that people have observed mechanical devices that are not man-made.

Do we have agreement on that?

I don't think so, because this simple observation leads to the following assertion:

Since the 'machines' are not man made, somebody else must have made them.

Question:

Who? Necessarily technologically more advanced beings.

What other conclusion can one come to?

This is the scientific approach.

But many people don't dig it and the simplest way to alleviate the tension is to do some cognitive dissonance and refuse to look at the data.

This is not scientific but it is human.

The true scientific mind will take the challenge and try to

\_understand\_ the implications of the data... and, eventually, get laughed at by the same people who refuse to look at the data because of the implications and have now bunched up together to point at the scientific dude and accuse him of heresy.

Which is, in final analysis, the historic reaction of all belief systems to simple facts of life.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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## COMETA Report & Censorship?

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Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:10:29 -0500  
Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

Greetings EBK and List Members

I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience and knowledge in this area.

As most of you know, the VJ Enterprises site hosts Stan Friedman's Web pages. One of his pages is instructions on how to order Stan's published material. Such orders go where he has designated. VJ Enterprises is not involved in this in any way other than providing the web space. All content is strictly up to Stan.

One of his items is an English translation of the COMETA Report.

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He goes on to cite how the report is covered by copyright bla, bla, bla, and:

"you are jointly responsible for the illegality of the information placed on the site he is renting from VJ Enterprises and we request that you withdraw immediately the illegal publicity hereabove mentioned."

As a matter of principle, I don't think Mr. Algrin or anyone else has the right to tell us what VJ Enterprises can or can not have on our Web site. His issue is with Stan, and up to them to resolve.

I'm inclined, with all due respect, to tell Mr. Algrin to go 'Pound Sand'. I don't take kindly to his attempt at censorship or control of our Web site.

Am I right or wrong? What is your opinion?

In responding please remember:

A) The issue is not Stan's having the right to sell the translation of the report.

B) The issue is not what some might construe as Mr. Algrin's attempt to suppress and cover up the good information contained in the report.

C) The issue IS... does he have any legal grounds or basis to force us to censor anything Stan wishes to place on his web pages which VJ Enterprises simply makes available to Stan given we derive no compensation based on anything Stan sells via these Web pages. I think not!

Regards and thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Dave Vetterick

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 13:06:31 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:13:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Ledger

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 17:35:53 -0600  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: Bobbie Felder <[jilain@ebicom.net](mailto:jilain@ebicom.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

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>as a chopper flew over at a short distance, would the slope of  
>the land - open field, not wooded - dampen the noise of the  
>chopper in any way?

Hi Bobbie, and Kevin,

As Kevin can tell you - from more practical experience than myself-and mine is considerable - that the noise coming from a helicopter is determined by the number and length of the rotors, the engine type and number, and the reduction unit which drops the rpms from the turbine down to a more acceptable number of rpms for the rotor[s]. Time of day is important and the topography/geography as well determines the what the human ear will pick up - the latter [one's hearing] also a determining factor.

Rotor noises - from a chopper in cruise-over open ground carry much further than a helicopter behind hilly terrain or dense foliage.

Multiple 5 blade and even 7 bladed rotor configurations with their shorter blade lengths are relatively less noisy than the two-bladed rotor Huey-the wop-wop-king of helicopters. I have been hanging out at an airfield - a WWII pilot training base-now run by a sport flying organization - for some twenty years now. It has a mixture of all types of terrain. The airfield itself covers some 680 acres with three runways-one of which is 5,000 feet with another mile of overshoot/level cleared area, 1000 feet on the south end and 4,000 feet to the north.

The field is very open though it is situated in a re-forested spruce and pine forest streatching 10 miles north to the east end of the Bay of Fundy and east/west a like distance with little rolling hills,or no hilly terrain. 1.5 miles to the south is forested a ridge which stretches some 15 miles east and west.

Helicopters are in and out of there all of the time. These are comprised of a broad mixture of the type. Huey's, MD-350s and 500s, Sikorsky-76s [medi-vac], Sea Kings-a derivative of the Sikorsky S-61, the little home built Robertson 24s, Bell 47s and 206 JetRangers, twin rotor SAR Labradors [very noisy], 3 and 5 bladed Aero-spatiales etc. There is a broad mix of the type that frequent the field for one reason or the other.

None of these helicopters ever sneak up on the field. Even the little Robertson 24s are clearly audible two or three miles away. To me it would be unimaginable for a chopper to get into the area and set down two miles from the field without being heard.

Then there is the hover and the terrific downwash. I can't imagine the ground below a helicopter except for pavement or concrete, not being disturbed, the tufts of grass being flattened and swirled about or torn up, dust flying, pebbles being blown about. As well if you were up to no good and wanted to stay awhile, you don't land, and shut down a chopper without first letting it go through its cooldown period once on the ground-usually from five to ten minutes and a warm up period of a like nature. Forget what you see on TV or in the movies-you just don't jump in a helicopter-flash up- and go.

To me, sneaking even the newer breeds like the Cobra's and Apaches [viewed by myself at airshows and in Oshkosh] into an area unheard, would be like trying to sneak a herd of cattle into a bedroom at night without waking anyone. The ground crews at airports etc. don't wear ear defenders for nothing while working around turbine aircraft and helicopters. Not for a moment do I believe that some type of rotored helicopter has been invented that can duplicate the performance of the fictional "Blue Thunder" Aerospatiale of movie fame.

It's not difficult to paint a helicopter black and remove its markings. But so what? Most army flown choppers up here are very dark gray or black with "smothered" markings.

Best,

Don Ledger

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From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 12:15:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:14:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Randle

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 17:35:53 -0600  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>helicopter, there will be noise, unless you are far enough away  
>>and the wind is blowing in the wrong direction...

>Couple of questions here. First, how far away is "far enough  
>away"? And which direction is the "wrong direction" in reference  
>to the wind?

Far enough that the helicopter is very small but recognizable,  
if the wind is blowing from the observer toward the  
helicopter... meaning it is carrying the sound away from the  
observer.

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>as a chopper flew over at a short distance, would the slope of  
>the land - open field, not wooded - dampen the noise of the  
>chopper in any way?

I would suspect that the noise over a meadow would be dampened  
slightly in much the same way that the noise in a room that is  
carpeted would be dampened. The initial source would be just as  
loud but the reflected noise would be reduced by anything that  
inhibited reflection of the sound.

One of the tactics we used was to stay as close to the tops of  
the trees as possible so that (a) the bad guys couldn't see you  
coming and (b) it reduced the range from which they could hear  
you. I think maybe an expert in sound would be better qualified  
to answer this.

KRandle

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## Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

From: Michael J. Woods <[mike.woods@sympatico.ca](mailto:mike.woods@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 16:23:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:25:10 -0500  
Subject: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

Hello Listers,

As some of you know, I'm senior newswriter/news producer for a morning television show here in Toronto, Canada. Yesterday, Thursday Feb. 28th, we had the Amusing, er, Amazing Kreskin as our guest. On being introduced he rambled for a few seconds about how little live TV there is anymore (Our show Breakfast Television is 3 hours live daily) and how cold it was outside. He then suddenly switched topic and made the following statement. I transcribed it from the aircheck-videotape and reproduce it complete with interruptions by our lovely co-host Liza.

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Thursday February 28...  
7:52am 'Breakfast Television'  
CITY-TV Toronto

Kreskin: Now yesterday, there was a big story all over the country (Canada) about UFOs. This... Canada.... I think is interesting...

Liza: ....Yeah, there's been so many sightings...

Kreskin: 42 percent in this past year, more. I made (make?) a statement because in the States last year, I was involved in a one week documentary on TV regarding UFO's. Two of the shows I was consultant with, analyzing why people respond, why they may see them. You have it on this show here, before the press conference in the States... You're going to have the largest UFO sighting in the past half-century that will take place in either May or June...

Liza: ...of this year?

Kreskin: It's going to take place in the desert in Nevada and you will have more people witnessing it than recorded in a century.

(He paused for a second and then continued)

Kreskin: When I get back to the States I'm going to put up a five figure amount of money up. If I fail, it goes to charity..... And I don't fly in UFOs.....

[At this point he talks about how flakey the staff of 'Breakfast Television' is, (true enough) and goes into his regular, non-UFO, shtick.]

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Two questions... Didn't Sam Donaldson make a similar prediction about alien encounters or UFO landing recently. Other than the promised Olympic fly-past, anyone heard of a similar prediction. Am I experiencing Deja Vu? Are these two on to something... or just on something?

We'll keep our eyes peeled...and any Listers in Nevada, could

you do the same?

Mike Woods

The Truth can STAY out there... Send in a good FANTASY!!

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## Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Davey

From: Virginia Davey <[vmDavey@idirect.ca](mailto:vmDavey@idirect.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2002 04:34:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 17:27:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Davey

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:45:19 EST  
>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 00:54:49 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:00:31 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>Bruce, people do not want to accept this phenomena. It would  
>>>change them. And what is the most difficult thing for mankind to  
>>>accept? Change. Change kills.

>>If these people weren't so "set in their ways" I would recommend  
>>they read my Abduction book... for intruactional purposes!

>>However, anyone who reads that book had better do so with plenty  
>>of mental flexibility and a willingness to "question everything"  
>>(a chapter in the book!). People who are set in their ways will  
>>be in for a shock.

>People today are not the same as they were back forty years ago.  
>Or even twenty. The combination of technology and overall speed  
>to accomplish this and that, working and shopping every day of  
>the week and in general, having much more responsibility than  
>ever, have in my opinion, dulled their senses... no... worse,  
>their intellects. Add the media and the Internet, and there is  
>no longer room for ANY intellectual pursuits; let alone the UFO  
>phenomena.

Dear Bruce, Jim, EBK and List,

This is my first post here, although I've been lurking for some time.

Isn't it true that the majority of Americans 'believe' in some kind of UFO reality? Isn't it also true that the most popular web sites behind the porn ones are ufology related? I certainly subscribe to the notion of the 'dumbing down' of America (and Canada, for that matter). Don't our critics point to the broader acceptance of UFOs as an example of precisely that?

I myself do not find the idea of UFOs and ET in the least bit shocking. Once you accept the notion that there is something to the TRUFOS, then the rest follows.

Regards

Virginia Davey  
Toronto

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## Re: Did Fred Singer Tell Ike That Phobos Was

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 16:32:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 01:03:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Did Fred Singer Tell Ike That Phobos Was

>From: Grant Cameron <[sgquishy@altavista.com](mailto:sgquishy@altavista.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: 23 Feb 2002 11:06:31 -0800  
>Subject: Eisenhower White House on Mars

>[www.presidentialUFO.8m.com/eisenhow5.htm](http://www.presidentialUFO.8m.com/eisenhow5.htm)

>Mars May Have Orbiting Space Base, says White House Advisor

>March 1960: The Martian moon Phobos, generally accepted as a  
>celestial body, actually may be an artificial satellite launched  
>long ago by an advanced Martian race, according to Dr. S. Fred  
>Singer, special advisor to President Eisenhower on space  
>developments. No mention was made of the other Mars moon,  
>Deimos.

>In his published opinion, Dr. Singer backed a claim first made  
>by the Soviet astrophysicist Shklovsky. The Russian scientist's  
>announcement that Phobos was a hollow, artificial satellite,  
>proving the existence of a Martian civilization, set off heated  
>arguments among astronomers. Shklovsky based his decision on a  
>long study of Phobos' peculiar orbit, which other astronomers  
>have noted. The Russian claim has calculations and those of  
>earlier astronomers prove Phobos cannot possibly be an ordinary  
>moon.

>Though Dr. Singer said the figures still had to be proved, his  
>Phobos statement in the February Astronautics, rejected other  
>astronomers' objections.

>"I would be very disappointed if it turns out to be solid," said  
>the white House advisor. If the figures were correct, he stated,  
>then Phobos undoubtedly is a hollow, artificial satellite. If it  
>is, he said, its purpose would probably be to sweep up radiation  
>in the Mars' atmosphere, so that Martians could safely operate  
>around their planet. Dr. Singer also pointed out that Phobos  
>would make an ideal space base, both for Martians and  
>earthlings.

>

>In light of this article, there was an interesting assessment of  
>Mars given during a space briefing presented during an  
>Eisenhower cabinet meeting. The briefing, by Eisenhower Science  
>Advisor Dr. James Killian, was given March 14, 1958 - "Mars -  
>Much more exciting. Conditions more similiar to earth -  
>Undoubtably some form of life, although probably not ones which  
>we would recognize."

The account of the 'Hollow Moon' stories from 40 years ago may  
be off base, according to the guy he actually claims he quoted.

Here's what the scientist himself, Fred Singer, has replied to  
me:

>Silly question really...but you never can be too sure.

Re: Did Fred Singer Tell Ike That Phobos Was

"Where on Earth did this come from? To the contrary, I calculated and published that tidal (not atmospheric) friction can explain the change in Phobos orbit.

He may have confused me with Sagan who published a book with Shklovsky. Probably best if I don't reply but you certainly are welcome to do so. Pls copy me"

Best Fred

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 18:01:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 01:18:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Sandow

>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>and knowledge in this area.

>As most of you know, the VJ Enterprises site hosts Stan  
>Friedman's Web pages. One of his pages is instructions on how  
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>bla, bla,

<snip>

>I'm inclined, with all due respect, to tell Mr. Algrin to go  
>'Pound Sand'. I don't take kindly to his attempt at censorship  
>or control of our Web site.

>Am I right or wrong? What is your opinion?

You'd better consult a very good lawyer. Maybe there's one on  
this List, someone familiar with copyright law, who can advise  
you.

And please don't use words like "censor" in this connection.  
Copyright is not some "bla bla bla" matter - it's legal  
protection for writers and publishers. I think Stan is an  
honorable guy, and I don't know the situation here. But if the  
COMETA report really is copyrighted, and if Stan really should  
be selling it without permission from the copyright holders,  
then he'd be doing something illegal. Just imagine, Dave, that  
someone else you gave space to decided to sell the new John  
Grisham novel, which they'd scanned from the published book. Now  
they offer to print it out and sell it. That would be a clear  
copyright violation; it would be totally illegal. M. Algrin is  
claiming that exactly the same thing is going on here.

But of course you wonder what that has to do with you. The legal  
issue would be something like this. If you give Stan space on  
your site, and Stan does something illegal, and you know he's  
doing it but don't stop him, are you legally responsible? My  
guess is that you are, but again, you need to consult a lawyer.  
There are probably court decisions about this. For a comparable  
situation, imagine something like this: A teenager has an AOL

account, and sets up a web page with an AOL address. On that web page, he makes available MP3 files of copyrighted music. Would AOL let him do this? Not a chance. Once they found out, they'd tell him to stop, and for sure boot him off the service if he continued. In fact, the conditions under which AOL lets you set up a web page almost certainly include a promise you have to make not to violate copyright on your page.

That's certainly true for Prodigy Internet, where I have an account. Here's an excerpt from their terms of service:

"The Service may only be used for lawful purposes. You agree not to reproduce, duplicate, copy, sell, resell or exploit for any commercial purposes any portion of the Service, use of the Service, or access to the Service. Transmission, distribution, or storage of any material in violation of any applicable law or regulation is prohibited. This includes without limitation materials protected by copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property rights. Prodigy reserves the right to remove any material that, in Prodigy's sole discretion, may be illegal, may subject Prodigy or its affiliates to liability, or may violate this Acceptable Use Policy. If you violate the Prodigy AUP, Prodigy may suspend or terminate your right of access to the Service. Violations of the Prodigy AUP may result in criminal and civil liability. Prodigy may investigate incidents involving violations and may involve and cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the investigation of any crime or civil wrong."

I don't think it matters that you're giving Stan the space. But, again, you'd better get good legal advice.

Good luck!

Greg Sandow

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Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 18:32:14 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:26:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:40:34 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 21:50:24 EST  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 14:26:01 -0800  
>>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 16:20:47 -500

Good Evening Larry, List, All -

>>I will point out that Shreveport, LA was, in fact a hoax, with  
>>pictures of the disk and everything. Many of the first reports  
>>of crashes, or physical evidence were hoaxes... or mistakes.  
>>Some of them deserve no follow up.

>>KRandle

>Hello Kevin, Kenny, Bruce..

>I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
>identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

Sorry. Of course. July 7, 1947. 6:05 pm

Accrosing to the Blue Book File, the witness heard a whirling sound... saw about 200 feet up... he saw it coming over a sign board... there was smoke and fie... and it feel into the street in his vicinity... he retrieved the disc and notified Barksdale Air Force Base.

Examination of the disc revealed it was "Alclad" or "Pureclad", specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In the center was an ordinary starter from a flourescent light... the disc was about 16 inches in diameter...

Sadly, given the case history of this case, I now believe that this is the mysterious "LA" disc to which Hoover referred in his famous memo about discs recovered. (I discuss this at length in The Roswell Encyclopedia).

KRandle

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## Greg Long?

From: Gary Anthony <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:32:53 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:27:55 -0500  
Subject: Greg Long?

Hi List,

Can anyone please direct me to, or put me in touch with Greg Long of famed Yakima Indian Reserve UFO wave report? An email address would be nice or snail even?

In advance, Thanks.

Gary Anthony

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## Re: Self-Coverup - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 01:10:33 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:30:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Self-Coverup - Goldstein

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 15:43:16 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 05:43:44 +0100  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:46:35 -0500  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

<snip>

>Hiya Josh,

>>>But for the most part, I think folks not only look, but that  
>>>they can't help standing there slack-jawed and in a state of  
>>>complete awe and blissful kind of child-like wonder. That is how  
>>>it affects me.

>You responded:

>>John, get your wife into a therapist to treat her fear of loss of  
>>control phobia and she will soon be watching UFOs by your side. <g>

>Josh, she has had to live through a lot of this stuff with me.  
>My wife has suffered through weird physical stuff, she has seen  
>UFOs, and she has seen the scoop marks (including two scars on  
>my son's knees that appeared over-night) on herself and our  
>children. This whole subject is no joke for her. It's part of  
>the reason I am so deadly serious about this subject all of the  
>time.

>(See my post to Bruce M. on this same thread.)

>She is more aware and in touch with the phenomenon than many of  
>the people on this List I would dare say. She has made a  
>'choice' for herself. She doesn't try to impose it on me. She  
>only asks that I respect her choice as to how she will deal with  
>it all. I do. She supports and respects my "way" as well.  
>Without her support I could not do as much public work as I do.  
>You have her to either curse, or to thank, for my presence here.  
>(Depending on who you are)

<snip>

>>I've always had trouble accepting Star Trek and science fiction  
>>movies that show some older alien species than us who haven't  
>>overcome the aggression that causes our worst problems. I would  
>>hope that those things are overcome over time.. But what do I  
>>know? I'm only human.

>Me too Hoss! :)

Hi John,

Thanks for sharing about your wife. I was making an off the cuff joke but considering all you have had to experience, integrate, and educate, you are specially blessed with such a wonderful marriage.

kindest regards.  
Josh

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## Altshuler At Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar - 3/16/02

From: [IFConfer@aol.com](mailto:IFConfer@aol.com) <[IFConfer@aol.com](mailto:IFConfer@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 19:59:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:34:34 -0500  
Subject: Altshuler At Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar - 3/16/02

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

CATTLE MUTILATIONS - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Saturday, March 16, 2002

On Saturday, March 16, IF will present a very special program on a mysterious subject that has been widely reported over the past three decades: 'Cattle Mutilations, Past Present And Future'. The speaker is a distinguished researcher on these puzzling events, Dr. John Altshuler, a long-time resident in the Denver, Colorado area. Dr. Altshuler is a prominent pathologist and hematologist who has studied animal mutilations from the very first case which came to public attention, the famous mutilation of 'Snippy' the horse.

Dr. Altshuler is making a rare appearance on the East Coast to speak at an IF seminar, presenting one of the few lectures he has delivered in this area since his appearance at the now famous 1992 UFO Abduction Conference held at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He will illustrate his lecture with slides of the microscopic images of tissues taken from mutilated animals, showing the unusual qualities of the wounds, and he will discuss the evidence suggesting that the phenomenon is not of earthly origin.

He has stated, "The pattern of cattle mutilations has continued to be the same over the last twenty-five years. Explanations of the changes cannot be explained by ordinary known techniques; however, the criticisms deny the unusual nature of the findings. This is especially true in the early cases as laser methods and availability were not known in 1967, the date of the first studied case of mutilation. The findings in these cases will be discussed along with slides to support the theses presented."

Dr. Altshuler has also researched a number of UFO abduction cases, and will be available to answer questions on this subject from his unique medical perspective.

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on March 16th at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the 10th 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. Payments 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 10:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale



to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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## PRG Update - March 1, 2002

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>

Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 22:14:15 -0500

Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:37:36 -0500

Subject: Re: PRG Update - March 1, 2002

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Stephen Bassett, the founder of PRG and the Executive Director of X-PPAC, has filed papers with the State of Maryland and the Federal Election Commission to enter the congressional race for the 8th District of Maryland as an independent candidate.

A formal announcement will be made on or about the 18th of March. A press conference may be held. This FYI update is going out to the PRG/X-PPAC mailing lists in advance and as a courtesy to the UFO/ET media which have tirelessly kept the issues in play when the mainstream media have withdrawn.

The campaign will be titled, "Disclosure2003." It will be an activist candidacy designed to bring the UFO/ET/Disclsoure issues into the election process. It is a logical extension of the work of Paradigm Research Group and X-PPAC, which is to "normalize" the political issues and implications of an extraterrestrial presence and the long standing government embargo on the truth of that.

The campaign will be conducted appropriately, will include a staff of political advisors and volunteers, and will speak, as required, to a range of issues facing the 8th District and the nation. This is important because it is essential the public not only see and hear the UFO/ET issues presented in and intelligent and comprehensive fashion, but that the person doing so is also seen and heard presenting other issues of concern in the same manner. Again, the focus is on normalization.

The website will be: [www.disclsoure2003.net](http://www.disclsoure2003.net)

The reasons for this particular strategy at this time are these:

- 1) It is a mid-term election, and there will be no presidential race to consume media attention. Also, the primaries will be held later in the year (September 10 in Maryland), which allows much more time to develop awareness.
- 2) The 8th District of Maryland comprises the greater majority of Montgomery County, which sits directly against the northwestern border of Washington, DC. Consequently, the national political media have easy access to this race.
- 3) Montgomery County is home for a substantial portion of the national political leadership working in Washington.
- 4) Montgomery County is one of the richest and most highly educated counties in the United States. It is superbly managed at both the county and city levels. For that reason it is much easier for the registered voters to focus on issues of national and global significance in a congressional race. For some election districts with many serious problems, this would be a luxury.

Furthermore, polls have repeatedly shown that awareness of and interest in UFO/ET phenomena, increases as the income and education levels increase.

5) There will be substantial national interest in the 8th District congressional race because Mark Shriver, son of Sargent and Eunice Shriver and brother of TV journalist Maria Shriver, has shown all the signs of seeking the democratic nomination to run against the popular incumbent, Connie Morella. Ms. Morella has easily won 8 consecutive terms. With control of the House and Senate in question, the Democratic Party may gamble it can unseat Ms. Morella with a charismatic candidate with substantial financial backing. Also, the Democratically controlled statehouse has redistricted the 8th in favor of the Democratic ticket. The race could therefore be very close and very important to both principal political parties.

6) Maryland state laws are generous to independent petition candidates who must only garner signatures from 1% of the registered voters, about 4000. Candidacy signatures are generally easier to gather than referendum signatures. Most importantly, the signature process itself becomes a poll of voter interest in the candidate's key issues. And it is permitted to reregister and run in a party primary as late as June 1.

7) Other political initiatives are underway which have the potential to feed into each other and create a threshold of public interest.

8) Recent world and national events, in the opinion of PRG, have created a window of opportunity for the United States government to get out from under the 55 year old UFO/ET truth embargo.

Notes:

While X-PPAC is permitted to contribute up to \$5000 to a political campaign, it will not contribute to Disclosure2003. The lobbying work of PRG and the activist work of X-PPAC will continue unabated. No monies contributed to X-PPAC will be used in the campaign. But, as with X-PPAC, all deposits and expenditures of the Disclosure2003 campaign will be recorded on the website as close to real time as possible.

A volunteer staff meeting is planned for the weekend of March 17/18.

Mr. Bassett looks forward to input and suggestions from the conference attendees in Laughlin, NV, who along with thousands of others, have supported the citizen-science effort to resolve the UFO/ET conundrum for five decades.

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"There is almost no limit to what you can accomplish, if you are willing to give away the credit."

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"Intellectual passion is found at the intersection of fact and implication."

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## Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:28:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:36:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

>From: Michael J. Woods <[mike.woods@sympatico.ca](mailto:mike.woods@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 16:23:03 -0500

>Hello Listers,

>As some of you know, I'm senior newswriter/news producer for a  
>morning television show here in Toronto, Canada. Yesterday,  
>Thursday Feb. 28th, we had the Amusing, er, Amazing Kreskin as  
>our guest. On being introduced he rambled for a few seconds  
>about how little live TV there is anymore (Our show Breakfast  
>Television is 3 hours live daily) and how cold it was outside.  
>He then suddenly switched topic and made the following  
>statement. I transcribed it from the aircheck-videotape and  
>reproduce it complete with interruptions by our lovely co-host  
>Liza.

<snip>

>.. You're going to have the largest UFO  
>sighting in the past half-century that will take place in either  
>May or June...

>Liza: ...of this year?

>Kreskin: It's going to take place in the desert in Nevada and  
>you will have more people witnessing it than recorded in a  
>century.

Hmmmmmm.....

I wonder how many people are likely to be in "the desert" Nevada  
in May or June... and therefore in a location where they might  
witness this gigantic sighting.....

And, by the way, I'd like to register myself as a charity...  
just in case Kreskin is wrong.....

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## Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:34:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:39:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009 - Maccabee

>Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2002 04:34:52 -0500  
>From: Virginia Davey <[ymdavey@idirect.ca](mailto:ymdavey@idirect.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:45:19 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #009  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Isn't it true that the majority of Americans 'believe' in some  
>kind of UFO reality? Isn't it also true that the most popular  
>web sites behind the porn ones are ufology related? I certainly  
>subscribe to the notion of the 'dumbing down' of America (and  
>Canada, for that matter). Don't our critics point to the broader  
>acceptance of UFOs as an example of precisely that?

>I myself do not find the idea of UFOs and ET in the least bit  
>shocking. Once you accept the notion that there is something to  
>the TRUFOS, then the rest follows.

Thanks for becoming an active poster.....(??)

Anyway, you are right. The society suffers from the 'Emperor Has No Clothes' syndrome right now. Lot of people know or strongly suspect that there True UFOs (TRUFOS), which are someone else's flying craft (AFC).

However, until someone with authority, like the little boy in the fable, yells "\_Mommy, they're real!!!"... everyone will continue to partake in the \_other\_ aspect of the 'no-clothes syndrome', namely the self-cover up.

(If the emperor won't cover himself up, then the people have to do it for him... in a manner of speaking)

I suppose the Air Force (Project Sign, Project Grudge, Project Bkue Book), had a major part in weaving these 'Emperor's New Clothes'.

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## Re: MIWs - Men In White Coats - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 02:46:01 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:41:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: MIWs - Men In White Coats - Mortellaro

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: MIWs - Men In White Coats  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 15:34:27 -0000

>MIWs - Men In White Coats Asked To Solve UFO Mystery

>It now seems that the World UFO community has raised it's hands  
>and admitted that, as far as they can see, they have been unable  
>to solve the UFO mystery to date.

>Long investigations, carried out over many years, have proved  
>futile in the name of Science. Organisations that were set up by  
>non-scientific minded individuals, will now be asked to close.  
>Your time and effort in this subject has been noted, and we  
>thank you for the blood sweat and tears you have devoted to this  
>subject. We appreciate, that some of you guys and gals, from all  
>over this planet, have devoted such a major part of your life to  
>try and answer the unanswerable. For some, it is too late to  
>read this, as you have now passed on to those glorious gates in  
>the sky, but hopefully looking down and smiling at our impasse.

<snip>

>Is it time to place this subject solely in the hands of Science  
>to find the answers?

Dear Roy and Errol,

The subject is presently in the hands of a large medical group located in NY State. People who are in the process of examining both perceived abductees as well as 'normals' have had any sightings of anomalous objects.

And please do not forget NIDS. Nothing which you stated in your post is in my opinion, valid.

You may find my original post in Errol's archives. However the gist of the project is to examine perceived abuctees against the normals in order to determine whether there are any commonly shared illnesses. The examinations will consist of a complete physical and psychological examination by the best in this state under controlled conditions.

We had hoped for input from the research community but have thus far only received one comment which was a complete rejection of the project.

Should you require additional information you may contact me off-List.

Jim Mortellaro



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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 00:26:26 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:44:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Young

>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:40:34 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
>identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

Larry, all;

The file, referenced by Serge Salvaille, contains some interesting stuff, including two documents that probably pertain to this incident. Quiet interesting.

The file reads to the effect of it being a TELETYPE from the FBI office in New Orleans, dated 7-7-47. States "VERY URGENT" and reads that people from Shreveport, Louisiana advised of circular disc.

One person is referenced as observing the object in the air, whirling around and spouting flames. The document also states that names of people who 'handled' the disc were taken.

Down the file quite a bit is another memo from this office in a few short words saying this was a 'prank' with no explanation given. I'm not sure how this came to be explained as a prank (or given the Roswell-logic behind this stuff, why any such explanation would be handily accepted), but it would be cool to learn more.

KY

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 00:40:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:46:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Hatch

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 12:15:58 EST  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 17:35:53 -0600  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>From: Bobbie Felder <[jilain@ebicom.net](mailto:jilain@ebicom.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

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>>>And finally, I'm not aware of any technology that would take the  
>>>noise out of the helicopter (which, of course, doesn't mean it  
>>>doesn't exist, but I'd have to see it to believe it). With a  
>>>helicopter, there will be noise, unless you are far enough away  
>>>and the wind is blowing in the wrong direction...

>>Couple of questions here. First, how far away is "far enough  
>>away"? And which direction is the "wrong direction" in reference  
>>to the wind?

>Far enough that the helicopter is very small but recognizable,  
>if the wind is blowing from the observer toward the  
>helicopter... meaning it is carrying the sound away from the  
>observer.

>>Also, if the terrain was sloping downward away from the observer  
>>as a chopper flew over at a short distance, would the slope of  
>>the land - open field, not wooded - dampen the noise of the  
>>chopper in any way?

>I would suspect that the noise over a meadow would be dampened  
>slightly in much the same way that the noise in a room that is  
>carpeted would be dampened. The initial source would be just as  
>loud but the reflected noise would be reduced by anything that  
>inhibited reflection of the sound.

>One of the tactics we used was to stay as close to the tops of  
>the trees as possible so that (a) the bad guys couldn't see you  
>coming and (b) it reduced the range from which they could hear  
>you. I think maybe an expert in sound would be better qualified  
>to answer this.

>KRandle

Hello Kevin and all you copter fellows!

Its time I chimed in from the armchair, never having even ridden  
in a helicopter.

A friend with some Vietnam experience and I talked all about  
this years and years ago.

According to this fellow, no copter is truly silent. There is or was some sort of special pods they placed on the blade-tips that silenced some of the worst of the noise. Engine mufflers would logically follow.

The upshot was, that flying fast and low, the Hueys (or whatever) could sneak up on a field full of enemy so fast that they had no time to run for cover. They were not silent per se, but the enemy heard them too late .. Gatling guns opened fire at some amazing rate.

I don't see how the wind makes much difference, the speed of sound is many many times any ordinary wind speed.

I just saw a "black" helicopter the other day. It was probably some other color, but against a bright sky it simply looked black.

Having no expertise in this, I could easily be wrong about "black silent helicopters". But, somehow I want to put them in my circular chem-trails file.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Self-Coverup - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 04:26:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:47:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Self-Coverup - Velez

>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:16:02 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 15:43:16 -0500  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup

<snip>

Hi Bruce, hi All,

You wrote:

>Of course, I knew nothing about your wife's experiences when I  
>wrote the book, but I can see another reason why you have been  
>able to identify with the "action" portrayed therein.

Contrary to popular belief I don't "schmooze" anybody. When I  
said that I was able to identify strongly with the characters  
and the story in your book, I said it because it is true.

>Has she read the book? Or has she decided not to?

Margie has only read two books on the subject. Both of them by  
Hopkins. The only reason she read those is because Budd used to  
come to my home fairly regularly and Margie got a chance to get  
to know him personally and develop a warm friendship with him.  
She likes Budd very much and because of that, she made it a  
point to read "Intruders." It wasn't easy for her though. The  
book had the same shattering effect on her that Budd's "Missing  
Time" and Dave Jacob's book, "Secret Lives" had on me.

Ditto for Linda "Cortile." Margie and Linda are both "Italian  
girls from Brooklyn." Because of my friendship with Linda they  
met and became fast friends. They get along famously. After she  
got to know Linda well, she decided that she wanted to read the  
book about her case. She found both books deeply disturbing in  
that she found she was able to identify with way too much of the  
material. More than she thought she would, and more than she  
cared to. After she finished reading the Linda case she  
announced that she'd read enough on the subject.

The chances of her reading any more books on the subject of UFO/  
alien abduction are; slim and none. No offense to you of course.  
:)

>"We have a good life. I wouldn't want to ruin it."  
>---Susan, in Abduction In My Life

Almost verbatim what Margie has said/expressed to me about it. I  
found your book to be an accurate representation on many levels.  
Many of them very personal ones. You did a good job. A better  
job than I suspect many "abductees" would be able to do.

For most of the book I was even wondering about you. I kept  
saying to myself, "This guy has to be a closet case!" (Abductee

not 'colon cowboy.') There were enough references to the kind of subtle nuances that only an experiencer would know to make me wonder. :)

Regards,

John

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 04:28:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:49:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Velez

>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>and knowledge in this area.

>As most of you know, the VJ Enterprises site hosts Stan  
>Friedman's Web pages. One of his pages is instructions on how to  
>order Stan's published material. Such orders go where he has  
>designated. VJ Enterprises is not involved in this in any way  
>other than providing the web space. All content is strictly up  
>to Stan.

>One of his items is an English translation of the COMETA Report.

>I recently received a communication from Michel Algrin,  
>Attorney-At-Law, Director of COMETA saying:

>"I ask you to withdraw immediately this illegal publicity and  
>issue from the WebSite "v-j-enterprises.com/sforder"

>He goes on to cite how the report is covered by copyright bla,  
>bla, bla, and:

>"you are jointly responsible for the illegality of the  
>information placed on the site he is renting from VJ Enterprises  
>and we request that you withdraw immediately the illegal  
>publicity hereabove mentioned."

>As a matter of principle, I don't think Mr. Algrin or anyone  
>else has the right to tell us what VJ Enterprises can or can not  
>have on our Web site. His issue is with Stan, and up to them to  
>resolve.

>I'm inclined, with all due respect, to tell Mr. Algrin to go  
>'Pound Sand'. I don't take kindly to his attempt at censorship  
>or control of our Web site.

>Am I right or wrong? What is your opinion?

>In responding please remember:

>A) The issue is not Stan's having the right to sell the  
>translation of the report.

>B) The issue is not what some might construe as Mr. Algrin's  
>attempt to suppress and cover up the good information contained  
>in the report.

>C) The issue IS... does he have any legal grounds or basis to  
>force us to censor anything Stan wishes to place on his web  
>pages which VJ Enterprises simply makes available to Stan given  
>we derive no compensation based on anything Stan sells via these  
>Web pages. I think not!

Hi Dave,

Speaking as a webmaster, I am in complete agreement with you. If they have a 'problem' with any of the content of Stan's pages they can take it up with Stan. The way they are going about it is an attempt at censorship.

Speaking for myself,

John Velez, Webmaster, A.I.C.

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: "Joe McGonagle" <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:15:28 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:50:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:20:43 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>Actually, IMHO, the first thing to do it to prove that there are  
>credible sightings of phenomena which cannot be explained in any  
>conventional manner. This is where the skeptics attempt to  
>establish their point of view: there is nothing strange  
>happening because all credible sightings can be explained (no  
>one except the fringe care about the uncredible sightings...  
>and, of course, "credibility" can be the subject of a  
>loooooonngg discussion).

>So, let's first establish that there is at least one, well  
>reported, credible sighting, presumably with a description that  
>defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as  
>"unintelligent" - phenomenon.

>If we find one, then we can offer speculation as to what can  
>explain the presence of said phenomenon.

It would certainly be a step in the right direction. Any such case would need to be made up of valid data, ie Living, named witnesses who are amenable to interview; Documents with credible provenance; Original film negatives/camera film/video recordings/ radar data etc.

I don't mean all of the above in a single case, but any data to be used as evidence must be of the quality indicated above, and the more separate elements involved in the case, the better.

Unfortunately, no such case comes to mind-any suggestions, anyone?

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: MIWs - Men In White Coats - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:32:10 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:52:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: MIWs - Men In White Coats - McGonagle

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: MIWs - Men In White Coats  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 15:34:27 -0000

<entire excellent article snipped>

Unfortunately, Roy, what you wrote has a lot of truth in it. Fifty years of intensive research, including some of a very high standard, appears to have achieved very little. On the other hand, projects like the Hessdahlen one show promise of identifying one phenomenon that is a cause of some UFO reports.

This is another reason why science shuns the topic-what tangible benefits are there to be reaped from investing a large amount of resource into the phenomena? If there was some guarantee that new exotic technology would be the reward, industry would be tripping over itself to obtain the exclusive rights to research the area.

The problem as I see it is that all of the various researchers have been working to different standards, and towards different goals. Some are in it for fame and fortune, some to confirm their view that UFO's are extraterrestrial (or demonic etc), and some to try and solve the puzzle as to what they are. Few of them have any formal training or written guidelines as to how to go about it. Individual groups have different methods and standards of data collection and recording, often in conflict with other groups. One example is the acceptance by some of evidence produced under Hypnotic Regression, and the banning of such evidence by other groups.

At least with a scientific approach, there would be some uniformity of standards that individual cases could be judged by.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:49:10 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:54:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@rocler.qc.ca](mailto:sergesa@rocler.qc.ca)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:56:21 -0500

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: <[ufonet@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ufonet@yahoogroups.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 00:12:00 -0000

>Hello Joe, Stan and List

<snip>

>>It is my contention that the scientific approach should not be  
>>to prove that UFOs are spaceships from another planet, but to  
>>attempt to identify what UFOs are.

><snip>

>Let's do some table turning.

>The scientific approach to any problem starts with studying the  
>data available. Projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book are a good  
>place to start. And let's put in some data by Dick Hall for  
>good measure. Jerome Clark's Encyclopedia? Maybe. Why not.

Please see my comments regarding quality of data in response to  
Bruce Maccabee's post.

>The data gathered so far leads us to think that people have  
>observed mechanical devices that are not man-made.

>Do we have agreement on that?

No, not everyone (including myself) would agree on that. It  
ignores the Psycho-social Hypothesis, which whether or not you  
think it likely, has not been disproved. There are also other  
hypotheses which it conflicts with.

>I don't think so, because this simple observation leads to the  
>following assertion:

>Since the 'machines' are not man made, somebody else must have  
>made them.

>Question:

>Who? Necessarily technologically more advanced beings.

>What other conclusion can one come to?

>\_This\_ is the scientific approach.

>But many people don't dig it and the simplest way to alleviate  
>the tension is to do some cognitive dissonance and refuse to  
>look at the data.

>This is not scientific but it is human.

Agreed!

>The true scientific mind will take the challenge and try to  
>\_understand\_ the implications of the data... and, eventually,  
>get laughed at by the same people who refuse to look at the data  
>because of the implications and have now bunched up together to  
>point at the scientific dude and accuse him of heresy.

>Which is, in final analysis, the historic reaction of all belief  
>systems to simple facts of life.

Very true, but in the end, the truth (whatever it may be)  
eventually shines through. Unfortunately, this will be delayed  
(has been delayed!) due to the confusing mixture of methods and  
madness called UFOlogy. We really need to establish protocols  
and standards which can be universally applied in order to speed  
up progress and reduce unproductive debate. What we really need  
is a leader (that we can take Martians to on request) to give  
direction. My vote goes to Errol!

Regards,

Joe

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From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 12:13:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:57:08 -0500  
Subject: =?iso-8859-1?Q?UFO\_UpDate:\_Re:\_Melbourne=B9s\_First\_UFO\_?=-

>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 13:28:34 +1000  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: Diane Harrison Director AUFORN <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
>Subject: Melbourne's First UFO Conference

<snip>

>Christopher Martin - UK

>The accompanying VHS video documentary - UFOs - The Evidence -  
>features exclusive video footage of anomalous spheres darting in  
>and around the skies above London, performing the most  
>incredible manoeuvres and also includes new never-before seen  
>footage.

Hi All,

In reference to the above video 'UFOs - The Evidence', I would just like to point out that, I composed, produced, arranged and mixed the video soundtrack! The track is entitled 'Future Contact', there is a direct link to this on my label site:

<http://www.nhamzone-records.co.uk/UFOVideo.htm>

I hope you enjoy the video and the music on it!

Roy

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Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 13:40:12 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:01:50 -0500  
Subject: UPIAR Electronic Catalogue

Hi Folks!

Just to let you know your Italian friends have just launched a new Electronic Catalog with a large selection of UFO books, magazines, and other great stuff of interest for any UFO buff or collector.

Go to the UPIAR Store at:

<http://www.upiar.com>

and register with the system in order to enter.

Most books and magazines are in Italian language and very hard to find outside Italy, but we have also some titles in other languages (mostly English) and many more will be added in the near future. You may find very interesting additions for your library!

All items may be purchased online by credit card and each sale will contribute to supply funds to support serious UFO research in Italy.

All the best,

Maurizio Verga

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## Ufologist Profiles On-Line

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 13:03:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:04:38 -0500  
Subject: Ufologist Profiles On-Line

Ufologyinuk has established an area on it's sister website:

[www.ufology.org.uk](http://www.ufology.org.uk)

for profiles of ufologists. While the main focus is ufologists active in the UK, there is also an international section.

The project has only recently been started, but there are some profiles already up, plus some which have been received but not yet added. Those that are up were put up in a bit of a hurry, so there are some formatting issues which will shortly be rectified.

Contributions are welcome. For international entries, we are mainly interested in ufologists that have published works. For UK entries, anyone active in UK Ufology, even if only by virtue of operating a website is invited to submit their profile.

We are also seeking profiles of now deceased or inactive prominent UK Ufologists, if anyone is willing to write a profile for them.

To view submissions already posted, please visit:

[www.ufology.org.uk](http://www.ufology.org.uk)

select "Articles/Theories" from the menu bar on the left of the page, then click on 'The Ufologists'.

As the listing builds up, it will be given a more prominent position at the site.

Submissions can be sent to:

[contact@ufology.org.uk](mailto:contact@ufology.org.uk) or [joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)

Regards,

Joe

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## Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 07:27:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:15:26 -0500  
Subject: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show

Kal K. Korff on Thursday's Jeff Rense Show - A Review.  
by Alfred Lehmborg  
[www.alienview.net](http://www.alienview.net)

PREFACE - I've got a lot of respect for Jeff Rense, I think he's the Cadillac of what he does, and he's certainly convinced me that he is the journalistic real deal as it regards hearing the 'twitchy' stuff that nobody wants to talk about, but probably should. Even as a traditionalist, he's straight up. So I was prepared to be as forgiving as I could given a personal assurance that Mr. Korff was going to do something truly substantive on last night's show - let Kal turn over a new ufological leaf, as it were, or provide some new kind of handle on this 'thing' that has us all by the short and curlies...

It was not to be...

1st Segment

Anybody but Mr. Rense (?) - I'd look askance at 15 minutes of last weeks bee-mites (a much more interesting show)... time spent while trying to get Kal Korff on the phones he wasn't answering... It may involve a 'conspiracy' to block significant communication from Czechoslovakia (the Czech Republic)? Although... we've only got Kal's testimony as to whether (or not) his phones were actually ringing. Would Kal lie?

Rense suggests 'someone' might not want Korff on his show? That bunch he alludes to would assuredly want Korff on the show, in my estimation, spreading the usual misdirection and ufological red herrings like effluvia from an old German "honey-wagon" ('human' manure spreader).

...Moreover, Korff is not Chamish, though Jeff makes the oblique comparison at similar problems with overseas communication. Chamish is dangerous to the establishment. Korff is a bland tool of same.

One phone Jeff understands... two phones? That someone is making a "special" effort? "Either/or" error... Jeff! An easy fallacy. A potential third choice is Kal providing false testimony about ringing phones to jazz an opportunity's intrigue, meanwhile duping a guileless and sincere Jeff Rense? Moreover, did I hear a duplicitous hesitation when Jeff asked Mr. Korff if he had heard the phones ring on the hour? Perhaps I'm overly sensitive, but "once burned..."

...Korff was saving his big guns for last on a previous UFO farewell show with Jeff many months ago? He didn't say what he "could have" said then because he thought he had another hour? ....Much time to dress out a more cogent story, is my suspicion. I've been on the radio... a person knows how much time they've got. And he had days to prepare.

But he wants to take this opportunity now to tell us that he gave up UFOs then to win a war on terrorism (?), a war patently hampered by a "product oriented America" but somehow facilitated by a dotting eastern Europe? Clearly he's

inordinately enamored with his new European home.

...Break time, and not much said!

## 2nd Segment

Korff proposes to reinvent himself as an investigative journalist, and return to his "roots" as he proclaimed. Then why won't he write a balancing story on the cases of the type that Ruppelt, Hynek and Vallee have indicated as significant? His failure to provide balance is proof of his canted imbalance.

His computer is his "canvas"? In a pig's eye! My computer is a canvas! His computer is better described as an instrument of obfuscation, misdirection, and literary imbalance - a propaganda mill.

How does Kal get involved with weapons of mass destruction? It seems mysterious Arabs, over time, are endlessly pumping Mr. Korff for information on the production of nuclear weapons. Why? ...Because he let it 'slip' that he was involved with technologies associated with the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) - laser applications department... He tells the FBI about his suspicions.

I digress: a quick look at Mr. Korff's background fails to find any evidence of the education that his claim would seem to suggest. Could it be possible that the much maligned Jesse Marcel of Roswell fame had more college education than Mr. Korff has?

Anyway, After Mr. Korff threatens the FBI with public exposure for not taking his terrorist reports seriously, they welcome him into their clandestine confidence and brief him "extensively" on all aspects of world terrorism.

What an open and accommodating institution the FBI is!

Meanwhile, the aforementioned mysterious Arabs ALSO take Mr. Korff into their -inexplicable- confidence and allow him -blithe- access to their most sensitive and incriminating financial data files. These files regard the flow of terrorist money... (wow!). Mr. Korff (An obvious template now for Ian Fleming's series of James Bond novels) handily copies that information to an apparently incompetent FBI for a real (and as it turns out, vis a vis "911", prescient!) espionage coup! Surely those mysterious Arabs, upon hearing of Kal's -easy-treachery, must be taking out a contract on Mr. Korff's very LIFE as these words are written! Let's face it! By his own admission on the program, Korff's done more monetary damage to Islam than Salmon Rushdie!

Mr. Rense uttered an incredulous "wow"... then proceeded to list the implications of Mr. Korff's claims: That Mr. Korff was an underground agent, working stealthily deep undercover for a grateful nation and the FBI (he had a "case officer" even!), but whose life must -assuredly- be at GREAT risk! This was the end of the segment... and I had to go take a bi-carb! Just thirty-eight minutes into the show, and -already- my stomach hurts!

## 3rd Segment

Kal Korff takes the opportunity to "set the record straight" and share that he "is NOT an agent of the CIA ,or a government agent, a paid disinformation guy, a skeptic, or a debunker"! But wait! Just last segment he claimed that he was working under cover for the FBI! Imagine this listener's confusion!

Korff says that the public has a "right to know" when a hoax is perpetrated or when righteous ufological evidence is determined. Again - this would be acceptable until the listener remembers that Korff is all about alleged hoax identification and does not appear to credit any of the ufologically affirmative cases proposed by those he labels dismayingly, but conclusively, as "Believers". Oh, to be -sure-, this is evidence of REAL balance, fair-mindedness, and even-handedness. Please pardon the sarcasm, but it makes my stomach feel better.

Some of Mr. Korff's presentation is broken and garbled electronically to this point, but his enmity to the ufologically affirmative is plain. Believers are "pinned down" by Korff's superior logic and research, and they must make the "admissions" Korff dictates, as it pertains to the weakness of their 'believer' positions...

While at Livermore Labs - Mr Korff reports that he enjoyed his clearance (Clarence...?) and was allowed the luxury of treating it as his own personal "multi-billion dollar playground." What pretentious conceit! I submit that if this were true we'd have heard a lot more from Mr. Korff in this country than a couple of whiney debunking screeds produced by canted publishing houses!

He "designed weapons," worked directly with "people out of Dr. Tellers office" and once held Stanton Friedman as an esteemed idol (Funny, I never -stopped- [g])! God, but this is laughable stuff... from Livermore he would dabble into a "real fascination" of his - lasers! What stunning academic levels he must have achieved to be so key to the operation of the Labs at Livermore!

...Then abruptly, and inappropriately I believe, Korff ambled off to remind us of Bill and Monica, astonishingly, and what a frustrating "shame it was" that the Nation was more captivated by -that- than the issues of the looming terrorist world (as if none of that was by design...). I'd predict he won't mention "ENRON" in this broadcast. We'll see. (...he didn't.)

Europe's American Ambassadors know Mr. Korff as "a man [who] can get things done", and a much revered United States was best served by a man, like Kal, selflessly expatriating himself to serve it outside its borders, Korff reports, where he did not have to be hindered by its perception of his credibility, it is presumed. He serves the US in a "driven, intense, and focused manner... when [he] can and when there are issues that he believes in..." He "won't bother" when there are issues "he can't get into...". Hrmpf...

A digression: ...The United States is many things. What it is -not- is something one does "not bother with". It's like a country peasant of dubious character not bothering with Rome around 100 BCE... What baseless arrogance! What monstrous presumption! What irritating smugness!

...But he was no "spy", he says ...And he "did too work at Livermore (!!), despite what "unnamed" but "famous UFO researchers" have concluded in their own investigations"! Korff has an official Livermore radiation badge (that the interested has to fly to -Prague- to see!) which "proves it"! What ludicrous and juvenile buffoonery -is- this?

Why is Kal back -in- UFOs? Kal got out, he says, because he didn't have time for "'white' issues the uninformed were calling 'black'," and he is unmoved by individuals (such as myself? [g]) that were going to "listen carefully to [his] presentation and write expos=E9s" ... "Life's too short..." he whined petulantly... Essentially (I'm trying to find signal in self congratulating noise), I think Kal indicated that he was able to get back into Ufology because, -this- time, he was going to ignore his critics!

That was as close as we ever got to a discernable answer... besides, his good friend Bob Kiviat was doing a series of his 'specials' on ghosts we had to hear about...! Boo!

Looking for ghosts... Kal finds them! No answer on why triple 'K' got back into UFO's before the break... (we never really -do- get an answer, though Jeff asked him, straight out, a couple of times!)

#### 4th Segment

How does the esteemed Mr. Korff perceive the United States, Jeff asks? Korff's answer was no demonstration of his reflective patriotism...plainly: As a nation of unwholesome foods imbued with toxic chemicals? As a place suitable for "visiting friends and family", only? He cares about his country (he proclaims perhaps too loudly that he's a patriot), but it is its "brainwashed" sensibility that "pisses him off", along with its

dearth of critical thinkers, the rich rich and the poor poor, its propensity for violence, its superficiality and shallowness, and the apparent fact that it "doesn't appear to stand for anything..." He had nothing good to say about the United States, at any rate. I wonder if Mr. Korff can, as readily, pronounce on why he -is- a patriot for such a pathetic and diseased national example. Truly, just as critical of the US, and having spent a LOT more time overseas, I can qualify my patriotism because it -is- reflective, and -not- reflexive! Reflexive patriots don't know why they're patriots. Reflective patriots -do-.

Kal "breaks" the "Mohammed Ahtah" story? A story which does not carry his byline anywhere I can find. A Google search on "Korff and terrorism" turned up -nothing- on that specific subject. But that didn't stop Korff from drum beating for a war with Iraq! He even intimates that had we but availed ourselves of a Korffian wisdom early on (as regards his reasons for the "leakage" of his "story" to the media), we might have precluded "911" altogether! Ah - I see! Korff didn't -write- the story! He "leaked" the story about terrorist communications with Iraq to embarrass a complacent intelligence? However - it appears that the only one saying so is Korff himself! Curious, but par!

What happened at the Hradcany Castle in the Czech Republic! We're teased by Kal with some contrived sounding background material regarding elite events at a sumptuous castle and Korff's participation in them, a UFO, and a nameless Russian officer... Then the listener is admonished to download the usual inconclusive but intriguing pictures from Jeff's site... just before the break...

#### 5th Segment

The "Russian officer," inexplicably, begins the intrepid Kal on a mystery tour of files caches, film footage, photographs, and other what-not of the dubiously strange, stored in a bunker at a military base! Yowza! Right out'a the "X"-files, except they're "K"-files, and therefore suspect. (C'mon people! You wouldn't have forgiven me, and -you- wouldn't be forgiven. Why does Kal get the princely papal indulgence?)

...But first we have to hear about all the occasions occurring in lands and cultures older and more sophisticated than a very young (immature?) United States regarding paranormal claims that just -push- themselves up into Korff's innocent and guileless face... He -has- to report on it! He's "driven" as he said. Anything else goes against his -grain-! And ...Gag me with that proverbial spoon!

Korff discovers old UFO literature in East European bookstores that is not known to him - even considering his vast "knowledge" and "deep" intimacy with the subject (to paraphrase)... and he reasons that it was cold War Communism that kept these books circulating freely around the different countries -behind- the iron curtain (?) - while keeping them out of the west. Oddly - I'd always heard that there was "sharing of information" regarding UFOs between the east and west during the cold war even when nothing ELSE was shared, as will happen when neither camp has a clue, and is hoping for a useable scrap from the other! One remembers occasional sightings reports not infrequently arriving in the west (from the east) by way of the mainstream press... I do. The point has been made in a couple of UFO documentaries I've seen, books I've read... the US even made hay discrediting the Soviets by way of what the Soviets had released as proof of their cultural inferiority. They did the same thing - each of us trying to have it both ways...

And these alleged books Kal discovered were written in English presumably, given his admitted weakness in languages - how did he know -what- their contents were, so conclusively, if they weren't?

Later - In a secluded country spot two guys say have the "stuff you want money for" in a seemingly unrelated incident (A Czech and a Pole go into a bar... Yowza!) and Korff videotapes the encounter... secretly. He's "...very anal about documenting things." We'll see if we can't hold him to that later on...

...Abruptly we're shunted to a weird digression regarding sending tapes to Bob Kiviat of individuals sticking fifty pound

metal weights to their bodies with some sort of personal magnetism... Kal had never -seen- anything like that... ..huh? What?

As we go into the break, I'm looking at another hour and a half of... this-? ...And then I have to write about it? Hey, maybe Mr. Korff will get abducted during the remainder of this tedious broadcast. I feel sorry for Jeff.

#### 6th Segment

...Two guys out in the secluded field (the Czech and the Pole)... remember? Does Kal have the money! He does! One of them pulls a knife (!)... Kal says "...there are a lot of wackos out there"! One more than you think, Kal!

Kal proves it when he continues to relate how he whipped out his trusty 357 magnum 'Dirty Harry' pistol and fires off a -shot- in an Eastern European country a little more -twitchy- about concealed weapons than even Hillary's New York! Concealed weapon (?) - waving it around, communicating a threat with a firearm, a serious hand gun, in an eastern European land? How did he get it into the country? All this seems a trifle unlikely, to -this- listener. Moreover, he extorts ufological information from these men at the point of this gun (!), confiscates their passports with threats about going to the police if their "ufological booty doesn't measure up"... and it's all on tape he -says-. Sincerely. Roger -Corman- wouldn't touch this moronic script! Come on!

Kal gets a 'map' and some UFO publications unknown to him... unnamed and unknown events occurred at locations -burned- (burned?) into the map's surface...! ( I have to pause to laugh out loud) It bears a striking resemblance to another map that Kal "found in another publication somewhere,"... and the locations are virtually identical"! I'm -not- making this up!

Kal continues his investigation, where he is "making headway". What headway? Where? In what way? We slide gratefully into the break... 90 minutes down. 90 to go!

#### 7th Segment

Jeff asks, "What about the Hungarian Pilot UFO Photos"?

...But first, recall the knife wielding Czech and the Pole under the threat of Kal's mighty 357 heater with their trembling hands behind their apparently sweaty, dim-bulbed little heads. Kal interrogates them! The men admit to knowing the almost forgotten Russian officer and the book store clerk where Korff has gotten the never before seen ufological publications and the "map"! The Czech and the Pole "knife" men are forgotten (I guess they get away with their on-tape affront to Kal) as Kal hustles on down to the bookstore to see if the clerk knows the Russian officer and the two muggers. It's no surprise that everybody knows everybody. One can feel the turgid plot further congeal!

Korff sets up a cloak and dagger meet with the Russian Officer through the bookstore clerk - in Moscow!

Off to the land of the Rus, via secret train rides with cryptic notes folded into Kal's passport to cut through the red tape (no pun intended), but Kal was worried! Western Journalists are used as pawns in Russia! Would the man that met him at the station try to use him in some nefarious political intrigue? He couldn't be sure.

On a subsequent second visit where Kal felt more secure (what a Nancy!), they ... entered the ufological bunker! Kal leaves the bunker with two memos that can be read about in Kal's "new" book. Surprise! UFOs: The KGBs Secret Evidence revealed... or some such bionic buffoonery. Both memos have been checked by experts!!! In the bunker Korff saw images on film -- disk shapes flying with MIGs. I find it difficult to maintain my excitement as I type through a yawn that nearly breaks my jaw...

Kal begins to read from one of the memos - but then we must pause for station identification...

## 8th Segment

I continue with some reluctance. I've never -had- to force myself through to the end of one of Jeff's shows. I really feel for him. A facilitator, Jeff Rense is a consummate professional that lets his guests go where they will with very little editorial comment from the host. In his place I'm sure I would have had to verbally bitch-slap Mr. Korff on several occasions during the interminable three hours for his intellectual effrontery and apparent childish invention, but, on we'd go...

Kal reads from the menu, I'm sorry... from the "memo"... It's from a real live spy! A Russian one! He's writing to a fellow spy, Sasha. The text of the memo is all about man-made aircraft, in the forties (!), made by the Nazis, that could -easily- be taken for UFOs. Why do I find -that- less than completely surprising? ...See what's coming (?) - Non-silent Kal's patented bait and switch! You heard it first, here! UFO's are man-made!

Our intrepid Korff took these memos to a magnanimous National Security Agency, and in an apparent sit-down meeting of -little- duration, concluded, with the -ready- help of the NSA, that the documents were authentic, and that there was secret corroboration contained within them that lent real credence to Korff's man-made UFO hypothesis... which he seems to be busily building his contrived case for...

Forgetting the lack of surprise at -that- revelation, I want to convey how relieved I am that the NSA, just -like- the FBI, is so readily assessable to any UFO nut that walks in off the street (remembering that Korff's position grinds a convenient ax for them). Consider the expedited FOIA requests it must have taken, hustled through the complacent bureaucracies in our ponderous system of black cryptic agencies... for Kal to have his corroboration so -quickly-. The NSA is evidently a gang of good old boys (but conflicted girls) who will bend over backwards for our dauntless ufological researcher (and Kal -is- wondering where his "Daunt" is) to serve up his convenient corroboratia, tout suite!

A digression: Any film we will eventually see will be portrayed obliquely as Kal's German/Polish made UFO. That's a prediction. This is a great way to mask new footage that may be extremely suggestive of the extraterrestrial... perhaps, possibly - perchance. It's not out of the question. Once burned... remember.

The still photographs are to be discussed, but first we have to sit through Mr. Korff's admonitions about the quality of his evidence as regards his "new book" on the subject of tonight's program... and a little bit of the teaser stuff regarding awesome maneuvers that the alleged UFOs in the film were performing... We gratefully slide into the next break ...

## 9th Segment

Jeff says he's going to have to have Kal back... there wasn't enough time to get through all the material. I would truly rather have a sharp stick in my eye... Onward... wearily...

The stills on Jeff's site are clips from Footage that Kal says he has in his possession, and Kiviat's name was mentioned as an interested party, so I'm sure they will be displayed in some fashion assuring the most discredit and untoward spin... perhaps on one of those cheesy little Fox ("we report you decide") specials we've come to know and love...

Kal takes up time for more self-congratulation... a weary Rense drags a reluctant Kal away from his personal drum beating, BACK to the subject of UFO's.

Kal is to be back on the 5th of March to finish up on what he was supposed to finish on the show -tonight- for three freaking hours! I'll be -missing- that show, I fear; there's a "Johnny Bravo" marathon on over at the Cartoon Channel...

A cheer goes up! The bumper music indicates the last break before completion!

10th Segment

UFO's are photographed with new NATO cameras, and Kal has the footage! I'm hazy (as I'm sure everyone -is-) how he got his hands on it (I guess I'll have to buy the book... not!), but he and Kiviati have it in their possession.

More bumptious and incoherent razzle-dazzle on where the evidence was, where the evidence is (in "cities no one has ever heard of before", which is part of the evidence) and how the stouthearted Kal is ferreting it all out. It's all in the book! Moreover, Bigfoot is solved, ghosts walk among us - and it's a shame we didn't have time to clean up JFK...

No - I don't believe Kal saw a UFO. That's just another of his ubiquitous loss leaders to facilitate an ongoing agenda of convenient denial.~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~

CONCLUSION:

Kal K. Korff came on the show last Thursday to demonstrate his ufological resurrection, hawk an upcoming program for Bob Kiviati, and to perform his usual self-congratulation. He added nothing to the general evidence, insinuated conjecture for an -old- axe that he only grinds in a -new- way, and oily promoted his new book. I wonder who the publisher is?

Korff's whiney petulance did not track with the Clint Eastwood manner he attempted to portray, was laughable in his presentation, and non-credible regarding his claims (which were painfully ludicrous). If this is the best we have in the area of mainstream ufological research we might as well return to the three field system of agriculture, otherwise submit to an elitist 13th Century manor lord, or do nothing but watch "Survivor" re-runs.

I resent the time spent covering him, regret my promise to listen and report, and lament the world stage access he so readily enjoys. There is no "new" Kal, there is only the "old" Kal with a -new- book. His assumptions are suspect, his conclusions are unclear, and his interpretations are convenient, as always. I'm not buying. I'd suggest no one should.

Finally - I was in no way edified, uplifted, inspired or enlightened. It was a huge waste of my time, as Mr. Korff has unstintingly proved to be, lo these many years... so I'll just chalk it off to history made a little more meaningless, and continue to march on my own path... Read on!

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmberg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <[jilain@ebicom.net](mailto:jilain@ebicom.net)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 08:18:31 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:16:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Felder

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>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 13:07:48 -0500

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 16:32:11 -0600  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 23:25:57 -0700

<snip>

>ANIMAL MUTILATIONS: WHAT WE KNOW  
>George E. Onet, D.V.M., Ph. D.

>This is a must read.

>It shows that Animal Mutilations have been known since the early  
>1960s... 50 years ago and in many different countries: Mexico,  
>Panama, Puerto Rico, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Sweden,  
>Australia, Japan, the Canary Islands, Canada, and the United  
>States.

>The modus operandi hasn't changed much.

I can recall my grandfather talking about some of his cattle found dead in the pasture under strange circumstances. This was in the early 1960s. I remeber his saying that he didn't know what happened but he was certain no animal "tore up that cow like that". By that, I assume the body was "torn up" pretty bad.

When I was in high school, there was a rash of reported mutiliations of cattle and dogs in the area here. I remember the reports talking about the carcass being cut up and all the blood drained from the body. I recall the local sheriff's department blaming it all on some mysterious satanic cult they suspected was in the area. Never got any specifics on this "cult", and don't recall anyone ever being arrested. But the reported mutiliations spanned several counties here in southwest Mississippi.

FYI.....

Bobbie

"The level of civilization of a people can be judged by the social position of its women." - Domingo Sarmiento

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Rivera

From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:18:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Rivera

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>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
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>>Subject: Oxford Abduction  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:01:50 -0600

>>Listfolk,

>>It was recently suggested that the Oxford, Maine, abduction case  
>>grew out of a sighting of "our moon" - better ours, I guess,  
>>than somebody else's. This comes in the wake of a fascinating  
>>theory, suggested in a recent European UFO journal, that the  
>>witnesses to ostensible humanoids in the famous  
>>Kelly/Hopkinsville, Kentucky, CE3, August 1955, were really  
>>seeing... owls. Is owlism about to replace pelicanism?  
>>Apparently, our North American UFO cases are much easier to  
>>explain if you're an ocean away from them.

>Dear Jerry and List members,

>You are absolutely right: the same French 'investigator' who  
>'explained' Hopkinsville - silly old Isabel Davis!!! - has just  
>written an entire book explaining away all the cattle  
>mutilations without investigating one.

Following my above quoted message, Mr. Yann Mege wrote me  
privately to complain that he was not, as I was inferring, the  
author of the " owl explanation " for the Kelly/Hopkinsville  
case.

After checking the article ( Phenomena no. 45 p. 6-18 ), I am  
compelled to acknowledge my mistake: Mr. Mege never uses the  
argument of the owl sighting which he finds, according to his  
mail, "remarkably absurd". Instead he defends, in the above  
mentioned article, after meeting in Hopkinsville Russell N.  
Ferguson who was one of the State Troopers investigating on the  
spot that infamous night, the hypothesis that the Sutton family  
invented the whole story in order to gain social recognition  
among their community and that it backfired by ridiculing them.

My appreciation of his book on cattle mutilations and his thesis  
in it is unchanged.

Jean-Luc Rivera

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
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>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>Greetings EBK and List Members

>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>and knowledge in this area.

>As most of you know, the VJ Enterprises site hosts Stan  
>Friedman's Web pages. One of his pages is instructions on how to  
>order Stan's published material. Such orders go where he has  
>designated. VJ Enterprises is not involved in this in any way  
>other than providing the web space. All content is strictly up  
>to Stan.

>One of his items is an English translation of the COMETA Report.

>I recently received a communication from Michel Algrin,  
>Attorney-At-Law, Director of COMETA saying:

>"I ask you to withdraw immediately this illegal publicity and  
>issue from the WebSite "v-j-enterprises.com/sforder"

>He goes on to cite how the report is covered by copyright bla,  
>bla, bla, and:

>"you are jointly responsible for the illegality of the  
>information placed on the site he is renting from VJ Enterprises  
>and we request that you withdraw immediately the illegal  
>publicity hereabove mentioned."

>As a matter of principle, I don't think Mr. Algrin or anyone  
>else has the right to tell us what VJ Enterprises can or can not  
>have on our Web site. His issue is with Stan, and up to them to  
>resolve.

Dave,

He has the right to protect their copyright and to go after  
whoever may be violating it. He may not be aware of the  
distinctions you cite. See below.

>I'm inclined, with all due respect, to tell Mr. Algrin to go  
>'Pound Sand'. I don't take kindly to his attempt at censorship  
>or control of our Web site.

>Am I right or wrong? What is your opinion?

>In responding please remember:

>A) The issue is not Stan's having the right to sell the  
>translation of the report.

This is precisely the issue. Does he have the right? The English  
translation was arranged by the Fund for UFO Research (of which  
I am past Chairman and currently a Board Member) with the  
permision of COMETA. I don't know whether Stan is reselling our

copies or what is going on, but will forward this message to the Fund for their reaction.

>B) The issue is not what some might construe as Mr. Algrin's >attempt to suppress and cover up the good information contained >in the report.

This, of course, would be an entirely inaccurate interpretation; they do own the rights to the report.

>C) The issue IS... does he have any legal grounds or basis to >force us to censor anything Stan wishes to place on his web >pages which VJ Enterprises simply makes available to Stan given >we derive no compensation based on anything Stan sells via these >Web pages. I think not!

See above. I doubt that VJ is legally culpable, but Stan might be.

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Mortellaro

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Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 12:42:28 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:24:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Mortellaro

>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@rocler.qc.ca](mailto:sergesa@rocler.qc.ca)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 13:07:48 -0500

>Hello Joel, Tom, John and all

><snip>

>>The cow is most probably dead or anethetised (see NIDS site for  
>>details) at this point.

><snip>

>There is an interesting 'mainstream' article on silent  
>helicopters at:

><http://www.aviationtoday.com/reports/rotorwing/previous/1000/10noise.htm>  
>(Aviation Today - October 2000).

>The is also a very good paper on the subject of Animal  
>Mutilations at:

><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/animal1.html>

>ANIMAL MUTILATIONS: WHAT WE KNOW  
>George E. Onet, D.V.M., Ph. D.

>This is a must read.

>It shows that Animal Mutilations have been known since the early  
>1960s... 50 years ago and in many different countries: Mexico,  
>Panama, Puerto Rico, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Sweden,  
>Australia, Japan, the Canary Islands, Canada, and the United  
>States.

<snip>

>Are you implying, Joel, that the US government is the perpetrator  
>of - yet again! - criminal actions?

Gentlemen, please, a little decor.... um, and Errol,

This business of snatched beef is simply a ploy by the pork  
(the 'other' white meat) industry to disenfranchise the beef  
industry.

Serge, Joel, Tom, List (wasn't he a composer?) and Errol,

You guys must trust me on this one. It's guilt by association.  
See, it's been done for many, many years. Associate a man with  
something like, oh, say he likes watermelon, and right off, this  
poor guy becomes an Itralian. Or take the other tack. Some poor  
slob likes pasta fasciole, he becomes a black instantly even if  
he's Chinese. See what I mean? No?

OK, here's the deal. Associate beef with UFOs and someone will  
look at that two inch thick New York bone-in Sirloin, cooked



over Mesquite just right, with a side of onions and tomatoes and a huge and juicy corn on the cob, dripping with butter, and the immediate reaction (if this person has herd... heard, sorry) of "Alien Abduction of Cows," this person's reaction will be to laugh his head off and order roast pork.

Now do you guys get it? Not quite sure yet? OK, here's another true story. This fresh wine guy, the Gesundt person, started a rumor that if you drink wine, regular aged wine, filtered to get the dead yeast out of it, etc., will give men effects opposite to Viagra.

Immediately the consumer says, "Well, if I drink "FRESH" wine, I won't need Viagra!" Cheeses, I'll just run right out and get some now."

The last example is the best. It has to do with UFO's. Say you are walking down the street and you see this really nice looking person. He (or she) just radiates kindness. You go over and say, "I been abducted by aliens all my life. They take me from my bed and bring me to their saucer and do stuff to me, mostly to my private parts and stuff. They take my body fluids. They hurt me sometimes. Then they drop me back in my bed and sometimes I am bleeding and stuff. May I now have either a hug or let's get it on."

What is that person going to say? Huh? Well, if you are a guy and the other person is a good lookin gal, she ain't gonna say, "Oooooow, that sounds so exciting, my place or yours?"

She's gonna call the cops.

Amusing? Nope. There is nothing amusing about any of the numerous anomalous happenings on our world. Not a chuckle in the pack. Crap circles, abductions, UFO's, Fill Glass, the Goobermints' cover up ... nothing funny. Goes for the empty cowa too.

Not only is there nothing amusing. Not a farkina thing in all of this with which to make some sort of decision. Is it is or is it ain't? What's the conclusion? None. Only opinions.

Which all by itself is an answer. The enigmas are likely all one big enigma. Either someone or some thing, is making a hell of a joke or this phenomena is one which is designed to confuse us to tears.

And last, take the other enigma. Some perceived abductees think their captors are the greatest thing since sliced bread. I know one very credible and wonderful lady who just happens to be in love with one of her... friends... up there. With a bloody passion. I know others who, like me, would give any thing at all to punch the lights out on every single one of those bugs I've ever seen. I can handle... almost and nearly... handle some grays, but them bugs... gimme a weapon. Any weapon. I wish to hurt them because they have hurt me. Badly.

There is not one ounce of proof. Not one ounce of conclusion, not one person who with the opinion of another, agree on much at all, there is nothing. Nothing is revealed.

Maybe we are just a situation comedy for mantis people from Mongo, eh?

Morty

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:55:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:26:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Bourdais

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 17:44:47 -500  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 10:53:24 +0100

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 16:20:47 -500

><snip>

>>So, the Fort Worth weather balloon story was the major turning  
>>point in the press, and consequently in the public opinion, not  
>>only in the United States, but throughout the world. Yes, it was  
>>a very important debunking operation.

>I suppose it depends on how you want to read it. The NYT  
>already mentioned in the July 7 article that the subject of  
>Flying Disks was being discussed "cautiously" by both officials  
>and scientists. By July 9, the NYT decided that the craze was  
>getting silly. As luck would have it, Roswell was the best  
>publicized sighting of the day, and so got the lead position in  
>the July 9 article.

>But this still does not position Roswell as an "international  
>fiasco" (to quote David).

Well, we apparently don't read articles the same way. For me it is clear that the series of the NYT articles that I mentioned in a previous post, showed a growing interest, until the "fall" of the weather balloon story. After that it was the end of the game for that leading newspaper.

>>Again we have to keep in mind that debris had been sent to  
>>Washington as soon as Sunday evening, July 6. (signed testimony  
>>of General DuBose, who controlled the operation at Fort Worth)

>Marcel said it went to Wright Field, and there are plenty of  
>other destinations claimed in the Saga.

No.

I am talking about the small amount of debris brought on Sunday by Brazel. We know it was sent urgently to the Pentagon on that very evening. It first arrived at Fort Worth, where it was taken to Washington by the commander of the base, in a sealed canvas pouch attached to his wrist, according to General DuBose who controlled the operation, on direct orders or General McMullen. They had the whole Monday to examine it in Washington. Don't you know all that ? It has been told a hundred times.

>>If only for that reason, the next actions - the press release  
>>and the weather balloon story - must have been coordinated at

>>the highest level. So, the speculation about who wrote the press  
>>release is of no importance at all.

>Quite to the contrary- who wrote the Release is of major  
>importance, and cannot be glossed over in such a cavalier  
>fashion. I realize that if you believe in the Crashed Disk  
>scenario of The Saga, Haut's release, and its wording is  
>inconvenient, but it cannot be dismissed.

This is not a "cavalier fashion". It is a simple, obvious  
conclusion that General McMullen and others in the Pentagon had  
taken over. Colonel Blanchard could not act without them !  
Therefore, the press release of Tuesday had to be under control  
from upstairs.

>The "highest level" would have been concerned first and foremost  
>with secrecy and security. If there was a saucer crash at  
>Roswell- complete with bodies- announcing even the barest  
>details to the press would have been an incredibly stupid thing  
>to do. The "highest level" would not have even considered this  
>option.

It is perplexing at a first level.

But there is a possible explanation, which I proposed, after  
many others, but that you refuse to consider seriously. So that  
will be my last effort, I guess.

Gildas Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:28:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Mortellaro

>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:20:43 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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I speak for me. My opinion may be too fine a point, but it is a point worth one's attention. The word "UFO" Stan's... stands, sorry, for "Unidentified" flying object. And it is my opinion that very few, too few in fact, researchers claim that these are craft from another planet. Rather, that the only really reasonable fit appears to be the 'other' planet... time... space... dimension theory. It's the only one which fits into that weirdly shaped and very complex hole in the box.

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## Re: Greg Long? - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 10:25:58 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:08:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Deardorff

>From: Gary Anthony <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Greg Long?  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:32:53 -0000

>Hi List,

>Can anyone please direct me to, or put me in touch  
>with Greg Long of famed Yakima Indian Reserve  
>UFO wave report? An email address would be nice or  
>snail even?

Hello Gary,

Greg's address, as of a few years ago anyway, was:

[greglong@proaxis.com](mailto:greglong@proaxis.com)

But beware: he's an intense Meier-case hater and villifier.

Regards,

Jim

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## Re: Beyond A Doubt - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 10:45:50 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:11:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt - Gehrman

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt  
>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 15:26:33 -0800

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 09:30:43 -0600

>>I have had arguments/discussions with fundamentalist Darwinists that  
>>would make the most unreasoned Troglodyte Talibanist look like Phil  
>>Donahue. I.e., why is there so much difference between Humans and  
>>the closest relatives, why do we share features closer to Pigs and  
>>Dolphins (Subcutaneous fat- no other ape has that, and others.)

>>I'm attracted to the 'aquatic ape' hypothesis here, which of  
>>course remains heresy in the anthropology community, but like  
>>other heresies, it helps test the boundaries and ask embarrassing  
>>questions such as the ones you brought up.

>Elaine Morgan's 'aquatic ape' theory is a rather radical  
>hypothesis for a skeptic to adopt but I certainly agree with  
>you. Do you find the reaction of the anthropological community  
>to her hypothesis a little familiar? First they ignored her,  
>then they ridiculed her. I've read her arguments carefully and  
>find them persuasive. You must have been convinced, too, or you  
>wouldn't have mentioned it.

>If she's correct and humans have evolved from an aquatic ape,  
>then doesn't it make sense that some of our forbearers stayed  
>in the ocean, and perhaps evolved in a different direction,  
>more dolphin-like, and maybe they still are with us. Could this  
>explain the alien in the alien autopsy.

>OK I know it's a stretch, but just some thoughts on a cold,  
>rainy afternoon.

James,

I was wondering why you decided to abruptly end what I thought was about to become an interesting discussion, one which you initiated by mentioning your interest in the 'Aquatic Ape Theory'. My question to you was not facetious nor was it meant to bait you. I am/was very interested in your response. I would say that 99.9% of the folks on this list are unaware of the Aquatic Ape theory. If they do have some inkling of Elaine Morgan's thesis, most have probably rejected it as absurd conjecture.

This was an opportunity to make them conscious of a very important piece of information. I contend that many UFO sightings are of terrestrial craft, manufactured by creatures who live on earth and have been shadowing humans since we began our evolutionary journey. These creatures are our evolved aquatic cousins and yes they still live in and under the ocean.

I'd like to know what you think about all this, since you seem to accept the idea that humans have evolved from aquatic apes.

Ed

For those wanting more information on the AA:

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/5168/aat/leaflet.html>

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:13:21 -0500  
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>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
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>Subject: MIWs - Men In White Coats  
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 15:34:27 -0000

>MIWs - Men In White Coats Asked To Solve UFO Mystery

>It now seems that the World UFO community has raised it's hands  
>and admitted that, as far as they can see, they have been unable  
>to solve the UFO mystery to date.

>Long investigations, carried out over many years, have proved  
>futile in the name of Science. Organisations that were set up by  
>non-scientific minded individuals, will now be asked to close.  
>Your time and effort in this subject has been noted, and we  
>thank you for the blood sweat and tears you have devoted to this  
>subject. We appreciate, that some of you guys and gals, from all  
>over this planet, have devoted such a major part of your life to  
>try and answer the unanswerable.

<snip>

>Maybe the new question for ufology should be:

>Is it time to place this subject solely in the hands of Science  
>to find the answers?

Nah, most scientists wouldn't know how to approach the problem.  
Speaking as a scientist... that is.

As for Science.... well, science has already been applied over  
and over again... and the answer always comes out a mystery.  
Mystery, unless you accept the obvious.

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>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 20:31:19 -0000

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>>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2002 20:02:53 -0400

><snip>

>Hello again Stan/List,

>>>>1. If no true UFOs (The unknown UFOs still remaining after  
>>>>investigation by competent investigators) represent alien  
>>>>spacecraft, then there should be no difference in the  
>>>>characteristics of these unknowns as compared to the  
>>>>characteristics of the knowns. Test result? The probability that  
>>>>the unknowns are just missed knowns is less than one percent  
>>>>based on a chisquare analysis of the two groups involving six  
>>>>different characteristics. See 'Blue Book Special Report No.14'  
>>>>somehow not noted in 13 anti-UFO books.

>>>>You have made a gross error here - you have assumed that because  
>>>>the evidence in a particular case does not suggest a known  
>>>>cause, the only possible solution is an alien spacecraft. What  
>>>>about other possibilities, such as temporal disturbance, or  
>>>>unknown terrestrial phenomena for example?

>>Sorry, but I said nothing about this proving that some UFOs are  
>>alien spacecraft. That comes from combining the appearance of  
>>the UNKNOWNNS (clearly manufactured objects) and their behavior  
>>(maneuverability, high acceleration high and no velocity etc).  
>>At that time we couldn't build things that look and act like  
>>that, therefore they were built someplace else. I was responding  
>>to John Rimmer's claim; "There is an inherent lack of content in  
>>the UFO data. It is impossible to come up with any testable  
>>hypothesis." I provided many testable hypotheses.

>>I think I must have a comprehension problem here-if you aren't  
>>suggesting that the above hypothesis proves that some UFO's are  
>>alien spacecraft, please can you explain why you included the  
>>reference to them in your first statement?

>>>>2. If no unknowns represent alien spacecraft, than the better the  
>>>>quality of the sighting because of the duration of observation,  
>>>>the background of the observer, etc the less likely to be an  
>>>>unknown. Test Result? The better the quality of the sighting the

>>>>MORE likely to be an unknown. Ibid.

>>>As above.

>>This is a testable hypothesis. UNKNOWNNS are not merely poor or  
>>missed KNOWNS

>..or conclusively alien spacecraft?

The comment from Rimmer was that there were no testable hypotheses. I showed that there were. What does conclusively mean here? There is a big difference (ask OJ Simpson) between civil and criminal matters. I say the evidence is overwhelming that some UNKNOWNNS by virtue of their appearance and behavior are intelligently controlled ET spacecraft. I am not saying I know why there are here, how they got here, how they operate ,or why they don't do a host of things some might expect that they would, could, or should. I would certainly say that the other categories probably don't contain any reports of ET spacecraft.

You may believe that the question is "What are UFOs?". To me that is frankly a silly question because any little time spent on the subject demonstrates that there are many things that have been reported as UFOs that turn out, after investigation, to be Aircraft (20.10%), Balloons (14.0%), Astronomical Phenomena (25.5%), Psychological Manifestations (1.5%), Miscelaneous (8.0%). The insufficient Information cases were 9.3%. and the UNKNOWNNS 21.5%.(The categorization percentages from BBSR 14 were for 3201 cases)

I have no idea why you, and Rimmer, seem to feel that from your armchairs, almost 50 years removed ,you can throw out the work of the BMI professionals spending full time.

So what if they warp space andor time to get here? They are still intelligently controlled craft from somewhere else.

>>>>3. If unknowns are just poorly observed knowns, seen for only a  
>>>>brief time, than the duration of observation for the knowns  
>>>>should be greater than for the unknowns. Test Result? The  
>>>>average unknown was observed for a longer time than the  
>>>>average known.

>>>No dispute, though I haven't checked your assertion.

>>Just for instances like this I have made available copies of  
>>the 256 page Blue Book Special Report 14 with all the tables and  
>>charts and with the original totally misleading press release.  
>>It is \$25.00 US including Priority Mail from me at POB 958,  
>>Houlton, ME 04730-0958. or for my fellow Canadians 79 Pembroke  
>>Crescent, Fredericton, NB Canada E3B 2V1. for only \$37CAD

>Thanks, I may add it to my library at some point in the future,  
>if I ever catch up on the 20 or so books that I already have  
>waiting!

<snip>

>>>But what is the evidence that the detected objects were  
>>>extraterrestrial spacecraft rather than an unknown terrestrial  
>>>phenomenon? All that can be factually determined is that we  
>>>don't know what generated the returns, surely?

Not surely at all. Right angle turns at very high speed, sudden stops and rapid acceleration to very high speed, to ability to move around our own vehicles in a clearly controlled fashion. all back in the 1940s and 1950s rule out aircraft, balloons, etc etc. The appearance to the witnesses indicate they were manufactured not just lights in the sky. the behavior to the radar and the witnesses says made someplace else.

>>That is a long story... briefly the combination of appearance and  
>>behavior of the UNKNOWNNS. If they were manufactured here, they  
>>would be used in military applications. Fifty years later and  
>>they are not.

>This is where I really disagree-the fact that there is apparently  
>something mechanical that current human science cannot replicate  
>(as far as we know!) doesn't automatically mean that they  
>originate from another planet in our universe-how can you exclude  
>objects from the future of our own planet, for instance?

I don't talk of the universe. I talk of our local neighborhood. Within 54 light years there are 1000 stars of which 46 are similar to the Sun and might be expected to have planets and life. At least two of these stars are a billion years older than the Sun.

I am not at all excluding objects from our future though I am surprised that you find that easier to accept than simple ET spacecraft from the local neighborhood. Objects from our future are not from here now. It seems to me that therefore they are manufactured intelligently controlled ET vehicles.

>>>>7. If there were really ET spacecraft flying around in the >>>>atmosphere, governments should be very concerned about finding >>>>out more about the objects being seen. Test result? Wilbert >>>>Smith learned that Flying Saucers are the most classified >>>>subject in the US, even more than the H-Bomb. General Carroll >>>>Bolender stated that "Reports which could effect National >>>>security are NOT part of the Blue Book system and would continue >>>>to be made under JANAP 146 and AF Regulation 55- >>>>11. even if Blue Book were cancelled.

>>>Does this prove that that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin?

Who is talking about "proving" some UNKNOWNS are ET spacecraft.? We are talking evidence of appearance and behavior indicating they are not from Earth. Of course there is a concern from a defense viewpoint.. what do they want, what can we do about their superior flight capability? The point is that we have been exposed to very little of the highly classified data about UFO sightings that could effect national security.

>>>What about the possibility, for example, that the UFO's (and I >>>mean "UNIDENTIFIED flying objects") exposed weaknesses in the >>. nation's air defence? Would that fact not merit a high level of >>>interest from the DoD together with a high security rating?

Sure. The question is do their behavior and appearance indicate they are not from Earth? The answer is yes. In the Iranian jet case, which was very highly distributed in the defense community, the fact that various military systems were turned off apparently by the UNKNOWN that was being chased would have been of great concern. If the aliens can do it, how about other civilizations here?

<snip>

>>Looks like a lot of homework is needed joe. But please don't >>put words in my mouth.

>Sorry, Stan, I am really having a bad comprehension week - with >all of the references to alien spaceships, and no mention of any >alternative exotic explanations, I cannot still come to any >other conclusion. I haven't deliberately put words in your >mouth, and I appreciate that often email is not the best medium >for discussions such as this, but it appears to me that there is >a consistent inability to consider other exotic solutions in >your writings in this thread.

>As for homework, the day that I stop learning will be the day >that my life ends..... I will never know enough, and I doubt if >anyone else ever will!

I have considered and often written about what you call "exotic solutions". I maintain that a 5 dimensional time warping craft from Sirius is an ET spacecraft. It doesn't have to work by the systems I have worked on such as nuclear fission or better yet nuclear fusion. I have often pointed out that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable fashion. The future is not an extrapolation of the past. I expect that our alien visitors are using technology about which we know nothing. Check my website for some papers:

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

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:30:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:21:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Friedman

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:15:28 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:20:43 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>Actually, IMHO, the first thing to do it to prove that there are  
>>credible sightings of phenomena which cannot be explained in any  
>>conventional manner. This is where the skeptics attempt to  
>>establish their point of view: there is nothing strange  
>>happening because all credible sightings can be explained (no  
>>one except the fringe care about the uncredible sightings...  
>>and, of course, "credibility" can be the subject of a  
>>loooooonnng discussion).

>>So, let's first establish that there is at least one, well  
>>reported, credible sighting, presumably with a description that  
>>defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as  
>>"unintelligent" - phenomenon.

>>If we find one, then we can offer speculation as to what can  
>>explain the presence of said phenomenon.

>It would certainly be a step in the right direction. Any such  
>case would need to be made up of valid data, ie Living, named  
>witnesses who are amenable to interview; Documents with credible  
>provenance; Original film negatives/camera film/video  
>recordings/ radar data etc.

>I don't mean all of the above in a single case, but any data to  
>be used as evidence must be of the quality indicated above, and  
>the more separate elements involved in the case, the better.

>Unfortunately, no such case comes to mind-any suggestions,  
>anyone?

Joe: May I respectfully suggest you read Dr. James E. McDonald's  
Congressional Testimony from the Hearings of July 29, 1968? It  
is 71 pages long and has information on 41 separate cases which  
he investigated. Best single paper of which I am aware about  
sightings.

Jim was a Professor of Physics (Specialty Upper Atmosphere  
Physics) who personally spoke to more than 500 witnesses and  
gave presentations to many professional groups. He also wrote a  
number of papers which I believe are available from the FUND  
though the Cong. Testimony is not. Yes it is available from me  
at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958 \$10. including First Class  
Postage. I do list a number of publications (Most not available  
from me) in TOP SECRET/MAJIC's 10 page Bibliography. Or try  
Bruce's book 'UFOs Are Real: and Here's the Proof'.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Hopkinsville (was: Oxford Abduction) - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 15:30:59 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:22:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hopkinsville (was: Oxford Abduction) - Clark

>From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:05:02 EST  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 17:10:21 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Oxford Abduction  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:01:50 -0600

Hi, Jean-Luc,

>>You are absolutely right: the same French 'investigator' who  
>>'explained' Hopkinsville - silly old Isabel Davis!!! - has just  
>>written an entire book explaining away all the cattle  
>>mutilations without investigating one.

>Following my above quoted message, Mr. Yann Mege wrote me  
>privately to complain that he was not, as I was inferring, the  
>author of the " owl explanation " for the Kelly/Hopkinsville  
>case.

>After checking the article ( Phenomena no. 45 p. 6-18 ), I am  
>compelled to acknowledge my mistake: Mr. Mege never uses the  
>argument of the owl sighting which he finds, according to his  
>mail, "remarkably absurd". Instead he defends, in the above  
>mentioned article, after meeting in Hopkinsville Russell N.  
>Ferguson who was one of the State Troopers investigating on the  
>spot that infamous night, the hypothesis that the Sutton family  
>invented the whole story in order to gain social recognition  
>among their community and that it backfired by ridiculing them.

Is that assessment based on anything other than opinion and  
class prejudice? Or is that a rhetorical question?

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## UFO Romania

From: Valentin Manoliu <[ozn@dr.com](mailto:ozn@dr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 19:10:04 +0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:25:07 -0500  
Subject: UFO Romania

Hello everyone,

I am Valentin Manoliu. I am sorry I haven't written to you for a long time, but now I'm on-line again...

I would like you to visit my web site:

<http://www.oznufo.go.ro>

Best regards,

Valentin Manoliu  
[ozn@dr.com](mailto:ozn@dr.com)

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:14:49 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 17:41:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Randle

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 04:28:21 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>>and knowledge in this area.

<snip>

>>In responding please remember:

>>A) The issue is not Stan's having the right to sell the  
>>translation of the report.

>>B) The issue is not what some might construe as Mr. Algrin's  
>>attempt to suppress and cover up the good information contained  
>>in the report.

>>C) The issue IS... does he have any legal grounds or basis to  
>>force us to censor anything Stan wishes to place on his web  
>>pages which VJ Enterprises simply makes available to Stan given  
>>we derive no compensation based on anything Stan sells via these  
>>Web pages. I think not!

>Hi Dave,

>Speaking as a webmaster, I am in complete agreement with you. If  
>they have a 'problem' with any of the content of Stan's pages  
>they can take it up with Stan. They way they are going about it  
>is an attempt at censorship.

>Speaking for myself,

>John Velez, Webmaster, A.I.C.

John, List, All -

This is not censorship but an attempt to protect copyright. If these attempts are not made, then the copyrighted property moves into the public domain and the copyright holder loses his legal protection. Those of us who have seen our materials illegally published on the web, and in other media, are extremely sensitive to this. I think that consultation with a copyright attorney would clarify this... and I believe that John, you too, should consult a copyright attorney just so that you understand what can be legally posted and what your obligations and responsibilities as the web master are.

KRandle

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:31:01 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 18:03:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

>Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 00:26:26 -0800  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:40:34 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
>>identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

>The file, referenced by Serge Salvaille, contains some  
>interesting stuff, including two documents that probably pertain  
>to this incident. Quiet interesting.

>The file reads to the effect of it being a TELETYPE from the FBI  
>office in New Orleans, dated 7-7-47. States "VERY URGENT" and  
>reads that people from Shreveport, Louisiana advised of circular  
>disc.

>One person is referenced as observing the object in the air,  
>whirling around and spouting flames. The document also states  
>that names of people who 'handled' the disc were taken.

>Down the file quite a bit is another memo from this office in a  
>few short words saying this was a 'prank' with no explanation  
>given. I'm not sure how this came to be explained as a prank (or  
>given the Roswell-logic behind this stuff, why any such  
>explanation would be handily accepted), but it would be cool to  
>learn more.

Kenny, List, All -

I must assume here that you missed my earlier post, based on  
both the FBI document, to which you refer, and to the Army Air  
Forces investigation.

According to the Blue Book File, the witness heard a whirling  
sound... saw the object about 200 feet up... he saw it coming  
over a sign board... there was smoke and fire... and it fell  
into the street in his vicinity... he retrieved the disc and  
notified Barksdale Air Force Base (well, in 1947, it wasn't an  
Air Force Base, but you get the picture).

I will note here that I think his estimate of the original  
height is in error. There is discussion that the thing was  
thrown from the roof of a nearby building.

Examination of the disc revealed it was "Alclad" or "Pureclad",  
specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In  
the center was an ordinary starter from a fluorescent light...  
the disc was about 16 inches in diameter... which, I think, is  
fairly good evidence that the case is a hoax.

The Blue Book file has a photograph of the object, which is disk  
shaped, which means, I guess, the Army gained possession of it



and for all I know, still has it.

This is one that I think we can remove from our lists.

KRandle

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 21:49:50 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 18:06:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:08:02 +0000

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>John,

>I don't know how you are using the word, but I am using 'signal'  
>to mean an identifiable pattern (one or more) that becomes  
>apparent once you screen out irrelevancies; indeed, that is the  
>intended meaning of the 'signal-to-noise ratio' concept. One  
>hears a lot of noise, but if one listens carefully, voila! I  
>think I'm beginning to understand where you are coming from,  
>correct me if I'm wrong: There is no way (you seem to be saying)  
>to sift UFO data and determine whether or not patterned,  
>hardcore unexplained cases are the ones that matter (?) You are  
>more interested (or just as interested) in noise, and therefore  
>the cases I talk about are merely a preference on my part? In  
>fact, the many-more scientific Ufologists than you admit to  
>agree with Dick Hall and see the same patterns I do. I know  
>because a dozen or so of us met in Washington, D.C., a few weeks  
>ago. So, I would venture to say, do most people on this list who  
>are not psychosocials.

I think this rather shows up the inadequacies of the  
signal/noise metaphor. The phrase originated in  
telecommunications, where it refers to the ability to  
distinguish a recognisable message from the 'noise' of static,  
poor reception etc. In this case you do have the advantage of  
being able to make a reasonable assumption about what the  
'signal' is going to be: a message in some mutually  
understandable language - Morse code, binaries, Lithuanian, etc.

With the UFO signal/noise analogy you are having to make  
assumptions about what the 'irrelevancies' are. Now there are  
lots of consistencies across UFO reports: the 'Oz' factor,  
Greys, witness paralysis, etc., etc., etc., which recur time and  
time again. But it seems you think these are 'irrelevancies' to  
be 'screened out'. Well, fair enough, it is clear that you have  
a settled idea as to which parts of the UFO phenomenon are  
relevant - or at least relevant to Richard Hall. It seems that  
this is the part of the UFO phenomenon which appears to suggest  
that structured craft from other planets are visiting Earth. If  
the people you met in Washington the other week agree with you,  
well and good, and I hope you all had a nice time, but you  
cannot claim that this small group represents who whole of  
serious ufology.

>>Psychosocial ufologist try to look at the subject as a whole,  
>>even the cases which embarrass the nuts-and-bolters. It's not us  
>>who are throwing out the baby. To return your question: "For the  
>>99th time, what about the cases which do not fit neatly into  
>>preconceptions about what an extraterrestrial craft should look  
>>like? What about the cases that demonstrate the extremes of

>>radical misperception that witnesses are capable of?"

>I have looked at the subject 'as a whole' for around 50 years  
>and have concluded that there is a very clear 'signal.' All I am  
>throwing out is cases that fail to offer consistent, patterned  
>testimony or evidence for an unexplained phenomenon or phenomena  
>(i.e., mostly IFOs that are unlike hardcore UFO cases in all  
>respects), other than perhaps ball lightning, which is poorly  
>understood but has become recognizable as a phenomenon in its  
>own right. How about some specific examples of what I am  
>allegedly throwing out? Who has preconceptions about what an ET  
>craft should look like, you or me? I go only by what's reported  
>and the hypothetico-deductive method of science. You are the one  
>arguing that they can't be spaceships. I am arguing from  
>evidence to theory (empirically); you are arguing from theory to  
>refute evidence.

I don't know if you are 'throwing out' the evidence of the  
abduction cases, but you do seem to be prepared to ignore that  
evidence where it seems to contradict the hypotheses derived  
from your 'core evidence' cases.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think you also discount most of  
the Roswell story, which for psychosocial ufologists is strong  
evidence for the growth of UFO belief as a social myth, and from  
which we can learn a great deal about the way in which UFO  
evidence is created, related and recorded. These all offer  
evidence for a consistent phenomenon. the proble, from your  
point of view, is that they for evidence for a phenomenon which  
has its origins in psychology and sociology, not astronomy and  
astronautics.

>>One again you seem to be promoting the idea that there is a  
>>powerful central core of serious ufologists who are looking at  
>>the UFO phenomenon in a scientific and objective way, whose work  
>>is hampered by a minority of fringe types who get all the  
>>publicity, but who are peripheral to "serious ufology". This is  
>>not how it looks from my pelican's nest. It is certainly not how  
>>it would look to the casual reader of this List.

>I didn't say anything about 'powerful'; in fact we appear to be  
>quite impotent. Otherwise you are dead on. I'm not sure who all  
>reads this list, but unless they are pretty well informed, they  
>certainly would encounter a lot of bad information and poor  
>arguments. And how much should we go by appearances only, in  
>this or anything else? I am personally in touch with several  
>dozens of scientifically oriented Ufologists, and our work  
>surely is hampered - severely - by the majority (not minority)  
>of fringe types.

I'm glad we agree that the fringe is in the majority. It is the way of  
Internet discussion threads that they roam and split all over the place.  
Let's not forget that this one started when I challenged suggestions  
that it was unreasonable for most scientists to avoid involving  
themselves in the UFO field, following suggestions that there was some  
sort of conspiracy about this. Scientists want feel that there is the  
liklihood of some positive result to their reaserch before they start to  
devote a large part of their working life to it. I domn't think that  
anyone who has looked at the way ufology has developed over the last 55  
years would feel this was the case.

<snip>

>>>I would say that these people [scientific ufologists] number in the  
>>low tens. I also see  
>>a group of sceptical ufologists - possibly even smaller - who do  
>>a great deal of first hand and archive research into "hard core"  
>>cases, but unfortunately find that these cases seem to collapse  
>>when examined in such depth. Look out for Clarke and Roberts's  
>>forthcoming reinvestigation of Lakenheath for an example of  
>>this.

>What do these numbers really matter? Isn't it evidence and logic  
>that counts? From the smaple I have seen, these skeptibunkers  
>who claim to explain hardcore cases take a lot of liberties with  
>both evidence and logic in the process. We've been waiting a  
>long time for the 'forthcoming reinvestigation' of Lakenheath,  
>which has been used as a blunt weapon by skeptibunkers before it  
>has ever seen the light of day. Let's see it!

You will, Oscar, you will! Surely you're not suggesting that it  
doesn't exist?

<snip>

>>>>However, an outsider looking at the world of ufology does not  
>>>>see a hard core of sense surrounded by a lightweight, whacky  
>>>>fringe, which is what they see in other scientific and even  
>>>>pseudo-scientific areas.

>>>Yes, that is exactly the false picture they get of the only part  
>>>of 'ufology' worthy of that name, again, thanks to those whose  
>>>better judgment apparently is drowned out by noise.

>>Once again, we are talking about "The kind of ufology I am  
>>interested in", prop. R. Hall. I also find R/V, structured craft  
>>cases, etc., of interest, but I do not pretend, for the sake of  
>>keeping ufology respectable, that these are the only significant  
>>parts of the subject. I do not think that people who see a wider  
>>view of ufology are getting a false picture.

>Again, examples please? What are you interested in that  
>scientific Ufologists allegedly are throwing out? What, exactly,  
>is a 'wider view of Ufology?'

As above. Add also the UFO 'flap' phenomena, MIB, repeater  
witnesses who also have paranormal experiences; you know, all  
that flaky stuff that appeals to librarians.

<snip>

>Are you suggesting that intelligent life flying in  
>high-performance craft and visiting earth does not challenge  
>basic scientific principles? Surely there is some confusion of  
>terms here.

>>>>Where the problems arise is when we find these reported ETs  
>>>>performing what is basically magic: spaceships which can only be  
>>>>seen by one or two people; the ability to move through solid  
>>>>walls; genetically impossible cross-breeding; bizarre  
>>>>prophecies. All those things which I suspect you are as doubtful  
>>>>about as I am.

>>>Shall I invoke Arthur C. Clarke about advanced science and the  
>>>appearance of 'magic?'

>>Invoke any science-fiction writer you like, but it doesn't help  
>>us understand what's going on here and now. Are you saying that  
>>you are not doubtful about stories of abductees being  
>>transported through brick walls, and that such phenomena are  
>>simply examples of advanced science? If so, how can we undertake  
>>any logical study of supposed extraterrestrial UFOs if we accept  
>>that they can do magic tricks?

>Point of my allusion: Magic tricks to us, routine science to them.

Point of my allusion: how can you do a serious scientific  
study of magic?

>>>>Psychical research, on the other hand, does actually challenge  
>>>>the basic understandings of modern science. The discovery of the  
>>>>type of mental powers or unknown physical forces which would be  
>>>>required to account for the reported range of psychical  
>>>>phenomena would overturn the whole basis of contemporary  
>>>>science. Yet this does not frighten off scientists from  
>>>>undertaking such research - there are to my knowledge at least  
>>>>three university departments in the UK alone undertaking such  
>>>>research. And yes, other scientists have been critical of this,  
>>>>but such criticism does not seem to generate the same levels of  
>>>>paranoia that criticism of ufology does!

>>>I think the UK has quite a different tradition than the U.S.  
>>>when it comes to psychical research, and your comments do not  
>>>apply well here.

I understand that a number of American universities have  
deopertments examining this topic. Many American academics  
publish in the [British] SPR Journal. I don't see American  
journals so have no idea of the type of material published  
there.

>>Despite considerable controversy at the time, I understand that  
>>the American Society for Psychical Research was accepted into

>>the American Academy of Sciences. I suspect hell will freeze  
>>over before MUFON or CUFOS is!

>Do you mean the National Academy of Sciences? Surely not! Maybe  
>you were thinking of the American Association for the  
>Advancement of Science, which is quite a different story.

Sorry if I've got the name wrong, but the American SPR was  
accepted into a major scientific organisation - not, as I said,  
without protest.

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To avoid doing lots of snips and quotes, I'll summarise a couple  
of other points:

Yes, John Mack was threatened with loss of tenure, there was a  
lot off fuss and arguments on both sides. The point is he didn't  
lose it, so presumably the arguments in his favour - largely on  
a free-speech rather than a scientific basis - were convincing.  
Bully for him, but this case proves little about whether the UFO  
phenomenon is or is not acceptable to mainstream science. Mack's  
case was political (in the broadest sense) not scientific.

Yes, there were some radar cases in the seventies, there are  
probably still some (see Jenny Randle's 'Something in the Air'  
for examples). But they have decreased in numbers as radar and  
radar interpretation has got more sophisticated.

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Rimmer

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>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 03:09:03 -0800  
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>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000  
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>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

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>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2002 17:27:41 +0000

>>>To say that the nutcases `form the basis of ufology today' is  
>>>to, once again, suggest that because a bunch of kooks and  
>>>crazies say stupid things, there is no factual or defensible  
>>>basis for true `scientific ufology' one of whose hypotheses is  
>>>ET visits. But never mind that hypothesis; why don't such  
>>>consistent and highly patterned reports that indicate solid,  
>>>physical, craft-like objects deserve very serious scientific  
>>>attention? The kooks are nothing but a smokescreen that conceals  
>>>the hardcore evidence, with the help of psychosocials who love  
>>>to suggest that the kooks are the whole ball game.

>>One again you seem to be promoting the idea that there is a  
>>powerful central core of serious ufologists who are looking at  
>>the UFO phenomenon in a scientific and objective way, whose work  
>>is hampered by a minority of fringe types who get all the  
>>publicity, but who are peripheral to "serious ufology". This is  
>>not how it looks from my pelican's nest. It is certainly not how  
>>it would look to the casual reader of this List.

>Hello John, Richard:

>I cannot speak for others whom I consider to be serious  
>ufologists. However, I strongly doubt that a single one of them  
>would consider themselves to be the majority, while the nut  
>fringe is the minority.

>Its quite the opposite, as any browse of the Internet  
>will quickly demonstrate. There is no "powerful central  
>core", especially numerically, and nobody has said so  
>that I can recall.

>I think it is unfair for you to put such an insupportable  
>assertion into somebody else's mouth.

OK, drop 'powerful' - although I was thinking of powerful in terms of the alleged strength of their arguments rather than numerically or politically. So we seem to be agreed that 'scientific', 'core' ufology consists of a small number of researchers surrounded by a huge fringe of people of varying degrees of flakiness.

If you check back you'll find that this was my original assertion which started this argument. I also said that this

being the case, it was hardly surprising that most scientists - the ones who actually do science for a living - were reluctant to get involved in ufology.

Q.E.D.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 18:11:37 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Salvaille  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 11:20:39 -0500

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>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>Joe McGonagle has already pointed out the fallacy of assuming that any  
>>unexplained 'true-UFO' has to be an alien spacecraft, but I will take  
>>Friedman's arguments at face value. This finding is in direct  
>>contradiction of research by French ufologists such as Thierry Pinvidic  
>>and Bertrand Mehuest who found no such distinction between IFOs and  
>>UFOs. The statistical analysis is itself dependent on what the six  
>>characteristics chosen for comparison were. Even the Blue Book report  
>>itself is equivocal, concluding: "the probability that any of the  
>>unknowns considered in this study are 'flying saucers' is concluded to  
>>be extremely small, since the most complete and reliable reports from  
>>the present data, when isolated and studies, conclusively failed to  
>>reveal even a rough model"

><snip>

>Hello John, Stan and all,

>We all know what Blue Book refers to.

>I don't think that Stan's arguments should be taken at face  
>value. This is no way to do research.

>Still, his references can be checked out.

>Allow me, John, not to take your arguments at face value.

>Where can we see Pinvidic and Mehuest's research?

>What was their research? How many cases? Dates? Witnesses?  
>Quality of witnesses? Duration of sightings?

>The usual stuff.

Thierry Pinvidic, "Le noeud Gordien" by Editions France-Empire,  
1979.

Thierry Pinvidic, "Vers une anthropologie d'un myth  
contemporain", Editions Heimdal, 1993.

Michel Monnerie, "Et si les OVNI's n'existaient pas?". Les  
humanoides associes, 1977

Unfortunately I no longer have access to copies of the  
Proceeding of the 'Rencontres de Lyon' series of conferences,  
but much relevant material was published here as well.

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 18:13:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Rimmer

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:47:25 -0600

>Luis and Listfolk,

>For some reason I can't call up Luis R. Gonzalez's post on the  
>Oxford UFO abduction and use the reply function. So I'm  
>having to make a separate post and am having to quote Luis  
>from hard copy of his posting.

>He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was  
>responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a  
>remark by an early investigator. In point of fact, the investigator  
>did not suggest the moon generated the whole incident, as  
>the quote makes clear. She was interested in the "reality  
>distortion" -- Jenny Randles would call it the Oz Factor --  
>aspect. In other words, the high strangeness the witnesses  
>reported, the sense of unreality as time collapsed, weird lights  
>and other sights began to appear, strange physiological  
>symptoms were observed and felt, and the like.  
>The investigator thought it possible that the witnesses were  
>so frightened and disoriented during all of this that they may  
>have mistaken the moon for something else. I don't  
>necessarily disagree, but this is not at all the same thing as  
>Luis's theory which -- exactly as I stated -- is a recent  
>suggestion.

[...] "Neither young man recalled seeing the moon during this  
experience. Mrs. Linda Carey, Mr. Carey's wife (NOTE: one of the  
initial investigators who arrived on site just the day after the  
incident), consulted the "Farmer's Almanac" and found that the  
moon was in its last quarter and rose at 11.01 p.m. on October  
26, and set at 1.30 p.m. on October 27. Was the "mother ship"  
actually the moon? In view of the curious distortions of  
reality, that must be considered"

This strikes me as a pretty clear suggestion that the  
investigator feels it is a reasonable proposition that what the  
two witnesses saw was the moon. I can see no other way of  
interpreting this, and do not understand why you are denying  
this.

The whole report By Brent Raynes seems a classic of psychosocial  
ufology, describing as it does the confused mental state of the  
witnesses and their family and associates. It includes MIB,  
strange hallucinations, alleged psychic phenomena. Indeed Raynes  
report begins:

"Seldom are the paranormalmechanics of a UFO encounter as  
visibly demonstrated as they were in this particular incident,  
an incident which contained many classic manifestations."

The idea that the two witnesses' experiences were triggered by  
the moon is entirely plausible - as Luis has pointed out at no  
time did they report seeing the moon in addition to the UFO -  
and typical of a number of cases of radical misperceptions of  
astronomical objects.

I presume, Jerry, that you only resurrected this case because you wanted to take a duros palazos at the Pelicanists, but honestly, there are better cases than this!

>Aside from hoax and severe mental disorder, the only  
>nonextraordinary explanation that could conceivably account  
>for such fantastic perceptions is that the two were using  
>hallucinatory drugs. If so, it is strange that, unlike other  
>bad-trippers, they didn't recognize the source of the problem  
>(at least afterwards, as the effects wore off) and make a point  
>of not advertising their illegal activities.

So hoax, loonies, drugs are the only alternatives you can think of to literal interpretation of this story?

>But I advance this  
>possibility as a more believable alternative to Luis's notion  
>that all of this arose out of a more or less ordinary misperception  
>of the moon.

No Jerry, it's an \*extra\*-ordinary misperception, a radical misperception.

>I fail to see the relevance of the speculations about the witnesses'  
>personal lives.

Well, you wouldn't, if you thought they were giving an accurate account of, for example, an extraterrestrial spacecraft. But if it was something other than that, well who knows what's relevant.

>And I don't think it is surprising, given the deep  
>stress they were under from their experience, that the men,  
>"quite visibly shaken and upset" (in the investigator's words  
>quoted by Luis), should, not many hours later, mistake astronomical  
>bodies for something else. That the ufologist who interviewed them  
>recognized these objects for what they were tells us something about  
>the sobriety and seriousness the investigator brought to the case,  
>as does -- as we have already seen -- the effort of another  
>investigator to determine the moon's position.

The moon which neither or the witnesses noticed as their sighting was going on. And don't forget, the sober and serious investigator commented:

"Was the 'mother ship' actually the moon? In view of the curious distortions of reality, that must be considered."

Perhaps you could do some literary criticism on this entence and tell us all what it really means?

>Thus, it is  
>surely significant that not one of those who investigated the  
>incident came to the conclusion that Stephens and Gray were,  
>so to speak, lunatics. Of course, they didn't have the advantage  
>of judging the case from an ocean away.

Or from the middle of Minnesota a quarter of a century later.

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>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 12:15:58 EST  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 17:35:53 -0600  
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>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

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>>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

><snip>

>>>And finally, I'm not aware of any technology that would take the  
>>>noise out of the helicopter (which, of course, doesn't mean it  
>>>doesn't exist, but I'd have to see it to believe it). With a  
>>>helicopter, there will be noise, unless you are far enough away  
>>>and the wind is blowing in the wrong direction...

>>Couple of questions here. First, how far away is "far enough  
>>away"? And which direction is the "wrong direction" in reference  
>>to the wind?

>Far enough that the helicopter is very small but recognizable,  
>if the wind is blowing from the observer toward the  
>helicopter... meaning it is carrying the sound away from the  
>observer.

>>Also, if the terrain was sloping downward away from the observer  
>>as a chopper flew over at a short distance, would the slope of  
>>the land - open field, not wooded - dampen the noise of the  
>>chopper in any way?

>I would suspect that the noise over a meadow would be dampened  
>slightly in much the same way that the noise in a room that is  
>carpeted would be dampened. The initial source would be just as  
>loud but the reflected noise would be reduced by anything that  
>inhibited reflection of the sound.

>  
>One of the tactics we used was to stay as close to the tops of  
>the trees as possible so that (a) the bad guys couldn't see you  
>coming and (b) it reduced the range from which they could hear  
>you. I think maybe an expert in sound would be better qualified  
>to answer this.

>KRandle

Hi Kevin,,

Ah, the memories of spending most days of a year flying at  
treetop level, especially when I transitioned from Delta model  
slicks to the Charlie model gubships. It is very exciting flying  
every day as if you were in a Formula I race, especially with a  
war going on.

Don Ledger, in his post referred to Huey Cobras as being within the category of "newer type" helicopters. I guess it depends on your frame of reference, but for me they were new in the beginning of 1968 when I saw them start coming into Vietnam. Unfortunately my unit was not due to replace the Charlie model I flew until the summer and I was going home in April. But a number of those Cobras and many of the Hueys made before them are still flying with our forces. Who knows? Maybe the ships I flew in Vietnam somehow survived and are serving in Afghanistan or given to the Phillipine forces. The Huey is honored as the helicopter version of the venerable Douglas DC3 fixed wing aircraft, having served well over many decades all over the world.

Warm regards,

Josh

Don't let 'em give you an unpacked shortshaft! Watch that EGT.

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Subject: Re: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show - Korff

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>Subject: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 07:27:29 -0600

Dear Al,

I would be flattered by your critique of my appearance were it not for the unfortunate \_fact\_ that a great deal of what you \_claim\_ I said is simply \_not\_ true. Perhaps you should go back and play the tapes again.

I will give just a couple of examples, because that's all that's needed. I did \_not\_ say I shot at anyone with a 357 magnum. \_You\_ said this, not me.

I specifically said why it is that I decided to come back in Ufology. It was because of material I kept coming across. I also said, to reinforce this point, I could not ignore it, and even Jeff Rense agreed, even complimenting me on my mind.

You're wrong in thinking that I could (and did!) get material translated, just ask my girlfriend (who is Czech) and my many Czech friends.

I did \_not\_ say the UFOs from the Nazi era were "manmade", this is another \_false\_ statement on \_your\_ part.

Alfred, it is a waste to my time (and probably other people's) to try and reason with you. Your mind is sadly closed and made up. You \_ignore\_ the fact I saw a UFO and that I \_stand\_by\_ my sighting. You dismiss it as a ruse, and \_ignore\_ the \_fact\_ I saw it with two other people. You also \_ignore\_ the fact that it was one of many sightings many people had over a six week period in the Bay Area and that these sightings (including mine) remain \_unexplained\_. You can't handle the \_fact\_ that I am a \_researcher\_ and \_not\_ a debunker or believer.

You \_ignore\_ the newly discovered UFO material I retrieved and was posted on Rense's site and to go further on is a waste of time.

Feel free to criticize me anyway you wish, as you do anyway, and there's no point in me responding because, since you \_make\_up\_your\_own\_ 'facts', you don't need anyone else to participate.

I am not surprised you can't find anything on Google. I guess you managed to miss some of the 60 other articles I wrote last year as well, including several on terrorism. You seem to operate under the illusion that if Google can't find it, it must not exist. Well, you need to check again. Since you can't even quote me correctly from Rense's show, despite the presence of a stored archive, I am not surprised your use of search engines is equally bad. I will be glad to post the articles, it is up to you to find out where they got published, the burden of evidence is not on me.

Despite what you desperately seem to want others to believe, Al, the program I did on Rense's show was so well received that Rense invited me back for an encore. Jeff Rense also stands by me and has less than kind words for people like you. He sent me a totally complimentary email after the show and said that there would still be a few Jerks who just don't get it.

I will back on the air this Tuesday for another two hours, (like it or not) and once again you'll have another chance to distort things. Luckily, for the UFO field it seems, and certainly those who have responded to the show, the majority don't feel the way you do.

Perhaps there's hope for this field yet.

Disgusted, but not surprised with you, and I look forward to no further correspondence, because it is a waste of time. In the meantime, feel free to attack me as much as you wish. I won't even insist on an apology, because I am not interested. The show transcripts speak for themselves, something your 'verion' of them cannot. :-)

Kal

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## Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs

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Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs

The Universe  
Terence Dickinson

Last Wednesday, many newscasts carried a story that claimed that the full moon that night was the largest and brightest of the year, outshining the average full moon by 20 per cent. So far, so good. But the misleading part of the story was the suggestion that we would notice the difference if we stepped outside to take a look.

This would be true if there was an average full moon hanging in the sky to use as a comparison. But of course we only get one full moon at a time and it's impossible to carry around an accurate size-and-brightness memory from one full moon to the next. More over, the difference from one to another is often very slight.

The reason that there is any difference at all is that the moon's distance from Earth varies from 356,000 kilo-metres to 407,000 kilometres during its monthly orbit of our planet. The difference in the moon's apparent size at these extremes is the same as the difference between a 5-cent coin and a 25-cent piece. The maximum brightness difference is roughly the same as that between a 40-watt bulb and a 60-watt bulb - easy to notice when the bulbs are side by side but difficult to gauge when there is only one light in the room at a time.

Furthermore, full moons of these extreme brightnesses always occur six months apart. Full moons only one month apart vary only slightly from one another.

For instance, the distance to the full moon last week was 356,897 kilo-metres. At the next full moon on March 28, the moon's distance will be just a few hundred kilometres more, virtually identical.

The variations in size and brightness from one full moon to the next are completely undetectable without special measuring devices. To the un-aided eye, last week's full moon looked identical to the full moon the month before and will look identical to the one the month after.

The story about last Wednesday's big, bright full moon prompted several radio station news persons and two newspaper reporters to call me for further details. All of them were surprised to learn that there was nothing unusual to see.

Was the news story misleading? In a strictly factual sense, no. But from a practical standpoint - that is, what you would see looking up - yes; the item served more to confuse than enlighten. The best that could be said is that it was a non-story.

By coincidence, on the same day an other national news story informed us that "a staggering 42 percent increase in UFO sightings had occurred over Canada in the past year." I think a reality check is in order here. The "staggering" increase was from 263 to 374 sightings, which for all of Canada is still a very small number - an average of just one a day.

The fact is, UFO sightings world wide are way down compared with the number of reports gathered a generation or two ago. Then, as now, the vast majority of sightings can be reliably classified as innocent misinterpretations of aircraft lights, fireball meteors, bright planets distorted by the atmosphere, weather balloons and other identifiable phenomena. If anything more mysterious than that is going on, we're no closer to knowing what it is than we were decades ago when the UFO phenomenon seemed fresh and exciting.

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Lehmborg

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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:22:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Lehmborg

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>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 17:35:53 -0600  
>>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

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>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 08:46:09 EST  
>>>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

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>Ah, the memories of spending most days of a year flying at  
>treetop level, especially when I transitioned from Delta model  
>slicks to the Charlie model gubships. It is very exciting flying  
>every day as if you were in a Formula I race, especially with a  
>war going on.

>Don Ledger, in his post referred to Huey Cobras as being within  
>the category of "newer type" helicopters. I guess it depends on  
>your frame of reference, but for me they were new in the  
>beginning of 1968 when I saw them start coming into Vietnam.  
>Unfortunately my unit was not due to replace the Charlie model I  
>flew until the summer and I was going home in April. But a  
>number of those Cobras and many of the Hueys made before them  
>are still flying with our forces. Who knows? Maybe the ships I  
>flew in Vietnam somehow survived and are serving in Afghanistan  
>or given to the Phillipine forces. The Huey is honored as the  
>helicopter version of the venerable Douglas DC3 fixed wing  
>aircraft, having served well over many decades all over the  
>world.

>Warm regards,

>Josh

>Don't let 'em give you an unpacked shortshaft! Watch that EGT.

Any more of this foolishness and somebody's gonna have to be  
sent out for some rotor wash and flight line! And don't miss the  
flying overmuch - the Army sucked all the pleasure out of it  
with the ATM (Aircrew Training Manuel), accounting for every  
minute of flight-time, preflights and preflight briefings,  
mission briefings, and crew/mission planning... and more, too  
much to go into, all of it pleasure sucking - and then somebody  
has the temerity to shoot at you!

...and that's America!! Down here in the 'bama, landowners have

taken helicopters \_hostage\_ in the Fort Rucker flying area! True story. Dr. Randle can likely confirm it, not to put him on the spot.

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Sandow

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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:23:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Sandow

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 21:49:50 +0000  
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>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think you also discount most of  
>the Roswell story, which for psychosocial ufologists is strong  
>evidence for the growth of UFO belief as a social myth, and from  
>which we can learn a great deal about the way in which UFO  
>evidence is created, related and recorded. These all offer  
>evidence for a consistent phenomenon. the proble, from your  
>point of view, is that they for evidence for a phenomenon which  
>has its origins in psychology and sociology, not astronomy and  
>astronautics.

I should hardly have to say this, but...

Of course UFOs have become a social myth. Many of us who believe that UFOs are real (and unknown) physical objects are fascinated by the myth, and love to study its many wild and often hilarious manifestations.

That's because the myth has nothing to do with the reality of UFOs as physical objects. You can study the two things separately - spend Monday tracking the many ways that media coverage can influence UFO reports, and then turn on Tuesday to studying details of radar/visual sightings. The two pursuits don't exclude each other. In fact, anyone interested in combing UFO reports for signs that unknown flying craft are here had better learn something about how social and psychological factors can influence what people think they see.

When you look away from UFOs, it's obvious that many things work the way I've described. When O.J. Simpson was on trial for murder, most white people in America thought he was guilty, and most black people thought he was innocent. That was a powerful psychosocial factor, which anyone who cared about the case had to take into account. But Simpson's actual innocence or guilt was a separate question.

Or take the matter of American military men said to be missing after the Vietnam War. There's a powerful social myth about this - many people think that countless servicemen are still missing, and demand that the Vietnamese account for them. This belief is associated with - or, some might say, gives rise to -- what we might call sighting reports, of prison camps where the Americans are still allegedly held, decades after the war ended, or of otherwise unaccountable white men glimpsed in the Vietnamese countryside.

Calling this a myth, however - or demonstrating that it behaves socially like a myth - doesn't mean that it isn't true. My belief is that it probably isn't, and that the MIA rate for the Vietnam war is actually lower than it was for the Korean War or World War II. But to prove that belief, I have to look at hard evidence, which has nothing to do with what I or anybody else believes or disbelieves.

The word "myth," in fact, is misleading. It can be used to

describe a body of beliefs quite separately from any consideration of their truth. And it can be used to describe a body of beliefs that aren't true. The first use of the word refers to deep currents of social and cultural belief; the second refers to belief in things that aren't real. We can all agree, I hope, that there's a UFO myth in the first sense. But the mere existence of such a thing says nothing about whether UFOs do or don't exist as real physical objects.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 20:56:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:28:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

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>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:27:26 +0000

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>>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>Greetings EBK and List Members

>>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>>and knowledge in this area.

>>As most of you know, the VJ Enterprises site hosts Stan  
>>Friedman's Web pages. One of his pages is instructions on how to  
>>order Stan's published material. Such orders go where he has  
>>designated. VJ Enterprises is not involved in this in any way  
>>other than providing the web space. All content is strictly up  
>>to Stan.

>>One of his items is an English translation of the COMETA Report.

>>I recently received a communication from Michel Algrin,  
>>Attorney-At-Law, Director of COMETA saying:

>>"I ask you to withdraw immediately this illegal publicity and  
>>issue from the WebSite "v-j-enterprises.com/sforder"

>>He goes on to cite how the report is covered by copyright bla,  
>>bla, bla, and:

>>"you are jointly responsible for the illegality of the  
>>information placed on the site he is renting from VJ Enterprises  
>>and we request that you withdraw immediately the illegal  
>>publicity hereabove mentioned."

>>As a matter of principle, I don't think Mr. Algrin or anyone  
>>else has the right to tell us what VJ Enterprises can or can not  
>>have on our Web site. His issue is with Stan, and up to them to  
>>resolve.

>>He has the right to protect their copyright and to go after  
>>whoever may be violating it. He may not be aware of the  
>>distinctions you cite. See below.

>>I'm inclined, with all due respect, to tell Mr. Algrin to go  
>>'Pound Sand'. I don't take kindly to his attempt at censorship  
>>or control of our Web site.

>>Am I right or wrong? What is your opinion?

>>In responding please remember:

>>A) The issue is not Stan's having the right to sell the  
>>translation of the report.

>>This is precisely the issue. Does he have the right? The English

>translation was arranged by the Fund for UFO Research (of which  
>I am past Chairman and currently a Board Member) with the  
>permisison of COMETA. I don't know whether Stan is reselling our  
>copies or what is going on, but will forward this message to the  
>Fund for their reaction.

>>B) The issue is not what some might construe as Mr. Algrin's  
>>attempt to suppress and cover up the good information contained  
>>in the report.

>This, of course, would be an entirely inaccurate interpretation;  
>they do own the rights to the report.

>>C) The issue IS... does he have any legal grounds or basis to  
>>force us to censor anything Stan wishes to place on his web  
>>pages which VJ Enterprises simply makes available to Stan given  
>>we derive no compensation based on anything Stan sells via these  
>>Web pages. I think not!

>See above. I doubt that VJ is legally culpable, but Stan might be.

I am glad that Dick mentioned the involvement of the Fund.  
Correct me if I am wrong, Dick, but it seems to me that COMETA  
did not pay for the translation but that funding was obtained  
from L. Rockefeller.

I should add that I had originally had a few copies made so that  
I could send them to people like Edgar Mitchell, so that he could  
respond to queries from a local Canadian Press reporter who was  
considering doing an article. Her boss wouldn't let her.

In a discussion on the Jeff Rense radio show, the report came up  
and I mentioned that I had a copy of the translation. Jeff asked  
if I wouldn't please make it available. I somewhat reluctantly  
agreed. I had thought that would be a stop gap measure, since I  
had heard that the Fund and/or COMETA was arranging for  
distribution. I have made inquiry and found that nothing was  
happening.

I asked Mr. Algrin, who called me a plagiarizer (pretty funny,  
my name isn't on the report, I didn't do the translation and  
changed nothing) where I could direct requests from people so  
that I could refer possible buyers to that publisher, group, or  
whatever. I have made several requests still no answer. It would  
appear that he does not want to have it distributed. I refuse to  
say there is an interesting report, but copies are  
unavailable. I talk about a Cosmic Watergate, but surely don't  
want to be part of it.....

I would be happy if the Fund was distributing the report and  
would refer all inquiries to them. I agree that there are  
interesting copyright questions. Frankly Mr. Algrin sounds like  
a lawyer accustomed to writing threatening letters and expecting  
everybody to cave in. He claimed my listing on my website was  
doing him damage. Since he is not distributing the report and  
apparently has not "authorized" anybody else to, where is the  
damage? Surely not lost sales.

I have not sold loads of copies, but have been thanked by those  
who did purchase it. Maybe I should print a lot and it would be  
like having a book banned in Boston... for those of you old  
enough to remember when that helped sales in the rest of the  
country.

Stan Friedman

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## Anomalous Luminous Phenomena

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Updated Version

Definition

Our ALP project had started in 1999 just before the Izmit earthquake. There were 2 main reasons to execute this project:

- 1- To prove that the lights seen before earthquakes are not UFOs.
- 2- To decrease the rate of deaths caused by earthquakes, by warning people beforehand.

By the time, we got many newer knowledge and we need to change the older informations in our first web page with newer ones.

Firstly our page had been composed for everyone to understand. Our pages are mostly visited by people interested in UFOs; so informing these people with correct data are aimed. For this reason, we did not give detailed technical information in our pages. And the questions which are asked about the details will be answered and are still being answered. The phenomena which is in the earthquake lights category had been the most scientifically described with TST theory by M. Persinger. The ALP term in our project is quoted from these papers. Our ALP definition is not the flames occurred during or just after the quake or discharge of static electric or the lights emerged from the gas which come from the crust.

We have a few reasons for using the term "ALP". First is resulted from the fact that this phenomena could not be defined, and the other is that the earthquake lights emerge in various formations. In the other hand, ALPs vary in every different geographical regions. The lights that we are researching are seen just before the quake in the regions located on the active fault lines or in the regions which active plates forms stress. Such a phenomena is seen most recently during the Adiyaman observations.

The Arabian Plate forms its stress accumulation on the point on the city of Adiyaman, as seen in the illustration. Arabian Plate slides into Anatolian Plate every year about 2 centimetres. Due to that fact, UFO reports are mostly reported from the region around Adiyaman. However, these lights are ALPs and the release of the stress had occurred on a new and weak fault line on the Anatolian Plate, which Afyon is located on.

There are not any research done for the subject of resembling light phenomenas which are not connected with quakes and seismic (like in the regions which has volcanoes nearby or located over similar mineral structures); but the techniques used by us to define the ALPs can be another research subject in terms of analysing these lights.

Since our project had started, the preinformations below are obtained, although some new age groups which are concerned with UFOs insist on Aliens. As a summary, ALPs occur in the regions that seismic activities are happening, and emerge from the

crystal structures which are mashed by the stress. They become visible with many other natural events. A laboratory model of such a mechanism is shown in the diagram below.

So the movement of the plates creates the stress and causes the lights seen before the quakes. The difference between the date of observing lights and quakes occurring is related with the length of the fault line. The preinformations to support this thesis of us are reached as a result of analysing the datas obtained since 1999, nevertheless it cannot be formulated due to the deficiency of the similar events. These datas should be evaluated under the detailed informations such as the ALP's; duration of observation, height, spectral behaviour, the piezoelectric charges observed in the region and various gas (which are thought causing the planes to crash into ground) spread into air from the fault lines.

It is certain that a result will be obtained with the information which I have sum up above and with the studies of other scientists. We hear various thesis about ALPs from scientists. The most interesting one is the Kiana theory of Hafes Keypour and his team. Shortly, the storage of nuclear churn is claimed as one of the reasons of quakes in this theory. There are thesis of other scientists too; however none of them is proved clearly. As a result, we claim that the topics mentioned here are expertise branches on their own. We also claim the datas are not satisfactory which obtained from researches which are not supported with other researches. We, TUVPO, can only study with a little part of the topic and we naturally let the other subjects to be studied by other scientists and groups. And also we are ready to provide documents , to join the other studies and similar subjects. Our studies are focused on the subjects below.

- 1- To find, analyse and describe video and photographic documentations about ALPs,
- 2- To determine and measure the piezoelectric sphere during the formation of ALPs and to find the connection between quakes. The datas taken from 8 different part of marmara region are being evaluated at the moment.
- 3- To formulate the connection of all datas with quakes
- 4- To forward the essays of project participants to other participants and to supply contact between them.
- 5- To classify the reports of other establishments and researchers about UFOs and forward to other researchers by means of the project

#### The First Data Of Our ALP Project

Between 20 and 26.8.1999, Turkish TV stations mentioned UFOs in a sensational way. Lots of TV channels were mentioning as "Aliens had came/coming". So some Turkish UFO groups were talking about these lights and claiming they are UFOs. TUVPO firstly seized this subject in these days. The illustration below shows a TV channel making news about UFOs in these days. For a detailed information, you can check our website by clicking here.

As a result, during the research of the first important ALP observation, Izmit quake had occurred and some other ALPs are observed and some similar quakes had occurred following. These were hard times for all of us. Approximately 25 000 people had died, while TVs and newspapers were publishing the news about the disaster, these images had affected our lives badly. People couldn't enter their homes and lots of negative events followed. We evaluated our datas in every chance we got and the datas obtained were indicating that some of the quakes can be noticed before and lots of people could be saved. So we started our ALP project. Firstly some high - resolution ALP photos were taken and published in our website. Since than lots of similar but in smaller categories seismic activities had occurred. (Turkey is entirely on a quake zone.) We found out that the duration of observing the lights are directly proportional to the distance of the area which quake will occur and to the length of the fault line.

To provide and analyse photographic and video documentation and description:

I have used my personal experiments in professional film branch. I studied on some profiles to obtain lots of measurement stability as personnel who had education on colour reproduction and separation in printing sector. These profiles or measurement scales are developed only for supporting the description of ALPs. These profiles shortly includes the studies as comparing and matching spectral values of light with piezolight values, determining the heat and Kelvin temperature, finding the approximately height etc. Advanced film and colour measurement and high quality reproduction equipments are used during analysis and measurements. We cannot claim that the descriptions are %100 reliable; however we did not encounter to a negative data which will lead as to a doubt (except some of them). The datas that we have difficulties to describe are resulted from the low - quality videos taken by 3. party people.

We also have studies to make them better. I want to say that we are in average level in terms of developing this technic. I hope that we will clarify the usage and application techniques of such special profiles with more certain references. For the present we can say that we can determine whether the lights are ALPs or not. It is the work of an other team to define the places where ALPs are seen and having experiments on various soil samples collected from this area as the definition of lights. We want to make a warning in this subject; the lights contain high level energy, and can change sandlike formations into glasslike formations in the area which they occur, and very dangerous to human being. (Please check the rock samples shown in our reports, attached.)

Determining and measuring the sphere of Piezoelectric during the occurrence of ALPs and connecting with quakes.

Now, the datas taken from 10 different ground station in marmara region are being evaluated. These ground stations publish the low frequency components of electrical sphere affected by Piezoelectricity such as VAN method as linear measurements and as graphics, 24 hours in a day. These values are evaluated with ALP observations. It is rather early to make explainments with certain values although it is proven that there is a connection between ALPs and piezoelectric measurements and following seismic activities.

To formulate the connections between all datas and the quakes.

As we tried to explain above, to formulate such connections seems difficult now. One of it's most important reasons is that many various scientists cannot research such a phenomena together, and the regions which such phenomenas are observed are spread in various parts of earth. We, TUVPO, will continue studying as possible as we could. We aim to have important documentations in some day. But we can certainly say that seismic activities absolutely occur after ALP definitions.

#### Other Subjects

We announced people relevant to UFOs, when we start our project and wanted them to send similar reports to us legally. Our goal was having a larger documentation. At first, many people and foundations supported us, they published our banners but we did not got any documentation. Although thousands of UFO reports were published and some of them were in ALP characteristic, none of UFO related foundations and people did not want to have a disciplined study or they couldn't do. TUVPO evaluated the only documentations and reports obtained from Turkey since than.

The certain obtained fact is that these lights have no connection with aliens. Quakes can be noticed before with accurate studies. It is certain that these studies will be developed while seismic activities increase but our wish is that no one will be harmed. Our project is still going on. We are ready to share our experiences as we accept new members.

Erol Erkmen  
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project ALP, Updated version with full documentation here:

<http://www.tuvpo.com/alp/depem2e.html>

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## Re: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 20:12:34 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:42:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show -

>From: Kal Korff <[kkorff@praguepost.cz](mailto:kkorff@praguepost.cz)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:37:48 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Review - Korff on Thursday's Rense Show  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 07:27:29 -0600

>Dear Al,

That's Alfred or Mr. Lehmborg, sir; I'm not partial to "Al".

>I would be flattered by your critique of my appearance were it  
>not for the unfortunate fact that a great deal of what you  
>claim I said is simply not true. Perhaps you should go back  
>and play the tapes again.

Oh, no need - once was tedious abundance, sir. I stand by  
everything I wrote.

>I will give just a couple of examples, because that's all that's  
>needed. I did not say I shot at anyone with a 357 magnum.  
>You said this, not me.

Mr. Korff... and I know you likely already know this, so it's  
actually a little painful for me ("the moving finger writes and  
having writ, moves on...", and all that...), but I didn't write  
you "shot at anyone," I wrote that you "fired a shot..." you  
said you fired a shot... take a minute to go check if you  
haven't... <...Jeopardy Music...>...so?

Ooooo... That's gotta hurt. ...Looks like that portion of my  
report was pretty accurate. Simply not true? And you said you  
were so "anal about documentation" on Jeff's program. I think  
you need a literary handi-wipe.

Your first example of my alleged "lack of accuracy" rather blew  
up in your face, didn't it?

Truly, I know how busy a "war on terrorism" can keep a guy. But,  
please, let me know if you want me to discuss my review with you  
further, and I will.

We can leave it with just this one example... it's, ahh...  
"...all that's needed." <brilliant smile>

<snipped unless I hear from you?>

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

~~=D6~~  
EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 22:26:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:43:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Velez

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:14:49 EST  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 04:28:21 -0500  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>>>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>>I'm requesting advise and council from anyone with experience  
>>>and knowledge in this area.  
<snip>

Hi Kevin, Dave, hi All,

I have received a couple of notes privately regarding the circumstances surrounding this question. Info that I was not aware of. As a result, I realize that I may have spoken too soon. My original response was based solely on the information that Dave provided in his post. Like a good lawyer, his argument was convincing. It was Dave's presentation I responded to.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Cydonian Imperative: 3-3-02

From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 22:01:09 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:49:29 -0500  
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 3-3-02

The Cydonian Imperative  
3-3-02

Martian 'Buildings' Probably Aren't  
by Mac Tonnies

for illustrations and links:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

As the Mars Odyssey spacecraft begins its harvest of infrared and chemical data, our understanding of Mars' enigmatic surface will certainly change and evolve. Already, the widespread signature of hydrogen reveals a world much wetter than previously believed by the mainstream space science community. It appears as if Mars is an unexpectedly hospitable world capable of harboring indigenous life.

[image]

Enhanced infrared image posted by The Enterprise Mission.

But what will the Odyssey's suite of high-tech sensors reveal regarding the existence of artificial structures? And will we be able to identify extraterrestrial 'ruins' if we happen across them? This debate has already manifested in the form of an image released during a NASA press conference, interpreted by some to represent an artificial complex. Discussed extensively by the Enterprise Mission, the formations in question appear tantalizingly geometric. But a careful look at the features' context and morphology calls the claim of artificiality into serious question.

[image]

"Chaotic" terrain seen in visible light and infrared (inset).

In Richard Hoagland and Mike Bara's latest article, it seems at first take as if Mars anomalists finally have a 'smoking gun' that proves the existence of artificial structures on Mars beyond all reasonable doubt. While I maintain a hopeful attitude, I do not share the Hoagland/Bara's enthusiasm and certainty. The image accompanying their new article is intriguing, but much less so when the angular features are seen in relation to one another. The impression of possible intentional geometry falters; the viewer is reminded of the quasi-artificial-looking cells that make up the so-called "Inca City." (It should also be noted that the Odyssey's infrared camera produces a 'flattening' effect, causing three-dimensional terrain to look significantly sharper - and thus more 'artificial' - than visible-wavelength images.)

While the geological mechanism responsible for the 'cells' of the Inca City is not the same as that of the blocky mesas shown by NASA, it should be kept in mind that large-scale regular patterns can be formed via natural means. Seeming geometric regularity does not necessarily equate with artificiality; for example, the surface of Europa sports a multitude of squares. These are, of course, merely intersecting cracks in the ice. The

farther one distances oneself from the apparent geometry the less regular it appears. This certainly seems to hold true with the new Odyssey image, as demonstrated when the image above is compared to the image posted on the Enterprise Mission website.

[image]

The 'Inca City', a natural formation sometimes erroneously cited as evidence of artificiality.

The Odyssey's infrared camera is able to 'see' the Martian surface's temperature, revealing a high-resolution tapestry of false-color terrain. It is expected that this ability will reveal subsurface features invisible to conventional photography. The wide-angle Gamma Ray Spectrometer (GRS) and THEMIS instruments will also assist researchers in identifying surface chemical variation. As previously discussed, it's possible that the Face and other objects in the Cydonia region may have anomalous chemical and thermal 'signatures'; this would almost certainly reinforce the Artificiality Hypothesis, and data from the Face (already announced as a target of interest by NASA) is eagerly awaited by independent researchers.

By all means, we should be on the lookout for anomalous geometric features as the Mars Odyssey continues to scour the Red Planet with its arsenal of sensors. But the existence of a partly buried artificial complex, as 'revealed' in the Odyssey's latest infrared image, is dubious at best. It must not be forgotten that Mars has been imaged before, by both the Mariner and Viking missions, and continues to be imaged in exquisite resolution by the Mars Global Surveyor. Researchers thus have a sizeable database from which to glean context photos, which may prove crucial in addressing "false alarms." Failure to examine a 'new' anomaly in light of prior imagery lowers the scientific value of the admittedly "quick and dirty" effort displayed on The Enterprise Mission site.

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## Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 14:57:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:54:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:28:34 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Michael J. Woods <[mike.woods@sympatico.ca](mailto:mike.woods@sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years  
>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 16:23:03 -0500

>>Hello Listers,

>>As some of you know, I'm senior newswriter/news producer for a  
>>morning television show here in Toronto, Canada. Yesterday,  
>>Thursday Feb. 28th, we had the Amusing, er, Amazing Kreskin as  
>>our guest. On being introduced he rambled for a few seconds  
>>about how little live TV there is anymore (Our show Breakfast  
>>Television is 3 hours live daily) and how cold it was outside.  
>>He then suddenly switched topic and made the following  
>>statement. I transcribed it from the aircheck-videotape and  
>>reproduce it complete with interruptions by our lovely co-host  
>>Liza.

><snip>

>>.. You're going to have the largest UFO  
>>sighting in the past half-century that will take place in either  
>>May or June...

>>Liza: ...of this year?

>>Kreskin: It's going to take place in the desert in Nevada and  
>>you will have more people witnessing it than recorded in a  
>>century.

>HMMMMMMMM.....

>I wonder how many people are likely to be in "the desert" Nevada  
>in May or June... and therefore in a location where they might  
>witness this gigantic sighting.....

>And, by the way, I'd like to register myself as a charity...  
>just in case Kreskin is wrong.....

Hello Bruce:

Very typically vague. Kreskin sails right past the question  
whether its spring of this particular year, as if he weren't  
even asked... then talks about 'the desert' like it was a point  
on a map instead of a vast territory.

Virtually the entire state of Nevada is desert.

By casting as wide and vague a net as possible, he can credit  
himself with a "hit" later, should there be some major sighting,  
in the desert, in May or June of one year or another.

Prognosticators of all stripes use the same device.

I can make predictions too! I predict that the next number to come up on a certain roulette wheel, in a certain casino, on a definite date and time... will be an exact integer, though I cannot say which.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 15:17:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 13:55:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 00:26:26 -0800  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:40:34 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
>>identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

>The file, referenced by Serge Salvaille, contains some  
>interesting stuff, including two documents that probably pertain  
>to this incident. Quiet interesting.

>The file reads to the effect of it being a TELETYPE from the FBI  
>office in New Orleans, dated 7-7-47. States "VERY URGENT" and  
>reads that people from Shreveport, Louisiana advised of circular  
>disc.

>One person is referenced as observing the object in the air,  
>whirling around and spouting flames. The document also states  
>that names of people who 'handled' the disc were taken.

>Down the file quite a bit is another memo from this office in a  
>few short words saying this was a 'prank' with no explanation  
>given. I'm not sure how this came to be explained as a prank (or  
>given the Roswell-logic behind this stuff, why any such  
>explanation would be handily accepted), but it would be cool to  
>learn more.

Hello Kenny:

For the entire state of Louisiana, but only for the month of  
July 1947, I have the following listed here:

#819: 1947/7/4 1430h 90:03W 29:58N 3333 NAM USA LSN  
NEW ORLEANS,LA:SALESLADY:SLVR-CHROME DISK >>NE:  
XFAST/VHI ALT:S/L TRAJ.  
Ref# 187 BLOECHER,Ted:REPORT/UFO WAVE of 1947 Case 323

#864: 1947/7/5 1350h 93:48W 32:28N 3333 NAM USA LSN  
SHREVEPORT,LA:TRUCKER:2 SPINNING DISKS/SUCCESSION:  
>>N FAST:SEEN BRIEFLY:NFD  
Ref# 187 BLOECHER,Ted:REPORT/UFO WAVE of 1947 Case 321

#891: 1947/7/6 0300h 90:03W 29:57N 3333 NAM USA LSN  
NEW ORLEANS,LA:SOLDIER:4 PINK-SLVR SCRS/UNEVEN VFORMN  
WHIRL OVR CANAL STREET  
Ref# 187 BLOECHER,Ted:REPORT/UFO WAVE of 1947 Case 387

#900: 1947/7/6 1000h 92:26W 31:18:40N 3333 USA LSN  
ALEXANDRIA,LA:4 OBS:SCR >>NW:DELTA AL QUESTIONS ALL PILOTS  
on Ft.WORTH ROUTE  
Ref# 171 ALDRICH,Jan: PROJ1947 research papers Pge 83

#918: 1947/7/6 1710h 90:04W 30:00N 3333 NAM USA LSN  
LAKE PONCHARTRAIN,LA:5/BOAT:3 SHINY SCRS/DLT-FORMn  
HIGH+FAST>>N:ENTER CLOUD..  
Ref# 187 BLOECHER,Ted:REPORT/UFO WAVE of 1947 Case 451

#975: 1947/7/7 0800h 93:48W 32:35N 3331 NAM USA LSN  
11 km N/SHREVEPORT,LA:AAF Sgt/PLANE:BRITE MOONSIZE  
SLVR SCR TILTS:cannot catch  
Ref# 171 ALDRICH,Jan: PROJ1947 researchpapers Pg 87

That last one sounds like a match, but I see no indication of a  
hoax. An Army Air Force Sergeant piloting a plane? One might  
say he was tricked, but how does a "trick" outrun a military  
plane?

Maybe #975 is an entirely different case one from the discovered  
hoax referred to earlier. If so, I didn't list the hoax case.  
Its likely I passed on it having much better reports to catalog.

If it weren't for Bloecher and Aldrich, I might have turned up  
nothing at all for LA in 7/47.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
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>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 21:50:24 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

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>>>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 16:20:47 -500

>Good Evening Larry, List, All -

>>>I will point out that Shreveport, LA was, in fact a hoax, with  
>>>pictures of the disk and everything. Many of the first reports  
>>>of crashes, or physical evidence were hoaxes... or mistakes.  
>>>Some of them deserve no follow up.

>>I have 7 Shreveport, LA cases listed here. Could you kindly  
>>identify the discovered-hoax case by date?

>Sorry. Of course. July 7, 1947. 6:05 pm

>Accrossing to the Blue Book File, the witness heard a whirling  
>sound... saw about 200 feet up... he saw it coming over a sign  
>board... there was smoke and fire... and it feel into the street  
>in his vicinity... he retrieved the disc and notified Barksdale  
>Air Force Base.

>Examination of the disc revealed it was "Alclad" or "Pureclad",  
>specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In  
>the center was an ordinary starter from a flourescent light...  
>the disc was about 16 inches in diameter...

>Sadly, given the case history of this case, I now believe that  
>this is the mysterious "LA" disc to which Hoover referred in his  
>famous memo about discs recovered. (I discuss this at length in  
>The Roswell Encyclopedia).

Hello Kevin:

Thanks for looking all that up, and sorry for my delay  
responding. [I had an urgent 12-pack]

Its nice that the space aliens used 1/16 inch Alclad instead of

some metric or other gauge thickness.

I have no Louisiana cases for that exact date and time (1805 hrs or thereabouts). Please see list on a separate post.

Clearly I passed on the 16-inch disk with the fluoro-starter. I just bought starters from the hardware store for around a dollar apiece, probably cheaper in 1947. Fluorescent lighting had been around since the 1930s if not earlier.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>over a sign board... there was smoke and fire... and it fell  
>into the street in his vicinity... he retrieved the disc and  
>notified Barksdale Air Force Base (well, in 1947, it wasn't an  
>Air Force Base, but you get the picture).

>I will note here that I think his estimate of the original  
>height is in error. There is discussion that the thing was  
>thrown from the roof of a nearby building.

>Examination of the disc revealed it was "Alclad" or "Pureclad",  
>specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In  
>the center was an ordinary starter from a fluorescent light...  
>the disc was about 16 inches in diameter... which, I think, is  
>fairly good evidence that the case is a hoax.

>The Blue Book file has a photograph of the object, which is disk  
>shaped, which means, I guess, the Army gained possession of it  
>and for all I know, still has it.

>This is one that I think we can remove from our lists.

Hello again Kevin:

I never had it listed as a regular database event, but the fluoro-starter tube etc. is kinky enough that I put the case into my Discredited Sightings list:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/DISCREDED.html>

Seldom is a hoax so thoroughly and specifically trashed. All that's missing is the manufacturer of the starter gizmo. G.E.? Sylvania maybe?

Best!

- Larry

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## Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 13:00:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:38:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Shough

>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2002 17:27:41 +0000

>>>Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 10:20:41 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis

>I would say that these people number in the low tens. I also see  
>a group of sceptical ufologists - possibly even smaller - who do  
>a great deal of first hand and archive research into "hard core"  
>cases, but unfortunately find that these cases seem to collapse  
>when examined in such depth. Look out for Clarke and Roberts's  
>forthcoming reinvestigation of Lakenheath for an example of  
>this.

Hi John,

Look out too for a hard critique of their reinvestigation if it turns out to follow the facile plot which you advertise. I'm sure you hope it will follow it. I, on the other hand, have some reason to hope that Dave Clarke \*just might\* arrive at a view a bit more sophisticated than that "Lakenheath collapsed when examined in depth." Knowing something about this work I think I can safely say that there are plenty of worms left in this particular can, and probably they're still breeding! Dave's opinion, when eventually aired, will be Dave's opinion - I fully expect it to settle at last into its sceptical rut, if ever it was dislodged, but other opinions exist. I refrain from spilling the mixed-metaphorical beans out of courtesy, but Dave knows my views on this and that they aren't without reasoned justification, even if in the end he disagrees with them. Don't allow your prejudice to do what I last year accused Dave (in the heat of argument) of allowing his own to do: writing the title before the story.

>Any case is capable of being identified if there is sufficient  
>information. If it is not identified, by definition this has to  
>be due to lack of the relevant information. It does not mean to  
>say that further information may not come to light later on  
>which will result in an identification. We will soon see how  
>this has happened with the 'classic' Lakenheath case in the UK.

Nor does it mean that "an identification" once proposed is itself immune to revision or reinterpretation. Just because somebody's told you that Dave Clark and Andy Roberts concluded last year that 'the Lakenheath UFO' was really a balloon doesn't mean a) that this is true or b) even that they still believe it. Ask Dave to comment on your assertion that the case has "collapsed" and that "sufficient information" has made a clear identification possible in this case. "Information" is potential

confusion if not very carefully examined. At present your statements, John, fall into the category of confusion rather than information.

>Radar case have almost ceased as radar has become more  
>sophisticated and reliable.

Increasing sophistication largely means replacement of real-time displays with machine-time simulations. Old-fashioned analogue primary radars were potentially useful "UFO detectors"; modern digital SSR transponder systems are effectively "UFO filters". In this context it is therefore true to say that air traffic radars have become more reliable only in respect of the detection and control of known air traffic.

Regards,

Martin Shough

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## Re: Self-Coverup - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 08:10:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:40:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Self-Coverup - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 04:26:21 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup

>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:16:02 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Self-Coverup  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>The chances of her reading any more books on the subject of UFO/  
>alien abduction are; slim and none. No offense to you of course.  
>:)

>>"We have a good life. I wouldn't want to ruin it."  
>>---Susan, in Abduction In My Life

>Almost verbatim what Margie has said/expressed to me about it. I  
>found your book to be an accurate representation on many levels.  
>Many of them very personal ones. You did a good job. A better  
>job than I suspect many "abductees" would be able to do.

Thanks.

>For most of the book I was even wondering about \_you.\_ I kept  
>saying to myself, "This guy has to be a closet case!" (Abductee  
>not 'colon cowboy.') There were enough references to the kind of  
>subtle nuances that only an experiencer would know to make me  
>wonder. :)

I have studied the subject, have read about the personal  
reactions and tried to put myself into the mind of an aductee  
and I asked, how would I feel? What would a normal, sane person  
do under these circumstances? [ Note that I considered the  
abductees to be (at least in large part) normal, sane people  
(unlike "PJ" K and others).] And I had the good fortune of  
having had good teachers (Budd, Dave and others).

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## Re: Greg Long? - Andersen

From: Kathleen Andersen <[KAnder6444@aol.com](mailto:KAnder6444@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 10:42:14 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:42:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Andersen

>From: Gary Anthony <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Greg Long?  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:32:53 -0000

>Hi List,

>Can anyone please direct me to, or put me in touch  
>with Greg Long of famed Yakima Indian Reserve  
>UFO wave report? An email address would be nice or  
>snail even?

Hi Gary,

If you leave me your number in email I will call Greg tomorrow.  
He lives in Seattle and I can call him at work. I know he is  
very busy but I will give him the message.

Cheers

Kathleen Andersen

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## Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcc@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcc@attcanada.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 10:51:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:44:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>take a look.

<snip>

Sorry to burst this boy's bubble, but I noticed the moon was exceptionally bright and large. In fact, so did my mother, aunt and brother. We were saying goodnight to my aunt and all of us noticed it. It was beautiful. The next day the National Post had a story about the moon's size and brightness and my brother showed it to me.

Perhaps those who look at the sky can tell the difference.

Kelly

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## Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 15:56:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:45:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Rimmer

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>that we would notice the difference if we stepped outside to  
>take a look.

>This would be true if there was an average full moon hanging in  
>the sky to use as a comparison. But of course we only get one  
>full moon at a time and it's impossible to carry around an  
>accurate size-and-brightness memory from one full moon to the  
>next. More over, the difference from one to another is often very  
>slight.

Walking home from Mortlake station at about 8.00 pm last week, I certainly noticed that the moon seemed remarkably bright and the extra illumination was noticable over the streetlights.

It was only when I read in the next day's newspaper that it was the closest approach of the moon to the earth for years. My wife also noticed this quite separately from me, and other people I have spoken to also remarked on how bright the moon seemed.

Whether this makes it more or less likely that the moon might be misrepresented as a UFO is beyond me!

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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## Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 12:55:56 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:57:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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>so good. But the misleading part of the story was the suggestion  
>that we would notice the difference if we stepped outside to  
>take a look.

<snip>

>By coincidence, on the same day an ther national news story  
>informed us that "a staggering 42 percent increase in UFO  
>sightings had occurred over Canada in the past year." I think a  
>reality check is in order here. The "staggering" increase was  
>from 263 to 374 sightings, which for all of Canada is still a  
>very small number - an average of just one a day.

Terry, Terry, Terry. What are we going to do with you? First,  
the "staggering increase" came from the press - however  
regardless it is a large increase over last year. And only one a  
day? That's misleading. That doesn't mean there was only one a  
day but only one a day - on average - was reported. From my  
experience only one in ten UFO sightings gets reported at all  
because, most people are afraid of ridicule by their friends,  
their peers and by mainstream science. One a day - that seems  
like a lot to me. Would you think discovering a new planet at  
one each day was low, or a nova or primitive microbes on one of  
Jupiter's moons.

>The fact is, UFO sightings world wide are way down compared with  
>the number of reports gathered a generation or two ago.

I can think of a few reasons for this. One - there are fewer  
UFOs flitting around our skies. More likely though its because  
of the ridicule already mentioned above and because people are  
more decerning about what they report.

Television programs - such as '@discovery.ca' - have educated a  
great many people as to what's 'up there'. They know about  
satellites, and stealth fighters, bolides and meteors and  
planets and stars.

They are more likely to do their own reality check before they  
make a report...\_if\_ they make a report. If they make that  
report to the RCMP for instance - it disappears into a black  
hole, usually never to be seen again. The same occurs when it's

reported to the Canadian military. Airline pilot and gen/av pilot CIRVIS reports end up stripped down and sent to Chris Rutkowski - and some come to me through Transport Canada.

>Then, as  
>now, the vast majority of sightings can be reliably classified

For reasons stated above, I'm not so sure the majority is so vast anymore Terry. Some years ago I would have agreed to a number of unknowns at around 5 percent - but when I go out there now and take down a report, the witnesses themselves are eliminating the prosaic possibilities on their own.

A good percentage of the population has a good idea of what is up there and witnesses, I find, ask you whether this could have been any of the 'standard fare' that you offered below. I peg it at around 15 to 20 percent now and that's out of one in twenty sightings that actually make it to us. That number of 374 gets much bigger if - as many of suspect - the real numbers were reported was only 10 percent of the whole. Now we are looking at 3,740 sightings and possibly double that. I have no hard science on that last suggestion, just personal experience and the testimony of others.

>as innocent misinterpretations of aircraft lights, fireball  
>meteors, bright planets distorted by the atmosphere, weather  
>balloons and other identifiable phenomena. If anything more  
>mysterious than that is going on, we're no closer to knowing  
>what it is than we were decades ago when the UFO phenomenon  
>seemed fresh and exciting.

Somebody ought to make up a rubber stamp with that on it Terence. However as you say it's not new and fresh. Perhaps it's not exciting anymore. Sometimes it's just plain scary. But my gut tells me it's important - too important to blow off.

BTW - I enjoy your regular appearances on @discovery.ca

Regards,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:18:05 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:01:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hall

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 21:49:50 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:08:02 +0000

>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
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>>I don't know how you are using the word, but I am using 'signal'  
>>to mean an identifiable pattern (one or more) that becomes  
>>apparent once you screen out irrelevancies; indeed, that is the  
>>intended meaning of the 'signal-to-noise ratio' concept. One  
>>hears a lot of noise, but if one listens carefully, voila! I  
>>think I'm beginning to understand where you are coming from,  
>>correct me if I'm wrong: There is no way (you seem to be saying)  
>>to sift UFO data and determine whether or not patterned,  
>>hardcore unexplained cases are the ones that matter (?) You are  
>>more interested (or just as interested) in noise, and therefore  
>>the cases I talk about are merely a preference on my part? In  
>>fact, the many-more scientific Ufologists than you admit to  
>>agree with Dick Hall and see the same patterns I do. I know  
>>because a dozen or so of us met in Washington, D.C., a few weeks  
>>ago. So, I would venture to say, do most people on this list who  
>>are not psychosocials.

>I think this rather shows up the inadequacies of the  
>signal/noise metaphor. The phrase originated in  
>telecommunications, where it refers to the ability to  
>distinguish a recognisable message from the 'noise' of static,  
>poor reception etc. In this case you do have the advantage of  
>being able to make a reasonable assumption about what the  
>'signal' is going to be: a message in some mutually  
>understandable language - Morse code, binaries, Lithuanian, etc.

John,

I am finding this exchange to be very interesting and  
instructive. I'm well aware of where the metaphor came from, and  
think it is a perfect one for UFO sightings, some 90% of which  
(depending on your criteria) are explainable in mundane terms  
(i.e., 'noise'); the 'signal,' therefore, should be what is  
left, unless they are simply rag-tag odds and ends that elude  
identification. But if that were the case, the unexplained  
reports would not be so strongly patterned as to shape,  
performance, behavior, etc. How do you account for that?

>With the UFO signal/noise analogy you are having to make  
>assumptions about what the 'irrelevancies' are. Now there are  
>lots of consistencies across UFO reports: the 'Oz' factor,  
>Greys, witness paralysis, etc., etc., etc., which recur time and  
>time again. But it seems you think these are 'irrelevancies' to  
>be 'screened out'. Well, fair enough, it is clear that you have

>a settled idea as to which parts of the UFO phenomenon are  
>relevant - or at least relevant to Richard Hall. It seems that  
>this is the part of the UFO phenomenon which appears to suggest  
>that structured craft from other planets are visiting Earth. If  
>the people you met in Washington the other week agree with you,  
>well and good, and I hope you all had a nice time, but you  
>cannot claim that this small group represents who whole of  
>serious ufology.

Why do you keep trying to make this a personal thing with me,  
which is not true? I am not making assumptions about what is  
irrelevant, I am simply studying the cases that remain  
unexplained after thorough investigation and that contain  
sufficient data to analyze. Light sources and things not seen  
clearly under decent observation conditions offer little of  
value.

>>>Psychosocial ufologist try to look at the subject as a whole,  
>>>even the cases which embarrass the nuts-and-bolters. It's not us  
>>>who are throwing out the baby. To return your question: "For the  
>>>99th time, what about the cases which do not fit neatly into  
>>>preconceptions about what an extraterrestrial craft should look  
>>>like? What about the cases that demonstrate the extremes of  
>>>radical misperception that witnesses are capable of?"

>>I have looked at the subject 'as a whole' for around 50 years  
>>and have concluded that there is a very clear 'signal.' All I am  
>>throwing out is cases that fail to offer consistent, patterned  
>>testimony or evidence for an unexplained phenomenon or phenomena  
>>(i.e., mostly IFOs that are unlike hardcore UFO cases in all  
>>respects), other than perhaps ball lightning, which is poorly  
>>understood but has become recognizable as a phenomenon in its  
>>own right. How about some specific examples of what I am  
>>allegedly throwing out? Who has preconceptions about what an ET  
>>craft should look like, you or me? I go only by what's reported  
>>and the hypothetico-deductive method of science. You are the one  
>>arguing that they can't be spaceships. I am arguing from  
>>evidence to theory (empirically); you are arguing from theory to  
>>refute evidence.

>I don't know if you are 'throwing out' the evidence of the  
>abduction cases, but you do seem to be prepared to ignore that  
>evidence where it seems to contradict the hypotheses derived  
>from your 'core evidence' cases.

I definitely am not throwing out the evidence (somewhat muddled  
overall) of the abduction cases, and take them very seriously.  
Again, what evidence am I ignoring by your standards? It is very  
difficult to prove anything about abductions for obvious  
reasons, but as I explain in The UFO Evidence, Volume II (which  
you claim to have read) the reports segue nicely out of previous  
reports of humanoids. I don't know exactly what they mean or how  
much of them to take at face value, but I do know that they come  
from highly credible people with whom I have interacted  
extensively. Unlike you apparently, I have a certain tolerance  
for ambiguity.

>Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think you also discount most of  
>the Roswell story, which for psychosocial ufologists is strong  
>evidence for the growth of UFO belief as a social myth, and from  
>which we can learn a great deal about the way in which UFO  
>evidence is created, related and recorded. These all offer  
>evidence for a consistent phenomenon. the proble, from your  
>point of view, is that they for evidence for a phenomenon which  
>has its origins in psychology and sociology, not astronomy and  
>astronautics.

Well, clearly you have not read The UFO Evidence, Volume II, or  
you would know the answers to these questions. Since you deduce  
everything from the ASSUMPTION that 'UFO belief' is merely a  
'social myth' you seem to be incapable of letting facts speak  
for themselves and deriving theories from facts. The core of the  
Roswell testimony remains strong and the signal clear, with a  
lot of noise being generated by phony, wannabe participants (if  
not straight out disinformationists). I have met and spoken with  
many of the very solid Roswell witnesses and find them to be  
highly credible.

>>>One again you seem to be promoting the idea that there is a  
>>>powerful central core of serious ufologists who are looking at  
>>>the UFO phenomenon in a scientific and objective way, whose work

>>>is hampered by a minority of fringe types who get all the  
>>>publicity, but who are peripheral to "serious ufology". This is  
>>>not how it looks from my pelican's nest. It is certainly not how  
>>>it would look to the casual reader of this List.

>>I didn't say anything about 'powerful'; in fact we appear to be  
>>quite impotent. Otherwise you are dead on. I'm not sure who all  
>>reads this list, but unless they are pretty well informed, they  
>>certainly would encounter a lot of bad information and poor  
>>arguments. And how much should we go by appearances only, in  
>>this or anything else? I am personally in touch with several  
>>dozens of scientifically oriented Ufologists, and our work  
>>surely is hampered - severely - by the majority (not minority)  
>>of fringe types.

>I'm glad we agree that the fringe is in the majority. It is the way of  
>Internet discussion threads that they roam and split all over the place.  
>Let's not forget that this one started when I challenged suggestions  
>that it was unreasonable for most scientists to avoid involving  
>themselves in the UFO field, following suggestions that there was some  
>sort of conspiracy about this. Scientists want feel that there is the  
>likelihood of some positive result to their reaserch before they start to  
>devote a large part of their working life to it. I donm't think that  
>anyone who has looked at the way ufology has developed over the last 55  
>years would feel this was the case.

><snip>

>>>>I would say that these people [scientific ufologists] number in the  
>>>low tens. I also see  
>>>a group of sceptical ufologists - possibly even smaller - who do  
>>>a great deal of first hand and archive research into "hard core"  
>>>cases, but unfortunately find that these cases seem to collapse  
>>>when examined in such depth. Look out for Clarke and Roberts's  
>>>forthcoming reinvestigation of Lakenheath for an example of  
>>>this.

>>What do these numbers really matter? Isn't it evidence and logic  
>>that counts? From the smaple I have seen, these skeptibunkers  
>>who claim to explain hardcore cases take a lot of liberties with  
>>both evidence and logic in the process. We've been waiting a  
>>long time for the 'forthcoming reinvestigation' of Lakenheath,  
>>which has been used as a blunt weapon by skeptibunkers before it  
>>has ever seen the light of day. Let's see it!

>You will, Oscar, you will! Surely you're not suggesting that it  
>doesn't exist?

'Oscar'? No, I think it's a 'social myth', Throckmorton. And why  
didn't you answer my question about the numbers you keep citing  
as if they mattered? I hope the Lakenheath report is more  
logical and coherent than James' repetitious nonsense about  
Socorro and other harcore cases.

><snip>

>>>>>However, an outsider looking at the world of ufology does not  
>>>>>see a hard core of sense surrounded by a lightweight, whacky  
>>>>>fringe, which is what they see in other scientific and even  
>>>>>pseudo-scientific areas.

>>>>Yes, that is exactly the false picture they get of the only part  
>>>>of 'ufology' worthy of that name, again, thanks to those whose  
>>>>better judgment apparently is drowned out by noise.

>>>Once again, we are talking about "The kind of ufology I am  
>>>interested in", prop. R. Hall. I also find R/V, structured craft  
>>>cases, etc., of interest, but I do not pretend, for the sake of  
>>>keeping ufology respectable, that these are the only significant  
>>>parts of the subject. I do not think that people who see a wider  
>>>view of ufology are getting a false picture.

>>Again, examples please? What are you interested in that  
>>scientific Ufologists allegedly are throwing out? What, exactly,  
>>is a 'wider view of Ufology?'

>As above. Add also the UFO 'flap' phenomena, MIB, repeater  
>witnesses who also have paranormal experiences; you know, all  
>that flaky stuff that appeals to librarians.

Where above? The UFO wave phenomenon is fully covered in my book

and is part and parcel of the evidence for real UFOs, repeater witnesses (depending on individual character and circumstance) don't cause me any problem, and MIBs are 95% mythical (as you should appreciate with all your myth-labelling) much like the Bermuda Triangle, which has very little to do with Bermuda and is not a triangle. Now, those are 'social myths' (though I never heard that term before; how do they differ from just plain myths?)

><snip><including psychical research stuff>

>To avoid doing lots of snips and quotes, I'll summarise a couple >of other points:

>Yes, John Mack was threatened with loss of tenure, there was a >lot off fuss and arguments on both sides. The point is he didn't >lose it, so presumably the arguments in his favour - largely on >a free-speech rather than a scientific basis - were convincing. >Bully for him, but this case proves little about whether the UFO >phenomenon is or is not acceptable to mainstream science. Mack's >case was political (in the broadest sense) not scientific.

While not agreeing with you on this, what about the other examples I gave?

>Yes, there were some radar cases in the seventies, there are >probably still some (see Jenny Randle's 'Something in the Air' >for examples). But they have decreased in numbers as radar and >radar interpretation has got more sophisticated.

That's twice you have said that without offering any evidence in support. Some very strong radar cases have continued in the 1980s and 1990s. It is also a glib way for you to discount older cases as simply misunderstood vagaries of radar. I doubt seriously that you have the expertise in radar and meteorology that Jim McDONald had, and he found many of the Air Force radar cases to be very solid and extremely puzzling.

- Signal Dick

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Evans

From: William H Evans <[whevans032766@juno.com](mailto:whevans032766@juno.com)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 12:55:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:23:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Evans

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:36:37 -0600

>Down here in the 'bama, landowners have  
>taken helicopters \_hostage\_ in the Fort Rucker flying area! True  
>story. Dr. Randle can likely confirm it, not to put him on the  
>spot.

>[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

Details, please.

I love hearing stories about my neighbors.

Bill Evans  
Hartselle, AL  
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From: William H Evans <[whevans032766@juno.com](mailto:whevans032766@juno.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:25:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Evans

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
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>Down here in the 'bama, landowners have  
>taken helicopters \_hostage\_ in the Fort Rucker flying area! True  
>story. Dr. Randle can likely confirm it, not to put him on the  
>spot.

Details, please. I love hearing stories about my neighbors.

FWIW - Someone was asking about the Comanche other day. I drive  
by a parked Comanche in a parking lot on the Redstone Arsenal in  
Huntsville. At least I used to before 9/11/01.

I used to wonder how quickly I would be arrested if I had  
stopped and gotten out and started measuring and sketching.

Bill Evans Hartselle, AL [whevans032766@juno.com](mailto:whevans032766@juno.com)

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## Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 14:42:22 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:28:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

>Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 14:57:04 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years

>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 00:28:34 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>From: Michael J. Woods <[mike.woods@sympatico.ca](mailto:mike.woods@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>To: To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Kreskin Predicts Largest Sighting In 50 Years  
>>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 16:23:03 -0500

<snip>

>Very typically vague. Kreskin sails right past the question  
>whether its spring of this particular year, as if he weren't  
>even asked... then talks about 'the desert' like it was a point  
>on a map instead of a vast territory.

>Virtually the entire state of Nevada is desert.

>By casting as wide and vague a net as possible, he can credit  
>himself with a "hit" later, should there be some major sighting,  
>in the desert, in May or June of one year or another.

>Prognistocators of all stripes use the same device.

>I can make predictions too! I predict that the next number to  
>come up on a certain roulette wheel, in a certain casino, on a  
>definite date and time... will be an exact integer, though I  
>cannot say which.

Dear Larry, List and Errol,

I am surprised at you guys. No, really. Mr. Kresge has been on the air since before time. And... he sold lots of good stuff in his Five and Dime stores, which very few on List know what that is. It's a store where everything is supposed to cost you a nickle or a dime. But winds up with you peeking through a keyhole down upon your knees. (I just thought I'd trhow a lil' due Dylly in).

Anyway, the great Kresge chained his name to Kreskin, in order to dissociate himself with the five and dime biz, and became a fortune teller at a local bank. From there, he gurgitated to famed dumb when he was offered an appearance at scale on the Johny Carson show. It was all up the mountain from there.

In fact, it was the Great Kreskin, who predicted in 1935, that a Dr. J. Jaime Gesuindt (OK, so he got the name a little off) would say as a child, "Jack and Jill went up the hill, each with a buck and a quarter. Jill came down with two and a half, do you really think they went up for water?"

It is consumated,

Jim

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 12:24:13 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:30:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 22:45:01 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:47:25 -0600

Patient and gentle listfolk,

>>He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was  
>>responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a  
>>remark by an early investigator. In point of fact, the investigator  
>>did not suggest the moon generated the whole incident, as  
>>the quote makes clear. She was interested in the "reality  
>>distortion" - Jenny Randles would call it the Oz Factor --  
>>aspect. In other words, the high strangeness the witnesses  
>>reported, the sense of unreality as time collapsed, weird lights  
>>and other sights began to appear, strange physiological  
>>symptoms were observed and felt, and the like.  
>>The investigator thought it possible that the witnesses were  
>>so frightened and disoriented during all of this that they may  
>>have mistaken the moon for something else. I don't  
>>necessarily disagree, but this is not at all the same thing as  
>>Luis's theory which - exactly as I stated - is a recent  
>>suggestion.

>[...] "Neither young man recalled seeing the moon during this  
>experience. Mrs. Linda Carey, Mr. Carey's wife (NOTE: one of the  
>initial investigators who arrived on site just the day after the  
>incident), consulted the "Farmer's Almanac" and found that the  
>moon was in its last quarter and rose at 11.01 p.m. on October  
>26, and set at 1.30 p.m. on October 27. Was the "mother ship"  
>actually the moon? In view of the curious distortions of  
>reality, that must be considered"

>This strikes me as a pretty clear suggestion that the  
>investigator feels it is a reasonable proposition that what the  
>two witnesses saw was the moon. I can see no other way of  
>interpreting this, and do not understand why you are denying  
>this.

My word. Can psychosociologists read? I have already addressed  
this question in an earlier posting responding to Luis Gonzalez.

>The whole report By Brent Raynes seems a classic of psychosocial  
>ufology, describing as it does the confused mental state of the  
>witnesses and their family and associates. It includes MIB,  
>strange hallucinations, alleged psychic phenomena. Indeed Raynes  
>report begins:

>"Seldom are the paranormalmechanics of a UFO encounter as  
>visibly demonstrated as they were in this particular incident,  
>an incident which contained many classic manifestations."

Exactly why is this a "classic of psychosocial ufology?" Because  
John Rimmer says so? Because, since UFOs and paranormal

phenomena don't exist and the investigators were too stupid to know that, it couldn't be anything else? From my perspective, and that of most observers of the Oxford case, this looks an instance - far from the first - of the high strangeness one finds in many close encounters and which doesn't readily yield to orthodox psychological explanation (unless, of course, you're an ocean away from the incident in question). The experiences of Dr. Hopkins's family with MIB were hardly "psychosocial" events, unless that particular adjective has no meaning, which may indeed be the case.

>>But I advance this  
>>possibility as a more believable alternative to Luis's notion  
>>that all of this arose out of a more or less ordinary misperception  
>>of the moon.

>No Jerry, it's an \*extra\*-ordinary misperception, a radical  
>misperception.

I stand by my earlier remarks.

>>I fail to see the relevance of the speculations about the witnesses'  
>>personal lives.

>Well, you wouldn't, if you thought they were giving an accurate  
>account of, for example, an extraterrestrial spacecraft. But if  
>it was something other than that, well who knows what's  
>relevant.

Does anybody besides John know what this is supposed to mean?

>>Thus, it is  
>>surely significant that not one of those who investigated the  
>>incident came to the conclusion that Stephens and Gray were,  
>>so to speak, lunatics. Of course, they didn't have the advantage  
>>of judging the case from an ocean away.

>Or from the middle of Minnesota a quarter of a century later.

Actually, the southwestern corner of Minnesota. Your geography,  
I fear, is as flawed as your ufology.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Vetterick

From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:28:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:39:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Vetterick

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 20:56:24 -0400

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>>Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 16:27:26 +0000

>>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>>To: UFO Update <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 10:05:26 -0600  
>>>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>>Greetings EBK and List Members

>>>I'm requesting advice and council from anyone with experience  
>>>and knowledge in this area.

<snip>

Let me clarify my original questions.

There may very well be an issue regarding Stan's right to sell  
the COMETA report, if it is indeed Copyrighted.

However, my real question was does Mr. Algrin have a legal basis  
to tell me to remove Stan's ordering info, when all I'm doing is  
providing Web space. Why do I have to police the content of  
whatever Stan decides to put on his pages?

I've been told that, as Webmaster, I may indeed be liable if  
Stan is illegally selling something via web space Stan is  
renting from me.

If this is true then all I have to go on so far, is Mr. Algrin's  
word or claim that COMETA is Copyrighted and he is the person  
with the authority to grant or deny permission to anyone to sell  
the report.

It seems to me that I should have the right to ask Mr. Algrin to  
send documentation verifying the report is Copyrighted and that  
he is the Director with such authority.

Comments?

Thanks

Dave

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:15:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 15:43:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Young

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:31:01 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Examination of the disc revealed it was "Alclad" or "Pureclad",  
>specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In  
>the center was an ordinary starter from a fluorescent light...  
>the disc was about 16 inches in diameter... which, I think, is  
>fairly good evidence that the case is a hoax.

Hi Kevin, Larry, all;

Yes this stuff does seem fairly conventional. But there seems to be some force of assumption dictating our review of the '47 crash data. This assumption demands that all these exhibits must display some kind of sensational, unexplained properties unknown to man, and if they don't than it's got to be the work of a simple trickster. This grand assumption does not consider that these objects of conventional origin may originate from a larger covert military or intelligence operation or even more important, may be the catalyst behind all of the '47 sightings.

I recall a discussion with a certain Australian researcher who completely 'threw out' some valuable data behind the retrieval of honeycomb debris from a Middletown, Ohio event in the 1970s because this material was of 'conventional origin' used in various satellites. To this researcher, the satellite explanation was not compatible with his 'pet theory' of E.T. visitors, so the data was damned.

There was a research project once posted to the Project '47 List by Mr. Ed Stewart that summarized that a large majority of disc sighting reports during the summer of '47 were of these small 2-foot-or-so saucer objects, not house-sized objects, that could carry human-sized space travelers.

Further, there is a whole category on the '47 crash page dedicated to recovered objects equipped electronic gadgetry such as wiring, mufflers and radio tubes. It was said that one of these objects found in Nelsonville, Ohio was 'shot' out of the sky with a shotgun.

There seems to be a commonality here, perhaps something to consider when we speculate that 'various tricksters' from around the country somehow worked independently to create these hoaxes. Many were described as 'inventive' or 'ingenious'.

The Shreveport object was reported traveling through the sky and spouting flames. But it's still a hoax? Quite an interesting hoax, wonder how that was done? But there are other '47 crash reports that suggest these objects were somehow airborne and shooting flames or smoke; either catapulted a long distance, dropped by airplane or else (somehow) capable of flight under its own power.

Further, and getting into even worse conjecture, let us use the 'Roswellian logic' so often incorporated into various Roswell inquiries; why do we hastily accept the description of these



'conventional artifacts' found on these things, when the source of dismissive information is supposedly the same governmental influence behind the much-claimed Roswell 'switch'? As charged by Kevin and many other researchers, it would be this same governmental source that would have us believe the Roswell object was a weather balloon (and then changed to a Project Mogul balloon).

Very curious stuff.

Thanks,

KENNY

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

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Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 19:53:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:09:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 10:20:43 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgongagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgongagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: <[ufonet@yahoo.com](mailto:ufonet@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 00:12:00 -0000

Oops, I missed my manners on some previous postings in my hurry to respond.

Hello, Jim et al,

<snip>

>I speak for me. My opinion may be too fine a point, but it is a  
>point worth one's attention. The word "UFO" Stan's... stands,  
>sorry, for "Unidentified" flying object. And it is my opinion  
>that very few, too few in fact, researchers claim that these are  
>craft from another planet. Rather, that the only really  
>reasonable fit appears to be the 'other' planet... time...  
>space... dimension theory. It's the only one which fits into  
>that weirdly shaped and very complex hole in the box.

Again, I have to disagree - the concept that an ET craft is the only solution to fit the known facts is the easiest to understand, but that doesn't make it true. How about shape-shifting demons, terrestrial under-sea civilisations, EM induced misperceptions, for examples? They can also be made to fit the known facts.

>>It is my contention that the scientific approach should not be  
>>to prove that UFOs are spaceships from another planet, but to  
>>attempt to identify what UFOs are.

>Seems to me that is what is going on. But then, there is the  
>phenomena which relates UFOs to the abduction experience. Now  
>if both assumptions are true, where does one go from there?

My point is that it is not what is going on in most cases, especially in "popular ufology". Most of the emphasis is on the ETH, with little regard for other hypotheses which are equally valid, both exotic and (relatively) mundane.

<snip>

>So, let's first establish that there is at least one, well  
>reported, credible sighting, presumably with a description that  
>defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as  
>"unintelligent" - phenomenon.

>If we find one, then we can offer speculation as to what can  
>explain the presence of said phenomenon.

>Bruce, there are too many to mention. The problem is that no  
>one outside of the small community of nutcases (like our little  
>group here) believe what we have to say. And likely never will.

>Unless we provide or 'they' provide a bolt holding the famous  
>to the trihydropaducal generator. And maybe not even that.

Again, it comes down to lack of quality data. I don't think that the lack of quality data is because there is none, but that it hasn't been adequately documented, and has been diluted with a lot of very poor-quality data to such a point that the filters are clogged.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 20:42:23 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:10:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:30:54 -0400

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<snip>

>>Unfortunately, no such case comes to mind-any suggestions,  
>>anyone?

>  
>Joe: May I respectfully suggest you read Dr. James E. McDonald's  
>Congressional Testimony from the Hearings of July 29, 1968? It  
>is 71 pages long and has information on 41 separate cases which  
>he investigated. Best single paper of which I am aware about  
>sightings.

>Jim was a Professor of Physics (Specialty Upper Atmosphere  
>Physics) who personally spoke to more than 500 witnesses and  
>gave presentations to many professional groups. He also wrote a  
>number of papers which I believe are available from the FUND  
>though the Cong. Testimony is not. Yes it is available from me  
>at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958 \$10. including First Class  
>Postage. I do list a number of publications (Most not available  
>from me) in TOP SECRET/MAJIC's 10 page Bibliography. Or try  
>Bruce's book 'UFOs Are Real: and Here's the Proof'.

Thanks, Stan, I have just ordered some of your articles from  
your site.

Regards, Joe

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## Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 15:08:12 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:16:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>The Toronto Star  
>Sunday, March 3, 2002  
>page A14

>Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs

>The Universe  
>Terence Dickinson

<snip>

>By coincidence, on the same day an ther national news story  
>informed us that "a staggering 42 percent increase in UFO  
>sightings had occurred over Canada in the past year." I think a  
>reality check is in order here. The "staggering" increase was  
>from 263 to 374 sightings, which for all of Canada is still a  
>very small number - an average of just one a day.

>The fact is, UFO sightings world wide are way down compared with  
>the number of reports gathered a generation or two ago. Then, as  
>now, the vast majority of sightings can be reliably classified  
>as innocent misinterpretations of aircraft lights, fireball  
>meteors, bright planets distorted by the atmosphere, weather  
>balloons and other identifiable phenomena. If anything more  
>mysterious than that is going on, we're no closer to knowing  
>what it is than we were decades ago when the UFO phenomenon  
>seemed fresh and exciting.

He's wrong, of course, but he is the expert.

He had the numbers right, 374 versus 263 is only 90 or so more,  
and across all of Canada, that's pretty small. But it is a  
staggering increase indeed when the trend for the last decade or  
so has been only a few percent a year. If 42% more people in  
Canada contracted ebola last year, that would a significant  
number, even if was only a dozen or two cases.

Why only a few hundred UFO cases in such a large country?  
Because those are only the ones actually reported. We think we  
get about a tenth of the actual number. Is 3700 cases more  
significant? I don't know. What would be enough to take notice?

As for worldwide numbers being down, there are two things to  
consider. First, I can't imagine where Terry would be getting  
his data. The Canadian UFO Survey is one of only two in the  
world where national statistics are kept on UFO sightings. (The  
other is Sweden: [www.ufo.se](http://www.ufo.se)) No comparable statistical analysis  
exists for the USA, Britain or other countries where UFOs are  
reported frequently. Since scientific comments are always based  
on data, and the data available do not support the comment, this  
is a problem.

Secondly, from regular browsing through UpDates, UFO Roundup,  
Filer's Files, Rense.com and looking through the online files of  
Peter Davenport and other sources, I can only conclude that UFOs  
are being reported at a significant and constant rate rather

than being down in any sense of the word.

Finally, I must note that Terry did get one significant aspect right. He noted that "the vast majority" of UFO sightings are misinterpretations. That's exactly our conclusion, and one which we emphasize strongly. This doesn't say anything about the "minority" of cases which don't seem to be easily explainable as misinterpretations, but that's best left unsaid, I suppose.

That's odd; he agrees with ufologists. Maybe we should re-analyze our data.

I respect Terry as an astronomer. He's great. And with regard to ufology, his paper on the Hill case ranks as one of the best resources ever produced. But he's way off on this occasion, and I wonder why.

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Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 16:18:29 -500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:18:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hutchinson

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 13:00:37 -0000

>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:06:04 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>Radar case have almost ceased as radar has become more  
>>sophisticated and reliable.

>Increasing sophistication largely means replacement of real-time  
>displays with machine-time simulations. Old-fashioned analogue  
>primary radars were potentially useful "UFO detectors"; modern  
>digital SSR transponder systems are effectively "UFO filters".  
>In this context it is therefore true to say that air traffic  
>radars have become more reliable only in respect of the  
>detection and control of known air traffic.

I think I must register a carp here. It is true that modern ATC radars are primarily designed to handle commercial and military air traffic, but to assert that they will "filter" out a UFO because they lack SSR, or even IFF transponders is quite contrary to the purpose of these systems, and not accurate.

Controllers are vitally interested in unidentified traffic in their sectors, because of the obvious risks they pose. Today's radar systems will process and display returns from all aircraft- transponders will occasionally malfunction, after all.

What a modern radar will filter out are spurious phantom "returns", ones that are generated by electronic and mechanical noise. Those of us who worked on the predecessors of today's digital radars remember well the occasional blips generated by dirty slip rings, and the "fine tuning" of squelch controls. If there is too much noise, sloppy maintenance is usually to blame.

I shudder to think what would happen if ATC radars were programmed to ignore any hard returns not responding to a transponder. We have too many problems already with overcrowded airways to add "invisible" traffic into an already dangerous situation. If an ATC radar, or any radar, receives a hard return, it will display it, regardless of any identification transponders.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson



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Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 16:18:27 -500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:21:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hutchinson

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>whatever Stan decides to put on his pages?

The answer is - yes, he does, and you are responsible.

As webmaster and the registered owner of the site, you are responsible for the content of all material under your control. The law will treat you as the defacto publisher of these materials, and just as a printed magazine, newspaper can be held liable for content authored by others, so can you. This, BTW, was part of the argument that shut down Napster.

As a general rule, a publisher is not always required to "police" submissions prior to publication, but they are required to take appropriate action if the content is subsequently found to violate any number of legal rules.

The contention that you "loaned", or "donated" space to others will not absolve you of responsibility. It is your publication, and you are the ultimate curator of the content.

BTW - check the Fair Use FAQ for your ISP or Web Hosting service. You will find that they do have the power to turn you off unilaterally, and they specifically warn you about this kind of material being published on your site. If this lawyer wants to remove the offending material, a call to your Host can result in your entire site being shut down.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Bolton

From: David Bolton <[David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk](mailto:David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 21:55:34 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 17:27:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis - Bolton

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET hypothesis  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 13:00:37 -0000

>Look out too for a hard critique of their reinvestigation if it  
>turns out to follow the facile plot which you advertise. I'm  
>sure you hope it will follow it. I, on the other hand, have some  
>reason to hope that Dave Clarke \_just might\_ arrive at a view a  
>bit more sophisticated than that "Lakenheath collapsed when  
>examined in depth." Knowing something about this work I think I  
>can safely say that there are plenty of worms left in this  
>particular can, and probably they're still breeding!

Plenty of worms - yes.

In the early 1950s Lakenheath became the main centre for USAFE Strategic Reconnaissance - from where long range Convair RB-36 & Boeing RB-50 planes set off for flights around the borders of the Eastern Bloc, with overflights being conducted with North American RB-45's from Sculthorpe in Norfolk. The RAF were at it as well, of course, first with PR34 Mosquitoes, then (after a short spell with some borrowed RB-45's) with their English Electric Canberras.

In April 1956 the high altitude Lockheed U2 spyplane was deployed to Lakenheath, under cover of the '1st Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Provisional'. Flights of this plane were made without telling other branches of the USAF & RAF, so they had a nasty habit of triggering the UK early-warning system for nuclear attack (source: Richard J Aldrich; The Hidden Hand, p526). Memories of these mysterious 'non-drill' scramblings would have lingered amongst the air and ground crews for many years afterwards.

You have to remember that 1956 was an 'interesting' year, militarily. The Suez Crisis - The Soviet suppression of Hungary - the first British atom bomb test - lots of reasons for UK citizens to be to be shit-scared that WW3 was about to start at any minute. Jittery radar operators, and numerous panic false scramblings of interceptor jets, would have been inevitable - as in any front-line operation - and the UK was very much part of the front line during the cold war.

However, out of all this, the RAF decided to release a tale about jets chasing a UFO over Suffolk. If anything should have been Top Secret, then this should have been it, and if true we shouldn't have heard a dickie-bird about it. The story also implied that the RAF were able to track, and to some extent intercept, objects that had fantastic performance - information that would normally have been withheld since it would hand important intelligence data to the enemy.

That is, of course, unless you \_wanted\_ the enemy to \_think\_ that your tracking systems and interceptors were capable of these feats.

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David Bolton

[David@DBolton.co.uk](mailto:David@DBolton.co.uk)

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From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 22:06:22 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 08:30:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

Fwd: Re: COMETA Report

>From: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>To: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA report  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 15:08:32 -0500

>Dick,

>Sure, post it, as long as my E-mail address doesn't become  
>known.

>don

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2002 11:36 AM  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA report

>>Don,

>>Is it okay for me to post this on the List for their  
>>information, since that is where the issue was raised?

>> - Dick

>>>From: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>>To: <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>CC: <[swiman@iGlide.net](mailto:swiman@iGlide.net)>, Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>,  
>>><[gpayan@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gpayan@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>>Subject: COMETA report  
>>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 08:52:34 -0500

>>>Dear Mr. Friedman,

>>>Inasmuch as you are illegally selling copies of the  
>>>internationally copyrighted COMETA report made from one that  
>>>you were given by the Fund for non-commercial purposes, you  
>>>are clearly in violation of copyright law.

>>>The least you can do is forfeit to COMETA all monies paid to  
>>>you for copies you have sold, and to apologize in writing to  
>>>both the Fund and COMETA for your illegal and unethical  
>>>practices.

>>>Anything less will lead to further degradation of your  
>>>reputation.

>>>Don Berliner  
>>>Chairman  
>>>Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

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Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Vetterick

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>As webmaster and the registered owner of the site, you are  
>responsible for the content of all material under your control.

><snip>

Thanks Bruce, I get the message, but I wonder if you or someone else on the list could answer the second part of my question.

I don't know Mr. Algrin from a hill of beans. How do I know he is who he says he is, and that COMETA is in fact copyrighted. Why should I just take his word for it?

Does he not have to at least prove, if I ask for it, that the material is copyrighted and that he has authority over use of that material.

I've never been involved in copyrighting anything, but I assume there is some sort of certificate or at least an identifying number given the author or his agent when the copyright is granted. Can I not ask for a copy of this documentation before I comply.

Let me add that I am not advocating or supporting illegal use of anyone's hard work and copyrighted material.

I do feel, however, I have a right to ask for verification before I comply with this type a request from a person I don't know.

Thanks

Dave



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Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 01:16:55 -0500  
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Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

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<snip>

>>Actually, IMHO, the first thing to do it to prove that there are  
>>credible sightings of phenomena which cannot be explained in any  
>>conventional manner. This is where the skeptics attempt to  
>>establish their point of view: there is nothing strange  
>>happening because all credible sightings can be explained (no  
>>one except the fringe care about the uncredible sightings...  
>>and, of course, "credibility" can be the subject of a  
>>loooooonnnng discussion).

>>So, let's first establish that there is at least one, well  
>>reported, credible sighting, presumably with a description that  
>>defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as  
>>"unintelligent" - phenomenon.

>>If we find one, then we can offer speculation as to what can  
>>explain the presence of said phenomenon.

>It would certainly be a step in the right direction. Any such  
>case would need to be made up of valid data, ie Living, named  
>witnesses who are amenable to interview; Documents with credible  
>provenance; Original film negatives/camera film/video  
>recordings/ radar data etc.

>I don't mean all of the above in a single case, but any data to  
>be used as evidence must be of the quality indicated above, and  
>the more separate elements involved in the case, the better.>

>Unfortunately, no such case comes to mind-any suggestions,  
>anyone?

Yes, I have suggestion.

New Zealand, December 31, 1978. Multiple witness including 2 TV reporters, pilot and copilot, TV cameraman, audio tape made by one reporter on the scene (in the aircraft), audio tape made at the Wellington Air traffic Control center, 16 mm professional color movie of many of the sighted lights/objects, radar detection by ground radar and by airplane radar; extensive interview information available; and they are all still alive (however the pilot suffered a stroke several years after the event; not sure how much he remembers); reported in two books, one by the pilot and one by the main reporter and in numerous research papers.

See:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Brigham

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Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 03:00:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 09:02:29 -0500  
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<snip>

>This whole discussion reminds me once again of the psychological  
>concept (which should appeal to the 'psychosocials' out there)  
>of 'tolerance of (for?) ambiguity.'

>This concept is highly relevant to UFO issues and deserving of  
>more discussion on this list, so if there are psychologists  
>monitoring our discussions, please speak out.

>I worked for the American Psychological Association for a number  
>of years, and recall that there was a psychological test (one or  
>more) based on this concept; namely, that some people simply  
>could not deal with ambiguity in their lives, and so forced  
>their offbeat, uncomfortable, aberrant experiences into neat  
>pigeonholes to explain them away (denial) as a coping mechanism,  
>while others (more tolerant of ambiguity) were able to suspend  
>judgment, remain open-minded, and wait for further evidence  
>before making up their minds.

>If human beings indeed fall on a spectrum re: their tolerance  
>of/for ambiguity, the relevance of this for reactions to UFO  
>sightings should be obvious.

Dick (if I may),

There is quite a bit of research on tolerance of ambiguity, even  
specifically in relation to 'believers in the paranormal' (not  
my wording).

I am actually doing some (non-directly UFO related) research on  
this now. A search on psychinfo or any other good psych journal  
abstract index should pull up some info you may find of use. Or  
as time permits, if you don't have access to such archives, I'll  
send along some references for those interested on the List.

I should also add that, as I think you alluded to, studies of  
ambiguity tolerance in staunch Non/Anti-believers of  
phenomena would be interesting as well, though I am unsure if  
this has been researched and what any results might be.

Best,

Tim

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## Re: Hopkinsville - Rivera

From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 07:19:36 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 09:05:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hopkinsville - Rivera

Hi Jerry and List members,

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Hopkinsville (was: Oxford Abduction)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 15:30:59 -0600

>>From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:05:02 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

<snip>

>>After checking the article ( Phenomena no. 45 p. 6-18 ), I am  
>>compelled to acknowledge my mistake: Mr. Mege never uses the  
>>argument of the owl sighting which he finds, according to his  
>>mail, "remarkably absurd". Instead he defends, in the above  
>>mentioned article, after meeting in Hopkinsville Russell N.  
>>Ferguson who was one of the State Troopers investigating on the  
>>spot that infamous night, the hypothesis that the Sutton family  
>>invented the whole story in order to gain social recognition  
>>among their community and that it backfired by ridiculing them.

>Is that assessment based on anything other than opinion and  
>class prejudice? Or is that a rhetorical question?

Apparently, Mr. Mege's explanation is based, aside from any  
presupposed assumptions :-)), on his interviews of 2 obviously  
anti 'reality of the incident' witnesses from the time: one is  
the State Trooper, Russell N. Ferguson, the other is a neighbour  
of the Sutton family, Raymond McCord. Then it's his perfect  
right to decide if those 2 late testimonies weight more than the  
ones from the time.

We all know that testimonies 50 years later are, for the  
skeptics, worthless if they support the reality of the  
phenomenon and absolutely credible if not!

I must add that Mr. Mege raises some interesting questions about  
the Kelly- Hopkinsville incident, in particular the absence of  
empty bullet cases in the house when the police arrived that  
night.

Best,

Jean-Luc Rivera

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 08:06:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 09:08:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Lehmborg

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 22:06:22 +0000

>Fwd: Re: COMETA Report

>>From: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>To: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA report  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 15:08:32 -0500

>>Sure, post it, as long as my E-mail address doesn't become  
>>known.

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>>Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2002 11:36 AM  
>>>Subject: Re: COMETA report

>>>Is it okay for me to post this on the List for their  
>>>information, since that is where the issue was raised?

>>>- Dick

>>>>From: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>>>To: <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>CC: <[swiman@iGlide.net](mailto:swiman@iGlide.net)>, Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>,  
>>>><[cpayan@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cpayan@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>>>Subject: COMETA report  
>>>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 08:52:34 -0500

>>>>Dear Mr. Friedman,

>>>>Inasmuch as you are illegally selling copies of the  
>>>>internationally copyrighted COMETA report made from one that  
>>>>you were given by the Fund for non-commercial purposes, you  
>>>>are clearly in violation of copyright law.

>>>>The least you can do is forfeit to COMETA all monies paid to  
>>>>you for copies you have sold, and to apologize in writing to  
>>>>both the Fund and COMETA for your illegal and unethical  
>>>>practices.

>>>>Anything less will lead to further degradation of your  
>>>>reputation.

>>>>Don Berliner  
>>>>Chairman  
>>>>Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

I'm certain Mr. Friedman has a sound justification for doing what he is doing, and I'm well beyond doubt that he is going to do the right thing, whatever that ends up to be... but forgetting -that- for a moment, just WHY is this report being kept so close to the vest, why aren't we hearing more about it over here, and why is it being made an issue of -now-?



...Because it -another- official document that says UFOs are real?

Moreover -- as I recall, this very issue was brought up on the List before, starting here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/may/m24-016.shtml>

With all the same sturm and drang (even Ed Stewart weighed in!) then... I thought it was resolved.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

~~=D6~~

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## British Columbia Reports 02-02

From: **Brian Vike** <[yogibear@bulkley.net](mailto:yogibear@bulkley.net)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 14:26:50 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 09:24:00 -0500  
Subject: British Columbia Reports 02-02

British Columbia Sighting Reports For February 2002

Hi List

Instead of trying to paste a whole heap of stuff into this post, I thought I would just send the URL which is to my site where I have placed all of the reports for the month of February, 2002. One report is from my good friend Don in Burns Lake which he received for around January 31, 2002.

I also talked and took quite an interview from a fellow, of an older sighting which took place 3 years ago also here in B.C. and it's something else.

Here is the URL:

[http://www.geocities.com/ufologia\\_canadiana/woodmere.html](http://www.geocities.com/ufologia_canadiana/woodmere.html)

Hope this is of some interest to you all.

Take care,

Brian

Houston,  
British Columbia

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 09:43:40 -500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:02:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hutchinson

>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 16:18:27 -500  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 14:28:44 -0600  
>>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

Dave, List and readers;

>>>Let me clarify my original questions.

>>>There may very well be an issue regarding Stan's right to sell  
>>>the COMETA report, if it is indeed Copyrighted.

>>>However, my real question was does Mr. Algrin have a legal basis  
>>>to tell me to remove Stan's ordering info, when all I'm doing is  
>>>providing Web space. Why do I have to police the content of  
>>>whatever Stan decides to put on his pages?

>>The answer is - yes, he does, and you are responsible.

>>As webmaster and the registered owner of the site, you are  
>>responsible for the content of all material under your control.

<snip>

>I don't know Mr. Algrin from a hill of beans. How do I know he  
>is who he says he is, and that COMETA is in fact copyrighted.  
>Why should I just take his word for it?

Verifiacion of Algrin's claims is important. This information  
can come from Algrin, who can send you all sorts of legal stuff.  
Since we can assume that Stan knows who the listed copyright  
holders are, all Algrin needs to do is verify that he is either  
the owner of the organization that owns the copyright, or he is  
acting legally on their, or the publisher's behalf.

>Does he not have to at least prove, if I ask for it, that the  
>material is copyrighted and that he has authority over use of  
>that material.

Proof that the material is copyrighted comes from the report  
itself, which will have the information printed somewhere in the  
front of the book. Stan can get you that info.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 14:54:02 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:10:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 15:44:11 -0400

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:13:57 -0000

>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 15:15:48 -0400

>>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 20:31:19 -0000

>>>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2002 20:02:53 -0400

>><snip>

Hello again Stan/List,

>>>>>1. If no true UFOs (The unknown UFOs still remaining after  
>>>>>investigation by competent investigators) represent alien  
>>>>>spacecraft, then there should be no difference in the  
>>>>>characteristics of these unknowns as compared to the  
>>>>>characteristics of the knowns. Test result? The probability that  
>>>>>the unknowns are just missed knowns is less than one percent  
>>>>>based on a chisquare analysis of the two groups involving six  
>>>>>different characteristics. See 'Blue Book Special Report No.14'  
>>>>>somehow not noted in 13 anti-UFO books.

>>>>>You have made a gross error here - you have assumed that  
because

>>>>>the evidence in a particular case does not suggest a known  
>>>>>cause, the only possible solution is an alien spacecraft.What  
>>>>>about other possibilities, such as temporal disturbance, or  
>>>>>unknown terrestrial phenomena for example?

>>>>Sorry, but I said nothing about this proving that some UFOs are  
>>>>alien spacecraft. That comes from combining the appearance of  
>>>>the UNKNOWNs (clearly manufactured objects) and their behavior  
>>>>(maneuverability, high acceleration high and no velocity etc).  
>>>>At that time we couldn't build things that look and act like  
>>>>that, therefore they were built someplace else. I was responding  
>>>>to John Rimmer's claim; "There is an inherent lack of content in  
>>>>the UFO data. It is impossible to come up with any testable  
>>>>hypothesis." I provided many testable hypotheses.

>>I think I must have a comprehension problem here-if you aren't  
>>suggesting that the above hypothesis proves that some UFO's are  
>>alien spacecraft, please can you explain why you included the

>>reference to them in your first statement?

I don't think you have addressed the point raised above, Stan. What tests can be applied to the stated hypothesis #1 to establish that UFO's (at least some of them) are of ET origin? And which of these tests have produced results to confirm the ETH?

>>>>2. If no unknowns represent alien spacecraft, than the better the >>>>quality of the sighting because of the duration of observation, >>>>the background of the observer, etc the less likely to be an >>>>unknown. Test Result? The better the quality of the sighting the >>>>MORE likely to be an unknown. Ibid.

>>>>As above.

>>>This is a testable hypothesis. UNKNOWNNS are not merely poor or >>>missed KNOWNS

>>..or conclusively alien spacecraft?

>The comment from Rimmer was that there were no testable >hypotheses. I showed that there were. What does conclusively >mean here? There is a big difference (ask OJ Simpson) between >civil and criminal matters. I say the evidence is overwhelming >that some UNKNOWNNS by virtue of their appearance and behavior >are intelligently controlled ET spacecraft. I am not saying I >know why there are here, how they got here, how they operate, or >why they don't do a host of things some might expect that they >would, could, or should. I would certainly say that the other >categories probably don't contain any reports of ET spacecraft.

I still don't accept that appearance and behaviour are sufficient evidence of ET origin. What about say, terrestrial under-sea civilisations being responsible for the sightings?

>You may believe that the question is "What are UFOs?". To me >that is frankly a silly question because any little time spent >on the subject demonstrates that there are many things that have >been reported as UFOs that turn out, after investigation, to be >Aircraft (20.10%), Balloons (14.0%), Astronomical Phenomena >(25.5%), Psychological Manifestations (1.5%), Miscelaneous >(8.0%). The insufficient Information cases were 9.3%. and the >UNKNOWNNS 21.5%.(The categorization percentages from BBSR 14 were >for 3201 cases)

I could waste time arguing the percentages here, but they aren't the issue. I readily concede that a percentage are unexplained/unidentified/unknown, but there is not enough evidence to categorically state that they are of ET origin. Once a UFO is identified, it becomes an IFO, so the question "what are UFO's" is valid, unless you are arguing that they are IFO's waiting to be identified as mundane phenomena, which is patently not the case.

>I have no idea why you, and Rimmer, seem to feel that from your >armchairs, almost 50 years removed ,you can throw out the work >of the BMI professionals spending full time.

>So what if they warp space andor time to get here? They are >still intelligently controlled craft from somewhere else.

Unfortunately, my armchair is too large to take with me when I visit Cumbria or Wiltshire, the PRO won't allow me to take it in with me, and nor will the Jodrell Bank Archive. I usually take a garden chair on skywatches.

I am not suggesting that all of the work so far should be discarded-among it there is probably valid data, but much of it is diluted with invalid data, or poorly documented. Consequently, much of it would benefit from being revisited and "weeded out".

<snip>

>>>>But what is the evidence that the detected objects were >>>>extraterrestrial spacecraft rather than an unknown terrestrial >>>>phenomenon? All that can be factually determined is that we >>>>don't know what generated the returns, surely?

>Not surely at all. Right angle turns at very high speed, sudden

>stops and rapid acceleration to very high speed, to ability to  
>move around our own vehicles in a clearly controlled fashion.  
>all back in the 1940s and 1950s rule out aircraft, balloons, etc  
>etc. The appearance to the witnesses indicate they were  
>manufactured not just lights in the sky. the behavior to the  
>radar and the witnesses says made someplace else.

So if it is not the case that all that can be factually  
determined is that we don't know what generated the radar  
returns, it suggests that you do know what generated the  
returns.

What did generate the returns, and how do you know this?

>>>That is a long story... briefly the combination of appearance and  
>>>behavior of the UNKNOWNS. If they were manufactured here, they  
>>>would be used in military applications. Fifty years later and  
>>>they are not.

>>This is where I really disagree-the fact that there is apparently  
>>something mechanical that current human science cannot replicate  
>>(as far as we know!) doesn't automatically mean that they  
>>originate from another planet in our universe-how can you exclude  
>>objects from the future of our own planet, for instance?

>I don't talk of the universe. I talk of our local neighborhood.  
>Within 54 light years there are 1000 stars of which 46 are  
>similar to the Sun and might be expected to have planets and  
>life. At least two of these stars are a billion years older  
>than the Sun.

You have my greatest respect for making such a bold statement  
and placing yourself on a limb, but you suggest that the source  
of some UFO's not only are from other planets in the universe,  
but even from (in astronomical terms) our immediate  
neighbourhood. If you are expressing that as a personal belief,  
that is fine. If you are stating that as fact, then I challenge  
you to demonstrate the fact.

>I am not at all excluding objects from our future though I am  
>surprised that you find that easier to accept than simple ET  
>spacecraft from the local neighborhood. Objects from our future  
>are not from here now. It seems to me that therefore they are  
>manufactured intelligently controlled ET vehicles.

Okay, I am willing to expand the meaning of extraterrestrial to  
include "terrestrial but from the future" for the purpose of  
this discussion. But how can you exclude EM induced  
misperception, or (I don't remember the technical term) the brain  
substituting a relatively recognisable object in place of an  
object that is too fantastic to represent in the conscious part  
of the brain?

>>>>7. If there were really ET spacecraft flying around in the  
>>>>atmosphere, governments should be very concerned about finding  
>>>>out more about the objects being seen. Test result? Wilbert  
>>>>Smith learned that Flying Saucers are the most classified  
>>>>subject in the US, even more than the H-Bomb. General Carroll  
>>>>Bolender stated that "Reports which could effect National  
>>>>security are NOT part of the Blue Book system and would continue  
>>>>to be made under JANAP 146 and AF Regulation 55-  
>>>>11. even if Blue Book were cancelled.

>>>>Does this prove that that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin?

>Who is talking about "proving" some UNKNOWNS are ET spacecraft?  
>We are talking evidence of appearance and behavior indicating  
>they are not from Earth. Of course there is a concern from a  
>defense viewpoint.. what do they want, what can we do about  
>their superior flight capability? The point is that we have  
>been exposed to very little of the highly classified data about  
>UFO sightings that could effect national security.

My comments regarding appearance and behaviour apply again here.

>>>>What about the possibility, for example, that the UFO's (and I  
>>>>mean "UNIDENTIFIED flying objects") exposed weaknesses in the  
>>>> nation's air defence? Would that fact not merit a high level of  
>>>>interest from the DoD together with a high security rating?

>Sure. The question is do their behavior and appearance indicate

>they are not from Earth? The answer is yes. In the Iranian jet  
>case, which was very highly distributed in the defense  
>community, the fact that various military systems were turned  
>off apparently by the UNKNOWN that was being chased would have  
>been of great concern. If the aliens can do it, how about other  
>civilizations here?

My comments regarding appearance and behaviour apply again here.

><snip>

>>>Looks like a lot of homework is needed joe. But please don't  
>>>put words in my mouth.

>>Sorry, Stan, I am really having a bad comprehension week - with  
>>all of the references to alien spaceships, and no mention of any  
>>alternative exotic explanations, I cannot still come to any  
>>other conclusion. I haven't deliberately put words in your  
>>mouth, and I appreciate that often email is not the best medium  
>>for discussions such as this, but it appears to me that there  
is

>>a consistent inability to consider other exotic solutions in  
>>your writings in this thread.

>>As for homework, the day that I stop learning will be the day  
>>that my life ends..... I will never know enough, and I doubt if  
>>anyone else ever will!

>I have considered and often written about what you call "exotic  
>solutions". I maintain that a 5 dimensional time warping craft  
>from Sirius is an ET spacecraft. It doesn't have to work by the  
>systems I have worked on such as nuclear fission or better yet  
>nuclear fusion. I have often pointed out that technological  
>progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable  
>fashion. The future is not an extrapolation of the past. I  
>expect that our alien visitors are using technology about which  
>we know nothing. Check my website for some papers:

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

I'll make a point of reading your papers, Stan, but I am pretty  
busy at the moment. I hope you accept that I don't mean to be  
offensive, but that I am trying to understand how you (and other  
ETH believers) reach their conclusions, and if their propogation  
of the ETH solution is really justified. As yet, while I accept  
the ETH as a valid hypothesis, I have not come across any  
evidence to prove the hypothesis, and fail to understand why it  
has so much acceptance amongst experienced researchers. I can,  
however, understand why experiencers hold such beliefs, be they  
right or wrong, and accept that they are in the main struggling  
to come to terms with what for them is a real, tangible  
experience.

Regards,

Joe

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## Owl for Hopkinsville [was: Oxford Abduction]

From: **Edoardo Russo** <[e.russo@cisu.org](mailto:e.russo@cisu.org)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 16:18:52 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:22:20 -0500  
Subject: Owl for Hopkinsville [was: Oxford Abduction]

Hi Jean-Luc,

At 06.49 28/02/2002 -0500, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 17:10:21 EST  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>the same French 'investigator' who  
>'explained' Hopkinsville - silly old Isabel Davis!!! - has just  
>written an entire book explaining away all the cattle  
>mutilations without investigating one.

You are meaning Yann Mege and his article in "Phenomena", but I think the real author of the "owl" hypothesis for the Kelly-Hopkinsville case is Renaut Lecllet, with his article: "Kelly-Hopkinsville: un classique bien trop chuette". Les Myst=È8res de l'Est No. 6, 2001. CNEGU, Chaumont (France). pages 52-78.

I can ask "Phenomena" editor, Perry Petrakis, when he actually got Mege's article, but Lecllet's article in "Les Mysters de l'est" is dated 11 septembre 2000, apparently predating Mage's text.

For what it's worth, I mean...

Best regards

Edoardo Russo

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 15:22:26 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:25:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 01:16:55 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:15:28 -0000

<snip>

>>Unfortunately, no such case comes to mind-any suggestions,  
>>anyone?

>Yes, I have suggestion.

>New Zealand, December 31, 1978. Multiple witness including 2 TV  
>reporters, pilot and copilot, TV cameraman, audio tape made by  
>one reporter on the scene (in the aircraft), audio tape made at  
>the Wellington Air traffic Control center, 16 mm professional  
>color movie of many of the sighted lights/objects, radar  
>detection by ground radar and by airplane radar; extensive  
>interview information available; and they are all still alive  
>(however the pilot suffered a stroke several years after the  
>event; not sure how much he remembers); reported in two books,  
>one by the pilot and one by the main reporter and in numerous  
>research papers.

>See:

><http://brumac.8k.com>

Hello, Bruce/list,

I was rather hoping that you would suggest this case, though I was unaware that the bulk of the data was available and intact, otherwise I might have suggested it myself!

As you know, I came across a reference to the case in the Jodrell Bank Archive. Many of the staff viewed the film, and they were unable to arrive at a positive conclusion, though they did suggest it may be illegal fishing boats. I am quite prepared to release the raw transcript that I made from the JBA to any panel that is involved in reviewing the case, but I would need to check with Jodrell Bank before releasing them for general publication (there were some personal notes written by Sir Bernard Lovell and members of his staff, which although not defamatory, they may want to withhold from public scrutiny in case they are misinterpreted etc).

The next step would be to agree on a panel to take part in the review. I suggest that the criteria for participation will need to be based on things like proximity to the data (I assume that some of the witnesses are in New Zealand)? Other criteria to decide will be the acceptability of the panel by both pro-ETH and anti/uncommitted ETH readers. Perhaps, Bruce, you would like to make some suggestions based on your knowledge of the case,

the data locations, and the members of this auspicious list?

I would also suggest that a separate List be set up for the participants, with as much of the material as practically and ethically possible being transparent to non-panel members, together with regular updates to this List.

Comments/suggestions, anyone?

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:35:11 -500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:28:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:55:02 +0100

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 17:44:47 -500  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 10:53:24 +0100

<snip>

>>>So, the Fort Worth weather balloon story was the major turning  
>>>point in the press, and consequently in the public opinion, not  
>>>only in the United States, but throughout the world. Yes, it was  
>>>a very important debunking operation.

>>But this still does not position Roswell as an "international  
>>fiasco" (to quote David).

>Well, we apparently don't read articles the same way. For me it  
>is clear that the series of the NYT articles that I mentioned in  
>a previous post, showed a growing interest, until the "fall" of  
>the weather balloon story. After that it was the end of the game  
>for that leading newspaper.

There were many articles published in other newspapers during  
the days preceding Roswell that indicated that many were getting  
a little fed up with all the silliness.

The July 7th 1947 Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express carried  
this front-page banner headline:

"Is the World Getting Woozier Or Are People Really Seeing  
Things?"

Accompanying the headlines were several news articles on "flying  
discs" and "flying saucers". The front-page photograph featured  
Father Joseph Brasky, from Grafton, Wisconsin, who described how  
a "strange disc" dropped out of the sky and hit the lightning  
rod on top of his church. The photograph showed Father Brasky  
holding the miniature "flying disc", which subsequently turned  
out to be a circular saw blade.

Another leading front page article reports how Los Angeles pilot  
Vernon Baird knocked down a "flying Yo Yo", the fifteen feet  
diameter "clam-shaped airplane" coming apart in his P-38's prop  
wash. Baird apparently describes the aerial encounter first  
hand.

The story was carried in several newspapers, but there was no  
such incident.

"Three or four of us were sitting around the hanger gassing, and

we just made it up. Somebody must have heard it and spread the word", Baird later explained. "I'm flabbergasted that anyone believed it".

From this we can see that after two weeks, the papers were getting a little tired of Flying Disks. But it was not Roswell that killed it, but rather Roswell happened to coincide with the waning of interest in Flying Disks.

>I am talking about the small amount of debris brought on Sunday  
>by Brazel. We know it was sent urgently to the Pentagon on that  
>very evening. It first arrived at Fort Worth, where it was taken  
>to Washington by the commander of the base, in a sealed canvas  
>pouch attached to his wrist, according to General DuBose who  
>controlled the operation, on direct orders of General McMullen.  
>They had the whole Monday to examine it in Washington. Don't you  
>know all that ? It has been told a hundred times.

That is just one of the stories told by DuBose. He has told other researchers different versions. At the time of all these interviews, he was 90, and according to his family, easily confused.

Still, the shipping of debris to Washington comes from one version of the Saga. There are many others. For instance, there are at least 6 crash sites claimed, sometimes more than one spacecraft, several different body counts, etc.

>>>If only for that reason, the next actions - the press release  
>>>and the weather balloon story - must have been coordinated at  
>>>the highest level. So, the speculation about who wrote the press  
>>>release is of no importance at all.

>>Quite to the contrary- who wrote the Release is of major  
>>importance, and cannot be glossed over in such a cavalier  
>>fashion. I realize that if you believe in the Crashed Disk  
>>scenario of The Saga, Haut's release, and its wording is  
>>inconvenient, but it cannot be dismissed.

>  
>This is not a "cavalier fashion". It is a simple, obvious  
>conclusion that General McMullen and others in the Pentagon had  
>taken over. Colonel Blanchard could not act without them !  
>Therefore, the press release of Tuesday had to be under control  
>from upstairs.

But there is no decent evidence that General McMullen did take over. The GAO certainly found no evidence supporting Roswell. No special message traffic, nothing unusual at all.

Haut's testimony, all of the versions, don't support this at all. Marcel's testimony doesn't support this at all. Newton's testimony doesn't support this at all. Brazel's testimony doesn't support this at all. And if Roswell really did happen your way, why did Blanchard go off on leave and desert his base during the most important time of his life?

Your version of Roswell isn't supported by the facts that we know. For instance, none of the secret and top secret FOIA documents support your explanation:

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D.I.--Hq.USAF

11 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, AIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the U.S.

1. As directed by Cover Sheet, dated 27 July 1948, subject "Pattern of Flying Saucers," a study was commenced to determine the tactics of flying objects and the probability of their existence.

[=85]

5. Tentative conclusions have been drawn and are as follows:

a. It must be accepted that some type of flying objects have

been observed, although their identification and origin are not discernable. In the interest of national defense it would be unwise to overlook the possibility that some of these objects may be of foreign origin.

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One of the major problems with the Roswell case is that anecdotal testimony quite often does not agree with documented facts that are contemporary to The Incident.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

From: Terence Dickinson <[skynewseditor@compuserve.com](mailto:skynewseditor@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:41:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:37:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs -

[Non-subscriber post --ebk]

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 12:55:56 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

Hello Don:

Thanks for your note about my column in today's [Sunday's] Star.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/mar/m03-018.shtml>

What you may not know about me is that I have followed the UFO controversy since the early 1960s. I was deeply involved in it in the 1970s when I was a consultant to Hynek's Center for UFO Studies when I lived and worked as an astronomer in the USA. Jerome Clark, who I think still edits their journal, can confirm my work from this period, particularly in researching the Hill case.

It was only after a decade of involvement with case study research, witness interviews and lengthy discussions with researchers in the field on all sides of the spectrum (Hynek, Friedman, Webb, Stringfield, Hopkins, Sagan, Fuller, Henry, Hendry, Bray, Carlson, many others) that I concluded (in the mid-80s) that further in-depth research on the UFO phenomenon, at least by me, was not a productive use of my time. This was a reversal of my previous position, as stated on page 102 in the Encyclopedia of UFOs (published 1980 by Doubleday).

Obviously, what I said in a couple of paragraphs in today's newspaper cannot begin to convey a complete picture of my thinking on the subject. However, I can assure you that whatever comments I do make on this subject are not derived from superficial knowledge.

Best regards and see you on the Discovery Channel.

Terence Dickinson

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:55:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:40:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Sandow

>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>I don't know Mr. Algrin from a hill of beans. How do I know he  
>is who he says he is, and that COMETA is in fact copyrighted.  
>Why should I just take his word for it?

>Does he not have to at least prove, if I ask for it, that the  
>material is copyrighted and that he has authority over use of  
>that material.

>I've never been involved in copyrighting anything, but I assume  
>there is some sort of certificate or at least an identifying  
>number given the author or his agent when the copyright is  
>granted. Can I not ask for a copy of this documentation before I  
>comply.

Unfortunately, there isn't any such document. It's possible to register material you own with the federal government, and commercial publishers may normally do this. I don't believe, though, that you get any document to certify your copyright.

And the law recognizes common-law copyright. The mere fact that you wrote something and claim you own it is enough to give you legal protection. All you have to do is put a copyright notice on the title page, or the page right after that.

Of course, you might have to protect your copyright in court, if somebody challenged it. Some writers will mail themselves a copy of material they want to protect, and then not open the envelope, so the postmark on the sealed envelope will be evidence of when the material was written.

The point, though, is that nobody has to produce any official document to claim they own material. Normally they do exactly as COMETA has done in this case - send you a letter or other communication, or have their lawyer send one, asserting their ownership. The mere fact the COMETA report was written and published is enough to establish the copyright of the people who wrote it. Of course, if they fight among themselves about the ownership, that might have to be settled in court.

All this gets more complicated, of course, because here we'd have a French copyright, which is recognized in America thanks to international treaties. But in the end it amounts to the same thing.

It should be easy enough to find out whether M. Algrin is who he says he is. Just make inquiries to find out if he indeed does have any official relationship to COMETA. Usually, though, people who send such letters are who they say they are. In any case, Don Berliner's statement, as Dick Hall forwarded it to us, is all the information you really need at this point.

But without Don Berliner's statement, you'd have two choices in response to M. Algrin. You could ignore him, or demand proof, in which case he conceivably could take you to court. Whether he

was legally right or not, this could cost you enormous amounts of time, trouble, and money. Or you could comply. Normally people comply, in order to avoid possible legal action. That's why web hosting companies have the policies they have. They'll remove all material where even the threat of copyright action exists, to avoid legal problems.

That might sound like they're giving in to random threats, but in fact these threats aren't random, and aren't very common. As far as I know, the most common copyright or trademark actions come from well-known companies. For instance, Paramount contacted fans who created Star Trek websites, threatening legal action if the fans didn't remove copyrighted photos of Star Trek scenes and characters. The only common kind of action that seems silly are the claims songwriters make, that some big pop star has stolen their song. These often end up in court, but they often seem frivolous. It's easy for one song to resemble another. If I wrote a song in 1965 with a phrase that later showed up in something Neil Young wrote, that might just be coincidence. If I went to court to claim damages from Neil Young (as has happened with people like John Fogerty of Creedence, who got sued in this way), I'd have to prove that Neil Young could have heard my song, which might be hard to do.

Anyway, not to get too complex about all this, what happened to Dave here isn't uncommon at all. I once found a college student who'd ripped off part of my website, and was presenting it as his own. I contacted him, and also officials at his college. He took the stuff off his site. A Japanese restaurant opened in my neighborhood, calling itself Godzilla Sushi. They got letters from lawyers representing the studio that made the Godzilla movies, demanding that they change the name. They did. This stuff happens all the time.

Because it happens all the time, it's not wise to look for fancy explanations, like, in this case, the guess that because this is UFO material, someone is trying to suppress it. Sometimes it looks ridiculous that copyright holders protect their copyright. For instance, what did Paramount have to gain by suppressing Star Wars fan sites? They lost free publicity. In this case, the COMETA report was being circulated in English, as maybe it wouldn't have been otherwise. COMETA itself wasn't losing any money, if they weren't selling the translation themselves.

There are two explanations, two reasons why copyright holders will protect their copyrights even when it doesn't seem to be in their interest for other reasons. First, someone who isn't circulating something now may want to sell it in the future. Thus, they'll want to protect their rights. Second - and this explains the Paramount case - companies will take action against very minor violations of copyright, to protect themselves if something more major occurs. If they took no action in minor cases, someone might argue in court that they'd shown no interest in protecting their copyright.

So their lawyers will tell them to take action in every single case.

It's too bad that a lot of this happens, but it's inevitable. Dave, you really don't have much choice. You can either require Stan to remove the material, or be prepared to defend yourself in court. Your intentions are good. Your heart is innocent. But the law doesn't care.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Randle

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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:43:51 -0500  
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>>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>>Let me clarify my original questions.

>>>There may very well be an issue regarding Stan's right to sell  
>>>the COMETA report, if it is indeed Copyrighted.

>>>However, my real question was does Mr. Algrin have a legal basis  
>>>to tell me to remove Stan's ordering info, when all I'm doing is  
>>>providing Web space. Why do I have to police the content of  
>>>whatever Stan decides to put on his pages?

>>The answer is - yes, he does, and you are responsible.

>>As webmaster and the registered owner of the site, you are  
>>responsible for the content of all material under your control.

>><snip>

>Thanks Bruce, I get the message, but I wonder if you or someone  
>else on the list could answer the second part of my question.

>I don't know Mr. Algrin from a hill of beans. How do I know he  
>is who he says he is, and that COMETA is in fact copyrighted.  
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Dave, List, All -

Copyright is a very strange thing and it is not necessary to register material with any official agency. When the material comes out of the computer, it is, for all intents and purposes copyrighted. Just being told it is copyrighted material is sufficient.

We violate the law all the time... it is illegal, under copyright, to reproduce someone's letter sent to you because it is considered the intellectual property of the author. We are not supposed to copy articles out of magazines, though copying just a page is considered fair use.

So, the bottom line is that all these posts to UpDates are considered copyrighted and while we have all agreed to have the contents of UpDates posted and archived, we have not agreed for someone to go in, cut and paste our work and then post it elsewhere on the web. That is a violation of copyright.

>Does he not have to at least prove, if I ask for it, that the  
>material is copyrighted and that he has authority over use of  
>that material.

No, because, if he in fact is the legal authority and you have  
ignored his warning to you, which we have all seen, then the  
violation moves to the next stage and that can get real pricey.

>I've never been involved in copyrighting anything, but I assume  
>there is some sort of certificate or at least an identifying  
>number given the author or his agent when the copyright is  
>granted. Can I not ask for a copy of this documentation before  
>I comply.

Sufficient notification is that fact that the document has been  
created. The little copyright symbol, on one of the front pages,  
would serve as the documentation.

I would be very careful here because you are twisting in the  
wind, especially since the chairman of the FUND has acknowledged  
that the material is copyrighted. They can shut you down.

KRandle

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>number given the author or his agent when the copyright is  
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>comply.

<snip>

Hi Dave,

Write something. Anything. And say the words  
"copyrighted...etc." or merely write the letter "c" and  
surround it with a circle.

It is copyrighted.

I write a story, I send it to a magazine and do that... it  
belongs to me. Just saying it makes it a copyright.

Jim

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## 'Fields of Dreams' Signs Off

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@look.ca](mailto:psa@look.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 16:41:25 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:49:49 -0500  
Subject: 'Fields of Dreams' Signs Off

FIELDS OF DREAMS  
The E-News Service of the Fields of Dreams Webcast Radio Show

<http://www.geocities.com/fieldsofdreamsradio>

March 4, 2002

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FIELDS OF DREAMS - SIGNING OFF

Due to NSPN suddenly having the plug pulled on it, without warning it seems, all webcast radio programs being broadcast, including the Fields of Dreams show I was hosting since last August, are no longer being broadcast.

Thanks for your support to those who participated as guests and listeners. Busty Taylor, another one of the circle research pioneers, had been scheduled as the next guest, for April...

This then, of course, will also be the last FOD e-news update as well.

For updates and information on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada, please continue to visit the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

With apologies and best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 17:17:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:52:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>I've never been involved in copyrighting anything, but I assume  
>there is some sort of certificate or at least an identifying  
>number given the author or his agent when the copyright is  
>granted. Can I not ask for a copy of this documentation before I  
>comply.

<snip>

Dave,

I am advised by Rob Swiatek, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund For UFO Research (which arranged the English-language translation of the COMETA report with permission) that the report carries a clear-cut, unequivocal copyright notice by COMETA.

Among other things, the notice clearly prohibits photocopying the report, a standard feature these days. I would advise you and Stan to take the appropriate action immediately before this thing escalates any further. The lawyer doesn't have to prove anything; you would have to prove that it isn't copyrighted and it clearly is.

- Dick Hall

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## Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.4.02

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@look.ca](mailto:psa@look.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 17:54:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:53:19 -0500  
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.4.02

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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
3.4.02

Odyssey Unveils A 'New Mars'  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey\\_update\\_020226.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey_update_020226.html)

Odyssey Discovers Abundant Water Ice on Mars  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey\\_update\\_020301.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey_update_020301.html)

Photos Suggest Recent Flooding on Mars, Study Claims  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars\\_flow\\_020220.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_flow_020220.html)

Odyssey Helps Plot Mars Exploration Plans  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars\\_odyssey\\_020303.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_odyssey_020303.html)

Scientists, Children Eager for Deeper Look at Red Planet  
[http://www.asu.edu/asunews/research/mars\\_021502.htm](http://www.asu.edu/asunews/research/mars_021502.htm)

Cydonian Imperative: Martian 'Buildings' Probably Aren't  
<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

The Race to Find Life  
[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti\\_race\\_020228.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_race_020228.html)

Will ET Be Hostile? Alienated People Are More Likely to Say 'Yes'  
[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti\\_hostiles\\_020221.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_hostiles_020221.html)

Sun Ring Points the Way to Extrasolar Planets  
[http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/space/02/18/sun\\_ring/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/space/02/18/sun_ring/index.html)

Several Extrasolar Planets Suspected Near Center of Galaxy  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/astronomy/forty\\_planets\\_020220.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/astronomy/forty_planets_020220.html)

Wild Thing: Solar System's Largest Structure Detailed  
[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter\\_wild\\_020227.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_wild_020227.html)

Teleporting Larger Objects Becomes Real Possibility  
<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=3Dns99991888>

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## Tolerance Of Ambiguity [was: Oxford Abduction]

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:48:54 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:56:41 -0500  
Subject: Tolerance Of Ambiguity [was: Oxford Abduction]

>From: Tim Brigham <[TBrigham2@cox.net](mailto:TBrigham2@cox.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 03:00:29 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 23:19:53 +0000  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 07:06:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Hall

>>This whole discussion reminds me once again of the psychological  
>>concept (which should appeal to the 'psychosocials' out there)  
>>of 'tolerance of (for?) ambiguity.'

>>This concept is highly relevant to UFO issues and deserving of  
>>more discussion on this list, so if there are psychologists  
>>monitoring our discussions, please speak out.

>>I worked for the American Psychological Association for a number  
>>of years, and recall that there was a psychological test (one or  
>>more) based on this concept; namely, that some people simply  
>>could not deal with ambiguity in their lives, and so forced  
>>their offbeat, uncomfortable, aberrant experiences into neat  
>>pigeonholes to explain them away (denial) as a coping mechanism,  
>>while others (more tolerant of ambiguity) were able to suspend  
>>judgment, remain open-minded, and wait for further evidence  
>>before making up their minds.

>>If human beings indeed fall on a spectrum re: their tolerance  
>>of/for ambiguity, the relevance of this for reactions to UFO  
>>sightings should be obvious.

>Dick (if I may),

>There is quite a bit of research on tolerance of ambiguity, even  
>specifically in relation to 'believers in the paranormal' (not  
>my wording).

>I am actually doing some (non-directly UFO related) research on  
>this now. A search on psychinfo or any other good psych journal  
>abstract index should pull up some info you may find of use. Or  
>as time permits, if you don't have access to such archives, I'll  
>send along some references for those interested on the List.

>I should also add that, as I think you alluded to, studies of  
>ambiguity tolerance in staunch Non/Anti-believers of  
>phenomena would be interesting as well, though I am unsure if  
>this has been researched and what any results might be.

Tim,

I think some references to studies of tolerance of ambiguity  
would be of interest. Actually, as then APA Senior Abstracts  
Editor many years ago, I helped to create the PsychInfo  
database, but I no longer have access to it.

- Dick

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## ET, Altruism, Playing Nice & Schmoo Factor

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 16:11:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 18:59:16 -0500  
Subject: ET, Altruism, Playing Nice & Schmoo Factor

Interesting WIRED News article:

"The SETI Institute wants the cosmos to know we can play nice. Should we humans receive a signal indicating that another civilization exists elsewhere in the galaxy, the message chief for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence says encoding the concept of altruism in our reply might make for a good first impression."

<http://www.wired.com/news/print/0,1294,50768,00.html>

Purrrrrrs...

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## Quintanilla And UFOs

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 16:30:54 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:07:12 -0500  
Subject: Quintanilla And UFOs

Good Afternoon All -

I looked up Quintanilla's manuscript on the NIDS website <http://www.webcom.com/kelleher/articles/articles1.html> - and was somewhat surprised at the venom that dripped from many of the pages. Now I admit to being biased here... I believe that some UFOs represent sightings of alien craft, so I might have read things into this manuscript that weren't there, but it seemed to me that the purpose was to attack "self-styled" UFO investigators (though he named few names), attack the UFO "hobby clubs" (though he only mentioned NICAP in the negative light and the single reference to APRO was surprisingly positive), and to go after scientists who seemed to disagree with him (namely Hynek and McDonald).

The manuscript does provide an interesting glimpse into some of the behind the scenes political maneuvering, and to how he believed certain things transpired. It is clear that he believed that the Air Force should not have been charged with investigating UFOs and it was a waste of time, effort, manpower and money. So much for objectivity in investigations.

He provides no insight into the investigations, labeling the Arnold sighting as a mirage, citing some other experienced pilots who had seen mirages in the area (and apparently were able to identify them as mirages) and ignores the Johnson sighting that began about the time Arnold lost sight of the UFOs. I suspect that when he wrote his manuscript he didn't know that we would have the opportunity to review all the files and see some of the problems.

It looked to me as if Quintanilla (Quint or Q but not Hector) approached his assignment from the point of view that there is nothing to UFOs therefore there is nothing to UFOs. He was interested in solving the cases and didn't care if those solutions fit the facts... I think here of the Minot AFB sightings of 1968 which he did not discuss, but had labeled as B-52s (unrecognizable by members of SAC) and ionized air that, I guess, he believed glowed so that it would account for some sightings and was responsible for both the degradation of an aircraft's radios and the object 'seen' by radar.

Anyway, the manuscript provided a look at Blue Book in its last years but does not explain why Q was left in that assignment for so long, how he avoided service in Vietnam, and why he retired once Blue Book was ended... And oh, I certainly enjoyed how he had to fight everyday in school because he didn't speak English so the Texans didn't like him but he didn't speak Spanish the way Mexicans did so they didn't like him. In other words, I didn't buy the 'poor little me' routine, but "I overcame all that to be an Air Force officer."

I guess I wonder if I'm being overly harsh here, or if others get the same feel from the manuscript. If nothing else, it tells us about the attitudes of the Air Force, and their dislike for their own consultant (or, in the let's split a fine hair, Hynek was not an Air Force consultant but was, in fact, a Blue Book consultant... Q seemed to be quite annoyed with the publicity received by Hynek. Maybe he thought it should be his).

This is something that everyone should read because it does provide some interesting information, but it is not something that would be of any interest outside the UFO field, which is why no one was interested in publishing it.

KRandle

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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:09:25 -0500  
Subject: CCCRN News: 03-04-02

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CORN FORMATION?, RADIO SHOW HIATUS AND OTHER UPDATES

A few miscellaneous updates:

There is an as-yet unconfirmed report of a formation in corn at Duncan, British Columbia. Described as long with circles attached at one end, reportedly found February 26, 2002. This was posted to the online report form on the Crop Circle Connector web site. I am trying to track this down, as the person who posted the report left incomplete contact information. While this sounds unusual this early in the year, formations in corn (usually cattle corn) even at later or earlier times of year are not unheard of here, such as Lowville, Ontario in October, 1998 (10 feet tall!) and Agassiz, British Columbia in September, 1995. Thanks to Mark Fussell for forwarding this.

Due to NSPN moving its webstation from North Carolina to Indiana, the Fields of Dreams webcast radio show is on hiatus until sometime in April. Busty Taylor, another one of the circle research pioneers in England, is scheduled as my next guest:

<http://www.geocities.com/fieldsofdreamsradio>

A larger version of the 'radial pattern' anomaly photo is now posted on the web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada/midale501radial.jpg>

At this point, it appears likely that this is simply an interesting though mundane ground feature resulting from the cutting process of the crop, which is the explanation I am leaning toward if there is a normal cause for it. There is a second photo taken by another person from another vantage point which also shows this pattern, which may provide some additional information and make a useful comparison. I should have that one this week. Please note the pattern being referred to is the subtler 'sunburst' in the cut crop surrounding the formation, not the other thin seedlines running parallel together across parts of the field. The 'blind spot' anomaly, in photos and video over the same formation, however is most intriguing and as yet unexplained (more information in part two of the Canadian Crop Circle Summary Report 2001):

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada/summary01part2.html>

The Sally Jesse Raphael show interview with Colin Andrews and Tim Carson will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 in North America. Please refer to local listings for times in your area:

<http://www.memorologyllc.com/CropCircleInfo/TheSallyShow1.htm>

Also, stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks and months regarding the upcoming crop circle conference, Signs of Destiny: Crop Circles and Sacred Geometry, in Phoenix, Arizona, November 22 - 24, 2002!

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 17:54:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:13:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

<snip>

>>>>From: Don Berliner <address deleted by request>  
>>>>To: <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>CC: <[swiman@iGlide.net](mailto:swiman@iGlide.net)>, Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>,  
>>>><[gpayan@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gpayan@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>>>Subject: COMETA report  
>>>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 08:52:34 -0500

>>>>Dear Mr. Friedman,

>>>>Inasmuch as you are illegally selling copies of the  
>>>>internationally copyrighted COMETA report made from one that  
>>>>you were given by the Fund for non-commercial purposes, you  
>>>>are clearly in violation of copyright law.

>>>>The least you can do is forfeit to COMETA all monies paid to  
>>>>you for copies you have sold, and to apologize in writing to  
>>>>both the Fund and COMETA for your illegal and unethical  
>>>>practices.

>>>>Anything less will lead to further degradation of your  
>>>>reputation.

>>>>Don Berliner  
>>>>Chairman  
>>>>Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

I suppose I will ask Dave and Josh to remove the listing at:

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

of my item F, the 90 page English Translation of the French COMETA report which , because it was not available anywhere else, I had offered at \$10.00 US including P and H from me at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I can't ask Dave and Josh to risk the wrath of COMETA and of Don Berliner.

It would be interesting to know why COMETA doesn't want to distribute the report, which, after all, is critical of the US government. One might also be concerned about the ethics of the Fund accepting between 5 and 10 Thousand dollars from Lawrence Rockefeller to have the translation done, which I understand was acceptable to COMETA, and then not distributing it. Now if I were a conspiracy theorist, I could suggest that some government official (USA and/or French) suggested to COMETA that the English translation not be distributed... but I am not.

I am not surprised at Don not wishing to have his address given. After all he also withheld information about the SOM 1.01 report from me for 8 months until he slipped up in a conversation. A copy was give to USAF Colonel Weaver almost immediately who then passed it right on to sketptibunker Bob Todd. I guess the US government isn't the only entity that withholds information.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 15:56:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:16:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Stacy

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 08:06:24 -0600

<snip>

>I'm certain Mr. Friedman has a sound justification for doing  
>what he is doing, and I'm well beyond doubt that he is going to  
>do the right thing, whatever that ends up to be... but  
>forgetting -that- for a moment, just WHY is this report being  
>kept so close to the vest, why aren't we hearing more about it  
>over here, and why is it being made an issue of -now-?  
>...Because it -another- official document that says UFOs are  
>real?

Alfred,

The answer to your question is too time-consuming and ultimately boring to go into in great detail. And I say that as one who was involved with the prospect of an English translation and distribution of the COMETA Report before FUFOR was.

In a word, it boiled down to money.

As far as I and my colleagues could tell, there was no interest on the part of COMETA to distribute their findings in English. Or, rather, no interest beyond what kind of profit could be made from it, and this is where talks (and our interest in same) broke down.

I'm assuming the Fund reached some sort of agreement with COMETA and Mr. Algrin, which allowed the former to translate the article into English and arrange for limited distribution.

Friedman selling same on his own would seem to violate whatever arrangement the Fund had with COMETA, as he's essentially peddling the Fund's translation, which the Fund, not Friedman, paid for.

Regardless of whether or not Friedman is turning a profit, he apparently has no legal right to offer a copyrighted product for sale.

And then there's that discrepancy between the US and Canadian dollar exchange rates, another no doubt boring story.

But that's for the involved parties to sort out.

The bottom line is this: when all is said and done, the COMETA Report, apart from a few interesting French cases, is basically bilge.

To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, there's no there there, though it boasts the appearance and gravity of same.

In other words, save your dollars - be they US or Canadian.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 23:01:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:18:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 12:24:13 -0600

>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 22:45:01 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction

>>>He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was  
>>>responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a  
>>>remark by an early investigator.

Jerry, before we take this discussion any further, perhaps you could post details of where we can read the recent 'suggestion' so that we can compare it with the original investigators report?

>>>Thus, it is  
>>>surely significant that not one of those who investigated the  
>>>incident came to the conclusion that Stephens and Gray were,  
>>>so to speak, lunatics. Of course, they didn't have the advantage  
>>>of judging the case from an ocean away.

>>Or from the middle of Minnesota a quarter of a century later.

>Actually, the southwestern corner of Minnesota. Your geography,  
>I fear, is as flawed as your ufology.

I was, of course, referring to the spiritual and intellectual centre of the State.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 21:59:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:20:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Rimmer

>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>I've never been involved in copyrighting anything, but I assume  
>there is some sort of certificate or at least an identifying  
>number given the author or his agent when the copyright is  
>granted. Can I not ask for a copy of this documentation before I  
>comply.

The law in Britain, and I think it's pretty much the same in the  
US and Canada, is that copyright is inherent in published  
material from the moment it is published. You don't need any  
certificate or registration or any other form of document. It  
just is.

If you've published anything, you've copyrighted it.  
Technically, if I quoted one of your Internet postings in  
Magonia magazine without your permission, I would have breached  
your copyright.

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 16:28:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:21:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Stacy

>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>I don't know Mr. Algrin from a hill of beans. How do I know he  
>is who he says he is, and that COMETA is in fact copyrighted.  
>Why should I just take his word for it?

Dave,

Trust me, or don't, Mr. Algrin is indeed who he says he is.

And COMETA is copyrighted. In France, where it first appeared.

Your concern is, or should be, the English translation of same, which is what Friedman is peddling on your web server.

Contact the Fund and Friedman for answers to your questions, and respond accordingly.

Ask for verification if you want - but from Friedman, not Algrin.

In other words, ask Friedman for his copyright of, and license or permission to sell the COMETA Report. Does he have one?

If he can't supply it, then I would be very careful.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Kelly

From: Christopher Kelly <[tophar@iprimus.com.au](mailto:tophar@iprimus.com.au)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:58:17 +1100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 19:24:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Kelly

>From: David Bolton <[David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk](mailto:David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 21:55:34 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

<snip>

>However, out of all this, the RAF decided to release a tale  
>about jets chasing a UFO over Suffolk. If anything should have  
>been Top Secret, then this should have been it, and if true we  
>shouldn't have heard a dickie-bird about it. The story also  
>implied that the RAF were able to track, and to some extent  
>intercept, objects that had fantastic performance - information  
>that would normally have been withheld since it would hand  
>important intelligence data to the enemy.

>That is, of course, unless you wanted the enemy to think  
>that your tracking systems and interceptors were capable of  
>these feats.

David, Listers and Readers,

I have a question about this radar business for you David or any  
one else how might what to answer or know anything about this  
kind of thing.

Given what we know about radar, won't it be safe to assume that  
a craft using a magnetic field to propel itself would be harder  
to pick up on radar than, say than a normal aircraft with out a  
magnetic field around it?

I asking this as it just accrued to me while reading these  
listings that the US was spending a lot of research time and  
money on using magnetic fields to hide Naval ships. So doesn't  
this mean that a craft with a magnetic field around it would be  
harder for radar to pick up?

Also, won't a craft like a UFO using a magnetic drive be easier  
to pick up with radar turned in to search for such abnormities?  
This if possible would be able to pick out a average plane  
flying from a UFO, which would remove any doubt about wether or  
not it is a plane or a alien craft.

Chris (Tophar)

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## Puzzling Rejection

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 14:56:14 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:11:20 -0500  
Subject: Puzzling Rejection

UFO Updates/Current Encounters;

This afternoon I tried to follow up on the recent Maysville, Kentucky report of a UFO (independently verified by the security supervisor of the East Kentucky Power Plant who logged the sighting of an 'unidentified aircraft' in his log book). I sought to follow up by contacting a reporter with the station, Lisa, to see if she had read my E-mail message from last week or found any information.

She said that she heard nothing else about this and had no interest in following up with the report, only offering that people in Maysville are quite "paranoid". I was confused by this comment and asked her what was meant by that, and she referenced the citizen concerns over terrorist events. I then asked if she would have any objection if I ran a classified ad in their newspaper to locate anyone who may have seen this suspected UFO and she had no problem with that.

After placing a call to the classified department and tightening my words down to 3-lines (to keep the cost at around \$24.80 for 1-week), the ad was worded and provided as follows: "If you have seen a UFO, call 513-588-4548 or E-mail [ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)"

The employee taking my ad (to be placed in the 'Miscellaneous' section) excused herself and put me on hold briefly, then came back to the phone after about a minute and said: "Sir, I apologize, but the management has rejected your ad. We cannot run this."

I asked if there was any reason given, and she said: "they did not give any reason for rejecting your ad. The rejection was without comment. Have a nice day."

At any rate, I thought to pass along word of this puzzler and think that this is probably a 'first' for something like this.

KY

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## Re: ET, Altruism, Playing Nice & Schmoo Factor -

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 19:34:32 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:31:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET, Altruism, Playing Nice & Schmoo Factor -

>Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 16:11:47 -0500  
>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: ET, Altruism, Playing Nice & Schmoo Factor

>Interesting WIRED News article:

>"The SETI Institute wants the cosmos to know we can play nice.  
>Should we humans receive a signal indicating that another  
>civilization exists elsewhere in the galaxy, the message chief  
>for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence says encoding  
>the concept of altruism in our reply might make for a good first  
>impression."

><http://www.wired.com/news/print/0,1294,50768,00.html>

>Purrrrrrs...

>wac

Dear Purring WAC, bListers and Errol,

If any race of thinking en titties out there are listening to our stuff, then we must presume (I hesitate using the word ASSume) that they can receive pretty good. Pretty well. Pretty well and good. Whatever.

However, to go along with that whatever, if we showed our true face, no one in their right (that is to say, "correct") minds would have anything to do with us. We are, let us face it, whacko profundo. Of the first order.

We kill each other. Over money. We fight amongst ourselves, over money. We are continuously being lied to and continuously lying, one to the other, the IRS (may their feces be forever black) and in the final analysis, we are beasts. And I don't mean just us guys.

My personal advice to them lizard turds, them mantis bastards and them gray thingies, is to stay the hell away. We ain't worth studying. That is unless they are planning to wage war against their friends.

Maybe, just maybe, they take the best of us. Or the worst. Or both, just for fun. And maybe, just maybe, they are getting more enjoyment from giving us the royal pain treatment.

>From a recent perceived episode in my life, I can tell you from first hand knowledge that they are playing really hard ball. With me anyway.

I shall transmit a message on my ham gear tonight, aim the beams straight up and tell them to bugger off. We are not worth their trubbul. And may the bird of paradise, spread their guano on their flying saucers making them too heavy to fly.

Make that Pelicans. Yeah, pelicans.

Jim

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## Fields of Dreams: On Short Hiatus, Not Signed Off!

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@look.ca](mailto:psa@look.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:19:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:36:08 -0500  
Subject: Fields of Dreams: On Short Hiatus, Not Signed Off!

FIELDS OF DREAMS  
The E-News Service of the Fields of Dreams Webcast Radio Show

<http://www.geocities.com/fieldsofdreamsradio>

March 4, 2002

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ON SHORT HIATUS, NOT SIGNED OFF!

Contrary to incorrect information received earlier, Fields of Dreams is not gone after all!

Due to NSPN moving its webstation from North Carolina to Indiana, all shows are on hiatus until sometime in April. It is a transition, not a shutdown.

Busty Taylor, another one of the circle research pioneers in England, is scheduled as the next guest, exact date to be posted when available.

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Fields of Dreams is the e-news service of the Fields of Dreams webcast radio show, providing the latest news and program updates, sent free to your e-mail.

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Fields of Dreams is the premier webcast radio show on the crop circle phenomenon, with the latest news, reports and interviews with leading researchers from around the globe and is broadcast on the Night Search Paranormal Network (<http://www.nightsearch.net>), which features researchers from around the world hosting their own programs on a wide range of topics in a unique webcasting format.

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - 'SC'

From: 'SC' <[scpackfan@hotmail.com](mailto:scpackfan@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 23:04:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:42:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - 'SC'

[Poster known to Moderator--ebk]

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 11:26:19 EST  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

<snip>

>Dave, List, All -

>Copyright is a very strange thing and it is not necessary to  
>register material with any official agency. When the material  
>comes out of the computer, it is, for all intents and purposes  
>copyrighted. Just being told it is copyrighted material is  
>sufficient.

Hi, Kevin, Dave,

This issue strikes close to home, as I was recently threatened with legal action under copyright infringement by the very institution for which I work. I had to shut down my entire private site, even though it was password protected, because of the fear of potential law suits by my own legal department.

Copyright law was complicated enough in the days of hardcopy only, but now it's an enormously complex one. In fact, the law is being pounded out as we speak. There are now legitimate questions that had never before existed.

What's the real difference, for instance, between a hyperlink to an article and posting the article itself? Kevin is correct, and I would, if I were you, err on the side of caution (and significantly less expense.) I spent a ton of time and effort compiling my site... but I prefer owning my home.

Best,

Bill

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## Copyright

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 23:40:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:54:48 -0500  
Subject: Copyright

Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 21:59:03 +0000  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>The law in Britain, and I think it's pretty much the same in the  
>US and Canada, is that copyright is inherent in published  
>material from the moment it is published. You don't need any  
>certificate or registration or any other form of document. It  
>just \_is\_.

>If you've published anything, you've copyrighted it.  
>Technically, if I quoted one of your Internet postings in  
>Magonia magazine without your permission, I would have breached  
>your copyright.

Almost...

Source:

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/intprop/circl.html>

"Copyright protects 'original works of authorship' that are fixed in a tangible form of expression. Copyright protection subsists from the time the work is created in fixed form that is, it is an incident of the process of authorship. The copyright in the work of authorship \_immediately\_ becomes the property of the author who created it."

"Only the author or those deriving their rights through the author can rightfully claim copyright."

Though France does not appear to be a signatory to the latest (1989) Berne Union copyright provisions, copyright basics are identical in France and the USA.

Purrrrrs...  
wac

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 22:32:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 02:57:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Friedman

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 17:54:42 -0400

<snip>

>I suppose I will ask Dave and Josh to remove the listing at:

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

>of my item F, the 90 page English Translation of the French  
>COMETA report which , because it was not available anywhere  
>else, I had offered at \$10.00 US including P and H from me at  
>POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I can't ask Dave and Josh to  
>risk the wrath of COMETA and of Don Berliner.

Ah, the perils and travails of the altruist! Surely you had some understanding of what was permissible when you received your copy of the Report from the Fund. Did it include the right to copy and distribute copies of same? Why do I think not?

As for wrath, I assume you have no objection to my copying and distributing your many papers? Nor to my talking to English newspapers?

>It would be interesting to know why COMETA doesn't want to  
>distribute the report, which, after all, is critical of the US  
>government.

This is pretty easily answerable: they wanted to make money off it. I know, because I was involved early on. They overplayed their hand and any commercial opportunity they thought they might have had quickly passed. Not a question of not wanting to distribute it - it was published in France in a popular magazine, after all - they just didn't get the commercial offer from this country they were hoping for, indeed, demanding.

>One might also be concerned about the ethics of the  
>Fund accepting between 5 and 10 Thousand dollars from Lawrence  
>Rockefeller to have the translation done, which I understand was  
>acceptable to COMETA, and then not distributing it.

What's the ethical concern, Stan? Obviously, the Fund agreed to some sort of limited distribution. How, otherwise, do you explain your possession of a copy of same? The Fund paid to have it translated, agreeing in the process not to violate COMETA's distribution concerns, as the latter was still seeking a commercial venture. But then you wouldn't know anything about commercial ventures, would you?

And I guess we shouldn't be concerned about your ethics -- or lack thereof in this matter?

>Now if I  
>were a conspiracy theorist, I could suggest that some government  
>official (USA and/or French) suggested to COMETA that the  
>English translation not be distributed... but I am not.

Good to hear. For a minute, some of us thought you saw UFO conspiracies everywhere.

While we're at it, why don't we start a new one? Why don't we suggest, for example, that the COMETA Report spills the beans on the UFO phenomenon and the US government cover up of same? And because it does, why don't we further suggest that the truth about UFOs is being covered up by the Fund, Don Berliner, COMETA and Monsieur Algrin, because the Report was only widely distributed in French? That's a good one!

The fact of the matter - as you are perfectly well aware - is that the COMETA Report adds absolutely nothing new, let alone revelatory, to the UFO phenomenon as it has been argued on this continent for decades. Despite its high-level authorship, its intrinsic value is pretty much that of the photocopied pages on which you printed it. Plus postage, of course.

It is, in a word, a monumental non-event.

>I am not surprised at Don not wishing to have his address given.  
>After all he also withheld information about the SOM 1.01 report  
>from me for 8 months until he slipped up in a conversation. A  
>copy was give to USAF Colonel Weaver almost immediately who then  
>passed it right on to sketptibunker Bob Todd. I guess the US  
>government isn't the only entity that withholds information.

>Stan Friedman

When accused of personal lapses of one's own, why not accuse the accuser of same, especially when they have nothing to do with the original complaint?

In any event, I take this to mean that you and Berliner won't be collaborating on another crashed saucer book anytime soon?

In which case every cloud really does have its silver lining.

Dennis Stacy

PS: Are we to take it that you think the SOM 1.01 report is actually authentic, regardless of the time frame within which Berliner received a copy and transmitted you a copy of same? If so, might you be interested in funding a French translation, payable in Euros?

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Secrecy News -- 03/04/02

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 16:55:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 03:01:39 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/04/02

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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"SHADOW GOVERNMENT" STORY ILLUMINATES MEDIA POLITICS

Executive branch officials have been deployed to bunkers outside of Washington to preserve "continuity of operations" in the event of an attack on the nation's capital, according to an item in U.S. News and World Report.

"Top government officials implemented the continuity plan as soon as the scope of the [September 11 attacks] became clear," the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported.

Big news? Both of those stories were published last October. But if a tree falls in the forest, and it is not reported in the Washington Post or the New York Times, it evidently doesn't make a sound.

In contrast, the Washington Post's in-depth March 1 story on the same subject reverberated powerfully throughout the media universe. See "Shadow Government Is at Work in Secret" by Barton Gellman and Susan Schmidt:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A20584-2002Feb28.html>

While emergency preparedness is unobjectionable, the Post report prompted questions about exactly what a "shadow government" does day in and day out, under what circumstances it would come to power, and who had been informed about it.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said that he had not been notified of the "shadow government" and called it "a pretty profound illustration" of the Bush Administration's tendency to withhold vital information from Congress.

>From a secrecy policy point of view, one of the most interesting features of the story is that "The Washington Post agreed to a White House request not to ... identify the two principal locations of the shadow government."

The basis for this decision was not spelled out, and the justification for it is not entirely clear. The number of existing continuity of government facilities within a helicopter ride's distance from Washington is small and well known, having been documented in many sources, including by the Washington Post itself.

Nevertheless, the Post action illustrates the ability of the mainstream media, which has sometimes been doubted, to exercise self-discipline in withholding information that it believes to

be sensitive. Other media outlets have so far followed the Post's lead in this regard, with the partial exception of the New York Post, which published a photograph of the front of one of the unidentified facilities.

In an online story today, Washington Post media critic Howard Kurtz boasted of his paper's discretion in agreeing not to disclose the secret locations of the "shadow government" and took a jab at the New York Post for publishing its photograph. See "Press Ethics in Shadows":

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A34842-2002Mar4.html>

Kurtz proudly insisted that the Washington Post "broke the story" of the shadow government.

But U.S. News and World Report disputed that claim this week, reprinting its October 29 Washington Whispers item on the subject:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/politics/whispers/whispwebarch.htm>

The earliest version of the story was Sabrina Eaton's "Interior officials join Cheney in mountain hideaways" in the October 17 edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which is linked from this page:

<http://www.cleveland.com/terrorism/index.ssf?/indepth/attack/more/101701.html>

and which is also reposted here:

<http://eyesonamerica.org/200110/10190107.html>

#### RESOURCES ON CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

The Washington Post provided only a sketchy account of U.S. policy governing emergency continuity of operations, noting that most of the relevant current documentation is classified.

President Reagan's executive order 12656 "is a precursor to documents outlining the contingency plans in greater detail, which have not been made public," the Post reported on March 2. See that 1988 Reagan executive order here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/E012656.htm>

In fact, however, there is a good deal more (and more recent) public information about this matter than the Post indicated.

To begin with, it was President Clinton's 1998 Presidential Decision Directive 67 which, until most recently, established the framework for continuity of operations planning. Although the text of this Directive has not been released, its contents are summarized here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/pdd/pdd-67.htm>

Further, in response to PDD 67, the Federal Emergency Management Agency prepared a 1999 Federal Preparedness Circular (FPC-65) that provides guidance to executive branch agencies for use in planning for the continuity of operations.

See the text of that FEMA memo on "Federal Executive Branch Continuity of Operations (COOP)" here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/pdd/fpc-65.htm>

One of the requirements set forth by FEMA is the establishment of an "order of succession" for each agency, identifying the sequence of personnel who would assume leadership of the agency in the event of emergency.

In late December, President Bush issued an initially puzzling series of executive orders governing the order of succession at eight agencies. See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011228-eo.html>

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 21:59:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 03:04:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Myers

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 11:26:19 EST  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

Hi Folks,

You all may want to look at the following, a "crash course in copyright":

<http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm#top>

The Fair Use Provision as outlined in United States Code 17 SS107 allows you limited use of copyrighted material for review and critique. And yes, the second someone puts something on paper, it does indeed become their property - though I would lightly use the word intellectual with regard to half half of the 'copyrighted' garbage out there. But that is another thread all in of itself.

I'm sure Kevin has some excellent knowledge in this area considering the sheer number of books he has written. I'm not sure what sort of issues would come up if someone posted the English translation on the web and did not charge for it. I think the report should be available for all to see and there's a lot of needless whining going on here. However, if someone owns it then that is the end of the story. That'll be the only two-cents I have for this thread and I hope this is resolved the next time I open my e-box.

Hope all of you are doing well. Now go on and play nice with the other kids... ;-)

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or fall into the pit of copyright laws without counsel..."

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Myers

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Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 22:23:09 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 03:07:06 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 11:26:19 EST  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

Really, this is my last two-cents on this.....

10 Myths About Copyright

<http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html>

Regards,

That Watchdog Guy

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## Nick Pope's Weird World

From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 11:55:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 08:48:19 -0500  
Subject: Nick Pope's Weird World

Hot Gossip UK March 2002

Welcome to the March 2002 round-up of the weird and the wonderful, with all the latest news and gossip concerning ufology, abduction research, the paranormal and much more besides.

New Hypnosis Breakthrough

Hot on the heels of last month's story concerning the National Council for Hypnotherapy's policy statement on the handling of abductees, comes more good news for the pro-hypnosis lobby within ufology. Scientists based at Harvard and Stanford have demonstrated that hypnosis produces physical changes in the brain, dealing what may be a fatal blow to the theory that hypnotism is nothing more than a combination of fakery and suggestibility.

David Spiegel, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences at Stanford's School of Medicine, presented the case for hypnosis to the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Speaking at their Boston meeting on 17 February he said "Every doctor ought to be taught the simple techniques of hypnosis".

The conclusion was based on experiments in which groups of volunteers were hypnotised and asked to look at a black and white pattern. When they were hypnotically induced to believe they were seeing colours, brain scans revealed increased blood flow to certain areas of the brain. It seemed that they really were "seeing" colours when no colours were present, and not just making it up or going along with the hypnotist, as might previously have been suggested by those sceptical of the validity of hypnosis.

Of course, there is a world of difference between using hypnosis for pain relief (as advocated by David Spiegel and his colleagues) and using it to recover memories, but the important point here is that the nature of hypnotism itself is perhaps a step closer to being understood.

Once the scientific establishment accepts corporately that hypnosis can induce physical changes in the brain, then we can get beyond the mindset that says hypnosis is just the stuff of stage acts. Then we can look with fresh eyes at the possibility that memories recovered under hypnosis are just as good, if not better, than consciously recalled ones.

Watch this space.

Are Extraterrestrial Civilisations Watching Earth?

Sticking with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (who sound as if they had a pretty exciting annual meeting), another presentation concerned the use of optical telescopes to examine the light from planets, analyse this light using spectrometry and look for the chemical signature of life.

We are on the verge of doing this ourselves (check out NASA's website at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) and look up details of the Space Interferometry Mission and Terrestrial Planet Finder mission).

SIM and TPF would, respectively, detect Earth-like planets around sun-like stars, and directly observe the light reflected off these planets. Oxygen, carbon dioxide, water vapour, ozone and chlorophyll are generally accepted as being the key chemical indicators that life may be present.

The key point about this is that if we're about to do this, an extraterrestrial civilisation just marginally more advanced than us should be doing it already. If they are, and if they're close enough in galactic terms, then chances are, they've already found us.

These intriguing theories were presented by Roger Angel, Professor of Astronomy and Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona, and Dr Wesley Traub from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Watch the skies!

#### UFO Magazine Leeds Conference

The march issue of UFO Magazine is out now, and contains full details of the Leeds conference scheduled for 20, 21 and 22 September.

Making a rare but welcome visit to the UK is nuclear physicist and Roswell expert Stanton Friedman.

Georgina Bruni and I will be presenting some sensational new material on the link between Second World War scientific intelligence and ufology.

Other speakers include Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle.

Check out [www.ufomag.co.uk](http://www.ufomag.co.uk) for details.

#### Intruders Foundation

I've written an article about my research and investigation into the alien abduction phenomenon for Budd Hopkins' IF magazine, the official publication of his Intruders Foundation organisation. I've tried to give an insight into how abduction research is carried out in Britain, so check out [www.intrudersfoundation.org](http://www.intrudersfoundation.org) for information on this group and its work.

#### UFO - Top Secret

Looking ahead to the April issue of UFO Magazine, I can promise readers a world exclusive article which lifts the lid on the way in which the key personalities within the Second World War scientific intelligence community viewed the UFO phenomenon. For anyone who has ever wanted to see genuine UFO documents classified Top Secret, check out this article, and prepare to be amazed.

#### Time Travel

A fascinating Daily Mail article on 19 February, penned by paranormal expert Colin Wilson, suggested that time travel might be possible without offending against the laws of physics.

I'm often asked about time travel, especially in relation to alien abduction (Check out Visitors from Time by Marc Davenport and Time Travellers from our Future by Dr Bruce Goldberg). I've considered the concept when looking at potential explanations for the UFO and abduction phenomena, but for those with a more general interest in time travel, I recommend Andrew MacKenzie's book Adventures in Time, and the classic 1911 title An Adventure, written by C.A.E. Moberly and E.F. Jourdain.

Nick Pope, London, March 2002

Ed's Note:

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 UK publishers are Simon & Schuster. In America, The Overlook Press publish his books in hardback while the paperbacks are produced by Dell Publishing.

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## Re: Olympic UFOs - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 05:17:23 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 08:54:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Olympic UFOs - Hamilton

UFOs did come to the Olympics, according to these observers. After looking at the video evidence I concluded the cigar-shaped UFO is an airplane with just a nub of the wing and tail showing and having smooth uniform motion.

URLs posted here for you video experts to examine and declare your opinion. There are also some stills that look a little strange.

I will bet this was not reported to MUFON or the NUFORC.

Bill Hamilton

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Subject: Fwd: Video & Color Photos: Olympic UFOs.  
From: "Bill Hamilton" <[skywatcher22@hotmail.com](mailto:skywatcher22@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 13:06:08 +0000  
To: [skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)

>From: Christen Warwick <[christenw27@cybertrails.com](mailto:christenw27@cybertrails.com)>  
>To: Multiple Recipients <[christenw27@cybertrails.com](mailto:christenw27@cybertrails.com)>  
>Subject: Video & Color Photos: Olympic UFOs.  
>Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 12:24:22 -0700

>The video clips are more interesting than some of  
>the B&W still photos. You get a much better sense  
>that an unusual object really was in the sky over  
>Salt Lake City.

>You see something silver flying through the sky and it  
>doesn't appear to be a bird, airplane, helicopter,  
>pie pan, etc.

><http://www.victoriaslight.com/video2.html>

>Color photos of a UFO over Salt Lake City (with report)  
>are at another website:

>[http://www.aliendave.com/UUFOH\\_UFOflyoverSLC.html](http://www.aliendave.com/UUFOH_UFOflyoverSLC.html)

>See attached close-up of who-knows-what.

>CW

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## Mothman?

From: **Alexander S. Bosika** <[alexb@eol.ca](mailto:alexb@eol.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 19:11:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 09:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Mothman?

Can anyone please tell me what Mothman is all about? While I have always been intrigued by sightings - I have even heard that Arthur C. Clarke is fascinated by close encounters of the third kind but has a problem with the fact (Mysterious Worlds) that we have not been able to conclusively find alien intelligence with our satellites etc.

The sightings that I have always seen on television have been blurred and inconclusive. However, books by Stanton Friedman were very well done and give lots of room to be convinced that something happened back on 1947.

What of the recent reports in Atlantic Canada about sightings - I have not been able to find anything in Atlantic news online even after some consultation with Stanton.

Regards,

Alex

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 11:49:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Maccabee

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 16:30:54 EST  
>Subject: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Good Afternoon All -

>I looked up Quintanilla's manuscript on the NIDS website  
><http://www.webcom.com/kelleher/articles/articles1.html> - and was  
>somewhat surprised at the venom that dripped from many of the  
>pages. Now I admit to being biased here... I believe that some  
>UFOs represent sightings of alien craft, so I might have read  
>things into this manuscript that weren't there, but it seemed to  
>me that the purpose was to attack "self-styled" UFO  
>investigators (though he named few names), attack the UFO "hobby  
>clubs" (though he only mentioned NICAP in the negative light and  
>the single reference to APRO was surprisingly positive), and to  
>go after scientists who seemed to disagree with him (namely  
>Hynek and McDonald).

I glanced through the article. Did not see a discussion of Socorro.  
Did I miss it?

Socorro was featured in Q's article in Studies in Intelligence  
in 1966... the only unexplained case.

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:04:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 15:22:26 -0000

>>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 01:16:55 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 11:15:28 -0000

<snip>

>>New Zealand, December 31, 1978. Multiple witness including 2 TV  
>>reporters, pilot and copilot, TV cameraman, audio tape made by  
>>one reporter on the scene (in the aircraft), audio tape made at  
>>the Wellington Air traffic Control center, 16 mm professional  
>>color movie of many of the sighted lights/objects, radar  
>>detection by ground radar and by airplane radar; extensive  
>>interview information available; and they are all still alive  
>>(however the pilot suffered a stroke several years after the  
>>event; not sure how much he remembers); reported in two books,  
>>one by the pilot and one by the main reporter and in numerous  
>>research papers.

>>See:

>><http://brumac.8k.com>

>Hello, Bruce/list,

>I was rather hoping that you would suggest this case, though I  
>was unaware that the bulk of the data was available and intact,  
>otherwise I might have suggested it myself!>

>As you know, I came across a reference to the case in the  
>Jodrell Bank Archive. Many of the staff viewed the film, and  
>they were unable to arrive at a positive conclusion, though they  
>did suggest it may be illegal fishing boats.

I think this applied to only one portion of the sighting that is  
discussed at the above web site (the "squid boat" sighting).

>I am quite prepared  
>to release the raw transcript that I made from the JBA to any  
>panel that is involved in reviewing the case, but I would need  
>to check with Jodrell Bank before releasing them for general  
>publication (there were some personal notes written by Sir  
>Bernard Lovell and members of his staff, which although not  
>defamatory, they may want to withhold from public scrutiny in  
>case they are misinterpreted etc).

Yes, I communicated with JBA back in those days. If you have  
read my paper on the flashing light filmed by cameraman

Crockett, you may recall that I referred to T. W. Rackham at Jodrell Bank who suggested that what was shown on the film was actually a distant light on the earth's surface, i.e., not astronomical, distorted by the atmosphere.

>The next step would be to agree on a panel to take part in the  
>review. I suggest that the criteria for participation will need  
>to be based on things like proximity to the data (I assume that  
>some of the witnesses are in New Zealand)? Other criteria to  
>decide will be the acceptability of the panel by both pro-ETH  
>and anti/uncommitted ETH readers. Perhaps, Bruce, you would like  
>to make some suggestions based on your knowledge of the case,  
>the data locations, and the members of this auspicious list?

>I would also suggest that a separate List be set up for the  
>participants, with as much of the material as practically and  
>ethically possible being transparent to non-panel members,  
>together with regular updates to this List.

>Comments/suggestions, anyone?

Some review panel members would have to be prepared to spend a number of hours (don't know exactly how long) reviewing original information (hours worth of interviews, audio tapes, 16 mm color movie film - requires access to a 16 mm movie camera, ideally a "film analyzer" that allows for frame by frame analysis) simply to become familiar with the history of the sightings and to become familiar with the nature of the available data and to provide an independent check on what I have already done.

I personally spent probably hundreds of hours over a period of roughly 5 years studying all the aspects.

At least some review panel members should have radar experience, not just practical experience (operating radars) but theoretical experience (theory of radar, atmospheric propagation, etc.). At least some review panel members should have optical experience (effects of atmosphere on distant lights, response of color reversal film to bright lights at night, operation of movie cameras, how to calculate light source brightness from image exposure, theoretical photography, etc.). At least some panel members should be capable of making judgements on the likelihood that the witnesses are accurate and truthful.

By fortuitous coincidence, I had studied radar and studied photography and had already interviewed many UFO witnesses. I didn't do a perfect investigation, but I doubt that anyone working only part time (i.e., anyone not a full time investigator) could have done better.

Somebody really want to do this? I would welcome it and could cut "years" off the study process (because I have already collated and made understandable the raw data; I have written a history that is a starting point; I know where the hard spots and the soft spots are; and I have had a running battle with Klass over numerous aspects of these sightings, a disturbing, yet priceless experience, because it forced me to really think about what formed the hard core data). Some of the now available (that wasn't available when I began the investigation in 1979) information is at the above web site.

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## UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile?

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:09:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:07:12 -0500  
Subject: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile?

Did UFOs Predict The Earthquake In Northern Chile?

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In wake of recent geologic phenomena in Northern Chile, such as underground fires, ground splits, and the collapse of a mining facility, a 4.3 Richter scale earthquake was registered. According to the USGS National Earthquake Information Center, the earthquake took place on February 28 of 2002, at approximately 06:25 (UTC). The center of the earthquake was located at about 80 miles northeast from the city of Calama, Chile. Further details about the earthquake can be found at the USGS website:

<http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/bulletin/020228062539.html>

The earthquake was felt in the areas of Chuquicamata, Maria Elena, and Calama, where two children died as a result of a landslide. Despite warning signs of the tremendous amount of geological activity in those areas, the authorities were caught unprepared. Several underground fires have been reported in the outskirts of Calama. Nearby, in Baquedano, ground faults and splits have caused city employees to evacuate the town hall building, and the Chilean Customs Office is on the brink of a collapse.

On the other hand, my colleagues and I were able to connect the dots, and as a precaution, we recommended our field investigator Jaime Ferrer to find a good insurance company for his households and valuable items. Jaime lives in Calama, minutes away from where the landslide occurred. I am not by any means a geologist, nor I do not claim to have predicted the earthquake, but it was not difficult to figure out that something of this nature was going to happen due to what I considered to be evident warnings, such as the underground fires, the buildings that were sinking and collapsing, the ground splits, and curiously enough, the famous "earthquake lights" that have been seen by many people in the area.

Did UFOs predict the earthquake?

Recently, in the same area where the earthquake was reported, a series of 'mystery lights' have been reported at night. Several eyewitnesses, among them, a major news network journalist, have reported seeing what they believed to be bright lights or UFOs. But could these objects be piloted by intelligent life forms, or could they be some sort of atmospheric phenomena? Aside from that, could it be possible that these lights have predicted the earthquake in Northern Chile?

In 1999 a similar event, where a UFO was seen and videotaped during an earthquake in Turkey, prompted the 'Turkey UFO and Paranormal Events Research Organization' to create the Anomalous Luminous Phenomena Project or 'ALP'. The purpose was to gather and present scientific evidence to prove that these so-called earthquake lights are not UFOs, but rather natural atmospheric

phenomena that can indeed be utilized as a mean to help predict earthquakes, and therefore, reduce the death toll during these catastrophic events.

According to Freedman Freund, a physicist and professor at San Jose State University, in California, the ALPs or earthquake lights are caused by positive electrical charges generated by as the Earth's crust when it is subject to massive stresses along the faults. The rock formations in the crust normally act as insulators. But under the severe stress generated before an earthquake, these rocks may behave briefly like "p-type semiconductors" found in diodes, transistors and computer chips, capable of releasing massive amounts of positive charges referred to as "holes." These charges move upwards toward the surface of the Earth at between 220 and 660 mph. The charges ionize the atmosphere upon reaching the air, causing strange effects, such as radio interference, colored lights, and bright flashes, such as the ones reported in Northern Chile. Perhaps, this could be the most logical explanation for this phenomenon, or maybe a small piece of the puzzle.

Nevertheless, in the case of Northern Chile, there are many factors to consider. Perhaps, there are more questions than answers; in fact, the most puzzling element is the underground caves and alleged cities that some eyewitnesses claim to see. In 1990, radio talk show host and investigator Arturo Menay described how he accessed a narrow tunnel near Maria Elena. The tunnel did not appear to be man-made because it was almost perfectly round, with smooth edges. According to the sources that accurately informed him about the tunnel, it leads to an underground city at approximately 8 kilometers from the entrance. According to Menay, him and his group of explorers were only able to walk about 200 meters from the entrance. At that point, they decided to turn around because they heard voices that, according to them, were not speaking Spanish or any other language they had heard before. On February 17 of 2002, a strange object was videotaped going into the water of a lake. A large body of water, such as a lake, could be the perfect element to hide the entrance to some kind of underground facility. If these objects were indeed UFOs controlled by or intelligent beings, could they be somehow trying to protect their underground bases from earthquakes?

In addition to all of these UFOs, bright lights, ALPs or what ever they may be, there are still many unexplained events taking place in Northern Chile. That particular part of the world appears to be a breeding ground for UFOs and the paranormal phenomena. We have received countless reports of people seeing humanoid creatures, bright spheres, men in black (I am not trying to be controversial by mentioning this), and let us not forget about the massive numbers of dead and mutilated animals - the most solid, and yet, so tragic evidence. Could it be possible that all of this is just part of a big coincidence? Or is it perhaps some kind of mind control experiment? Are there any underground cities populated by humans or other intelligent beings? Perhaps one day, we will find out. There is one thing we do know for sure; despite our modern science and technology advances, our world is still full of mysteries.

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## Re: Olympic UFOs - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 06:50:18 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:09:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Olympic UFOs - McCoy

>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>Subject: Olympic UFOs  
>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 05:17:23 -0800 (PST)

>UFOs did come to the Olympics, according to these observers.  
>After looking at the video evidence I concluded the cigar-shaped  
>UFO is an airplane with just a nub of the wing and tail showing  
>and having smooth uniform motion.

>URLs posted here for you video experts to examine and declare  
>your opinion. There are also some stills that look a little  
>strange.

>I will bet this was not reported to MUFON or the NUFORC.

<snip>

Hello, all, Bill.

I'm no photography expert, but I do know a modern MD-9 type  
airliner when I see it. Could be US Air, American (likely) or  
any of a number of operators that operate MD-9's (DC-9's to us  
old Douglas propellerheads)

This is no UFO.

Having operated out of the misreable old Airtanker base at SLC,  
this is an Airliner on Downwind to the Airport. Sorry.

GT McCoy

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:14:43 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:12:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Ledger

>Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 22:32:43 -0600  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 17:54:42 -0400

<snip>

>The fact of the matter - as you are perfectly well aware - is  
>that the COMETA Report adds absolutely nothing new, let alone  
>revelatory, to the UFO phenomenon as it has been argued on this  
>continent for decades. Despite its high-level authorship, its  
>intrinsic value is pretty much that of the photocopied pages on  
>which you printed it. Plus postage, of course.

>It is, in a word, a monumental non-event.

>>I am not surprised at Don not wishing to have his address given.  
>>After all he also withheld information about the SOM 1.01 report  
>>from me for 8 months until he slipped up in a conversation. A  
>>copy was give to USAF Colonel Weaver almost immediately who then  
>>passed it right on to sketptibunker Bob Todd. I guess the US  
>>government isn't the only entity that withholds information.

>When accused of personal lapses of one's own, why not accuse the  
>accuser of same, especially when they have nothing to do with  
>the original complaint?

>In any event, I take this to mean that you and Berliner won't be  
>collaborating on another crashed saucer book anytime soon?

>In which case every cloud really does have its silver lining.

>Dennis Stacy

>PS: Are we to take it that you think the SOM 1.01 report is  
>actually authentic, regardless of the time frame within which  
>Berliner received a copy and transmitted you a copy of same? If  
>so, might you be interested in funding a French translation,  
>payable in Euros?

Hi Dennis,

Or anybody else for that matter. Is COMETA funded by the French government or privately funded? If it's a government publication, the possibility exists that, in some cases, governments can't copyright publicly funded material. These might include documents and government funded studies for example.

The other issue is, as Wendy has noted, that France is not signatory to the Berne agreement on copyright. If that's the case then their authors have no legal claims outside France unless certain countries - like the US and Canada - have signed



independent agreements with France. It would surprise me if Canada didn't have a reciprocal agreement with France.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Copyright - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 11:33:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:16:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Copyright - Sandow

>Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 23:40:37 -0500  
>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Copyright

<snip>

>Source:

><http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/intprop/circl.html>

>"Copyright protects 'original works of authorship' that are  
>fixed in a tangible form of expression. Copyright protection  
>subsists from the time the work is created in fixed form that  
>is, it is an incident of the process of authorship. The  
>copyright in the work of authorship \_immediately\_ becomes the  
>property of the author who created it.

>Only the author or those deriving their rights through the  
>author can rightfully claim copyright."

Complicating all this is the doctrine of 'fair use'. Someone writing a book review, for instance, can quote short passages from the book without violating copyright.

Music publishers, though, don't go along with that. If you're writing a music review, you can't quote even a few notes from copyrighted music without the publisher getting on your case. I have no idea of the legal status there, but I know it's the practice in the music world not to allow those quotes.

Leads to funny things - like a book on harmony in pop music that didn't quote any Beatles songs, because the publishers wouldn't give permission. Or more likely wouldn't give permission without a hefty payment. Other well-known tunes were quoted, but for the Beatles, the writer gave only an empty musical staff. Readers, who of course would know all those songs by heart, would fill in the details themselves.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 18:23:09 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 13:54:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Bourdais

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:55:11 -0500

>>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 19:48:42 -0600  
>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>It should be easy enough to find out whether M. Algrin is who he  
>says he is. Just make inquiries to find out if he indeed does  
>have any official relationship to COMETA. Usually, though,  
>people who send such letters are who they say they are. In any  
>case, Don Berliner's statement, as Dick Hall forwarded it to us,  
>is all the information you really need at this point.

To All,

I know Mr Algrin and I can assure you that he is who he says he  
is, and that he represents COMETA.

Regards,

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: The Roswell News Release - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 18:28:24 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:35:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Bourdais

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:35:11 -500  
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:55:02 +0100

<snip>

>Your version of Roswell isn't supported by the facts that we  
>know. For instance, none of the secret and top secret FOIA  
>documents support your explanation:

Mr Hutchinson,

You are a real expert at obscuring matters and measleading readers.

I see that there is absolutely no way to talk seriously with you. That's the end of the discussion for me.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Quintanilla And UFOs

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 12:43:28 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:37:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Quintanilla And UFOs

>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:50 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 16:30:54 EST  
>>Subject: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

<snip>

>I glanced through the article. Did not see a discussion of  
>Socorro. Did I miss it?

Good Afternoon, Bruce -

He discusses it briefly, as he does a few other cases, and he seems to hint that there is a mundane explanation, though he fails to offer it. He suggests he thinks he knows but couldn't prove it, but he provides no insights to the case other than suggesting Hynek did a poor job.

KRandle

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 19:51:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:38:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Gonzalez

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 10:47:25 -0600

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 16:25:47 +0100  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 07:42:11 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Early Abductions? - Gonzalez

>>Curiously, if I am not mistaken, reading the reports, it seems  
>>that the original stimuli of the incident could have been our  
>>Moon!

>He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was  
>responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a  
>remark by an early investigator. In point of fact, the investigator  
>did not suggest the moon generated the whole incident, as  
>the quote makes clear

To sum up,

Yes, as I myself qualified my words, I was mistaken. The original stimuli of the incident was not our Moon, but an unusual sound "similar to an explosion" and a very peculiar car trip full of "reality distorsions" that culminated in a UFO sighting.

No, I never said that the Moon "explained" the abduction. If I had to "explain" it I will probably recourse to the "hypnosis is not a regal way to Truth" mantra (please, excuse my bad quoting, I only have Dr. Simon's words in Spanish).

But yes, I still believe that the Moon may explain the UFO sighting. A check with a map of the area may be helpful.

No. I never pretended that the explanation was modern, nor did I "disingenuously" quoted a remark by an early investigator. He/she was one of the original investigators, so may be he/she did know what he/she was talking about.

Yes. The case is a good example of Para-ufology (UFOs & Parapsicology, strangeness squared!). Nowadays, the abduction phenomena has merged those two disciplines perfectly: almost no abductee fails to report incidents of poltergeist, materializations, telepathy, telekinesis, etc. But, back in the early 70s there was very much opposition, specially among ufologists and parapsicologists, to merge both phenomena.

To me, it is precisely that merging of those two no scientific-accepted phenomena, one of the most damming evidences about abductions being "all in the mind". Of course, this is a very personal conclusion and I do not expect it to be shared by anybody else.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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## Re: Copyright - Kaeser

From: Steve Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 13:39:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:40:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Copyright - Kaeser

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Copyright  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 11:33:09 -0500

<snip>

>Complicating all this is the doctrine of 'fair use'. Someone  
>writing a book review, for instance, can quote short passages  
>from the book without violating copyright.

>Music publishers, though, don't go along with that. If you're  
>writing a music review, you can't quote even a few notes from  
>copyrighted music without the publisher getting on your case. I  
>have no idea of the legal status there, but I know it's the  
>practice in the music world not to allow those quotes.

Unless you're simply performing the song live in concert, which  
to my knowledge wouldn't result in a claim of copyright  
violation (even if they sing the whole song..... <g>). On the  
other hand, one couldn't record the song and sell it.

Steve

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 16:42:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:41:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Hall

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 16:30:54 EST  
>Subject: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Good Afternoon All -

>I looked up Quintanilla's manuscript on the NIDS website  
><http://www.webcom.com/kelleher/articles/articles1.html> - and was  
>somewhat surprised at the venom that dripped from many of the  
>pages. Now I admit to being biased here... I believe that some  
>UFOs represent sightings of alien craft, so I might have read  
>things into this manuscript that weren't there, but it seemed to  
>me that the purpose was to attack "self-styled" UFO  
>investigators (though he named few names), attack the UFO "hobby  
>clubs" (though he only mentioned NICAP in the negative light and  
>the single reference to APRO was surprisingly positive), and to  
>go after scientists who seemed to disagree with him (namely  
>Hynek and McDonald).

<snip>

Kevin,

Thanks for this review. I had very similar reactions to yours. Q  
may have been a very nice human being, but obviously he had a  
very poor self-image and wasn't in the same league with his  
'detractors' anyway. It is a very personal and somewhat angry  
tome, but illuminating in the ways that you suggest.

- Dick

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## New Web Site Sheds Light On 'Indian' UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:48:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 14:48:05 -0500  
Subject: New Web Site Sheds Light On 'Indian' UFOs

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/neweconomy/internet050302b.shtml>

New Web Site Sheds Light On 'Indian' UFOs

PTI  
New Delhi, March 05

The Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have inspired science, fiction and Hollywood, and while the mystery persists, a new venture has provided Indian UFO enthusiasts a platform to exchange information on sightings of these 'flying saucers.'

A new website ufoindia.org serves as a forum for Indians to share experiences of 'alien' interaction - even as scientists refuse to believe their existence, while not entirely ruling out possibility of extra-terrestrial life.

Prashant Solomon, who runs the website, India's first such forum to share UFO sightings, has received considerable response from India and abroad, going by the sightings reported. But unlike "monkeyman" and "milk-drinking Ganapati idols" UFOs remain an unsolved mystery.

"My aim is not to spread rumours, but to create a forum for discussion as we are not yet sure if such things as alien intelligence and UFOs exist," says Solomon, a former journalist.

UFOs caught the American imagination from the 1940s onwards when some people saw strange 'flying saucers' moving in the sky. There were even stories that UFOs brought alien creatures, which sometimes got killed. Some claim to have "photographed" them, and a number of magazines and journals on the subject came up which led to a sub-cult of other worldly alien.

Numerous organisations working on this include NASA's Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Programme and FBI's undercover department which looks into such strange occurrences, which inspired the hit TV serial 'X-files'.

Alien interactions have inspired a host of movies- many of them blockbusters like 'ET', 'Star Wars', 'Species', 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' and 'Contact', to name a few. Soon there will be an Indian version - 'Koi Mil Gaya' directed by Rakesh Roshan and starring Hritik Roshan and Preiti Zinda- which would feature flying saucers.

Solomon insists there should be some truth in the similar sightings of UFOs or alien-like creatures by people who do not even know one another adding the "monkeyman" who caught Delhi's fancy last year, could well be one such incident.

"One cannot dismiss something as supernatural just because he or she does not have proper explanations for it."

But Dr Ratnasree, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, New Delhi says it is a mix of ignorance and media attention which leads to claims of such sightings by "those who do not know much about the sky."

"I myself had seen one such object in my childhood and was very excited about it, only to learn later that it was just a weather balloon."

Even if one accepts these are some objects mistaken for UFOs, what could these 'objects' be?

"They could be some planets which become bright against the night sky, or satellites, weather balloons or even some aircraft," says Dr Ratnasree.

Sometimes the artificial satellites are closer to earth and people may notice it. In any case, there is no possibility of radars not intercepting UFOs, before the naked eye could see them, she says.

But then how does one explain the early recordings of such extra-terrestrial encounters much before artificial satellites came into being, or for that matter the many Biblical allusions?

Try this from Ezekiel 1:4: "...Behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself and a brightness was about it... Out of the midst of fire...

...Out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures... They had the likeness of a man... They sparkled like the colour of burnished brass."

Mere divine symbolism or something more?

In India too, the research on the sightings pre-date the advent of weather balloons and artificial satellites. Reports include from all parts of India, from Bihar to Pune to Coorg in Karnataka to Kerala. The latest is from Pune in January this year.

"On January 17, 7.30 pm, I and a friend were travelling on a motorbike in Deccan, Pune. Then we saw an UFO, which was disc-shaped. The lower half was rotating and the upper half was made of a red-coloured circle. There was red light emitting from its edges," says Uttam Chakraborty of Pune.

Chakraborty claims the UFO hovered at between 80 and 100 metres altitude. "There was no sound. It rotated in a circular pattern for about 40 seconds and then remained stationary for about 15 to 20 seconds at one spot, and vanished."

Last year, Sunila Tandon of New Delhi spotted a similar object in the skies. "On August 15, I observed a huge dark silver grey flying saucer-shaped UFO for 7 or 8 minutes, flying low," she says.

"The object looked like two saucers inverted over each other and moved slowly across the sky," she adds.

While it is interesting that the shape and descriptions of UFOs are of near-universal nature, Dr Ratnasree says people have reported such experiences in the Planetarium, but wavered when asked further questions to explain what they saw.

People come to us insisting they have seen UFOs. But when we try to pin them down with specific questions on the nitty-gritty, often they are unable to explain what they had seen, she says.

While the mysterious UFOs can be traced back to early times, the present obsession with UFOs started in the 20th century, when Kenneth Arnold reported a sighting.

Using 'flying saucer' as a word to explain UFO sighting for the first time, Arnold, from Mount Rainier, Washington described what he saw in June 1947 as discs which "moved like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water."

This was followed by the famous UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico, which later became a sort of pilgrim centre for UFO enthusiasts, complete with a museum.

Such incidents have finally led to NASA's SETI programme, which uses radio waves to listen for possible signals emitting from the outer space.

But from the SETI programme what emerges is that while the possibility of life outside earth is not totally ruled out, the galaxy is not teeming with such forms of life, maintains Dr Ratnasree.

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.theanomalist.com](http://www.theanomalist.com) for the lead]

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## Re: Mothman? - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 15:49:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mothman? - Tonnies

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><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Mothman?  
>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 19:11:29 -0500

>Can anyone please tell me what Mothman is all about?

<snip>

"Mothman" is less a single enigmatic figure than a label given to a stew of ufological/paranormal happenings, as described in John Keel's book "The Mothman Prophecies." I have a review of the book posted here:

<http://mactonnies.com/ufobooks.html>

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 13:17:37 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 15:51:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Stacy

>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:50 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>I glanced through the article. Did not see a discussion of Socorro.  
>Did I miss it?

>Socorro was featured in Q's article in Studies in Intelligence  
>in 1966... the only unexplained case.

Bruce,

We published the chapter from Quintanilla's memoir that dealt mainly with Socorro in The Anomalist 4. A high opinion of Hynek he did not have.

You guessed it: copies are available.

Send a check for \$9.95 plus \$2.50 s/h payable to:

Dennis Stacy  
PO Box 12434  
San Antonio  
Texas 78212

Quintanilla lived here in San Antonio, but died a couple/few years ago. I believe he has at least one son, somewhere in California.

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Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 20:21:06 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 15:54:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 16:18:29 -500  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 13:00:37 -0000

<snip>

>I think I must register a carp here. It is true that modern ATC  
>radars are primarily designed to handle commercial and military  
>air traffic, but to assert that they will "filter" out a UFO  
>because they lack SSR, or even IFF transponders is quite  
>contrary to the purpose of these systems, and not accurate.

>Controllers are vitally interested in unidentified traffic in  
>their sectors, because of the obvious risks they pose. Today's  
>radar systems will process and display returns from all  
>aircraft- transponders will occasionally malfunction, after all.

>What a modern radar will filter out are spurious phantom  
>"returns", ones that are generated by electronic and mechanical  
>noise. Those of us who worked on the predecessors of today's  
>digital radars remember well the occasional blips generated by  
>dirty slip rings, and the "fine tuning" of squelch controls. If  
>there is too much noise, sloppy maintainence is usually to  
>blame.

>I shudder to think what would happen if ATC radars were  
>programmed to ignore any hard returns not responding to a  
>transponder. We have too many problems already with overcrowded  
>airways to add "invisible" traffic into an already dangerous  
>situation. If an ATC radar, or any radar, receives a hard  
>return, it will display it, regardless of any identification  
>transponders.

Bruce

Thanks for pointing this out. You're quite right of course. I didn't mean to imply that a secondary radar won't show raw 'skin paints', rather that the computerised control over the radar picture and the way information is organised and displayed shifts the focus of the operator's responsibility onto those aspects of the radar picture crucial to managing "his" traffic. What else is it for?

I mean that a conscientious operator circa 1952 would have had to give close attention to any blip anywhere "near" his traffic on the PPI, determine for himself there and then whether or not it was likely to be noise, AP or a hard target, then identify it by flight plan or by interrogation, then check separate height-finder radar to confirm the pilot's verbal report of flight level so as to discriminate apparent proximity on the scope from real proximity in the air. As you say, a modern SSR display pretty much does all this itself, precisely so that the



controller can feel free to ignore that uncorrelated high-speed skin paint at 50,000 feet and concentrate on traffic under his control.

The main point I was making is that unsophisticated primary analogue radars model the radar environment very transparently and the display encodes the history of the propagated signal, from which a great deal about an echo can be inferred. Smarter electronics filters out a lot of that signal history, and a lot of the "irrelevant" radar environment - weather, ground targets, noise products and so on. If there are "UFOs" to be detected which have radar characteristics not typical of targets which \*are\* relevant, then one could expect them to be to some extent designed-out along with this clutter. Examples in modern traffic control radars include moving target indicators of various kinds (still unstable new technology in the mid-fifties and often not fitted even when available) and various circular and elliptical polarisations. An example that was brought up in the context of missile defence as long ago as the 'sixties is that the then-primitive software would simply dump data on all targets that weren't on ballistic trajectories.

An analogy might be with old analogue magnetic tape recordings and photo emulsions. They had some evidential value (though the law often argued about how much) because although they weren't probative it was relatively hard to manipulate the 'signal' without at the same time leaving some evidence of the process of manipulation encoded in the end product. Today's digital processes are so smart that the optical history of an image or the acoustic history of a sound file are irrecoverable and the result is evidentially useless.

You clearly have first-hand experience in this field and more knowledge than I do. But wouldn't you agree that I have a point?

Regards

Martin

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## Re: Copyright - Sandow

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 15:58:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Copyright - Sandow

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Copyright  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 13:39:34 -0500

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>to my knowledge wouldn't result in a claim of copyright  
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>other hand, one couldn't record the song and sell it.

Performance rights are handled differently from publication rights.

If you want to sing a copyrighted song in public, the place where you perform it - bar, club, restaurant, concert hall - needs to have an agreement with the performing rights society that handles performing rights for the music. The two big ones in America are ASCAP and BMI. Virtually all music, classical, pop, or whatever, is represented by one of the two. Performing venues pay an annual fee to these organizations, which covers all performances of the music they represent. These fees are then redistributed (minus overhead costs, of course) to the songwriters or composers. (There are numerous complexities here, which you'll all be grateful if I don't try to explain.)

Radio stations also pay fees to ASCAP and BMI. With recordings, I believe it's slightly different. The record companies pay money directly to whoever publishes the music. (Which helps explain why all pop songwriters also have their own publishing companies.) This is because record sales can be more easily counted than the number of times something is played on the radio, or performed in public.

Obviously, a lot of public performances happen without ASCAP or BMI finding out. If a piano bar opens in a small city and doesn't pay fees to ASCAP or BMI, they might never hear about it.

On the other hand, it's amazing to see how people sometimes get caught. An executive for a big music company was once driving somewhere in mid-America. He heard a band from a football stadium playing an arrangement of a Stravinsky piece his company published, and which, as far as this guy knew, had never been arranged for band with the company's permission. He took the first exit from the highway, drove to the stadium and checked. He'd found an illegal performance. The company took action.

Disney, I've heard, polices craft fairs for unlicensed use of their cartoon characters. You don't want to take chances with this stuff....

Greg Sandow

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## Re: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile? - Erkmen

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 15:57:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile? - Erkmen

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>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile?  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:09:53 -0500

>Did UFOs Predict The Earthquake In Northern Chile?

>3-4-2

>In wake of recent geologic phenomena in Northern Chile, such as  
>underground fires, ground splits, and the collapse of a mining  
>facility, a 4.3 Richter scale earthquake was registered.  
>According to the USGS National Earthquake Information Center,  
>the earthquake took place on February 28 of 2002, at  
>approximately 06:25 (UTC). The center of the earthquake was  
>located at about 80 miles northeast from the city of Calama,  
>Chile. Further details about the earthquake can be found at the  
>USGS website:

><http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/bulletin/020228062539.html>

<snip>

Dear Friend,

I read your writings and visited your web pages but I could not find any relevant source for ALP's. I do not know the fault lines of your country and I don't know where the sightings have taken place. For this reason I read your writings but can not do and help much.

If there are suitable documentation (good quality pictures and video footage) I'm ready to help you for the recognition of the lights.

Regards

Erol Erkmen  
TUVPO

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## Re: Copyright - Hall

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Greg and list,

A somewhat parallel example to my personal knowledge is illegal photocopying and sales of magazine articles without the author's knowledge or permission. This has happened to me in connection with some of my articles about women soldiers in the American Civil War.

An outfit called the Copyright Register contacted me to verify that certain articles were indeed mine, then succeeded in obtaining a very nice payment for me, bless them! Anyone who thinks he/she has some 'right' to rip off my works is simply either ignorant or dishonest.

Also, I discovered via a 'fan mail letter' that an unauthorized copy of my book Uninvited Guests had been published in Hungary. We also managed to make those SOB's pay for their illegal activities.

- Dick Hall

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## Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

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Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:07:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 01:17:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction - Clark

>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 23:01:16 +0000  
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>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction

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>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Oxford Abduction

John,

>>>>He denies that it was "recently suggested" that the moon was  
>>>>responsible for the entire episode, by disingenuously quoting a  
>>>>remark by an early investigator.

>Jerry, before we take this discussion any further, perhaps you  
>could post details of where we can read the recent 'suggestion'  
>so that we can compare it with the original investigators  
>report?

It was suggested in a post by Luis Gonzalez last week. It was that suggestion which initiated the current discussion. He quoted one of the original investigators in what I think was a misleading fashion. In his rendering she was implying that a misperception of the moon generated the complex events or perceptions that followed. Instead, she was theorizing that the lunar misperception occurred as a consequence of the high strangeness and Oz Factor-like reality distortion the witnesses reported experiencing.

In his comprehensive study of the phenomenon, Eddie Bullard cites the "zone of strangeness" as characteristic of a significant plurality of abduction cases. "Sooner or later after an unusual observation," he has written, "strange things begin to happen. At first the peculiarities take the form of seemingly objective events, or rather influences on the external world of physical nature and inanimate machinery. The witness seems to enter a 'twilight zone' where natural laws fail to work or work in unnatural ways.... Driving also sets the stage for another prominent category of strange incidents, vehicle interference cases.... The vehicle may seem to drive itself as some sort of external control takes over" (UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery, pp. 59-60).

In other words, the Oxford case isn't really all that unusual. It is also not that unusual in being unprovable from any point of view. One may argue that the witnesses were under the influence of drugs or the moon or otherworldly entities, and one, if honest, will be forced to acknowledge that, in the absence of other evidence, all of these are speculative interpretations. In short, further debate is effectively pointless.

For reasons stated elsewhere, I find the lunar explanation unconvincing, and I reject the notion that the Hopkins family's subsequent MIB experiences were "psychosocial," whatever that is supposed to mean. Beyond that, there is not much to say.

Sorry, John, for the crack about my specific geographical location on the Minnesota landscape. I know what you meant, of course, and I was just yanking your chain.

Jerry Clark

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/05/02

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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STATE DEPT PANEL REPORTS ON CURRENT SECRECY ISSUES

The Bush Administration's pending revisions to classification policy will not include new restrictions on automatic declassification, as some openness advocates had feared.

That scrap of information about the Administration's secretive deliberations on a new executive order was disclosed in minutes of the State Department's Historical Advisory Committee's December 2001 meeting, which were approved for release this week and obtained by Secrecy News.

The minutes provided an ample supply of news and gossip concerning current classification and declassification issues, including the following:

-- Last December, the Bush NSC Policy Coordinating Committee on Records Access, which is considering revisions to the Clinton executive order on national security classification, "unanimously rejected a provision to curtail automatic declassification review," said Information Security Oversight Office director Steven Garfinkel, according to the meeting minutes. Mr. Garfinkel has since retired.

However, Mr. Garfinkel advised the State Department Historical Advisory Committee that historians should be aware of a "possible blanket exemption from declassification of the President's Daily Brief, which may be requested [by the CIA] at a very high level."

-- The Advisory Committee was briefed on the continuing re-review of previously declassified documents to search for nuclear weapons data that had been inadvertently disclosed, as mandated by the Kyl/Lott amendments of 1998-9.

Officials reported that 30 million pages of previously released declassified documents have been withdrawn from public access and await re-review. Another 200 million pages that had been declassified but not publicly released also need to be re-reviewed. This task will not be completed for an estimated 5 years. Finally, there are an additional 800 million pages that currently await an initial declassification review.

Kenneth M. Stein of the Department of Energy said that DOE reviewers were finding inadvertent disclosures of nuclear weapons data at a rate of 1 in 10,000 pages.

Critics have argued that many of these "disclosures" are purely

historical matters concerning weapon deployments at storage sites abroad several decades ago, and that they have no proliferation sensitivity today.

However, historians Michael Hogan and David Herschler, who examined the Kyl/Lott re-review process for the Committee, differed with that assessment. They "asked many questions and sampled dozens of documents" that had been withdrawn from public access. "In each case, they felt that the document had been properly reclassified."

-- The CIA informed the Committee that it will hold a classified historical symposium on intelligence in the Vietnam war on March 8. The CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence will sponsor a conference on the Office of Strategic Services for surviving OSS veterans and historians in June.

With regard to the 1953 CIA covert action in Iran, "the CIA noted that, despite reports to the contrary, not all records had been destroyed, and what is available in the CIA's files is significant."

Most remarkably, "The CIA History Staff has been asked to place an historian with one of the CIA's components to watch the war on terrorism as it evolves."

See the December 2001 minutes of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee, approved for release on March 4, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/advisory/state/hac1201.html>

What about the State Department's long-delayed Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) volume on U.S. policy toward Greece, Cyprus and Turkey during the 1960s?

It is still delayed. "Don't ask," said one frustrated State Department historian.

#### LEAHY ASKS GAO TO ASSESS NEW FOIA POLICY

Senator Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has directed the General Accounting Office to conduct a wide-ranging investigation of the Bush Administration's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

In particular, Sen. Leahy wrote, "please assess the impact of the Attorney General's new statement of Administration policy, issued on Oct. 12, 2001, on implementation of the FOIA."

"The prior policy favored openness in government and encouraged a presumption of disclosure.... The new policy appears to favor withholding agency records not only when an exemption clearly applies and disclosure would harm a protected interest, but also when there is doubt about its application and no foreseeable harm from disclosure," Sen. Leahy wrote.

See the text of Sen. Leahy's February 28 letter to the GAO here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2002/leahy-gao.html>

Among other things, Sen. Leahy asked the GAO to focus on the Administration's aggressive handling of some requests for fee waivers from representatives of the news media, educational or noncommercial scientific institutions.

Recently, the Department of Justice took the unusual step of refusing to grant a request for fee waiver from reporter Michael Ravnitzky unless and until he described the specific "intended use of the particular records you have requested." See the correspondence between the Justice Department and Mr. Ravnitzky on this point here:

<http://cryptome.org/doj-footshot3.htm>

#### NEW BILLS ON INFO SHARING, FBI REFORM

In the name of protecting national security, the classification system sometimes undermines national security by impeding the flow of information among security, emergency response, and law

enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and local levels.

To help remedy this problem, new legislation was introduced last week by Reps. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Jane Harman (D-CA). The "Homeland Security Information Sharing Act" directs the President to establish procedures for declassification and sharing of information needed to "prevent, prepare for, or respond to terrorist attacks."

The legislation does not directly alter classification criteria or practice. Nor does it affect the withholding of "intelligence sources and methods," a term that can be applied to almost anything. For these very reasons, its chances of passage are considered favorable.

The Office of Homeland Security and the CIA participated in the drafting of the legislation and agreed with its provisions, according to a fact sheet on the bill.

See the "Homeland Security Information Sharing Act" (H.R. 3825) here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2002/hr3825.html>

The "Federal Bureau of Investigation Reform Act of 2002" was also introduced last week by Senators Leahy and Grassley to improve FBI oversight.

"Congress sometimes has followed a hands-off approach about the FBI. But with the FBI's new increased powers, with our increased reliance on them to stop terrorism, and with the increased funding requested in the President's budget will come increased scrutiny," Sen. Leahy said.

"Until the Bureau's problems are resolved and new challenges overcome, we have to take a hands-on approach."

See the text of the "FBI Reform Act of 2002" (S. 1974) here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002\\_cr/s1974.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_cr/s1974.html)

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## New Sighting From Vanderhoof, BC

From: **Brian Vike** <[yogibear@bulkley.net](mailto:yogibear@bulkley.net)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 12:14:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 01:33:39 -0500  
Subject: New Sighting From Vanderhoof, BC

Hi List

Here is another sighting report I received last night.

Take care

Brian

HBCC UFO  
Houston British Columbia Canada

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Vanderhoof, British Columbia

Date: First week in February ??  
Time: Between 6:00 - 6:30 PM

The witness telephoned me explaining she watched an extremely bright white light just east of Vanderhoof on Surgeon Point Road. (Note: This is where I investigated the September 2001 crop circles) I mentioned that I had investigated the crop circles and she said her sighting took place 2 miles east of where I carried out the field investigation. The witness said she only observed this light for approximately a minute after she came up over a hill on Surgeon Point Road and it was there above her. After she got home the next morning she told her husband what she had seen and said it resembled an airplane coming into an airport with a bright light on. This lady said she observed it for about 200 meters before she drove behind the trees and could not see it anymore.

She then said she did not realize what she was looking at as she was too far down the road. She said now she wished she had stopped and looked at it longer. When she got further along the road in a position where she would probably be able to see it again... it was gone.

I asked what colour were the lights. I was told it was very bright and it looked just like an airliner's landing lights, but it had only one extremely bright white light. I also asked her if she could remember the time that this took place, and she said it was between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Her impression of it was that the light was below the crest of the mountains, between Vanderhoof in a south-westerly position.

I asked her if the Vanderhoof airport was able to take any commercial traffic, she said no because the airport does not have any runway lights for night time traffic and went on to say they are not even allowed to land due to this reason.

(Investigators Note) - I already knew that there was no commercial traffic at the Vanderhoof airport and it is not equipped to have night landings as I had talked with Mr. Brent Miskuski back in September of 2001. He was the gentleman who flew over and discovered the 6 new crop circles. She also mentioned that this light was too bright to be from any type of aircraft that we know of.

I have to check to see if any helicopters were flying around the date and time frame mentioned here. This lady after telling her husband and reading my letter to the editor said, "Hey, I seen that light" And of course the light disappears so quickly.

Now here is where it gets really interesting:

Just before the end of the conversation she said she was surprised no one else had phoned from Vanderhoof to report this strange very bright white light. (Investigators Note: I gave a very brief statement about the two other Vanderhoof residents who reported to me. One report was south of Prince George and the other report was spotted over Sinkut Mountain.)

After I mentioned Sinkut Mountain she said "Hold the bus" ! It was either Thursday or Friday morning which would have been February 28 or March 1, 2002 there was an unusual light in that direction of Sinkut Mountain which she can see from her kitchen window. Her first thoughts were that it was just a logging truck. I asked her then what color this light was, she replied that the light was white and extremely bright. The witness actually told me she had looked at this through binoculars and it was just a pure bright white light and was there for quite some time. I then asked did this light do anything out of the norm? She told me the light would move, then stop and was gone, but in an instant it was back where it started from. She told me the light would zip around so quickly in that area it could not have been any aircraft or logging equipment. I asked her if she was able to remember a time and she said approximately 5:30 a.m.

(Investigators Note): Well I almost fell over because the other two witnesses reported the very same thing, at around the same time. This lady went on to say again that they live on a hill overlooking the valley and have an uninterrupted view of Sinkut Mountain and she said it seemed to her that the light was west of Sinkut Mountain and even using binoculars she could not make out anything but a bright white light.

Keep in mind what caught my interest was when she mentioned the February 28 or March 1, 2002 sighting she watched from her kitchen. This would be exactly what the other two witnesses told me when they were traveling on Langston Road heading towards Prince George at approx: 5:30 - 6:00 a.m. This new sighting confirms the other couple's report.

What this was is anyone's guess but I do plan to spend some time on this and see if I can come up with an explanation. I know for a fact there was no equipment working in the area at the time of the sightings. I did check this out. I am going to also have to rule out snowmobiles

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## Alfred's Odd Observation #010

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 17:07:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 01:39:15 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #010

Alfred's Odd Observation #010 (Tuesday -- March 5, 2002)

It was icy cold this morning. It's been that way for a few days now. The frost would have 'been on the pumpkin' had it been the middle of October, but it was the first few breaths of March and too late for pumpkins, so the frost was on a profundity of alternate locations. My whole back yard was frosted white, and the dormant grass crunched quietly beneath my shoes, almost like a light snow. Additionally, the sky would have been truly spectacular through the cold dense air... but for the much too brilliant half moon hanging above me like a stark and smirking spoiler. I had only been outside for about 10 minutes this morning, thankfully... when I saw it.

It blinked on about five degrees Northeast of the smirking moon (as I was watching), roughly 70 degrees elevation, and on an azimuth of about 120 degrees. It was a magnitude of brightness between Jupiter and Venus, a pale peach color for all its brilliance, and it traveled at a rate of five degrees in nine seconds on an East North-East heading. The rate of speed, track, magnitude of brightness, and color did not change during the sighting except with the distance. The time was around 4:35 central. I watched until it was out of sight.

It was very quiet during the sighting. All the heating units in the local neighborhood were momentarily off, conveniently, and there was no appreciable sound from the boulevard close to my home. Jets flying overhead on the Victor airway before and after the sighting were easily heard over a neighbor's heater. The peach colored object made not a sound.

Through my field glasses (my wife was asked, carefully, to leave them where she finds them in the future), there was no sign of position lights, strobes, or anti-collision lights. The object itself resolved to a tiny sphere or orb shape with no illumination evident except that which glowed from within, and flew in front of a very crisp star-field... Aircraft, through the glasses, looked like aircraft, I add sarcastically.

Feeling well served after about ten more minutes of watching, I went back into the house to write this short piece. Oh -- and if you feel that I'm likely making this stuff up, that I'm ignorantly credulous, or overly enamoured with my prosecution of what could only be an impossible fantasy? Please read Odd Ode #359, and know that I especially want you to enjoy your sandwich.

I remain watching our skies. Read on!

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## E-mail-Identity Stolen

From: Katharina Wilson <[kwilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:kwilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 20:15:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 01:41:40 -0500  
Subject: E-mail-Identity Stolen

Dear List:

I want to inform you that approximately three weeks ago someone or some persons decided to 'steal' my name and email in order to send SPAM.

The emails are going out on different servers. I have attempted to contact the servers, including my own ISP, but as of this date, I have not received any responses to my requests and notifications.

If you receive a SPAM or other type of email from me without my full name at the bottom, please assume it is NOT from me. And, please remember, I will probably not email you unless you are a friend or you have sent a direct email to me that requires a response.

I cannot read the actual messages that are being sent, so I have no idea what they are saying or what the emails are about.

I would appreciate it if you could pass this information along to your friends and associates. I have posted a message pertaining to this problem on my Web site to assist people who may have received SPAM emails from [kwilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:kwilson@alienjigsaw.com).

Thank you very much

Katharina Wilson

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 22:42:46 -500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 01:45:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hutchinson

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 20:21:06 -0000

Martin, List and Readers;

>I  
>didn't mean to imply that a secondary radar won't show raw 'skin  
>paints', rather that the computerised control over the radar  
>picture and the way information is organised and displayed  
>shifts the focus of the operator's responsibility onto those  
>aspects of the radar picture crucial to managing "his" traffic.  
>What else is it for?

Actually, unrecognized traffic gets a priority paint on modern systems. The reasons for this are obvious.

>I mean that a conscientious operator circa 1952 would have had  
>to give close attention to any blip anywhere "near" his traffic  
>on the PPI, determine for himself there and then whether or not  
>t was likely to be noise, AP or a hard target, then identify it  
>by flight plan or by interrogation, then check separate  
>height-finder radar to confirm the pilot's verbal report of  
>flight level so as to discriminate apparent proximity on the  
>scope from real proximity in the air.

My background was in Air Defence, not traffic control, but the training and experience of the operator was, and still is, the determining factor when discriminating target value.

We always went through a breakin period with new scope jocks, as they tended to jump on noise a little too quickly. (see below)

<snip>

>The main point I was making is that unsophisticated primary  
>analogue radars model the radar environment very transparently  
>and the display encodes the history of the propagated signal,  
>from which a great deal about an echo can be inferred. Smarter  
>electronics filters out a lot of that signal history, and a lot  
>of the "irrelevant" radar environment - weather, ground targets,  
>noise products and so on.

The basic process of electronically evaluating a return has really not changed that much over the years, it has just gotten better. All these circuits are tunable, and adjusted to err on the side of caution.

However, the filters are designed not to eliminate too much of a "raw" return. You'd be surprised what an operator can deduce from a audio representation of the return on a Continuous Wave radar, the type often used at airports.

>If there are "UFOs" to be detected  
>which have radar characteristics not typical of targets which  
>\_are\_ relevant, then one could expect them to be to some extent  
>designed-out along with this clutter.

Why? What criteria can you possibly apply that might eliminate a legitimate UFO, but not endanger the airspace? A hard return, is a legitimate target, no matter what kind of maneuvers it is doing.

- >Examples in modern traffic
- >control radars include moving target indicators of various kinds
- >(still unstable new technology in the mid-fifties and often not
- >fitted even when available) and various circular and elliptical
- >polarisations.

Again, I can only speak to Air Defence systems, but we attempted to eliminate only what I would call "indentifiable" noise-ground clutter and spurious noise. Everything else was displayed.

- >An example that was brought up in the context of
- >missile defence as long ago as the 'sixties is that the
- >then-primitive software would simply dump data on all targets
- >that weren't on ballistic trajectories.

Which was not a problem, as conventional Air Defence systems were working in parallel.

<snip>

- >You clearly have first-hand experience in this field and more
- >knowledge than I do. But wouldn't you agree that I have a point?

The potential is certainly there, but I doubt (and this is only a gut opinion) that any system in use today would deliberately be tuned to filter out targets that didn't act "normally", when the system determines it is a hard return. The potential of missing a danger to other traffic is just too great.

If I can be permitted, let me tell you a story: When I first reported to my unit (back in the 60's), we had a search radar that would sometimes randomly paint a persistent "hit" that would sometimes last for 20-30 revs. The operators had learned to ignore it - they used to call it "Alfred". Because the repair of the suspected cause of "Alfred" required, according to the manual, a return to the manufacturer (Raytheon), and we were on Okinawa, repairs had not been attempted.

Without going into boring details, Bergy and I 'illegally' disassembled the radar one week, cleaned and serviced the suspect assemblies, and got the system back on line. "Alfred" never appeared again.

The scope jocks on our site had come to know "Alfred" well, and when new guys rotated in, they were introduced to the resident gremlin. But can you imagine what an uninitiated operator might say if he was not warned beforehand? Talk about an anomalous target that would appear, flit about, then disappear "mysteriously"...?

The point here is that many of the reported radar hits of UFO's bear a striking resemblance to "Alfred". My experience was on a analog system that had been designed in the early '50s. Today's systems are far more sophisticated, and better engineering has eliminated many of the hiding places for gremlins like "Alfred". Had the Radar/UFO reports continued at the same pace today as the '50s-'70s, we might have cause to seriously wonder. But they haven't.

PS - The source of the name "Alfred" had to do with a certain magazine character. Just thought I should mention that.

"What, me worry?"

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: E-mail-Identity Stolen - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 23:12:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 08:55:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: E-mail-Identity Stolen - Hatch

>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 20:15:35 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: Katharina Wilson <[kwilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:kwilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
>Subject: E-mail-Identity Stolen

>I want to inform you that approximately three weeks ago someone  
>or some persons decided to 'steal' my name and email in order to  
>send SPAM.

>The emails are going out on different servers. I have attempted  
>to contact the servers, including my own ISP, but as of this  
>date, I have not received any responses to my requests and  
>notifications.

<snip>

Hello Katharina:

That is awful!!

I strongly urge anyone who gets any email that looks at all  
bogus, purportedly from Katharina, to forward it to Katharina in  
whole, unedited, with just a brief note of explanation appended  
and set apart by a line like this = = = = = for clarity.

It might be nice to display and copy full headers for  
evidence, and tack that on as well. That's the best way to get  
to the bottom of such a thing.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 03:04:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 10:10:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Velez

>From: William H Evans <[whevans032766@juno.com](mailto:whevans032766@juno.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 13:08:30 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 18:36:37 -0600  
>  
>>Down here in the 'bama, landowners have  
>>taken helicopters \_hostage\_ in the Fort Rucker flying area! True  
>>story. Dr. Randle can likely confirm it, not to put him on the  
>>spot.

>Details, please. I love hearing stories about my neighbors.

>FWIW - Someone was asking about the Comanche other day. I drive  
>by a parked Comanche in a parking lot on the Redstone Arsenal in  
>Huntsville. At least I used to before 9/11/01.

>I used to wonder how quickly I would be arrested if I had  
>stopped and gotten out and started measuring and sketching.

>Bill Evans Hartselle, AL [whevans032766@juno.com](mailto:whevans032766@juno.com)

Hi Bill, Alfred, All,

A buddy of mine sent me a bunch of URLs relating to the Comanche helicopter. Excellent sites, good information. It would be interesting to show a silhouette of a Comanche to witnesses that have reported "silent, black helicopters" over cow pastures/mutilation sites. I wonder if any of them would ID the Comanche as the "helicopter" they saw.

In several of the photos you'll notice that the Comanche is painted in that dark green color that others mentioned and that it is 'unmarked'. It utilizes the latest and greatest in terms of 'stealth' technology. It is touted as being 'stealthier' than many of its airplane counterparts. "Silent" it is not... but at a distance, against a bright sky, I imagine that a witness would report seeing a "black, unmarked helicopter". If the distance involved is far enough and wind conditions suit, they would report that it was 'silent' as well.

I'm not trying to say that the Comanche or some other model is responsible for \_all\_ 'silent, black, unmarked helicopter' sightings, but it sure would make a fine candidate. It doesn't minimize anything however in terms of the mutilations. (If) they are military units then it is evidence for government interest or involvement in the cattle mutilation phenomenon.

Check out these URLs. Interesting stuff. Thanx to Listerion Marty Murray for doing the homework and the URLs. :)

[http://www.cowan70.freemove.co.uk/secret\\_aircraft/comanche.htm](http://www.cowan70.freemove.co.uk/secret_aircraft/comanche.htm)

<http://robocat.users.btopenworld.com/>

<http://www.airforce-technology.com/projects/comanche/index.html>

<http://www.rah66comanche.com/>

<http://www.rotorhead.org/military/rah66.asp>

Check out these sites even if you have no interest in the subject being discussed. It's an education! Following is a quote regarding the Comanche helicopter. One that bears upon our favorite subject of discussion. Sounds like the military has some vehicles that utilize 'antigravity' propulsion systems in the works. Gee, I wonder what that technology is modelled after? <Hee-Haw>

Quote:

Conclusion

The Comanche the first true stealth helicopter is without doubt going to be one of the most powerful weapon systems in the US Army's arsenal. Not only does it bring unprecedented fire power to the world of helicopters but more important are its digital communication systems, which allow it to transmit in real-time to other weapon systems co-ordinating fire control and reconnaissance information. This is probably the ultimate in helicopters and the next generation according to one source which could out-manoeuvre a Comanche will possibly be some kind of anti-gravity vehicle.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Kaeser

From: Steve Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 08:27:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 10:23:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Kaeser

>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:14:43 -0400  
>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>Hi Dennis,

>Or anybody else for that matter. Is COMETA funded by the French  
>government or privately funded? If it's a government  
>publication, the possibility exists that, in some cases,  
>governments can't copyright publicly funded material. These  
>might include documents and government funded studies for  
>example.

Gildas Bourdais can answer this better than I, but he has  
published a synopsis of the COMETA report on the Center for UFO  
Studies web site:

<http://www.cufos.org/cometa.html>

The report begins with (and I hope this is considered 'Fair  
Use'..... <g>):

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On Friday July 16, 1999 an important document was published in  
France entitled, UFOs and Defense: What must we be prepared for?  
("Les Ovni Et La Defense: A quoi doit-on se pr=E9parer?"). This  
ninety-page report is the result of an in-depth study of UFOs,  
covering many aspects of the subject, especially questions of  
national defense. The study was carried out over several years  
by an independent group of former "auditors" at the Institute of  
Advanced Studies for National Defense, or IHEDN, and by  
qualified experts from various fields. Before its public  
release, it has been sent to French President Jacques Chirac and  
to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

The report is prefaced by General Bernard Norlain of the Air  
Force, former Director of IHEDN, and it begins with a preamble  
by Andr=E9 Lebeau, former President of the National Center for  
Space Studies (Centre National D=92=E9tudes Spatiales), or CNES, the  
French equivalent of NASA. The group itself, collective author  
of the report, is an association of experts, many of whom are or  
have been auditors of IHEDN, and it is presided over by General  
Denis Letty of the Air Force, former auditor (FA) of IHEDN.

Its name "COMETA" stands for "Committee for in-depth studies." A  
non-exhaustive list of members is given at the beginning which  
is quite impressive. It includes:

General Bruno Lemoine, of the Air Force (FA of IHEDN)

Admiral Marc Merlo, (FA of IHEDN)

Michel Algrin, Doctor in Political Sciences, attorney at law (FA  
of IHEDN)





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## Re: Olympic UFOs - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 06:32:21 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 10:26:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Olympic UFOs - Hamilton

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Olympic UFOs  
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 06:50:18 -0800

>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@space.com](mailto:skywatcher22@space.com)>  
>>Subject: Olympic UFOs  
>>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 05:17:23 -0800 (PST)

>>UFOs did come to the Olympics, according to these observers.  
>>After looking at the video evidence I concluded the cigar-shaped  
>>UFO is an airplane with just a nub of the wing and tail showing  
>>and having smooth uniform motion.

>>URLs posted here for you video experts to examine and declare  
>>your opinion. There are also some stills that look a little  
>>strange.

>>I will bet this was not reported to MUFON or the NUFORC.

<snip>

>I'm no photography expert, but I do know a modern MD-9 type  
>airliner when I see it. Could be US Air, American (likely) or  
>any of a number of operators that operate MD-9's (DC-9's to us  
>old Douglas propellerheads)

>This is no UFO.

>Having operated out of the misreable old Airtanker base at SLC,  
>this is an Airliner on Downwind to the Airport. Sorry.

I am not sorry. I was hoping someone could identify it.  
Thanks.

Bill

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 08:43:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 10:32:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 13:17:37 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:50 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

><snip>

>>I glanced through the article. Did not see a discussion of Socorro.  
>>Did I miss it?

>>Socorro was featured in Q's article in Studies in Intelligence  
>>in 1966... the only unexplained case.

>Bruce,

>We published the chapter from Quintanilla's memoir that dealt  
>mainly with Socorro in The Anomalist 4. A high opinion of Hynek  
>he did not have.

>You guessed it: copies are available.

>Send a check for \$9.95 plus \$2.50 s/h payable to:

>Dennis Stacy  
>PO Box 12434  
>San Antonio  
>Texas 78212

>Quintanilla lived here in San Antonio, but died a couple/few  
>years ago. I believe he has at least one son, somewhere in  
>California.

>No copyrights were violated in the publication of this article!

>Dennis Stacy

The proceeding is based on experienced conjecture, so I think it holds the necessary water...

I'm going to suggest something very uncomfortable. I mean no offense, and I'm otherwise loath to offend polite sensibility (sincerely!) but I don't think that Hector Quintanilla is being considered through the proper filter of the times in which he lived. A proper filter puts a different spin on the validity of Quintanilla's testimony as regards the existence of UFOs, his criticism of Hynek, and his contribution to the history of ufology.

The times to which I refer were very heavily influenced by institutional racism, significantly unequal professional playing fields, and a speciously unfair cultural advantage of some members in the culture over others. By way of example, I once had a very white, blue-eyed Italian, West Point second lieutenant tell me in the late seventies, during a helicopter

live fire exercise at an aerial gunnery range in Germany, that he'd been mentored against expecting to be a General officer in the Armed Forces simply because his name ended in a VOWEL. This officer was even of some positive notoriety: he kicked the winning field goal in an Army/Navy grudge game...

Every year that one goes back in the history of the American Armed Forces, one discovers further retreat from the (comparative) egalitarian reality enjoyed today. This is forgetting that the Armed Forces lead the way to social reform (for pragmatic reasons... the military has to work). This writer was a proud part of that reform, despite the pragmatism... but I digress...

Speaking with some experience in the matter I'd suggest that a Latin (Mexican?) American of any stripe (and wearing any uniform) in the late 50's and early sixties of American society, was seen as a second class citizen by the contrived mainstream. This is, in no way, to denigrate the performance, capability, and intelligence of Lt. Colonel Quintanilla, quite the contrary. That an individual of color operating in a "white capacity" of that time had to put out 150 percent of effort to maintain 75 percent of the consideration of that capacity is small hyperbole!

An officer of color had to be more steadfast than steadfast. He (...he exclusively, there were no women, essentially) had to be more efficient than merely efficient. An officer of color could be too intelligent and innovative and become an embarrassment to inferior 'superior' officers. That officer of color had to be more loyal than staunchly loyal... and therein is found the root of his ironic invalidity as a ufological witness.

Heading up the latter Project Blue Book was not a choice assignment, by any means. It was a dead end at best - an opportunity where one had every occasion to piss off the principals. At worst? It was likely seen as career death...

Quintanilla would not have volunteered for Blue Book - it would have been thrust upon him after a string of white officers "more capable" had found some way to weasel out. Quintanilla would have had no weasel room. With his career at stake from the 'gitty-up' because of his color, he would follow his orders with a smile on his face and his resolute chin set. He would also try diligently to adhere to the party line. Quintanilla knew which way the wind blew. That he was where he was, at all, is stark evidence of that.

At the time, UFOs were evolving into a very politically incorrect line of inquiry. The mode of investigation had become slapdash and biased on the side of the resolute negativist prosecuting a narrow focused program of "reasonable" ufological denial. It was up to Quintanilla to prove that UFOs were a non issue that did not warrant further costly investigation. It fell to Quintanilla to get the fledgling Airforce out of the uncomfortable business of UFOs.

Privy to a bit more of the big picture than the rank and file citizen of the time and on direction of his suspiciously motivated superiors, Quintanilla would have prosecuted that distorted picture with rare diligence if he wanted to keep a position and rank so meaningful to him. He might swallow pride and he might even compromise ethical principles, but he would be able at the same time to rationalize his contribution as the performance of his assigned and implied duty, which it assuredly was. Quintanilla is the innocent in all of this - a man under inordinate stress, and at the whim of his white ticket-puncher.

I've seen Quintanilla on black and white TV since I was a kid, testifying negatively on the subject of UFOs, and I always get the impression that he is stonewalling, effectively and believably, with some uneasy knowledge of the greater reality, but stonewalling none the less. Additionally, even as a kid growing up in a family not overtly racist, I idly wondered why they had given such an 'important' position to a 'Mexican'... ashamed to say, but I digress.

Quintanilla did not seem comfortable, at any rate, calling the suspected black cat, white... but he was just the man for the job. Nobody worked harder than Quintanilla did to achieve what

he had achieved as a career officer. I imagine that he was not going to let something he didn't have the time or inclination to believe himself (alien space invaders!) torpedo his hopes and dreams and the hopes and dreams of his entire family, extended and otherwise! He would testify the same to the end of his life from embarrassed inertia or perhaps from a sense of historical consistency to facilitate the "National Security..."

No - before one takes Lt. Colonel Quintanilla's negative testimony to the contributory level of Ruppelt, Hynek, and Vallee (or even use Quintanilla to discredit the reputations of those three), one must filter him through those times when men of color had to provide ample and inordinate demonstration that they were predictable and dependable company men (squared or even cubed to revisit the earlier small hyperbole). One must also add to validity's equation how loath Quintanilla would understandably be to give up hard won gains for an ethereal no-win like UFOs.

At the end of the filtering and the reasonable addition of psychosocial baggage Quintanilla must have carried, one might begin to conclude that Quintanilla's contribution to the 'reasonable' dismissal of ufology had axes to grind that are difficult to talk about, consider, and finally accept. The racism and bigotry that Quintanilla undoubtedly experienced as an Airforce officer is enough to mask his feelings, cloud his judgment, and make his testimony less than reliable. Doing his duty, between the rock and the invariable hard place men of color were more subject too then, Hector Quintanilla was just another unrecognized and unappreciated victim of bigotry and racism that continues in a form not all that reduced from what it was then, today. He was a, I think reluctant, transmitter of mainstream propaganda, to wit: "We are, too, Alone..."

...So his testimony, in the unappreciated aggregate, may be questionable for reasons no one has ever considered before. He was not going to risk his career on a horse that was to be shot before it left the starting gate. It made much more sense to follow the lead of conflicted superiors, do his duty (even protect the national security), but parrot the accepted party line and qualify the usual propaganda he did not seem all that comfortable professing on black and white (but mostly white) TV.

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmberg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 09:42:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 10:37:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile? -

>From: Erol Erkmen <[andromeda@ultratv.net](mailto:andromeda@ultratv.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile?  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 22:20:18 +0200

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: UFOs Predicted Earthquake In Chile?  
>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:09:53 -0500

>>Did UFOs Predict The Earthquake In Northern Chile?

>>3-4-2

>>In wake of recent geologic phenomena in Northern Chile, such as  
>>underground fires, ground splits, and the collapse of a mining  
>>facility, a 4.3 Richter scale earthquake was registered.  
>>According to the USGS National Earthquake Information Center,  
>>the earthquake took place on February 28 of 2002, at  
>>approximately 06:25 (UTC). The center of the earthquake was  
>>located at about 80 miles northeast from the city of Calama,  
>>Chile. Further details about the earthquake can be found at the  
>>USGS website:

>><http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/bulletin/020228062539.html>

><snip>

>Dear Friend,

>I read your writings and visited your web pages but I could not  
>find any relevant source for ALP's.I do not know the fault lines  
>of your country and I don't know where the sightings have taken  
>place.For this reason I read your writings but can not do and  
>help much.

>If there are suitable documentation (good quality pictures and  
>video footage) I'm ready to help you for the recognition of the  
>lights.

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Regards,

Virgilio

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 11:55:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 11:05:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Ledger

>From: Steve Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 08:27:30 -0500

>>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 12:14:43 -0400  
>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

<snip>

>Gildas Bourdais can answer this better than I, but he has  
>published a synopsis of the COMETA report on the Center for UFO  
>Studies web site:

><http://www.cufos.org/cometa.html>

>The report begins with (and I hope this is considered 'Fair  
>Use'..... <g>):

<snip>

>>The other issue is, as Wendy has noted, that France is not  
>>signatory to the Berne agreement on copyright. If that's the  
>>case then their authors have no legal claims outside France  
>>unless certain countries - like the US and Canada - have signed  
>>independent agreements with France. It would surprise me if  
>>Canada didn't have a reciprocal agreement with France.

>I would suspect that the U.S. would not want to give France an  
>excuse to ignore American copyrights, and since their laws are  
>nearly identical there's probably no reason to get into an  
>argument over it.

Hi Steve,

Thanks for the information supplied above. There never seems to  
be enough time these days to go searching.

Regarding your last statement however, without a formal  
agreement protecting copyright, there would be no legal recourse  
for COMETA to follow.

China for example continuously pirates copyrighted material from  
'The West' because there is no formal agreement with Canada, the  
US or the UK among others. It's all to do with reciprocity.

If there were Chinese music CDs and writing worth pirating in  
great numbers by Western interests, China would have signed  
agreements because the shoe would then be on the other foot -  
and they would have something to lose - which is money. Since  
Western writing and music flows more toward France than than  
the other way around, it's really not in France's interest to be  
signatory to the copyright agreement.

Best ,

Don

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:29:25 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:01:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

>Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 11:55:03 -0400  
>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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<snip>

Don,

I just did an internet search for 'France international  
copyright' and found an international federation of copyright  
organizations, all involved in legal protection of such rights.

France has a member organization and it in turn has bilateral  
agreements with many other nations, including Canada and the  
U.S. There is a mechanism in place. In fact, the U.S. member  
organization is the one that effectively protected my rights.

- Dick

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Vetterick

From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 23:08:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:03:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Vetterick

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 18:23:09 +0100

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:55:11 -0500

><snip>

>>It should be easy enough to find out whether M. Algrin is who he  
>>says he is. Just make inquiries to find out if he indeed does  
>>have any official relationship to COMETA. Usually, though,  
>>people who send such letters are who they say they are. In any  
>>case, Don Berliner's statement, as Dick Hall forwarded it to us,  
>>is all the information you really need at this point.

>To All,

>I know Mr Algrin and I can assure you that he is who he says he  
>is, and that he represents COMETA.

This is as good a note as any on which to conclude this  
discussion.

I've gotten an excellent education on Copyright legalities  
thanks to members of this list, all of whom I consider as  
friends. It's gratifying to know you can ask for help and get so  
many sincere attempts and outstanding effort.

I'll be removing the COMETA ordering info immediately.

Thanks to everyone who responded publicly and privately.

Dave Vetterick

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>some eyewitnesses described in relation to that. But as soon as  
>we get some photos or videos, we'll be sure to share them with  
>you.

I am curiously awaiting your documentation.

This is all team work. Unfortunately we could not set-up such a team.

As you know TUVPO can only define those lights. We know that they have seismic connections. That means they may be predictors of earthquakes and they are definitely not UFOs - if we are talking about the same type of lights. And I hope we will find this out in time.

Best regards,

E.Erkmen

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>Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 11:55:03 -0400  
>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>From: Steve Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 08:27:30 -0500

<snip>

>>Or anybody else for that matter. Is COMETA funded by the French  
>>government or privately funded? If it's a government  
>>publication, the possibility exists that, in some cases,  
>>governments can't copyright publicly funded material. These  
>>might include documents and government funded studies for  
>>example.

>Gildas Bourdais can answer this better than I, but he has  
>published a synopsis of the COMETA report on the Center for UFO  
>Studies web site:

<http://www.cufos.org/cometa.html>

>The report begins with (and I hope this is considered 'Fair  
>Use'..... <g>):

It sure is fair use: I had authorized free copy explicitly  
since the first publication on this List (I had just given it first  
to my friend Michael Lindemann for his CNI News).

It was made to be copied as much as possible, and it was!

But the COMETA report itself is another matter.

It is a private publication, and has not been funded by the  
French government.

Anyway, even governmental publications are covered by copyright  
unless they are specified to be free.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #359

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 13:17:45 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:27:37 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #359

Apology to MW #359 (For March 6, 2002)

So, you think I'm just pretentious? Then you're a philistine!  
And all your taste is landlocked in your mouth. That I would  
'split your heavens' to recover my own sentience is the problem  
that that you're really on about. That I would question all  
your "truths" in word and paint and deed, is the fuel for your  
'assessment'... the excuse you find you need!

I'm more than mere pretentious! I'm clear eyed and  
contentious! I'm all the valid guidance I need  
trust. I'm a pie with all its filling, and my content  
is fulfilling to an 'art' I'm thinking has ...a little  
crust!

...And, you think that I'm too arrogant? Well - that does me  
glad, my friend! All it is, is just example where you're  
'off'. I'm way beyond mere "arrogance", I would DARE to soar and  
cleave... it is clear that you have missed the point you've  
lost! That thing I have is >>CONFIDENCE<<, you're finding so  
offensive. It's provoking your dismissal, and it's why you're so  
defensive.

I've more than merely arrogant! I ridicule this  
ignorance... that keeps you in a dark I shall not  
have! And I've a strong suspicion that you "see as  
further still, what I see as well behind me," by my  
'nav'...

You are, quite right, in one regard. I have a 'love' for self.  
If I didn't (?) then I'd have none left for you. A "love of  
self" is crucial (and respected by your fellows!). To have  
value one must dare to seek that truth! The trick's to keep  
humility, and be honest with your hosts, if folks might find you  
interesting (?), and genuine (?) -- not a joke!

Don't believe your own report cards or be a quick and  
easy discard, as it's folks will queue up quick to  
pull your tail... Ones love for self is fine until you  
"get a taste for worship... then they're bringing out  
their hammers...and their nails..."

And I'd call myself an artist, or a poet if I pleased, as the  
one to be convinced (?) is finally... me! I don't need your  
validation to continue what I'm doing 'cause I know that at the  
end (?), I'm off my knees! And free to sneer at craggy peaks of  
culture's glad conceit, I provide the satisfactions I'm denied  
by its deceit!

Perception is reality, but I don't strain credulity, I  
say I can believe and you might too! I am the kind  
of artist of the type that pleases me. I'm a poet  
who'd reflect what's seen as true.

...And most folks prove they get it as they write me frequent  
notes, if they've found that my expressions are spot-on! When  
the meter and my visions have combined to share a story that has  
touched them in some way -- that can't be wrong! If I help them  
peer beneath our bags contrived to keep us blind, I can see a

little further yet, myself, in my own mind!

...And I perceive I'm indiscrete, but risen to my  
righteous feet! I spread my arms and take my leap of  
faith! The arms of friendly people needn't catch me,  
I'm not falling (!), and I'm reaching out to touch  
it on its face!

...And YES! I'm seeing UFOs that fly from time to time, when I  
look into the starry stellar reaches! And I can't care a wit  
if certain people think I'm crazy when I write 'em up in pieces  
that concede it! Christ, yes, I'm seeing UFOs! They're there if  
you look up! They're a common cream and sugar in a cosmic  
coffee cup!

Propeller heads agree that they are out there (!),  
can't you see? They are "out there," but they can't  
accept they're... here... That threatens their  
'investments' and the 'way' they've lived their lives,  
and it whispers in the dark... to stoke their fear...

So forget that I'm "pretentious", I just see things as they  
are and I'm just not that impressed by your indifference. My  
"arrogance" is confidence that I'm on the better path... to a  
future that is looming with magnificence! So, I'll choose to  
steer my own course, follow muses I can hear, and carve those  
satisfactions I report, without your fear!

...YES! I'll always "challenge", boss, and stay  
outside your tiny box! There's more to space and sky  
than we've been told! And if you don't believe it  
then, please..., make a "buttocks sandwich," but  
replace the processed meat with, yes... your nose!

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmberg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 20:45:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:31:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 22:42:46 -500  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>If there are "UFOs" to be detected  
>>which have radar characteristics not typical of targets which  
>>are relevant, then one could expect them to be to some extent  
>>designed-out along with this clutter.

>Why? What criteria can you possibly apply that might eliminate a  
>legitimate UFO, but not endanger the airspace? A hard return, is  
>a legitimate target, no matter what kind of maneuvers it is  
>doing.

Hi all,

In my defence, Bruce, two examples I already mentioned are MTI  
and non-linear polarizations.

Eliminating stationary targets is an obvious case: the intention  
is to eliminate only ground clutter, because the designer  
doesn't expect returns from any aerial hard target to defeat the  
phase comparator except rarely and briefly by chance in the  
cases of blind speeds and tangential fades. If what you call a  
legitimate target were to be truly stationary in the air for an  
appreciable time (as measured to within a fraction of a  
wavelength by the MTI) then its signal would be rejected by the  
filter. Such a target would have radar characteristics  
unanticipated by the designer. You might want to coin the term  
"UFO" in such a case.

Polarisation is more interesting because it has to do with  
measuring the geometrical \*symmetry\* of the reflector. Circular  
or elliptical polarisations used to reject returns from  
raindrops and hailstones work by splitting the output electric  
vector into horizontal and vertical components that will only be  
returned with equal strength from objects with the corresponding  
degree of smooth sphericity or ellipticity. Aircraft that are  
all flat planes and angles return mixed signals that get past  
the filter; raindrops - and "UFOs"? - that are smooth spheroids  
or ellipsoids may not.

>>An example that was brought up in the context of  
>>missile defence as long ago as the 'sixties is that the  
>>then-primitive software would simply dump data on all targets  
>>that weren't on ballistic trajectories.

>Which was not a problem, as conventional Air Defence systems  
>were working in parallel.

The Air Force never denied that odd echoes were observed, only  
that they had no defense significance. The whole official  
history of the problem has been to set UFOs in the category of  
unidentified noise sources that should be reduced and eliminated  
from the air defence picture. In the early years there was a lot  
of genuine puzzlement and some half-hearted gestures in the  
direction of radar-UFO monitoring. But I doubt that any air  
defence radars were routinely tasked to take an interest in



non-aircraft or non- ballistic targets since about 1953, whatever specialist research may have gone on behind the scenes into radar meteorology and so forth. It simply wouldn't be their job, would it? The line - if there is one - between "UFOs" and ill-understood "weather" returns is a very blurred one, and a culture that deprecates one will naturally deprecate the other, by means of both technical "educational" improvements.

For me a "legitimate UFO" might be a lot of things that conceivably inhabit this grey area. What about phenomena at the wierd end of the "ball lightning" spectrum for example? What do we know about these observations? What would their radar characteristics be? How often are they likely to be detected on routine surveillance radars?

Cheers

Martin Shough

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## Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #010 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 16:12:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:12:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #010 - Maccabee

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #010  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 17:07:24 -0600

>Alfred's Odd Observation #010 (Tuesday -- March 5, 2002)

>It was icy cold this morning. It's been that way for a few  
>days now. The frost would have 'been on the pumpkin' had it been  
>the middle of October, but it was the first few breaths of March

<snip>

>I had only been outside for about 10 minutes this morning,  
thankfully... when I saw it.

>It blinked on about five degrees Northeast of the smirking moon  
>(as I was watching), roughly 70 degrees elevation, and on an  
>azimuth of about 120 degrees. It was a magnitude of brightness  
>between Jupiter and Venus, a pale peach color for all its  
>brilliance, and it traveled at a rate of five degrees in nine  
>seconds on an East North-East heading. The rate of speed, track,  
>magnitude of brightness, and color did not change during the  
>sighting except with the distance. The time was around 4:35  
>central. I watched until it was out of sight.

>It was very quiet during the sighting.

<snip>

>The peach colored object made not a sound.

>Through my field glasses (my wife was asked, carefully, to leave  
>them where she finds them in the future), there was no sign of  
>position lights, strobes, or anti-collision lights. The object  
>itself resolved to a tiny sphere or orb shape with no  
>illumination evident except that which glowed from within, and  
>flew in front of a very crisp star-field... Aircraft, through  
>the glasses, looked like aircraft, I add sarcastically.

Nice report!

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 16:11:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:15:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 22:42:46 -500  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 20:21:06 -0000

<snip>

>My experience was on a  
>analog system that had been designed in the early '50s. Today's  
>systems are far more sophisticated, and better engineering has  
>eliminated many of the hiding places for gremlins like "Alfred".  
>Had the Radar/UFO reports continued at the same pace today as  
>the '50s-'70s, we might have cause to seriously wonder. But they  
>haven't.

It does seem true that there are fewer radar related reports  
(including radar-visual). However, they are not zero. May I  
suggest referring to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/JAL1628/Jal1628.html> (JAL sighting, 1986)

and

<http://www.scientificexploration.org/jse/articles.html>

and scan down to the paper entitled,

'Atmosphere of UFO? A response to the 1997 SSE Review Panel  
Report',

which contains analysis of a couple of radar and radar visual  
cases.

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## SETI And UFO Symposium In San Marino

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** <[retecun@tiscalinet.it](mailto:retecun@tiscalinet.it)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 22:18:47 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:21:15 -0500  
Subject: SETI And UFO Symposium In San Marino

SETI Symposium - UFO Symposium in San Marino

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sul tema: "UFO, ufologia e riconoscimenti istituzionali" 9 - 10 marzo 2002

il Programma dei Lavori

Sabato 9 marzo 2002

Chairman: Massimo Angelucci  
ore 15.00 Saluto Autorit=E0: Roberto Pinotti, Augusto Casali,  
Ronald Cardinali  
ore 15.25 Vladimiro Bibolotti  
ore 15.30 Vincente Juan Ballester Olmos  
ore 16.00 Jean Jaques Velasco  
ore 16.30 Auguste Meessen  
ore 17.00 coffe break

Chairman: Giulio Perrone  
ore 17.15 Richard Haines  
ore 18.30 Roberto Doz - Salvatore Marcelletti  
ore 19.00 Eltjo Haseloff  
pausa cena  
ore 21.00 Gildas Bourdais  
ore 21.30 Proiezione del documentario "Le silence americain" in  
versione italiana, curata dalla TSI di Lugano  
ore 23.00 Paola Harris, Giuseppe Colamin=E8, Roberto Pinotti

Domenica 10 marzo 2002

Chairman: Giorgio Pattera

ore 9.00 Giorgio Stiavelli  
ore 9.30 Claudio Maccone  
ore 10.00 Padre Juan Casanovas, Giorgio Buonvino  
ore 10.30 Alfredo Lissoni  
ore 11.00 coffe break

Chairman: Alessandro Sacripanti  
ore 11.15 Boris Shurinov  
ore 11.45 Esen Sekerkarar  
ore 12.15 Michael Hesemann  
pausa pranzo

Chairman: Gigi Barone  
ore 15.00 Patrizio Caini  
ore 15.30 Enrico Baccarini  
ore 16.00 Carmelo Tamburello, Franco Mari  
ore 16.15 coffe break

Chairman: Aldo Rocchi  
ore 16.30 Gianfranco Lollino, Fabiana Fiatti

ore 17.00 Candida Mammoliti  
ore 17.30 Giorgio Pattera  
ore 18.00 conclusioni

Best wishes,

Alfredo Lissoni  
Italy's National UFO Center

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## Weekly Filer's Files - #10-2002

From: George A. Filer <[WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com](mailto:WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 15:58:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:26:49 -0500  
Subject: Weekly Filer's Files - #10-2002

FILER'S FILES #10-2002  
MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
March 6, 2002, [Majorstar@AOL.COM](mailto:Majorstar@AOL.COM).  
Webmaster: Chuck Warren <http://www.cewarren.com>

<http://www.gksrv.net/click-1051228-7205996>

UFOs were observed over New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Chili, and the UK. Cylinder shaped UFOs are spotted in West Virginia, Florida, Ohio, and diving into the Straights of Magellan in Southern Chile indicating a possible new wave of sightings. Sam Sherman buys the oldest UFO photo taken in 1870.

### SPACE SHUTTLE DOCKS WITH HUBBLE TELESCOPE

Jeff Challender writes, I've been trying to keep on top of the STS 109 Shuttle mission. The astronauts attached a second powerful 25-foot solar wing to the Hubble Space Telescope on March 5, 2002, with ease. It was the second of five excursions planned this week by space shuttle Columbia's telescope-repair team. Astronaut James Newman said "Beautiful day for a space walk," as he left the shuttle. "Incredible," said Michael Massimino, a first-time space walker. Jeff says I found a real anomaly event that I'll send later. It needs to have a transcript of the audio part to go with the video, and that will take time. However, I have one for you now. It's actually a reflection of the flat end of Hubble Space Telescope in the payload bay camera lens.

Some NASA affiliated debunkers have been claiming that the "UFO nuts" (ME??) would surely make hay out of it, so I'm defusing that one right now. Anyone who sends you a photo as a UFO is hoaxing you, and you should be forewarned. The photo could make a pretty convincing "flying saucer" to the untrained eye. I'll try to get you an article on the real story by tomorrow night. It could make a nice current events piece on STS-109. All is well with Columbia, and the HST servicing mission. Things have been right on schedule. One thing I noticed during liftoff and ascent though, was that in the moments just before SRB separation, it appeared that there was some "O" Ring leakage in the port side SRB rocket. This same sort of flame leakage caused the Challenger disaster. Thanks to Jeff [ChallenderJefchall@worldnet.att.net](mailto:ChallenderJefchall@worldnet.att.net)

### NEW JERSEY A LARGE BLUE SPHERE OBJECT

BRIDGEWATER -- A large blue object sighted in NJ sky by two witnesses on February 14, 2002. Both witnesses are adults and one witness Gordon Dillard is a college student and the other works in law enforcement. An NJ State Employee sent a report to NUFORC, while the other contacted MUFON. I personally talked to the second witness a college student from North Carolina who was driving through New Jersey early in the morning. They report seeing a glowing blue sphere over 40.34N 74.37 W in Somerset County. The witnesses were separated and saw the object from different locations in a fairly clear sky, around 1:00 AM. Gordon reports seeing a solid source of light from rear that was

circular. The light was twenty feet in diameter and circular moving from west to east. It appeared to descend below the trees as observed from the highway. It was larger than fireworks, and seemed to be traveling too fast to stop. Gordon said, It looked like it landed in the wetlands, east tonortheast of Exit 30, on Route 287. He went to the police station (24) to notify them of the incident, thinking it might have crashed. Gordon felt it moved too fast for a normal aircraft. Didn't seem to have the mass of a normal aircraft. The two individuals in two different localities reported seeing a large blue object about the size of a three-story building going east across the sky descending. Each witness separately provided a sketch of the object. Both sketches match almost identically in every detail even though the witnesses presumably do not know each other and have never met. The duration of sighting by the student was for less than a minute and he thought the object may have crashed in a watery area east of Route 287. ((NUFORC Note: We have requested copies of the illustrations, which we will attempt to post at [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).) Thanks to Gordon Dillard, MUFON, and NUFORC.

#### NEW YORK INVESTIGATION

MIDDLETOWN -- Dr. Bruce Cornet is investigating the January 15, and makes the following comments to the witness. "Thanks to the video you sent me and excellent description of the event using a model of the craft. What I didn't realize is that the craft turned right rather than left, which makes sense now that you provided landmarks and visual aids. I suspect the triangle dropped down into the narrow field behind the house at 260 Midland Lake Rd. I also think, based on your detailed description, that the triangle crossed the highway just north of the Nevele Grande billboard and over the pair of Crosses to the east of that billboard. I thank you for the photographs showing many of the landmarks. I didn't realize that the billboard also said that Nevele Grande is in Ellenville, NY. This is important, because as you may recall it was Ellen Crystall who started all of the interest in the Pine Bush Phenomenon and it is the next exit on Rt.17 for Rt. 302 that takes you to Pine Bush. Based on your model, the craft you saw is remarkably like the one described by police officers in Illinois during the sightings there in 2000. In the video you sent me you note that Freeze Road. intersects Midland Lake Road. at the base of the hill containing the crosses and billboard. I find that name ironic considering that we have been trying to "freeze" the event you witnessed in description, model, photographs, and satellite images, similar to what Michael Brockhoff did for the Discovery Channel documentary, UFO over Illinois. Thanks to Bruce Cornet, Ph.D., Geologist, Paleobotanist, Palynologist [bcornet@monmouth.com](mailto:bcornet@monmouth.com). see <http://www.monmouth.com/~bcornet/>

Editor's Note: It seemed unlikely that a craft the size of a 737 as described by the witness could land so close to Route 17, however, aerial photos of the area show a large concrete landing pad.

#### MARYLAND ROCKET OR MISSILE?

BALTIMORE -- Aviation officials are investigating an incident in which something -- possibly a model rocket -- flew near a Southwest Airlines jet as it approached Baltimore, Maryland, on March Sunday night. The pilot of Southwest Flight 454 reported seeing what he thought was a model rocket pass on the left side of the aircraft as the plane was about 12 miles southeast of Baltimore-Washington International Airport at 7:10 p.m. EST, Federal Aviation Administration and Southwest Airlines officials said. The aircraft was about 3,000 feet high at the time, the FAA said. It landed without problem. The incident also has been reported to the FBI, said FAA spokeswoman Arlene Salac. Federal regulations prohibit people from operating model rockets within five miles of any airport and in a manner "that creates a collision hazard with other aircraft." Rockets are also prohibited between sunset and sunrise. - Thanks to CNN, M. Ahlers -

#### WEST VIRGINIA FLYING INVERTED CYLINDER

MILTON -- The witness and his girlfriend saw an object hanging in the sky over Fife or Puyallup on February 11, 2002. His girlfriend pointed it out. The witness stated, "I tried to



reason that it might be a balloon or fire works. At 11:50 PM, my brain raced with reasonable answers but none fit the M.O. I quickly ran and grabbed my camera and took four or five shots. On the last one I braced myself against a pole to hold steady. Maybe that one will turn out. The sky was black, except for the orange glow of this object bouncing and moving erratically around the sky. It would move slow and steady in one direction, then suddenly move quickly about the night sky. It seemed to have no apparent direction in mind. As it moved south we jumped into the truck to follow and parked on 10th Avenue in Milton and watched it moving to the south and east. The orange glow coming from below the object was bright, but would at times glow brighter then fade some. It seemed to get eight to ten miles away, then it started moving back toward and to the west of where we were. At it's closest point to us the orange glow faltered then grew stronger. As it grew stronger it instantaneously released a shower of sparks, almost resembling a fire work being shot from the sky toward the ground. This happened twice very quickly. Both pulses of fire could be seen hailing down toward the earth at the same time. There also was a slight audible release when these showers erupted from the object. It sounded like a very soft pop, kind of like popping a finger out of the corner of one's mouth very quietly. We drove toward the Fife Valley for a better look and parked when the object started to move about very rapidly. It made a quick move to the west, so fast that it was almost as if you blinked and it had moved a quarter mile already. We drove less then two city blocks to the valley for a better look, but it disappeared into the southern sky in an instant. The object looked like an inverted cylinder with an orange glow coming from the bottom of the it. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

#### GEORGIA BRIGHT LIGHT DISK

CONYERS -- As the witness walked through his kitchen, a bright light caught my attention outside on February 17, 2002. There in the sky above the tree lines was an object that appeared to move left to right and visa-versa very fast at 10:30 PM. The object had orange, green and blue lights that seemed to rotate as if the object was spinning. I called my son and we watched as this object went from left to right as it ascended upwards into the sky. I ran into another room to get my digital camera so that I could get a photo, but my security alarm sounded and so I was distracted by trying to turn it off. The security company called to verify my password. By the time everything had calmed back down, I ran outside with my camera, but could not focus in on the object. By this time it was high up so I tried focusing with the camera but it just disappeared. Make no mistake, this was no plane, no helicopter. There is no machine that I know of that could fly as spastic as this thing. The weird thing is that when my alarm sounded it was not even set. I found it very strange that it sounded at the very moment I picked up my camera!

LAVONIA -- Two witnesses were on I-85 heading towards Atlanta on February 17, 2002, when they saw what at first appeared to be a plane crashing at 4:00 PM. The object was red with a long tail coming from it. The witness reports "My Mom and I decided that it must be a meteor, however in a few minutes, the tail disappeared and the object began climbing up towards another object in the sky that we had not at first noticed." The two objects were beside one another for a few seconds, then one went straight up into the sky, and the second one began to descend. The one that was climbing up looked kind of like a squid because of the twin trails of smoke coming from behind it. We lost the descending one behind trees in the distance, and the ascending one became blocked from our view by the sun. There were a lot of other cars on the interstate during this event. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

#### FLORIDA UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

PANAMA CITY -- The witness while fishing ten miles out in the in the Gulf of Mexico, on February 16, 2002, reports seeing jets investigating an object over Gulf. Five unusually slow flying fighter jets heading southeast between us and the coast at 3:00 PM. As they flew further down the coast, we noticed a strange white stationary object above and in front of fighters. The jets looked to be investigating the object.

HAVANA -- The witness reports he was approaching US-27 from the

east on a Gadsden County dirt road on February 14, 2002, when he saw a streak of very bright white light in the west at 6:35 AM. It was traveling from the vicinity of Tallahassee in a northern direction at a very high rate of speed. It was dawn and there were no stars visible at that time of the morning. The streak lasted for a second or two. It had a very bright point followed by a trail of light. It streaked across the sky, then made a sudden 90 degree turn to the left. At first, I thought it was a meteor, but then realized that a meteor can't turn suddenly. Editor's Note: These UFOs are frequently video taped from the space shuttle.

POMPANO BEACH -- On Sunday, February 24, 2002, on a clear blue sunny sky the witness was sitting in his backyard at around 4:20 PM when a flock of what seemed to be baby crows flew over and landed on the telephone wires above his head. He looked up and saw a cigar shaped object just to the right of where he were watching the birds. This object was an orange cylinder or cigar-shaped with a yellow tip. The witnesses watched this object fly from east to west and almost directly overhead when they were distracted for a couple seconds and it completely disappeared from the sky. This couldn't have flown off in any other direction. We walked around the whole duplex and could see for miles, but nothing was in sight not even a plane. The birds had flown off in fright when the back door suddenly swung open and the object was still visible. I have never had birds in my backyard in such numbers either. The telephone lines were covered with baby crows. Perhaps they chose not to fly with a cylinder in the sky. Thanks to [webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com).

#### OHIO RED UFO PLUNGES INTO LAKE ERIE

CLEVELAND -- "It was first thought to be a downed helicopter, then a meteor shower, but whichever it was caused the U.S. Coast Guard to launch a rescue boat Wednesday, February 13, 2002, and search Lake Erie off the mouth of the Black River." " Sightings of red lights or flashes thought to be two miles (3 kilometers offshore) from the Elyria Water Work started being reported on Lorain (Ohio) police radio transmissions around 8 p.m." "'We're out there doing search patterns,' said a dispatcher for the Lorain Coast Guard station, but nothing was reported being found late last night." " Lorain police dispatchers said they had nothing to report." " Lights from helicopters or possibly commercial planes were later seen in the air above where the Coast Guard boat combed the waters." " Also traveling the airways were reports of unusual lights being seen from Bay Village to Toledo, and Coast Guard radio traffic indicated a helicopter had been dispatched to take a look along the (lake) shore." (See The Morning Journal of Lorain, Ohio for February 14, 2002, "Unidentified red lights seen in night sky." Copyright 2002 by The Morning Journal, all rights reserved.) Eyewitness T.S. reported, "I did not see it, but I may have 'heard' it. Over the late evening, there were several concussion-like sounds like sonic booms. They shook and rattled the windows of my cottage in Bay Village near the shorefront of Lake Erie." Thanks to T.S. for the Morning Journal news article and his report.) (Joseph Trainor's Comments: This isn't the first time we've had an unidentified submerged object (USO) on the bottom of Lake Erie. A similar case occurred in Ashtabula, Ohio a year ago.) Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 7, #9, February 26, 2002, Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### KENTUCKY AGILE FLASHING CRAFT

DRY RIDGE -- The witness says, "We were driving on route 25 south toward Cincinnati and saw what appeared to be very small jet airplanes with flashing lights that were much faster and somehow different from regular aircraft on February 17, 2002." These "jets" were flying faster than other planes. We saw one next to a regular airplane and it seemed very small, fast and agile. At 10:00 PM, we saw three going from north to south within approximately 20 seconds of each other and then throughout the hour we saw periodic "jets" in the area. The craft did make a very quiet jet like sound. These were much faster and more agile than normal planes. The "jet" had one red light that stayed on consistently and then a flashing red light and two white strobing lights. The speed, agility and strobing lights are what differ from regular planes. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

#### UTAH SPHERE

SALT LAKE CITY -- Dave Rosenfeld reports a small object showed up while out doing our Flyby skywatch today at around 2:13 PM for four minutes. It showed up again at 2:19 to 2:33 PM, flying east really slowly till it went over the mountain towards Emigration Canyon. I was using my 500 mm lens at f~ 5.6, and took ten to twelve pictures? There was a couple photos with the object by the moon. It was a shiny silvery object with an estimated size of 20 feet in diameter. It did not make fantastic moves or anything, just a slow hover-like movement. I was quite surprised since I didn't expect anything to show up, but I'm glad I watched. You can read more about it at [http://www.aliendave.com/UUFOH\\_UFOflyoverSLC.html](http://www.aliendave.com/UUFOH_UFOflyoverSLC.html). Thanks to Dave Rosenfeld, The Utah UFO Hunters.

#### OREGON DISK CRAFT FORMS TRIANGLE

PORTLAND -- The witness reports three craft suddenly popped into view at 7:00 PM, forming a triangle on February 8, 2002. The craft would fluctuate in position and sometimes freeze in position. The right corner craft would leave the formation and slowly follow the air traffic lane, which goes right through there, then suddenly reappear near the triangle again. The witness noticed a red glow on the ground and sometimes electricity could be seen around the red light on the ground. Then a small red light would come out of it and seem to float to a craft alongside the triangle hovering amongst the tree top level. The receiving craft and one of the triangle craft would brighten and twinkle when this would happen. Then the right corner craft would slowly leave and follow the air path again ... and reappear a few minutes later. This was a movement pattern repeated several times. We were building up feelings of hatred, telling them to go home, and when we would project this at them, and twice I saw them \*duck\* or swoop, as if avoiding a projectile. I have noticed single craft in that area for a couple of years now, but this was the first show with multiple craft.

KLAMATH FALLS -- The witness reports seeing a wing shaped UFO with several lights or reflections on February 17, 2002. The craft soared like a bird, but not in a straight path at 12:40 AM. He saw the object for about one minute but it made no sound. The UFO moved very fast and the shape of the wing seemed to change as if there were pivot points. There was no fuselage only wings. The witness stated, "I have no idea what it could be, but these objects were definitely mechanical.

OREGON BORDER -- An array of lights was reported to the UFO Research team near the Nevada, California border on February 12, 2002. Jean Eric Byler reports 16 miles south of Ft. Bidwell there were a few sightings over Fee Reservoir. Bright orange lights were seen by a man soaking in his hot tub around 7:45 PM. His attention was drawn to a bright orange light suddenly appearing in the northeast that was visible for about two seconds. It was just on and off. This was followed in turn by two lights, one light, three lights, one light, two lights, etc. Perhaps a total of about a dozen lights. They were miles apart and not associated with any populated area or roads. He called to his wife and she also saw three lights appear at once and she felt they were not naturally occurring phenomena. The last light seen that night occurred when the man was reporting his sightings to me via telephone, at 8:00 PM. The couple also called a friend that lived in the town to the north and asked them to look outside. The man went outside and saw the object at 8:00 PM. A sighting, several years ago, was filmed with a video camera for two seconds before the couple tried to zoom in on the objects. The camera lost focus, but the existing footage was sent to Jeff Sainio to be analyzed. Jeff estimated the lights to be from a UFO approximately 750 feet in diameter.

The first and possibly only photo documentation of UFOs and abductions occurring together was in this area. Many of these events have had multiple witnesses, some with photo documentation. I believe this sighting to be another in a long series of sightings to occur here. Thanks to NUFORC and Jean Bilodeaux in Northern California.  
<http://www.oregonuforeview.com/>

#### WASHINGTON SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH A RING AROUND IT

OLYMPIA -- The witness reports seeing a large saucer shaped

object on February 9, 2002, which appeared to have a ring around it. It's color changed somewhat from the color of the moon to a soft amber at 9:15 PM. It hovered over a distant hill in the state forest, which is unpopulated and a wilderness. We watched the object move to different positions within the same area without a sound. At one point we thought the object was coming towards us, but it reverted back to its' position over the hill. We watched the object for twenty minutes then it appeared to land behind the hill out of our sight, leaving only a yellow to amber glow highlighting the hill. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### CANADA FLYING TRIANGLE

KING CITY, ONTARIO -- I saw a large triangular outline of red and white lights that seemed to hover and then move very slowly pass my car on February 13, 2002. I was driving westbound on the King sideroad and as I approached the traffic lights at Jane St. at 8:00 PM, I saw a large, stationary, triangular object. I could not actually see a solid object but rather the impression of an object was created due to a triangular pattern of lights. The lights were white, red and a third color (blue or green). The lights seemed to be over a major Highway 400 so I thought it was a traffic plane. When I stopped at the traffic lights and the object didn't move I thought it might be a helicopter. It was the large outline (roughly hand size) and the triangular shape that made me wonder if it was in fact something else. As I left the traffic lights and continued to the overpass I was able to watch the object pass from my front to my driver's side window. I was driving veryslowly and the object may have been moving very slowly in the opposite direction. I lost sight of the object as I descended the other side of the overpass. All of my window's were closed but my radio was not on. I do not remember hearing any noises.

BURLINGTON -- The witness was out smoking on the porch at 9:00 PM, on February 13, 2002, and noticed an X shape object high in the sky. At first, it was hardly visible until it suddenly burst into flames. It quickly flew down far in the distance, with a white flash, and no sound was heard. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

PRINCE GEORGE -- Brian Vike received a long distance call from Vanderhoof, British Columbia just a while ago and these two witnesses watched three bright lights just a few kilometers south of Prince George, British Columbia. Plus there were others who already had pulled over to the side of the road to view these lights on February, 15, 2002 at around 11:30 PM. Thanks to Brian Vike [yogibear@bulkley.net](mailto:yogibear@bulkley.net)

Editor's Note: Reports of unidentified flying objects increased a staggering 42 per cent last year in Canada.

#### CHILI CYLINDER DIVES INTO THE SEA

PUNTA ARENAS -- Rodrigo Fuenzalida, president of AION group the most important research UFO group of Chile) and Director of Chilean MUFON writes, "On February 17, 2002, a family made one very interesting video of the UFO over the sea in the Straights of Magellan. The video shows one cigar shape very clear to 150 meters from the witness. It had two lights on each end of the object and it disappeared into the sea. The lights changed color and appeared to change the structure in a strange way. The Chilean Navy does not have an explanation for the sighting. Thanks to Rodrigo Fuenzalida. The object appears as a large elongated metal cylinder. It is difficult to estimate size but, it appears about the size and shape of a cargo ship. Please go to their website for images. <http://www.aion.cl>.

#### ENGLAND CIRCLE OF LIGHTS

GATWICK AIRPORT -- A retired telecom engineer Jerry Horlan, stood in his Broadfield kitchen at 5:00 AM on January 31, and he was gripped by an eerie sense that he was not alone. He was astounded to see a circle of strange lights hovering over the south side of Gatwick Airport. He explained: "I had been up all night and was just making myself a cup of coffee when I saw something very strange out of the window. "Hovering over the south side of the airport were 12 bright lights circling slowly round. "I just could not believe what I was witnessing." The father-of-two tracked the objects for more than an hour until

dawn began to break last Thursday morning and the lights slowly moved away from the airport and disappeared. Mr. Horlan, 58, who lives in Farnham Close, Broadfield, continued: "It was a unique experience. I have traveled all around the world and never seen anything like that before. "I am not saying it was definitely a UFO but it would be good to get some sort of explanation to account for what I saw." The skies over Gatwick Airport have seen a number of close encounters over the years with witnesses reporting seven suspected UFO sightings alone in the summer of 1996. This prompted skywatcher Larry Dean, from Brighton's Skysearch agency to suggest aliens were watching Gatwick to study earthly air travel. But Government officials and BAA have continued to dismiss these strange events and refused to recognize the existence of UFOs. Commenting on the latest spotting, a BAA spokesman said: "We have run a check and can report nothing out of the ordinary at that time, but we have passed the information on to air traffic control which is looking into it." Thanks to Gary Farshores and Crawley News via Surrey Online

#### LIFE ON MARS

For life to be present on Mars scientists agree that there must first be water. The Odyssey spacecraft is now surveying for evidence of underground water and new analysis indicates water is abundant on Mars particularly in the South Pole area. My photo analysis of ancient forts, geometric construction, temples indicate life was once abundant on Mars and may have actually gone underground. We may have to wait for men actually visiting the ancient sites to gather real proof. Based on my photo analysis I believe there has been life on Mars because of the presence of alien artifacts and unnatural formations that include Cydonia. I agree that that this is one of the most provocative enigmas confronted in the history of science. I admit there are many geologic and natural forces working on Mars that defy explanation. Last week, Art Bell's Radio show discussed various anomalies that can be seen on his website at [www.artbell.com](http://www.artbell.com). However, my analysis is not based on the anomalies shown here which are probably natural. My primary data is based on the Russian Phobos 2 IR images showing what appears to be an underground city. Phobos data, released on Canadian TV, presents an infrared scan radiometer image of the Martian surface that showed clearly defined rectangular areas. These are interconnected with a latticework of perfectly straight lines that resemble city blocks, underground temples, reservoirs and manufacturing complexes. The heat signature of what may be a set of underground caverns or channels are just too geometrically regular to be formed naturally. According to Dr. John Becklake of the London Science Museum, "The city-like pattern is 60 kilometers wide and could be easily be mistaken for an aerial view of Los Angeles." I would be happy to reveal these photos to Congress as part of the Disclosure Project.

#### INDEPENDENT-INTERNATIONAL PICTURES WINS OLDEST KNOWN UFO PHOTO

At the end of the E-bay online auction of March 4, 2002, Independent-International Pictures Corp. president Samuel M. Sherman announced that his company had won at auction the oldest known UFO photograph. After several days of feverish bidding, Sherman won the photo for his company in the last 50 seconds of the auction with a final high bid of \$385. The photograph is a winter 1870 stereo (3-D) view of clouds over Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Plainly and sharply visible in the photo is a long cigar-like object. Since this is before known manned flight (with the exception of balloons - which this is not) the object will have to be ruled as a solid Unidentified Flying Object. Structure to this solid object is clearly and sharply seen in some detail as is the reflection of the sun off the object. The stereo view presents two images (for right and left eye) which will be helpful in further analysis of it. Sherman reported that due to the sharpness of the image it will lend itself to further copying and enlargement for study. Sherman also stated that this photograph will not be locked up in some collection, but will be submitted to scientists for detailed analysis and the results made available to the public, which he says wants answers to the UFO mystery.

Sherman states that the debunkers are already circling around the photo on the internet, even though they have only been able to see poor low resolution computer images and not photographic

enlargements of the actual photo. He expects this photo to be very controversial for a long time still to come. Sherman and Independent-International Pictures Corp. have already produced the Edwards Air Force Base Encounter, one hour audio documentary of the UFO alert at Edwards Air Force Base in 1965 ([www.edwardsufo.com](http://www.edwardsufo.com)). Since 1992 a feature film docudrama has been in research and production. It is called, "BEYOND THIS EARTH" and concerns extraterrestrial visitation of Planet Earth. Filming for this movie has taken place internationally as well as the acquisition of UFO footage from locations all over the world. The most amazing part of this project was the 1993 expedition which sent up a plane with photographic, motion picture and video equipment to successfully pursue and image UFOs over Northern California. Sherman stated that the 1870 UFO photograph will have a place in "BEYOND THIS EARTH" and further projects to be released to the public. Thanks to Sam Sherman

#### 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 a hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space that he detected after spending hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from the Shuttle missions. 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. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011.

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Regards,

George Filer -

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Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:46:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 18:40:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Ledger

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?  
>Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 16:29:25 +0000

>I just did an internet search for 'France international  
>copyright' and found an international federation of copyright  
>organizations, all involved in legal protection of such rights.

>France has a member organization and it in turn has bilateral  
>agreements with many other nations, including Canada and the  
>U.S. There is a mechanism in place. In fact, the U.S. member  
>organization is the one that effectively protected my rights.

Hi Dick,

I suspected that Canada did, and it doesn't surprise me that the United States does as well. There must have been problems arising from a blanket agreement that France - and perhaps other nations - couldn't sign off on. Ergo the separate agreements. There are bound to be problems where languages are concerned due to the added costs of translations, government taxation issues and/or even the possibility of dealing with hate and obscenity laws.

I'm pleased to learn you didn't take a hit. It's really tough when you have to fight personal battles across international borders.

Thanks,

Don

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:29:07 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 16:12:15 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 17:07:24 -0600

<snip>

>Nice report!

>Where do you live?

Jeez, Doc! I've made no impact on you at all over the years!  
<g> ...but Enterprise, AL, just outside of Ft. Rucker, is where  
I live, and thanks.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 19:38:27 +0100

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>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>The report begins with (and I hope this is considered 'Fair  
>>Use'..... <g>):

>It sure is fair use: I had authorized free copy explicitly  
>since the first publication on this List (I had just given it first  
>to my friend Michael Lindemann for his CNI News).

>It was made to be copied as much as possible, and it was!

>But the COMETA report itself is another matter.

>It is a private publication, and has not been funded by the  
>French government.

>Anyway, even governmental publications are covered by copyright  
>unless they are specified to be free.

Your last statement might be true in France but is not necessarily true in the US or here in Canada. I would suspect that different rules apply concerning documents - which could even mean letters - such as reports - [UFO reports?] and government studies or investigations.

Which brings up a point. It would be probably be with profoundly mixed emotions for Stan if he - and others - after years of fighting for the legitimacy of the Roswell documents - was sued by the United States Government for copyright infringement for copying and reproducing the Roswell papers without the American government's consent.

Don Ledger

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

Hello Bruce/List,

<snip>

>Some review panel members would have to be prepared to spend a  
>number of hours (don't know exactly how long) reviewing original  
>information (hours worth of interviews, audio tapes, 16 mm color  
>movie film - requires access to a 16 mm movie camera, ideally a  
>"film analyzer" that allows for frame by frame analysis) simply  
>to become familiar with the history of the sightings and to  
>become familiar with the nature of the available data and to  
>provide an independent check on what I have already done.

Bruce, do you have all of the data at your home? If so, what  
part of world do you live in?

If not, can you tell us where it is in case anyone is thinking  
of offering their participation (or suggesting someone else's) in  
such a panel?

>I personally spent probably hundreds of hours over a period of  
>roughly 5 years studying all the aspects.

>At least some review panel members should have radar experience,  
>not just practical experience (operating radars) but theoretical  
>experience (theory of radar, atmospheric propagation, etc.). At  
>least some review panel members should have optical experience  
>(effects of atmosphere on distant lights, response of color  
>reversal film to bright lights at night, operation of movie  
>cameras, how to calculate light source brightness from image  
>exposure, theoretical photography, etc.). At least some panel  
>members should be capable of making judgements on the likelihood  
>that the witnesses are accurate and truthful.

Agreed, sort-of. The technical expertise could actually reside  
outside the panel, only brought in for those aspects requiring  
their specific skills.

>By fortuitous coincidence, I had studied radar and studied  
>photography and had already interviewed many UFO witnesses. I  
>didn't do a perfect investigation, but I doubt that anyone  
>working only part time (i.e., anyone not a full time  
>investigator) could have done better.

It doesn't matter how perfect an investigation is, someone will  
always find a reason to question the quality of the  
investigation if the outcome doesn't suit their perspective.  
That is why it is important to obtain as wide a consensus as  
possible on the panel make-up at the outset.

>Somebody really want to do this? I would welcome it and could

If I was geographically in a position to take part (or immensely

wealthy) I would be most willing, alas, I am on the wrong side of the Atlantic, and the wrong side of my bank manager!

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Puzzling Rejection - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 21:18:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:35:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Puzzling Rejection - Mortellaro

>Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2002 14:56:14 -0800  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Puzzling Rejection

>UFO Updates/Current Encounters;

>This afternoon I tried to follow up on the recent Maysville,  
>Kentucky report of a UFO (independently verified by the security  
>supervisor of the East Kentucky Power Plant who logged the  
>sighting of an 'unidentified aircraft' in his log book). I  
>sought to follow up by contacting a reporter with the station,  
>Lisa, to see if she had read my E-mail message from last week or  
>found any information.

<snip>

Dear Kenny, bListers and Errol,

Would you care for another puzzling rejection? For three years now I have been studying the UFO report files at a certain police agency; both at individual locations as well as headquarters. I went there last week, spoke with the supervisor as usual, and asked for my usual access to their files. I was told, "We do not keep files on UFO reports!" I pointed out that ... wait .... I began to point to the fact that I had been looking at this particular location's files as well as headquarters' files since hell froze over and what's up with this?

The sergeant was nice, beaus he knew me and knows I am researching a book, knows that I carry an inspector's shield, given to me as an honorarium, but valid notwithstanding, and also knows that he is acting the fool. As I wrote above, I started to point to the literally hundreds of visits I made, then shut up. We looked at one the other and I asked if he could, would, please refer me to a person at headquarters who might give me a break. He did and gave me a note to take with me.

I went, I saw, I was conquered. "We don't keep none of that sh\*t. Most of them people is nuts anyway!"

Obviously educated at someplace like Yale and having studied English as his major, and what with his being a lieutenant to boot, I refused to take this nonsense from this man so I then and there decided to have this louse slam his door on me. So there.

Another fine they've gotten us into, Ollie.

Jim

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## Monograph

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 22:04:38 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:36:47 -0500  
Subject: Monograph

On the subject of Copyrits.

Copyrits are generated for the pretention of the ritter. Sometimes the ritter is not pretentious, but he wants his stuff protected anyway.

Now, regarding the pretention. Pretention is another word for pretender. And pretenders write friction. This is another problem with copyritting.

If one is not pretentious, or pretending, he may be prematurely ejacutating his moral obligation not to participate in writing slime. In this case, the slime is rendered into a bucket, where it is then made available in the pubic foamain. During this process, any prematurely ejacutated pretention in the bucket is then turned over to the spooging department of the internal removal manure section of the DFT.

The DFT sits for the Department of funny thoughts. (Eh?) When the DFT gets involved the entire peace is then given to the Gripple Farctory, where it is used in processing fastly mad wines.

Mostly, though, copying copyritts is against the raw. As I have lernted in schule.

If you believe any of this makes sense, then do us a flavor and let's get to another thread, like say, sumpin what's gotta do with, oh, say, Pia Zadora's bazookas, or even, maybe, UFO's and the Abduction experience.

Maybe we can again debate the impotence of Rozz Swell yet again, or how to look for UFO's (just look up) or even something more impotent, like scratching one's derrier.

This was rit when I was having a little sip o' the Grip. So it obviously all made sense at the time. Now that I am not under the affluence of this vile and highly addictive smudge, it does not.

Which is similar to this ongoing bovine excrement about which nothing else is revealed needer. Reviled maybe. But not revealed.

This, of course, is purely my opinion. I shall now get another glass and feel good again. And it ain't gonna be Pepto Bismol.

The End

Jamey Gesundt. I am nine years old. Seems like some of yous is too.

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## Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 23:18:36 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:42:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Mortellaro

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 08:43:12 -0600

>>Date: Tue, 05 Mar 2002 13:17:37 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs  
>>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>I'm going to suggest something very uncomfortable. I mean no  
>offense, and I'm otherwise loath to offend polite sensibility  
>(sincerely!) but I don't think that Hector Quintanilla is being  
>considered through the proper filter of the times in which he  
>lived. A proper filter puts a different spin on the validity of  
>Quintanilla's testimony as regards the existence of UFOs, his  
>criticism of Hynek, and his contribution to the history of  
>ufology.

<snip>

Dear Al,

This was one of your best.

Good job. Why? Because this one comes from an expert. As apposed to the much (by moi) maligned X-Spurts, of "has been drips" who occasionally drip their droppings on this list. Once in a blue moon, even me.

Thanks, Alfred. You are indeed an artist. Another look, another side of the coin, well presented is what I look for here. It's just that I don't always get it. No offense Errol, but this is an open forum and it is also open to the nethers who live in sociopath city. As well as other illiterate literary geniuses with a degree in X-Spurtism. Hard to get. And hard to live with, especially for many of us who, in the face of Gripple and other substances, much abused, actually have the balls to write the tripe one oft might otherwise delete, and not delight.

Love and tissues,

Jim Mortellaro  
Piled High and Very deep

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## Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 23:21:33 -500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:45:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Hutchinson

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis  
>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 20:45:37 -0000

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 22:42:46 -500  
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>>If there are "UFOs" to be detected  
>>>which have radar characteristics not typical of targets which  
>>>are relevant, then one could expect them to be to some extent  
>>>designed-out along with this clutter.

>>Why? What criteria can you possibly apply that might eliminate a  
>>legitimate UFO, but not endanger the airspace? A hard return, is  
>>a legitimate target, no matter what kind of maneuvers it is  
>>doing.

>Hi all,

>In my defence, Bruce, two examples I already mentioned are MTI  
>and non-linear polarizations.

>Eliminating stationary targets is an obvious case: the intention  
>is to eliminate only ground clutter, because the designer  
>doesn't expect returns from any aerial hard target to defeat the  
>phase comparator except rarely and briefly by chance in the  
>cases of blind speeds and tangential fades. If what you call a  
>legitimate target were to be truly stationary in the air for an  
>appreciable time (as measured to within a fraction of a  
>wavelength by the MTI) then its signal would be rejected by the  
>filter.

Objects that suddenly become stationary are situations that I  
would think designers have taken into consideration. In the  
older analog pulse/acq systems, of course, there was no way to  
evaluate this sudden change, so the object was painted.

In your scenario, a moving object that suddenly becomes  
stationary should still represent a valid target. I would expect  
that the computers would not suddenly dismiss this target, but  
continue to paint the object. An excellent example would be a  
helicopter. To a radar on the ground, the blades would have a  
very narrow profile at low altitudes, so the radar would be  
concentrating on the larger return of the fuselage. If that  
copter went into hover, you would certainly expect the system to  
process that signal.

>Such a target would have radar characteristics  
>unanticipated by the designer. You might want to coin the term  
>"UFO" in such a case.

I emailed a buddy of mine who went from the service into radar  
maintenance for Raytheon. He hasn't replied back yet, but I will  
let you know what he says.

>Polarisation is more interesting because it has to do with

>measuring the geometrical \*symmetry\* of the reflector. Circular  
>or elliptical polarisations used to reject returns from  
>raindrops and hailstones work by splitting the output electric  
>vector into horizontal and vertical components that will only be  
>returned with equal strength from objects with the corresponding  
>degree of smooth sphericity or ellipticity. Aircraft that are  
>all flat planes and angles return mixed signals that get past  
>the filter; raindrops - and "UFOs"? - that are smooth spheroids  
>or ellipsoids may not.

<anip>

You are way beyond my direct knowledge base here. But I would ask you to consider a commercial jet on final approach, and pointing directly at the set. The nose of that jet will present a completely smooth ellipsoid profile to the radar- the wings and tail at this point will be invisible to the beam. Are you saying that the digital filters will now eliminate that return? I think not.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Jones

From: Sean Jones <[tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 08:07:13 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 06:49:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Jones

Morning Errol, All

I have been following this thread with interest.

I would like to point out that it is possible to get a legal copy of the COMETA report translated into English.

It is still possible to purchase a copy of the original French magazine through online resources.

Then there is nothing then stopping you (the buyer) of doing one of two things to obtain a legal English translation.

1) Ask a French person to translate it for you, depending on how well that person knows you, he/she might charge you for this service.

2) Type the report up yourself into a text editor of any description then go to:

<http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

and use their 'Babel Fish' program to translate it for you.

Regards

Sean

Who has a French colleague at work who did just this for him.

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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: Alfred's Odd Observation #010 - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 09:20:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 09:23:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Observation #010 - Lehmborg

Honored List-motes!

As regards my Observation #10, I got this E-mail from someone who thought I must have seen the Space Station... I'll share it (and my reply) with you here for your information...

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>Just browsing through UFO updates and noted your UFO observation.

In as much as it was a definite object, it was flying, and I could not identify it, I suppose it was a UFO... but I'm more reluctant than you are, apparently, to leap into that particular breach. [g] I'm just reporting what I see in the sky...

>It seems
>that you may have seen the international space station.

Perhaps, but I don't believe so. The track of the object I observed (which appeared as I was watching, above and to the left of the moon) was much higher than what was forecast for the station. The station should have been observed tracking below the moon. The speed of the object I observed, at about six tenths of a degree a second, was less than half of what the station's should have been at roughly two and a quarter degrees a second, and the visual magnitude of the object observed was about minus 3 (between Venus and Jupiter) and far brighter than the estimated visual magnitude of the "station" which should have around the magnitude of Sirius at minus 1.

>BTW the moon was not
>at 70 degrees but about 35 degrees altitude at 4:30 AM on the 5th.

I wrote that the object I observed appeared at about 70 degrees, and not that the moon was at 70 degrees. The moon was roughly where you said it was.

>According to Sky and Telescope, the ISS would have appeared at
>33 degree altitude above the SE (not far from where the moon
>was) and ENE to disappear 34 degrees above the ESE horizon.
>This seems to closely match much of your description. Hope it
>helps.

I've been using J-Pass...

<http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/RealTime/JTrack/3D/JTrack3D.html>

... to try to sort the wheat from the chaff. The station forecast did not match my observation in the observed track, forecast speed, visual magnitude and predicted position of the station in the sky, which never should have gone above about 34 degree. The object I observed was at least twice that... headed more easterly, and did not match the printout track and speed diagram I obtained from J-pass. I don't think that I saw the space station, which I have never seen as a result of a forecast from J-pass, incidentally, and I've tried more than a few times. Whatever it is that I saw does not appear to be a satellite or station... but thanks for your help.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 10:36:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 09:51:10 -0500
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Salvaille

>Date: Wed, 06 Mar 2002 19:05:05 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: UFO Updates" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?
>>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 19:38:27 +0100

<snip>

>Your last statement might be true in France but is not
>necessarily true in the US or here in Canada. I would suspect
>that different rules apply concerning documents - which could
>even mean letters - such as reports - [UFO reports?] and
>government studies or investigations.

>Which brings up a point. It would be probably be with profoundly
>mixed emotions for Stan if he - and others - after years of
>fighting for the legitimacy of the Roswell documents - was sued
>by the United States Government for copyright infringement for
>copying and reproducing the Roswell papers without the American
>government's consent.

<snip>

Tremble, people.

at:

<http://publications.communication.qc.ca/copyright/what-e.html>

Section 12 of the Copyright Act, however, states that, the government owns the copyright of any work that has been prepared or published by or under the direction or control of any government department. This is subject to any agreement to the contrary.

This is the infamous Crown Copyright from Canada and the UK.

But:

<http://www.tpub.com/journalist/100.htm>

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You guys are safe.

You all owe me one.

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Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 11:56:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 09:54:04 -0500
Subject: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

Soruce: Ananova

http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_538533.html

Hundreds report UFO sighting in Yugoslavia

Authorities are investigating after hundreds of people in a Montenegrin village reported seeing a cluster of giant UFOs.

People in Godijevo say they rushed out of their homes after hearing a series of loud blasts and saw huge illuminated objects seemingly hovering overhead.

Officials are investigating numerous recorded sightings, but have been unable to offer an explanation so far.

According to the newspaper Vijesti, many witnesses claim the UFOs changed shape before heading off into the sky and out of sight.

They couldn't tell how high in the night sky the lights were.

"I went outside after hearing a commotion and when I looked up into the night sky there were around twenty large luminous circles, it was as if a UFO was hovering over our heads. The sky must have been lit up for hundreds of metres," said Sead Hodzic.

Suggestions the lights may have come from nearby nightlife have been dismissed because there are no discos in the vicinity of Godijevo and little in the way of hi-tech facilities which could generate such lights.

Story filed: 12:41 Thursday 7th March 2002

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 10:00:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

Alfred, List, All -

I certainly appreciated your perspective on Quintanilla and the possible reasons that he might have endorsed the party line with such vigor. And, while his ethnic and racial background might have influenced his decisions, and that background might have limited his options, it does not explain his hatred of Hynek, McDonald, Keyhoe or those of us who belonged to the "hobby" clubs studying UFOs.

Yes, I can understand an officer who knows what his superiors want and provides them with exactly that. This, of course, does not provide for good science, good investigation, or logical conclusions. It gives those at the top a belief that they are right. I see no reason for Quintanilla to rock that boat. The tone of the 1960s was that UFOs posed no threat to national security, that further study would provide nothing of scientific value, and that it was a waste of manpower and money to continue the investigation, such as it was.

That, however, does not provide an excuse for poor performance. It is clear to any who studies the Blue Book files that investigation, in the 1960s, was not the goal. The goals were explanations. Slap a solution on a sighting, especially those that might appear puzzling to the general public. This is how an Air Force officer will conclude that men assigned to a SAC base in the late 1960s wouldn't be able to identify a B-52 when flying at night. True, the lighting configuration of such a large bomber might confuse the untrained civilian, and I'll even grant that a low ranking enlisted man newly assigned to the Minot base might be confused, but I refuse to believe that senior NCOs would not be able to identify a B-52, even at night with poor viewing conditions, but Q was all too willing to accept this.

I point out also, during that same sighting, an airborne B-52 reported seeing an object (well, the crew did), there was a corresponding object on their radar (and the hints of the object on a ground based radar), electrical interference with the aircraft's radios, and a visual observation of the object. This, according to Q, was the result of an ionization of the air... except such ionizations don't normally glow, which Q, with his degree in physics, should have known. Yet he was all too happy to write this sighting off in just that way, without even going to Minot. His investigation was conducted on the telephone.

Or, when we look at the Portage County UFO chase (which sort of inspired Spielberg in Close Encounters), Q was forced to travel there... forced by congressional interest, rather than interview the witnesses, he got into an argument with them, telling them they had chased a satellite and then focused their attention on Venus because Venus is so bright. Q, after learning there were witnesses to the case that he didn't know existed, that some of the evidence had not been reviewed by the Air Force, nevertheless suggested that he learned nothing there that would change his mind. (Taking a page from both Stan and Dennis, I will point out that both these cases were covered, at length, in Project Blue Book - Exposed and that I have copies to sell.)

So, while I believe that all of what Alfred suggested in his posting might be true, it does not excuse the lack of candor with which Q wrote years after leaving the Air Force. Nor does it excuse his obvious dislike for those who believe that some UFOs might be of alien origin, nor his praise of those who believe that all UFOs can be explained including both Klass and Menzel.

In other words, even if we adjust our thinking to include the time in which Q operated, realize that his childhood might have been difficult (but many of us had difficult childhoods) that doesn't explain the venom pointed at those of us who believe that some UFOs are alien. And while he might have been working to please his superiors while in the Air Force (quite understandable), there was no such pressure when he wrote his manuscript. He was then beyond the reach of those superiors (even if he had a pension).

Albert's essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective, it really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript and what it really means. I still find it filled with venom and hate.

KRandle

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Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 16:57:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 10:06:57 -0500
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Hall

>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 08:07:13 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?

>Morning Errol, All

>I have been following this thread with interest.

>I would like to point out that it is possible to get a legal
>copy of the COMETA report translated into English.

>It is still possible to purchase a copy of the original French
>magazine through online resources.

>Then there is nothing then stopping you (the buyer) of doing one
>of two things to obtain a legal English translation.

>1) Ask a French person to translate it for you, depending on how
>well that person knows you, he/she might charge you for this
>service.

>2) Type the report up yourself into a text editor of any
>description then go to:

><http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

>and use their 'Babel Fish' program to translate it for you.

Sean,

You are right, and this is good advice for anyone who needs an English translation for their personal use (it also disproves the silly notion of alleged censorship).

Still, the copyright does not allow someone who obtains an English translation in this manner to duplicate it and sell it. The same principles still apply in that regard.

In fact, the French-language version probably is copyrighted against photo-copying too, so one should still avoid copying and distributing the original article.

What you suggest seems to get around copyright violations for an individual who just wants to read the article.

- Dick

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:23:49 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 12:17:49 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 16:20:47 -500

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 20:54:59 EST
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 12:36:01 -500
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: The Roswell News Release

Bruce, David, List, All -

<snip of everything>

I can do that because I'm just going to throw into this somewhat repetitive debate a few relevant comments. I'm going to draw on my experience as an Air Force Public Affairs Officer (which is the same as a PIO) and on my experience as an Intelligence Officer (thank goodness that I got out of Public Affairs).

First, Walter Haut said that the press release came from Colonel Blanchard... that should end the discussion. On a military base and in a military organization (don't think the corporate world here because they really are two separate entities), all messages originate with the commander. Haut would have issued no statement if only Marcel had told him to. He would have gone to the commander to make sure that the statement was required, was accurate, and that the commander had no objections to it.

Second, Haut has told everyone who asked that Blanchard either gave him the release in its entirety, or gave him the facts and Haut wrote the release. Since he was the man who actually hand-carried it to the various news media in Roswell, this statement should have significant weight.

Third, if we are going to reject this because the Roswell Daily Record reported that the authority was Major Marcel and phantom reporters would have asked questions about it, then I suggest we interview Lt. Warren Haight who was quoted in any number of newspapers and get his impressions and opinions.

Now, as a Public Affairs officer, I can tell you that our commander saw everything that went from the base to the news media. If there was a mistake, it was his ass. Second, an intelligence officer wouldn't be handing out information, or communicating with the Public Information Officer, telling him to issue a press release. In fact, as an Intelligence Officer, I once got a telephone call from a reporter asking me for information. I kept telling him that I didn't know what he was talking about until he got angry and hung up. Of course I knew, but I had the information through classified sources and was not at liberty to tell him anything. Had I said anything, then I would have been quoted as a confirming source though I had no

authority to do so.

So, here's the deal. Blanchard was the authority for the press release, regardless of what the newspaper said. Period. And in a year or two I imagine we'll have to revisit this as someone else decides that the newspaper is the ultimate authority on military protocol.

And, as for the story that Brazel was out to collect the \$3000 reward, I have found no evidence that he could have learned about it until AFTER the press release. He had no electricity at the ranch and therefore no radio and the Roswell Daily Record carried nothing about those rewards until after the press release. In fact, the stories made it clear that most of the offers for a reward had already expired.

Brazel's motivation on going into Roswell was to get someone to clean up all the debris. According to Bill Brazel, Jr., Mack thought it was something that came from the sky (no matter which explanation trips your trigger, it came from the sky) and thought that the Army (as in Army Air Forces) should clean it up. He wasn't about to do it.

This also suggests that Bessie Brazel's story can be rejected because it is in conflict with what her brother has said. And, it is in conflict with what Jesse Marcel and Sheridan Cavitt said... Bessie said she and her father and brother Vernon picked up ALL the debris, but even Cavitt said there was scattered debris.

And, she is in conflict with Loretta Proctor, who said she wasn't at the ranch, as did her brother... and she is in conflict with everyone including Mack Brazel himself who complained about being held in jail... Bessie said that he didn't go into Roswell a second time and that he was not there over night. Edwin Easley confirmed that Brazel was held in the guest house for a period of time.

So, this idea that Brazel was after the three grand is false and I certainly have to take part of the blame in that story. I was under the impression that he went to Roswell, in part, because of the offered rewards, but given the timing of the announcements and the lack of electricity at the Brazel ranch house in 1947, I doubt this would be a motivation.

And, if I might be allowed to indulge this stream of consciousness just a little longer, I might point out that though some happily suggest that many of the witnesses have been discredited, that simply is not true. Their characters have been assassinated which isn't quite the same thing.

Take poor, maligned Jesse Marcel, Sr. First, his entire military record is now in the hands of UFO researchers, though how this happened has not been explained. No matter how you slice it, someone violated the law. While FOIA might get us those segments considered to be part of the public record, the rest of it falls under the Privacy Act and should not have been released without the written permission of Marcel, when he was alive, or his next of kin after his death. This violation might have been accidental, but it is a violation, nonetheless.

Bob Pratt interviewed him and provided us all with a typed transcript. Some of what is in that transcript disagrees with Marcel's record, so, we can now reject what Marcel said... except Bob Pratt told me that he didn't have the tape so we can't compare it with the transcript. I have no reason to believe that Pratt was inaccurate but there are points where the transcript is confusing. Karl Pflock attempted to clean it up but it was his interpretation.

There is no record that Marcel was a pilot or held a pilot's license, but, according to the interview, he had flown as a pilot. Some have suggested that this is a lie, but, and I'm sure the other Army Aviators on the list will confirm, it wasn't all that unusual for non-rated and other crew members to get some bootleg time, meaning they could honestly say they had flown as pilots... Yes, Marcel said something about 3000 hours as a pilot which seems to be excessive, but then Pratt's transcript isn't all that clear and Marcel apparently didn't make this claim to anyone else. I will also note that Marcel didn't say he was a pilot but that he had flown as a pilot which is a whole

different fish.

There is a point where the insertion of a comma changes the meaning of a sentence. Several have said that Marcel claimed to be the sole survivor when his aircraft was shot down, but if I put a comma into the sentence, it changes that claim.

Marcel said that he was shot down on his third mission. Pratt asked, "Everyone survive?"

Karl Pflock reproduced the sentence as, "All but one crashed into a mountain," meaning here that everyone but one person crashed into a mountain.

However, if I add my comma, it reads, "All, but one crashed into a mountain," meaning everyone survived but one man who crashed into a mountain.

The real point here, I believe, is that the information contained in the Pratt interview, but not repeated in the other interviews that Marcel gave, suggests, at least to me, we should give Marcel the benefit of the doubt, rather than label him a liar. Besides, he was exactly who he said he was in 1947, meaning he was the intelligence officer at the 509th Bomb Group.

I should point out, as well, that I managed to find two of the citations that Marcel got for the air medal. Contrary to what some have written, that Marcel was just a passenger on aircraft flying into combat (which to me is ridiculous) we find that he was a non-rated crewman assigned to those flights, which I believe suggest something like nearly a thousand hours of flight time in a combat environment.

What this means, frankly, is that I don't believe that Marcel's testimony has been discredited (Glenn Dennis? Yes. Gerald Anderson? Yes. Robert Shirkey? Yes...). Jesse Marcel's character has been assassinated.

And yes, I know that, according to the Pratt interview, he seems to claim a college degree and his military record shows only a year and a half of college education. But, the transcript at that point is also confusing. He made no such claims to others, and I believe that means Marcel gets the benefit of the doubt.

If his testimony was stand alone, meaning that we had nothing else from the other officers at Roswell, we had no indications from the enlisted personnel, then yes, we could reject the story as uncorroborated. But that isn't the situation, and we have learned that some extraordinary steps were taken in and around Roswell... and again it makes no difference what trips your trigger, alien or Mogul, the facts are that some extra-ordinary steps were taken at Roswell.

I could go on, but seem to have already gone on long enough. Now, let the games begin, let the debate heat up, and let the accusations fly.

KRandle

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Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 22:25:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 13:41:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters - Goldstein

>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 03:04:12 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Silent Black Helicopters

<snip>

>Quote:

>Conclusion

>The Comanche the first true stealth helicopter is without doubt
>going to be one of the most powerful weapon systems in the US
>Army's arsenal. Not only does it bring unprecedented fire power
>to the world of helicopters but more important are its digital
>communication systems, which allow it to transmit in real-time
>to other weapon systems co-ordinating fire control and
>reconnaissance information. This is probably the ultimate in
>helicopters and the next generation according to one source
>which could out-manoeuvre a Comanche will possibly be some kind
>of anti-gravity vehicle.

Hi John and Listfolks,

The Comanche is a helicopter I have been excited about for a while. It is stealthy in various aspects but it is not silent. Just the other day I was posting about when the Huey Cobras were new in 1968. The Cobra model was a change in fuselage shape and some improvements over the previous Hueys but it is still a helicopter design about fifty years old.

Now comes the Cobra's replacement, the Comanche. These are a whole new generation in design. They may prove out to be the Ferraris of helicopters. When near cattle fields keep an eye out for the new shape and the tailfan.

I don't even want to speculate on UFOs harvesting cattle for mutes disguised as silent helicopters, especially the Comanche. Why do UFOs appear as UFOs if they can appear as helicopters? Without evidence, to me it is too much of a stretch.

Time to take a stretch,

Josh

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From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 13:50:29 -0500
Subject: www.ufocommunity.com?

The UFO community trying to get out of the Porn industry?

Hello folks,

In case you didn't know www.ufocommunity.com is also in the adult website industry. Out of their 4 UFO websites 3 direct you to a porn site Chris owns. Right after Skynet exposed the facts out this guy suddenly some of the websites are going back to UFOs now to hide the fact how wrong this is.

<http://www.alienvfx.com>

is still a porn website but he'll probably convert that back also. But briefly visit that website to see for yourself this is true. Also visit

<http://www.ufovideo.com/news/wtf.html>

to see my article exposing Chris Wyatts UFO/Porn webring.

Tom King

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 17:22:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 13:50:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 01:21:02 -0000

>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 09:14:54 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Some review panel members would have to be prepared to spend a
>>number of hours (don't know exactly how long) reviewing original
>>information (hours worth of interviews, audio tapes, 16 mm color
>>movie film - requires access to a 16 mm movie camera, ideally a
>>"film analyzer" that allows for frame by frame analysis) simply
>>to become familiar with the history of the sightings and to
>>become familiar with the nature of the available data and to
>>provide an independent check on what I have already done.

>Bruce, do you have all of the data at your home? If so, what
>part of world do you live in?

I have copies of all the basic data (film, tape recordings) plus
information from interviews plus copies of analyses done by others,
both pro and con, plus lots of supplementary information. I live
west of Baltimore, MD.

<snip>

>>Somebody really want to do this? I would welcome it and could

>If I was geographically in a position to take part (or immensely
>wealthy) I would be most willing, alas, I am on the wrong side
>of the Atlantic, and the wrong side of my bank manager!

My, my. You've run headlong into the primary problem with
ufology.

You see, the first three letters of the word fundamental, as in
fundamental investigation, are f-u- n.

Yes, investigation should be "fun." However, investigation fun
doesn't occur without the first four letters of
fundamental.....

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Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 20:56:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 13:56:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

>Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 10:41:59 -0500
>From: Terence Dickinson <skynewseditor@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>[Non-subscriber post --ebk]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sun, 03 Mar 2002 12:55:56 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Reality Checks On Full Moons And UFOs - Ledger

>Thanks for your note about my column in today's [Sunday's] Star.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/mar/m03-018.shtml>

>What you may not know about me is that I have followed the UFO
>controversy since the early 1960s. I was deeply involved in it
>in the 1970s when I was a consultant to Hynek's Center for UFO
>Studies when I lived and worked as an astronomer in the USA.
>Jerome Clark, who I think still edits their journal, can confirm
>my work from this period, particularly in researching the Hill
>case.

>It was only after a decade of involvement with case study
>research, witness interviews and lengthy discussions with
>researchers in the field on all sides of the spectrum (Hynek,
>Friedman, Webb, Stringfield, Hopkins, Sagan, Fuller, Henry,
>Hendry, Bray, Carlson, many others) that I concluded (in the
>mid-80s) that further in-depth research on the UFO phenomenon,
>at least by me, was not a productive use of my time. This was a
>reversal of my previous position, as stated on page 102 in the
>Encyclopedia of UFOs (published 1980 by Doubleday).

>Obviously, what I said in a couple of paragraphs in today's
>newspaper cannot begin to convey a complete picture of my
>thinking on the subject. However, I can assure you that whatever
>comments I do make on this subject are not derived from
>superficial knowledge.

Hi Terrence,

First, I think my point that many UFO incidents go unreported is a valid one, and I'm sure that back when you were active that you likely had suspicions that that was the case. My first hint of this probable lac of reporting on behalf of those affected came when I went after reports accumulated by the National Research Council from 1968 until 1994. There were only about 7,700 reports on microfilm. Likely there again, not all of the documents were forthcoming. For one reason or another the NRC had chosen to withhold some of them, though I don't believe that these were of a great number. In 26 years they had only amassed 7,700 reports - or an average of 296 a year. That's pretty much what we see each year until the report comes out or a book comes out then the phones start to ring, the emails appear and people start relating encounters they had, last year or 30 or 40 years ago-that they didn't report.

After my first UFO book came out I was astounded at the number of people that came forward, from all walks of life to share their UFO incident. Over the last three years the reported incidents have been low here in Nova Scotia - but as you may have noticed in the report, the numbers went up from 3 or 4 a year to over twenty last year. I do a brief appearance on the local news show and I got three reports within several hours that weren't reported from last year.

I think it's perhaps because I did have knowledge of your involvement some years ago, that I chose to take you to task as it were. I have an original copy of your, 'The Zeta Reticuli Incident', in front of me now. It's obvious that you and the others commentators therein spent a great deal of time on this attempt to discover whether Betty Hill's star map had any real basis in fact. You state early on in the paper that this incident is "...more than the retelling of a famous UFO incident:it's an astronomical detective story that at times hovers on that hazy line that separates science from fiction." To my mind this describes UFO research in general.

You mentioned that you had been active all of those years and I guess - like others - you became jaded. I wonder though if you would say that as far as you are concerned, that there is nothing worth pursuing where the phenomenon is concerned. Not by yourself mind you, but by others with the time to do so.

Finally I realise that as a scientist you had to finally get on with some area of your chosen profession that would eventually bear fruit. We all know that proving anything in this phenomenon is like trying to nail jello to a wall. It's discouraging and I guess this leads to burnout after some time. Even during my five short years online I've seen several committed researchers fall by the wayside - some disenchanted while others get tired of the bickering. Some just don't have the time anymore. This could happen to me I suppose and I see your side of it.

But you know there is that tantalizing 5 percent... plus that one sighting I had that my pilot's eye could not catalogue.

Take care - and I just did see you on the Discovery Channel.

Don Ledger

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Kelly

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 19:37:55 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 13:59:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Kelly

>From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:58:17 +1100

>>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 21:55:34 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

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>>However, out of all this, the RAF decided to release a tale
>>about jets chasing a UFO over Suffolk. If anything should have
>>been Top Secret, then this should have been it, and if true we
>>shouldn't have heard a dickie-bird about it. The story also
>>implied that the RAF were able to track, and to some extent
>>intercept, objects that had fantastic performance - information
>>that would normally have been withheld since it would hand
>>important intelligence data to the enemy.

>>That is, of course, unless you wanted the enemy to think
>>that your tracking systems and interceptors were capable of
>>these feats.

>David, Listers and Readers,

>I have a question about this radar business for you David or any
>one else how might what to answer or know anything about this
>kind of thing.

>Given what we know about radar, won't it be safe to assume that
>a craft using a magnetic field to propel itself would be harder
>to pick up on radar than, say than a normal aircraft with out a
>magnetic field around it?

>I asking this as it just accrued to me while reading these
>listings that the US was spending a lot of research time and
>money on using magnetic fields to hide Naval ships. So doesn't
>this mean that a craft with a magnetic field around it would be
>harder for radar to pick up?

>Also, won't a craft like a UFO using a magnetic drive be easier
>to pick up with radar turned in to search for such abnormalities?
>This if possible would be able to pick out a average plane
>flying from a UFO, which would remove any doubt about wether or
>not it is a plane or a alien craft.

I'm not too surprised no one has commented or been able to
answer my questions above. As far as my research and inquiries
have found, today radars can in fact signal out or differentiate
between different types of airborne targets. Today's high tech
radar can tell the difference between a comet and an incoming
war head. It is also my understanding that a airborne target
with a high magnetic signature stands out like dog's you know
what's, so I have no doubt that there are those around that can
track a space craft/UFO without any trouble.

But that isn't what got me thinking about this, for I already

knew it was possible to track airborne craft with high magnetic signatures with ease. What got me thinking was whether or not it was the testing of radar back in the mid forties that led to the ET craft crashing at Roswell. I have always wanted to know what might have brought down this craft crashing to the ground, I read here ages ago that some people felt that the pilots of these craft were too experienced to crash them. I didn't totally agree with that idea, but I did agree that it would have had to have been something out of the 'Norm' that would have caught the pilot off guard.

The sudden turning on of a large powerful radar for testing might just have been enough, if a curious ET was to close at the same time. Powerful magnetic fields will play havoc with radar and other electronic technology, but so can radar play havoc with a magnetic field. I have been researching testing done back between 1945 to 1950 of radar and there was a lot of it going on around the area of Roswell. Many links are now no longer available, I guess this is due to the 9/11, so I have only listed a couple here with this posting. I will be looking into this possibility more, so if any one has relevant information or links I would be grateful for them or if any one else is doing the same research/inquiries I would be happy to forward them what info I have.

I be interested to know or hear from any one else who has been looking into this possibility.

[http://www.google.com/search?
q=cache](http://www.google.com/search?q=cache)

:R9yHALwQeaoC:www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Public_Notices/1996/pnet6013.wp+Radar+Testi

<http://libraries.mit.edu/archives/exhibits/midcentury/>

Chris (Tophar)

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 16:24:12 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:14:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 23:21:33 -500
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 20:45:37 -0000

<snip>

>>In my defence, Bruce, two examples I already mentioned are MTI
>>and non-linear polarizations.

>>Eliminating stationary targets is an obvious case: the intention
>>is to eliminate only ground clutter, because the designer
>>doesn't expect returns from any aerial hard target to defeat the
>>phase comparator except rarely and briefly by chance in the
>>cases of blind speeds and tangential fades. If what you call a
>>legitimate target were to be truly stationary in the air for an
>>appreciable time (as measured to within a fraction of a
>>wavelength by the MTI) then its signal would be rejected by the
>>filter.

>Objects that suddenly become stationary are situations that I
>>would think designers have taken into consideration. In the
>older analog pulse/acq systems, of course, there was no way to
>evaluate this sudden change, so the object was painted.

>In your scenario, a moving object that suddenly becomes
>stationary should still represent a valid target. I would expect
>that the computers would not suddenly dismiss this target, but
>continue to paint the object. An excellent example would be a
>helicopter. To a radar on the ground, the blades would have a
>very narrow profile at low altitudes, so the radar would be
>concentrating on the larger return of the fuselage. If that
>copter went into hover, you would certainly expect the system to
>process that signal.

Actually a helicopter would not be a stationary target of the type I have in mind, Bruce, because pulse doppler MTI measures phase differences equivalent to range variations of fractions of a centimetre. No helicopter would maintain station relative to the antenna with this accuracy in even the stillest air - it would waver, oscillate around its centre of mass. Of course such filters are tunable to chosen threshold radial velocities, and a designer could 'tune out' hovering helicopters if she chose to. Obviously she wouldn't in any ordinary case. The point is if you're not expecting flying objects that sit still as rocks you're not going to allow for them in your engineering. (For the purposes of my argument I don't care whether such objects exist or not!)

With a copter, lift and tail rotors are also thrashing round at high revs, which is a slightly different issue. I also think that the rotors will generate a spectrum of doppler frequency components that would defeat any simple MTI even if the fuselage isn't moving above the designed threshold velocity. As well as

the vertical tail rotor the lift rotor can present a significant swept area even at low elevation, and I would also expect it to scatter pulses indirectly off the fuselage back to the radar. An hypothetical static "UFO" without external moving parts would not offer the radar this unintentional loophole and would not paint any more than would the static clutter - factory chimney or mountain - which the system is designed to reject.

Modern digital moving target detectors can distinguish between such movement and overall displacement. In the case of a helicopter, or ground clutter from a hill of wind-blown trees (say), the MTI might detect movement even without displacement and the radar needs to know whether the echo should be displayed or not. Copter, yes; clutter no. The software measures the characteristic frequency distribution of the doppler spectrum and decides whether it's looking at signal or noise. Signal is displayed, noise cancelled. Again, a "UFO" behaving as we are imagining here would not be recognised by the software as signal.

>>Such a target would have radar characteristics
>>unanticipated by the designer. You might want to coin the term
>>"UFO" in such a case.

>I emailed a buddy of mine who went from the service into radar
>maintenance for Raytheon. He hasn't replied back yet, but I will
>let you know what he says.

>>Polarisation is more interesting because it has to do with
>>measuring the geometrical *symmetry* of the reflector. Circular
>>or elliptical polarisations used to reject returns from
>>raindrops and hailstones work by splitting the output electric
>>vector into horizontal and vertical components that will only be
>>returned with equal strength from objects with the corresponding
>>degree of smooth sphericity or ellipticity. Aircraft that are
>>all flat planes and angles return mixed signals that get past
>>the filter; raindrops - and "UFOs"? - that are smooth spheroids
>>or ellipsoids may not.

><snip>

>You are way beyond my direct knowledge base here. But I would
>ask you to consider a commercial jet on final approach, and
>pointing directly at the set. The nose of that jet will present
>a completely smooth ellipsoid profile to the radar- the wings
>and tail at this point will be invisible to the beam. Are you
>saying that the digital filters will now eliminate that return? I
>think not.

If a jet were a perfectly smooth ellipsoid then I suggest this could happen if the polarisation happened to be optimised for this ellipticity. But the fact is that at any aspect a jet is a very complicated reflector with various control surfaces, engine pods, compressor blades etc. and even head-on or tail-on there will be lots of Doppler complexity that prevents it being ignored by the radar as a huge "raindrop".

I don't say that there are such objects, being ignored, but if there are they would be 'UFOs'. Modern radar systems are highly active and 'identification of relevant targets becomes part of the display criteria. In illustration of this Bruce Macabee's post Wed, 6 Mar 2002 16:11:32 -0500 refers us to:

Atmosphere or UFO? A Response to the 1997 SSE
Review Panel Report
Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 421-459, 1999
0892-3310/99

from which I quote, if I may, re the Swiss radar track March 8 1995:

[Quote]

The radar system has operating "rules" or protocols which determine which objects are to be continually tracked or registered on the display and which are to be ignored. After a few detections the system automatically rejects objects that are above some altitude, that travel faster than some speed, that change di-rection often (erratic) or that have some other characteristics (some classified). The system dropped the track of this object from its registry of tar-gets after the fourth recorded position. Exactly why the system dropped this target cannot now be determined. However, it probably dropped the target be-cause its speed and altitude put it out of the range

of ordinary aircraft.
[End quote]

I want to say something about this particular case in another
post. All for now.

Martin Shough

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Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Kaeser

From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:23:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:16:14 -0500
Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship? - Kaeser

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report & Censorship?
>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 16:57:28 +0000

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In response to Sean, Richard wrote (in part):

>You are right, and this is good advice for anyone who needs an
>English translation for their personal use (it also disproves
>the silly notion of alleged censorship).

Agreed. I think that it's important to keep in mind that the
FUND had it translated in order to get the report out. The
agreement allowed for distribution to individuals and entities
that met certain criteria (primarily the media, and government
leaders), and many copies were sent out. Unfortunately, only a
few articles were written as a result of this distribution and
it didn't have the impact that had been hoped for.

Steve

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:49:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:17:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Salvaille

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

Hello ALfred, Kevin and all,

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>In other words, even if we adjust our thinking to include the time
>in which Q operated, realize that his childhood might have been
>difficult (but many of us had difficult childhoods) that doesn't
>explain the venom pointed at those of us who believe that some
>UFOs are alien. And while he might have been working to please
>his superiors while in the Air Force (quite understandable), there
>was no such pressure when he wrote his manuscript. He was then
>beyond the reach of those superiors (even if he had a pension).

>Albert's essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective,
>it really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript
>and what it really means. I still find it filled with venom and
>hate.

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In psychology, this is called 'cognitive dissonance'. It goes like this:

All people have moral principles and, when their actions go against those principles, a contradiction, a 'dissonance' occurs. Since one cannot erase what he has done, he must reestablish the balance to justify the action... and thus changes his perception of the world.

Cognitive dissonance illustrates the necessity to unify belief and action. It has very deep ramifications. It can have tricky and unexpected consequences.

People are shaped by their actions, by their cognitive dissonances, which ultimately give them the reasons to act the way they do.

The principle applies in all aspect of life and its implications are mind boggling. 'Excuse me, 'I am sorry' and 'I was wrong' become the better paths to sanity. Pissing contests will bring you closer to insanity. Your belief system had better be based on observation and analysis of facts, otherwise you are in for a ride.

The case of Major Hector Quintanilla is the illustration of a very moral and very decent man who was forced by the circumstances (so clearly described by Alfred) to bring down the UFO principle. Major Quintanilla faced the dilemma: UFOs were real and reports prove that BUT his superiors told him otherwise. And he did what many intelligent people do when confronted to the necessities of life: tilt. He negated the facts, negated the data, and any opposition to this belief system necessarily came from silly people.

Quintanilla showed coherence to the end.

The USAF, so to speak, used the man. You see that all the time: the dirty work is often done by very moral people for not so moral systems.

The intricacies of cognitive dissonance are very interesting.

Your way of mentioning Quintanilla, for instance: Quintanilla, then 'Q'. A perspective which enhances the nature of the message you want to convey.

The guy was a Major at the time of Blue Book. He retired as Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla. A perspective which enhances the nature of the message I want to convey.

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:50:49 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:19:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Mortellaro

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

>Alfred, List, All -

>I certainly appreciated your perspective on Quintanilla and the
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>security, that further study would provide nothing of scientific
>value, and that it was a waste of manpower and money to continue
>the investigation, such as it was.

Hello Kevin, Al, List, Errol,

But have you not considered the fact that Al's essay demonstrated the very distinct possibility that Q's condition may have soured his attitude on the subject in general and all concerned over it? Was it not his mandate, as a scapegoat, dark-skinned Mexican man (which I 'think' he was) to follow the line to it's end? And did not that line not only include the subject in general but it's detractors; Hynek et al.?

A man in the position as described by Alfred may indeed make him a lot more angry than not. As for his career, he was holding on for dear life. Likely as not.

>That, however, does not provide an excuse for poor performance.
>It is clear to any who studies the Blue Book files that
>investigation, in the 1960s, was not the goal. The goals were
>explanations. Slap a solution on a sighting, especially those
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>Minot base might be confused, but I refuse to believe that
>senior NCOs would not be able to identify a B-52, even at night
>with poor viewing conditions, but Q was all too willing to accept
>this.

Perhaps he knew that this was what his employers wanted.

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>reported seeing an object (well, the crew did), there was a

>corresponding object on their radar (and the hints of the object
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>it excuse his obvious dislike for those who believe that some
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>his superiors while in the Air Force (quite understandable), there
>was no such pressure when he wrote his manuscript. He was then
>beyond the reach of those superiors (even if he had a pension).

First, how do we know that? And second, knowing that this UFO
business added a case of impotence to his career, is it not very
possible that he transferred this angst to the subject? Sounds
to me as likely as your point of view. Which is the difference
between us. You take the high road and I'll take the low road
but I'll be in Scotland afor' ya! Or sumpin like that.

>Albert's essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective,
>it really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript
>and what it really means. I still find it filled with venom and
>hate.

Who? Al or Q? Al wouldn't hurt a flea. His UpDates posts are as
from a mild mannered reporter from a minor country newspaper.
But he can be faster than a speeding bullet, if'n you ain't
payin attention.

My suggestion... this is just me... in reading Alfred Lehmborg,
is to read it very carefully, again and again. Like with me
listening to a new Dylan album for the first time. Don't like
it. After three auditings, I love it. However Al, like Merriam
and I, are just friends, Kev.

Jim

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UFO Software?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:21:47 -0500
Subject: UFO Software?

Hi all!

Does anyone know any of ufology software (programs) for researching (not only UFO DataBase). Here, in Russia, we try to create some kind of such programs...

Regards,

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:14:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:26:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

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>limited his options, it does not explain his hatred of Hynek,
>McDonald, Keyhoe or those of us who belonged to the "hobby"
>clubs studying UFOs.

Sure it does... in fact it is the only thing that explains it.
You guys we're complicating, demonstrably, the execution of
clear directives from superiors holding the inexorable sword of
Damocles over his whole existence! You blithely plucked at the
sword's thread with clear thinking, cogent reporting, and good
common sense. You were a major threat to him... of 'course' he
hated you. Able to settle deeply into his shoes because of
empathetic experience... I hate you, metaphorically!

>Yes, I can understand an officer who knows what his superiors
>want and provides them with exactly that. This, of course, does
>not provide for good science, good investigation, or logical
>conclusions.

It never has at any rate... you'll get no argument here.

>It gives those at the top a belief that they are
>right.

They don't care if they're right, Dr. Randle, they only want
to maintain a status quo. That is their total impetus. Being
right has nothing to do with it. Many times, I'd bet they
know they're wrong, and just don't care!

>I see no reason for Quintanilla to rock that boat.

...and plenty reason why he wouldn't?

>The
>tone of the 1960s was that UFOs posed no threat to national
>security,

... a tone that they knew was bull shit because of activity
around nuke sites... and other high tech activities?

>that further study would provide nothing of scientific
>value,

...of 'controllable' scientific value, and can we attribute
nothing but our 'own' inventiveness to 'all' the tech
advancement in the last 50 years? I wonder about it...

>and that it was a waste of manpower and money to continue
>the investigation, such as it was.

...continue it publicly at any rate...?

>That, however, does not provide an excuse for poor performance.

No - not an excuse. But, it certainly does provide another reason why his testimony regarding their lack of existence is more than questionable, don't you think?

>It is clear to any who studies the Blue Book files that
>investigation, in the 1960s, was not the goal.

It's clear to me because non-discredited principals of the investigation make it clear. You're part of that Dr. Randle.

>The goals were
>explanations. Slap a solution on a sighting, especially those
>that might appear puzzling to the general public. This is how an
>Air Force officer will conclude that men assigned to a SAC base
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>Minot base might be confused, but I refuse to believe that
>senior NCOs would not be able to identify a B-52, even at night
>with poor viewing conditions, but Q was all too willing to accept
>this.

Yep! That was the party line!

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>reported seeing an object (well, the crew did), there was a
>corresponding object on their radar (and the hints of the object
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>except such ionizations don't normally glow, which Q, with his
>degree in physics, should have known. Yet he was all too happy
>to write this sighting off in just that way, without even going
>to Minot. His investigation was conducted on the telephone.

You gotta know, by now, that you're preaching to the choir here, Reverend! Let me add a, "tell it, brother"! and a sincere "halleluiaah."

>Or, when we look at the Portage County UFO chase (which sort of
>inspired Spielberg in Close Encounters), Q was forced to travel
>there... forced by congressional interest, rather than interview
>the witnesses, he got into an argument with them, telling them
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>nevertheless suggested that he learned nothing there that would
>change his mind. (Taking a page from both Stan and Dennis, I
>will point out that both these cases were covered, at length, in
>Project Blue Book - Exposed and that I have copies to sell.)

Yep! On obstinate stonewaller, driven by contested self-preservation, and a will of rusty iron.

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>posting might be true, it does not excuse the lack of candor
>with which Q wrote years after leaving the Air Force. Nor does
>it excuse his obvious dislike for those who believe that some
>UFOs might be of alien origin, nor his praise of those who
>believe that all UFOs can be explained including both Klass and
>Menzel.

Nope! No excuse, just another layer of discredit on his testimony.

>In other words, even if we adjust our thinking to include the time
>in which Q operated, realize that his childhood might have been
>difficult (but many of us had difficult childhoods) that doesn't
>explain the venom pointed at those of us who believe that some
>UFOs are alien.

Nonsense -- it explains it perfectly. It doesn't excuse it, but then I was not writing to excuse him. I was writing to provide a demonstration of why his criticism is invalid, why his contribution is suspect, and why his reports are specious.

>And while he might have been working to please
>his superiors while in the Air Force (quite understandable), there
>was no such pressure when he wrote his manuscript.

Just inertia... a desire to appear consistent, loyal to the end,
and a more focused officer than those he was in competition
with? He may have even finally convinced himself...
Additionally, he may have learned from corrupted superiors that
the lie told long and loud enough becomes the truth...

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>beyond the reach of those superiors (even if he had a pension).

I though he had a pension, he didn't retire?

>Albert's

<ahem>Dr. Randolph?

>essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective,
>it really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript
>and what it really means. I still find it filled with venom and
>hate.

My point is that his manuscript is valueless... I think that
your point would be the same?

You know, this is the second letter I got taking me to task for
my defense of Hector Quintanilla... when all I really was trying
to accomplish was the suggestion for another reason why he
doesn't add to the quality of the skeptibunky's garden variety
position. If I wasn't clear before (?), understand that now.

Indeed, I thought I was risking being associated with racism and
bigotry to bring it up at all, and I'm amused that anyone would
think that I was excusing him when all I really did was,
possibly, explain him, qualify his invalidity, and remove him as
a support for a specious skeptibunky.

Moreover, the angle regarding racism has particular validity,
still, today. It is the fatuous impetis behind a mainstream US
looking to the south at Mexico and their unceasing ufological
activities, witness reports, and videos... and dismiss it all as
what is to be expected from an ignorant bunch of "bean eating
taco benders." But maybe I put too fine a point on that.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Who Owns This Site?

From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 17:55:38 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:53:52 -0500
Subject: Who Owns This Site?

Hi All,

Does anyone on updates, know who runs this site?

<http://www.stateoftheheart.nl/phenomenon/index2.html>

I only ask, as they have put 15 articles from my site on to theirs, I have e-mailed them but have had no response as of yet.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Roy..

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 17:09:36 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 21:55:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 16:11:32 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>It does seem true that there are fewer radar related reports
>(including radar-visual). However, they are not zero. May I
>suggest referring to:

><http://brumac.8k.com/JAL1628/Jal1628.html> (JAL sighting, 1986)

>and

><http://www.scientificexploration.org/jse/articles.html>

>and scan down to the paper entitled,

>'Atmosphere of UFO? A response to the 1997 SSE Review Panel
>Report',

>which contains analysis of a couple of radar and radar visual
>cases.

Hello Bruce

Very interesting report on March 8 1995 Swiss radar track. First quick impression:

Have you considered the possibility of a high-altitude daylight fireball detected by second- or third-trip returns? This mechanism would produce spuriously low altitudes and spuriously low displayed speeds. The range of the closest point in this case would represent the actual distance of the target beyond the unambiguous 1st-trip range of the radar. At first sight IMHO this seems unlikely because of the range at pick up and the near-radial orientation of the track to the antenna, but a relative displacement of the two concurrent tracks on the two radars could be seen as a symptom of this - in principle, though it's improbably sensitive to the geometry. What do you think?

Regards

Martin Shough

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 19:40:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 22:02:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 21:55:34 -0000
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

<snip>

>You have to remember that 1956 was an 'interesting' year,
>militarily. The Suez Crisis - The Soviet suppression of Hungary
>- the first British atom bomb test - lots of reasons for UK
>citizens to be to be shit-scared that WW3 was about to start at
>any minute. Jittery radar operators, and numerous panic false
>scramblings of interceptor jets, would have been inevitable - as
>in any front-line operation - and the UK was very much part of
>the front line during the cold war.

>However, out of all this, the RAF decided to release a tale
>about jets chasing a UFO over Suffolk. If anything should have
>been Top Secret, then this should have been it, and if true we
>shouldn't have heard a dickie-bird about it. The story also
>implied that the RAF were able to track, and to some extent
>intercept, objects that had fantastic performance - information
>that would normally have been withheld since it would hand
>important intelligence data to the enemy.

>That is, of course, unless you wanted the enemy to think
>that your tracking systems and interceptors were capable of
>these feats.

Hi David

This one slipped by me before, but you should be aware that Andy Roberts and Paul Fuller showed me evidence last year that the U2 detachment had been relocated to Germany long before the date of the Lakenheath events in August. The CIA website confirms this, and what I consider to be expert opinion says that all spares, personnel, and logistical support had in all likelihood gone with them. There's no evidence that the planes (there were at least two with Det A) were returned to Lakenheath at all. Turkey was "where it's at" at this time. This doesn't mean that SAC Lakenheath wasn't sensitized to perceived overflight threats, of course, as I argued back in 1986; but it does probably mean that the *hands-on* CIA presence which I used to believe was suggested by the U2 deployment did not remain a factor there in August '56.

There is some evidence of a cover-up in this case, but before suspecting the RAF as authors of a misdirecting hoax consider that the RAF never did "release a tale about jets chasing a UFO". They never released anything at all. The documentation is USAF, and that only emerged after 12 years. The only RAF source you know about in connection with this case (there are now others, but the Clarke/Roberts investigation isn't public yet) is the Neatishead Fighter Controller who wrote the press in 1978 with a story that by then was scarcely relevant to the military-intelligence sensitivities of 1956!

Cheers

Martin Shough

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 16:33:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 22:04:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

<snip>

>Albert's essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective,
>it really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript
>and what it really means. I still find it filled with venom and
>hate.

I read the Q manuscript a few months back and had the same reaction Kevin did. I can't see why anybody would want to publish it, nor why his son(??) would want it out. He comes off very badly. I have heard Bill Weitzel's tape of Q's attempts to convince the police from , Ohio, that they chased Venus. Pathetic.

Perhaps I should add that Major Friend, who preceded Q by a few years, was Black. Neither could, in those times, be expected to be a boat rocker. Strangely Allen Hynek, by his very nature as of Czechoslovakian background, would also not be expected to be a boat rocker.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 20:35:17 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 22:13:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 17:22:13 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>I have copies of all the basic data (film, tape recordings)
>plus information from interviews plus copies of analyses done
>by others, both pro and con, plus lots of supplementary
information. I live >west of Baltimore, MD.

><snip>

>My, my. You've run headlong into the primary problem with
>ufology.

>You see, the first three letters of the word fundamental, as in
>fundamental investigation, are f-u- n.

>Yes, investigation should be "fun." However, investigation fun
>doesn't occur without the first four letters of
>fundamental.....

Excellent point, and well put!

By a fortuitous coincidence, I received a copy of 'UFO's And The Limits Of Science' by Ronald D. Story today.

I note from chapter 7 'The New Zealand TV Film', that such illustrious scientists such as Dr. Hynek, Dr. Sturrock, Dr. Haines, Dr. Levin and electronics specialist Neil Davies concur with your view that the film depicts 'something unusual'. Coupled with my own research at the Jodrell Bank archive (a remark in the report from there stated "Astronomical phenomena do not satisfy the available data. Atmospheric phenomena, such as ball lightning, would be worth further exploration.") satisfies me that this case is justifiably not explainable by current scientific knowledge.

So, I think that we almost have the starting point that you suggested, a case that "at least one, well reported, credible sighting" defies explanation. I do however have doubts as to whether it represents "a description that defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as "unintelligent" - phenomenon".

So where does that leave us?

We have a case that I believe few will dispute in terms of data quality or scientific review that demonstrates a phenomenon unknown to current science. It still does not prove the ETH, and material benefits of further study are undetermined.

Speaking personally, and, admittedly, under the influence of four bottles of Tiger beer, nothing would please me more than to be able to say that there is a single case that proves beyond any reasonable doubt that we are being visited by entities from another planet in our universe. Unfortunately, this is not the

case.

There are intrinsic difficulties with obtaining such evidence. I have alluded to them before, but I would like to summarise them as follows:

1. As Bruce so eloquently pointed out, there is not sufficient objectively sourced funding to investigate such a proposal.
2. There is corruption of most of the available data due to the human drive to believe in such a postulation. This is aggravated by commercial pressures such as investigators needing to publish books in order to support their investigations.
3. There are no universal standards employed in the accumulation, validation, and presentation of data associated with UFO study.
4. (This is associated with point #3) There are few trained investigators (and I mean trained to an acceptable, recognised standard) in the field.
5. There is no direction or regulation available to UFOlogy-no authority to refer to in the event of disagreements.

As a consequence of points #1-5 UFOlogy is widely held to be very much a fringe subject in the public and scientific perspectives.

The question really is, what can be done to address the issues?

My view is that the various governments welcome and perhaps encourage this situation, as it suits their purposes by removing the need to allocate voter's tax contributions towards what may in the end turn out to be a wasted investment, and may suit the purposes of the military in terms of disguising developments in the technology arena. Thus, we cannot turn to the government for help, we have to seek an internal solution. Only by co-operating together on at least a national, and ultimately an international basis can we find a solution.

This means that we should abandon our individual perspectives, and take other perspectives into consideration, and establish mutually agreeable actions and activities towards improving the credibility of ufology in the public eye.

A few ideas along this lines follow:

- We need to establish uniform data collection, validation, and documentation processes.
- We need a formal, at least national, accreditation scheme for investigators/researchers.
- We need a system of arbitration to decide on contentious issues such as the validity or otherwise of data gained under the influence of hypnotic regression.
- We need to evaluate the potential material benefits of the study of UFO's and publicise them.
- We need to identify and disassociate ourselves from the real fringe elements. This means a thorough evaluation of who decides what is to be regarded as "fringe" and how that decision is reached.

These are only a few practical steps which could lead us towards scientific and public recognition, and eventually, investment in the research of the topic. It won't happen overnight, but each of us can contribute towards these goals.

We only need to be aware of what the goals are, and work together towards achieving them.

My beer has run out, so I am signing off now, looking forward to any constructive responses to the thread,

Joe McGonagle

PS - I can thoroughly recommend Tiger beer as a substitute for Gripple!

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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 22:14:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Bolton

>From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:58:17 +1100

>Given what we know about radar, won't it be safe to assume that
>a craft using a magnetic field to propel itself would be harder
>to pick up on radar than, say than a normal aircraft with out a
>magnetic field around it?

(a) what makes you think that a large flying craft can "propel
itself" using a magnetic field?

(b) Microwaves (eg radar waves) are unaffected by the presence
of a static magnetic field - and an oscillating magnetic field
would only have some effect if it were tuned to the same
frequency (in which case it would cause some interference -
depending on its relative strength as compared with the radar
beam).

>I asking this as it just accrued to me while reading these
>listings that the US was spending a lot of research time and
>money on using magnetic fields to hide Naval ships.

This was simply degoussing of the hull - to eliminate the
residual magnetism that triggered some types of explosive
underwater mine. It didn't (and couldn't) make the ships
"invisible".

You may have a degoussing button on your computer monitor - if
you press it regularly it will stop you from getting blown up...
;-)

>So doesn't this mean that a craft with a magnetic field around
>it would be harder for radar to pick up?

No.

--

David Bolton
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Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia -

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 23:01:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 22:19:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia -

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcb@attcanada.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 11:56:10 -0500
>Subject: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

>Source: Ananova

>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_538533.html

>Hundreds report UFO sighting in Yugoslavia

>Authorities are investigating after hundreds of people in a
>Montenegrin village reported seeing a cluster of giant UFOs.

>People in Godijevo say they rushed out of their homes after
>hearing a series of loud blasts and saw huge illuminated objects
>seemingly hovering overhead.

>Officials are investigating numerous recorded sightings, but
>have been unable to offer an explanation so far.

>According to the newspaper Vijesti, many witnesses claim the
>UFOs changed shape before heading off into the sky and out of
>sight.

>They couldn't tell how high in the night sky the lights were.

>"I went outside after hearing a commotion and when I looked up
>into the night sky there were around twenty large luminous
>circles, it was as if a UFO was hovering over our heads. The sky
>must have been lit up for hundreds of metres," said Sead Hodzic.

>Suggestions the lights may have come from nearby nightlife have
>been dismissed because there are no discos in the vicinity of
>Godijevo and little in the way of hi-tech facilities which could
>generate such lights.

>Story filed: 12:41 Thursday 7th March 2002

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for posting this report. There is something about it that causes me to want to look into it a bit further to discern the quality of this event. Who reported this, what quantity and what quality of witnesses, etc. Did they see objects? I want to read the reports, something is pulling on me..

Once I read this story I felt a calling to take a journey. As some of you know, I migrated from California to Berlin, Germany (brrr) two years ago to put together a musical project. It is ready to launch large next month and demands a lot of time. But I feel this inner calling. I haven't done any in the field UFO research for some time. If anyone is badly looking for a discount Yugo I may be able to help you out.

Some would say it is the call to get closer to God because since I saw the name Godijevo for the first ever time today I have felt illuminated. I feel the pull to head out on a journey this weekend in my Italian sportscar and take a multi-country journey

jaunt from Germany down to Yugoslavia in order to camp out and see if it happens again. Of course I would have to make a map to avoid ethnic conflict areas between here and Godijevo. I don't believe in suffering for God. I did the same in Mexico when kneeling before the shrine at Godihuevo

Alas, due to my commitments and present health I can't make the drive. I can only live my fantasy. Instead of going to Godijevo I will have to pray hard to bring Godijevo closer to me by following the investigation from my armchair. I told you I don't believe in suffering for God.

Of course the possibility exists that some hoaxers could put on some pretty impressive shows with today's optics and some money just to see how the townsfolk would react. When I was a teenager I tried to do the same with a reflector telescope made into a searchlight with two carbon rods. Today an ill minded person or misguided documentary maker could pot on brief and elusive hoaxes in the middle of the night outside remote towns in remote corners of the earth. It would require a call to Hoaxbusters to stop.

All Hoaxbusters' identities are classified. Just think, that may be exactly what is needed in this field. We all know how rabid many right to lifers have been. Maybe we need to expand into a force that would be there en masse at every UFO conference, every speech, and every UFO organization meeting to speak the truth of the bogusness in order to educate the masses before they are hooked by hype and hot air. How about public polygraphs and house to house searches for advanced optics when a hoaxer is suspect?

Sorry, I leaned back in my armchair and had a strange dream. I must wake up and read the rest of today's Updates posts. Then I can begin my research into what happened in Godijevo. I know nothing about Yugoslavian UFO groups or websites. If anyone has such information it would be great. I will be starting the quest to the truth of Godijevo.

I will be Slaving over my keyboard.

Have fun,

Josh

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 11:46:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:49:32 -0500

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

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>Your way of mentioning Quintanilla, for instance: Quintanilla,
>then 'Q'. A perspective which enhances the nature of the message
>you want to convey.

This actually conveys nothing because, in his manuscript, he pointed out that his friends never called him Hector. It was always Quint or Q. I adopted this because (a) it was easier to spell than his name and (b) Q was probably the most interesting of the characters on Star Trek: The Next Generation. Sometimes we read too much into things.

KRandle

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<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

UFOs SIGHTED BY MANY IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

"It was a crisp, clear January (2002) night, and 22-year-old Mathieu Robichaud was at the wheel of his Chevy Cavalier, his girlfriend next to him holding his hand, headed for the video store the next town over." "They were looking forward to a quiet Saturday night--just the two of them nestled together, watching movies back at the apartment they shared in the basement of her mother's house."

"The conversation between the two had fallen to silence. The familiarity of the road, the music on the radio and the tranquilizing hiss of the car heater had lulled them into a quiet comfort."

"Then... 'Jesus!' he exclaimed, 'What's that?'" "Two lights low in the sky."

"Jenny Laplante noticed them just at that moment, too. It's a plane, the 17-year-old high school student thought, and it's about to crash!

"But as they drove closer, the details became clearer--two lights morphed into four white lights--translucent, like lights spilling through a distant window. Smaller blue lights were set between the white." "There was no way, they thought, that this was an airplane. It wasn't the right shape, and it moved too slowly."

"Craning his neck to follow it as it approached, Mr. Robichaud also noticed white lights on the bottom. He quickly pulled into the nearest driveway and jumped out of the car."

"He figured it was only 15 metres (50 feet) above him. He couldn't see the body of it in the dark, but the arrangement of lights made it appear as if it was shaped like a diamond. It looked to be about twice the width of his car and four times the length."

"He was struck by the silence--the thing made no noise. He watched as it banked into a sharp turn over the house to his right and floated off toward a neighbouring thicket of forest."

"He jumped back into his car. His girlfriend was frightened, crying. He raced down the road, trying to follow it. He lost it

over the woods." "He remains convinced that what he saw that night at 9:30 p.m." near Inkerman, New Brunswick, Canada "was not an earthly invention but a spacecraft from another planet. A genuine alien-owned-and-operated Unidentified Flying Object."

"I'm sure it was," he says, driving the same two-lane stretch of mottled road weeks later. He is a confident young man, square of jaw, unassuming, earnest.

He earns his living outdoors, cutting back trees that encroach upon Hydro (Quebec power) lines. A black leather jacket hides the athletic build of his six-foot-plus (1.7 meter tall) frame. His hair is short and ink-black, his small eyes framed by small, metal-rimmed glasses."

"He has come without his girlfriend. She would like to forget it all. She went to bed that January night and dreamed about coming face-to-face with a big-headed alien with red eyes that chased her through a neighbour's yard." (Editor's Comment: Let's all hope that was only a dream!) "He is not alone. There have been more than 15 other reports of similar objects in the sky over this stretch of northern New Brunswick," about 200 miles (320 kilometers) northeast of Fredericton, the provincial capital, "making Inkerman, a fishing village of 900 souls on the Acadian Peninsula the new UFO capital of Canada."

"Like Mr. Robichaud, most folks who are reported to have witnessed a UFO in the skies above the village will not talk about it if their real identities are revealed. Either that or they flat-out refuse to discuss it." "'I don't want to talk about that,' briskly declared one witness when called at home."

"Those who weren't eyewitnesses themselves do not mind chatting about it."

"My brother saw it three months before Christmas (in September 2001--J.T.)," says Nicole Gagnon, a 27-year-old who works at the 30-bed nursing home in the village, "He saw it with two of his friends."

"A friend of hers also saw it, she says. It came in low and falling as if it were about to crash. 'It's strange,' Ms. Gagnon says, 'Very strange.'"

"Declared a New Brunswick newspaper in its dispatch on the Inkerman, N.B. sightings, 'If an extraterrestrial explorer wanted to check out the planet Earth without attracting a lot of attention, this is a pretty good place to do it.'"

"Indeed, the folks in the village--unfailingly polite and friendly--go about life without seeming to care for the reason behind their new notoriety. If this spacecraft has indeed been hovering in their area, it doesn't bother them. Their reaction is neither excited nor scornful. Life meanders along as usual."

"The UFO was supposed to have sailed right over Cyrus Robichaud's farm."

"It could be," says the 68-year-old (farmer), his face heavily creased, weathered by all those years working the (Canadian National) railway. "If I had seen it, I'd tell you the truth. But I didn't see it."

"A mother who lives the next farm over seems unfazed." "'I can't say I don't believe it,' she says, standing in the doorway of her well-kept farmhouse as three children do homework at the kitchen table. 'I can't say I believe it, either. I'll have to see it.'"

"The village started attracting attention after L'Acadie Nouvelle, the province's French language daily newspaper, wrote about the first eyewitness account. Others started coming forward, saying they had seen the same thing."

"Gaotane Caissie read the newspaper report and called over her 11-year-old daughter, Janick. 'That's what I saw,' the girl said."

Janick Caissie "was outside the hockey arena in Baie-Sainte-Anne," a fishing village on the south shore of New Brunswick's Miramichi Bay, "roughly 150 kilometers (90 miles)

south of Inkerman--with a girlfriend on (Sunday) January 13 (2002), the day after the first reported sighting. Their brothers were playing a bantam (hockey) game inside, their folks cheering from the bleachers."

"The girls were bored with the game and went outside to grab some fresh air. It was about 3:30 p.m. Janick noticed a black diamond-shaped craft in the sky. It looked bigger than a car. She watched it as it cleared the arena rooftop. It made no noise--she could not hear it." "The girls ran back to get their parents and convinced them to come outside. They made it out in time to see it sail out over the mouth of Miramichi Bay."

"I watched it until it disappeared," Ms. Caissie, a 41-year-old mom and part-time tree worker says from her home in Neguac, N.B., a coastal community roughly halfway between Baie-Sainte-Anne and Inkerman. "It was weird."

(See the Ottawa Citizen for February 24, 2002, "The X-Files come to Inkerman." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: Welcome to Canada, Front and Center Week at UFO Roundup. There's a lot of UFO activity in the USA's neighbor to the north.)

MYSTERIOUS FIREBALL PASSES OVER WINDSOR, ONTARIO

On Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at 8:02 p.m., "a large, bright, long-duration fireball with well-timed sonic booms occurred over southern Ontario" province in Canada.

"Reports have come in from three ground-based observers--two in Michigan (USA) and one in Ontario."

"The fireball was east of the Detroit (Michigan)/Windsor (Ontario) area and west of the RASC (Royal Astronomical Society of Canada) observer station at Fingal, Ont. The sonic boom delay puts a portion of the trajectory some 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Fingal.

This fireball was also reported by three separate commercial air flights." (Many thanks to Todd Lemire of Michigan UFO Central for this report.)

COUPLE SEES A BRIGHT UFO IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

UFOs have been seen in recent weeks in and around Houston, British Columbia, Canada (population 3,934), a town about 700 miles (1,120 kilometers) north of the seaport city of Vancouver.

The most recent sighting took place on Friday, February 22, 2002 around 9 p.m. Several witnesses watched a very 'large' bright white light break through the cloud cover and descend to just over treetop level. The light moved alongside the highway and right over the top of some of the witnesses.

One witness reported, "Earlier this year, on Hungry Hill, my wife and I were travelling from Smithers to Houston, heading west. Only ten minutes away, we saw what appeared to be a very large craft with very dim lights glowing from underneath. We watched it for a long time as we climbed Hungry Hill. We both agreed it could not be a plane."

"I remarked to my wife jokingly that the lights on the craft were so dim that he should hit the high-beams. Well, just then, the lights got super, super bright and the craft sped off."

"There were a lot of cars on the highway that night that must have seen it."

His wife "saw the craft again this year," adding that "it had flashing lights as well as the bright white lights. She thinks the (flashing) lights were red." (See Filer's Files #9 for February 27, 2002. Many thanks to Brian Vike and to George A. Filer, editor of Filer's Files for allowing UFO Roundup to publish this report.)

UFO SIGHTED AT KANGAROO CLIFFS, QUEENSLAND

On Monday, February 25, 2002, at 8 p.m., Randal F. "was being dropped home by some friends, who, incidentally, think that my interest in UFOs, etc. is ridiculous."

After the car pulled up at Randal's home on River Terrace in Kangaroo Cliffs, a suburb of Brisbane, the capital of Queensland state in Australia, he and his mates did some chatting. He reported, "We had stopped outside my home and were talking when Jenny, who was in the back seat, said, 'Look at that!'"

Jenny "pointed through the front window (windshield in the USA--J.T.) at about 75 degrees" above the horizon, he added, "I only got a glimpse of something moving very quickly to the west--really only a sense of movement. I asked what it was, and she said that it was 'a flat black triangle' and that it was wobbling and shot off when she pointed at it."

"Jenny kept saying, 'Wow! Wow!'"

"Later, at about 9:10 p.m., while lying in bed, I heard a military jet fly over from east to west. It was moving extremely fast, and my partner and I could hear a kind of low-pitched whistle preceding it. It is not a very common occurrence for military jets to fly over Brisbane except for when there are fireworks shows on the river. And I have not heard one fly at such a high speed." (Email Form Report)

UFOs AND BLACK HELICOPTERS SIGHTED IN COLOMBIA

South America's UFO flap continued last week with sightings of UFOs and black helicopters in Colombia, both north and south of Bogota, the national capital.

On Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., "several silver spherical UFOs were seen in the Tinjan district. According to these reports, the strange spheres were also seen over the Cerro Majuil (hill) in the locality of Suba. The spheres were seen by many people in the plain light of day."

The Tinjan region is about 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Bogota.

Black helicopters were also seen the same day in El Caguan, a rain forest on the eastern side of the Cordillera Oriental about 410 kilometers (246 miles) south of Bogota. This is the site of the Zona Rebelde of the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia or FARC--J.T.), which was reoccupied early last week by government troops loyal to President Andres Pastrana.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Colombian "Army generals Saturday (February 23, 2002) insisted they had the situation in the zone's main cities under control, but residents had plenty of reason to wonder. San Vicente and all of Caqueta province were still without power Sunday (February 24, 2002), days after rebels blew up a major electrical generating facility in Hulla."

"Military bombing of clandestine guerrilla airstrips and drug labs continued in the region's remote rural areas."

"Black military helicopters (my emphasis--J.T.) with helmeted machine gunners crisscrossed the region, but presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, who had decided to visit the former rebel zone, disappeared Saturday night, presumably taken at a FARC roadblock while driving toward San Vicente." (See the Chicago Tribune for February 25, 2002, "Fears rise in former rebel town," page 4; also USA Today for March 1, 2002, "Colombian military powers expanded," page 6A; and NotiOVNI for March 3, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz y William Chavez Ariza del Contacto OVNI para esas noticias.)

SILVER SPHERE UFOs RULE THE SKY IN MEXICO CITY

UFOs shaped like silver spheres dominated the skies over Mexico last week, with sightings in the states of Yucatan and Morelos and over Mexico City itself.

The flap began Monday evening, February 25, 2002, in Merida, capital of the Yucatan. "Various reports of UFO sightings were received by Mexican ufologist Ulises Trujillo at the offices to TV Azteca in Merida. Trujillo said that the flap, which affected all of southeastern Mexico, lasted two hours, and the reports came in continually. He hopes to gather photos and other evidence from the witnesses" in the Merida area.

On Thursday evening, February 28, 2002, "flight mechanics on duty at the airport in Cuernavaca," a large city in the state of Morelos located 45 kilometers (27 miles) south of Mexico City, "observed a strange object flying over the area of Tres Marias along the superhighway" Camino 95D, on the border between the Distrito Federal and the state of Morelos.

At 11 p.m. that same evening, "engineer Enrique Aguirre and another witness spotted 11 UFOs flying over Mexico City, adding to a growing list of sightings over the capital."

On Saturday, March 2, 2002, "an impressive formation of UFOs was captured by still and video cameras between 10:30 a.m. and 6:20 p.m. in the skies over Mexico City." "The first report came from ufologist Javier Guevara, who affirmed that he had captured video images of a large, strange, transparent tube with dark spheres in its interior."

(Editor's Comment: That's a new one. Some sort of alien UFO carrier, perhaps?)

"At 3:35 p.m., Pedro Avila, Ana Luisa Cid and Salvador Guerrero videotaped a very large silver sphere surrounded by others much smaller. They followed the UFO flotilla as it flew over several districts of Mexico City, such as El Centro, El Norte, Nordponiente and Oriente. During the same period, air controller Enrique Kolbeck confirmed the presence of a spherical UFO over Mexico City's International Airport."

"At 6:20 p.m., ufologist Ana Luisa Cid videotaped the overflight of other spherical silver UFOs over Cerro de los Tres Padres (hill) just north of Mexico City."

"The last sighting of the day came at Benito Juarez Airport where numerous people watched strange spheres perform maneuvers in the evening sky." (See NotiOVNI for March 3, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas noticias.)

From the UFO Files...

1954: SAUCERS RUN WILD IN AUSTRALIA

It all started at 5 a.m. on the morning of January 12, 1954. A group of aboriginal people were breaking camp in the Hart's Range, about 160 kilometers (100 miles) from Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia. As they watched the sunrise paint the eastern horizon a riot of bright colours, they heard a curious sound over the hum of the bullroarer.

"The Aborigines heard a strange whine coming from the east, from across the vast central Australian desert. Then, from under a cloud, came a screech and something streaked across the sky. The natives knew the sound of planes very well, and were sure it was not a plane. It startled them so that they rushed to the camp of an Australian prospector, Mark Mitchell, and woke him and his wife. It (was) the first time a saucer had been reported in this region."

The first time, to be sure, but not the last. In the days that followed, reports poured into "the Alice," descriptions of orange and green fireballs, strange white lights and silvery daylight discs.

On February 18, 1954, "a queer object streaked with a roar over Alice Springs, N.T. at 4:30 a.m. It was neither a jet nor any other type of terrestrial plane, says the Australian civil aviation traffic control."

The newspaper Centralian Advocate in late January 1954 published a photo "of a saucer, black, and over 150 feet (45 meters) in diameter, seen hovering over Mount Gillen. It whizzed off at terrific speed, and its size was enormous. The picture showed

the thing was circular in shape and had heavy veins running to the rim of the circumference."

From "the Alice," the UFO flap spread to Australia's Victoria state. "An extraordinary unknown object was seen high over the beach at St. Kilda," near Melbourne (state capital of Victoria--J.T.) "At 11 a.m., the same object, like a large sheet of aluminum, rocked from side to side and flashed in the sunshine. Each flash was accompanied by an enveloping purple halo. It did not seem to give off light of its own, emitted no vapor, and it looked like a big silver butterfly. Speed computed at 1,800 miles per hour (2,880 kilometers per hour); altitude (was) 30,000 feet (9,000 meters); and must have been over 300 feet (90 meters) wide."

In Hamilton, Vic., 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Melbourne, witnesses "reported sighting a dazzlingly bright orange thing, like a double saucer, the top one inverted. First seen at 9:45 p.m. It left a vapor trail lasting 20 minutes."

"An amazing object, like a large planet, moving swiftly vertically, then sideways (was) seen between 2:30 and 3:15 a.m. over Adelaide," the capital of South Australia state. The UFO was "yellow-white, shading to deep orange."

Next, a "man and wife (saw) a bright point of light circle the space ship (UFO) at high speed" over Adelaide, S.A.

"Two days earlier, a strange object with a corrugated top, seen flashing crimson lights (appeared) low on the horizon" in Sale, Vic., 120 kilometers (72 miles) east of Melbourne.

"At 7:40 p.m. the same day, February 10 (1954), pilot Booth in an Australian National Airways plane saw dead ahead, high in the sky, a very large unknown object moving erratically." Booth's Douglas DC-3 was over Jamestown, S.A., 160 kilometers (100 miles) north of Adelaide at the time. (See the book Flying Saucers Uncensored by Harold T. Wilkins, Citadel Press, New York, N.Y., 1955, pages 65 through 69.)

That's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Maccabee

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 20:35:17 -0000

>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 17:22:13 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>My, my. You've run headlong into the primary problem with
>>ufology.

>>You see, the first three letters of the word fundamental, as in
>>fundamental investigation, are f-u- n.

>>Yes, investigation should be "fun." However, investigation fun
>>doesn't occur without the first four letters of
>>fundamental.....

>Excellent point, and well put!

>By a fortuitous coincidence, I received a copy of 'UFO's And The
>Limits Of Science' by Ronald D. Story today.

>I note from chapter 7 'The New Zealand TV Film', that such
>illustrious scientists such as Dr. Hynek, Dr. Sturrock, Dr.
>Haines, Dr. Levin and electronics specialist Neil Davies concur
>with your view that the film depicts 'something unusual'.
>Coupled with my own research at the Jodrell Bank archive (a
>remark in the report from there stated "Astronomical phenomena
>do not satisfy the available data. Atmospheric phenomena, such
>as ball lightning, would be worth further exploration.")
>satisfies me that this case is justifiably not explainable by
>current scientific knowledge.

>So, I think that we almost have the starting point that you
>suggested, a case that "at least one, well reported, credible
>sighting" defies explanation. I do however have doubts as to
>whether it represents "a description that defies explanation in
>terms of a "natural" - read that as "unintelligent" -
>phenomenon".

Well, you are free to propose some unknown natural, read that
unintelligent, phenomenon that could account for extremely
bright light sources (objects) which move around, flash colors,
etc. Of course, I realize there is a problem here: it is unknown
and so you have to explain one unknown (UFO) with another
(unknown natural phenomenon).

Hmmmmmm... horns of a dilemma anyone? At least, if the horn is
hollow you can use it as a cup for some Gripple... or Tiger, as
the case may be. Is a horn of a dilemma actually a cornucopia?
(linguists take note) After all, there are a lot of dilemmas out
there

>So where does that leave us?

>We have a case that I believe few will dispute in terms of data
>quality or scientific review that demonstrates a phenomenon
>unknown to current science. It still does not prove the ETH, and
>material benefits of further study are undetermined.

Hey, did the best I can considering the requirements (radar, visual, with movies thrown in and even audio tapes for good measure). Perhaps the first thing to do would be to specify what is the minimum needed to prove ETH and then search for a case that fits. How about strange shape along with multiple witness? Try the Rogue River case at my web site.

<snip>

>These are only a few practical steps which could lead us towards
>scientific and public recognition, and eventually, investment in
>the research of the topic. It won't happen overnight, but each
>of us can contribute towards these goals.

Ho,hum... no disrespect for your well considered thoughts above... its just like, where have we heard this before? What you have stated above could have been stated in the same sort of language by NICAP or APRO investigators 40 years ago.

It's like, nothing ever changes.

It would change if universities were to offer a course in ufology... after defining ufology, of course. Or if some public institutions, or even private institutions, pumped some real \$\$\$ into the field to attract capable people, and then to weed out the incapable

>We only need to be aware of what the goals are, and work
>together towards achieving them.

Yeah, I'm for that. Uh... what are our goals?

>My beer has run out, so I am signing off now, looking forward
>to any constructive responses to the thread,

A worthy goal.

>Joe McGonagle

>PS - I can thoroughly recommend Tiger beer as a substitute for
>Gripple!

If I recall correctly, when I was in NZ in 1979 with cameraman David Crockett we were knocking down a few bottles of Lion(?) Beer.

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Kelly

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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:14:48 -0500
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>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 10:58:17 +1100

>>Given what we know about radar, won't it be safe to assume that
>>a craft using a magnetic field to propel itself would be harder
>>to pick up on radar than, say than a normal aircraft with out a
>>magnetic field around it?

>(a) what makes you think that a large flying craft can "propel
>itself" using a magnetic field?

It has already been proven that a magnetic field can be used to propel a craft, simple tests of this have been done by all manner of people, from government funded to the backyard inventors. The large amounts of power needed and the fact that humans and magnetic fields don't get along are or seem to be the main reason why it isn't used. Once a smaller more powerful power unit is invented, I dare say deep space probes will be using magnetic fields to propel them along.

>(b) Microwaves (eg radar waves) are unaffected by the presence
>of a static magnetic field - and an oscillating magnetic field
>>would only have some effect if it were tuned to the same
>frequency (in which case it would cause some interference -
>depending on its relative strength as compared with the radar
>beam).

Ok Thank you for that.

>>I asking this as it just accrued to me while reading these
>>listings that the US was spending a lot of research time and
>>money on using magnetic fields to hide Naval ships.

>This was simply degoussing of the hull - to eliminate the
>residual magnetism that triggered some types of explosive
>underwater mine. It didn't (and couldn't) make the ships
>"invisible".

As is my understanding, the experiments were not to make the ship invisible to the naked eye, but invisible on Radar. My understanding is the experiments were stopped because the magnetic fields were sending male crew members insane and sterile.

The Vietnamese Army also used trucks with large magnetic fields around them to trigger land mines, they also found it sent males insane, so they started using women to drive the trucks. Females don't seem to be as badly affected. Perhaps this is due to the amount of iron in the body, which is higher in males. Also I understand it has something to do with the males testis, but females who were exposed for long periods did become sterile.

>You may have a degoussing button on your computer monitor - if
>you press it regularly it will stop you from getting blown up...
>;-)

>>So doesn't this mean that a craft with a magnetic field
>>around it would be harder for radar to pick up?

>No.

No, isn't much of an answer here plus you said above that "an oscillating magnetic field would only have some effect if it were tuned to the same frequency (in which case it would cause some interference -depending on its relative strength as compared with the radar beam)."

Anyhoo, the US Navy did have some success with making a ship invisible to radar, if it wasn't for the fact it sent so many of the crew mad and/or sterile, I dare say it would be standard equipment on US vessels today. So do you have records or results that shows the US experiments were a total failure David? and by failure I mean that the magnetic fields didn't hide the ship from radar and not the fact the experiments were merely dropped.

Chris (Tophar)

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Subject: Two From The Hopkins Files On SDI Tonight

Hi All,

Tonight, on 'Strange Days... Indeed', Errol and I will be talking with Debbie Jordan-Kauble of 'Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods', by Budd Hopkins.

I have often cited Debbie's case on this List as being one of the more compelling UFO abduction cases on record. It involves multiple witnesses, multiple participants, and UFO ground trace evidence that was tested by an independent lab and found to have been altered in a highly unusual fashion. I'm certain that Debbie will add to the list of evidence I have just given you that is connected to her case.

Anyone interested in speaking with either Debbie or myself are cordially invited to phone in during the program. It will also be a terrific opportunity to ask direct questions of two of Budd Hopkins' case studies/abductees. In addition to discussing the details of our own individual cases, we hope to talk a little about our experiences with Budd in his investigator role.

Debbie doesn't make very many public appearances, so this is a golden opportunity to speak with her 'live'. Whether 'fer or agin' the whole concept of ET/UFO abduction, we hope to hear from some of you during the broadcast.

Call: 416-872-1010 to ask questions or to comment.

Strange Days... Indeed airs at 10 pm Eastern Standard Time

WebCast at:

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

Both Debbie and myself look forward to spending time with you. It is for you that we do it at all. Take advantage of the opportunity, listen in or call in and participate. :)

Regards,

John Velez,
Contributing Editor
Strange Days... Indeed
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Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia -

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>Subject: Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 11:56:10 -0500
>>Subject: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

>>Source: Ananova

>>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_538533.html

>>Hundreds report UFO sighting in Yugoslavia

>>Authorities are investigating after hundreds of people in a
>>Montenegrin village reported seeing a cluster of giant UFOs.

>>People in Godijevo say they rushed out of their homes after
>>hearing a series of loud blasts and saw huge illuminated objects
>>seemingly hovering overhead.

<snip>

>>Officials [...] have been unable to offer an
>explanation so far.

<snip>

>Hi Kelly,

>Thanks for posting this report. There is something about it that
>causes me to want to look into it a bit further to discern the
>quality of this event. Who reported this, what quantity and what
>quality of witnesses, etc. Did they see objects? I want to read
>the reports, something is pulling on me..

>Once I read this story I felt a calling to take a journey. As
>some of you know, I migrated from California to Berlin, Germany
>(brrr) two years ago to put together a musical project. It is
>ready to launch large next month and demands a lot of time. But
>I feel this inner calling. I haven't done any in the field UFO
>research for some time. If anyone is badly looking for a
>discount Yugo I may be able to help you out.

Don't try to sell it in California.

>Some would say it is the call to get closer to God because since
>I saw the name Godijevo for the first ever time today I have
>felt illuminated...

[burp!]

Have you been hitting the 'transcendental medication' again? You
need some good artichoke soup, San Francisco bread and Dutch
beer.

My sister (devout christian, an 'evangelical Catholic whatever

that may be) travelled to some other gorje (Medjugorji rings a bell) to share in the miraculous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary or BVM for short.

The results were rather disappointing I hear, but there were some neat rainbows and stuff.

As for ufology in Eastern Europe, I am highly suspicious of any report coming from East of the 30th meridian. An seemingly interesting report weaves almost seamlessly into accounts of telepathing pre-teens, 5 legged goats etc.

You think you have something, and it turns to (never mind).

Frankly, I view this as a natural reaction to the former communist thought-police who rigidly dictated what people could discuss, or even believe.

Serves them right of course, but it does no good for an honest factual assessment of UFO matters.

Fueling the BS factor is every little entrepreneur who ever crawled from under a rock, to fill the psychic demands of peoples who cannot afford a ticket to the bible belt.

Nobody (not me anyhow) can peer into the mind of a truly alien intelligence, assuming they are here. Still [burp!] its fun to speculate on a slow nite.

R2D2: Lets steal some electrical power from that nuclear generating station over there!

R2D1: Nahh, our dilithium crystals are all charged.

R2D2: OK, lets put on a light show over Phoenix,AZ!

R2D1: You are being childish.

R2D2: Well then, how about a religious miracle or two. I'm getting bored.

R2D1" Well, OK. But stop sending the BVM into Islamic countries. They don't treat her properly.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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The Ministry Of Defence & UFOs

This presentation will preview our research into the British Government's investigations into UFO phenomena from 1941 through the Cold War. Exclusives include: the first genuine documentary evidence of 'foo-fighter' and 'ghost rocket' studies by the British Air Ministry.

This will be the first time that the truth behind the hitherto secret MoD's 'Flying Saucer Working Party' will be revealed in public. We will also give details of a dramatic RAF radar-visual UFO encounter from 1952, which has remained 'above top secret' for half a century, including the only occasion 'flying saucers' have been entered in a pilot's logbook.

BBC Radio 4, Thursday, 25 April, 8-8.30pm

Cold War UFOs: Royal Air Force crews speak out.

This ground-breaking documentary has been built around recently conducted interviews with retired RAF and Royal Navy personnel who have broken decades of silence to discuss their baffling UFO encounters in public.

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Out Of The Shadows: UFOs, The Establishment And The Official Cover-up

Published by Piatkus Books - London
23 May 2002

This book exposes for the first time the truth about official investigations into the UFO phenomenon. Following years of painstaking research we produce previously secret MoD files and the direct testimony of hitherto silent aircrew and witnesses. The evidence demonstrates that the MoD, politicians, high ranking scientists and even the British Royal Family believed in UFOs, investigated them and found compelling evidence for their existence.

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*The amazing account of a USAF pilot ordered to "shoot down" a UFO intercepted over Britain in 1957.

These are just a tiny portion of the revelations to be found in the pages of Out of the Shadows. In the words of retired RAF test pilots, Wing Commanders Stan Hubbard and Frank Jolliffe:

"Our thanks, and that of the public at large, are due to David Clarke and Andy Roberts for bringing the subject of unidentified aerospace phenomena into the public view and for publicising the grossly ill-judged official policies that have kept it cloaked in the strictest secrecy for so many years. It is indeed high time the public learned the truth about this subject."

Anyone who requires further information about the above projects can contact the authors at aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk or visit:

<http://www.flyingsaucery.com>

Andy Roberts & Dave Clarke

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Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 07:56:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:38:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

>Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 23:01:04 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

>>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 11:56:10 -0500
>>Subject: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

<snip>

>Hi Kelly,

>Thanks for posting this report. There is something about it that
>causes me to want to look into it a bit further to discern the
>quality of this event. Who reported this, what quantity and what
>quality of witnesses, etc. Did they see objects? I want to read
>the reports, something is pulling on me..

<snip>

Dear Josh,

The mechanics of reality and belief structures are at question here. What works for one person, doesn't necessarily work for another person. What you personally know and accept on a sub-conscious level is not necessarily what you espouse socially and on a conscious level. This is how personal conflicts arise and are possibly dealt with. What is important is the fact that we try to resolve what we can and store the rest of what we know for later debate or resolution. You do not have to believe in God to believe in UFOs. So, use another reason to get closer to what you want to believe.

There are women and men from all walks of life, from around the world, from all religions and philosophies, all of whom basically tell the same 'stories' about UFOs. Are those tales just stories? Can everyone be coloured by the history of an evolving factor of the human condition? While most of us do know something about UFOs in general, it does not mean to say that we should conform to the standard database in our own personal experiences. Let me assure you that the UFOs I encountered during my own personal experiences were 'knock-on-wood' hard and real objects. There was nothing to believe in the face of reality as I experienced it. So, I won't tell you what I believe, for my own personal reasons.

Take care, for now,

Cathy

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Re: Who Owns This Site? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 04:56:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:40:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Owns This Site? - Hatch

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Who Owns This Site?
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 17:55:38 -0000

>Hi All,

>Does anyone on updates, know who runs this site?

><http://www.stateoftheheart.nl/phenomenon/index2.html>

>I only ask, as they have put 15 articles from my site on to
>theirs, I have e-mailed them but have had no response as of yet.

>Any help would be appreciated.

Hello Roy!

Imitation! It's the sincerest form of Strawberry Waffles I say.

I found 2 or 3 Christian sites using my UFO maps for various purposes, mostly having to do with the spirit world of course.

I kindly asked them, by name, to cease and continue with proper credits. One complied, the other vanished in a most spiritual way.

Let me know if I might be of assistance. [burp!]

You might be surprised.

Best wishes:

- Larry Hatch

PS: Just spell my name properly.

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 08:19:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:43:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Kaeser

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 16:33:10 -0400

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

><snip>

>>Albert's essay was interesting, and provides a new perspective, it
>>really does nothing to alter my impression of Q's manuscript and what
>>it really means. I still find it filled with venom and hate.

>I read the Q manuscript a few months back and had the same
>reaction Kevin did. I can't see why anybody would want to
>publish it, nor why his son(??) would want it out. He comes off
>very badly. I have heard Bill Weitzel's tape of Q's attempts to
>convince the police from , Ohio, that they chased Venus.
>Pathetic.

>Perhaps I should add that Major Friend, who preceded Q by a few
>years, was Black. Neither could, in those times, be expected to
>be a boat rocker. Strangely Allen Hynek, by his very nature as
>of Czechoslovakian background, would also not be expected to be
>a boat rocker.

The Bill Weitzel audio tape mentioned below it may still be available through the Fund for UFO Research. The quality of the recording is not great, since this was really a tape recorder simply left on in the room where the long discussion took place. But, as noted by Stanton, it clearly shows Q's attempt to force the testimony toward a mundane explanation. In case it isn't clear, this audio tape relates to Q's investigation into the Portage Co., Ohio UFO chase by police.

I'll check on availability if there is interest.

Steve

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 09:31:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:48:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Friedman

>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 16:24:12 -0000

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 23:21:33 -500
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

<snip>

>'Atmosphere or UFO? A Response to the 1997 SSE
>Review Panel Report'
>Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 421-459, 1999
>0892-3310/99
>from which I quote, if I may, re the Swiss radar track March 8 1995:

>[Quote]
>The radar system has operating "rules" or protocols which
>determine which objects are to be continually tracked or
>registered on the display and which are to be ignored. After a
>few detections the system automatically rejects objects that are
>above some altitude, that travel faster than some speed, that
>change di-rection often (erratic) or that have some other
>characteristics (some classified). The system dropped the track
>of this object from its registry of tar-gets after the fourth
>recorded position. Exactly why the system dropped this target
>cannot now be determined. However, it probably dropped the
>target be-cause its speed and altitude put it out of the range
>of ordinary aircraft.
>[End quotel]

>I want to say something about this particular case in another
>post. All for now.

A key point with regard to tracking of UFOs by military and
other sophisticated radar systems (ADC etc) is that the data on
uncorrelated targets is generally born classified.

Years ago Bill Moore requested (FOIA) un-correlated targets from
ADC for a several month period. Search fees were requested of
over \$100,000.

No press releases are sent out announcing either the picking up
of un-correlated targets nor the scrambling of jets out after
them.

Similarly, data from space borne systems is born classified.

Some of the whited out NSA documents finally released about UFOs
indicate the US was also intercepting Soviet radar tracking of
UFOs. One or two lines per page were not whited out of the 156
documents finally released. The silly excuse for withholding was
"sources and methods"..95%????

Stan Friedman

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 11:43:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:51:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 22:55:51 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:49:32 -0500

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

><snip>

>>Your way of mentioning Quintanilla, for instance: Quintanilla,
>>then 'Q'. A perspective which enhances the nature of the message
>>you want to convey.

>This actually conveys nothing because, in his manuscript, he
>pointed out that his friends never called him Hector. It was
>always Quint or Q. I adopted this because (a) it was easier to
>spell than his name and (b) Q was probably the most interesting
>of the characters on Star Trek: The Next Generation. Sometimes
>we read too much into things.

Indeed! <g>

...and Data was the most interesting... imco...in that it
shamelessly found so much to admire and ultimately aspire to in
even a flawed humankind. Q, on the other hand, was the ultimate
power corrupted absolutely (likely fearful of our continuing
advancement?) and the prosecutor of our narrowly defined flaws.
Moreover, Q, like anything that doesn't have to obey any rules,
was ultimately pretty boring, I'm thinking...

He came in pretty handy if you wanted to make a quick getaway
from the Borg... but he was like a cheat code in a first person
shooter... or something a lazy writer would use when a more
creative plotline failed to suggest itself... No Data was a lot
more interesting, forgetting that it was the only one to roger
that deliciously dangerous Lieutenant Natasha Yar... mmmm-mm!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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www.larryhatch.net Hit Counts?

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 03:01:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 13:54:53 -0500
Subject: www.larryhatch.net Hit Counts?

Hello all:

Sorry to bother you with this, but I'm just curious.

Hit counts at my website:

<http://www.larryhatch.net>

...doubled for a couple of days, then dropped right back to the usual 50-70 visits per day.

I keep daily stats because I really like people to see the maps and stuff, or I would not have noticed.

My question is: can anybody suggest a reason for this 2-day wonder? Has anyone heard special mention of my website on the radio or something?

Please respond privately if possible ..

<curious@larryhatch.net>

Best wishes

- Larry

[Search Engine/s 'crawling' your site? --ebk]

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 14:00:28 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 14:39:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Randle

Alfred, Jim, List, All -

First, Alfred, sorry about the Albert thing but that was my Grandfather's name and I typed it in without thinking.

Second, I don't believe I was taking you to task for defending Q because I didn't see it as a defense, but rather as an attempt to put into perspective his point of view. I was suggesting that I didn't believe that his ethnic or racial background would produce his obvious dislike for Hynek, McDonald and those who belong to the "hobby" clubs.

You suggested that this hard background might have made him more than a little rigid in his thinking, but I would point out that there might be other factors. He was neither rated (Yes, Alfred I know that you know what this is, but for others, it means that he was not an aircrewman) nor was he a graduate of a service academy. At promotion time, both these facts would have weighed against him, though I was told, repeatedly that neither would be a disqualification to flag rank... however, how many Air Force generals have you seen who have no wings.

All this means, I guess, that not only would his ethnic background be working against him, but so would his education and his status in the Air Force. In today's world, it is rare to find a field grade officer who doesn't hold an advanced degree.

On the other hand, thinking about it more, I can certainly see where those of us who disagreed with him certainly might have annoyed him. But I also think that most of us understand that we can disagree with each other without seeing all kinds of nefarious plots in the background. Most of the time we argue the points rather than the personalities (yes, I know that sometimes our discussions do degenerate into basic name calling) but Q seemed to be attacking the people, rather than their opinions.

Finally, as I mentioned to Serge, I originally wondered if I was seeing something in the manuscript because of my pro-UFO bias. If I understand you and Serge correctly, you are not arguing with my analysis of the manuscript, just pointing out reasons why Q might have acted the way he did. So, my point is that his analysis was one-sided, biased, and self-protecting. He was right and the rest of us were wrong, regardless of the evidence.

I was looking at the manuscript and reading the words there, seeing only the bias behind them. Both you and Serge were suggesting reasons why there was that bias, and I found both theories interesting, and probably filled with more than a little truth.

KRandle

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Re: Who Owns This Site? - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 15:08:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 16:22:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Owns This Site? - Felder

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Who Owns This Site?
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 17:55:38 -0000

>Hi All,

>Does anyone on updates, know who runs this site?

><http://www.stateoftheheart.nl/phenomenon/index2.html>

This is what I found, Roy:

Domain name:
stateoftheheart.nl (first domain)

Organisation:
State of the Art
Otto Eerelmanstraat 1 a
9712 JZ GRONINGEN

Administrative Contact:
W. Stienstra
Phone: +31 50 3165920
E-mail: postmaster@stateoftheheart.nl

Technical Contact:
H. Dam
Phone: +31 513 646027
E-mail: postmaster@informat.nl

Registrar:
Grafix Internet B.V. /p
St. Jorisplein 42
2981 GC RIDDERKERK

Hope that helps

Bobbie

"The level of civilization of a people can be judged by the social position of its women." - Domingo Sarmiento

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Bobbie "Jilain" Felder
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---> USA
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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 14:19:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 16:52:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Stacy

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 14:00:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Alfred, Jim, List, All -

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>I didn't believe that his ethnic or racial background would
>produce his obvious dislike for Hynek, McDonald and those who
>belong to the "hobby" clubs.

<snip>

Kevin, List, All -

My quick two cents...

I'm not sure that one has to soul-search too much in order to
account for Quintanilla's reservations re Hynek et al.

Given the times, and reading between the lines, it seems to me
to be a classic example of a clash between military and civilian
cultures.

The two parties simply did not understand/trust each other at the
time, which is not to necessarily say they do now.

It doesn't take too much imagination to fill in the blanks. Q
was a career officer who would've viewed Hynek and others as
egoistic and undisciplined at best. By egoistic here, I mean an
individual as opposed to a team player. Heck, Hynek could even
grow a beard and smoke a pipe. In short, Q couldn't control
Hynek. And from his perspective he was always having to clean up
after Hynek's public statements, the ruckus following the
latter's swamp gas statements no doubt being the most
pronounced.

And of course this street would've run both ways. Hynek no
doubt looked down his nostrils at Q, too, viewing (and no doubt
treating) him as a mindless cog or role player in some vast
wheel or play, the epitome of a company man in its derogatory
sense. (Its military meaning, of course, would've been exactly
the opposite.)

Or maybe I missed something?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 23:04:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 09:42:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - McGonagle

>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 00:33:33 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

Hello Bruce, list,

The tiger is now back in the cage! (at least, some of them are...).

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 20:35:17 -0000
>
>>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 17:22:13 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Well, you are free to propose some unknown natural, read that
>unintelligent, phenomenon that could account for extremely
>bright light sources (objects) which move around, flash colors,
>etc. Of course, I realize there is a problem here: it is unknown
>and so you have to explain one unknown (UFO) with another
>(unknown natural phenomenon).

Semantics are a little convoluted here - it is my contention that whatever caused the sighting is unknown-that means I don't know if it was a mechanical craft, bizarre meteorological phenomenon, bizarre terrestrial lifeform or whatever. In my way of thinking, I am not substituting a known (mechanical craft) for an unknown (anything else that I don't immediately recognise) because I haven't decided what it is in the first place. I do agree that it is something that science currently has no direct knowledge of.

I expect that you are familiar with the work going on at Hessdahlen, where a phenomenon that exhibits at least some of the traits that you described above is being studied? The indications so far appear to suggest to me that the Hessdahlen phenomenon is a natural one. If anyone on the list is not familiar with the project, I recommend that you visit:

http://www.hessdalen.org/index_e.shtml

<snip>

>Hey, did the best I can considering the requirements (radar, >visual, with movies thrown in and even audio tapes for good >measure). Perhaps the first thing to do would be to specify >what is the minimum needed to prove ETH and then search for a >case that fits. How about strange shape along with multiple >witness? Try the Rogue River case at my web site.

None of my remarks were intended to impugn your quality of

research, I am unable to fault it from what I know of it, and I am suitably impressed! I disagree with your conclusion though, to the extent that I don't accept that it demonstrates a "description that defies explanation in terms of a "natural" - read that as "unintelligent" - phenomenon".

I will try to view the Rogue River article, when I can, thankyou.

><snip>

>>These are only a few practical steps which could lead us towards scientific and public recognition, and eventually, investment in the research of the topic. It won't happen overnight, but each of us can contribute towards these goals.

>Ho, hum... no disrespect for your well considered thoughts above... its just like, where have we heard this before? What you have stated above could have been stated in the same sort of language by NICAP or APRO investigators 40 years ago.

>It's like, nothing ever changes.

This is what I understand to be the point of the thread-nothing has changed, in spite of admirable efforts such as yours. ufology must change from the inside, in my view, and if it happens at all, it will be a gradual process.

>It would change if universities were to offer a course in ufology... after defining ufology, of course. Or if some public institutions, or even private institutions, pumped some real \$\$\$ into the field to attract capable people, and then to weed out the incapable

I think one of the reasons for Universities avoiding the topic is the stigma associated with it due to all the political in-fighting, extreme views, and effective disarray that ufology is in. There have been some attempts to formalise education in the field, one such example (in the UK) can be found at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/ufocourses.html>

The article is quite old, and I'm not sure if it is still valid. I did try at one time to contact the course organisers, but got no response.

Other than that, various UFO groups operate their own accreditation schemes. There are several in the UK, most of them based on a course developed by Jenny Randles for BUFORA, the ironic part is that the various groups seem to be competing with each other, making minor alterations to the syllabus, and some of them including areas such as poltergeists in the curriculum. I am trying to develop an impartial course through ufologyinuk, to be available on-line and at minimal cost, but there is a lot more work do be done before it becomes available, and time is as always the enemy.

>>We only need to be aware of what the goals are, and work together towards achieving them.

>Yeah, I'm for that. Uh... what are our goals?

In summary, "to establish the cause(s) attributable the phenomena known commonly as Unidentified Flying objects (UFOs)". Not, as many seem to wish "to establish that the phenomena known commonly as Unidentified Flying objects (UFOs) are attributable to Extra-Terrestrial visitation by entities from another planet in our universe".

I suppose that the statements above are mission statements, as opposed to goals. Goals would need to be defined as steps towards completing the mission, and they require detailed definition, beyond the scope of this already quite long post.

>>My beer has run out, so I am signing off now, looking forward to any constructive responses to the thread,

>A worthy goal.

>>Joe McGonagle

>>PS - I can thoroughly recommend Tiger beer as a substitute for
>>Gripple!

>If I recall correctly, when I was in NZ in 1979 with cameraman
>David Crockett we were knocking down a few bottles of Lion(?)
>Beer.

(Does anyone know where I can get Giraffe or Elephant beer in
the UK?)

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Bolton

From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 23:46:27 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 09:45:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Bolton

>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 19:40:51 -0000

>>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 21:55:34 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>However, out of all this, the RAF decided to release a tale
>>about jets chasing a UFO over Suffolk.

Hi Martin,

Dave Clarke has already put me right on this one (off List) - in that (as you point out) the RAF did not "release" anything, and initial accounts came from a USAF AT controller who wrote to the Condon project.

>This one slipped by me before, but you should be aware that Andy >Roberts and Paul Fuller showed me evidence last year that the U2 >detachment had been relocated to Germany long before the date of >the Lakenheath events in August. The CIA website confirms this, >and what I consider to be expert opinion says that all spares, >personnel, and logistical support had in all likelihood gone >with them.

I agree that the mission base had been relocated in June - but as to simultaneous relocation of maintenance and overhaul facilities, I'm not so sure. The move was for political reasons, and as political views swing around with the prevailing wind there may not have been a need to rush into a full scale logistical move until after events had stabilised.

>There's no evidence that the planes (there were at >least two with Det A) were returned to Lakenheath at all. Turkey >was "where it's at" at this time.

As I understand it, a variety of airfields were used in the conducting of overflights, so that the planes could "land out" and not have to return to the same base after every flight. Airfields in Pakistan & Norway were certainly used, as well as those in Turkey & Germany. In addition, tanker planes from various sites would rendezvous with the flights outside the borders of the eastern bloc - and, although these would be easier to pass-off as non-covert air movements, there would still have been a will to keep questions about tanker flights to a minimum. However, its not exactly inconceivable that overflights could still have taken place between, say, Turkey & the UK during the time when Lakenheath was supposedly "off limits". In this case, there would have been even greater incentive to restrict knowledge of the flights. (but, of course, this puts the matter into the realms of conjecture).

>This doesn't mean that SAC >Lakenheath wasn't sensitized to perceived overflight threats, of >course, as I argued back in 1986; but it does probably mean that >the *hands-on* CIA presence which I used to believe was >suggested by the U2 deployment did not remain a factor there in

>August '56.

However, there is also the possibility that, by August, the first RB- 57D aircraft were visiting Lakenheath - these being SAC's answer to the CIA operated U2. These, too, were being used for overflights in Soviet airspace - and were definitely being used for such by early December of 1956.

I'm sure there's a lot more to come out of this - none of it may be ufologically related - but, then again, some just might be :-)

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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 09:47:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Bolton

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 18:17:03 +1100

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>>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 20:52:01 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>(a) what makes you think that a large flying craft can "propel
>>itself" using a magnetic field?

>It has already been proven that a magnetic field can be used to
>propel a craft, simple tests of this have been done by all
>manner of people, from government funded to the backyard
>inventors.

Magev - yes. Linear Induction Motor drives - yes. But these are
driving a vehicle by reacting fields against eddy current fields
in metal track. A magnetic field has no "propulsive" effects in
free space.

Can you give any instances of "free space" magnetic drives?

>The Vietnamese Army also used trucks with large magnetic fields
>around them to trigger land mines,

Similar techniques are still used today - by all armies.

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1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 22:10:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 09:51:45 -0500
Subject: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report

Enclosed below is an interesting 1973 UFO sighting recently reported through Email. This person gave permission for me to copy the report along for others to review and his name has been omitted from the report for privacy purposes.....

-- KY

I have had a UFO Story that I have only told a handful of friends over the years. I have always been curious to know if what I am about to tell you has ever been collaborated by any other person. Since your interest is in this field, you might have seen or heard a story from another that would collaborate the troy I am about to tell you.

In about 1972 or 3, I honestly cannot remember the exact date, but I know where I was that night. I was a student at Memphis State (Now University of Memphis) and I was being tutored by my friend who was a math whiz and was getting ready for a Trigonometry test.

We always met at my girlfriends home and her mother let us stay in their kitchen and study sometimes until 11 or 12 midnight. My memory of this and the surrounding events is still as vivid today as the night it happened, so I know it is not some kind of illusion or hoax. I do not care about receiving any attention on this subject and my inquiry is purely based on curiosity and to see if any one else saw this UFO. Here is what happened.

I was traveling East on Southern Ave. which parallels a large through way called Poplar Avenue. Looking east down Poplar any one can see the Clark Towers which is about 36 stories high. I was traveling about 35 MPH and out of the blue a big black thing moved from a northwest to southeast motion behind the Clarke Tower. I immediately tried to put a label on what I had just seen, I thought it to be something like the Goodyear blimp or an aircraft, but it was only going about as fast as a blimp. I thought, Gee where is that thing going, because it was flying about 360 feet above the ground and the Memphis airport was miles over my right-hand shoulder to the Southwest.

Then I lost sight of it for only about 3 or 4 seconds, and then it headed west toward me, but straight down Poplar Avenue. I began to slow in my car and rolled the window down and again tried to put a logical appraisal of what it was. I now thought it was a police helicopter and as any 21 or 22 year old would think, maybe they are going to catch some bad guys! Well, that thought was changed as this big black craft got closer and was now at about 200 feet and came to a halt on Poplar Avenue now about 3 hundred yards west of Clarke Towers. It had no running lights like a plane or helicopter and it made no sound. It sat there stopped in mid air, making no sound. This thing looked a bit longer than a cold black Greyhound bus, except it was the proverbial cigar shape with a rounded cone nose and seemingly a rounded rear section and the fuselage was somewhat flat on the bottom, but shaped like the fuselage of a large jet, sort of oval. It had no wings or fins that I could see. I was about 100 yards from it now and I was stopped in the middle of Southern

Avenue.

It sat there for about five or six seconds, I had rolled to a virtual stop by that time and my drivers side window was down. All of a sudden, what looked like a trap door beneath the craft opened and this bright light approximately three feet in diameter popped on. This was a bright pure white cylinder or column of light that had the same intensity of brilliance from top to bottom (Like a white laser light). The light seemed to shine down on the street of Poplar Avenue and move around a little like you would move a flash light around if you were looking on the ground below you for something. I would say that this light panned around for about 7 or 8 seconds. Then the light went out and I could see the trap door close underneath the craft.

Now here is the really unbelievable part. As soon as the trap door closed, the craft moved into a northwest heading and aimed slightly upward with its nose lifted maybe about 5 degrees. It seems to lunge forward a little and then it was as if it hit the 500 miles an hour immediately and it was gone! It took off like something you have never seen. It would be like a Harrier jump jet sitting there and instead of taking off relatively slowly from a hover, this craft shot off like something I cannot describe, it went from 0 to 500 (I am estimating) MPH like right now! Gone! Into the dark night sky.

I was somewhat stunned, and still trying to put some logical, normal, explanation on this. I had returned from Vietnam only about one and a half years before this. I was in an Air Cavalry unit and was very familiar with helicopters and had been around other planes, from the F-4, Spads, and OV-10 observation aircraft, so I was very familiar with all kinds of aircraft and this did not fit in ANY normal thing that I had ever seen.

I went home and my older sister was still up and I told her about it. The most memorable thing she asked me was, "What kind of sound did it make?" I then realized that I had listened, I had rolled my window down, I had seen this, I had attempted to analyze it, and until then did I realize that it made no sound! I didn't even think about the sound at the time because I was just trying to figure out what the hell I was seeing, and until she asked me that question, it hit me like a dream returned, it made no sound, even when it took off. Now that seems to be a physical impossibility, but this entire story is the truth.

If you have ever heard of anyone who say something that could be a very similar experience, please email me. I am a 52 year old successful business man and father of two college degreed sons, I am not some kind of crack pot I assure you. I would just like to know if anyone around the country has ever seen something like this. I went for years and as I said above, I only told only my best friends and I have received a couple of stories back that sure sounded plausible. You see, when someone describes things in very much detail and I can see their facial expressions and attempt to be as accurate as possible, I believe them. Just saying you have seen a UFO doesn't mean anything. The people who have seen these things can recall almost every detail of the experience in detail and always tell the same story. They add things like where they were, who there were with, how old they were, what grade they were in and so forth. You can tell that it truly is a memory that they have, well that is true with this story, it is a memory in detail that I will never forget.

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Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:26:32 -0500
Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?

Continuing my investigations about early abductions, I would like to clarify several points in the case of Barney and Betty Hill. Can anybody help?

Always trying to obtain the more primary sources, I wonder... has anybody got a copy of Betty's anotations about her nightmares? A detailed comparison with the later hypnotic sessions (who kept the tapes?) would be very useful.

In a letter to Dr. Patrick J. Quirke (psychiatrist) dated March 12, 1962 Betty enclosed an issue of the NICAP bulletin where their case was presented - 'The Interrupted Journey' p. 98, - Spanish edition. It should be the very first public mention of it. Can anybody send me a copy?

Several references - the last the article by her niece in the MUFON UFO Journal 401 - mention that Betty and Barney's watches had permanently stopped running. But this 'electromagnetic effect' is not mentioned in the original report made by Walter Webb. Fuller did mention that their watches stopped after the incident but do not mention any irreparable damage. Can anybody clarify?

Finally, I would like to know who suggested the use of hypnosis in this case.

Thanks in advance,

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez

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Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:39:10 -0500
Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

Dear Errol,

You had an outstanding program on CFRB from 10:00 pm EST last night. I listened, spellbound, as your hosting of those illustrious guests spilled good stuff to the world at large. That program ought to be required listening!

I know there are many troubles with abductees. Whether it is just acceptance of the fact of abductions in the first place, or of getting the myriad of troubles resolved so that some semblance of life can continue, it is all a sad statement of the plight of at least some of the people trying to be invisible in society. It goes all the way down to basic rights and freedoms as a discrimination of a different sort is foisted upon unsuspecting victims. Sorry, I find myself reaching for my baseball bat, angry at the dire plight of so many lives, mine included. Yet, my frustration would be unassuaged by even the most violent action. Call this all a blessing? Here, let me break both your arms so that I may bless you! My attitude is earned.

There were a number of things that struck me as relevant to my own life as I listened to your program. There are a number of very common afflictions that plague abductees throughout their lives. We all know what to look for, what we might expect when we do look, and what we might do when we do encounter abductees. Everything from 'false' pregnancies, unknown growths at various sites around our bodies, inexplicable damages of all sorts, and of those consarned implants that so passively betray us. It all adds up real fast to show that we are being directly interfered with by someone, something, or whatever. Regardless of the facts, the abductee will have a very unnatural life. Not-human takes on a new value to abductees as encounters unfold, as experiences are lived and re-lived. as lives flail to survive anywhere, somewhere, somehow.

There is nothing to believe about UFOs or abductees. It is... or it is not. It affects you. or your life goes along without such monumental bumps. There are two letters difference between 'PSYCHIC' and 'PSYCHOTIC' as it applies to humanity. How inadequate it is to try to describe the range of human experience as it is affected, directed, and managed by specific outside factors. We try to relate to dolphins, whales, monkeys, and ants far more easily than what we think of that exists with the connotation of 'alien'. Yet, for all I know, I cannot begin to describe the vaguest of information about who, what, where, or even when, questions relating to 'alien'. Why is that? Lets get basic here and try to answer some of those simplest of questions. It is not even important, but just where would you start?

Take care, for now,

Cathy

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Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 06:05:31 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 17:56:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

>Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 23:01:04 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

>>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 11:56:10 -0500
>>Subject: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

>>Soruce: Ananova

>>http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_538533.html

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>>Suggestions the lights may have come from nearby nightlife have
>>been dismissed because there are no discos in the vicinity of
>>Godijevo and little in the way of hi-tech facilities which could
>>generate such lights.

>>Story filed: 12:41 Thursday 7th March 2002

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>Thanks for posting this report. There is something about it that
>causes me to want to look into it a bit further to discern the
>quality of this event. Who reported this, what quantity and what
>quality of witnesses, etc. Did they see objects? I want to read
>the reports, something is pulling on me..

>Once I read this story I felt a calling to take a journey. As
>some of you know, I migrated from California to Berlin, Germany
>(brrr) two years ago to put together a musical project. It is
>ready to launch large next month and demands a lot of time. But
>I feel this inner calling. I haven't done any in the field UFO
>research for some time. If anyone is badly looking for a
>discount Yugo I may be able to help you out.

Mr. Goldstein,

Don't get too excited yet. From my experiance, any report of
either God or some sort of UFO that gets popular in the media,
ends up with new war. I remember reports from Medjugorje,
Bosnia, and then a report of a UFO that nobody saw, but it left
marks on the ground, also in Bosnia, near Mostar. I'm not saying
that every such report ends up with new war, there are real and
very good cases, but mostly they don't appear in the media.

In this case, we have a village in Montenegro, whose population
claims to see lights in sky.

There are very good UFO cases there, as I said, but the best are
not publicised, and they come from people who can be trusted.

About the place in Mexico named 'Godihuev', thank you for it.
Indeed it is the same name as 'Godijevo', which is a Slavic
name. It comes from Spain, and there are many geographic names

around the whole Europe which confirm it was populated by Slavic tribes, that were real and pure Indo-Europeans, a long time ago.

But, the word Godijevo has nothing to do with God.....

Where exactly in Mexico is Godihuevo ?

Best regards,

Vencislav

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

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Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:44:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:01:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 09:31:05 -0400

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>A key point with regard to tracking of UFOs by military and
>other sophisticated radar systems (ADC etc) is that the data on
>uncorrelated targets is generally born classified.

>Years ago Bill Moore requested (FOIA) un-correlated targets from
>ADC for a several month period. Search fees were requested of
>over \$100,000.

>No press releases are sent out announcing either the picking up
>of un-correlated targets nor the scrambling of jets out after
>them.

>Similarly, data from space borne systems is born classified.

>Some of the whited out NSA documents finally released about UFOs
>indicate the US was also intercepting Soviet radar tracking of
>UFOs. One or two lines per page were not whited out of the 156
>documents finally released. The silly excuse for withholding was
>"sources and methods"..95%???

Hi all,

I suggest that the relevance of Stan's point to the historical fact that the military radar-UFO record is skewed, in favour of cases from the Fifties and Sixties, is that the end of the Sixties coincides with the end of the Blue Book record.

Without Blue Book and its public (dis)information role, its associated reporting chains (never mind those that may have bypassed BB since at least 1953) had no visible centralised terminus.

BB at least provided a shop window for some of the military's radar-UFO output, even if the toys on display had half their wheels and wings missing. When the shop closed down data that was born classified tended to remain, as Stan suggests, locked in the warehouse.

If a new Condon Committee were tipped off about a Lakenheath case today where would they go to find an official file on it? Many of the '50s cases, that now stuff the radar record, were scarcely cause celebres then, remember; they've emerged since from investigators tracking down those old files.

Cheers

Martin Shough

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Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 12:34:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:04:08 -0500
Subject: Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Ledger

>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 22:10:53 -0800
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Trigonometry test.

Hi Kenny,

Like you, I have had UFO encounters explained to me in great detail.

At the end of this particular report the witness says he remembers everything in the greatest of detail - except when it happened.

Again I've had this happen as well.

Here we have a two year spread of time during which the event could have occurred - from '72-73. Why can't he nail down this date a little more definitively? If he asks you for other events around the same time, it would be easier to come up with reports from the same time period - and possibly a match.

I find it surprising that since this was such a sign post in his life, and he goes on at great length about other events and details, that he can't even remember what year this happened.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Another 'Hidden' Sighting

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:07:22 -0500
Subject: Another 'Hidden' Sighting

Three days ago I was in the checkout line at my local supermarket when the woman in front of me turned around and asked, "Is your name Hall?" When I replied in the affirmative, she said that she had seen me on the Sightings program on TV. No doubt a rerun, because I haven't been on there in years.

She had had a sighting, so I inquired about what, when, and where.

It was about 15 years ago in a community a few miles from where I live in Maryland. Had she reported it to anyone? No, because she had not remembered it for three years when something triggered the recall, and there was also the ridicule factor.

Sounded very much like a typical abduction story in regard to sighting details.

Dark-colored object overhead, a light beam that 'exploded' on her head, and after an undetermined period of time, the beam retracted into the object (i.e., 'solid light') and the object disappeared.

She said she had thought about hypnosis but decided against it because of worrying about what she might find out. "Probably just as well.", sez I. "Yes.", sez she.

Based on a very brief appraisal of her appearance, dress, speech, etc., she seemed entirely normal and intelligent. She also told me a little bit about her family life.

- Dick

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 13:14:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:12:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Clark

>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 14:19:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 14:00:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
><snip>

>Kevin, List, All -

>Given the times, and reading between the lines, it seems to me
>to be a classic example of a clash between military and civilian
>cultures.

>The two parties simply did not understand/trust each other at the
>time, which is not to necessarily say they do now.

>It doesn't take too much imagination to fill in the blanks. Q
>was a career officer who would've viewed Hynek and others as
>egoistic and undisciplined at best. By egoistic here, I mean an
>individual as opposed to a team player. Heck, Hynek could even
>grow a beard and smoke a pipe. In short, Q couldn't control
>Hynek. And from his perspective he was always having to clean up
>after Hynek's public statements, the ruckus following the
>latter's swamp gas statements no doubt being the most
>pronounced.

>And of course this street would've run both ways. Hynek no
>doubt looked down his nostrils at Q, too, viewing (and no doubt
>treating) him as a mindless cog or role player in some vast
>wheel or play, the epitome of a company man in its derogatory
>sense. (Its military meaning, of course, would've been exactly
>the opposite.)

>Or maybe I missed something?

Dennis,

You're on the mark, I think. Allen Hynek made no secret of his contempt for nearly all the Blue Book chiefs, whom he saw mostly as careerists putting in their time, with no imagination, curiosity, or knowledge of science. I believe the sole exception was William Coleman (who had a fair amount of scientific training and was brighter than most). He also had some measured respect for Ed Ruppelt.

We heard a lot more from Hynek than we did from Quintanilla, until The Anomalist published a portion of the latter's memoirs. It is hardly surprising that the antipathy went both ways.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 19:15:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:10:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis - Shough

>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 23:46:27 -0000
>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Scientists And The ET Hypothesis
>>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 19:40:51 -0000

<snip>

>I agree that the [U2] mission base had been relocated in June [1956]
>- but as to simultaneous relocation of maintenance and overhaul
>facilities, I'm not so sure. The move was for political reasons,
>and as political views swing around with the prevailing wind
>there may not have been a need to rush into a full scale
>logistical move until after events had stabilised.

Hi David,

The reasoning behind this deduction has been given to me as follows:

[Start Quote]

... my guess is that Detachment A would have left without leaving a trace at Lakenheath after they moved to Wiesbaden. They'd only been at Lakenheath for a month when they left again, they had huge organic airlift resources at their disposal, and much or all of the U2 type-specific equipment - rotatable spares, engines and photographic equipment - would have been in very short supply, being a new low-volume production type. And they re-engined the aircraft with an up-gunned J57 (to make it into the U2B) while at Wiesbaden, and in terms of support equipment what you'd need to do this - trolleys, load bearing jigs, etc - doesn't get much heavier!

So... I suspect everyone and everything that mattered was moved [to Germany and Turkey] as well. And conceivably, they may not have believed that a return to the UK was likely.

[End Quote]

Any comments?

>>There's no evidence that the planes (there were at least two with Det A) were returned to Lakenheath at all. Turkey was "where it's at" at this time.

>As I understand it, a variety of airfields were used in the conducting of overflights, so that the planes could "land out" and not have to return to the same base after every flight. Airfields in Pakistan & Norway were certainly used, as well as those in Turkey & Germany. In addition, tanker planes from various sites would rendezvous with the flights outside the borders of the eastern bloc - and, although these would be easier to pass-off as non-covert air movements, there would still have been a will to keep questions about tanker flights to a minimum. However, its not exactly inconceivable that

>overflights could still have taken place between, say, Turkey &
>the UK during the time when Lakenheath was supposedly "off
>limits". In this case, there would have been even greater
>incentive to restrict knowledge of the flights

This is a good point. There are reasons for suspecting that
U2s were "a presence" at Lakenheath and maybe Sculthorpe too
around this time, despite the official base location, and you
may have hit on the explanation for this.

<snip>

>I'm sure there's a lot more to come out of this - none of it may
>be ufologically related - but, then again, some just might be
>:-)

Amen to that. As you say the local military/political situation
on the ground can't help but bear on how we interpret events of
this kind - and the military/political response to them. In
other words the U2 programme may be relevant to the Lakenheath
events in a variety of ways, whether there were "real UFOs"
there or not.

Cheers,

Martin Shough

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'Fields Of Dreams' Signing-Off After All

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 22:07:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:17:32 -0500
Subject: 'Fields Of Dreams' Signing-Off After All

FIELDS OF DREAMS
The E-News Service of the Fields of Dreams Webcast Radio Show

<http://www.geocities.com/fieldsofdreamsradio>

March 10, 2002

SIGNING OFF, AFTER ALL

In another twist regarding the show, it appears that it will not be continuing after all.

After being informed this past week, since my last e-news notice, of what transpired within the broadcasting company, NSPN, I've decided not to continue the program on the new webstation in Indiana.

The programs were taken off-air without warning by NSPN's founder; the former webstation manager and webmaster of NSPN, who put in countless hundreds of hours trying to make NSPN successful, were not informed or consulted regarding the changes (nor were any of the hosts); they were even restricted from accessing the web site (password changed), preventing it from being updated properly to inform the public that NSPN was no longer streaming as of March 1.

The 'new and improved' NSPN (or the World Paranormal Forum as it is now apparently being called) is to begin streaming sometime in April. While I do not normally like to take sides in things like this, it seemed to me that my own energy might be better spent continuing to focus on CCCRN:

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

I do not like to see good people simply cast aside in the manner which apparently happened here; the former webmaster has even been having to deal with having a very ill, close family member in the past few weeks, without this on top of it.

I'm open to other possibilities for the show, or something like it, in the future, but not with NSPN.

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Paul Anderson

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:23:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500

<snip>

>There were a number of things that struck me as relevant to my
>own life as I listened to your program. There are a number
>of very common afflictions that plague abductees throughout
>their lives. We all know what to look for, what we might expect
>when we do look, and what we might do when we do encounter
>abductees. Everything from 'false' pregnancies, unknown growths
>at various sites around our bodies, inexplicable damages of all
>sorts, and of those consarned implants that so passively betray
>us. It all adds up real fast to show that we are being directly
>interfered with by someone, something, or whatever. Regardless
>of the facts, the abductee will have a very unnatural life.
>Not-human takes on a new value to abductees as encounters
>unfold, as experiences are lived and re-lived. as lives flail to
>survive anywhere, somewhere, somehow.

<snip>

Cathy,

Many thanks for sharing with us. This is an extremely variegated
List, and there will be those who think you are nutty, or we are
nutty for listening carefully to you.

Many things you say I have heard before in my interactions with
'experiencers' (or whatever label you wish to apply).

Please grace us with your comments in the future.

I have always been known as a 'nuts-and-bolts' hard-science
person in this field, but my experience with abductees
(experiencers...) has convinced me that we need to listen to
'you'.

This will immediately lead skeptibunkers to write me off
as naive, uncritical, stupid, or worse.

I no longer care.

Following the evidence trail (as opposed to bald-faced negative
assumptions and constant denials of data) will eventually lead
to the truth, unless the truth is totally beyond our
understanding.

- Dick

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Sunday Times Writer And UFO

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>

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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:26:39 -0500

Subject: Sunday Times Writer And UFO

Source: Sunday Times (London), 10 March 2002

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/article/0,,185-222707,00.html>

Brief encounters: Tony Barrell meets his first UFO

Continuing our series on events that changed the lives of Sunday Times writers, Tony Barrell travels back 25 years, to the day when he spotted a UFO. He suspects it was this experience that led to his career of investigating the weird, the unusual and the unexplained ... beginning with the famous 'flying saucer' crash at Roswell

Guy Fawkes' Night wasn't a big deal for me at the age of 18. As I ambled home from work on November 5, 1976, I was probably looking forward to a pub crawl with my friends rather than a few damp squibs in the garden with my parents. More likely, I suspect my mind was virtually a blank, the kind of meditative state that often precedes a ghostly experience or a religious vision. I certainly wouldn't have been thinking about work: I was a trainee computer programmer at Crawley Borough Council, a job I was happy to abandon at 5.20pm every evening - or 4.25pm, weirdly, on Fridays like this - for my 10-minute stroll home.

A jovial careers adviser had suggested the job - based, I thought then, on an inspired reading of the unique potential displayed by my O-levels in English, Latin, French, maths and art. All too late, I now realise he saw me as an archetypal nerd, a misshapen peg for a slightly off-square hole. I had rampaging acne, long hair spilling dandruff down my slouching shoulders, an addiction to prog-rock records and pints of lager-and-blackcurrant. I was one of those irritating fools who memorise whole Monty Python sketches. Girlfriends were something other people had. In my spare time, I laboured over a shapeless novel about a sinister lobster recipe that was taking over the world, though most of the action was confined to my home town of Crawley, West Sussex. I was a Hobbit in all but name. What other choice of employment could anyone have suggested?

But as I turned the corner into my home territory of Buckmans Road in the district of West Green, destiny was about to deal me a new role. A mission. A pointer for the future that I had consistently failed to visualise for myself.

It was floating above the rooftops of my road - an assemblage of mysterious lights. It didn't seem to be travelling in a linear way but wobbling from side to side in the darkness, without making a sound. I stopped and watched it, dumbfounded. Then I remembered it was Guy Fawkes' Night. Oh, it's a rocket, I remember thinking. Or an Air Bomb. Or some other firework that goes up in the air. But when the lights continued to wink and hover for several minutes, I discounted that theory.

No, this was an unidentified flying object, possibly a spacecraft piloted by aliens. People see them all the time; it's just that it hadn't happened to me before. I was excited beyond intelligent thought. I was trembling so much, I almost shook myself out of my tank top and oxford bags.

There was fear in the excitement, because I was dealing with the unknown. Who's to say, I remember thinking, that this isn't the start of a full-scale invasion? It could be The War of the Worlds or, at best, The Day the Earth Stood Still. People could be massacred; the whole planet could be destroyed in a flash. It was the kind of day when anything could have happened - indeed, I have since discovered that on this very same day, a former member of the band Steps was born.

I hurried home and gibbered to my mother that there was a UFO outside, just down the road. I was disappointed that she wasn't that bothered; instead of rushing outside to see it for herself, she suggested I call nearby Gatwick Airport to see if they had spotted anything on their radar. So I checked the telephone directory, picked up the receiver on our green Trimphone and dialled. 'Why do you ask, young man?' an urbane aviation official asked me. 'What have you seen?' I could almost hear his regulation RAF moustache twitching.

'A UFO,' I replied, helpfully.

'Well, we haven't picked up anything unidentified here. Are you sure?'

'I think so.'

'Don't worry, young man, we'll keep a lookout.'

'Oh. Okay. Thanks.'

When I went back outside to check on the progress of the object, it had gone. For some reason, my dear old mum thought it would be a good idea to get in touch with the local paper, the Crawley Observer. Possibly for the same reason, I agreed, without considering the consequences. A friendly reporter chap sounded mildly interested and said someone might get back to me. He didn't say, 'if we don't have any better news this week', but that's what the cynical, grown-up part of me hears now when I recall the conversation.

There was a call for me at the office the following week. Was I the youngster who'd seen the flying saucer? Yes, I said, if that's what it was. In the cold light of day, I was on the point of disowning the experience and starting to clutch at rational explanations. I also wished that I hadn't phoned the paper. I gave a half-hearted and not terribly articulate interview, mumbling into the receiver lest my story be heard by my work colleagues, many of whom held diplomas in the art of mickey-taking.

The reporter asked if a photographer could call and take a picture. 'No,' I said, 'the UFO's not there any more. It disappeared after several minutes.' No, a picture of me, the local hack patiently explained. 'Oh, okay then,' I must have said, because a snapper duly turned up on the doorstep one evening. As a Sunday Times writer I have had the pleasure of working with some fine photographers since, but this guy had an imagination like no other. 'Could you pick up something round?' he asked. 'Like a saucer? And look at it?' The nearest such object was a cheap ashtray with a photograph of Blackpool Tower in its centre, a souvenir from a distant holiday. I held it up and smiled, and the flash went off.

'That UFO was no firework,' trumpeted the Observer, above the picture of me and the ashtray. The anonymous reporter had had some easy fun with the story: 'Air traffic control at Gatwick missed the scoop of a lifetime on Friday, when a UFO hovered over West Green...' My age was omitted, giving me an enigmatic village-idiot quality. Friends and co-workers went through the whole pantomime of ridicule, the most repeated jest being that I must have 'had a few'. One of my mother's female office colleagues looked at my photo and commented that I was a 'nice-looking lad', blithely ignoring the terrible threat of alien invasion implicit in the story.

The sighting 'has certainly increased my interest in these things', I had told my interviewer. 'Now I would like to find out more about it.' True to my word, for months afterwards I read every trashy paperback about UFOs and aliens I could get my hands on. The more I read, the more I was prepared to believe that not only were we just one of a myriad of intelligent races

in the universe, but also that Stonehenge, the Egyptian pyramids and, in all probability, the Hanger Lane gyrotory system had been built by extra-terrestrial visitors. The movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind came out in 1977, and I gorged on that as well.

But like many adolescent enthusiasms, my obsession inevitably waned. I put away childish things, grew up, switched my career to journalism, and eventually joined The Sunday Times. In 1997, the editor of this magazine, unaware of my former life, spontaneously decided I was just the person to fly to Roswell, New Mexico, to cover the 50th anniversary of the legendary UFO crash there.

Roswell was the assignment I was born for. I had already done half of the research, unwittingly, in my teens. The town was packed with nutters in alien suits, and earnest ufologists arguing the toss about spaceships and weather balloons, and I could never go far without meeting someone who wanted to discuss how alien technology was secretly used by modern stealth bombers, or who needed to offload their own stories of alien abduction. Some of these tales made The X Files look like Bob the Builder. And not only did I get to interview the celebrity abductee Whitley Strieber, author of Communion, but we had an enjoyable if abstruse argument about time travel after he suggested that the Roswell craft had come from the far future of our own world.

This was also my first visit to America. Imagine that - your first impression of the good ol' US of A isn't Manhattan, Disneyland or the Golden Gate Bridge but a southern hick town in the desert, with pictures of black-eyed 'greys' gazing out from most of the shop windows.

Subsequent assignments have seen me hunting for ghosts at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg, attending pagan rituals in Britain, hanging out with Monster Raving Loonies, and joining an alien-loving religious group for nude meditation in Canada. Why, people frequently ask me, do I fixate on the unusual, the offbeat, the unexplained and the paranormal? Let me lie on this couch awhile and I'll tell you. Well, maybe it makes me feel like a teenager again. There is also the possibility that the whole experience of November 5, 1976 - the sighting and the humiliation that followed it - intensified my ability to empathise with people whom many others would dismiss as crackpots. I've been there, bought the T-shirt: I know what it's like to confess to unusual beliefs and to suffer mockery for them.

I'm sure that some of the more out-there ufologists I've met would have another hypothesis: that the craft I saw landed in my street and I was abducted by the aliens on board, that they programmed me with a mission to enlighten the world about all kinds of weird and wacky subjects, and then erased my memory. Perhaps I should have my head examined: it may contain an elaborate implant fashioned from an otherworldly metal.

But I really don't think so. You see, although my experience was a defining moment, even perhaps a passport to an unusual career, I have grave doubts about its authenticity. I have tried over and over again to replay that memory, clean it up, bring it up to something approaching DVD quality, so I can determine exactly what I saw. I've tried to revisit those moments through meditation, and I've been back there in dreams. I can't make myself 18 again, even with a lengthy series of hormone injections, so it's a tough one. But what follows is the best I can do.

It is already quite dark. The air is heavy with smoke from early bonfires and fireworks. I can hear them popping and fizzing at regular intervals. My attention is attracted by lights in the sky, above the rooftops. There is at least one red light, at least one white light, and they are glowing and winking eerily. The lights aren't self-contained dots, but trails in the air. If whatever is responsible for the lights is making a noise, I can't hear it over the sound of all the bangers and rockets and roman candles. (This may explain why I told the local paper that the object was hovering 'absolutely silently'.) One of my neighbours is standing outside one of the houses nearby, but I can't bring myself to speak to him or her; my memory doesn't make it entirely clear who they are or what sex they are. (My

reluctance to speak to this neighbour may be based on uncertainty as well as shock: I don't want to share this experience until I have established that it really is an experience. I am also very shy.)

I continue to watch the object for a few minutes. It doesn't seem to be moving away from me or towards me, but hovering and wobbling from side to side. It is at this point that I realise - or rather, believe - that I am seeing something very special. I begin to worry about alien landings. It has been a tough week at work, I hate programming computers and I need a break. Yippee, this is a UFO, and my life will never be the same again.

As special-effects designers know, ordinary lights can appear extraordinary when they are filtered through smoke. And, as good UFO investigators are aware, everyday objects may appear alien when they are viewed from unusual angles, and their trajectory may not be perceived correctly. If a flying machine were travelling away from me, it might seem to be static or wobbling from side to side.

The answer is so obvious. But I think I've been in denial for a long time, because I so wanted that experience to be truly supernatural.

Reader, I'm really sorry. I think it was an aeroplane.

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Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 15:14:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:50:02 -0500
Subject: Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 22:10:53 -0800
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report

>Enclosed below is an interesting 1973 UFO sighting recently
>reported through Email. This person gave permission for me to
>copy the report along for others to review and his name has been
>omitted from the report for privacy purposes.....

>-- KY

>-----

>I have had a UFO Story that I have only told a handful of
>friends over the years. I have always been curious to know if
>what I am about to tell you has ever been collaborated by any
>other person. Since your interest is in this field, you might
>have seen or heard a story from another that would collaborate
>the troy I am about to tell you.

>In about 1972 or 3, I honestly cannot remember the exact date,
>but I know where I was that night. I was a student at Memphis
>State (Now University of Memphis) and I was being tutored by my
>friend who was a math whiz and was getting ready for a
>Trigonometry test.

<snip>

Hello Kenny:

I tagged all sightings from 89-91 dgrs West, and 34-36 dgrs
North (with Memphis,TN in aprx center) between Jan 1972 and Dec
1973.

Not much there, all late in 1973, over 3 states.

#10113: 1973/9/23 nite 89:55W 35:10N NAM USA TNS
US70 E/MEMPHIS,TN:2 PATROLMEN:EXTRAORDINARY LIT OBJ OVR
ROAD: type unknown. /QUEST v5#3p2
Ref# 231 CONTACT/UK: The UFO REGISTER by year=74

#10130: 1973/10/1 ????h 90:43W-35:51N NAM USA ARK
JONESBORO,ARK:2+1 OBS:TRIANGLE BUZZES CAR:
OBS SICK NEXT DAY:2 OVAL DEPRESSIONS found
Ref# 180 PHILLIPS,Ted/CUFOS: PHYSICAL TRACES: Pg 92

#10137: 1973/10/2 2130h-89:10W 34:50:40N NAM USA MSP
ASHLAND,MS:MANY+COPS:SVRL MULTICLR OBJs type unk:
/r231+Phoenix Gazette 5.10.73
Ref# 33 EMENEGGER,R:UFOS PAST PRESENT+FUTURE Pg.125

#10201: 1973/10/15 21:30 90:17W-34:12N NAM USA MSP
LAMBERT+MARKS,MS:SEP.OBS:HUGE ORG.OVOID VERY LO OVR
COTTON FIELDS+RR TRACKS
Ref# 41 HALL,Richard: The UFO Evidence II HB Pg.342

#10228: 1973/10/17 19:20h 90:43W-35:52N NAM USA ARK

nr JONESBORO,ARK:PHONY PLANE DIVIDES:HALVES "EXPLODE":
NO DEBRIS: /J.Evening Sun 18.10.73
Ref# 231 CONTACT/UK: The UFO REGISTER by year=74

Nothing quite matches, but its something to play with.

Could your contact possibly recall the time of year? The Trig class he took might only be offered in Spring or Fall for example. If it was hot or cool out? 1972-1973 isn't much to go on. I would ask those questions before showing him the list above of course .. this avoids contaminating what genuine recollections he may still have.

I want to call it a blimp, but they have to show running lites, and seldom accelerate instantly to 500 MPH!

Best!

- Larry

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An interesting formation report from 1965 was received this week, consisting of clusters of circles seen near Pincher Creek, Alberta (near Fort Macleod) in wheat and wild grass in August / September from about 1965 to 1968. Reported by a former radar operator, who said they ranged from about 60 feet to 120 + feet diameter (estimate from memory). Sometimes single circles, sometimes groups of three to five. Crisp, clean lay patterns and edges, ie. the classic type of circles. No burn or scorch marks. A few pairs of circles were joined together by short straight pathways. He also indicated that gamma ray equipment he used in the circles produced strong readings, and that at least some of them tended to cluster close to a 20,000 volt transmission tower. The fields were on an Indian reservation. Seen by others as well, but as crop circles were not the 'known' phenomenon they are now, were later forgotten about. Also numerous UFO reports at the time, of bright, fast-moving lights seen often at the time. No photos unfortunately, but more witness testimony that this phenomenon has been around a long time. Another local resident also said recently that her aunt's husband used to work on the roads out in rural southern Alberta in around the 60s and 70s and often saw circles.

This and some other additional reports have been added to the Crop Circles in Canada report archives for the 1970s, 1960s and 1950s, with over 200 known reports now in total from the 1950s to present (including circles and rings in grass, pastures, trees and ice, as well as regular crops). Virtually all are of simpler circles and rings, helping to show the evolution of the phenomenon in Canada, albeit still more modest so far than in Europe, since the early 1990s.

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

Also, in another twist regarding the Fields of Dreams webcast radio show, it appears that it will not be continuing after all. After being informed this past week, since my last e-news notice, of what transpired within the broadcasting company, NSPN, I've decided not to continue the program on the new webstation in Indiana. The programs were taken off air without warning by NSPN's founder; the former webstation manager and webmaster of NSPN, who put in countless hundreds of hours trying to make NSPN successful, were not informed or consulted regarding the changes (nor were any of the hosts); they were even restricted from accessing the web site (password changed), preventing it from being updated properly to inform the public that NSPN was no longer streaming as of March 1. The 'new and improved' NSPN (or World Paranormal Forum as it is now

apparently being called) is to begin streaming sometime in April. While I do not normally like to take sides in things like this, it seemed to me that my own energy might be better spent continuing to focus on CCCRN. I do not like to see good people simply cast aside in the manner which apparently happened here; the former webmaster has even been having to deal with having a very ill close family member the past few weeks, with this on top of it. I'm open to other possibilities for the show or something like it in the future, but not with NSPN. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Lastly, subscribers may receive an automated notice from Topica stating that the CCCRN News list has been deleted; please ignore this as I had simply forgotten to remove the old Topica list previously (which I've now done) when I converted the list back to being manually mailed out a few weeks ago.

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:42:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 07:47:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Stacy

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 11:51:01 +0100

>Continuing my investigations about early abductions, I would
>like to clarify several points in the case of Barney and Betty
>Hill. Can anybody help?

>Always trying to obtain the more primary sources, I wonder...
>has anybody got a copy of Betty's anotations about her
>nightmares? A detailed comparison with the later hypnotic
>sessions (who kept the tapes?) would be very useful.

Luis,

Betty's notes re. her nightmares are published verbatim at the
end of Fuller's Interrupted Journey, which I assume you've read.
At least they were there in the English edition.

>In a letter to Dr. Patrick J. Quirke (psychiatrist) dated March
>12, 1962 Betty enclosed an issue of the NICAP bulletin where
>their case was presented - 'The Interrupted Journey' p. 98,
>- Spanish edition. It should be the very first public mention of
>it. Can anybody send me a copy?

I think you're confused in your timing here. Go back to your
original sources. I'm almost certain that the Quirke (sp?)
letter didn't contain a copy of the NICAP bulletin about their
case as that would only come several years later.

>Several references - the last the article by her niece in the
>MUFON UFO Journal 401 - mention that Betty and Barney's watches
>had permanently stopped running. But this 'electromagnetic
>effect'[?] is not mentioned in the original report made by
>Walter Webb. Fuller did mention that their watches stopped after
>the incident but do not mention any irreparable damage. Can
>anybody clarify?

>Finally, I would like to know who suggested the use of hypnosis
>in this case.

Go back and read Fuller again and the answer should be obvious.
Why are you asking us? It's perfectly explained there.

>Thanks in advance,

>Luis R. Gonz=Ellez

You're welcome.

Dennis Stacy

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 10 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:41:56 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 07:48:21 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 10 - Balaskas

>Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 15:33:00 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 10

<snip>

>MYSTERIOUS FIREBALL PASSES OVER WINDSOR, ONTARIO

>On Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at 8:02 p.m., "a large, bright,
>long-duration fireball with well-timed sonic booms occurred over
>southern Ontario" province in Canada.

>"Reports have come in from three ground-based observers--two in
>Michigan (USA) and one in Ontario."

>"The fireball was east of the Detroit (Michigan)/Windsor
>(Ontario) area and west of the RASC (Royal Astronomical Society
>of Canada) observer station at Fingal, Ont. The sonic boom delay
>puts a portion of the trajectory some 65 kilometers (40 miles)
>west of Fingal.

Hi everyone!

UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 7, #9 and FILER's FILES #10-2002 reported other UFO sightings not far from the Detroit/Windsor area that happened on the same day and time. Unusual lights (strange red lights in one case) and sonic booms were also mentioned for some of these other UFO sightings.

In its search for what may have been a downed helicopter, did the U.S. Coast Guard find anything? Has the actual trajectory of this "fireball" been determined? I would be interesting in comparing its trajectory to other fireballs reported over the same area recently, including a much older report of a similar meteor (more likely a real-UFO) that crashed in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania in 1965.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 19:35:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 07:49:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Sandow

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 11:51:01 +0100

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>MUFON UFO Journal 401 - mention that Betty and Barney's watches
>had permanently stopped running. But this 'electromagnetic
>effect' [?] is not mentioned in the original report made by
>Walter Webb. Fuller did mention that their watches stopped after
>the incident but do not mention any irreparable damage. Can
>anybody clarify?

I've met Betty's niece. She seems to be a very solid, grounded, responsible woman, who makes up her own mind about things. Her opinions seemed very independent of Betty's.

She was a child when the Hills had their famous experience, but she remembers many details of what happened afterwards, because her family was involved. For instance, when I heard her speak she talked about the circular marks on the back of the Hills' car. She'd seen them, and remembers people in the family moving a compass near them, and finding that the marks disturbed the compass. Her family was very close to the Hills, or so I gather from what she said. Barney, for example, often came to walk around the large farm her family lived on, when he was depressed after the experience.

If she says the watches stopped running permanently, I'd be inclined to believe her. She's probably reporting something everyone in her family knew.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 18:37:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 07:51:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Lehmborg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 22:31:57 +0000

>>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500

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>>There were a number of things that struck me as relevant to my
>>own life as I listened to your program. There are a number
>>of very common afflictions that plague abductees throughout
>>their lives. We all know what to look for, what we might expect
>>when we do look, and what we might do when we do encounter
>>abductees. Everything from 'false' pregnancies, unknown growths
>>at various sites around our bodies, inexplicable damages of all
>>sorts, and of those consarned implants that so passively betray
>>us. It all adds up real fast to show that we are being directly
>>interfered with by someone, something, or whatever. Regardless
>>of the facts, the abductee will have a very unnatural life.
>>Not-human takes on a new value to abductees as encounters
>>unfold, as experiences are lived and re-lived. as lives flail to
>>survive anywhere, somewhere, somehow.

Thanks Cathy! Errol, you ought to archive the show for a week,
so more of us could get this.

><snip>

>Cathy,

>Many thanks for sharing with us. This is an extremely variegated
>List, and there will be those who think you are nutty, or we are
>nutty for listening carefully to you.

Only those with short attention spans and shorter imaginations.
Only those with shallow sensibilities and shallower
considerations. Only those afraid of the dark, afraid of a
change, and afraid of themselves. Only those embroiled in a
cognitive dissonance facilitated by media programming and their
own desire to maintain a pathetic and unjust status quo... Only
the cheap-shot artists, craven sociopaths, and other porcine
pundits of pernicious paucity... not to put too fine a point on
it... [no little grinny thing]

>

>Many things you say I have heard before in my interactions with
>'experiencers' (or whatever label you wish to apply).

>

>Please grace us with your comments in the future.

Yeah - you almost kind of have too... you're what it's all
about. It's been argued a few different ways around here that
some of the gifted principals tend to forget about that and
begin to think it's about them, but of course it's not.

>I have always been known as a 'nuts-and-bolts' hard-science
>person in this field, but my experience with abductees
>(experiencers...) has convinced me that we need to listen to
>'you'.

...Can I hear an "amen"!

>This will immediately lead skeptibunkers to write me off
>as naive, uncritical, stupid, or worse.

Hey! I got their write-off hangin! ...And what has it ever
really mattered what the scabrous scurilous are thinking
forgetting the irony that it is they who are naive, they who
are uncritical (and complacent!), and they who ape the
dim-bulbed! We can assuredly count on the "worse".

>I no longer care.

...nor should you! You are their ethical, moral, certainly
scientific, and probably biological superior!

>Following the evidence trail (as opposed to bald-faced negative
>assumptions and constant denials of data) will eventually lead
>to the truth, unless the truth is totally beyond our
>understanding.

...Given our courage, spirit, and imagination (?) eventually
nothing will be beyond our understanding!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and
scabrous scurilous.

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 20:53:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 07:58:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Salvaille

>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 14:19:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 14:00:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>Given the times, and reading between the lines, it seems to me
>to be a classic example of a clash between military and civilian
>cultures.

>The two parties simply did not understand/trust each other at the
>time, which is not to necessarily say they do now.

<snip>

>Or maybe I missed something?

Hello Dennis, and all,

Yes, you did miss something Dennis.

I see in this thread a different way of looking at people.

Kevin has expressed, and justly so, the sheer negativeness of Quintanilla towards all pro-UFO advocates, especially in his 1975 manuscript "UFO'S: AN AIR FORCE DILEMMA".

There are many ways to react to what people say. The unusual and politically incorrect one seems to be to understand why certain people say or do certain things.

Alfred's point of view on Major Quintanilla was illuminating. I chimed in with my .03 cents Canadian.

I found quite refreshing Kevin Randle's reaction to our posts. Not every day do we see people trying to jointly figure out that maybe, just maybe, there may be real people somewhere who are forced to do very un-heroic, but truly patriotic, things, like go against the truth for the sake of a lie.

Sure, we can look at all of this in the more popular - and so much easier - first degree mode and go macro: a clash between two cultures, two parties. How easy it is to abdicate all humanity in this discourse...

Why don't we try another point of view for a change? Like, who are the real people sweating it out in the arena? What is the real game? Who are the characters?

Maybe I am asking too much as this approach brings us too close to belief systems and, necessarily, to questioning them. What else can we do with attitudes which feed on the negation of reality, self-imposed blindness, selective amnesia and purposefully shut-

down neuronc paths?

I figure you're in a position to understand that I am not holding my breath on this one.

Well, maybe not. Skip it. I am not holding my breath on this one.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 03:07:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:02:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Easton

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:10:27 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 10:00:11 -0500
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs

Kevin wrote:

>Or, when we look at the Portage County UFO chase (which sort of
>inspired Spielberg in Close Encounters), Q was forced to travel
>there... forced by congressional interest, rather than interview
>the witnesses, he got into an argument with them, telling them
>they had chased a satellite and then focused their attention on
>Venus because Venus is so bright...

Kevin,

'Venus' was perhaps somewhat grasping at straws in that instance
and I would still be interested to know if a, blatantly, more
likely explanation had been overlooked.

Dare I say that the subject of 'Quintanilla And UFOs' perhaps
results from my recent UFORL comments which highlighted the
online existence of this fascinating material and Quintanilla's
vehement judgement of Hynek.

Likewise, I was stately surprised to realise the antipathy
expressed by Quintanilla.

That aside, even cursory research into the 'Portage County UFO
chase' seems to ask basic questions which perhaps remain
unanswered, as I noted on UFORL in January:

'The Portage County [Ravenna], Spaur-Neff Case'

This isn't a case I knew well and last year an overview produced
several, obvious questions - see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/may/m25-004.shtml>

Most of the questions raised were never answered.

I've now come across some significant, historical case material
and it may not be well known this is online at:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/portagedoc.htm>

For myself, it results in a number of new questions and a
different understanding of the entire case.

I note the 'UFO' was described over the police radio, by one of
the witnesses as a, "bright light with a rope or string attached
to it".

As I previously enquired: "Some of the object's reported
characteristics resemble a blimp. Nearby was Goodyear's Wingfoot
Lake Airship Base at Akron. Did anyone check to definitely rule
out any possibility that a Goodyear blimp might have been even
partly involved?"

Also particularly interesting, when the full evidence has been revealed, is the witness sketch, at:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven5a.gif>

Patrolman Panzanella's drawing is quite different from the much better known sketch by Dale Spaur (incorrectly 'Spauer' throughout the web site):

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven7.gif>

There's a critical piece of evidence which accompanies this - Weitzel's explanation of the numbered points which are indicated on Spaur's drawing:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven6.htm>

>From Spaur's sketch we can clearly see the outline similar to a blimp. One exception is at the top left, where Spaur shows the 'fin' as part of an 'indentation'. On a blimp, this area, with the tail-fin, would obviously be more rounded.

Is it merely therefore coincidental to find that Weitzel notes, concerning this "drop-off", how "Neff disagrees; remembers more rounded here".

Consider also the "self-illuminated portions" on our UFO.

Is there anything, at this time, which would possibly have been a new feature on the Goodyear blimp, accounting for its perception as a 'UFO'? Yes, there is and exactly in that timeframe.

The Spaur-Neff sighting occurred on April 17, 1966, when the Goodyear blimp was only known to display the Goodyear logo and 'Wingfoot' trademark, as it had done since 1947.

However, in May 1966, at the Indy 500, Goodyear first publicly unveiled a new development from its Wingfoot Lake Airship facility... the "Skytacular" night sign.

Those previous 182 white light bulbs were replaced with 1,540 lights per side in red, green, yellow and blue. The "Skytacular", first installed on the airship Mayflower, could even create animated graphics and text.

Was the "Skytacular", four-colour, running night sign being tested on April 17, 1966?

Perhaps crucially, Spaur and Neff had already heard about a 'UFO' nearby before observing what they immediately presumed was that same object [rather than initially deciding for themselves what it might be].

The 'UFO' was first reported in Summit County, from where it entered neighbouring Portage County. Isn't Goodyear's Wingfoot Lake Airship Base located in Summit County?

If the source of this infamous UFO chase was the Mayflower airship, we should expect to find even more clues when we look again at the witness statements. Does this, for example, perhaps sound like a blimp with running lights?:

"During the chase it changed altitude and direction, maneuvered smoothly, had a sort of dome-shaped top, and at times showed a projection on the top part, near the trailing edge. Not all of it was self-illuminated; part of the top trailing portion looked metallic; not shiny, but satiny".

"The only thing, the only sound in the whole area was a hum... like a transformer being loaded or an overloaded transformer when it changes".

So recalled Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, when the Portage County 'UFO' was first encountered and flying at low altitude - "I'd say about a hundred feet", reported Dr J. Allen Hynek in 'The

UFO Experience'.

Had the infinitely more advanced technology of those purported ET visitors never quite got around to a noise reduction invention, or is it merely yet another remarkable coincidence that the sound of an airship's engines is commonly described as a 'hum'...

There are numerous, related confirmations by simply searching online for 'airship' plus 'hum'.

Yet, what about the UFO's reported airspeed... over 100 mph, allegedly.

An airship, at maximum, would seemingly only be capable of around half that.

According to patrolman Frank Panzanalla's report, "The object was in my sight from 5:20 A. M. to 6:15 A. M". This was from Conway, Pennsylvania.

However, patrolman Wayne Houston states he heard 'UFO' reports on radio and the presumed same object, travelling east, wasn't sighted by himself in Columbiana, Ohio until 5:30 a.m.

Are Conway and Pennsylvania not somewhat further due east?

How then, could the UFO have reached there some ten minutes before it arrived at Columbiana?

Also, if Panzanella had 'the object in my sight' until 6:15, how to reconcile with Weitzel's NICAP report, that:

"At 5:55, Lisbon relayed the order to return to Portage. Spaur said 'Turning around now.' But it was 6:15 until Spaur and Neff got back (west) past Freedom [Pennsylvania - James]".

If Spaur and Neff headed back at 5:55, doesn't that confirm the UFO was still visible to Panzanella, 'in my sight until 6:15', for an amazing twenty minutes afterwards?

Spaur and Neff's 'official statement', in a letter to NICAP, claims: "In Conway, Pa., Officer Frank Panzanella met us where we stopped, and we stood with him watching the object as it hovered and then rose, twice, in a rapid climb".

Although that letter doesn't clarify if this was Spaur and Neff's final sighting, in 'The UFO Experience' Hynek declares so, writing:

"Thus there enters the fourth observer: Frank Panzanella, police officer in Conway. His signed testimony reads:

[skipping the introduction, which essentially concurs (although not precisely as Hynek omits some content) with that online copy - James]

'The object then moved out towards Harmony Township approximately at 1,000 feet high, then it stopped then went straight up real fast to about 3,500 feet. I then called the base station told the radio operator to notify the Pittsburgh airport. He asked me if I was sick. I told him if I was sick so were the other 3 patrolmen'."

Panzanalla's online copy statement continues:

"The operator got the airport on the line and told them what happened, he told them to hold the line and in the meantime we kept watching the object and at that time a passenger plane passed to the left about 1,000 feet below the object. We relayed the message to the operator and he relayed it to the airport. The object continued to go upward until it got as small as a ballpoint pen. Then we received a message to make a phone call. We preceded to the Rochester Police Department and made the phone call. Officer Parr talked to someone and then we returned to Conway Police Department where I gave Officer Parr my name and gas for his police car to return home.

The object was in my sight from 5:20 A. M. to 6:15 A. M."

Hynek's account of the 'same' statement then dramatically differs:

"The object continued to go upward until it got as small as a ballpoint pen. Relative to the moon, the object was quite distant and to the left of the moon [Venus was to the right of the moon]. I could not see the moon from my position. The object was seen between two antennas in the backyard across the street to the west. We all four watched the object shoot straight up and disappear".

Which version of Panzanalla's official testimony is Hynek now quoting from?

It's certainly not the same one as, 'The Documentation - Courtesy of CUFOS'.

Aside from that, if, "We all four watched the object shoot straight up and disappear", how did NICAP's 'thorough investigation', account for Panzanella still statedly observing said 'UFO' twenty minutes later? [END OF EXTRACTS]

Bottom line; as the UFO evidently appeared from the location of Goodyear's Wingfoot Lake Airship Base at Akron, it is described and illustrated as a 'satin', blimp-like object with fins, reportedly had a rope attached and given that the "Skytacular" Goodyear blimp was publicly revealed only a couple of weeks later...

"Did anyone check to definitely rule out any possibility that a Goodyear blimp might have been even partly involved?".

Quintanilla... NICAP?

Surely someone?

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Re: Re: www.larryhatch.net Hit Counts? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 23:10:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:04:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: www.larryhatch.net Hit Counts? - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 03:01:28 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>Subject: www.larryhatch.net Hit Counts?
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Hello all:

>Sorry to bother you with this, but I'm just curious.

>Hit counts at my website:

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

>...doubled for a couple of days, then dropped right back to the
>usual 50-70 visits per day.

>I keep daily stats because I really like people to see the maps
>and stuff, or I would not have noticed.

Strange you should say that. I had a lot of traffic, too. So much that I exceeded the allowed "bandwidth " of 1 GB and had to pay for another GB for this month (or have the site down until next month). Someone/organization went through and made major downloads?

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 02:33:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:05:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Velez

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 22:31:57 +0000

>>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500

><snip>

Hi Dick, hi Cathy 'Mothertrucker' :)

It's been awhile since we last heard your voice on the List.
Good to see a post from you. :)

You wrote:

>>There were a number of things that struck me as relevent to my
>>own life as I listened to your program.

Cathy, if what we (abductees/experiencers) say and do in public does not touch the listener in some meaningful way, then it's not worth doing at all. (A sentiment that has fallen on deaf ears in the past. :)

I never talk about the following because a. it's personal, and b. it can be misinterpreted too easily. I'm going to say it anyway because some of it needs saying.

The 'squares' have no idea what it takes for us to step out in public and bare our souls. The inner resources that have to be martialled, and the personal sacrifices that have to be made in order to share what we know is an important truth. One that affects everyone.

We expose the details of our lives in the name of raising the awareness of anonymous and unknown listeners. It takes a lot of courage and love of humanity to do something like that. There aren't many who would be willing to attribute such high intentions and motivations to us though. Many would prefer to label us 'needy attention seekers' than consider that we may actually be reporting the truth of what has happened to us. That we do what we do out of a deep sense of duty. (Responsibility)

Very, very few truly understand the urgency of the situation. Or the urgency with which we work on their behalf. Many are in for a sanity robbing shock. We understand that because we have been there and had to deal with it on a personal, no way around it, basis. It is what motivates me. I'm sure many others as well. (Although sadly, there are exceptions to that rule.)

I have said it other posts and I'll say it again; it's one thing to consider this whole subject at 'arm's length' (intellectually,) and quite another to be forced to deal with it at 'arm's length' (literally.) If I can help to minimize that shock for innocent others by standing up to be counted, and by making as thoughtful a contribution as I can, then all the BS I

have to put up with sometimes is well worth it.

Debbie had trouble getting to sleep after doing Saturday night's program. She hadn't talked about all that stuff for quite awhile. It had the effect on her of opening old wounds. Dredging up memories of frightening and painful events. She/we pay a very real personal price for the privilege of being considered a 'nutcase' by the very people we are trying to reach. "We" are the ones who lose sleep over it. Go figure!

No BS and no ego... I consider myself and several other abductees to be true 'Patriots.' And I mean that in the idealized and highest meaning of the word. There is no difference between what we do, and the personal sacrifices we have to make, and what any 'soldier of truth' does when they sacrifice themselves for the greater good of all. One of the 'rewards' for doing the work is, that it is a genuinely selfless act.

Readers can interpret all that any way they wish to. It's the truth.

Dick wrote:

>I have always been known as a 'nuts-and-bolts' hard-science
>person in this field, but my experience with abductees
>(experiencers...) has convinced me that we need to listen to
>'you'.

>This will immediately lead skeptibunkers to write me off
>as naive, uncritical, stupid, or worse.

>I no longer care.

That 'no longer caring' stance also happens to demonstrate one of the qualities that lifts you head and shoulders above many of your peers. :)

>Following the evidence trail (as opposed to bald-faced negative
>assumptions and constant denials of data) will eventually lead
>to the truth, unless the truth is totally beyond our
>understanding.

Amen. And let's hope that 'whatever' is going on is not beyond our understanding. It would be nice to know the whole truth before we depart from this mortal coil. After all the hard work and sacrifice, some of us have earned at least that much.

Warm regards to you both,

John Velez

Proud to have been a participant in Saturday nights broadcast of SDI. It was a "whale" of a program from start to finish. :)

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Re: Another 'Hidden' Sighting - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 02:41:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:07:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Another 'Hidden' Sighting - Velez

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Another 'Hidden' Sighting
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 17:07:42 +0000

>Three days ago I was in the checkout line at my local
>supermarket when the woman in front of me turned around and
>asked, "Is your name Hall?" When I replied in the affirmative,
>she said that she had seen me on the Sightings program on TV. No
>doubt a rerun, because I haven't been on there in years.

>She had had a sighting, so I inquired about what, when, and
>where.

<snip>

Hi Dick,

You reported:

>She said she had thought about hypnosis but decided against it
>because of worrying about what she might find out."Probably just
>as well.", sez I. "Yes.", sez she.

Sage advice from you, and a sign of her own wisdom that she
agreed. :) Awareness of the details has life-altering
ramifications and effects.

There are times when I am nostalgic for the days of blissful
ignorance when I did not know what has been happening to myself
and to my family. Debbie Jordan made mention of it briefly
during her interview on Saturday nights broadcast of SDI. She
said, "It's like the old 'me' died and then this new 'me' was
born." I still 'mourn' for old John from time to time. I think
all abductees (that are 'aware' of what is happening) do.

>Based on a very brief appraisal of her appearance, dress,
>speech, etc., she seemed entirely normal and intelligent. She
>also told me a little bit about her family life.

I used to talk to CDB Bryan on the phone from time to time. He
once told me that when he first arrived at the "Abduction
Conference" (that was held at M.I.T. in 92') he couldn't tell by
simply 'looking' which people in the assembled congregation were
the abductees. He expected to be able to tell the difference by
their appearance. :)

He confided that after the conference, he walked away feeling
that the abductees he met were all basically sound, sane, and
fairly well grounded folks, while the academics he met presented
what he considered to be quite an assortment of eclectic, and
even in some cases 'eccentric' personalities. He found that his
own 'expectations' had become reversed once he became 'familiar'
with the participants. :)

We/abductees, (for the most-part) are not "crazy!"

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 04:05:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:09:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs - Lehmborg

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 13:14:53 -0600

>>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 14:19:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 14:00:28 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Quintanilla And UFOs
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>And of course this street would've run both ways. Hynek no
>>doubt looked down his nostrils at Q, too, viewing (and no doubt
>>treating) him as a mindless cog or role player in some vast
>>wheel or play, the epitome of a company man in its derogatory
>>sense. (Its military meaning, of course, would've been exactly
>>the opposite.)

>>Or maybe I missed something?

>You're on the mark, I think. Allen Hynek made no secret of his
>contempt for nearly all the Blue Book chiefs, whom he saw mostly
>as careerists putting in their time, with no imagination,
>curiosity, or knowledge of science. I believe the sole exception
>was William Coleman (who had a fair amount of scientific
>training and was brighter than most). He also had some measured
>respect for Ed Ruppelt.

>We heard a lot more from Hynek than we did from Quintanilla,
>until The Anomalist published a portion of the latter's memoirs.
>It is hardly surprising that the antipathy went both ways.

Still - even if one tries hard to maintain a dispassionate and
clinical detachment from the struggle of the two men (an alien
view if you will) it is clear which of the two men looked down
and back, and which of them looked up and forward. It is clear
which of them best represented the aggregate spirit of an
efficacious humankind. Further, it is clear which of them held
the higher ethical ground.

Both men were aggravated, but the flavor of the aggravations
felt by both men had no similarity between them. One was
personal, the other was professional. One was a scientist, the
other was a politician. One was born of frustration, the other
was born of a threat. One sullenly maintained the canted status
quo despite the evidence... the other must go where the evidence
leads despite its effect on the canted status quo. Their
struggles were unequal and opposite, on a variety of different
levels, or forty years later we'd know more about what the
hell's going on than we do, presently.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 05:18:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:12:37 -0500
Subject: Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report - Young

>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 15:14:18 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report

>>Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2002 22:10:53 -0800
>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: 1973 Memphis, Tennessee UFO Report

Don, Larry, List;

One would think that recall of this UFO sighting with such vivid detail would also be accompanied by remembrance of a date, at least as a 'landmark' of sorts when thinking back through the years. A report submitted to N.U.F.O.R.C. was Memphis in '74 and reads as follows:

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Occurred : 10/15/1974 18:00 (Entered as : 10/15/74 18:00)
Reported : 10/23/2000 06:38
Posted : 12/2/2000
Location : Memphis, TN
Shape : Cigar
Cigar in Memphis 1974.

My mother was visiting her sick uncle at the V.A. hospital in Memphis in the late summer to fall of 1974. She and her aunt went out to the Denney's nearby for dinner. Mother said that everyone in the parking lot just kind of all looked at the same time at some trees in a nearby (field, I'm guessing). Over the trees there was a silvery cigar shaped craft. She said "It looked like an airplane with no wings or tail, I could see the lit up windows and everything." My great aunt refuses to talk about it to this day. The reason I've sent in a 26 year old report is that I am trying to figure out how many people, other than those in the Denney's parking lot, saw this craft on that date. I am not at all sure of the date, but am certain of the year, the story and the locality.

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During our email exchange I approached the witness with this information (probably did induce some 'contamination' of genuine recollections as Larry suggested), some additional insight of his recall was supplied in that this man did not think it was necessarily related. Here is his response:

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Kenny,

I just happened by and heard "You've got Mail." There are some similarities, although I saw no windows just totally black and the area where it was hovering was well lighted.

But having that kind of sighting in that time frame is very interesting. The VA Hospital is about 5 miles west of my

sighting. Though nothing says that it was not moving around.

This is an interesting sighting and I wish the "aunt" would speak of the circumstances, but I understand that some people do not want someone thinking they are nuts. I know you must hear this a lot.

Thank you for the continued attention.

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HBCC UFO 03-10-02 - Three New Sightings

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 15:21:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 08:26:35 -0500
Subject: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 - Three New Sightings

Hi List

Well, still receiving reports, new and old. Since Saturday 9 March 2002, I've received 6 new reports.

Below are the first three ready to go, the other three I am waiting for more information before posting.

Take care

Brian

Houston British Columbia UFO
Terrace
British Columbia
Canada

Date: Monday, March 4, 2002 Time: approx: 5:30 - 5:45 a.m.

The witness reported to me that he is a body builder and was doing his cardio workout the morning before heading to his place of employment. He was looking up towards the sky and all of a sudden what seemed like a star shot across the sky and came to a complete stop. The witness told me that whatever it was he saw did a loop in the sky and then went straight up and disappeared.

He asked me "did it actually move or am I confused or something". I informed him that coloured stars do not do loops in the sky !

I asked what the color of this light looked like. He went on to say it seemed like a star, but a very bright star with a blue, green red color to it. I ask how long this event took place, he said from the time he took notice of it, it lasted only about ten seconds or so. Weather conditions were clear. I asked which direction did it seem to come from. He told me the light headed from east to west but on a bit of an angle. Also he said the light stayed stationary for not more than four seconds or so.

He knew it was a strange sight he saw and I thanked him for calling in his report.

Kitwanga, British Columbia. Date: Late February, 2002 Time: approx: Between 4:30 & 5:00 a.m.

The witness tells me he saw the bright light on Highway # 37 between 55 and 60 kilometers just north of Kitwanga, British Columbia. He told me at the location of the sighting there is a large swampy area off to the left and through the trees, (the witness stopped to tell me that there was a full moon present that early morning and thought what he was looking at was the reflection of the moon on the water).

The fellow went on to say that there was a very, very bright light in the swamp. His impression of what he saw was a gas

station canopy lit up as it was so bright. He mentioned he saw the light 3 times while slowly driving down the highway in the space through the trees. The light would disappear and reappear and he had a good view of it very distinctly the second time. He described the light as an orangey - yellow in color.

I asked if he could hear any sounds coming from the area, but he mentioned he was in a logging truck and I certainly know how noisy this can be. I also asked if he could give me an idea on the size of this light. He went on to say whatever it was, was huge. I also asked if, to his knowledge, were there any power lines or transmission towers located at the area where this was seen. He said as far as he knew there was nothing what so ever in the area. He said the bright light was stationary and did not move an inch. I asked how far the light was positioned in the sky and he said either it was sitting on the ground or just above it.

We talked for a while and he again mentioned what his impression was of this light.

Witness: Whatever it was that was making this light, he seriously thought it was similar to travelling along an empty stretch of highway and coming upon a gas station which has all its lights turned on. A big lit up area like a canopy of a gas station.

After he arrived home he later discussed this with his wife telling her how strange this bright light seemed to be and he told me again it was very bright and glowing and how it freaked him out as there was nothing in the swamp area that he knew of.

I want to take a drive to the area, so he is going to get me the exact location so I will be able to find the spot. He told me the swamp would have been along the Cranberry River (south) before the first crossing of the highway. He mentioned the swamp would be approx: 3 to 5 kilometers south of the highway.

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: November of 2001 Time: approx: 2:00 a.m.

Greetings.

Hi there, we read your writings in the 'News advertiser', dated March 9, 2002.

As we're living on the outskirts of Terrace and I walk my dog late at night, or maybe better to say, in the early- early morning hours. My wife and myself have noticed many a time, strange objects flying over our skies, in the southern parts of the sky towards Kitimat, B.C. We do watch every night for more, and do see things that don't make sense, mostly when watched by the naked eye, we then observe them again inside our home with field-binoculars and observe strange designs of colors and shapes beaming towards mother earth.

In October or early November of 2001, when walking my dogs at around 2:00 a.m. in the morning, I had the biggest scare of my life yet. Now this might sound strange, and if you do not believe me, I apologize for taking your time. But on a walking trip I heard a strange woosing sound coming from the skies and when looking up, it amazed me to see the scare of my life. If you have seen the Hollywood made movie 'asteroid's then you understand what I'm saying. Out of no where this fire ball came falling down to earth, it was "BIG" and making an never before heard sound and was red glowing at the bottom side. Yes it looked indeed like a asteroid or something like this. It came down and then just fell a part like you see with fire works when shot up in the skies,. I never found a piece of this on the ground, at least not as far as I ever heard, even my dogs were howling as they were scared like hell. When returning home, I called the local RCMP station and they answered like I was a drunk, although they had received another call like this from New Yeiyens a village about 2 hours driving north of Terrace,B.C. at around 11:00 p.m. That night also, when I told them this looked almost like it was above the town they kinda sounded like, 'yea right', nobody else had seen this object that night,. I went on the PC at home and checked all networks I

could find, but non had reported a thing. How can something this big get passed our safety lines with all them satellites we have out there ?

Would like to hear from you soon, as my wife is more in sky watching as I am. But even so, we have seen many strange objects throughout the whole year that sure have 'no' airplane light etc..etc..

I thank you for your time reading this and please inform us as to what 'you' have observed in the skies also.

Thank you.

Investigators note: I received another report just like this one from Kitimat which is about 45 minutes away from the above folks. I also wrote to the above witnesses and told them that I still have to have a UFO sighting. Maybe one day.

I would like to thank these folks for sending along their report to me.

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Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 14:20:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 17:45:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia -

>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 06:05:31 -0800 (PST)
>From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Hundreds Report UFO Sighting In Yugoslavia
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 23:01:04 +0100
>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Hundreds Report Ufo Sighting In Yugoslavia

<snip>

>About the place in Mexico named 'Godihuev', thank you for it.
>Indeed it is the same name as 'Godijevo', which is a Slavic
>name. It comes from Spain, and there are many geographic names
>around the whole Europe which confirm it was populated by Slavic
>tribes, that were real and pure Indo-Europeans, a long time ago.

>But, the word Godijevo has nothing to do with God.....

>Where exactly in Mexico is Godihuevo ?

Oh Vencislav,

I'm sorry, I was kind of joking. There is no Godihuevo in Mexico
as far as I know. We sure don't want UFO reports to end up in wars.

Good luck,

Josh

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Re: San Marino Symposium Site - Lissoni

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 14:57:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:11:41 -0500
Subject: Re: San Marino Symposium Site - Lissoni

Simposio SETI-UFO di San Marino

Photos and Video at:

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

The review at:

<http://web.tiscali.it/lareteufo/cunna.htm>

Saluti
Alfredo Lissoni

[Babel Fish Translations at:

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Re: Re: San Marino Symposium Site II - Lissoni

From: **Alfredo Lissoni** <retecun@tiscalinet.it>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 15:17:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:24:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: San Marino Symposium Site II - Lissoni

Source: Dal Corriere Romagna di oggi, 11-3-02
[From The Rome Courier Today]

Saluti
Alfredo Lissoni

Ufo, quelle strane apparizioni

SAN MARINO - Gli ufologi volano via dal Titano. Si =E8 infatti concluso ieri a San Marino il 10=B0 simposio mondiale sugli oggetti volanti non identificati e i fenomeni connessi, coordinato sotto l'egida del Governo dell'antica Repubblica dal sociologo Roberto Pinotti, presidente del Centro Ufologico Nazionale. Nella giornata conclusiva, dopo l'intervento tecnico dell'ingegnere aeronautico Giorgio Stiavelli, Paola Harris ha suggerito l'esistenza di un grande "programma di sensibilizzazione" al tema Ufo, e padre Juan Casanovas della Specola Vaticana ha argomentato sulle prospettive di vita extraterrestre. Dopo la relazione di Alfredo Lissoni sulla presenza di possibili eventi ufologici in vari documenti vaticani, il russo Boris Shurinov, la turca Esen Sekerkarar e il tedesco Michael Hesemann hanno polarizzato l'attenzione del vasto uditorio con la presentazione di importante casistica dai rispettivi paesi, includenti le recenti segnalazioni ufficiali in Turchia e l'opinione degli astronauti russi. Da segnalare in relazione al controverso fenomeno delle "abductions", i presunti rapimenti alieni, le relazioni tecnico-critiche di Patrizio Caini ed Enrico Baccarini, quelle della svizzera Candida Mammoliti, degli astrofili Gianfranco Lollino e Fabiana Fiatti e quella, curata da Franco Mari, sul filmato di un Ufo ripreso a Ummari nel trapanese da Carmelo Tamburello.

Babel Fish Translation to English:

SAINT MARINO - the ufologi they fly via from the Titano. In fact the world-wide symposium has been concluded yesterday to Saint Marino 10=B0 on the unidentified flying objects and the connected phenomena, coordinated under the aegis of the Government of the ancient Republic from the sociologist Roberto Pinotti, president of National the Ufologico Center. In the conclusive day, after the technical participation of the aeronautical engineer George Stiavelli, Paola Harris has suggested the existence of a great "program of sensibilizzazione " to topic UFO, and father Juan Casanovas of the Specola Vatican has argued on the perspectives of extraland life. After the relation of Alfredo Lissoni on the presence of possible ufologici events in several documents Vaticans, the Russian Boris Shurinov, the Turk Esen Sekerkarar and the German Michael Hesemann they have polarized the attention of the immense audience with the important presentation casuistry from the respective countries, including the recent official signalling in Turkey and the opinion of the Russian astronauts. To signal in relation to the controversial phenomenon of " abductions ", the presumed averse rapimenti, the relations technical-critics of Patrizio Caini and Enrico Baccarini, those of the Swiss Candida Mammoliti, the astrofili Gianfranco Lollino and Fabiana Fiatti and that one, cured from

Franc Seas, on the filmato one of a resumed UFO to Ummari in the
trapanese from Carmelo Tamburello.

[<http://babelfish.altavista.com/tr>]

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A Thousand Encounters Of The Third Kind In Italy

The number of close encounters of the third kind in Italy has surpassed the 1,000 mark.

In fact, "Project Italy 3," which archives and catalogues all the UFO cases involving humanoids that took place in our country, conducted by Paolo Fiorino for the Italian Center for UFO Studies, this week communicated that it has logged in the thousandth episode of this type, out of the over 15,000 UFO sightings gathered and filed up to the present by the C.I.S.U.

http://www.ufodatanet.org/udncgi/wg_e.idc?wgidx=ITALIA3

[Communication by Paolo Fiorino]

Project Sassalbo

Last 24 February at Scandicci (Florence), the first meeting was held between the promoters of "Project Sassalbo," having as its scope the studying of recurring luminous phenomena in the area of Sassalbo, the small Apennine town in the province of Massa e Carrara, which events came to light in the news following last summer's sightings.

The meeting, at which there were present representatives of the various ufological associations (CUN, C.I.S.U.) and of the Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen, had the purpose of defining the means by which to organize existing material, the methodology to be adopted in investigations, and the possibility and procedure for utilizing external collaborations.

[Communication by Andrea Bovo]

Satellite Photo Of The UFO Over Monselice?

According to the statement made to the press by Antonello Lupino of the International UFO Center, the object sighted at very low altitude by two women in Monselice (Padua) on the evening of last 3 August was gigantic and was even photographed by a meteorological satellite.

There was in fact visible, in a Meteosat image captured at 10

p.m. that evening relative to the geographic coordinates for Monselice, a solid object having the enormous dimensions of approximately two square kilometers, which was not present in the subsequent scan at 10:30 p.m.

[Il Mattino di Padova, 24 February; Ufo-Italia, 25 February; collaboration by Gildo Persone']

Collaborators on this edition were: Andrea Bovo, Paolo Fiorino and Gildo Persone'.

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ITALIAN SIGHTINGS IN JANUARY

The number of UFO sightings gathered by the Italian Center for Ufological Studies appears to mark a slight increase in the level of activity, with respect to the continuing lull of the preceding months.

In fact, the number of cases so far reported or detected by the CISU working group on Italian sightings totals 30 for the month of January, versus 26 for November and 17 in December.

Five observations occurred during daylight hours, while the others alternately concerned lights in the nighttime sky. Eight reports relate to the =93mini-flap=94 caused by the conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon on 26 January.

Meanwhile, the annual totals for 2001 have been updated, up to 650 sightings, confirming the exceptional nature of the last year with respect to the media coverage during recent years, which had remained steady at around 300-350 cases. At the center of the summer wave, Lombardy and Tuscany totaled nearly 100 sightings each, followed by Veneto and Emilia-Romagna.

[Collaboration by Giorgio Abraini and Sebastiano Ridolfi;
Ufo-Italia mailing list, 20 February]

"I WAS ABDUCTED BY ALIENS", MAN REPORTS TO POLICE

Convinced that he had been abducted by UFOs, a young man from Conegliano Veneto (Treviso) went to the police in order to provide what amounted to the first report of its type in our country.

The =93abduction=94 was said to have occurred around the middle of last July. According to the protagonist of the sequence of events, the extraterrestrials picked him up, brought him to a secret location and utilized him as a guinea pig in experiments featuring =93extremely sophisticated pieces of equipment=94; the aliens also =93removed a section of his brain,=94 thereafter returning him to his home.

Skeptical in the face of the young man=92s about his experience

and the events, the agents balked at the report and invited him to appear on television, on the Maurizio Costanzo Show.

[La Tribuna di Treviso, 17 February; Ufo-Italia, 17 February; collaboration by Gildo Person=E8]

FINAL WEEK OF UPIAR DISCOUNTS

With the close of the month of February, the =93UPIAR Store=94 promotion comes to an end for this on-line bookstore where books and publications about UFOs may be purchased over the Internet via credit card.

Launched at the end of December as an absolute novelty for Italy, the site www.upiar.com during the first two months of the new year has offered an unconditional discount of 10% to everyone who has become a member in order to make at least one purchase.

As of 28 February, the promotion will end, and we will only be continuing the discounts that are reserved for members of the Italian Center for UFO Studies (20%) and of affiliated associations.

[Communication by Maurizio Verga]

2002 C.I.S.U. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Also through 28 February, we are holding the open house for the 2002 membership renewal campaign to the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

According to the rules, members and collaborators of the C.I.S.U. must actually submit their enrollment fees by the end of February, the amount of which the governing board voted to round off to the nearest Euro, thus (for collaborators): 21 Euros for regular enrollment, 31 for those =93supporters,=94 and 77 for membership =93in good standing=94.

As always, payments may be submitted through the current mailing account for Cooperativa UPIAR.

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Giorgio Abraini, Gian Paolo Grassino, Gildo Person=E8, Sebastiano Ridolfi and Maurizio Verga.

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?

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Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 11:20:57 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:29:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 11:51:01 +0100

Hi Louis,

I invite you (and everyone here) to have a look at my website regarding the Betty Hill case:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/achimkoch>

There you will find "New discoveries in Betty Hill's star map" - it was not Zeta Reticuli that Betty had seen.

Regards,

Joachim

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:34:56 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

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>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:23:49 EST
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>First, Walter Haut said that the press release came from
>Colonel Blanchard... that should end the discussion.

Except that Haut has very hazy memories about the news release.

He has, at various times, said that Col Blanchard gave him the news release; that Col Blanchard=92s adjutant might have given him the orders; that he cannot recall whether Blanchard wrote the release or he (Haut) did.

It was not that big a production at that time, in my mind."
(OMNI Magazine)

Not a "big production"? A crashed saucer and its occupants is "not a big production"? Or should we say that a small pile of foil and balsa that might be the solution to the hundreds of sightings since June 25 was not a big production:

"Well, there were quite a few reports of flying saucers at that time," Haut reminded me. "I had a multitude of hats I wore. I had all kinds of things to do. I asked my wife, when all this [the renewed interest in Roswell in the mid 1980s] started, 'Do you remember me coming home and saying anything about it?'" Her reply, he recalled, was simply no." (OMNI Magazine)

>On a military base
>and in a military organization (don't think the corporate world
>here because they really are two separate entities), all
>messages originate with the commander. Haut would have issued no
>statement if only Marcel had told him to. He would have gone to
>the commander to make sure that the statement was required, was
>accurate, and that the commander had no objections to it.

Not according to Haut, as quoted by David Rudiak: "I spoke to Haut myself. All press releases, except extremely trivial ones, were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by Blanchard and/or by his adjutant." (UFO Updates, Feb 9, 2002)

>Second, Haut has told everyone who asked that Blanchard either
>gave him the release in its entirety, or gave him the facts and
>Haut wrote the release. Since he was the man who actually
>hand-carried it to the various news media in Roswell, this
>statement should have significant weight.

Haut is then, by his own admission, hazy on the details. So perhaps we should give significant weight to the lead sentences from the RDR article:

"=85over the authority of Maj. J. A. Marcel, intelligence officer=85"

After all, if it was Col Blanchard who wrote/ dictated/
summarized and ordered the news release, wouldn=92t the news

release have reflected the originator, and the RDR have reported it that way?

>Third, if we are going to reject this because the Roswell Daily
>Record reported that the authority was Major Marcel and phantom
>reporters would have asked questions about it, then I suggest we
>interview Lt. Warren Haight who was quoted in any number of
>newspapers and get his impressions and opinions.

"Phantom" reporters? At a newspaper office? If the RDR did not have real reporters, then where did they get any news to print?

RAAFB PIO "Warren Haight" and his comments came off an AP wire story, and many papers used this wire story along with their own reporting. A common enough mistake. But note that the RDR did not make that mistake.

>Now, as a Public Affairs officer, I can tell you that our
>commander saw everything that went from the base to the news
>media. If there was a mistake, it was his ass.

Apparently that was not the case at RAAFB, according to Walter Haut. And Haut's words should have "significant weight".

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>So, here's the deal. Blanchard was the authority for the press
>release, regardless of what the newspaper said. Period.

We have Haut admitting that his memories are hazy, that there was a delegation of authority to issue news releases, and that as far as he is concerned, it was not a big production at the time.

We also have the RDR in very clear language stating, after accepting the official news bulletin from Lt. Haut, that it had been released "over the authority of" Marcel. As the RDR certainly knew who Col Blanchard was, why do you suppose that they would attribute it to one of his subordinates?

And finally, we have Haut recalling that Blanchard opened his first staff meeting after coming back from his leave with a comment something like this: "Well, we sure shot ourselves in the foot with that balloon fiasco. It was just something from a project at Alamogordo, and some of the guys were here on our base later, too. Anyway, it's done and over with."

BTW, that quote was from a 7/90 video-taped interview with Haut conducted by Fred Whiting for the Fund for UFO Research. Note that Blanchard knew that the source of the "disk" was from a balloon project (presumably Mogul), and Haut related this story long before Bob Todd found Project Mogul in =9295.

>And, as for the story that Brazel was out to collect the \$3000
>reward, I have found no evidence that he could have learned
>about it until AFTER the press release.

How on earth did you arrive at that conclusion?

Loretta Proctor, talking about what she and husband Floyd told Mac Brazel before he went into Roswell: "We told him that if he thought he had something - you know, we=92d heard that there was a reward for a UFO, he might take and report it down there (Roswell). I guess he did." (UFO Crash at Roswell; Randle/Schmitt; Page 148)

"He said he didn't think much about it until he went into Corona, N. M., last Saturday and heard the flying disk reports." (Roswell Daily Record - July 9, 1947)

>In fact, the stories made it clear that most of the
>offers for a reward had already expired.

Not according to one AP story, datelined July 8, and printed by the Albuquerque Tribune.

>Brazel's motivation on going into Roswell was to get someone to
>clean up all the debris. According to Bill Brazel, Jr., Mack
>thought it was something that came from the sky (no matter which
>explanation trips your trigger, it came from the sky) and
>thought that the Army (as in Army Air Forces) should clean it

>up. He wasn't about to do it.

Not according to Sheriff Wilcox. Not according to the Proctors. Not according to Bessie. Not according to all the wire service reports. Not according to Haut=92s news release. And, most certainly not according to the interview published in the RDR on July 9. And he already had, with Bessie=92s help, cleaned up most of it.

Bill Brazel must be mistaken.

>This also suggests that Bessie Brazel's story can be rejected >because it is in conflict with what her brother has said.

As mentioned above, Bill=92s story is in conflict with a lot of other stories. Perhaps we should instead reject Bill=92s story because it is conflict with so many other witnesses.

>And,
>it is in conflict with what Jesse Marcel and Sheridan Cavitt >said... Bessie said she and her father and brother Vernon picked >up ALL the debris, but even Cavitt said there was scattered >debris.

I find it necessary to disagree here. Bessie lived at the ranch, Bill didn't. If we must give "significant weight" to what Haut said, it seems totally contradictory to ignore the statements of the only person we have who saw the total debris field in situ.

And Bill has contradicted himself far more often than Bessie has. Bill claims that he found debris after every rain storm, but he didn't live on the ranch, so he couldn't. Bill claims that two months afterwards, the military came and confiscated his debris. But he has also claimed that it was two years, not two months.

He also claimed that Bessie lived at the ranch but then he has claimed that she didn't live at the ranch. Brazel himself said that she lived there and that she helped him pick up the debris.

"At the time Brazel was in a hurry to get his rounds made and he did not pay much attention to it. But he did remark about what he had seen and on July 4 he, his wife, Vernon, and a daughter Betty, age 14, went back to the spot and gathered up quite a bit of the debris." (RDR, July 9, 1947)

Aside from that, I believe the relevant quote from Bessie is: "We spent several hours collecting the debris and putting it into sacks. I believe we filled about three sacks... We speculated a bit about what the material could be. I remember dad (Mac Brazel) saying 'Oh, it's just a bunch of garbage.' "

Bessie also said: "There was a lot of debris scattered over an area that seems to me now to have been about the size of a football field. There may have been additional material spread out more widely by the wind, which was blowing quite strongly."

Perhaps the emphasis you put on the word "ALL" is a bit strong?

>And, she is in conflict with Loretta Proctor, who said she >wasn't at the ranch,

Let's see; Loretta (and Floyd) Proctor initially told Bill Moore that she didn't see the debris, but after her husband died, she changed her mind and indicated that she did see the debris. But despite her claim that she saw this debris, with all of its strange properties, she wasn't interested enough to go back with Brazel to visit the site. And if she would not visit Brazel=92s house on the ranch, how could she know whether Bessie did, or did not live there?

>and she is in
>conflict with everyone including Mack Brazel himself who >complained about being held in jail...

Anecdotal, hearsay evidence. This did not come from Mack himself. Bessie was the only one in a position to know when her dad was home. What contemporary evidence we do have was that he spent some time in the company of Walt Whitmore, Sr.

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>And, if I might be allowed to indulge this stream of
>consciousness just a little longer, I might point out that
>though some happily suggest that many of the witnesses have been
>discredited, that simply is not true. Their characters have been
>assassinated which isn't quite the same thing.

As you point out, some of the witnesses told some pretty good whoppers. But the majority of them are not liars, just suffering from faulty, 30+ year old memories.

>Take poor, maligned Jesse Marcel, Sr. First, his entire military
>record is now in the hands of UFO researchers, though how this
>happened has not been explained.

Au Contraire, it has been clearly explained. A very good, very persistent UFO Investigator named Robert Todd eventually persuaded the NPRC in St Louis and the Air Force into releasing the files in accordance with the FOIA. He refused to take their word that the records had been destroyed in the fire at the NPRC on July 12, 1973. Bob knew that some pages from Marcel=92s records had already been released, so he insisted in a follow-up letter that they search again. The NPRC was able to find the records the second time around, admitting that they were in error and that the file had not been destroyed in fire. But still the NPRC refused to release the records, claiming that only the creating agency (the Air Force) had that authority. The NPRC forwarded the request on to the Air Force Military Personnel Center.

This time around, Bob amended the request to only non-medical records, knowing that the government was extremely sensitive about releasing medical information, even to the subject of the file itself. Acting on the amended request, the Air Force promptly sent Bob Todd nearly 200 pages from Marcel=92s military file, sans any medical records.

All of this was covered in Bob Todd=92s quarterly newsletter, "The Spot Report" for Dec. 20, 1996. I know you have a copy, Kevin, so I am at a loss over your contention that this research effort was never explained.

>No matter how you slice it,
>someone violated the law. While FOIA might get us those segments
>considered to be part of the public record, the rest of it falls
>under the Privacy Act and should not have been released without
>the written permission of Marcel, when he was alive, or his next
>of kin after his death. This violation might have been
>accidental, but it is a violation, nonetheless.

Alas, it isn't a violation at all. In fact, the right to privacy dies with an individual, despite the Government's trying to use the exact same argument. They even admitted this, after first denying the request, that Marcel=92s records didn't have protection under the Privacy Act. Yet they still denied the request, which is improper of the gov't. The Privacy Act doesn't cover dead people. If it did, no historian could ever use those files.

>There is no record that Marcel was a pilot or held a pilot's
>license, but, according to the interview, he had flown as a
>pilot.

Actually, Marcel claimed he had been a pilot since 1928, with over 3000 hours. If this is so, it is extremely curious why Marcel did not mention this when he entered the Army Air Force. Coincidentally, the FAA has never heard of Marcel, and a pilot=92s logbook- which no pilot is ever without- has never been produced.

>Some have suggested that this is a lie, but, and I'm sure
>the other Army Aviators on the list will confirm, it wasn't all
>that unusual for non-rated and other crew members to get some
>bootleg time, meaning they could honestly say they had flown as
>pilots.

It is true that many (but not all) bomber commanders would insist on crew members getting a little stick time as a safety measure. But sitting in the co-pilots seat with the pilot right next to you under non-combat conditions does not, by any stretch of the imagination, qualify as "pilot time".

>Yes, Marcel said something about 3000 hours as a pilot
>which seems to be excessive, but then Pratt's transcript isn't
>all that clear and Marcel apparently didn't make this claim to
>anyone else.

In his book The Roswell incident (Berlitz/Moore), Moore quotes Marcel saying that he had logged 468 hours of combat flying as a "bombardier, waist gunner, and pilot". So Pratt was not the only one Marcel spun some yarns for.

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>The real point here, I believe, is that the information
>contained in the Pratt interview, but not repeated in the other
>interviews

except to Moore=85

>that Marcel gave, suggests, at least to me, we should
>give Marcel the benefit of the doubt, rather than label him a
>liar. Besides, he was exactly who he said he was in 1947,
>meaning he was the intelligence officer at the 509th Bomb Group.

And Glenn Dennis was really a mortician in 1947. So?

The suggestion is that Marcel was sometimes prone to "stretching the truth". No one has suggested that he was anything but a competent military officer, and his records bear that out. But he also told a few whoppers (only some of which we covered here) to some of the interviewers over 30 years later. That is also a fact, and must be considered when evaluating the testimony of Marcel.

If you want us to give Marcel the benefit of the doubt, what about Cavitt? Should he not be given the same courtesy? Same for Bessie? None of her testimony has been proven to be a lie.

>I should point out, as well, that I managed to find two of the
>quotations that Marcel got for the air medal.

They are in his service records - strictly boilerplate citations - and they were certainly not for shooting down enemy planes, as Marcel claimed. Any luck with the other three that Marcel claimed?

>Contrary to what
>some have written, that Marcel was just a passenger on aircraft
>flying into combat (which to me is ridiculous)

Why ridiculous? Marcel was not air crew, and had zero training for any position in a bomber. OTOH, it would be natural for a Wing Intelligence man to fly along, as a passenger, on a mission periodically. His job was target and bomb damage assessment, and he certainly would want to see what his job was about with his own eyes. He was awarded two Air Medals for that extra effort.

>we find that he
>was a non-rated crewman assigned to those flights, which I
>believe suggest something like nearly a thousand hours of flight
>time in a combat environment.

Marcel told Moore 468 hours.

>What this means, frankly, is that I don't believe that Marcel's
>testimony has been discredited (Glenn Dennis? Yes. Gerald
>Anderson? Yes. Robert Shirkey? Yes...). Jesse Marcel's character
>has been assassinated.

But who was the assassin? In this case, it was Jessie himself. It certainly was not Bob Todd, who merely took the information Jessie provided about his background and service records, and tried to verify them.

>If his testimony was stand alone, meaning that we had nothing
>else from the other officers at Roswell, we had no indications
>from the enlisted personnel, then yes, we could reject the story
>as uncorroborated. But that isn't the situation, and we have
>learned that some extraordinary steps were taken in and around
>Roswell... and again it makes no difference what trips your
>trigger, alien or Mogul, the facts are that some extra-ordinary

>steps were taken at Roswell.

At the risk of resurrecting the discussion we had here a couple of months ago, those "extra-ordinary steps" left no impression what-so-ever on people who were on the periphery. Kimble, Jeffery=92s pilots, etc. The activity level described, and the steps that must have been taken to provide the extraordinary security measures described in the Saga could not be accomplished without major disruptions to the routine of a military base.

The GAO certainly found no unusual traffic and there should have been lots of it.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.11.02

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:35:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:36:39 -0500
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.11.02

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<http://www.geocities.com/erasproject>

March 11, 2002

WEEKLY BRIEFING
3.11.02

Mars Odyssey Images: 'A Lot of Ice'
<http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/space/03/01/mars.odyssey.briefing/index.html>

New Map Reveals Red Planet's Radioactive Hot Spots
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_radiation_020308.html

2nd Largest Mars Meteorite Found By Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition
<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/newse/20020310wo72.htm>

Spacecrafts Shed Light on Jupiter
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_hotspot_020311.htm
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Artists and Scientists to Gather in Paris, Composing Messages to ET
http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_vakoch_020311.html

Color Corrected: Johns Hopkins Researchers Say Universe Much Blander Than Before
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/universe_color_020308.html

Make it 'No': Researcher Says Warp-Drive Impossible
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/generalscience/warp_drive_020306.html

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 20:17:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:37:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Gonzalez

>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:42:25 -0600
>Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction
>>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 11:51:01 +0100

>Betty's notes re. her nightmares are published verbatim at the
>end of Fuller's Interrupted Journey, which I assume you've read.
>At least they were there in the English edition.

Not so in the Spanish edition.

>>In a letter to Dr. Patrick J. Quirke (psychiatrist) dated March
>>12, 1962 Betty enclosed an issue of the NICAP bulletin where
>>their case was presented - 'The Interrupted Journey' p. 98,
>>- Spanish edition. It should be the very first public mention of
>>it. Can anybody send me a copy?

>I think you're confused in your timing here. Go back to your
>original sources. I'm almost certain that the Quirke (sp?)
>letter didn't contain a copy of the NICAP bulletin about their
>case as that would only come several years later.

Yes, I thought the same, but the Spanish translation of
Betty's letter is unmistakable:

(My translation back into English, in a hurry):

(...) "The reason to ask for an interview is amazing. We
enclosed a NICAP's bulletin, where you can read a short
report of what happened to us September 19-20, last
year" (...)

Maybe, they did not mention anything about an
abduction but surely about the sighting.

>>Several references - the last the article by her niece in the
>>MUFON UFO Journal 401 - mention that Betty and Barney's watches
>>had permanently stopped running. But this 'electromagnetic
>>effect' is not mentioned in the original report made by
>>Walter Webb. Fuller did mention that their watches stopped after
>>the incident but do not mention any irreparable damage. Can
>>anybody clarify?

>>Finally, I would like to know who suggested the use of hypnosis
>>in this case.

>Go back and read Fuller again and the answer should be obvious.
>Why are you asking us? It's perfectly explained there.

My fault. I have read different proponents and did not read
Fuller.

According to p. 89 (Spanish edition) the culprit was:

Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Gonzalez

James McDonald, Air Force officer (retired) and close friend of Barney & Betty Hill, during the meeting with Robert Hohman and C.D. Jackson on November 25th, when the "missing time" was discovered.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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Re: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 Three New Sightings - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 14:56:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:39:14 -0500
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 Three New Sightings - Velez

>From: Brian Vike <yogibear@bulkley.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 Three New Sightings
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 15:21:52 -0800

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Hello 'Yogi', (Brian :)

You wrote:

>I would like to thank these folks for sending along their report
>to me.

And I would like to thank you for forwarding these reports on
to us! Fascinating stuff. Keep em coming as you receive them.
:)

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: UFO Congress - Bordentown, New Jersey - Benson

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 17:39:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 18:43:17 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Congress - Bordentown, New Jersey - Benson

Re:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/feb/m19-006.shtml>

Dear List:

Congress discounts \$85.00 for two days available if sent by mail by March 25. Complete list of speakers and their bio's, and detailed info, see www.drufo.org.

See you at the Congress.

Tom

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Making Sense Of It All

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:45:11 -0500
Subject: Making Sense Of It All

Apparently I am the only person in the Universe (or one of the very few) who tries to collate all credible/reliable information and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

Maybe I was overly inspired by the philosopher Herbert Spencer, who was a fellow synthesizer.

Otherwise, how do we ever get anywhere by constantly charging off in sixteen different directions with out pet beliefs?

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Martell Linked To UFO Site Hack Attempt?

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 00:15:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:50:51 -0500
Subject: Martell Linked To UFO Site Hack Attempt?

Hello List,

It appears revenge is on the mind of www.ufofiles.com and/or members of that website for me exposing their Porn business.

I caught one of their people, Jason Martell, trying to hack my website and 100% busted him in illegally Spamming my email.

Read the rest of the story and IP tracing back to him at:

<http://www.ufovideo.com/news/badhacker.html>

Tom King

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Re: Another 'Hidden' Sighting - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 19:46:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:52:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Another 'Hidden' Sighting - Maccabee

>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 02:41:00 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Another 'Hidden' Sighting

<snip>

>We/abductees, (for the most-part) are not "crazy!"

This fact is accurately portrayed in 'Abduction In My Life', which makes the case for why abductees (for the most part) are not crazy.

(see Abduction In My Life available from Arcturus Books and other sources)

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Re: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 Three New Sightings - Vike

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 17:57:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 11:02:31 -0500
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO 03-10-02 Three New Sightings - Vike

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Hi John & List

Happy to be able to share something with everyone. Keep in mind guys and gals the reason for me receiving all these reports is due to a bunch of newspaper articles which are being done on me and the sightings which took place in early February. Because of those articles, people are finding out where they can report their sighting. All of us are around, but I can say for certain that without the media helping I most likely would not have heard about any of these sightings.

There are two more newspapers articles coming up in The Interior News and Houston Today which I hope will generate a few more. What I am excited about is people knowing where to report their sightings for the north. Actually it helps us all in the long run here in B.C. and around North America.

I received another phone call this afternoon from a fellow in Terrace, B.C. He told me they watched a large object on February 1, 2002. I have this conversation taped as I do many of them - with permission of course. I will hang onto this one until I hear from a couple of the other witnesses as there were four people in the car at the time of this sighting.

I mentioned that I received 6 reports, well I am up to 8 since Saturday now. Been a busy weekend to say the least.

Again, I am glad I can add to the List.

Take care

Brian

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Secrecy News -- 03/11/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:27:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 12:21:57 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/11/02

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** CLASSIFIED U.S. NUCLEAR GUIDANCE DESCRIBED
** THE DOOMSDAY SCENARIO
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CLASSIFIED U.S. NUCLEAR GUIDANCE DESCRIBED

News reports describing classified U.S. nuclear weapons policy guidance have revived debate about the Bush Administration's view of nuclear weapons as an instrument of war, as well as raising questions about the role of secrecy in nuclear policy.

The classified Nuclear Posture Review reportedly named seven countries -- Russia, China, Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Libya and Syria -- as potential nuclear targets in U.S. contingency planning. It further asserted the need for new nuclear weapons that would be tailored for use in destroying underground bunkers.

The Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) was mandated by Congress, which directed that its report to Congress be delivered "in unclassified and classified forms, as necessary." It was evidently the intent of Congress that the broad policy issues involved in the structuring of U.S. nuclear forces should be the subject of public debate.

Nevertheless, no unclassified NPR report was delivered. (A declassified foreword was released at a Pentagon briefing on January 9.)

Now, however, disclosure of the contents of the classified report serves to compensate for the Pentagon's noncompliance, and to facilitate the public debate over nuclear policy that Congress had envisioned.

The classified Nuclear Posture Review report is still not generally available in the public domain. But it was described by William Arkin in the Los Angeles Times on March 10:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-op-arkinmar10.story>

The story was elaborated by Michael Gordon in the New York Times on March 10 and 11:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/10/international/10NUKE.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/11/international/11ASSE.html>

In response to the new disclosures, officials had to become publicly engaged on the rudiments of U.S. nuclear policy. The classified NPR, they insisted, simply represented prudent policy planning.

"It's not an operational plan," said Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers. "It's a policy document. And it simply states our deterrence posture, of which nuclear weapons are a part."

"The whole discussion here is about deterrence," Gen. Myers said on CNN. "Why we have a military, why we have nuclear forces is all about deterrence."

But this fails to explain why, if the NPR is a policy document and not an operational plan, it has been necessary for the public to depend on leaks of a classified report in order to have "the whole discussion."

More than that: If deterrence is in fact the object of U.S. nuclear policy, then a modicum of disclosure is logically required.

As Dr. Strangelove memorably explained to the Soviet ambassador: "The whole point of the doomsday machine... is lost... if you keep it a secret!"

THE DOOMSDAY SCENARIO

U.S. government planning for the consequences of a nuclear war began early in the nuclear age. One such emergency planning document has now been published under the title "The Doomsday Scenario," edited and annotated by L. Douglas Keeney (Motorbooks International, 2002).

The slim volume reprints a 1958 edition of the Pentagon's "Emergency Plans Book," which described in grim detail a catastrophic nuclear attack scenario and the obstacles to reconstituting civilized life.

Originally classified Secret, the document was declassified in 1998 and made publicly available in the National Archives, where the author obtained a copy. Remarkably, however, the document was subsequently removed from public access. This was apparently a result of the 1998-99 Kyl/Lott amendments that required re-review of declassified documents in order to search for inadvertent disclosures of sensitive nuclear weapons data.

There are no such inadvertent disclosures in this volume. But the government's withdrawal of the document from the Archives gives the book much of its cachet, and has provided an excellent marketing opportunity for the author.

The book was enthusiastically reviewed in Salon Magazine on February 7:

<http://www.salon.com/books/feature/2002/02/07/doomsday/index.html>

The book's foreword, by Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists publisher Stephen I. Schwartz, links the emergency preparedness efforts of the early Cold War to the continuity of government plans that were activated on September 11.

INFORMATION OPERATIONS IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

The Pentagon's recently aborted Office of Strategic Information, which was intended to generate foreign propaganda favorable to U.S. interests, has numerous parallels and precursors in the U.S. intelligence community and other branches of government.

During the Cold War, these activities included officially deniable sponsorship of foreign media outlets as well as overtly targeted "message" campaigns.

"Every effort shall be made to avoid public awareness of the relationship between the various ostensibly non-governmental broadcasting stations and the U.S. Government," according to a newly declassified sentence from the 1961 National Security Action Memorandum No. 63.

The Kennedy Administration's interest in this kind of "Information Policy" is extensively documented in "Foreign Relations of the United States, 1961-1963, volume XXV," published by the State Department last week.

In one peculiar episode, for example, the Administration put its best minds to work devising a response to the Soviet propaganda theme of "peaceful coexistence."

"We have needed a single, simple countertheme if we are to do the job," wrote Secretary of State Dean Rusk and US Information Agency Director Edward R. Murrow in a rather lame 1961 memo to the President. "After a long study of the possible alternatives, we have concluded that 'peaceful world community' is the most effective phrase we can find."

Special assistant to the President Arthur M. Schlesinger demurred. "I am informed," he wrote, "that the phrase 'peaceful world community' presents tricky problems in translation. In many languages, it will come out, when translated, very close to 'peaceful coexistence.' In Russian, I understand, the words for 'peaceful' and 'world' are identical, which would make our proposed slogan very clumsy indeed (mirnoye mirnoye obschestvo). Also 'community' is hard to render; in many languages, it will come out as 'village' or, if transliterated, will be hard to distinguish from 'communism'."

In the end, the President himself stepped in to provide the elusive catchphrase. "He has expressed the conflict as being between the 'world of free choice and free cooperation' and 'the world of coercion'," National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy informed Rusk and Murrow. "The President has requested that immediate steps be taken to give this formulation the widespread currency and usage that would make it an effective countertheme to the Soviet formula." And so the Cold War was won.

The new FRUS volume also documents the reorganization of military intelligence during the early 1960s, including the establishment of the National Reconnaissance Program and the new Defense Intelligence Agency.

Regrettably, the State Department yielded to unwarranted CIA pressure to maintain the classification of forty year old intelligence budget and personnel data.

The full text of the new volume is available online here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/kennedyjf/ol/xxv/>

The State Department also released the first of its FRUS volumes from the Nixon Administration last week. That volume, devoted to Foreign Economic Policy and International Monetary Policy, appears to be of more specialized interest. It is available here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/nixon/iii/>

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 06:24:15 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 12:23:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Hamilton

>From: Joachim <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 11:20:57 EST
>Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction
>>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 11:51:01 +0100

>I invite you (and everyone here) to have a look at my website
>regarding the Betty Hill case:

><http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/achimkoch>

>There you will find "New discoveries in Betty Hill's star map" -
>it was not Zeta Reticuli that Betty had seen.

I seem to remember this coming up before. I also remember Stan writing a rebuttal. Yes, written by Joachim Koch and Hans-Juergen Kyborg of Germany.

They say "We have discovered that the pattern of Betty Hill's map corresponds to the actual constellation of the solar system at that time."

Has anyone checked this out and what conclusion was reached?

- Bill Hamilton

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:59:50 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 12:26:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

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>and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to
>think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 13:50:39 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 22:47:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:59:50 EST
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Now to be quite serious, each researcher with whom I've either
had a personal relationship in the form of meeting(s), telecons
and or reading their books, even the fiction some of these men
write, has something to say about the other. There is no
cohesion. No cooperation. Nothing appears to this writer to make
any sense of the relationships, or lack of them, among UFO and
abduction researchers.

The 'why' of it eludes. It's nearly as complex as the phenomena
which they purport to study. It isn't the books, or the money.
There's little enough of both. Notariety may provide a measure
of blame, a dollop of energy with which to destroy cooperation.

Don't get me too terribly wrong, there is some cooperation among
researchers, but not nearly enough to make a difference. Perhaps

it is pride which interferes. Perhaps it is just plain stubbornness. But whatever it is (or whatever they are), the reasons preclude constant and uninterrupted communication and sharing of knowledge and ideas.

Enter the skeptibunko to defocus our vectors of study and voila, eh? They take us away from each other even more, take away our time by our having to respond to iggerantz and culpable stupidity and the end result is that we've lost the most precious commodity we own. Time.

So, Mr. Hall is absolutely correct. And as usual, the good Docca has intoberated with his inegredious vitooperation and made a mess out of the conversation.

With all due respect, and that ain't much, you are a jerk!

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Jim,

Not sure what you mean here, but let me clarify what I am
saying.

Scientific research, by definition, is a community (i.e., group)
effort; peer review and all that. It is not individuals
grinding personal axes and charging around in all directions in
an undisciplined fashion, which is what most of Ufology is.

It involves data gathering, forming hypotheses about the data,
etc., yes by individuals here and there, but they normally are
tied into groups and societies that provide cross-checks on
their work.

The information is shared, reviewed, refined, and supplemented.
Very few scientists tackle any major problem or question all by
themselves.

On UpDates, unfortunately, most (not all) of what we
see is the Charge of the Giant Egos who think their individual
brainpower is going to solve everything, and attempted peer
review is sneered at and the need for it apparently not

understood at all.

I am trying to define scientific research and to illustrate what is wrong with 'Ufology' and why progress is so slow and painful.

We do have some outstandingly good peer reviewers on the List, which is a definite plus. What we lack is any (or much) evaluating of hypotheses in a systematic way in a group scientific effort to make sense of it all.

- Dick

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Kelly

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 09:16:36 +1100
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 23:04:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Kelly

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500

>You had an outstanding program on CFRB from 10:00 pm EST last
>night. I listened, spellbound, as your hosting of those
>illustrious guests spilled good stuff to the world at large.
>That program ought to be required listening!

G'day all,

It was a really good show on Saturday night and one I won't have missed for quids, as the saying goes here, down-under. Congrats to Errol, John and the team for bringing too the public such an informative and confronting program and thank goodness for the net other wise peoples like myself would not have been able to listen to it.

I did hear Errol say that the first 45 minutes or so, would be archived. I hope you guys are still going to do this as I had a knock at the front door just as something very interesting was mentioned about something to do with a device that coursed and opposite effect on the other side of the planet?

Needless to say I was cursing a blue streak for missing that most interesting part of the conversation/interview.

So will you be archieving the first 45 minutes or so Errol? As I for one would really like to listen to it again. If fact I wouldn't mind listen to the whole show again, it was great.

Cheers

Chris (Tophar)

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Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 17:09:06 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 23:18:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction? - Koch

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Betty And Barney Hill Abduction?
>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 06:24:15 -0800 (PST)

>They say "We have discovered that the pattern of Betty Hill's
>map corresponds to the actual constellation of the solar system
>at that time."

>Has anyone checked this out and what conclusion was reached?

>- Bill Hamilton

Hello Bill, Hello List,

Yes, you are right, Stanton Friedman - whom we estimate very much and who helped us a lot with his material - once made clear here in this list what he thinks about our new discoveries: he is not willing to accept that there might be the possibility of another explanation to the "star map" than the one he is used to. And so did the late Carl Sagan.

When we made our discoveries first in 1994, we sent a sketch to Stan without further explanation. This sketch showed some dots and lines and someone who was used to Betty's pattern in her own sketch of the map should have recognized it very easily - so we thought. It could have been a verification to our discovery because the pattern emerged so clearly.

But Stan, the old fox, became annoyed by our posting and didn't react but asked us only if this would be a Rohrschach test. So we think, because of our inept request we never again got a chance by him for any serious analysis of our discovery.

His main argument against our work was the use of an alleged "arbitrary vantage point". Well, t h e r e i s a vantage point in this abduction story and this is Betty's and the angle under which she saw this "map" in front of her eyes.

Stanton accepted that Mrs. Fish - whom we applaud very much because of her great attempt to find a solution - used such an "arbitrary vantage point" when she layed on the floor and peered through the arrangement of her coloured pearls representing stars hanging above her - but he is not willing to accept the same with our work.

But we did more to find a solution. We analyzed the context of what Betty had said. And consider carefully:

- the "leader" started an attempt to find out what Betty knew about astronomy when she asked him for his homeport and Betty had to confess that she knew only little about our solar system but not much more. When he "made to appear" the "map" he encouraged her to show him where the Earth is - and she couldn't.

- then the "leader" said that if she is not able to show where she is (where the Earth is) then it makes no sense to him to show her where he is from - and made "the map" to disappear.

So nothing of distant star systems, only and simply the next logical step to Betty's question: well, she is asking about stars so let's check if there is a common base of astronomical knowledge.

Please read very carefully what we have written in chapter IV and look for the context of the whole case, it is really fascinating.

Christophe Meessen, the son of Prof. Meessen from Belgium, who once was involved in the analysis of the Belgium UFO wave of 1989 and who sympathized with our new discoveries, wrote in 1999:

>"I only wanted to make clear that I want to keep a neutral position and do an objective and independent analysis.

>As I said and you probably know there are apparently problems with matching the map with our solar system. >But in your idea there is more than a simple pattern matching. The solar system idea make perfect sense in the context where the map was shown. There are thus very good reasons to believe that the map is showing our solar system. This makes also sense for many other aspects of the UFO phenomenon in general."

He wrote this because we analyzed not only the pattern of Betty's sketch but went another step ahead and looked for the physics of the celestial bodies matching Betty's pattern within our solar system and their importance for an alien space faring nation - and found some striking clues!

I think, our homepage comprises the most detailed analysis of the Betty Hill case which is currently available on the Web:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/achimkoch>

Enjoy!

Joachim

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The bottom of my eyes began to fill up a little bit on the results of my too busy imagination, and I stepped away from the group, frankly, to surreptitiously wipe my eyes and compose myself. The reader should remember what I said earlier about ripping off ones head... poke fun at me and the reader can pull back a nub of whatever it was he was poking me with, sincerely...

Besides, the sentiment in cameo here is a little more honestly drawn than the sentiment extracted from a lying "we like to make you smile" hamburger commercial on "family" television! This is forgetting entirely whether it was the kid, Stanton Friedman, or my own poignantly reinforced convictions that had made me cry, or a combination of the three. But weep I did, and, on the whole (?) I'm rather glad I can.

That's enough. I remain watching the skies. Read on!

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his hero looking right into his own unblinking eyes. Truth can never be as certain as when it is perceived by a small boy directly from the serious countenance of someone he admires. Babe Ruth pointing at the rafters for his next home run in sweet favor of a similar child approximates the actuality of Friedman's effect on the kid. The sermon on the mount was supposed to be as captivating, as inspiring, and as reassuring... to ascend to a little hyperbole.

"UFOs are REAL"!

The future had endless potential...; it was confirmed! And maybe, just maybe, a Gene Roddenberry-like Star Trek universe could exist for the kid, too! Maybe he could see a UFO (go aboard?). Maybe he too could be part of this magical thing so much larger than himself... Why... he might even find a way to make himself whole! The sky can be no limit to a boy's hopes and dreams... even (better, especially!) to one such as this afflicted kid.

The bottom of my eyes began to fill up a little bit on the results of my too busy imagination, and I stepped away from the group, frankly, to surreptitiously wipe my eyes and compose myself. The reader should remember what I said earlier about ripping off ones head... poke fun at me and the reader can pull back a nub of whatever it was he was poking me with, sincerely...

Besides, the sentiment in cameo here is a little more honestly drawn than the sentiment extracted from a lying "we like to make you smile" hamburger commercial on "family" television! This is forgetting entirely whether it was the kid, Stanton Friedman, or my own poignantly reinforced convictions that had made me cry, or a combination of the three. But weep I did, and, on the whole (?) I'm rather glad I can.

That's enough. I remain watching the skies. Read on!

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmberg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:42:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

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>off in sixteen different directions with out pet beliefs?

The obvious answer is, "We don't get anywhere." It might be interesting to look back through the Archives of this List and see how many times the same topics have been "cussed and discussed" over and over again with little to nothing accomplished, when all is said and done.

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."

- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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HUFOBC: Last Of The Reports

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:47:48 -0500
Subject: HUFOBC: Last Of The Reports

Hi List

I took the last call today about a sighting, so I have finally got caught up. Below is the last 4 reports I have so far.

Take care

Brian
Huston UFO British Columbia Canada
Terrace, British Columbia

Date: February 1, 2002
Time: approx: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Color of Object (light): Orange-Red (very large & bright)

I had a phone call from a gentleman who read the article about all the UFO sightings which have taken place over the last month and a half around our area here in northern British Columbia. The fellow was one of four witnesses to the ("object" ?) or very large bright light they all saw. He went on to explain to me that on their drive to Terrace, B.C, from Kitsequecla, B.C. on the night of February, 1, 2002 they saw an orange and red very bright light which seemed to be in the shape of a square. This light was sitting close to the top, or just below the top rim of the mountain. Their first thoughts were that this was part of the moon.

After spending approximately four hours in the Terrace area, on the way home to Kitsequecla about half way through the drive he saw the moon on the left side of the vehicle. He told me that what he had seen was closer to Terrace and looking nothing like the moon. I asked if he could tell me the exact location of the light. He told me it would have been right at Usk which is approximately 20 - 25 kilometers south of Terrace, B.C. He also explained there is a little church in Usk and the object was seen at the top of the mountain on the same side as the church sits. He again explained the shape of this bright light, and mentioned that it was as if the moon was up and some cloud was covering it to give the impression of a square.

Investigators note: There was no cloud cover at all the witness told me . I asked the witness if this light was stationary, or had any movement to it. He told me it wasn't moving for the period of time they watched it. He also said that on his return journey the light was no longer in that location.

I asked if he was able to give me an approximate size of the light. I could hear him ask his wife, who was sitting close by, how big did she think it was. They both said that if you looked at a good sized home and were seeing it from about 400 yards away, it seemed to be about the same dimension.

I asked at this time about the other witnesses who saw it, and he told me that his wife, brother-n-law and sister-in-law were in the vehicle at the time. He pointed out the bright object to them at the time and all of them said they had never seen anything like it before. I went on to ask if there was any noise

coming from the light and he said no but that it was a fair way away from them near, or at the top of the mountain, and it could have made a noise but they were unable to hear it.

At the close of the telephone interview he again gave me his impression of what he thought this light looked like. He mentioned that it looked very glossy with the orange, red and yellow. The witness also talked about a possible faint colored band running across the face of the light. I do plan to follow this up to see if I can get any other details from the other three witnesses.

I would like to thank this witness for making a report.

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: March 8, 2002
Time: Between 10:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Color: Green & yellow

In the telephone conversation this witness said he wasn't sure if what he saw was a meteor or something else. He came out of his home and was walking down the street taking a cigarette break and looking toward the sky when he saw a green and yellow streak of light cross the sky very quickly. This sighting lasted approx: 2 seconds. The light was traveling from east to west at the time.

Investigators Note: Of course I am not positive, but I do believe. from what the witness told me about this sighting, that its very possibly a meteor.

I would like to thank this witness for making a report.

South Hazelton, British Columbia

Date: Approx: Between February 27 to March 1, 2002
Time: Between 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Color: Blue with red

The witness said she thought what she saw, may have been a plane flying overhead as she often sees them and it was coming from the west and heading east. She also said that it seemed to be off course from what she usually sees in the flight path. All of a sudden the object turned sharply and headed north.

The object was blue in color with a spot of red and was very high up in the sky. The sighting lasted only a few seconds.

Investigators Note: This could possibly be a jet, but whatever it was made a sharp turn to the north. This sighting is questionable.

I would like to thank this witness for making a report.

South Hazelton, British Columbia

Date: February 2001 (near the end of the month)
Time: 1:00 a.m.
Color: Transparent red

This witness reported to me something which she still has a hard time believing. She tells me that this object was tubular in shape, but like a triangle.

She continued our conversation by telling me that on one side of the object she could clearly see through it at the closest point to her. It almost seemed to have two separate identities, the side closest to the witness seemed to be transparent as she could see the stars through it but it also had a triangular outline.

The color of the craft was red. I asked if it was bright red. Her perception of it was that the light was a faint red and it was not very high off the ground. (She laughed and said she almost crawled over the back fence to follow it). But as she was

alone she thought it would be better not to. She told me it flew at about tree top level very slowly and this is why she could view the object for a decent amount of time.

She returned to her home and was shaking badly... it had really frightened her. Her husband was sleeping and when she told him what she had seen he was not interested.

The object was heading south over other residents roof tops and appeared to be going lower and at this time she lost visual contact with it. The witness said she believes the object would have been between 30 and 40 feet in length. She heard no sound at all and the pet (puppy) did not react to it either.

I would like to thank this witness for making a report.

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Kelly

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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:50:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Kelly

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

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>who was a fellow synthesizer.

G'day everyone,

You have a point here Richard,

I have a little to do with child psychology, in one of the
programs used to look at behaviour in children a group of
children from the ages of say 7 through to 11 are put in a field
and given a basket ball and told to go for it.

Some children will grab the ball and start running off with it
in any old direction, others will pass the ball to someone else,
still others will trip up those running with the ball. It is
quite a sight to see and very interesting from a behavioural
point of view.

Your comments above reminded me a little of those children
when they were given the ball, but with no instructions or
rules to go by, it was just a free-for-all.

Experiences seem to govern much of what we do and think and in
many ways dictates the way we act or behave as we move on into
adulthood. This is many ways can tend to complicate things
instead of making life easier. So I understand your desire for
greater synthesis.

>Otherwise, how do we ever get anywhere by constantly charging
>off in sixteen different directions without pet beliefs?

'Pet beliefs' is an interesting term you have used here, one I
could pull a part and stripe this to the bone if one was that
sort of person as many of the great philosopher and
mathematicians lived by their pet beliefs. Einstein's main pet
belief was $E = mc^2$. So our beliefs are important,
pet or otherwise. But I agree they can get in the way sometimes
which must frustrate others greatly.

My main 'Pet belief' is that Aliens need resources to live and
build their craft and these resources may be being mined right
out from under our noses or even being mined by governments who
have made some sort of deal in return for technology with the
Aliens. What effect this has on our planet and what effects it
has on all life here on Earth is a concern to me.

It is a hard belief to let go, for if there are Aliens here,

they must have to eat to live and their craft sure didn't make themselves. It could even turn out that these Alien's have been mining resources here on Earth for hundreds of thousands of years which might have even lead to us coming about or evolving or being able to evolve here on Earth. We may well be something of experiment started by an overly curious Alien with spare time on his or her hands.

Anyway, I think you are right Richard for our beliefs can get in the way making life and research harder for us all but they are also important as well. It is a good point you have made though Richard because if such things aren't raised, then we will just continue on getting nowhere, or as a saying here downunder goes. 'Travelling at a hundred miles an hour to nowhere'.

Cheers (Tophar)

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:52:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 19:36:31 +0000

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:59:50 EST
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>Not sure what you mean here, but let me clarify what I am
>saying.

<snip>

Dear Dick, List, Errol,

What I am doing is agreeing with you with my usual tongue
planted firmly in my cheek, which by the by is slightly purple,
not with envy but rather Gripple.

Jim

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hamilton

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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:56:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hamilton

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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I attempted doing this to some extent when I investigated the Phoenix Lights and we attempted to classify the various reports by event: data points on time, location, UFO configuration and characteristics, etc and concluded there were at least 10 events. We were not able to reduce any of the ten to a lesser number by the details (some inexact) of the 100+ reports we received.

There were numerous hypotheses suggested, actually these were more like off-the-cuff explanations, not hypotheses which have a more formal structure. After examination, most of these explanations could be discarded because they did not accord with the reported facts or were not verifiable. My conclusion was that most of the sightings were of unknown and unconventional objects.

If I had been more prepared for these events, there would have been a more systematic effort made. My book "The Phoenix Lights Mystery" was my best shot at presenting the case for unknowns.

Sincerely,

Bill Hamilton

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Ligurian Sea - UFO-landing near Castelfranco Emilia

HUMANOIDS IN ITALY

by Roberto Pinotti.

Aug. 14, 1947. Raveo. Artist and SF-writer R. L. Johannis saw a disk on the ground and two dwarfs less than 1 m tall, wearing dark blue coveralls with red collars and belts. They had oversized heads, greenish faces, huge, salient dark eyes without eyelashes or eyebrows, but surrounded by a ringlike muscle. They wore something similar to crash helmets. The center of their belts projected a "light" and the witness suffocated, feeling a strong electrical discharge. The creature had greenish hands with eight talonlike fingers.

Apr. 24, 1950 Abbiate Guazzone (Varese). Bruno Facchini heard and saw sparks coming from a dark, hovering object, near which a man dressed in tight-fitting clothes and wearing a helmet seemed to be making repairs. Three other men were seen near the craft. When the work was finished, a trap through which light had been shining was closed and the thing took off. The witness had the time to note many details of the machine and its occupants. When Facchini, thinking strange beings are American pilot, answer if they need help, one of this projected a "light" from a tube and the witness fell to the ground, feeling a strong discharge that burns his abdomen skin. When the UFO disappears, Mr. Facchini finds on the ground many UFO fragments.

1952, 18 November: During the most famous 1952 UFO wave farmer Nello Ferrari of Castelfranco Veneto found himself flooded in red light; looking up, he saw 30 ft (9 m) above the ground a 70 ft (20 m) wide copper-gold disk with a rotating cylinder beneath; from it came sounds like an electric motor. On the upper surface was a turret from which three beings observed him directly. They looked "perfectly human". The cylinder was retracted and the craft took off vertically at high speed.

Oct. 25, 1954, Colcerasa (Macerata). At 5 pm, two 12-year-old boys, Marziano Giampieri and Pacifico Santucci, suddenly saw three figures who, as soon as they were discovered, entered a small spherical craft cocealed 10 m. away behind some bushes. The beings were small, about 35 cm tall, and very large heads and lead-gray skin. The craft had two sharp-pointed propellers in front, which started spinning. The craft took off suddenly with a hissing sound from the fields and zoomed away with a sort of explosion. The case was investigated by local authorities, including Carabinieri and Police. A woman, Maria Ruggeri, confirmed she saw, too, a mysterious flying object "just over my head", leaving the spot.

(to be continued).

1999: ITALIAN FLAP

January, 1999, a strong UFO flap interest Italy. UFO sightings continued, with more encounters in different areas of the peninsula. On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 10:30 p.m., a teenaged boy returning home in Cava dei Tirreni spotted "a black discoidal object" hovering above some houses. The saucer, he reported, "had a diameter estimated at 10 meters (33 feet), emitted no sound, and showed no lights or colors of any kind. It circled twice over the town before flying away". On Monday, January 11, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., a fireball appeared in the sky over the city of Bologna, 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Rome. "The UFO crossed the sky for 15 seconds in a southeasterly direction". Witnesses telephoned the Carabinieri (Italian police) and the control tower at Marconi International Airport. Tower personnel said there was nothing on radar.

On Monday, January 18, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., a UFO appeared over Trecastagni, a town on the island of Sicily, described by witnesses as "a luminous object that crossed the sky going from the west to the south". "The group spotted the object near the peaks of Tre Monti on the outskirts of Trecastagni and took note of the luminous trail rising in the west. It crossed the sky, lighting up the clouds like the last burst of sunshine and then went in a southerly direction. Some witnesses spoke of one object with three lights and a luminous molten glow. Others spoke of a trio of luminous objects proceeding in formation. The object reportedly zigzagged and its speed was too excessive for it to be a conventional jet." (See the Italian newspaper La Sicilia for January 19, 1999).

On Saturday, January 23, 1999, at 8:15 p.m., seven young people spotted a trio of UFOs in the night sky over Pescara, a port city on the Adriatic Sea about 165 kilometers (102 miles) east of Rome. Two female witnesses, Paola and Elisa, said they saw "three luminous stars of a red color high in the sky, flying toward the southwest. Two of them (UFOs) broke away from the formation and traveled in a circular pattern. Then they zigzagged, appearing at several different points in the sky. The third unidentified object remained visible for five minutes" (See the Italian newspaper La Stampa Siciliana for January 24, 1999).

Also on Saturday, January 23, at 3:10 p.m., a man who was saying prayers at a family graveside at the Cimitero Comunale in the city of Piacenza, 110 kilometers (66 miles) southeast of Milano (Milan), spotted a UFO in the sky. "He saw a cylindrical object passing over the city. The object flew from the northeast to the northwest, passing in a diagonal line over Piacenza with a constant linear trajectory. The sighting lasted about one minute".

On Sunday, January 24, 1999, at the Parco Nazionale del Vesuvio, near Napoli (Naples), about 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of Rome, four people climbing Monte Somma mountain at 11 a.m. "saw a brilliant sphere of colors ranging from a metallic silver to an incandescent red. At just past the hour, this object appeared at several different points in the sky without seeming to move from point to point. The witnesses were adamant that this object was not the planet Jupiter. One witness testified that the object appeared to rotate on its own axis". Italy recorded other UFO sightings in various regions of the country in March, 1999.

On Sunday, March 14, 1999, from 6:30 to 7 p.m., witnesses in Iglesias, a city on the west coast of Sardinia, spotted two luminescent elongated forms that remained motionless in the sky for nearly half an hour. The two UFOs came together once, "forming an inverted U and disappeared on the horizon seconds later". Iglesias is in Sardinia's Cagliari province about 140 kilometers (84 miles) south of Sassari, the capital. (See the newspaper La Nuova Sardegna for March 16, 1999.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1999, at 8:30 p.m., eyewitness at Ozzano Emilia was driving into Castel San Pietro when he saw a strange glow in the woods. He then watched a large light rise into the sky. He described the UFO as a dark yellow color.

On Sunday, March 21, 1999, in the city of Milano (Milan), a strange light was seen in the sky by two people over the suburb

of Ripamonti. The light was definitely much larger and brighter than a star, giving off flashes of red, green and yellow light as it rose into the sky. It stayed at one point for several minutes, then (quickly) crossed the sky. Two days after at 20:38 section of Italy's National UFO Center in Milan received a call by an anonymous, with hispanic accent, reporting of a strange light in the sky over Ripamonti street.

More sightings in Liguria: July 13, at Alassio, a young saw a light like a star - but very large - in the sky; July 16, at Pegli, a strange light appeared for 15 minutes and disappeared behind houses rooves; July 19, at 2:45 a.m. at Ubaga (Imperia) sighted a star-like object with trail.

SEVERAL CASES IN 1996...

January 8, 1996, at 9:30 p.m., a handful of people at Torrile, near Parma, saw "a white globe suddenly appear 200 meters above their heads. It hovered for several minutes and then disappeared"; January 10, two taxi drivers in Camerlata, in Como province, spotted "a strange object moving among the clouds"; January 11, a woman in Asso, Como province, spotted "three parallel rows of white rectangular lights hovering high above". These lights "flew away after four minutes". That same night, in nearby Canzo, a family saw "a large disc-shaped white light" descending into some alpine woods.

January 14, at 8:10 p.m., a young woman in Cimpello, in Pordenone province, saw "a white triangle passing swiftly over" her head. In March, at 9:00 p.m., at Pieve Emanuele (Milan), sighted a stationary light in the sky; after, UFO moves to south, south-east. March 14, at 9:21, Melzo (Milan), a worker videotaped many UFOs crossing planes; March 28, at 9:50, a star-like object hovering in the sky of Milan, Bovisa neighbourhood. In July or August, 1:30 a.m., two motorists saw over Inzago (Milan) a shining ball moving from Trecella to Masate.

July 7, Italian newspaper "Il Giorno" (The Day) publish two UFO photos showing lights in the sky of Milan (hoax?); July 25, at 11:30 p.m., an half-cygar appeared over Buccinasco (Milan). According to the witness, UFO was shining, with a little tower above and below; witness saw UFO for many evenings (doubtful case). In August, nocturnal lights was sighted in Liguria, Switzerland and over Milan.

In early August, a fiery UFO passed a truck at night on a road outside Vicenza. In addition, a ring of burned grass was found in the village of Lugo Vincentino, near Vicenza. The previous night, onlookers had seen a bluish-white luminosity on the same hillside. On August 10, two men reported seeing "a bright red disc" flying low above a farm in Fontana Rosa, near Avellino. A circle of dry yellowish grass was found the following day.

On August 17, tourists camping out at Varazze, in Savona province watched a round white light in the sky from 1 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. The light gradually changed color from white to yellow. The same day, two daylight discs appeared in the sky over Livigno in central Italy. The UFOs were videotaped by a young man, who turned the tape over to the Carabinieri (Italian police).

On August 22, "a large red ball, twice as big as the moon" frightened campers in Baia Domizia, near Caserta, appearing at 9:30 p.m. and hovering for five minutes over the bay. As one tourist lifted his videocam, the UFO sped away. On August 24, mysterious lights in the sky were seen at Guspini, Cagliari district, on the island of Sardinia. Teenagers watched the lights from 9:30 to 9:40 p.m.

On Sunday, August 25, 1996, at 5:40 p.m., ten people in Alassio, a small town in Italy's Savona province, witnessed a UFO overflight with their binoculars. The UFO came in from the sea and hovered over the town for ten minutes, making lateral motions. Later the same evening, at 9:30 p.m., a second UFO flew over Alassio. Witnesses described it as a rotating UFO with lights all around its equator.

September 21, in the evening, three lights appeared over Lorenteggio neighbourhood (Milan), for an hour. Searchlights probably. Between 8:45 and 10:00 p.m., over Milan and Cusago,

people saw three rotating lights; September 24, at 6:30 a.m., two luminous points from north to south, moving with horizontal line, are sighted from S.Giuliano Milanese (Milan). According Italy's National UFO Center, witness was very credible.

AND IN 1998...

On November 7, 1998, at about 8 p.m., a couple in Casalmaggiore, a town near Cremona, 140 kilometers (84 miles) southeast of Milano (Milan), "observed a white sphere, luminous, much larger than a star, that traversed the sky... The same object, and a similar one, appeared before two gentlemen at the Teatro Regio in Parma, around midnight". Parma is 125 kilometers (75 miles) southeast of Milano. On Saturday, December 5, 1998, "a green disc measuring 20 centimeters at arm's length was sighted near Castelbuttano. The object had a definite shape and dropped down in a power dive. The object did not leave any trail".

On Monday, December 7, 1998, at 11:05 p.m., "a motorist who was driving toward Pavia," a city 75 kilometers (45 miles) south of Milano, "had noticed in the sky a blob of light that speedily ascended in a perpendicular trajectory, covering several hundred meters of distance. The object appeared as a luminous piece of yellowish-orange color. In one-tenth of a second, the UFO had described a course toward the witnesses 'with a direction almost perpendicular and at an incredible velocity". The witness estimated that the sudden had "generated a force of 20 G's and 'nothing living could have survived such a furious velocity'". Also on December 7, "a triangular blue light was seen flying over the Piazza de Ferraris in central Genoa," a major port city 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of Rome, "at about 5 p.m."

CONES AND CIGARS

As the Italian journalist Renato Albanese reported in "La domenica del Corriere" in 1962, "the young farmer and stockbreeder Giuseppe Fenu lives in Villamassargia, an agricultural district of the Campidano (in Sardinia). He has assured us personally that on October 10, 1956, at about 10.30 pm, he had a fantastic sighting. He was coming home from the cinema and noticed, in the completely clear but moonless sky, a luminous globe moving in a N.-S. direction. Suddenly it vanished over the horizon, and the just as suddenly three more globes appeared, in formation. 'About half an hour after this first sighting', he continues, 'we all saw a kind of airship in the sky. It was luminous, of the apparent length of 20 metres, with an extremely luminous bluish-coloured strip running along its full extent. This strip was intersected at equal intervals by vertical bands of a lesser degree of luminosity, like grid-holes. Then we watched something quite fantastic. The globes began to circle round the giant cigar".

Thousands see cone-shaped object near Tuscany - A mysterious cone-shaped object hovered for two hours over the tiny wooden islet of Giglio, off the coast of Tuscany, on Saturday, July 13. Most of the 2,000 islanders reported seeing the unknown flying object. It came from the south, moving against prevailing winds, and flew at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. It was shaped like a long cone, with one silver coloured turret on the upper side and one on the bottom. It changed colour and some parts of its surface appeared to be moving, the islanders said. The object left in a northeasterly direction.

USO IN THE LIGURIAN SEA

June 3rd, 1961, about 6.35 pm near Savona (Ligurian Sea). Mr. Giacomo Barra of Savona went out in a motorboat with Giuseppe Pordoi, businessman, Filippo Marin, office employee, and Silvano Guardinfante, owner of the boat. When quite a good distance out to sea, "we shut off the engine and sat there chatting and enjoying the morning breeze. Suddenly the rocking motion of the waves increased, and the boat began to roll badly. We looked around, thinking it must be due to the proximity of one of the many tankers that put into our port. But nothing of the sort. At a distance of a kilometre from us, the surface of the sea was bulging like an enormous ball, with long billows going out from it on all sides. Dumbfounded, we were still wondering what it was when, suddenly, a strange contraption rose up from the bulge of water. Perhaps it was one of the celebrated 'flying saucers', for the lower part of it looked like a plate upside down, and the upper part ended in a cone. While it was emerging

from the sea, the water was thrust away all round it, as by a cushion of air. After it had emerged completely from the sea, it stopped still for a few seconds, at a height of 10 metres or so, and then rocked slightly a few minutes. Then a halo formed round the base of it, and the thing shot away very fast across the sea and vanished towards the north-west".

UFO-LANDING NEAR CASTELFRANCO EMILIA

In the morning of November 16, 1952, at half past 9, near Castelfranco Emilia (Modena) a farmer, Nello Ferrari, 41, was working in the fields. Suddenly Mr. Ferrari found himself flooded with a reddish light from above, and saw a large circular object about 10 meters above him, between gold and copper in colour. This structure was like two plates with their edges almost touching each other. At the center of the bottom surface, 20 meters in diameter, there was a cylinder of 5 meters in diameter (inside which there were some rapidly rotating parts), producing a noise similar to that of an electric motor. On the upper surface of the object there was a similar cylindrical structure like a turret. From the inside space between the two "plates" almost touching each other forming the main structure of the object three occupants were visible, looking directly at the witness. They looked perfectly human, wore rubber coveralls and transparent face mask. They spoke also a few words ("verren iirg unk", according the witness) which were not understood. Then a loud metallic noise was heard and the top part of the object (the upper late) lowered itself toward the lower plate. The sound gained intensity, and the craft flew vertically at very high speed. A part from some accounts in the local press, the event was reported by the Roman newspaper "Il Tempo" (The time) eleven years later (on July 12, 1963) and investigated by CUN personnel in 1969 (see Notiziario UFO no. 40-41 - July-October 1971- pages 34-36 and J.Vall=E9e 'Passport to Magonia', case 106 but incorrect details). The witness was considered highly reliable.

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 14:32:44 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:02:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Balaskas

>From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 09:16:36 +1100

>>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02
>>Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 08:41:53 -0500

>>You had an outstanding program on CFRB from 10:00 pm EST last
>>night. I listened, spellbound, as your hosting of those
>>illustrious guests spilled good stuff to the world at large.
>>That program ought to be required listening!

>G'day all,

>It was a really good show on Saturday night and one I won't have
>missed for quids, as the saying goes here, down-under. Congrats
>to Errol, John and the team for bringing too the public such an
>informative and confronting program and thank goodness for the
>net other wise peoples like myself would not have been able to
>listen to it.

>I did hear Errol say that the first 45 minutes or so, would be
>archived. I hope you guys are still going to do this as I had a
>knock at the front door just as something very interesting was
>mentioned about something to do with a device that coursed and
>opposite effect on the other side of the planet?

<snip>

Greetings Christopher and everyone!

The entire 3 hours of Errol's excellent 'Strange Days... Indeed'
radio show about UFOs was informative and thought provoking -
but so have all the previous 178 shows too. I think all are
worthy of archiving.

The part that you missed when you went to answer the front door
dealt with the "Binding Meter" which was designed and built by
Wilbert B. Smith, a government of Canada researcher, with help
from the "Boys Topside" (a euphemism he frequently used with
associates when he was referring to E.T. aliens). Using this
binding meter he was able to confirm the existence of temporary
regions of reduced binding. If a bridge or tower was in such a
region or an plane flew through this region of reduced binding,
they may experience a catastrophic structural failure at their
weakest points. There are plans to build and test this binding
meter here at York University following the same original plans
by Wilbert found among the archives of his personal papers.

Wilbert B. Smith died four decades ago, but his other
experiments (many performed at the NRC labs with the help or
presence of others, including some top Canadian scientists) also
showed that time, gravity and other concepts 20th century
science considers as absolutes and unchanging to be wrong. A
summary of Wilbert's thoughts and findings were published after
he died in the limited printed book 'The New Science', of which

I have a copy.

Wilbert's son James was on Errol's radio show on UFOs (along with UFO researcher Palmiro Campagna from Ottawa) during the first 45 minutes and yes, they did reveal some bombshells (eg. Jame's father was shown dead E.T. alien bodies which he could not talk about since he was bound by the Official Secrets Act). My only regret is that they did not go far enough by mentioning other incredible but little known things. Things such as actual contact with E.T. aliens aboard two orbiting satellites back in 1954 (they created a big scare in the Pentagon, according to 'Aviation Week and Space Technology' and a few other top U.S. newspapers at the time).

The flying saucer club meetings were held not only at Wilbert's home (they were attended by RCMP, military pilots - and even the occasional flying saucer peering through the windows!), but also at NRC facilities too. These meetings were attended by Canadian government scientists and engineers, including Nobel Prize winner Herzberg and others such as Millman and Stedman (I've seen an unpublished 1952 bound technical document written by Dr. Stedman which makes references to "saucerians" and how we may be able to construct a flying saucer of our own working on antigravity like in the ones they fly).

Wilbert was not the only government researcher studying UFOs and their science - only the most public and outspoken one. Partly because of this reason, and the fact what was learned through our direct contact with E.T.s was simply too incredible to believe, we may be just as responsible for the continued UFO cover-up as our government(s).

Nick Balaskas

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Filer's Files #11-2002

From: George A. Filer <WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com>
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FILER'S FILES #11-2002 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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UFOs were observed over New York, South Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Washington, Canada, Argentina, the United Kingdom and Italy. The Mars Odyssey spacecraft proves Mars has water.

ASTRONAUTS REPAIR HUBBLE TELESCOPE AS ANOMALIES PASS

Jeff Challender writes, I've been trying to keep on top of March 5, 2002, STS 109 shuttle mission. The astronauts have repaired the Hubble Space Telescope and a reflection of the flat end of Hubble Space Telescope in the payload bay camera lens showed a possible UFO. Sorry the photo could make a pretty convincing "flying saucer" to the untrained eye. There was an anomalous event on STS-109, during the HST capture. I must get you a copy of it. It's laughable! There were strobing objects, two of which were flying in formation, and the Capcom was trying his damndest to get the Shuttle commander Scott Altman to make some sort of remark about it, and he more or less sidestepped the issue. He said he really didn't look out the windows with a critical eye, and tried to leave it at that. The Capcom kept at it, and he still wouldn't commit. It was like the old saying. Ask me no questions, I'll tell you no lies. At least that's how I saw it. Contact Jeff for the video. Th! anks to Jeff Challender, Jefchall@worldnet.att.net.

Editor's Note: NASA says that ice crystals came off the engine bell housing and appear as glittering prisms of light. One of my fellow Disclosure Project witnesses, Mr. Harland Bentley says: "I have been in a graduate program for nuclear engineering=85and have been working contracts since 1963: NASA, Department of Energy, and several other electronics firms in the DC area. I was at a facility in California=85doing classified work=85which I can't say too much about=85..Our astronauts were doing a loop around the moon=85 in 1967 or 1968=85I heard them say they had a bogey [term used to denote UFOs]=85it was another type of ship. There were portals there that they could see in. They could see beings of some sort. They did not describe these beings, they just took photographs. They just said it was a saucer shaped craft. Then they said, 'There they go,' and they [the bogey] went out of sight almost immediately." Thanks to the Disclosure Project www.disclosureproject.com

MARS HAS VAST AREAS OF WATER

PASADENA -- We have been telling the readers of these files for years that water abounds on Mars. NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft has now found strong evidence of vast areas of Mars have water. The water is believed to be ice mixed in with the dirt, dust and rock that form the top three feet of the planet's surface. William Boynton of the University of Arizona and chief scientist for the spacecraft instrument that measures the abundance of hydrogen says. "The suggestion that water is present in such quantities could bolster the theory that the planet could have harbored life." `The results are exceeding

our expectations," said Roger Gibbs, the Odyssey deputy project manager for JPL. Odyssey, even though it is less than two weeks into a mapping mission expected to last at least 917 days, is already changing scientists' view of the planet, said R. Stephen Saunders, Odyssey project scientist for JPL. The spacecraft is intended to map the chemical and elemental makeup of the Martian surface and hunt for water and hot springs that could indicate geothermal activity. Another instrument, designed to measure the planet's radioactive environment and the risks it may hold for any future astronauts, has malfunctioned. However, initial data collected before the instrument ceased working suggests that en route to Mars, astronauts would be bombarded with about twice as much radiation as are the crew members orbiting the Earth. Thanks to Mars Odyssey: <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/odyssey/>

MARS MASK SIMILAR TO FACE FOUND ON NSA IMAGES

Robert Collins writes... What the viewer sees in the image in the below link is a picture of a wooden "MASK:" Pictures of this "wooden mask" came from Bill Moore in 1994. There is a big story behind how Bill got those pictures which will be divulged at a later time. The bottom half of the picture shows what has been determined to be "National Security Agency" (NSA) and USAF labels on the lower back bottom of the wooden mask or, "NSA #731" and "USAF-DOD SK (SIC?) 557 or 237" (note, this is even harder to read on a JPG image). As one source just said, "the reason NSA had it is because this same face appeared in a figure photographed on the Martian surface in 1978. This same face (and similar impression) was photographed on the ground ~300 miles northeast of the other face that was photographed on Mars." Robert Collins says, "I keep thinking of the Fish Gods talked about in Sumerian/Abyssian legends ...ala Zecharia Sitchin ... Also, my theory is the Aliens created these figures/structures (if they prove to be real) on the surface of Mars to give us "hints" just like the "hints" with crop circles. There just wasn't enough time for advanced life to have evolved on Mars. "See: http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins637/reports/nsa_usaf_dod_mask.htm

NEW YORK INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

PINE BUSH -- Dr. Bruce Cornet is investigating recent sightings of a triangular and diamond-shaped craft have been spotted along Route 52 between Flurry Road and Pine Bush, and on Route 17 (Gareth, on February 13, 2002) between exit 120 for Middletown and exit 119 for Pine Bush (Salvatore Cirami, 12 Jan. 2002). Further investigation reveals the craft flew over Freeze Road. The craft flipped onto it's left side, and traveled in a vertical orientation for a short distance before making a hard left turn -- a "right angle" turn to the left. Mr. Cirami was able to see the lights on the bottom of the triangle because the craft flipped vertical before turning. Once it turned northwest, the top of the craft blocked the lights. Then the triangle rotated into a horizontal mode, followed by it dropping like a rock out of sight into a field. That field was correctly identified by Mr. Ciramin on aerial photographs after he went back to the location and retraced his steps. The craft did not drop down over any concrete landing platform. What looks like a concrete platform on the aerial photograph is actually a very large building with a light colored roof, which is located on top of the hill where the sign and crosses are located. Hope this clears up the confusion. It is important for your readers to realize that these types of performances appear to be staged events. The triangle disappeared in as unlikely an area for such a large craft as the many craft I have witnessed near Montgomery, NY, disappearing into farm fields between tree rows. You have witnessed it with me.

I suspect that these areas were chosen by ETI to indicate where skywatchers should go if they want to resume sky watching again. Off of Midland Lakes Road is a short dead-end road called, Freeze Road. It has a culdesac right next to Route 17, as well as a pull-off and bench for people to sit at. To the north is a hill, upon which rests a large billboard sign for Nevele Grande hotel in Ellenville. I don't know of any similar pull-off along Route 52, which has a similar good vista for viewing aerial craft. Pine Bush enacted an ordinance to stop skywatching, or at least give the police a law which they could

enforce whenever the need arose to arrest people who were causing a problem. Since 1997 the farm fields on the east side of West Searsville Road have been heavily developed. The area is just too developed for skywatching, which means that other areas need to be scouted and found. Thanks to Bruce Cornet, Ph.D., Geologist, Paleobotanist, Palynologist bcornet@monmouth.com. <http://www.monmouth.com/~bcornet/>

MARYLAND FLYING TRIANGLE PHOTOGRAPHED

BALTIMORE -- On March 6, 2002, Bill Bean was leaving home at 8:45 PM, and noticed a slow moving bright, white light, in the northern sky. Bill reached for his camera, and took three shots. He then drove to Liberty Gardens Road. Bill says, "As I was stopped at the light, I saw the object once again, and it was moving very slow to the south and was much lower this time, so I watched it cross the sky, turn right, and circle back toward me." The craft was moving very slow until it passed in front of me, then it made a sudden burst of speed before making the circle back. It looked very light in the air, like it was playing around in the sky. I turned right and stopped the car to watch in absolute amazement as the craft passed by again it was even lower. It flew over the office buildings and the lights from the parking lots, and buildings allowed me to see this thing clearly. It was a black flying triangle craft, with three big, white lights [one on each corner], and a red/orange flashing light in the center. The most amazing part of the sighting came when the triangle craft tilted on its side to reveal the underside. I was shooting photo after photo [I shot 15 in all]. The object leveled out and took off with a tremendous burst of speed. Thanks to Bill Bean <http://www.ufoman104.com/>

SOUTH CAROLINA TRIANGULAR FORMATION

IRMO -- On February 6, 2002, the witness noticed white lights visible from Interstate 26 westbound at Route 76 exit. Two or three side by side lights did not appear to be moving. As we got off the Interstate, heading southwest on 76, we saw that the lights were ahead of us, over the Dutch Fork Elementary School. As we passed to the southeast of the lights, I was looking almost straight up at them and saw they were three white lights in an equilateral triangular formation, with a red flashing light in the middle. I had not seen the red light until I was looking up at the object from underneath. The lights began moving slowly southeast towards Columbia. The red center light was blinking once every second or two, but not constantly. It would appear to stop for a few seconds and then start. The object flew below the horizon towards the southeast at a couple thousand feet up, but the pattern of lights seemed too big for a helicopter. At arm's length the pattern was the diameter of a penny. There had been heavy helicopter activity in the area since nightfall. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

KENTUCKY UFO SIGHTING OVER POWER PLANTS

MAYSVILLE -- A National UFO Reporting Center anonymous report states that around 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 2002, a "chevron-shaped" object was sighted "patrolling" between power plants on both the Ohio and Kentucky sides of the Ohio River. Investigator Ken Young, determined these are Killen and Stuart power stations, both operated by the Dayton Power & Light Company. On the Kentucky side of the river, the station was identified as the East Bend Kentucky Power Plant. I then contacted the Mason County Sheriff's office and the Maysville City Police Department but nothing was reported there. I then called the East Bend, Kentucky power station at 606-883-3165 and talked with the chief security guard at the plant. He confirmed from their log books that an unusual incident DID indeed take place. The security chief said that the guard, also an officer with the Maysville police department, was on duty at the security office and logged the sighting of an unidentified aircraft. ! The guard wrote the following notes in his Activity Report: "APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS, 2/2/02, AN UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT FLYING TOWARD THE POWER PLANT. IT WAS VERY CLOSE WHEN IT TURNED SOUTHWEST, FLYING AROUND THE PLANT. NOTIFIED SUPERVISOR." The security supervisor was leery of planes flying near the power station during this time of terrorist concern across America.

I placed a call to the Maysville Police Department, to speak

with the officer that logged the unusual sighting. I can't tell you what it was," the officer said, describing the object as moving slowly toward the plant while he was on duty around 7:00 p.m. The officer said that he was seated at the main gate with the river to his left and the power plant behind him as the silent object approached. The "unknown aircraft," he said, was composed of three multicolored lights in a triangular formation. These lights were red, green and white. He said that due to darkness, he could not discern structure behind the lighting. He did stress that the object seemed closer than usual for an airplane, and moving at a slow steady pace. He also added that while not being a good judge of heights, the object was close enough to be of some concern.

The Dayton Power & Light Company's Killen Station on US Route 52 in Manchester, Ohio informed that there was no guard on duty during the night. The Stuart Station, also on US Route 52 in Manchester, said that she was aware of numerous people at the plant who spotted "something in the sky" a few weeks back. She did not see the object, but heard about it and the sighting had many at the plant people "talking." The East Bend Power station and the Stuart station are coal fired. This is a very significant event due to the recent terrorist events and alerts that have alarmed the nation. That witnesses are collectively describing an aircraft that they cannot identify makes this report all the more interesting. Thanks to Peter Davenport and KENNY YOUNG <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

WISCONSIN REPORT:

MENOMONEE FALLS, WAUKESHA COUNTY -- Allen T reports on February 27, 2002, the witness says, "My daughter and I had just dropped off my son at a Boy Scout meeting and turned onto Main Street in Menomonee Falls heading east towards home at 6:55 PM. We both saw a brightly lit object coming down at a rapid speed approximately at a 250 degree angle. It only lasted a few seconds and seemed to disappear over Lake Michigan. We looked at each other in disbelief. It looked like a flaming jet crashing, but it was moving too fast. Makes you wonder? Note: We will be following up with this eyewitness to obtain more information. John Hoppe, Director@ufowisconsin.com http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r2002_0227_waukesha.html

MISSOURI LARGE DISK SHAPED OBJECT IN THE NIGHT SKY

ASHGROVE -- The witness reports that on February 27, 2002, at about 10:12 PM, my daughter called me into her room and said, look at that! I looked out the window and saw an object the size of a softball at arm's length in the northern sky at ten degrees above the horizon. It shot straight up to about 30 degrees and seemed to float back down. It appeared to be flat with a raised top, had a red strobe like light on top the size of an eraser on a pencil, and white light on each end or edge. The craft made no sound and accomplished many very fast maneuvers and went straight up and disappeared, not out of sight, it just flashed out. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

ARKANSAS BRIGHT OBJECT ROTATES AND CHANGE COLORS

BEE BRANCH -- On February 13, 2002, the witness saw an object that he thought was most likely a weather balloon. I know it is not a celestial object, like anything I have ever seen. At 8:00 PM my brother-in-law and I were atop east mountain looking at the moon with his 10 inch reflector scope. We were waiting for it to get darker for better viewing of deep space objects to add to our catalog of observed bodies. While looking at the Orion nebula I noticed a bright reddish star due south just above the horizon, at about 8-10 degrees. The object appeared to be stationary and seemed to be white alternating red, like it was pulsing or rotating. After a few minutes Jim turned the scope on the object and to our amazement it was showing all the colors of the spectrum, with even a greater degree of rotation. It appeared to be moving at almost the same speed as with the earth's rotation. After thirty minutes, I went home and called the Little Rock air base to see if it was indeed a weather balloon. They gave me the UFO hotline # so that I could report the sighting. I called and left a message, then went back to the mountain. The object was still there but slightly more to the west. We started looking at other deep space objects and

noticed that by 10:30 PM the object was gone. We knew it was no celestial object that we had ever seen. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

OKLAHOMA SIGHTING

LAWTON -- Bill Hickman writes he received a report from the witness who on March 3, 2002, stated, "I took a photo on the west edge of Lawton just minutes ago. I was returning from some late night shopping at the local Wal-Mart and noticed these objects in the distance moving around the sky rather erratically. When I got closer to home I realized these objects were moving in my direction so when I got home I ran inside and grabbed my digital camera. I ran back outside, and snapped only one picture before they sped out of sight. MUFON's Dr. Bruce MacCabee is looking at the photo now and we should have a preliminary report soon. Thanks to Bill Hickman, MUFON Investigator and author of the Hickman Report.
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TEXAS TROUBLE

Bill Clark writes, "If you doubt the government has a dark secret having something to do with UFO's read on. I am one of the most respectable engineers you'll find anywhere - I'm a licensed Professional Engineer in several disciplines; I've published two textbooks with McGraw Hill; I attended the US Naval Academy; and was awarded the Army's highest peacetime award for my activities at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico fifteen years ago. I stake my reputation on the following: Three months ago I was a top Ph.D., student in Aerospace Engineering at the top orbital mechanics group in the world. I had passed my written qualifying exams and all the formal courses I needed for a Ph.D. with a 3.8 GPA. I had also completed my dissertation, an optimization of the Earth to Mars trajectory. Three months ago I submitted a short paper on some research I had done into a possible scientific basis for how UFO's work. The last ninety days have pure, unadulterated hell. Within a month of my writing this paper (published last fall by an Australian Ufology magazine), I was expelled from the University. I have appealed the dismissal, but the University is doing everything in their power to stop me.

I've submitted two dockets of favorable evaluations of my research from experts in celestial mechanics, orbital mechanics, and optimization all over the world. They would not accept them. I appealed this blatant act of obstruction to the Dean of the Engineering College, the Dean of the Graduate College, the President of the University, members of the Board of Regents, my Texas State Senator and the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. The rejection was unanimous and overwhelming. Likewise with my appeals to ABET (the licensing agency for college engineering programs), the US Department of Education (their Dallas Office of Civil Rights), my two US Senators and my US Congressman, Ron Paul. They were even uglier than the Texas folks. Like I said, I have a worldwide reputation in certain engineering circles -- most notable energy conservation and electrical design. It says a lot that the authorities would break so many rules, so obviously, and with such malice and such ! disregard for my reputation, and my legal status as a Professional Engineer. It tells me that my research hit a very raw and sensitive nerve. You can read some of my research on my web site at <http://www.inviticus.com>. The optimization computer program is there, for free; and some rough drafts of a few technical papers. I would appreciate it if you would sign my guest book if you go there. The Center for Space Research is at UT Austin (the equivalent of JPL); they have recently begun research into formation flying using GPS technology; keep an eye out to see if UFOs start flying in tighter formations in the near future -- if they do, head for the hills! Thanks to Bill Clark Austin, Texas
sfoperations@mindspring.com

ARIZONA RED MOON

APACHE JUNCTION -- On February 16, 2002, I was in my two story bedroom, attempting to close the blinds at 9:30 PM. I glanced outside to the west to the Mesa-Phoenix City lights. I looked and looked and saw what I thought was part of the moon with a red light underneath. (like when the sun goes down in the west and there is a red sky and the sun shines on a mountain.) I

took a double take...then I ran downstairs and went to the front of my home and looked to see if I saw the same thing I did in the window. It was there! I went back to get my daughter and when we came back, it was gone! I went immediately to the TV for any reports, but there was nothing on TV or in the paper. I can't believe that no one saw this. It was huge and just hung there. I have never seen anything like this before. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com>

WASHINGTON FLYING INVERTED CYLINDER

MILTON -- CORRECTION: Last week we reported an inverted cylinder was seen near Milton by a witness and his girlfriend on February 11, 2002, at 11:50 PM. The actual sighting took place in Milton, Washington not Milton, West Virginia. The witness took five photos. The sky was black, except for the orange glow of this object bouncing and moving erratically around the sky. It would move slow and steady in one direction, then suddenly move quickly about the night sky. As it moved south we jumped into the truck to follow and parked on 10th Avenue in Milton and watched it moving to the south and east. The orange glow coming from below the object was bright, but would at times glow brighter then fade some. It seemed to get eight to ten miles away, then it started moving back toward and to the west of where we were. At it's closest point to us the orange glow faltered then grew stronger. As it grew stronger it instantaneously released a shower of sparks. This happened twice! e very quickly. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

Brian Vike reports he received four new sighting reports on March 9, 2002. There has been sixteen reports coming in for northern BC in a little over a month. For 2001, I received six reports for the whole year. I will be heading out shortly to talk to some of the folks, and to look around the areas where this has taken place.

VANDERHOOF -- The two witnesses reported that the bright lights looked as if they were on a landing (meaning an area which has been logged and now clear of timber) on February 1, 2002 . They reported that these lights flashed on and off repeatedly and moving around too fast for a night logging operation. On February 28, 2002, near daybreak they saw the same lights again. The lights were approximately 13 miles east out of Vanderhoof, BC heading towards Prince George on Langston Road. Both times these lights were observed, the witnesses thought they were seeing someone logging using one of the big machines as the lights were so bright. The witness told me her husband had made a call to the Forestry Services to inquire. The Forestry said there was no one logging at all in that area (on either occasion).

KITWANGA -- The witness tells me he saw the bright light on Highway #37 about sixty kilometers north about 4:45 AM in late February 2002. There is a large swampy area off to the left and through the trees he saw the reflection of the moon on the water. The fellow went on to say that there was a very, very bright light in the swamp. His impression of what he saw was a gas station canopy lit up as it was so bright. He mentioned he saw the light 3 times while slowly driving down the highway in the space through the trees. The light would disappear and reappear and he had a good view of it very distinctly the second time. He described the light as an orange/yellow in color. The light was huge and as far as he knew there was nothing what so ever in the area. He said the bright light was stationary and did not move an inch. I asked how far the light was positioned in the sky and he said either it was sitting on the ground or just above it.

TERRACE -- The witness reported to me that he is a body builder and was doing his cardio workout the morning of March 4, 2002, when he saw a star shoot across the sky and came to a complete stop at 5:30 - 5:45 AM. It did a loop in the sky and then went straight up and disappeared. I informed him that colored stars do not do loop in the sky! It was like a star, but a very bright star with a blue, green red color to it that lasted only ten seconds. Weather conditions were clear and it flew from east to west.

TERRACE -- On the evening of March 8, 2002, the witness reports seeing a most unusual circle of really bright lights for five minutes. "We live ten minutes from the airport and these lights were not from a plane, these were most set of lights I have ever seen." This took place in the evening between 9:00 and 10:30 PM. He said, "This is the first time I have seen what I believe to be a UFO!"

KITIMAT -- On March 5th, around 8:45 PM amateur astronomers were looking at the star chart in the latest issue of the Star News magazine. The couple and their nine year old son saw a bright light with a red and orange layer going straight down. The object had a tail like a ball of fire and disappeared behind a tree situated roughly towards Mt. Elizabeth a 5,500 foot mountain fifteen miles northeast. Thanks to Brian Vike yogibear@bulkley.net 1-250-845-2189 hbccufo@yahoo.com
<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>

ARGENTINA LATIN AMERICA REPORTS UFO FLAP

TARTAGAL -- The Electric Warrior reveals that Latin American newspapers have reported a number of UFO sightings that are presumably occurring in neighboring regions of Argentina and Chile. A UFO photograph captured in the Cachi region of Argentina last year is said to correspond with recent eyewitness testimony. The Argentine newspaper that published the photo said the image was clear and startling. A student who filmed a UFO with a family camcorder said she came forward only after reading about a delegation of specialists who were assembled to study the strange sightings, which are reportedly occurring in the Salta region of Argentina on a daily basis. Translations were provided by the Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU) www.electricwarrior.com/img/UfoTartagalArgentina.jpg

CALAMA -- A student managed to capture a UFO on film on February 15, 2002. (El Tribuno) - "All I want is for these images to be analyzed and digitized by experts who have the necessary technology with which to decipher this mysterious UFO which after the three minutes of filming and the total of six, seven or ten minutes it was there, vanished at an unreal speed toward the north." Another A spectacular UFO sighting was made by the Calama UFO Center's director, Jaime Ferrer, who managed to capture the object with a digital camera. The specialist pointed out that the object in question was a small green sphere. Thanks to ewarrior@electricwarrior.com

UNITED KINGDOM: FLYING TRIANGLE TRACKED

Southern England -- A Flying Triangle was tracked across England on March 3, 2002. UFO investigator David Kingston received reports of a bizarre triangular craft with red and blue lights, zooming across the skies from Cornwall to Poole. The mystery machine was first spotted in St. Austell. There were also reports of it not far from Lyme Regis later the same day, then over Portland and Poole. Mr. Kingston, who first witnessed unexplained flying objects while serving with an RAF intelligence unit during nuclear tests in the Pacific, is at a loss to explain the latest sightings. He says: "I received a number of consistent reports of a craft flying over the West country on February 15 and there is nothing like it in the world aircraft guide. It was said to be triangular, 100 feet long with red lights all the way up on the right hand side and blue lights on the left hand side. "Underneath was what appeared to be a very large light, in the middle, glowing pale electric blue through to purple with a corona surrounding it. "Four or five people witnessed it and described it as gliding silently at about 2,500 feet. It was described as hovering quietly at Portland. The last sighting was near Poole, about two hours after the first." Kingston first heard aircrew talk of seeing UFOs, during the nuclear tests on Christmas Island in 1957, he has catalogued hundreds of reports and witnessed many strange sights himself. Thanks to Gary Farshores, farshores@canada.com and Citizen via This is Gloucestershire, March 02.02

WHITLEY BAY --A thirteen year old student writes, My teacher in assembly today said that around 10:30 PM on March 4, 2002, on the Whitley Bay coast (NE England) he saw three UFO's in a triangle formation moving at light speed to different positions.

ITALY 1000 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, UFO NEWSFLASH # 345,-

The Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) reports the number of close encounters of the third kind in Italy has surpassed the 1,000 mark. In fact, "Project Italy 3," which archives and catalogues all the UFO cases involving humanoids that took place in Italy, conducted by Paolo Fiorino has logged in the thousandth episode of this type, out of the over 15,000 UFO sightings gathered and filed up to the present by the C.I.S.U. http://www.ufodatanet.org/udncgi/wg_e.idc?wgidx=3DITALIA3
[Communication by Paolo Fiorino]

MONSELICE (PADUA) -- According to the statement made to the press by Antonello Lupino of the International UFO Center, the object sighted at very low altitude by two women in on the evening of last 3 August was gigantic and was even photographed by a meteorological satellite. There was in fact visible, in a Meteosat image captured at 10 p.m. that evening relative to the geographic coordinates for Monselice, a solid object having the enormous dimensions of approximately two square kilometers, which was not present in the subsequent scan at 10:30 p.m. [Il Mattino di Padova, 24 February; Ufo-Italia, 25 February; collaboration by Gildo Persone'] Collaborators on this edition were: Andrea Bovo, Paolo Fiorino and Gildo Persone. You may get it directly via e-mail by subscribing (just send a blank message to: cisuflyash-subscribe@yahoo.com)

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 22:32:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 23:54:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hall

>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 18:54:44 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

>>Apparently I am the only person in the Universe (or one of the
>>very few) who tries to collate all credible/reliable information
>>and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to
>>think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

>>Maybe I was overly inspired by the philosopher Herbert Spencer,
>>who was a fellow synthesizer.

>>Otherwise, how do we ever get anywhere by constantly charging
>>off in sixteen different directions with out pet beliefs?

>The obvious answer is, "We don't get anywhere." It might be
>interesting to look back through the Archives of this List and
>see how many times the same topics have been "cussed and
>discussed" over and over again with little to nothing
>accomplished, when all is said and done.

Bobbie,

I'm glad that we (you and I) can agree on some things. The lead
quote on my web site (www.hallrichard.com) is, "After all is
said and done, more is said than done." But why should we (the
listers) think that we can resolve anything by opinionating on
this list? Although discussions on this list can be and often
are worthwhile, they are a poor substitute for real science.

- Dick

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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 23:56:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hall

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 00:28:05 EST
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 19:36:31 +0000

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:59:50 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Not sure what you mean here, but let me clarify what I am
>>saying.

>What I am doing is agreeing with you with my usual tongue
>planted firmly in my cheek, which by the by is slightly purple,
>not with envy but rather Gripple.

Jim,

I much prefer Kentucky bourbon myself, but then, there is no
accounting for tastes.

- Dick

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 00:00:38 -0500
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>>saying.

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>Dear Dick, List, Errol,

<snip>

I just read Bobbie Felder's comment on your post. She is of course, quite correct. Nothing has ever been resolved here of any merit. Not the fault of the site, but of us, those who post here.

What is needed is an all out concerted effort by qualified people who are able to spend their time without concern for an income, to construct a project which will devote all of the project's time to this conundrum. One such group is NIDS. Another is the project now underway with studying a statistically valid sample of perceived abductees by a medical organization, replete with whole body scans, CAT's, MRI and a plethora of talent and equipment, not to mention testing.

Thus far, Dick, guess how many of you responded with the requested information vis a vis protocol etc. Go ahead. Make a guess. Would you believe thousands?

OK, would you believe hundreds?

Would you believe less than ten? Because that was the number. The people who should be embarrassed by all this is not me or my detractor but rather each and every one of you on this list. We are of course, going ahead with it. But it may not contain that which one or more of you need in order to satisfy you.

So, when this writer made a valid request for assistance, he got virtually none!

Which is why I am angry and frustrated. Make that was angry and frustrated. Let me tell you now, that regardless and in the face of the lack of response, this project will be done and it

will present evidence of either nothing or something(s).

And that is an improvement over anything heretofore attempted as far as I am concerned. People such as Hynek and Vallee' were just as frustrated as you wrote you were. And they are not alone, not by a long shot. God in heaven, but there is no playing together on this issue. You asked why. So do I. You asked everyone on this list. So did you. So ... uh ... what's the temperature of the sand?

Anyone?

Perhaps there should be a gathering of the experts thrice times a year. One in NY, one in say, Chicago (or Toronto) and one on the West Coast. Each and every player in this game could pool together airline points, pay dues and if necessary, run it like it should be run, a business. Membership is based on knowledge and expertise in specific areas. Monies could be raised by making the organization a tax exempt organization, not for profit. Dues could be used to set the organization up as such.

Meetings would require that each member contribute to either a committee or work on a specific project. What the hell ever. It can be accomplished. By you. All of you. But I suspect there would be so many rejections, complications and important decisions such as whether or not to call it the Framous Organization or the Fadoopal Org. Almost like dealing with the North Koreans during the negotiations... you recall... should the table be round or square.

But I digress and I also sneezed out a Gesundt. I apologize. However I am sure you guys get the idea. Now, with or without your assistance, I shall do my thing or ours. Up to you.

This, BTW was attempted on another venue but rejected. Fine. what I am going to do is determine as much as I can - or cannot.

Jim

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Jumping Time?

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 00:02:26 -0500
Subject: Jumping Time?

Time gives rays a break

Jumps in space-time might explain the curious survival of energetic particles.

Full article at:

<http://www.nature.com/nsu/020304/020304-5.html>

Cheers,

Joe

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'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter

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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 00:04:34 -0500
Subject: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter

Hello List,

In the 15 Feb 2002 issue of 'Science' (p. 1227), there's a very short article with the above title, and, of all things, it doesn't explicitly treat the matter sarcastically or derisively! However, it's worded so that those who debunk the UFO phenomenon can read in ridicule between the lines, while those who are more open or who know the reality of it won't get upset.

Its text is:

"Whatever beings are responsible for crop circles, abductions, cow dismemberments, and other strange phenomena, they aren't getting here in antimatter spacecraft.

"Antimatter energy is a favorite of science fiction buffs: It's what powers Star Trek's Enterprise through the heavens. But reality hasn't caught up yet, according to NASA astronomer Michael Harris. If antimatter-powered UFOs had been buzzing through our solar system, the craft would emit telltale gamma rays created by proton-antiproton collisions, notes Harris, a researcher at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. Harris combed through data collected by EGRET, an instrument flown aboard the Compton Gamma Ray Satellite, which crashed back to Earth in June 2000. But he could find no signs of antimatter proton annihilation, at least within Saturn's orbit, he relates in a paper published last month in the online Los Alamos National Laboratory preprint archive. Extraterrestrials, it seems, rely on more conventional conveyances."

One wonders that the journal editors put in the first sentence, since the topics there are ignored by science, and scientists might not be expected even to have heard about them. I suppose they figure that through Star Trek and other non-scientific media they would have heard of crop circles, abductions, etc. All in all, the article wasn't bad, until the last sentence, which will reassure scientists that our own level of science surely cannot be much outclassed by that of ETs.

Jim Deardorff

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CCCRN News: 2001 Survey Diagrams Now Online

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
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CCCRN NEWS
The E-News Service of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

March 13, 2002

2001 SURVEY DIAGRAMS NOW ONLINE

I have finally gotten around to adding my survey diagrams for the seven formations at Midale, Saskatchewan and Drayton Valley, Alberta from last year. Lay patterns and basic measurements are illustrated; additional measurements are available on request. The Midale #3, #4 and #6 formations in particular had unusual and elaborate lay patterns including criss-cross 'X' lays (multiple layers, #3, #4), alternating flows running beside each other (#3, #6) and beautiful looping and overlapping flows (#6). See the Crop Circles in Canada 2001 page:

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

Also, there is a second aerial photo showing the 'radial burst' anomaly at the Midale, Saskatchewan #5 formation from 2001. This one, courtesy Trevor Dean via John Erickson, is looking at the formation from a much different angle, facing north towards the anomaly. In this view, the odd looking area does seem to be concentrated on the northern side of the formation, looking like a 'fan' of sorts, with the ground having a 'rippled' appearance. May still well be a normal artifact from when the crop was cut, but is interesting. Will scan and post as soon as I can get to it.

CCCRN News is the e-news service of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, providing e-mail updates with the latest news and reports on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada, as well as other information on CCCRN-related projects and events, sent free to your e-mail.

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Re: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter - Tonnies

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Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 21:16:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 00:33:47 -0500
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>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:55:16 -0800
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>Laboratory preprint archive. Extraterrestrials, it seems, rely
>on more conventional >conveyances."

Undoubtedly chemical rockets incapable of interstellar flight,
thus closing the book on the prospect of alien visitation, in
the author's mind.

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/13/02

SECRECY NEWS
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** CHINA VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS IN U.S.
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NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW STILL NOT PUBLIC

News reports describing the contents of a classified Defense Department report on U.S. nuclear weapons policy generated a wave of commentary and concern here and abroad. But the underlying document remains inaccessible.

In a March 12 editorial entitled "America as Nuclear Rogue," the New York Times robustly criticized the "new Pentagon planning paper that became public last weekend."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/12/opinion/12TUE1.html>

But at least part of that characterization was inaccurate: The planning paper has not become public, even though the New York Times obtained a copy.

Despite the mounting controversy, few Americans have actually had the opportunity to make their own assessment of the meaning of the Bush Administration's Nuclear Posture Review, as the policy document is officially known.

In a letter to the New York Times editorial board, the Federation of American Scientists today asked the Times to post the document on the Times web site, in view of its considerable national security policy significance.

If there were legitimate classification concerns associated with portions of the document, there would be ways to address those without withholding the entire report.

No reply from the Times was immediately forthcoming.

"Administration officials did not seem especially perturbed by the leak of the Nuclear Posture Review, even though the report was officially classified," noted Doyle McManus in the Los Angeles Times on March 12. "Some said privately that a national debate on nuclear strategy might be healthy."

INTELLIGENCE REFORM IN ARGENTINA

Imposing discipline and democratic controls on intelligence agencies can be the toughest of nuts to crack for a new democracy, and even for an older democracy. In several Latin

American countries, a hearty band of legislators and citizen activists have undertaken this ambitious task with some small measure of success.

Argentina recently adopted a law to regulate its intelligence services (Ley de Inteligencia Nacional) which is available here (in Spanish):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/argentina/ley.htm>

The benefits and inadequacies of the law were analyzed by Argentine law professor and legislative adviser Jose Manuel Ugarte:

http://www.fas.org/irp/world/argentina/ugarte_ley.htm

Prof. Ugarte authored an extended argument for reform of Argentine intelligence in a 2000 paper entitled "Sistema Nacional de Inteligencia argentino, Cambiar ya!" which may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/argentina/cambiar.htm>

CHINA VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS IN U.S.

Stung and annoyed by the U.S. State Department's critique of human right practices in China, the Chinese government this week issued its own evaluation of human rights practices in the United States. The U.S. was found wanting.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/03/xin031102.html>

The State Department report on human rights in China, released on March 4, is posted here:

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2001/eap/8289.htm>

It is safe to say that the world would be a better place if the concerns identified in both reports were taken to heart.

REAGAN RECORDS TO BE RELEASED

Nearly 60,000 pages of Presidential records from the Reagan Administration will be made available to the public on March 15.

The release follows a review by representatives of both Presidents Reagan and Bush, pursuant to the November 1 Bush executive order that imposed new restrictions on public access to records of former Presidents. Approximately 150 pages that were due to be released under the Presidential Records Act are still under review, according to a National Archives press release:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2002/03/nara031202.html>

The release will not affect the pending lawsuit brought by Public Citizen and other organizations which challenges the legality of the November 1 executive order.

HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE 3

The White House on March 12 released the text of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 3 which directs the establishment of a Homeland Security Advisory System to help disseminate information regarding the risk of terrorist acts.

The President instructed the Attorney General and the Homeland Security Director to "seek the views of government officials at all levels and of public interest groups and the private sector on the proposed Homeland Security Advisory System." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-3.htm>

A White House fact sheet on the proposed Homeland Security Advisory System is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/03/hs031202.html>

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Jones

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Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 07:34:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 08:34:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Jones

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

Good Morning Richard, Errol, All

IMHO

The only thing stopping this from happening is money.

Then, the first hurdle is agreeing on the "peers" to do the reviewing, anything after that should be real easy <g>.

Just my tuppence worth.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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UFO Sightings Italia #2 - 03-02

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UFO SIGHTINGS ITALIA

Number 2, March 2002

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Italy's National UFO Center - <http://www.cun-italia.net>

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ITALY'S FIRST UFO OF THE 20TH CENTURY

by Roberto Pinotti. One day in June, 1907, Dr. Antonio De Riu - just a child at that time - heard a sort of explosion above him for at least six seconds. When he looked up, he and a dozens of other witnesses saw in the starry sky a strange, luminous egg-shaped object hovering the village of Bosa (Nuoro), in Sardinia, at 10 p.m. The UFO was about 30 m. long and 8 m. wide, and its colour was yellow-golden. It was visible for at least six seconds, and was soundless. Then it disappeared. Dr. De Riu's letter about thi sighting to Il Giornale dei Misteri of Florence in 1973 caused an investigation at Bosa, and so othrer witnesses spoke about this event. According to them, the object was seen not only on the evening in which Dr. De Riu saw it, butat least on two other different occasions, and with the same characteristics. Of course this shows it could not be a natural phenomenon.

As far as we know, this is the first reported UFO sighting of the 20th century in Italy.

On the two other occasions the object was seen moving in the sky, hovering at about 300 m. The last time it produced a heat wave clearly felt by the witnesses, too.

1924 - A UFO IN THE NIGHT

The following report was part of the privat documentation of Prof. Ernesto Thayaht, a Swiss-born pioneer of Italian ufology in the Fifties.

"It is useless to talk about flying saucers if you haven't ever seen one", says the 84-year-old but still hale and hearty Osmondo Prampolini, whom we interviewed at this home at 16, via Carlo Pisacane, Brescia. 'To cut a long story short, I will tell you that in August, 1924, at 1.45 a.m. (i.e. just after midnight), I went into my office, the office of the Reggio Emilia Gas Company where I was at that time working as managing director, and I noticed an enormous disc, with a diameter equal to the apparent diameter of the moon. The disc was at the far end of the furnace-yard, and at the side of the road leading to the steam-boiler. And it had the same reddish colour that the moon has when it is seen rising through mist. The disc was slowly descending. It did not leave behind it the luminous tail that meteors have. I stood there amazed, unable to utter a sound. I wanted to call the firemen who were busy feeding the furnaces, but I couldn't. Meanwhile the disc, still moving slowly, vanished behind the boiler-house".

1942: WWII UFOS

"I must exclude the possibility that the objects I saw on two different occasions in the summer of 1942 might have been military planes" an esteemed citizen of Florence, Prof. A. Malvezzi, wrote in a letter to the editor published by the Italian newspaper LA NAZIONE of 29 October, 1954. "In fact my first sighting is related to a big green fireball. It remained motionless for a long time in the air before speeding away. The second one might be described as a big 'flying cigar' crossing the sky rapidly but flying rather low'. So it seems UFOs were observed over Florence also during WWII".

1944: AN ITALIAN FOO-FIGHTER?

During the first days of July, 1944, also the Polish were fighting against the retreating Wehrmacht troops with General Alexander's Allied Forces in the Italian country along the Adriatic coast, not far from the towns of Castelfidardo, Osimo and Loreto. Their target was the port of Ancona, still in Nazi hands. The principal witness of this event is not able to remember the exact date, but it was 10.30 in the morning, and the sky was quite clear and blue. Suddenly Antoni Szachnowsky, of the 2nd Polish Artillery Regiment, noticed an egg-shaped flying object in the sky, hovering the battle-field. A few seconds later, the Allied batteries began to fire against the unidentified aircraft. But at the same time also the Germans opened fire, and the mysterious object became the common target of British and Nazi batteries. Just a little later, both sides ceased to fire, wondering - as a consequence of the enemy's reaction - if the intruder was an enemy after all. Suddenly, after a few seconds, the object made a 45 degree turn and ascend, zooming away as a silvery point in the blue sky.

Only at the end of november Allied planes intercepted the first "foo-fighters" over the Rhine. But Mr. Szachnowsky's report documents their presence over WWII battlefield several months before.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE IDROPLANE FORMATION INTERCEPTS UFO

During Fascism, the courage and efficiency of the Royal Italian Air Force pilots were often used after their successful raids and missions as cheap propaganda tools for Mussolini. This sighting took place in 1936, before flying saucers had been heard of; when aeroplanes were still rudimentary, helicopters were in the experimental stage, and jet propulsion just a dream.

Captain Mario Rossi, who in 1936 was flight instructor at the Italian Military Air Base of Orbetello, makes this claim: "On the night of October 10, 1936, I was flying my Idro S.62 Bis, with three other machines, of the same type. When I was at 3,800 metres over Cape Talamone I noticed an unusual light ahead of my plane, which for a moment I mistook for the exhaust gas of another plane of my group. But I realised this was not the case when I saw that the speed of the object was greater than that of an S.62, and that the position of the 'flaming exhaust' did not correspond to the exhaust in the type of motor installed in this aircraft.

I went on following the unknown light, which seemed to be on a higher level than my machine. I could not see its shape, because of the blinding light shining out from the centre of the object, and the short, shooting flames that flashed out on both sides. In size it seemed to be about twice the diameter of a full moon.

All at once I found myself caught in a very dense cloud, from which I emerged, after 12 minutes' instrument flying, to find I was over Portoferraio (Island of Elba). This sighting occurred over the rock islands of Formiche di grosseto at 4.15 a.m. The object was flying at nearly 440 m.p.h, and was going due north".

The above report was part of the documentation of Prof. Ernesto Thayaht, and was reproduced also by Rivista Aeronautica, the official organ of the Italian Air Force.

ANGELS' HAIR IN THE PAST

The nocturnal sun to which Pliny the Elder alludes in the second book of his Naturalis Historia (chap. 33) apperas as an UFO-IFO

ante-litteram: "That is a light emanating from the sky at night during the consulate of S. Cecilio and G. Papirio and on many other occasions, such that the night be lit up as if it were day" could well be the polar aurora? So science has always given us the explanation of mysterious rains, similar to those the great historian and naturalist tells us about in chapter 57: "Rain of milk and blood in the consulate of M. Acilio and G. Porcio and on many other occasions... rain of wool in the consulate of L. Paolo and C. Marcello, in the district of Conza, where Tito Annio Milone must have been killed the following year; after his death there was also a shower of baked bricks, referred to in the archives of that year". But the sponges of iron could certainly resemble those strange objects discovered in recent times after the UFOs had gone through the Europea and American skies (especially in Pennsylvania in June 1947 and in Liguria in April 1963) and the woolshower which fell on Sesto Fiorentino, Florence and Siena during a host of unknown flying objects in October 1954.

HESSDALEN, ITALIAN OPTICAL MISSION

by Massimo Teodorani, Ph.D, astrophysicist, CNR-IRA Scientific Consultant (mteo@linenet.it). In August 2001 a new joint collaboration between Italian physicists and Norwegian engineers was successfully carried into effect with a new mission to Norway, in order to further investigate a luminous phenomenon which is occurring recurrently in the valley of Hessdalen. The Italian research-activity of this year was concentrated in the acquisition of optical data coming from conventional photography, video imaging and video-spectroscopy. Many photographs, videos and some spectra were obtained of the phenomenon. The results coming from the subsequent analysis show that: 1) the luminous phenomenon is a thermal plasma; 2) the light-balls are not single objects but are constituted of many small components which are casually vibrating around a common barycenter; 3) the light-balls are able to eject smaller light-balls; 4) the light-balls change shape all the time; 5) the luminosity increase of the light balls is due to the increase of the radiating area. This mission was able to finally visualize the real structure and nature of the light-phenomenon and its time-behaviour. The cause, and the physical mechanism with which radiation is emitted is currently unknown, and will be investigated in further missions. Some physical hypotheses are amply discussed.

More info in: <http://www.itacomm.net/PH/>

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<http://www.zeitlin.net/OpenSETI/> (Open SETI);
<http://www.zeitlin.net/OpenSETI/NewSearches.html> (SETA-SETV);
http://www.zeitlin.net/OpenSETI/Docs/EuroSETI2002_OSI.htm
 (Teodorani's paper).

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:20:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 08:41:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Velez

>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 14:32:44 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

>>From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 09:16:36 +1100

<snip>

>>G'day all,

>>It was a really good show on Saturday night and one I won't have
>>missed for quids, as the saying goes here, down-under. Congrats
>>to Errol, John and the team for bringing too the public such an
>>informative and confronting program and thank goodness for the
>>net other wise peoples like myself would not have been able to
>>listen to it.

<snip>

>The entire 3 hours of Errol's excellent 'Strange Days... Indeed'
>radio show about UFOs was informative and thought provoking -
>but so have all the previous 178 shows too. I think all are
>worthy of archiving.

I agree. EBK does an excellent job of getting the best out of
any body he interviews. ;)

>The part that you missed when you went to answer the front door
>dealt with the "Binding Meter" which was designed and built by
>Wilbert B. Smith, a government of Canada researcher, with help
>from the "Boys Topside" (a euphemism he frequently used with
>associates when he was referring to E.T. aliens).

I've been wondering when a thread would start up around the
Wilbert Smith material. (That was discussed during Saturday
night's program by his son James and Palmiero Campagna.)

The first few posts were about the abduction segment which kind
of caught me by surprise. I thought the folks on the List would
jump on the Wilbert Smith material right away. It was an amazing
and most interesting 45 minutes of radio. If it wasn't for your
mention of it here Nick, I'm not sure that it would have come up
for discussion at all. Thank you for that. I was gratified that
some folks stayed up long enough to hear the segment with Debbie
and myself. Even more so that they got something out of it, but
personally I was expecting to see a 'Smith' thread on Monday
morning. (With no mention of Deb and me at all!) Go figure. :)

Speaking for myself I would be interested in learning more about
Smith and his work. I would like to request a copy of that 1954
Aviation week article from you (privately) so that I can read it
in its entirety. Nick, do you know if any FOIA requests have
ever been made regarding this incident involving those two
orbiting 'strangers'?

Anyway, thanks for bringing up the Wilbert Smith material.
Hopefully a lively and informative discussion will ensue. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 17:41:21 -0500
Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 06:14:36 -0800 (PST)

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

>>Apparently I am the only person in the Universe (or one of the
>>very few) who tries to collate all credible/reliable information
>>and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to
>>think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

>I attempted doing this to some extent when I investigated the
>Phoenix Lights and we attempted to classify the various reports
>by event: data points on time, location, UFO configuration and
>characteristics, etc and concluded there were at least 10
>events. We were not able to reduce any of the ten to a lesser
>number by the details (some inexact) of the 100+ reports we
>received.

Hi Bill,

You wrote:

>There were numerous hypotheses suggested, actually these were
>more like off-the-cuff explanations, not hypotheses which have a
>more formal structure. After examination, most of these
>explanations could be discarded because they did not accord with
>the reported facts or were not verifiable. My conclusion was
>that most of the sightings were of unknown and unconventional
>objects.

I never bought the 'flare' explanation which seems to be the one
that killed off most of the subsequent interest in the case. I
rejected it myself because (as you say) it did not jibe with the
substantial eyewitness testimony. Tom King sent me copies of
all the video he took along with all of the major network
(local) news broadcasts dealing with the sighting.

Initially there was a pilot report (which I brought up
repeatedly during the initial discussion on the case and which
no one ever investigated) from a commercial flight that was in
the process of landing at Phoenix airport. That pilot claimed
that the object was _overhead_ as he landed and he had serious
concerns about colliding with the object. It came as a surprise
to me that no one ever followed up on that report. There was no
further mention made of it afterwards.

Also, all the major news offices had contacted local military
bases the night of the incident to find out if any military
exercises or maneuvers could be responsible for the sighting and
all were told in no uncertain terms, that there were _no_
exercises, squadron flights or maneuvers that were scheduled for
that night. It was only _months_ later that the BS about that
'rogue' (and hitherto unknown) unit was conducting night
maneuvers that involved the dropping of flares. Too 'convenient'

and 'too late' an excuse on the part of the air force.

There were way too many sightings state wide to dismiss what appeared over Phoenix as a routine military exercise involving conventional aircraft and 'flares.' I'm still pissed that this case has been (for all intent and purposes) forgotten by the public. I was even more pissed at Art Bell and Richard Hoagland when they made the case into a three ring circus. (Remember NostraHoaglands prediction about a landing in Phoenix? Jerk!) It's all just a shame. Maybe if Barwood had been elected she could have made enough of a fuss to keep the case alive. It was a major event.

>If I had been more prepared for these events, there would have >been a more systematic effort made. My book "The Phoenix Lights >Mystery" was my best shot at presenting the case for unknowns.

As one that was deeply involved in the initial debate. I would love to read your book on the case Bill. I will contact you privately for info.

Warm regards to you and Mrs. H. :)

John Velez

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Johnson

From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:34:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 17:44:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Johnson

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:43:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 00:28:05 EST
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 19:36:31 +0000

>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:59:50 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>><snip>

>>>Not sure what you mean here, but let me clarify what I am
>>>saying.

>><snip>

>>Dear Dick, List, Errol,

><snip>

>I just read Bobbie Felder's comment on your post. She is of
>course, quite correct. Nothing has ever been resolved here of
>any merit. Not the fault of the site, but of us, those who post
>here.

<snip>

Dear Jim,

What we have here is... a failure to communicate. There are a number of researchers on this list and not a single word in question of the very bright abductees present here, myself included. Why not ask questions of us? Why not test us online? Why not gather our facts and make some sense of it from our perspective? Apparently that sand is very comfortable. And, in the meantime, I stand defiantly in the face of everyone with my own enigmatic 'stories' and proofs. I could tell stories for a long time. Errol still won't let me anywhere near his computer for good reason.

There are a number of things that can be done online for free. What about personality profiles, medical reports, and a host of other information that could and would provide valuable databases? I could go on, but it seems to be a waste of time. MRI's? Done that, wanna compare pictures? I show you mine, if you show me yours?

Take care, for now,

Cathy

PS: Implants... anyone know where I could get warrantee work done on my implants?

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 07:34:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 17:47:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 22:32:29 +0000

>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 18:54:44 -0600
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

<snip>

>Bobbie,

>I'm glad that we (you and I) can agree on some things. The lead
>quote on my web site (www.hallrichard.com) is, "After all is
>said and done, more is said than done." But why should we (the
>listeners) think that we can resolve anything by opinionating on
>this list? Although discussions on this list can be and often
>are worthwhile, they are a poor substitute for real science.

Dick,

I agree with many things that you post to this list. I don't
always get the time to formulate a reply, however. This week,
you're in luck - spring break, which means free time for me :) I
don't agree with everything you say, but hey! that's life. If we
all agreed on everything, the world would be a hell of a boring
place!

Why do the listers on this List or any other think we can
resolve anything of a scientific nature on an E-mail List? Do
the listers on this List think we can resolve anything by
opinionating on this E-mail List or any other? I would hope not.

Discussions can be incredibly stimulating, however. A thought
expressed by one can spark a thought in another that spurs
further questioning into areas that weren't considered before by
one or many. This is a good thing. But saying it on an email
list is a far cry from carving it in stone on a scientific
basis. I think 99.99% of the members of this list realize that.
Unfortunately, there are a ton of other lists and message boards
out there that don't realize that.

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a
superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a
formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon
subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."

- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 08:01:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 17:50:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:43:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>I just read Bobbie Felder's comment on your post. She is of
>course, quite correct.

Thank ya Jim, thank ya ver much <--imagine that spoken
in a really pathetic Elvis imitation :)

<snip>

>Thus far, Dick, guess how many of you responded with the
>requested information vis a vis protocol etc. Go ahead. Make a
>guess. Would you believe thousands?

>OK, would you believe hundreds?

>Would you believe less than ten? Because that was the number.
>The people who should be embarrassed by all this is not me or my
>detractor but rather each and every one of you on this List.
>We are of course, going ahead with it. But it may not contain
>that which one or more of you need in order to satisfy you.

Frankly, I'm surprised you got any replies. You see, Jim, what
you asked for was help from a 'community'. I have said before,
and I still hold the opinion that the so-called 'UFO community'
is not a community. A 'community', in my opinion, is a group of
people who share a common goal - that goal being the betterment
of all involved. But what I've seen in the so-called 'UFO
community' is a far cry from that.

>So, when this writer made a valid request for assistance, he got
>virtually none!

>Which is why I am angry and frustrated. Make that was angry
>and frustrated. Let me tell you now, that regardless and in the
>face of the lack of response, this project will be done and it
>will present evidence of either nothing or something(s).

Good! I hope you get it done. And I want you to let me know
where I can get a copy of the report or book or however you plan
to disseminate the information after the study is completed.
Hell, that's one book I'd buy at Barnes & Noble price! (I
generally get UFO books at a bargain price off ebay or
amazon.com. Some of them that I paid \$2.00 for weren't worth
that price!)

<snip>

>God in heaven, but there is no playing together on this issue.
>You asked why. So do I. You asked everyone on this list. So
>did you. So ... uh ... what's the temperature of the sand?

>Anyone?

Personal opinion on the matter, and from where I sit, it looks like there is more concern over who will get top billing in the credits for such a project than whether the project accomplishes anything of note. The ole ego comes into play, it seems. If Mr. UFO Researcher helps you and your group conduct a kick-ass study by giving you input on how he thinks you should go about it, based on his experience in the field, then you and your group stand to get all the glory in the end and Mr. UFO Researcher is left out in the cold without his name listed first on the front cover, no royalty check coming in the mail, no guest shot on Art Bell and no trip to Books-A-Million for a book signing where they have that nice cappuchino and those cute little sugary cookie things.

<snip>

>Now, with or without your assistance, I shall do my thing or
>ours. Up to you.

>This, BTW was attempted on another venue but rejected. Fine.
>what I am going to do is determine as much as I can - or cannot.

This would be an example of what we call "Big Brass Ones the Size of Texas". Do it, dahlin! If anyone else comes along and doesn't like what you're doing, simply smile nicely and invite them to bite you :)

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."
- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 06:05:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 17:58:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Hamilton

>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 14:32:44 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

<snip>

>Wilbert's son James was on Errol's radio show on UFOs (along
>with UFO researcher Palmiro Campagna from Ottawa) during the
>first 45 minutes and yes, they did reveal some bombshells (eg.
>Jame's father was shown dead E.T. alien bodies which he could
>not talk about since he was bound by the Official Secrets Act).
>My only regret is that they did not go far enough by mentioning
>other incredible but little known things. Things such as actual
>contact with E.T. aliens aboard two orbiting satellites back in
>1954 (they created a big scare in the Pentagon, according to
>'Aviation Week and Space Technology' and a few other top U.S.
>newspapers at the time).

Nick,

Years ago, either 1957 or 1958, I listened to a 2-hour
reel-to-reel recording of Wilbert Smith describing his
investigation and discussions with contactees like George Van
Tassel. Van Tassel was experimenting with a so-called 'tensor'
coil in his workshop. I have seen a few that he made. I do not
know if Wilbert obtained his idea for his coil from Van or some
other source.

The amazing part of the tape was when Wilbert said he had
modified a television reciever's antenna and was receiving
images and audio from an orbiting spacecraft. The images showed
handsome men and women. Unless Wilbert was another fantasy-prone
contactee, his testimony of contact with the boys 'topside'
should be taken into consideration. Wilbert was just another one
of those crazy contactees. Or was he so crazy after all?

- Bill Hamilton

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X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
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Subject: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?

Hi everyone!

There is some cautious excitement here about a very strange new discovery on Jupiter which is difficult to explain as a natural phenomena. This discovery was so unexpected, it seems like it came straight out of an Arthur C. Clarke science fiction novel.

Randy Gladstone, the leader of the team that detected a periodic x-ray beacon on Jupiter using the new Chandra X-ray Observatory orbiting the Earth, is a Canadian who has spent much time at York University working with our planetary atmospheric scientists (Jack McConnell, Gordon Shepherd, etc.). Having learned from past experience when excited scientists referred to the first pulsars discovered as LGMS for Little Green Men, no one is suggesting that this x-ray beacon is of artificial origin. At least not yet.

If this x-ray beacon is indeed artificial in origin, it would seem to make some sense to me since Jupiter is a very noisy planet at other wavelengths. Not only is Jupiter a large bright object in our solar system (it is one of the brightest star-like objects overhead in our early evening sky) but it also radiates in the infra-red (it emits about 4 times more energy than it gets from the Sun) and is a strong radio wave source too. So if E.T.s wanted to be noticed, x-ray radiation would be a good choice for their beacon on Jupiter.

Nick Balaskas

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LUMINOUS UFO STALKS BRITISH COLUMBIA

For the past six weeks, a large, bright white UFO has been stalking the towns along Provincial Highway 16 in Canada's British Columbia province.

It began on Thursday night, January 31, 2002 in Burns Lake, B.C. (population 1,793), a town located 138 miles (221 kilometers) west of Prince George, B.C. According to ufologist Brian Vike, "About 6 kilometers (4 miles) east of Burns Lake is the KOA Campground and trailer court. About 3 a.m.," the witness and his girlfriend "were awakened by a bright light shining in the bedroom window."

At first the witness thought it was a headlight beam from a logging truck passing by on Highway 16. Then he realized that the bedroom window faces the spruce and fir forest of northern British Columbia.

The following evening, Friday, February 1, 2002, "three women went to Smithers, B.C. (population 5,624) for a day of shopping." At approximately 8:45 p.m., they went home to Houston, B.C. (population 3,934), "40 miles (64 kilometers) east of Smithers. "After passing the small community of Telkwa, just 3 kilometers (2 miles) east of Smithers, they all noticed a 'very' bright light glowing through the overcast."

At first the three women thought it was the moon becoming visible through the clouds. Then "they gasped as this object pushed slowly through the cloud cover, descending as it came closer."

The witnesses were travelling at a speed of 90 kilometers per hour (54 miles per hour) with the glowing object coming towards them. One of the girls thought it might be a bomb or something. The glowing light dropped to about just above the treetops, still moving in their direction and getting closer to the highway."

"The lower the light came to them, the larger it grew in size." Curious, the driver "slowed the car to approximately 50 kilometers per hour (30 miles per hour) to get a better look. The bright light was just above the vehicle. The driver of the car stepped on the gas and sped up to put some distance between them and the light, which turned out to be a large craft."

"One of the girls, who was sitting in the back seat, watched the object as it passed over the car." She said "there were seven large bright white lights passing overhead with two orange lights at either end."

"Very shaken and nervous," the witnesses drove on "while the object continued on its way towards Telkwa. It was similar to a boomerang in shape and a 'guesstimate' of size would have placed the object at least 450 feet (135 meters)" in length.

Two days later, on February 3, 2002, at 7 p.m., a couple "at home in Houston, B.C.," located on Highway 16 188 miles (301 kilometers) west of Prince George, had a strange UFO experience. All at once, "the wife heard a loud humming noise coming from outside. She got up to investigate" and "looked out a couple of windows before she noticed a large bright white object hovering above the Bulkley River, just north a few hundred yards (meters) from their place of residence."

"She called to her husband to come see it. They both witnessed this large bright white object shooting beams of light down towards the river while hovering at treetop level. The sighting lasted approximately 30 seconds...before it shot up the side of the mountain and disappeared." (Editor's Comment: On occasion UFOs are seen shooting these light stabs at the ground. The reason for this activity is unknown.)

On Friday, February 15, 2002, "a family was coming back to Prince George from Vancouver, B.C. Just before 11:30 p.m. they drove down a long straight stretch of road which runs by the industrial site near the Fraser River Bridge. The wife looked over to her right and observed three very bright lights, 'almost like stadium lights,' up on the hillside."

They drove past a parked van and "saw another vehicle stopped with its door open and a man outside watching the sky." They crossed the Fraser River Bridge and took the first exit on the opposite shore. This road turned and ran along the riverbank underneath the bridge. From there, they hoped to observe the three mysterious hovering lights again. "But all three had vanished."

Prince George (population 75,150) is at the junctions of Highways 97 and 16, approximately 478 miles (765 kilometers) north of Vancouver.

On Thursday, February 28, 2002, around 6 a.m. "a woman saw mysterious lights in the sky approximately 13 miles (20 kilometers) east of Vanderhoof, B.C. on Langston Road leading toward Prince George." The witness said the lights hovered near Sinkut Mountain, and "at first thought they were someone logging using one of the big (tree-cutting) machines as the lights were so bright."

The witness and her husband described the UFO as "large, very bright lights, not very high in the sky at all," and "orangey-white in colour. They said they watched the lights for about 20 minutes until they completely vanished."

Vanderhoof (population 4,401) is on Highway 16 approximately 58 miles (93 kilometers) west of Prince George.

On Friday, March 1, 2002, "There was an unusual light in the direction of Sinkut Mountain, which she (the witness) could see from her kitchen. Her first thought is that it was just a logging truck." She described the light as "white and extremely bright. She had looked at this through binoculars and it was just a pure white light and was there for quite some time" around 5:30 a.m. "The light would move, then would stop, and then was gone. But in an instant, it was back to where it had started from." (See the *Omineca Express* of Vanderhoof, B.C. for February 25, 2002. Many thanks to Brian Vike for these reports.)

USO VIDEOTAPED OFFSHORE IN SOUTHERN CHILE

On Saturday, March 2, 2002, Television Nacional de Chile (TNC) aired on its 24 Horas news show a videotape of a rectangular Unidentified Submarine Object (USO) floating just offshore in the Strait of Magellan.

The videotape was shot by a couple, Nora Beytia and Francisco Correa, who were on the beach at San Gregorio on Sunday, February 17, 2002. While walking along, Nora and Francisco spotted a strange object floating in the water 150 meters (500 feet) from shore. Immediately they lifted their videocamera and began shooting footage.

The video shows a dark rectangular object 70 meters (232 feet) long with a faint luminosity above the deck. There is no conning tower or other protuberance, and "the object appeared to be an elongated metal container. It had two lights at either end of the ship. It appeared to be about the size of a cargo ship. At the moment the strange object submerged itself in the sea, a slight change in the luminosity was also observed."

The beach at San Gregorio is about 120 kilometers (72 miles) north of Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in Chile.

"According to Jaime Tamayo, a researcher at Omnivision Chile, this is a strange video that deserves further study. 'I think it is essential to analyze the unedited video and interview the witnesses. Given what we saw on television, it appears to be a most interesting observation,' he said."

"The Chilean Navy has not issued an opinion on the video image, according to their Public Relations Office." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries and Forbidden Mexico; Rodrigo Cuadra Salazar, Rodrigo Fuenzalida de AION y George A. Filer para esas informaciones. See also Filer's Files #10 for 2002.)

(Editor's Note: This isn't the first USO case in Chile. On September 23, 1971, a fishing boat spotted a USO 32 kilometers off the shores of Tocopilla, north of Antofagasta. Interestingly, Tocopilla is 50 kilometers (30 miles) due west of Calama, the site of Chile's current UFO flap. See Unexplained Mysteries of the Twentieth Century by Janet and Colin Bord, Contemporary Books, Chicago, IL, 1989, pages 170 and 321.)

COUPLE SEES A FLASHING UFO OVER A CARIBBEAN ISLAND

Kathy N. and Craig B. decided to spend their winter vacation away from their Pennsylvania home on the island of Saint Lucia in the Caribbean Sea. Saint Lucia is one of the Windward Islands located 500 kilometers (300 miles) north of Venezuela.

The evening of Monday, February 11, 2002, Kathy and Craig were at the Stonefield Villa in Soufriere, on the south side of the island. Kathy "saw a white light dance up and down in the sky and disappear behind Petit Piton (mountain)."

"Soon after, behind me, Craig saw a red orb speed by. He only had it in view for several seconds, though."

On Saturday, February 16, 2002, the couple were at La Haut Plantation, just outside Soufriere, and "we noticed every night at the same time--10 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.--there was a flashing white light at the same spot in the sky. Just for 20 minutes. Then it would seem to fade, or go further out into space. If you looked up at Orion, there is a very bright star to the right of it. Then if you go up a bit more to the right and down...there it was, at the same time every night."

Craig and Kathy saw the flashing UFO at that point in the sky on Saturday night, February 16; Sunday night, February 17; and Tuesday night, February 19. "It was a no-show on Monday (February 18)," Kathy reported. (Email Interview)

STRANGE PHENOMENA SEEN AT CACHI, ARGENTINA

"Faustina Nolasco, 57, is a humble peasant woman who lives with her husband in Las Pailas at the foot of the snow-capped Nevado de Cachi, 18 kilometers (11 miles) from the town," Cachi, which is 180 kilometers (78 miles) west-southwest of Salta, the provincial capital, and 600 kilometers (360 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

"The woman told El Tribuno that on the first day of the year (January 1, 2002), around 2:30 a.m., she rose to fetch water and irrigate her garden when she was blinded and then toppled by a

powerful light."

"Faustina knows nothing about UFOs. She barely has any contact with the outside world and is unaware of the fact that there are constant UFO sightings in her area."

"The sky was completely clear,' she recalls, 'And it surprised me that a light as bright as a lightning bolt blinded me and knocked me down. It came so close to me that by the time I reacted and got up off the ground, my face hurt because it had been burned and my head hurt. I figure that I was unconscious for about an hour and a half outdoors. But I remember nothing." (Editor's Note: January is midsummer in Argentina and the other countries of the southern hemisphere.)

"Continuing her story, Faustina said, 'On the next day (January 2, 2002) 'I saw that a tree close to where I passed out was completely burned, as though struck by lightning. The same happened to my (garden) plot of zapallos (cucumbers) and cabbages, which were completely wilted.'"

"Some days after the lightning bolt knocked me down at night, I saw a new explosion in the sky from the side of the mountain (Nevado de Cachi--J.T.) It turned the night into day for a long time. Then I heard a loud noise, and everything turned black, but there was nothing to be found in the countryside. Fortunately, my crops weren't wilted, and none of my animals died.'"

"Faustina has lived all of her life outside of Cachi and swears that she never had similar experiences" before this. (See the newspaper El Tribuno of Salta, Argentina for March 9, 2002, "Cachi: New information on UFOs. A peasant's spine-tingling story." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluci para eso articulo de diario.)

UFOs SEEN OVER SANTA ROSA, ARGENTINA

"On Saturday night, March 2, 2002, several (UFO) anomalies were observed over the city of Santa Rosa" in central Argentina "and also from an observation post staffed by CEUFO personnel some 60 kilometers (36 miles) from" Santa Rosa.

(Editor's Note: CEUFO is an acronym for Centro de Estudios Ufologicos, which is Spanish for Center of UFO Studies.)

"On this Saturday, at 9:20 p.m., an object flew over the city in a northwest to southeast direction. Its size was that of a 'very large star' and it moved at regular speed."

"Just prior to 10 p.m., three pulses of light, or 'flashes,' were seen to the southeast" of Santa Rosa.

"At 10:20 p.m., 'a luminous cloud' crossed the city, following a southeast-to-northwest trajectory. Its size was considerable, but witnesses were unable to pin down the (exact) altitude. The sky was partly cloudy, but this 'cloud' was completely independent from the rest."

Santa Rosa is in La Pampa province, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) west-southwest of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

The CEUFO observers recorded "no further anomalous activity" until 3 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2002. (Muchas gracias a Quique Mario de CEUFO y Proyecto Condor y Scott Corrales para esas noticias.)

ITALY REPORTS ITS FIRST ALIEN ABDUCTION

"Convinced that he had been abducted by UFOs, a young man from Conegliano Veneto," near Treviso in northern Italy "went to the police to report what amounted to the first report of its type in our country."

"The abduction was said to have occurred last July (2001). According to the participant in the sequence of events, the extraterrestrials picked him up, brought him to a secret location and utilized him as a guinea pig in experiments featuring 'extremely sophisticated pieces of equipment.'"

"The aliens also 'removed a section of (his) brain', thereafter returning him to his home" in Conegliano Veneto.

"Skeptical about the young man's 'experience,' the (Italian) police balked at the report and suggested that he appear on television, on the The Maurizio Constanzo Show." (See the Italian newspaper La Tribuna de Treviso for February 17, 2002. Grazie a Edoardo Russo e Gildo Persone di Centro Italiano do Studi Ufologici per questo rapporto.)

ENORMOUS UFOs CAUSE A STIR IN MONTENEGRO

On Thursday evening, March 7, 2002, a series of loud mysterious booms rocked the sky over Godijevo, a town in Montenegro, a state in the Balkans formerly part of Yugoslavia. "Residents of the area rushed out of their houses after hearing the mysterious booms. The sounds were followed by bright light flashes that illuminated the whole sky for several seconds."

"The people then saw enormous UFOs hovering over the town. Many ran back inside their homes to fetch videocameras. People with backyard chicken coops reported that their poultry 'were going crazy.'"

"According to the report in the newspaper Vijesti, the UFOs changed shape from circular to oval while hovering overhead, and then zipped across the open sky, losing themselves in the horizon."

"Police in Montenegro have collected and are analyzing numerous home videotapes of the mysterious objects. No one has been able to establish a satisfactory explanation for the phenomenon." (See the Balkan newspaper Vijesti for March 8, 2002. Many thanks to Daniel Munoz for this report.)

UFOs REMAIN ACTIVE IN CENTRAL MEXICO

On Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 6:30 a.m., "Sra. Norma Rodriguez observed a strange object in the form of a tube or a cylinder over the superhighway Carratera Queretaro" just outside the city of Queretaro, 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of Mexico City. "The object hovered over a mountain and displayed a strange color that was like a piece of gauze."

On Sunday, March 3, 2002, at 4 p.m., "Sra. Ana Luisa Cid photographed a large triangular UFO over Cerro del Chiquihuite (hill) to the north of Mexico City. According to Sra. Cid, the strange object remained stationary over the hill. Then, minutes later, it was joined by a fiery sphere which fused with the first object. The triangular object then flew away and lost itself in the haze of the horizon."

On Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., "a UFO was reported by Televisora Telecable de Morelos (TTM-TV) in Cuernavaca," a large city located 45 kilometers (27 miles) south of Mexico City. "A local dentist aired his home video of a strange pulsating object over Cuernavaca. The strange object emitted rays of light for several minutes and then disappeared over the horizon."

Later the same day, at 9 p.m., an AeroMexico Boeing 727 "encountered a strange luminous object along its flight path" between Mexico City and San Luis Potosi. "The Boeing 727's captain radioed the Air Traffic Control Center in Monterrey," capital of the state of Nuevo Leon, "and reported the strange artifact in the skies, according to ufologist Alfredo Salazar."

Monterrey is located 924 kilometers (574 miles) north of Mexico City. (See NotioVNI for March 10, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas noticias.)

MYSTERY BOOMS AND QUAKE RATTLE RHODE ISLAND

"A small earthquake occurred this morning (Wednesday, March 6, 2002) somewhere under the Narragansett Bay, creating a loud boom heard in Portsmouth (population 4,200), and, more quietly, in several other East Bay communities."

"A magnitude 2.2 earthquake occurred at 6:09 a.m. and had an epicenter under the bay about a mile or two (1.6 to 3.2 kilometers) off the coast of Warwick (population 85,808), according to John Ebel, a professor of geophysics at Boston College and director of the college's Weston Observatory."

"The typical reports you get from a magnitude 2.2 are that people will hear a boom or a sound of an explosion coming from below," Ebel said. He said that a tremor of this size is usually felt only a few miles away."

"Unless you were right on top of the epicenter, you would not most likely be woken up," Ebel said."

"He and local police said the most complaints of noise came from Aquidneck Island community of Portsmouth across the Bay from the West Bay city of Warwick, as well as other Aquidneck Island communities up to Bristol." (Editor's Note: And here's the mystery, readers. Warwick is directly across the bay from Bristol. Portsmouth is nearly 20 miles to the southeast. If the epicenter was right offshore from Warwick, then why was the boom louder in Portsmouth than it was in nearby Bristol?)

"He said that in the last twenty years there have been three or four earthquakes of this size in the bay area."

"It's just a small earthquake," he said, "that reminds us we have earthquake activity in the Northeast." (See the Providence, R.I. Journal for March 6, 2002, "Small earthquake a wakeup call for East Bay residents." Many thanks to Mary Lou Jones-Drown for forwarding the newspaper article.)

(Editor's Note: One shoreline village in Warwick is called Pawtuxet. Yes, that's the same Pawtuxet where Simon Orne of Salem Witchcraft infamy reared his seaside farmhouse in The Curious Case of Charles Dexter Ward by H.P. Lovecraft. Maybe the "earthquake" was great Cthulu rolling over in bed in R'lyeh, the weird underground realm beneath Narragansett Bay. And when in Providence, be sure to visit the Shunned House on College Hill and Throop Alley, that crooked eldritch little lane just off South Main Street, four blocks south of the Old Statehouse. Your best bet is to walk through the alley during daylight when the Throop, that "weird, gelid, croaking obscenity," isn't home.)

READER FEEDBACK:

THAT'S WYE MOUNTAIN, JOE.

Daniel Williams writes, "I respectfully request a change of a few things in the Bigelow, Arkansas report. The mountain's correct name is WYE Mountain. The object was 400 feet above the ground, not 1,000 feet. We studied all things and came to the conclusion that Wye Mountain is 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Little Rock (state capital of Arkansas--J.T.). Bless you and your work. I am a changed person after seeing that. We need more people like you. Thanks again." (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 6, "Slow-moving UFO sighted in Bigelow, Arkansas." page 3)

ALIEN CARRIER OR MAN-MADE HOAX?

Jerry Shifman writes, "Joe, this is not a new phenomenon. In a video I have about the many sightings in Mexico near the time of the eclipse a few years back, there is a good shot of this. The object was definitely a worm-like transparent tube, within which could be seen roundish balls. My best guess is that a bunch of silver Mylar balloons were packed into a mesh stocking of some sort and sent aloft. Many of the 'UFOs' on the video could easily have been such balloons."

"Thanks for your work with UFO Roundup." (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 10, "Silver-sphere UFOs rule the sky in Mexico City," page 5.)

From the UFO Files...

1972: LARGE SAUCER VISITS EASTERN AUSTRALIA

"My father, Mr. W.F. (Bill) Gilroy, never believed in the existence of UFOs. That was until the night of 1st March 1972.

The time was 10 p.m. as he lay in his bed looking out of the bedroom window of our (then) north Katoomba (in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales--J.T.) home, facing west."

"At that moment he was surprised by a large saucer- shaped silver glowing object which seemed to pass quickly and silently over our house toward the west, disappearing in seconds."

"The night was misty and there was a very low cloud cover, which meant the strange craft had passed very close to ground level."

"Regrettably, I did not see the craft as I was seated in the lounge room watching television (which at that moment suffered bad interference for a few seconds.) No sooner had my father seen the strange object than he got out of bed and told me what he had seen. He said that although he had never before believed in 'flying saucers,' he believed in them now!"

"Over the next few days I received a number of other reports of what appeared to have been the same object, from people on the lower (eastern) Blue Mountains and as far west as Bathurst and Orange." (See the book Mysterious Australia by Rex Gilroy, Nexus Publishing, Mapleton, Qlnd., Australia, 1995, page 9.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean 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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>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter

>In the 15 Feb 2002 issue of 'Science' (p. 1227), there's a very
>short article with the above title, and, of all things, it
>doesn't explicitly treat the matter sarcastically or derisively!

<snip>

>"Antimatter energy is a favorite of science fiction buffs: It's
>what powers Star Trek's Enterprise through the heavens. But
>reality hasn't caught up yet, according to NASA astronomer
>Michael Harris. If antimatter-powered UFOs had been buzzing
>through our solar system, the craft would emit telltale gamma
>rays created by proton-antiproton collisions, ..."

<snip>

Hi Jim and everyone!

Not to sound like an alarmist, but such an antimatter-powered
E.T. spacecraft may have just been discovered in our solar
system!

The source of the powerful x-ray beacon discovered on Jupiter
which I wrote about in an earlier post to UFO UpDates may be
associated with a newly discovered mysterious huge cigar shaped
object moving through the clouds in Jupiter's upper atmosphere!

Was the article in 'Science' actually preparing us for the news
that just such a possible E.T. contact may have been made? I do
not suspect this is the case but as of now, we still do not know
what this cigar shaped object is. If it is a spacecraft, the
account given in 'Science' would certainly explain this unique
and powerful periodic x-ray point source on Jupiter.

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_spot_020313.html

Nick Balaskas

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Ufology Boxing?

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 00:09:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:19:03 -0500
Subject: Ufology Boxing?

Dear all,

I saw a report on Sky News [UK] today about a program on Fox called Celebrity Boxing. I'm sure most of you have heard of this.

It occurred to me that rather than the endless threads of pro's and con's using emails and articles why not just slug it out in the ring?

Looking at the current state of the world that seems to be what we're all doing anyway.

Just imagine it, instead of Celebrity Boxing we could have Ufology Boxing.

In the blue corner we have Steaming Stan, looking very strong tonight putting forward some very good arguments that Roswell was alien related.

And in the red corner it's Mighty Mac, who after the last knockout is still going for the Martian face.

All the best,

Dave Bowden ;-)

<http://www.grafikfx.co.uk>

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 20:04:22 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:21:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:34:09 -0500

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:43:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>What we have here is... a failure to communicate. There are a
>number of researchers on this list and not a single word in
>question of the very bright abductees present here, myself
>included. Why not ask questions of us? Why not test us online?
>Why not gather our facts and make some sense of it from our
>perspective? Apparently that sand is very comfortable. And, in
>the meantime, I stand defiantly in the face of everyone with my
>own enigmatic 'stories' and proofs. I could tell stories for a
>long time. Errol still won't let me anywhere near his computer
>for good reason.

>There are a number of things that can be done online for free.
>What about personality profiles, medical reports, and a host of
>other information that could and would provide valuable
>databases? I could go on, but it seems to be a waste of time.
>MRI's? Done that, wanna compare pictures? I show you mine, if
>you show me yours?

Dear Cathy,

Apparently you missed all the fun. As a perceived abductee
myself, I've already done what these guys have not done,
something.

A study of your description is underway. By a group of board
certified physicians, studying the phenom. Check the archives in
the event you missed it. Or just ask me privately, that is off
list. We are looking for some volunteers.

Best,

And hang in there, things are happening.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 20:14:20 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:24:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Mortellaro

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 08:01:39 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:43:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

><snip>

>>I just read Bobbie Felder's comment on your post. She is of
>>course, quite correct.

>Thank ya Jim, thank ya ver much <--imagine that spoken
>in a really pathetic Elvis imitation.

I think it's "Thank yu vera vera much!"

><snip>

>>Thus far, Dick, guess how many of you responded with the
>>requested information vis a vis protocol etc. Go ahead. Make a
>>guess. Would you believe thousands?

>>OK, would you believe hundreds?

>>Would you believe less than ten? Because that was the number.
>>The people who should be embarrassed by all this is not me or my
>>detractor but rather each and every one of you on this List.
>>We are of course, going ahead with it. But it may not contain
>>that which one or more of you need in order to satisfy you.

<snip>

>Good! I hope you get it done. And I want you to let me know
>where I can get a copy of the report or book or however you plan
>to disseminate the information after the study is completed.
>Hell, that's one book I'd buy at Barnes & Noble price! (I
>generally get UFO books at a bargain price off ebay or
>amazon.com. Some of them that I paid \$2.00 for weren't worth
>_that_ price!)

><snip>

>>God in heaven, but there is no playing together on this issue.
>>You asked why. So do I. You asked everyone on this list. So
>>did you. So ... uh ... what's the temperature of the sand?

>>Anyone?

>Personal opinion on the matter, and from where I sit, it looks
>like there is more concern over who will get top billing in the
>credits for such a project than whether the project accomplishes
>anything of note. The ole ego comes into play, it seems. If Mr.
>UFO Researcher helps you and your group conduct a kick-ass study
>by giving you input on how he thinks you should go about it,
>based on his experience in the field, then you and your group

>stand to get all the glory in the end and Mr. UFO Researcher is
>left out in the cold without his name listed first on the front
>cover, no royalty check coming in the mail, no guest shot on Art
>Bell and no trip to Books-A-Million for a book signing where
>they have that nice cappuchino and those cute little sugary
>cookie things.

><snip>

>>Now, with or without your assistance, I shall do my thing or
>>ours. Up to you.

>>This, BTW was attempted on another venue but rejected. Fine.
>>what I am going to do is determine as much as I can - or cannot.

>This would be an example of what we call "Big Brass Ones the
>Size of Texas". Do it, dahlin! If anyone else comes along and
>doesn't like what you're doing, simply smile nicely and invite
>them to bite you :)

When the frost is on the pumkin, that's the time for ... never
mind.

Here's the way it will work. The study will not be anywhere near
in time for publishing the book. But I will send it to anyone
who buys the book, and will provide it at MY cost. Since I am
the publisher (look out, this is gonna be a knockout book
hard cover and best of everything), I can do that. See, it
belongs to me. I will provide it free to anyone who contributes
to the protocols, however.

Anyone else will pay for it and the proceeds will go to Saint
Judes Children's Hospital in Memphis. Speaking of one King
anyway. I was going to allow only those who were qualified to
have it to 'give' it away. But I could not find anyone
qualified, at least not on the basis of providing an assist.

So, the offer to bite me, altho I must confirm here that you
said that, is extended, along with another accuterment. But my
arm's gettin pretty tired by now.

Love and tissues,

Jim

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 20:52:22 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:43:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 06:14:36 -0800 (PST)

Let me try to clear up a little bit of confusion on the Phoenix Lights issue.

I point my finger directly at television for perpetuating disinformation.

Flares dropped by the Maryland National Guard at around 10:00 PM on March 13th, 1997. It was several months later that this information came out because no one cared to ask the correct questions of the Public Information Officers at the surrounding Military Bases. No one cared to ask if any military unit was visiting from out-of-state! If they had asked, they would have been told that the Maryland National Guard was in Arizona.

A final confirmation occurred when fuel logs were checked. Military planes in TDY status were under contract to refuel at two specific locations. So we know that they were here and dropping flares.

It is true that the Military should have been more forthcoming in a timely matter of this event. But it will interest you all to know that Major Eileen Benz of the Arizona National Guard broke the story of the Maryland Guard participation in this event.

This information can be checked and verified.

Local UFO researchers and media investigative reporters failed to find this information when they should have.

Why would a military official have broken this story months after March 13th when it would have helped them to simply keep their collective mouths shut and just keep denying that it ever happened? I know that Major Benz took extreme heat for finding this information because she made both investigative sides look inept.

Back to television.

Whenever the 'Phoenix Lights' comes up in this medium, the 10:00 PM flare footage is shown, while the talking heads on TV start calling it the triangular craft that was reported that evening! So the confusion propels itself further due to lousy, television journalism.

There was other footage of a V-shaped formation of lights spotted earlier in the evening. However, MUFON Field Investigator Richard Motzer proved by testing this footage that

it was not the a single, giant aircraft because the V formation of lights were moving independently of each other, proving it was a formation of aircraft.

The real mystery are the hundreds of reports filed by witnesses of large boomerangs and giant triangles seen earlier in the evening - some, reportedly, the size of a football field. This is an aspect of the case that needs tending. Bill has done a great job in interviewing the witnesses. However, only the cases reported around March 13th, should be scrutinized. The witness contamination formula is huge in this case! _Anybody_ can claim to have seen it now!

A question for the List, and something that I have wondered about all of these years, and Bill, maybe you can help me out? If we have video footage of the flare drop and the V-shaped formation of aircraft - why don't we have any video of any football-field sized, giant triangles and boomerang objects, that, according to the witnesses, flew silently and _slowly_ over Phoenix?

Jim Kelly

MUFON, Arizona

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Isabel Davies?

From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil@telusplanet.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 21:03:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:45:46 -0500
Subject: Isabel Davies?

List,

I am the U.A.D. [Unexplained Animal Death] investigator from Alberta, Canada.

Does anyone have the address of Isabel Davies?

Sure would like to get in touch with her regarding the book.

Fernand Belzil

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Kellyc

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 15:24:36 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:55:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02 - Kellyc

>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 14:32:44 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed - 03-09-02

<snip>

>Greetings Christopher and everyone!

G'day Nick and Listers,

>The entire 3 hours of Errol's excellent 'Strange Days.Indeed'
>radio show about UFOs was informative and thought provoking -
>but so have all the previous 178 shows too. I think all are
>worthy of archiving.

I couldn't agree more, also if it was archived it would serve as
a good reference library for future research. Hint, hint to CFRB
executives.

>The part that you missed when you went to answer the front door
>dealt with the "Binding Meter" which was designed and built by
>Wilbert B. Smith, a government of Canada researcher, with help
>from the "Boys Topside" (a euphemism he frequently used with
>associates when he was referring to E.T. aliens). Using this
>binding meter he was able to confirm the existence of temporary
>regions of reduced binding. If a bridge or tower was in such a
>region or an plane flew through this region of reduced binding,
>they may experience a catastrophic structural failure at their
>weakest points. There are plans to build and test this binding
>meter here at York University following the same original plans
>by Wilbert found among the archives of his personal papers.

<snip>

Thank you Nick for sending this info along, it has been driving
me crazy not knowing what Wilbert Ssmith's son James was
referring to. I very much appreciate the time you took to bring
me up to date.

>The flying saucer club meetings were held not only at Wilbert's
>home (they were attended by RCMP, military pilots - and even
>the occasional flying saucer peering through the windows!), but
>also at NRC facilities too. These meetings were attended by
>Canadian government scientists and engineers, including Nobel
>Prize winner Herzberg and others such as Millman and Stedman
>(I've seen an unpublished 1952 bound technical document written
>by Dr.Stedman which makes references to "saucerians" and how
>we may be able to construct a flying saucer of our own working
>on antigravity like in the ones they fly).

This Binding principle makes a good deal of sense to me. My
research into magnetics and where a magnet gets its energy from
does support this principle/theory. I found or came to realise
that the magnet world (or opposing world as I tend to call it,
others call it inner space) is the corner stone for all that
exists in the physical world. So it makes sense that if all
physical matter is held together by magnetic fields, then a

magnetic field can also unlock or disrupt matter. The Binding Meter therefor could identify such areas of stresses on the fabric of space. Wether it is a time stress point as well is debatable or can be debated.

>Wilbert was not the only government researcher studying UFOs
>and their science - only the most public and outspoken one.
>Partly because of this reason, and the fact what was learned
>through our direct contact with E.T.s was simply too incredible
>to believe, we may be just as responsible for the continued UFO
>cover-up as our government(s).

I also couldn't rule out this Nick, we just aren't raised to believe nor understand such thing our at least when we all went to school we won't. Thankfully this will not be the case for those going to school now days and in the future thanks to those pushing for a greater understanding.

Which brings a saying I like to mind;

"We are born with all that is known, it is only after this that we unlearn all that there is too know."

Not sure who said this or if I have worded it 100 percent correct.

Anyway, thanks again Nick, the Binding Meter and principle are very interesting subjects, so is the world of inner space which is something I would really like to dive into deeper here if any one is up for a discussion on it.

Cheers Chris (Tophar)

Some reference links on Binding Meter:

http://www.padrak.com/ine/NEN_6_3_7.html

<http://www.amasci.com/freenrg/bindet.html>

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 23:20:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:00:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 06:14:36 -0800 (PST)

<snip>

>I never bought the 'flare' explanation which seems to be the one
>that killed off most of the subsequent interest in the case. I
>rejected it myself because (as you say) it did not jibe with the
>_substantial_ eyewitness testimony. Tom King sent me copies of
>all the video he took along with all of the major network
>(local) news broadcasts dealing with the sighting.

>Initially there was a pilot report (which I brought up
>repeatedly during the initial discussion on the case and which
>no one ever investigated) from a commercial flight that was in
>the process of landing at Phoenix airport. That pilot claimed
>that the object was _overhead_ as he landed and he had serious
>concerns about colliding with the object. It came as a surprise
>to me that no one ever followed up on that report. There was no
>further mention made of it afterwards.

>Also, all the major news offices had contacted local military
>bases the night of the incident to find out if any military
>exercises or maneuvers could be responsible for the sighting and
>_all_ were told in no uncertain terms, that there were _no_
>exercises, squadron flights or maneuvers that were scheduled for
>that night. It was only _months_ later that the BS about that
>'rogue' (and hitherto unknown) unit was conducting night
>maneuvers that involved the dropping of flares. Too 'convenient'
>and 'too late' an excuse on the part of the air force.

>There were way too many sightings state wide to dismiss what
>appeared over Phoenix as a routine military exercise involving
>conventional aircraft and 'flares.' I'm still pissed that this
>case has been (for all intent and purposes) forgotten by the
>public.

If you want to be even more pissed, check out the Phoenix lights
analysis at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html>

As you begin this paper notice that I developed my analytical
method by first analyzing a 'sighting' in January 1998.

After I succeeded in determining, by triangulation, where those
lights were, I tackled the year-earlier (almost) March 13, 1997
event.

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US Topographic Maps On-Line

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 15:00:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:05:44 -0500
Subject: US Topographic Maps On-Line

Hello, all.

This is a really great site, found out about this from my fearless leader, some of the USGS maps need updating - like my 20 year old neighborhood in Coos Bay, Oregon, doesn't exist - but for things like the Phoenix Lights debate, and the Arnold debate this may just be the thing.

Or it will open up a whole new can of worms .<g>

It is at the following:

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

GT McCoy

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Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 00:59:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:11:15 -0500
Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Velez

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 09:59:02 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?

>Hi everyone!

>There is some cautious excitement here about a very strange new
>discovery on Jupiter which is difficult to explain as a natural
>phenomena. This discovery was so unexpected, it seems like it
>came straight out of an Arthur C. Clarke science fiction novel.

>Randy Gladstone, the leader of the team that detected a periodic
>x-ray beacon on Jupiter using the new Chandra X-ray Observatory
>orbiting the Earth, is a Canadian who has spent much time at
>York University working with our planetary atmospheric
>scientists (Jack McConnell, Gordon Shepherd, etc.). Having
>learned from past experience when excited scientists referred to
>the first pulsars discovered as LGMS for Little Green Men, no
>one is suggesting that this x-ray beacon is of artificial
>origin. At least not yet.

>If this x-ray beacon is indeed artificial in origin, it would
>seem to make some sense to me since Jupiter is a very noisy
>planet at other wavelengths. Not only is Jupiter a large bright
>object in our solar system (it is one of the brightest star-like
>objects overhead in our early evening sky) but it also radiates
>in the infra-red (it emits about 4 times more energy than it
>gets from the Sun) and is a strong radio wave source too. So if
>E.T.s wanted to be noticed, x-ray radiation would be a good
>choice for their beacon on Jupiter.

Hi Nick, All,

Although astronomers and astronomy buffs know that Jupiter is really more of a 'failed star' than it is a normal planet, it is not common knowledge to the average lay person. When I first read this report (about a week ago) I was astounded to hear of this polar x-ray beacon. And 'anomaly' though it may be, it is not surprising because of Jupiter's unique make-up.

You mention, in your post, the planet's temperature anomaly, and there's also the unusual nature of the planets magnetic fields and any number of other 'anomalous' features. Why not an x-ray source as well? Remember, also, that the planet was recently (and catastrophically) bombarded by Shoemaker-Levy's comets that collided with Big Jupe, not so very long ago. Who knows what kind of havoc the titanic collisions wreaked with the planet's internal processes.

It would be amazing if the source turns out to be artificial. My suspicion is that we are witnessing a 'natural' process that is simply beyond our current knowledge to explain.

ET maybe. But more likely 'hints' of physical processes we are completely unfamiliar with. :) Let's wait and see what develops.

Regards,

John Velez
Avid Amateur Astronomer :)

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Secrecy News -- 03/14/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 15:25:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:22:08 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/14/02

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW EXCERPTS NOW ONLINE
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NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW EXCERPTS NOW ONLINE

Significant excerpts from the classified Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) report on U.S. nuclear weapons policy that was leaked to the press last weekend have now been posted on the website of GlobalSecurity.org, a policy research organization directed by John Pike:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/policy/dod/npr.htm>

"Needless to say, whoever leaked it violated federal criminal law," said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at a March 13 press briefing.

"It seems that there are some people who simply have a compulsion to seem important, so they take classified information which can damage U.S. national security and give it to people who aren't cleared for it," Rumsfeld added. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2002/03/dod031302.html>

But Administration officials have stressed that the NPR report is a policy document, not an operational plan. As such, critics as well as supporters across the political spectrum have argued that it properly belongs in the public domain.

BUSH ON EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

"I'm not going to let Congress erode the power of the Executive Branch," President Bush said at a March 13 press conference. "I have a duty to protect the Executive Branch from legislative encroachment."

The President was responding to an astute reporter who asked, "To what degree are you trying to recalibrate the power between Congress and the presidency?" See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2002/03/gwb031302.html>

The White House recently rescinded in part its claim of executive privilege that was asserted last December to deny Congress access to certain documents concerning misconduct by the Boston FBI in the 1960s.

"Today, the Justice Department agreed to provide the Committee with access to subpoenaed documents over which the President had originally claimed executive privilege," House Government Reform

Committee chair Rep. Dan Burton said in a February 27 press release. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2002/h022702.html>

SECRECY IN THE NEWS

The mounting complaints about Bush Administration secrecy were reviewed by Laurence McQuillan in "For Bush, secrecy is a matter of loyalty" published in USA Today on March 14:

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/acovthu.htm>

The secret and seemingly open-ended detention of dozens of persons as "material witnesses" in connection with the September 11 attacks was examined by Josh Gerstein in "Secret detentions: Do as USA says -- or as it does?" also in USA Today today:

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/comment/2002/03/14/ncquest2.htm>

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 02:44:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:25:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hebert

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:34:09 -0500

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 17:43:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>I just read Bobbie Felder's comment on your post. She is of
>>course, quite correct. Nothing has ever been resolved here of
>>any merit. Not the fault of the site, but of us, those who post
>>here.

<snip>

>What we have here is... a failure to communicate. There are a
>number of researchers on this list and not a single word in
>question of the very bright abductees present here, myself
>included. Why not ask questions of us? Why not test us online?
>Why not gather our facts and make some sense of it from our
>perspective?

Hi, Cathy:

I researched abduction claims from 1992 to 1997 - 5 years. I finally realized not all claims of abduction could be verified let alone used for research. After interviewing dozens of people about their abductions for more than a year, certain personality characteristics became apparent that were indicative of underlying mental disorders. With a background in psychology, I could not overlook the symptoms and finally had to leave the field due to lack of evidence.

Although there were at least 2-3 cases that left enough doubt in my mind, I had to admit to myself there had to be more evidence - physical evidence - of many kinds to support the stories/claims. Until new studies are conducted with much greater emphasis on scientific methodology, with less focus on the use of hypnosis and other fallible techniques, and a search for more physical evidence (far beyond alleged scars, implants, alien hairs, etc.), abduction research will remain exactly where it is - going no where.

Gathering information on line and even in person without intense, scientific study is not going to do any good because anyone and his/her dog can claim to have been abducted and tell a corresponding story. Though you may get a few cases of genuine abduction, there is no sure way to sort the genuine experiences from the delusions. This not only does a great injustice to the overall study of abduction encounters but also a great injustice to genuine abductees that may exist.

Any studies based partially or entirely on testimonies obtained via the internet or any other median without intense, scientific, in person study and follow-up will only produce information

defined by the parameters of the population studied - self-proclaimed abductees - and within the context of the source of that information - the internet and/or other media. Any data gathered must remain relevant only within the context of that study and cannot be generalized to other studies of abduction phenomena.

We need a whole new course of investigation applied not only to abduction phenomena but also to the study of UFO's and other phenomena. Nothing changes because... the methods of study do not change. The same old techniques are used over and over. We discover only what we expect to discover. We search for truths that conform to our "standards" of what the truth must look like and communicate the same information year after year after year.

Without assuming we are being invaded and/or abducted by aliens from distant planets, we can conduct studies that search for the truth based on evidence gathered (and we may need to redefine what constitutes "evidence"). By believing abductions are conducted either by aliens or some rogue military group...or both, we bias our studies and our abilities to gather relevant information. What we believe defines the parameters of our studies.

If we believe alien beings are responsible for abduction phenomena, we may feel belittled by their advanced technologies and limit our search to what we believe we can find. We allow ourselves to be awed by what seems like alien "magic" and neglect to look behind the curtain or in the magician's hat. It's time to study abduction claims, abduction phenomena and all phenomena from a forensic point of view.

If physical beings of any kind are abducting people, then we need to actively go after physical evidence instead of waiting for it to show up in X-Rays or the accidental drop of a cocktail napkin. Design tests to collect physical specimens instead of just taking a passive-receptive roll. Since abductions are claimed to recur, set up double and triple blind systems for gathering evidence surrounding abductees. (Over the last 5 years I've been working on numerous designs for studies I plan to conduct when I finish my current studies.)

If you notice, I neither support claims of abduction nor reject them. I use to be convinced the phenomenon was real but due to my latest studies, I no longer know what to believe. I don't feel the need to prove anything exists or doesn't exist, I just want the truth - whatever it turns out to be. This is where research begins and ends.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 11 - Russo

From: **Edoardo Russo** <e.russo@cisu.org>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 09:29:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:30:37 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 11 - Russo

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 16:46:10 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 11

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>man from Conegliano Veneto," near Treviso in northern
>Italy "went to the police to report what amounted to the
>first report of its type in our country."

Hello Joseph and John!

There has been a misunderstanding due to a translation
problem:

"The first report of its type" meant the first time a report of
this type was filed at a police office by the "kidnapped" man
himself.

The original text in Italian read as follows:

"Convinto di essere stato rapito dagli UFO, un giovane di
Conegliano Veneto si e' rivolto alla polizia per presentare
quella che ci risulta la prima denuncia del genere nel nostro
paese."

We've got our own share of abduction reports, in the past
decades, and this is not the first reported abduction in Italy,
though it's the first time the abducted steps in to a police
office to claim that.

Thanks for the correction and best regards

Edoardo Russo

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Re: Phoenix Case - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:06:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:11:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Fleming

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

<snip>

>I never bought the 'flare' explanation which seems to be the one
>that killed off most of the subsequent interest in the case. I
>rejected it myself because (as you say) it did not jibe with the
>_substantial_ eyewitness testimony. Tom King sent me copies of
>all the video he took along with all of the major network
>(local) news broadcasts dealing with the sighting.

Hello, John

Bruce Maccabee did some triangulation on the 10 o'clock sightings over the Estrellas Mountains and found the position of the lights to be consistent with flares falling behind the mountains rather than craft maneuvering in front of them. I wouldn't consider this an "off the cuff" explanation. I accept Maccabee's conclusions, but the fact that these lights were consistent with flares doesn't mean they _were_ flares.

One TV program I saw on the Phoenix lights a while back showed images comparing the Phoenix lights to video of known flares, asserting they looked about the same. However, the flares appeared noticeably smudged and blurry-looking to me while the Phoenix lights were clear and circular, despite the assertions of the all-knowing TV narrator. Assuming the Phoenix lights were flares, perhaps it was just the differences in distance or photographic equipment that made the known flares look so different from the video of the Phoenix lights. It's also been suggested in the past that the military might have dropped flares to obfuscate evidence of a UFO incursion over the city proper, which occurred two hours earlier and were certainly not flares.

The explanations for the earlier incident as a hoax involving airplanes carrying lights on their wings does sound like an ad hoc explanation. Unless it was the Air Force that was orchestrating the hoax, it's just a little too coincidental that the 8PM sightings were quickly followed by the dropping of flares two hours later, which nobody seemed to know about until after the incident began getting attention in the national news media.

USA Today did a serious article on the Phoenix lights several months later and it did not have the usual snide and dismissive tone typical for UFO articles in the media. As I recall, this was before the story about the Maryland Air National Guard and their flare-dropping exercises was put out by the Air Force.

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:44:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:22:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Gehrman

>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 18:54:44 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

>>Apparently I am the only person in the Universe (or one of the
>>very few) who tries to collate all credible/reliable information
>>and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to
>>think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

Richard,

"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!"
- Robert Burns

Why haven't you responded to my post on angel hair re your
"mixology" quote?

That topic is stuffed full of "science", yet you ignored it. Did
you think that it had already been synthesized?

An Aristotelian

>>Maybe I was overly inspired by the philosopher Herbert Spencer,
>>who was a fellow synthesizer.

>>Otherwise, how do we ever get anywhere by constantly charging
>>off in sixteen different directions with out pet beliefs?

>The obvious answer is, "We don't get anywhere." It might be
>interesting to look back through the Archives of this List and
>see how many times the same topics have been "cussed and
>discussed" over and over again with little to nothing
>accomplished, when all is said and done.

>Bobbie

Bobbie, Richard, Jim, EBK, and Listers,

What pessimistic views! This List's function is the processing
and synthesizing of information, supplied by disparate minds,
all seeking answers to important questions. There's never been a
UFO forum like this. It'll take some time before we learn how to
use it to its best advantage. The 'cussed and discussed' topics
that appear cyclically are worthwhile and deserve to be
revisited time and time again until they're resolved.

We certainly wouldn't want to end up like the Fore, eating our
dead and wearing neckties, and ignorantly misunderstanding the
nature of the alien threat.

Ed

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Re: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 15:35:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:45:45 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter - Deardorff

>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 15:07:26 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter

>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 16:55:16 -0800
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: 'Science' Aliens Eschew Antimatter

>>In the 15 Feb 2002 issue of 'Science' (p. 1227), there's a very
>>short article with the above title, and, of all things, it
>>doesn't explicitly treat the matter sarcastically or derisively!

<snip>

>>"Antimatter energy is a favorite of science fiction buffs: It's
>>what powers Star Trek's Enterprise through the heavens. But
>>reality hasn't caught up yet, according to NASA astronomer
>>Michael Harris. If antimatter-powered UFOs had been buzzing
>>through our solar system, the craft would emit telltale gamma
>>rays created by proton-antiproton collisions, ..."

><snip>

>Not to sound like an alarmist, but such an antimatter-powered
>E.T. spacecraft may have just been discovered in our solar
>system!

>The source of the powerful x-ray beacon discovered on Jupiter
>which I wrote about in an earlier post to UFO UpDates may be
>associated with a newly discovered mysterious huge cigar shaped
>object moving through the clouds in Jupiter's upper atmosphere!
>Was the article in 'Science' actually preparing us for the news
>that just such a possible E.T. contact may have been made? I do
>not suspect this is the case but as of now, we still do not know
>what this cigar shaped object is. If it is a spacecraft, the
>account given in 'Science' would certainly explain this unique
>and powerful periodic x-ray point source on Jupiter.

I don't see how it could be a spacecraft, Nick. The articles
said the giant spot developed over a two-week period; also, its
area is bigger than that of Earth.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Isabel Davies? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:12:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:49:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Isabel Davies? - Clark

>From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil@telusplanet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Isabel Davies?
>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 21:03:17 -0700

>I am the U.A.D. [Unexplained Animal Death] investigator from
>Alberta, Canada.

>Does anyone have the address of Isabel Davies?

>Sure would like to get in touch with her regarding the book.

Is there an Isabel Davies? Or is the reference to the revered ufologist Isabel Davis, after whom the Fund for UFO Research has named an annual award?

That Isabel Davis, active with CSI New York and later NICAP, died in 1984. She wrote only one book - actually more of a monograph than a book as such - and it was with Ted Bloecher, who's still alive but no longer active in UFO research.

That book, which CUFOS published in 1978, is 'Close Encounter at Kelly and Others of 1955' - about a CE3-filled year.

My favorite of her writings, however, is the wonderfully witty and cleverly reasoned dissection of the claims of 1950s contactees, 'Meet the Extraterrestrial', published in Fantastic Universe, November 1957.

Jerry Clark

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[canufo] 15 Reasons for Science to Re-Examine the

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.umanitoba.ca>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 11:43:59 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:48:16 -0500
Subject: [canufo] 15 Reasons for Science to Re-Examine the

I shouldn't have been surprised, but I was; scientists seem to have dismissed the latest Canadian UFO Survey without bothering to read and understand its analyses of UFO data.

Our study was quite straightforward; we collected UFO reports from a variety of agencies, including civilian UFO groups, the Internet and also government records, all for the year 2001. We have been collecting this data for 12 years, and each year have noted a slight increase in the number of UFO reports. Last year, however, we found an unexpectedly large increase: 42% over the previous year.

We reported our findings and published our data to allow anyone interested to review the information (www.geocities.com/aristotl.geo). We tried not to make any assumptions, but merely reported the data and noted correlations and trends. We emphasized that UFO reports do not necessarily mean alien visitation, and in our study, we were reporting observational data only. In other words, we were highly objective in our approach, using appropriate scientific methodology.

There was wide media coverage of the study, but two debunkers reacted very strangely. One mocked the study of "aliens," which suggests he didn't read the report itself.

(Aside: I have been called a debunker by some ufologists, by the way. My writings have also been included on some skeptical websites and I have been called a UFO skeptic on more than one occasion. If a scientist is skeptical of another skeptic, does that make him a believer?)

The other scientist dismissed the study's results by saying that he knew for a fact that UFO reports are actually decreasing, not increasing. Of course, he did not cite his reference or source for that fact.

That shouldn't have surprised me, but it did. Perhaps I was expecting scientists to use the data and the rigorous, statistical study as a basis for forming their own opinions.

At any rate, I thought about how the scientific community is said to be predisposed against ufology because of the perceived connection to aliens. That's too bad, because even without the possibility of aliens as an explanation, there are still many reasons why UFOs are worthy of scientific study, contrary to Condon.

Since I'm slated to be a guest speaker at a UFO conference this summer, I thought one of my panels might be on this subject. I thought I'd throw this out to see what you think of these suggestions as I prepare my talk:

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15 Reasons Why Science Should Re-Examine the UFO Phenomenon
(Without Ever Mentioning Aliens)

1. Earthquake Lights: Geophysicists have been examining reports of luminous phenomena associated with major seismic events. The mechanism for these odd lights is not fully understood, and there are many questions about their propagation, energy source and movement. Many UFOs are seen near seismically active areas, including those classified as nocturnal lights. Are these actually earthquake lights in disguise?

2. Earthquake Prediction: This idea follows from #1, but is quite a separate issue. Researchers of earthquake precursors have noted very disparate phenomena as possible indicators of impending seismic events. These include sudden increases in the number of lost pets, electrical interference and also unusual lights in the sky. If these lights are reported as UFOs, then they may be related to earthquake prediction. One cannot underestimate the importance of studying possible earthquake precursors.

3. Tectonic Strain Theory: Much has been made of Michael Persinger's TST concept that underground crustal strain causes electromagnetic fields which either: a) affect the brain directly and cause people to think they have been abducted by aliens, or b) create luminous phenomena that are perceived as UFOs by unsuspecting witnesses. Curiously, the TST seems to have few supporters outside of Persinger's Laurentian University laboratory. Other scientists should independently test the TST for its viability. After all, if Persinger is right, the TST has implications well beyond UFOs; if EM fields can affect the human brain so profoundly, what other human behaviour can be manipulated?

4. Ball Lightning: This is another poorly understood and rarely observed natural phenomenon. Some UFO cases may be due to ball lightning discharges. It is only through a detailed examination of UFO data that possible candidates for ball lightning can be located. Geophysicists should be gathering UFO data as a matter of course, trying to learn exactly how often plasma discharges can occur in nature. Why don't they occur during every thunderstorm?

5. Dissociative Disorders: Dissociation has been described in the psychological literature as a tendency to have periods of time missing from one's life. Chronic dissociation such as multiple personality disorder has been evoked to explain UFO abductions. But what really occurs in DD episodes? How widespread is "tuning out" in our society? If DD episodes are caused by trauma, can the trauma be accurately identified? Surely this has implications in many professions.

6. Fantasy-Prone Personality: This psychological condition is also sometimes cited as an explanation for abduction experiences. People with such personalities have a tendency to imagine elaborate scenarios and have, literally, "flights of fancy" during their waking hours. How prevalent is this trait, and what are the implications in our culture?

7. False Memory Syndrome: This condition is the subject of intense debate. Victims of the FMS defense in a court of law vigorously oppose its use on the grounds that there is no incontrovertible evidence that it exists at all. However, FMS proponents argue that it is a profoundly important phenomenon that may bring criminals to justice. So does it or does it not exist? If it does, to what extent? Again, this would have implications far beyond ufology.

8. Perceptual Ability: Why do people report that stationary nighttime lights such as stars and planets are actually "dancing" and "jumping around?" While autokinesis and autostasis are well-known to perceptual psychologists, much more study on people's abilities to judge distance, altitude and movement would be useful.

9. Media Influence: Ever since Strentz's thesis on how newspaper reporting can create a UFO flap, the media has always been suspect in its coverage of the subject. We can still wonder, however, how the advent of tabloid TV and UFO-themed programs like the X-Files are affecting public opinion in this field. And recently, if (as it has been noted) newspapers are carrying fewer UFO sightings as news, why are there more UFO reports? (Or are there?)

10. Group Behaviour: What, exactly, are the dynamics of UFO reporting? Can one person's sighting and subsequent report really become contagious and influence others to report banal phenomena as something more mysterious? Is a UFO flap nothing more than an updated version of the "Windshield Pitters of Mattoon?"

11. Aerospace Development: If, as many believe, UFOs represent observations of secret tests of highly advanced technology, then records of such observations can provide information to avionics experts as to what and where such technology is under development. Aviation insiders have long been using data from professional aircraft spotters to determine the characteristics of aircraft under development.

12. The search for meteorites is very important to geologists and xenobiologists. Astronomers and meteoriticists await reports of brilliant fireballs in the hope that a recovery may lead to an important find. Some countries have used all-sky cameras to monitor bolides and meteors in order to assist meteorite hunters in their quest for cosmic debris. Given the preponderance of objects now in orbit around the Earth, a network to track space objects entering the atmosphere seems needed - beyond NORAD.

13. Epilepsy Research: It has been suggested that some abductees have actually experienced petit mal or even grand mal events and interpreted them as something more exotic. Are there any indicators for epilepsy or temporal lobe epilepsy that would unequivocally prove that some abduction experiences have this medical condition as the cause?

14. Psychopathology: Mack and others insist that abductees are "normal" with respect to the rest of the population. That is, their MMPI and other psychological tests find them no different from those who have not claimed abduction experiences. Is this assertion true? Some debunkers argue otherwise. Can independent tests on larger samples of the population support this contention?

15. Belief Systems: Why is it that UFOs elicit such impassioned debate? Public opinion is highly polarized, and yet people's belief in the "reality" or "non-reality" of UFOs seems to be largely unchangeable. Why do skeptics and believers attack one another with such vigour when arguing their contentions on this subject? Why is a belief or disbelief in UFOs so similar to religious fundamentalism, unlike other belief/nonbelief views in other subjects which may seem less provocative?

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Any comments?

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From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 02:44:34 -0600

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>I researched abduction claims from 1992 to 1997 - 5 years. I
>finally realized not all claims of abduction could be verified
>let alone used for research. After interviewing dozens of people
>about their abductions for more than a year, certain personality
>characteristics became apparent that were indicative of
>underlying mental disorders. With a background in psychology, I
>could not overlook the symptoms and finally had to leave the
>field due to lack of evidence.

Dear Amy,

I have to say you must have made a commendable effort to have catalogued five years of reports. At least you tried in your own way to go about proving what hasn't been done in a very long time, with the best of technology.

When evidence is offered up, everyone has a feast of eye-candy. Videos, pictures, and sometimes, extensive reports are produced, the whole lot of it being discounted in one way or another. That very well may be, but the stories still continue to be told and new reports are generated at a steady rate. It is simply a phenomenon that just won't go away. And, there is always a place where the unknown exists, as far as humans are concerned. It doesn't matter whether you can prove or disprove the existence of UFO's and alien occupants. What matters is the fact that the whole thing just won't stay dead and buried. It keeps rising up out of the pumpkin patch and over the fence. Charlie believes in the Great Pumpkin, and so do I.

If you care to e-mail along some of those tests of yours, I would gladly see what I can do with them. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Besides, I have nothing better to do at the moment. And, you are so right about only finding what you set out to seek in the first place. Eventually, the right questions will be asked and the right evidences will be found. Until then, we can only flounder around in the dark as did Wilber Smith, especially when it came to setting and tuning up the detectors and equipment he used. He had some good help in that.

Take care, for now,

Cathy

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'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 04:03:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 00:50:14 -0500
Subject: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

[Crossposted from UFORL]

According to their web site, the 'British Interplanetary Society' was founded in 1933 and is 'The world's longest established organisation devoted solely to supporting and promoting the exploration of space and astronautics' - see:

<http://www.bis-spaceflight.com/>

Although seemingly now founded on a scientific basis and comparatively therefore some relative lights-years away from ufology's 'disclosure' evolvement and UFO magazines which elevate 'World Weekly News' to a higher status, it evidently wasn't always so...

Currently being sold on eBay is a copy of 'Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer', by Leonard Cramp, who I'm sure some subscribers will know was a member of the British Interplanetary Society.

If the 'flying saucer' element wasn't sufficient alert about the claims therein, it's added, "with Introduction by Desmond Leslie".

Dating from 1955, it's an interesting historical snapshot nonetheless - see:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1524223406>

The 'saucer' photograph featured isn't one I recall seeing before; does anyone know the background story?

Also just sold on eBay is a copy of 'Flying Saucer from Mars', by another early British ufological figure, Cedric Allingham:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1523277336>

I see that Allingham's story featured in 'UFO ROUNDUP', Volume 4, Number 8, February 22, 1999, which explained:

from the UFO Files...

1954: ALIEN LANDS AT LOSSIEMOUTH

A strange encounter between a human and a reputed alien took place at Lossiemouth, in northeastern Scotland, on February 18, 1954.

"Writer, amateur astronomer and ornithologist Cedric Allingham claimed that he saw a flying saucer land near Lossiemouth, on the north-eastern coast of Scotland."

"A 'man' some six feet tall emerged from the craft and approached Allingham. This being was said to be human-like in most respects, and appeared to differ only in that he had a very high forehead. He wore a one-piece garb with footwear incorporated, but no helmet. He also had tiny tubes running up into his nostrils, and the witness considered these to be part of a breathing aid."

"According to the witness in his published account, he and the 'man' contrived to converse by signs, and it is claimed that the visitor indicated that he came from Mars. Photographs of both the saucer and the 'Martian' were taken and published in support of this claim." (See THE HUMANOIDS, edited by Charles Bowen, Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, Illinois, 1969, pages 14 and 15. See also FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS by Cedric Allingham, Frederick Muller Books, London, 1956.) {END OF EXTRACT]

It perhaps isn't well-known that Cedric Allingham was possibly a pseudonym for renowned British astronomer and redoubtable sceptic Patrick Moore - see:

Magonia 23, July 1986

'Flying Saucers from Moore's?', by Christopher Allan and Steuart Campbell, exposing Moore's involvement in the Cedric Allingham hoax contact story".

Incidentally, I recently received a spam e-mail from the 'Disclosure Project' [my thanks also to Jim Giglio for transcribing and posting the 'Woolsey briefing'] and I note their website promotes Gordon Cooper, Nick Pope and Richard Haines as advocating the 'UFO' cover-up nonsense.

Cooper and Pope are in fact on record as confirming otherwise, Cooper in particular noting that if there had been any such attempted concealment, his security clearance was such that he would have known about it.

Last I heard, retired NASA scientist Dr. Richard Haines was not supportive of any conspiracy either. Does Haines know he is a centrally featured in the spam [send money] e-mail being circulated, together with the pitiful accusation of a 'NASA cover-up'?

[...]

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures
>Date: 15 March 2002 17:13

I wrote:

>...Cooper in particular noting that if there had been any such
>attempted concealment, his security clearance was such that he
>would have known about it.

The confirmation is from an interview with Gordon Cooper by 'OMNI' magazine, in March 1980, Cooper stating:

"I've always been honest about my views on this subject. Because the astronauts have been so badly misquoted by irresponsible journalists, it's up to each of us to say what he believes in. I'm engaged in a lawsuit against people who used my name for a commercial venture, quoting me to the effect that I'm dedicated to forcing the government to tell the truth about UFOs. I never said that at all. If any UFO information is being suppressed, it's certainly not in the U.S. Air Force, because I was at a high enough level to know about it". [END OF EXTRACT]

The recent 'Disclosure Project' promotion I mentioned is headed, "NASA CONCEALS UFO INFORMATION' SAY TOP SECRET INSIDERS" and amongst the 'insiders' quoted is Larry Warren!

Isn't world-wide 'ufology' essentially now campaigning for, 'A call to fight against America's despicable ruling tyrants and their policies against any acknowledgment that aliens were found at Roswell, why MJ-12 has been a fifty-year shame on democracy, how it's known that alien abductions are real, plus a loathsome NASA CONCEALS UFO INFORMATION cover-up', etc.?

Whatever happened to 'God Bless America' and all that?

The 'Disclosure Project' impeaches, "that rogue, illegal secret groups within the government and certain corporations have compelling evidence that is being withheld from the public, Congress and the President".

Clearly, 'ufology' challenges that the incumbent US government, aside from having a conviction and courage to face external threats, should equally either admit to, or reveal, the rife corruption, disgrace and dishonour perpetrated on its own people.

Outwith any beliefs/skepticism in 'UFOs' and all it encompasses, can we agree this is the current viewpoint of mainstream and popularised 'ufology'?

James Easton.
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Re: Isabel Davies? - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 22:25:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 00:48:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Isabel Davies? - Kaeser

>From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil@telusplanet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Isabel Davies?
>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 21:03:17 -0700

>List,

>I am the U.A.D. [Unexplained Animal Death] investigator from
>Alberta, Canada.

>Does anyone have the address of Isabel Davies?

>Sure would like to get in touch with her regarding the book.

Regrettably, if you are referring to Isabel Davis, she passed away in 1984. The Fund for UFO Research sponsors the "Isabel Davis Award" which is described at:

<http://www.fufor.com/fufor-davis.htm>.

Her biography on that site says (in part):

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Isabel L. Davis
1904 - 1984

She was co-founder (with Ted Bloecher and Lex Mebane) of Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York in 1954, and co-editor of CSI Newsletter, a notably literate and sensible compendium of UFO information. The CSI triumvirate also helped edit and prepare for English-language publication Aime Michel's two books The Truth About Flying Saucers (Criterion Books, 1956) and Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery (Criterion Books, 1958). Isabel and Ted Bloecher also co-authored a pioneering book on humanoid UFO entities, Close Encounter at Kelly and Others of 1955 (Center for UFO Studies, 1978) based largely on her field investigation and direct witness interviewing in the Kelly, Kentucky, case.

In 1966, when national and world-wide interest in UFOs was burgeoning, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) headed by Donald Keyhoe and Richard Hall brought Isabel to Washington, D.C., where she served as a highly valued staff member in an editorial and administrative capacity into the 1970s. She contributed many important pieces to The U.F.O. Investigator and to NICAP special reports.

After NICAP she was employed for about 10 years by the American Psychological Association. In 1979, she was co-founder of the Fund for UFO Research and served as an Executive Committee Member of the Board until her death. She will be remembered as much for her human qualities, as an intensely loyal friend and confidante, a bright and stimulating conversationalist, a defender and helper of the poor and downtrodden, and an inspiration for people of many different kinds and of all ages.

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Steve

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CI: New Face-like Formation Discovered

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 21:21:58 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 00:52:32 -0500
Subject: CI: New Face-like Formation Discovered

The Cydonian Imperative
3-16-02

New Face-like Formation Discovered
by Mac Tonnies

for images and links, see:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

A newly discovered feature on Mars bears an uncanny similarity to the famous "Face" in Cydonia. While inspection of the "new" feature doesn't yield any recognizable facial features, the surrounding mesa could easily be mistaken for the "platform mesa" on which the Face is situated. Particularly, the "headdress" is hauntingly mirrored by the new feature, indicating a possible common origin.

[image]

This remarkably geometric formation is comparable, in a gross sense, to the "Face on Mars" in Cydonia.

As discoverer Nathan writes on his website, "It is almost a certainty that both these objects...were formed by the same processes. Whether [those are] artificial or natural is still unproven."

The logic on Nathan's site is appealing but far from definitive. It is expected that debunkers will seize on this "new" surface anomaly as proof that the Face is a naturally occurring formation (NASA has already maintained this, although without recourse to corresponding images). Some proponents of the Artificiality Hypothesis will likely insist that the new formation is indeed face-like, and that erosion has unfortunately rendered it "illegible."

[image]

The proposed "face" features a "headdress" similar to that observed in Cydonia.

But exactly why must this new feature be a face, if artificial? While Nathan's site suggests that this is the case, I see absolutely nothing on the new "face" to suggest an anthropomorphic likeness. So are we seeing a natural phenomenon, and thus stunning evidence that the Face in Cydonia must also be natural? I think not.

[image]

The Face on Mars. Image courtesy New Frontiers in Science.

Mark Carlotto's rectification of the Cydonia Face reveals a formation with considerable symmetry and facial proportion. The newly uncovered formation appears decidedly artificial, but its dimensions are notably squatter; while the Face mesa is rectangular, the new formation is better described as a square.

Nathan, continuing, writes:

"Let us now assume that these objects are artificial...why must they both portray a face...? (simple) If the Cydonia face is artificial and its symmetrical perimeter represents a head-dress, then the same MUST be said for the other (because both perimeters are basically identical)...and the only place a head-dress goes is (of course)...on a head/face."

But there may be a more practical alternative, the falsity of the statement "both perimeters are basically identical" notwithstanding. The Cydonia Mensae region is widely suspected of once being underwater. Indeed, the beveled sides of the conspicuous Face platform mesa show some signs of water erosion, in which case the perimeter "headdress" may have once served as a seawall similar to the one I perceive on the east-facing side of the formation known as the "Fort." If this scenario holds water (or, rather, rises above it...), then perhaps a similar situation applies to the artificial-looking perimeter of Nathan's anomalous find. The conceptual illustration below projects the Face back in time to when Mars was much warmer and wetter.

[image]

The Face casts its reflection on a hypothetical Cydonian sea, as viewed from the Fort. Face image courtesy Kynthia.

The remarkably architectural-looking wall forming the boundary of the new "face" may be a simple "seawall" used to isolate members of population from the elements. Similarly, the highly eroded knobs poking from the elevated square-ish surface may be the dust-buried remnants of ancient above-water buildings. (This basic conceptual design is essentially identical to my assessment of the Fort as an inwardly collapsed arcology-habitat.) In summary, there is no compelling reason to assume that the presence of a feature similar (if not identical) to that of the Face's "headdress" implies an identical aesthetic/architectural explanation. If Martian architects happened across an advantageous design, it is logical that they would apply this same design to a multitude of structures, regardless of their ultimate function. (And keep in mind that the collapse evident on the Face's eastern side infers an arcology model for the Face itself.)

[image]

The "bottom" edge of the "Platform" exhibits a "crumbling" effect that appears almost cellular at existing resolutions. Is this evidence of engineering or erosion?

I argue that the notions put forth above are testable. With the Mars Odyssey returning information on water distribution, and the data from the Mars Global Surveyor's Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA) at hand, it should be possible to determine, if roughly, if and when the Face-like platform was surrounded by water, thereby confirming or refuting the "seawall" interpretation. The tidal model put forward by Richard Hoagland, which makes use of provocative photographic finds by Efrain Palermo and Jill England, should also prove useful in determining the past distribution of water on Mars...and its implications for an extinct planet-wide civilization--whether indigenous or from elsewhere.

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Secrecy News -- 03/15/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 18:25:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:06:06 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/15/02

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2002, Issue No. 22
March 15, 2002

** NEW CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE FOIA RELEASED
** HOMEFRONT CONFIDENTIAL

NEW CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE FOIA RELEASED

The U.S. Congress this week published a new edition of "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."

The Citizen's Guide, prepared by the House Committee on Government Reform, is a comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of the Freedom of Information Act.

A copy of the Guide, dated March 12 and made available in softcopy today, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/citizen.html>

In one of the Guide's new passages, authored by Rep. Henry Waxman, the House Committee explicitly rejected the policy guidance contained in Attorney General John Ashcroft's FOIA policy memorandum of October 12, 2001.

"When determining whether a document or set of documents should be withheld under one of the FOIA exemptions, an agency should withhold those documents only in those cases where the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would be harmful to an interest protected by the exemption," the Guide states in its Introduction.

"Contrary to the instructions issued by the Department of Justice on October 12, 2001, the standard should not be to allow the withholding of information whenever there is merely a 'sound legal basis' for doing so."

Adoption of the new passage was described in "House edits FOI publication to refute Ashcroft memo" from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press:

<http://www.rcfp.org/news/2002/0307waxman.html>

HOMEFRONT CONFIDENTIAL

"Homefront Confidential," a new report from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, examines "How the War on Terrorism Affects Access to Information and the Public's Right to Know."

The report provides a chronology of access-related policy developments since September 11, and provide critical assessments of controversial issues from military tribunals to war reporting, immigration proceedings, the PATRIOT Act, and more.

Homeland Confidential was released at The Freedom Forum on March 15 in observance of Freedom of Information Day. It is available on the RCFP web site here:

<http://www.rcfp.org/>

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

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UK Conference Saturday April 20th

From: **Tim Matthews** <TMMatthews99@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 05:18:40 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:13:47 -0500
Subject: UK Conference Saturday April 20th

On Saturday 20th April, at the Waterloo Community Centre, Waterloo Rd, Runcorn, Cheshire, the British UFO Studies Centre holds its second Mini-Conference featuring the three most controversial and informed ufologists in Britain today. The event starts at 11am and finishes at 5pm. (Sandwiches, teas, coffees, cakes and a full range of refreshments are available throughout proceedings.)

Philip Mantle, Eric Morris and Tim Matthews will speak at the event, whose aim is to raise the profile of their latest important and challenging research into a variety of subjects including the Alien Autopsy Film, Nazi UFOs, Crop Circles, local "close encounter" cases and the Rendlesham Forest "mystery". (Information on the latter is dynamite.)

Mantle will be presenting the very latest research into the AA Film whilst Matthews will be laying down the law on the latest information relating to so-called "Nazi" UFOs and black projects technologies responsible for UFO sightings. Matthews will be making a major announcement on new evidence relating to the Roswell case of July 1947. He will also be detailing the case for Nazi UFOs as he has been since 1997.

Eric Morris, Britain's leading expert on close encounters research, will be presenting remarkable new information that sheds light on the REAL truth about Rendlesham and BUFOSC's quest to have the remaining Rendlesham documents declassified by the UK Parliamentary Ombudsman...

ALL proceeds from the event go to charity (the Cat's Protection League). At our recent Conference a total of =A3175 was raised and presented to CPL representatives. The CPL was the chosen charity of the late David Kelly, BUFOSC's most active supporter.

As usual, the event is supported by big screen video, overhead and slide projection!

Tickets for this ground-breaking event are just =A35 and are selling well. To get yours mail a cheque, made out to:

Eric Morris
at
BUFOSC,
78 Greenall Rd,
Northwich,
Cheshire
CW9 5RN
U.K.

E-mail enquiries to me or to VMAUFO@cs.com. Phone +44 (0) 1606 330567"

Many thanks,

Press Officer,
British UFO Studies Centre

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Larry Hatch Email SNAFU

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 04:30:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:16:44 -0500
Subject: Larry Hatch Email SNAFU

Hello all:

I'm having an awful time with email here, but only, and so far as I can tell, with regard to this, UFO UpDates, List.

Since around 0900 hrs last Tuesday the 12th, _no_ List posts have come my way. All my other messages seem to come in, but nothing from the www.virtuallystrange.net domain.

Even a message from EBK, on a separate email address but within the same domain, never showed up.

Furthermore, EBK never got any bounced emails sent here.

I can only presume (as EBK did) that my personal ISP (sysmatrix.net) is filtering out or otherwise trashing emails from the [virtuallystrange.net](http://www.virtuallystrange.net) domain.

I have emailed the courteous if undocumented staff at sysmatrix (southern Texas) asking for assistance.

In the meantime, please [burp!] with me. If anybody has a message that relates to me or what I'm doing, please kindly cc: my personal email address as well as the usual list:

<sodden@larryhatch.net>

.. . so I will know what the hot poop is.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: If I send emails to bogus addresses, they do _not_ bounce back! Please let me know if you do not get this message. I cannot tell from this end!

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'Project Orange Book - The Case For UFOs'

From: Bill Clark <whcii@mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 14:16:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:20:11 -0500
Subject: 'Project Orange Book - The Case For UFOs'

'Project Orange Book - The Case For UFOs'

Hi,

In the past year or so I have sent you a couple of emails about research I have been doing on a possible scientific basis for UFOs - and the extreme resistance I have gotten from the University of Texas as my research became known to them. Ultimately I was dismissed from graduate school, for quite trivial reasons; I'm appealing, and you will find details on my web site.

Mostly I am writing to say that I have now completed my report on the technical, scientific, and political evidence supporting UFOs. I thought you might like to visit - and if you do, I hope you will take a minute to sign the guestbook to show your support in my appeal.

Regards,

Bill Clark

Project Orange Book
<http://www.inviticus.com>

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 08:22:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:23:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:44:40 -0800

>>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 18:54:44 -0600
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

<snip>

>What pessimistic views! This List's function is the processing
>and synthesizing of information, supplied by disparate minds,
>all seeking answers to important questions. There's never been a
>UFO forum like this. It'll take some time before we learn how to
>use it to its best advantage. The 'cussed and discussed' topics
>that appear cyclically are worthwhile and deserve to be
>revisited time and time again until they're resolved.

Ed, my dear, you have it all wrong. Not pessimism. Realism. This List has not solved any of the mysteries of the universe to my knowledge. This List has not solved any of the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon to my knowledge. If I am wrong, please do correct me. Discussion of various aspects of different cases may have resulted in resolution of some lingering questions, but I haven't seen anyone post a definitive, unarguable, irrefutable answer to any of the major questions still plaguing the UFO field. An example: What exactly was it that crashed outside of Roswell in 1947? If you have an answer to that question that is above refute, please post it to the list. I would bet, however, that there is no such answer, and any answer posted would have as many opposing its claim to being "the truth" as it has supporters of its veracity.

There are UFO forums like this one all over the internet, my friend. The fact that this one sports the "name personalities" in the UFO field does set it apart, to a degree, from others. You can find an internet forum for any topic you want, and you will find people subscribed to that forum who swear that it is the definitive, end-all-be-all discussion forum on that particular topic. I personally find this List to be the best that I am aware of when it comes to UFOs and related topics. But that is just my opinion. I'm sure, however, and by way of example, that there are those subscribed to the List run by our favorite hot-tubber who would swear that his List reigns supreme. It is all a matter of perspective.

Not pessimism; realism.

>We certainly wouldn't want to end up like the Fore, eating our
>dead and wearing neckties, and ignorantly misunderstanding the
>nature of the alien threat.

Well... there are those who would argue that there is no alien threat to misunderstand. That's the point, Ed. :)

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."
- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Bobbie "Jilain" Felder
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>We need a whole new course of investigation applied not only to
>abduction phenomena but also to the study of UFO's and other
>phenomena. Nothing changes because... the methods of study do
>not change. The same old techniques are used over and over. We
>discover only what we expect to discover. We search for truths
>that conform to our "standards" of what the truth must look like
>and communicate the same information year after year after year.

Hey, Amy! Good post. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you for your thoughts on the matter. You should share more often :)

I think you hit the nail on the head in the above paragraph. There's an old saying that goes "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". My personal opinion is that it is about time to admit that the traditional study of UFOs and such is "broke", and it just might be time to consider fixing it.

My two cents

Bobbie

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>What we have here is... a failure to communicate. There are a
>number of researchers on this list and not a single word in
>question of the very bright abductees present here, myself
>included. Why not ask questions of us? Why not test us online?
>Why not gather our facts and make some sense of it from our
>perspective? Apparently that sand is very comfortable. And, in
>the meantime, I stand defiantly in the face of everyone with my
>own enigmatic 'stories' and proofs. I could tell stories for a
>long time. Errol still won't let me anywhere near his computer
>for good reason.

Hi Cathy.

Why not ask questions of abductees? I can tell you why I rarely
ask questions in an open forum such as this anymore: the
information gleaned simply isn't worth the hassle that comes
with it.

Look back through the archives of this List or just about any
other that caters to the subject of UFOs in general. When the
subject of abduction is broached, people tend to get all up in
arms if someone dares to question the validity of claims made. I
was recently accused of conducting a "witch hunt" for
questioning the validity of some abductee accounts.

It just simply isn't worth the hassle. It is a tender subject
with those who claim abduction, and I think it is understandably
so. However, until the emotional aspect of the experience can be
over-ridden long enough to objectively discuss the subject -
including the suggestions of mental disorder or mistaken
perception or drug use or fabrication - without everyone getting
all up in arms because the questions were asked, I don't see a
whole lot getting done.

My opinion on the matter, anyway

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Competing New NICAP Site?

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Subject: Competing New NICAP Site?

Dear List Readers,

Browsing around the Internet, I tripped upon this curious web-page:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/4780/EVIDENCE.html>

Its a sorry page, and one I cannot recommend.

I like the pop-up ad of the scantily dressed pre-teen girl and stuff, but what caught my eye was the NICAP logo and motif on the page under the ad.

It looks exactly like Francis Ridge's new Nicap page/site, and that seems like a shame.

I also noticed mention of my *U* UFO Database, complete with unauthorized copies of my maps etc. at a defunct site.

Its no easy ride finding the perp of course, these types always try to hide their identities.

I was able to find an email address to one:

Perry van der Brink with an email address!

<AlienResearch@Earthcorp.com>

Before I do anything rash, can anyone tell me more about Perry van der Brink and company? I never heard of him.

I'm particularly bugged by his links to my long work, at somebody else's site:

<http://www.flash.net/~joerit/pics/92-96usa.gif>

<http://www.flash.net/~joerit/docs/udemo.htm>

.. which show my maps etc. in the worst light and colors imaginable. Nowhere in any of these pages is there any referral to my sole legitimate site or URL.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>When evidence is offered up, everyone has a feast of eye-candy.
>Videos, pictures, and sometimes, extensive reports are produced,
>the whole lot of it being discounted in one way or another.

Hi again Cathy :))

The above says to me that if the evidence offered up is discounted, then better evidence is obviously needed. The one investigating the claim does not have the responsibility to make the evidence fit the claim. The one making the claim has the responsibility to supply evidence that confirms the claim. If the evidence doesn't hold up to scrutiny, it isn't worth much in the long run. That's the cold, hard reality of the situation.

At the end of the day, it doesn't matter whether Charlie or you or anyone else believes in the Great Pumpkin. Unless Charlie or you or anyone else can supply the iron-clad evidence to support the claim of the existance of this Great Pumpkin, then one cannot expect anyone else to take the existance of the Great Pumpkin as fact based on the stories told. And it doesn't matter if the story is being told over and over every day - without the evidence to back it up, those who believe it to be fact will probably be in the minority.

Such is the way of the world

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>>First, Walter Haut said that the press release came from
>>Colonel Blanchard... that should end the discussion.

>Except that Haut has very hazy memories about the news release.

>He has, at various times, said that Col Blanchard gave him the
>news release; that Col Blanchard's adjutant might have given him
>the orders; that he cannot recall whether Blanchard wrote the
>release or he (Haut) did.

It's come around to me again, as Walter Huston said in Treasure
of Sierra Madre, but I won't take my turn because it would be
repetitive...

>It was not that big a production at that time, in my mind."
>(OMNI Magazine)

>Not a "big production"? A crashed saucer and its occupants is
>"not a big production"?

Of course, that isn't what Haut had been told and he had little
idea what it meant. There isn't much information in the press
release to make it into a big deal... at that time...

<snip>

>>He would have gone to
>>the commander to make sure that the statement was required, was
>>accurate, and that the commander had no objections to it.

>Not according to Haut, as quoted by David Rudiak: "I spoke to
>Haut myself. All press releases, except extremely trivial ones,
>were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by Blanchard
>and/or by his adjutant." (UFO Updates, Feb 9, 2002)

Which I thought I just said...

<snip>

>"Phantom" reporters? At a newspaper office? If the RDR did not
>have real reporters, then where did they get any news to print?

The phantom reporters who would have quizzed Haut about the
press release which was your invention earlier. I suggested that
Haut dropped it off and the newspaper printed it from the press
release, without a lot of questions from any reporters anywhere,

something that is not completely out of line.

>>And, as for the story that Brazel was out to collect the \$3000
>>reward, I have found no evidence that he could have learned
>>about it until AFTER the press release.

>How on earth did you arrive at that conclusion?

Because there was nothing in the Roswell newspaper about the reward until after the press release... there was no radio reception in the area and the local stations had enough range to reach the outskirts of the towns, but not really into the country... and I have found nothing in the other New Mexico newspapers that suggest any reporting of this information before July 8 (which means here I haven't found it, but there might still be something out there).

>Loretta Proctor, talking about what she and husband Floyd told
>Mac Brazel before he went into Roswell: "We told him that if he
>thought he had something - you know, we'd heard that there was a
>reward for a UFO, he might take and report it down there
>(Roswell). I guess he did." (UFO Crash at Roswell;
>Randle/Schmitt; Page 148)

Yes, yes, I know, but I now believe, based on the search of the New Mexico newspapers that Loretta was wrong on this point... though there might have been talk about the rewards in the weeks to follow, after they were reported.

<snip>

>>In fact, the stories made it clear that most of the
>>offers for a reward had already expired.

>Not according to one AP story, datelined July 8, and
>printed by the Albuquerque Tribune.

The rewards were offered by three different organizations, each offering one thousand dollars. One of the groups, from California, made the offer for the July 11 weekend... And, from the Cedar Rapids Gazette, (of July 8) "E. J. Culligan, president of a Northbrook, Ill., company Monday [July 7, 1947] offered \$1,000 reward "for the capture of a flying disk..." That would be after Brazel went to Roswell. And, for the record, the Gazette, in 1947, was an evening newspaper.

>From the RDR of July 8: "World Inventors Congress Posts \$1,000 For Delivery of Flying Disk to Meeting" but apparently you had to take it to the meeting scheduled for July 11 in LA.

The third offer was made by a group of "gagsters" known as the Spokane Athletic Round Table, which I take to mean the offer was a joke. According to the Chicago Daily News, the LA offer had a five-day time limit.

So, the offers weren't reported until after Brazel had gone to Roswell, only two of them seemed to be legitimate, one of them had a time limit which meant, at best, had Brazel known about these offers, which had yet to be reported, he could have expected a grand.

>>Brazel's motivation on going into Roswell was to get someone to
>>clean up all the debris.

>Not according to the Proctors.

Well, according to what she told me, that was part of it.

>Not according to Bessie.

Who wasn't on the ranch at the time, regardless of what you want to believe...

>Not according to all the wire service
>reports. Not according to Haut's news release. And, most
>certainly not according to the interview published in the RDR on
>July 9.

The fact that this wasn't reported doesn't make it any less true, especially when those who were there said as much.

>And he already had, with Bessie's help, cleaned up most
>of it.

Not most of it, according to her. All of it.

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I have found Bill's stories to be in line with those offered by others and I find Bessie's to be in direct conflict with, not only those others, but with the facts (few though they are) that can be established. She insists that her father did not return to Roswell and was not there overnight.

>I find it necessary to disagree here. Bessie lived at the ranch,
>Bill didn't. If we must give "significant weight" to what Haut
>said, it seems totally contradictory to ignore the statements of
>the only person we have who saw the total debris field in situ.

And I must disagree because according to Bill, and all the neighbors, the family, in July, 1947, lived in Tularosa while Mack worked the ranch. She wasn't there and Bill said that when he heard about his father's "trouble" in Roswell, he went to the ranch because he knew that no one was there.

And, since there is no support for Bessie's story, and it is in conflict with nearly EVERYTHING else, there is little reason to give it weight. She seems to be a nice lady, but the evidence does not support her version of the events.

<snip of the same tired arguments>

>and she is in
>conflict with everyone including Mack Brazel himself who
>complained about being held in jail...

>Anecdotal, hearsay evidence. This did not come from Mack
>himself.

Rejected out of hand because? Edwin Easley said Brazel had been held in the guess house. A number of Brazel neighbors said they had seen Brazel in Roswell in the company of the military. Judd Roberts mentioned they had gone to the ranch to get Brazel and took him back to Roswell for a radio interview. Bill Brazel said that his dad wasn't at the ranch when he got down there. Marian Strickland said that Brazel sat in her kitchen, with her husband, complaining about being held in jail...

>Bessie was the only one in a position to know when her
>dad was home. What contemporary evidence we do have was that he
>spent some time in the company of Walt Whitmore, Sr.

No she wasn't, and she is at odds with everyone, including the picture of Mack taken at the RDR office and published in a couple of newspapers on July 9. He's smoking an ugly cigar in the picture.

<snip>

>>Take poor, maligned Jesse Marcel, Sr. First, his entire military
>>record is now in the hands of UFO researchers, though how this
>>happened has not been explained.

>Au Contraire, it has been clearly explained.

<snip>

>Alas, it isn't a violation at all. In fact, the right to privacy
>dies with an individual, despite the Government's trying to use
>the exact same argument. They even admitted this, after first
>denying the request, that Marcel's records didn't have
>protection under the Privacy Act. Yet they still denied the
>request, which is improper of the gov't. The Privacy Act doesn't
>cover dead people. If it did, no historian could ever use those
>files.

According to a letter from NPRC dated July 19, 2001, "If

additional information is needed, the Privacy Act of 1974 requires the written permission (signature) of the individual to whom the record pertains. If the individual is deceased we must have the written consent of the next of kin. The next of kin is defined as: unremarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister."

This does not preclude the use of the records by historians, only requires permission from the living family of the veteran. And please note that this is what is required by NPRC according to their policy.

>>There is no record that Marcel was a pilot or held a pilot's license, but, according to the interview, he had flown as a pilot.

>Actually, Marcel claimed he had been a pilot since 1928, with over 3000 hours. If this is so, it is extremely curious why Marcel did not mention this when he entered the Army Air Force.

Actually, if I might be allowed a point of speculation... it could be that Marcel, who was entering the service to be an intelligence officer, and who had experience as a map maker with aerial photographic experience, had an assignment in hand. To suggest that he had experience as a pilot might have precluded his intelligence assignment so he was advised not to record it... just as I was told not to tell the Army that I knew how to type... There are sometimes when it is better not to open the mouth... and I freely admit that this is speculation as to why his flying experience wasn't on his record. And, no, I don't like this explanation, I'm just saying that these things do happen and since Marcel isn't around to ask, we all are stuck speculating.

>Coincidentally, the FAA has never heard of Marcel, and a pilot's logbook- which no pilot is ever without- has never been produced.

I checked with the FAA myself (and it cost me five bucks) to learn they had no record. And, as a former military pilot, I never had a logbook... I filled out the forms at the end of the day that were part of the aircraft's records and Operations kept a running total of flight experience, but I didn't have a personal logbook. So, apparently, there are some pilots who don't have the logbook. (And it was my experience that very few of the pilots I knew had a personal logbook... Josh and Albert could certainly add another perspective here.)

<snip>

>And Glenn Dennis was really a mortician in 1947. So?

Actually, in 1947, Glenn Dennis was an embalmer and not a mortician.

>If you want us to give Marcel the benefit of the doubt, what about Cavitt? Should he not be given the same courtesy? Same for Bessie? None of her testimony has been proven to be a lie.

Cavitt is irrelevant, if we go by his first statements made to me because he said he wasn't even in Roswell the first week of July, 1947. Well, maybe assigned to the base, but he never went out in the field with Jess Marcel. Well, he went out there, but all he saw was a balloon and he didn't mention that to Marcel. Oh, yes, he told me that he had never participated in the recovery of a balloon. Once went out to investigate a flying saucer that was a tortilla thrown over a fence, but not a balloon.

Bessie Brazel was given that courtesy, but what she said is so out of line with what everyone else said we have to believe that they are all wrong and that only she is right...

>I should point out, as well, that I managed to find two of the citations that Marcel got for the air medal.

>They are in his service records - strictly boilerplate citations - and they were certainly not for shooting down enemy planes, as Marcel claimed. Any luck with the other three that Marcel claimed?

First, let's not belittle the Air Medal. I have lots of them (as I'm sure do Josh and Alfred). And there is nothing to suggest that he had shot down five enemy aircraft, or even one, though, I believe that is what he told Pratt and Pratt assumed he got one Air Medal for shooting down each of five aircraft.

I have located the two citations for the Air Medal and his citation for the Bronze Star Medal, but those are all I can find in the unit histories. (As a side note and of no real importance, Marcel's record lists the date of his Bronze Star Medal as May 8 but the citation says May 3... not a big mistake, but a mistake).

And finally, as I have said here before, according to my "official" record, I only have two Air Medals, but if you asked, I could provide documentation for many others. This tells us that sometimes these things don't get properly logged.

>Contrary to what
>some have written, that Marcel was just a passenger on aircraft
>flying into combat (which to me is ridiculous)

>Why ridiculous? Marcel was not air crew, and had zero training
>for any position in a bomber. OTOH, it would be natural for a
>Wing Intelligence man to fly along, as a passenger, on a mission
>periodically. His job was target and bomb damage assessment, and
>he certainly would want to see what his job was about with his
>own eyes. He was awarded two Air Medals for that extra effort.

I think we are arguing over semantics here. A passenger is a tourist, but even a non-rated officer can be assigned to a crew for any number of reasons. A stewardess or steward on a flight isn't piloting the aircraft, but is a member of the crew. Marcel wasn't a passenger in the sense that he was just along for the ride. Clearly, from the citations, he was considered part of the crew, but a non-rated member.

>>we find that he
>>was a non-rated crewman assigned to those flights, which I
>>believe suggest something like nearly a thousand hours of flight
>>time in a combat environment.

>Marcel told Moore 468 hours.

I think the unit history suggests more, but even nearly 500 hours is a lot of flight time (except maybe in the Pacific where everything is so damned far apart.).

<snip>

But, what I see here is the same arguments being made time and again. Some of them have merit (such as the lack of a college degree) but again, Marcel's record isn't as bad as the debunkers make out, and some of the problems could be the result of the sometimes confusing transcript of the Pratt interview, the omissions from Marcel's service record, and the mistakes made moving documentation from one arena to another. It would be nice to have Jess Marcel around so that we could ask him a couple of questions. The answers might just be available so that we don't have to assassinate his character in an attempt to prove that the Roswell case is all about mistaken identity.

But here's where we are. Every officer on Colonel Blanchard's staff, who offered an opinion about this, said that the crash was of an alien spacecraft... with a single exception. This includes the intelligence officer, the adjutant, the operations officer and the provost marshal. And if we run it up to Eighth Air Force, we can include the chief of staff and a couple of others.

Yes, we're stuck with fifty year old memories, but the age doesn't automatically disqualify them, especially when we can corroborate them with additional work. We must be aware of the problems and work to verify the data. What we see is embellishment and debate tactics on both sides of the issue and we need to strip all that away so that we can move forward. Then, maybe, we can understand Roswell.

KRandle

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Whether or not Bessie Schreiber's testimony is "pro" or "anti"
the UFO crash interpretation of the Roswell incident kind of
depends on which of her statements you choose to believe.

In the affidavit she signed, apparently at the behest of Karl
Pflock, she says: "the debris looked like large pieces of
balloon which had burst."

But in the 1980 book The Roswell Incident by Berlitz and

Moore, the following exchange is given:

Q: "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?"

Schreiber: "No, it was definitely not a balloon. We had seen weather balloons quite a lot -- both on the ground and in the air. We had even found a couple of Japanese-style balloons that had come down in the area once. We had also picked up a couple of those thin rubber weather balloons with instrument packages. This was nothing like that. I have never seen anything resembling this sort of thing before -- or since."

So, according to her, the Roswell debris looked like a balloon and it did not look like a balloon.

Another interesting exchange with Berlitz and Moore:

Q: "What happened when your father took some of this stuff into town to show the authorities?"

Schreiber: "We were with him in Roswell but we didn't go with him to see these people."

So she not only claims to have been at the ranch, but that she and other family members (she says "we were with him," not "I was with him") accompanied Mac Brazel to Roswell when he brought in the debris. Every other account but Bessie's has Brazel going to Roswell alone.

She also told Berlitz and Moore:

"The following day [after she and her father went to Roswell] we were descended upon by the military people and news people."

The "military people" would apparently have to have been Jesse Marcel, and Sheridan Cavitt (if you accept Cavitt's claim that he accompanied Marcel rather than his previous denial of being there). And the news media tagged along, according to Bessie. Curiously, I don't recall ever reading anything else asserting that news reporters were with Marcel. Neither Marcel nor Cavitt ever mentioned news reporters at the ranch, to my knowledge. I'd sure like to hear what those reporters had to say if they really existed, but I'm afraid they didn't.

Given the sharply divergent views of Berlitz/Moore and Pflock, it appears that she might be one of those people who tries to please her interrogators by telling them what they want to hear. I don't see how she can be viewed as a reliable witness by either "pro" or "anti" sides.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: skywatcher22@space.com
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:20:38 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 10:46:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:06:28 -0600
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

><snip>

>>I never bought the 'flare' explanation which seems to be the one
>>that killed off most of the subsequent interest in the case. I
>>rejected it myself because (as you say) it did not jibe with the
>>_substantial_ eyewitness testimony. Tom King sent me copies of
>>all the video he took along with all of the major network
>>(local) news broadcasts dealing with the sighting.

>Bruce Maccabee did some triangulation on the 10 o'clock
>sightings over the Estrellas Mountains and found the position of
>the lights to be consistent with flares falling behind the
>mountains rather than craft maneuvering in front of them. I
>wouldn't consider this an "off the cuff" explanation. I accept
>Maccabee's conclusions, but the fact that these lights were
>consistent with flares doesn't mean they were flares.

<snip>

As Bruce Maccabee knows I disagree with his assessment. I
observed this formation beginning with one double light at about
9:45 PM from Ahwahatukee on March 13, 1997. When the double
light reappeared in the same spot about 10 minutes later
followed by an array of these lights I trained Tom King's
Celestron telescope on one of the lights using a 25X eyepiece
with an 80mm objective lens. The light appeared to be as round
as a full moon looks with the naked eye. The light did not
flicker like a flare. It also produced no glare or illumination
around it. It was an unmistakable very pure golden amber color
and seemed to be pulsing. Many other witnesses saw these same
amber orbs from various location throughout the night.

The Maryland ANG spokesman stated that they had released LU-U2
magnesium flares which burn a bright white when they returned
from the North TAC section of the Barry Goldwater test range
around 8:30 PM. This was initially used to explain the white
lights seen on the Chevron object at 8:15 - 8:30 time range.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Owens

From: Steve Owens <spidey@keepandbeararms.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 17:36:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 10:52:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Owens

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@LARRYHATCH.NET>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 05:34:08 -0800
>Subject: Competing New NICAP Site?

>Browsing around the Internet, I tripped upon this curious
>web-page:
><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/4780/EVIDENCE.html>

>Its a sorry page, and one I cannot recommend.

A simple research determines that the Flash account was put up
by Joseph W. Ritrovato who may be reached at joerit@pacbell.net
and whose web page is at:

<http://home.pacbell.net/joerit/ufo.html>

And this page does link to your web page at:

<http://larryhatch.net>

This took me all of two minutes to find.

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"Happy is he who dares courageously to defend what he loves."

--Ovid

"There can be no peace in the world where differences and
grievances become an excuse to target the innocent for murder.
Against such an enemy, there is no immunity, and there can be no
neutrality." --President George W. Bush (43)

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:34:07 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 10:55:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 20:52:22 EST
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 06:14:36 -0800 (PST)

>Let me try to clear up a little bit of confusion on the Phoenix
>Lights issue.

>I point my finger directly at television for perpetuating
>disinformation.

>Flares dropped by the Maryland National Guard at around 10:00 PM
>on March 13th, 1997. It was several months later that this
>information came out because no one cared to ask the correct
>questions of the Public Information Officers at the surrounding
>Military Bases. No one cared to ask if any military unit was
>visiting from out-of-state! If they had asked, they would have
>been told that the Maryland National Guard was in Arizona.

>A final confirmation occurred when fuel logs were checked.
>Military planes in TDY status were under contract to refuel at
>two specific locations. So we know that they were here and
>dropping flares.

>It is true that the Military should have been more forthcoming
>in a timely matter of this event. But it will interest you all
>to know that Major Eileen Benz of the Arizona National Guard
>broke the story of the Maryland Guard participation in this
>event.

Eileen Benz did this investigation because I talked to her on
the phone and asked her to check and fax me in writing which
she did. Her fax initially said 'no flares were dropped' on
that night, but when she checked Davis-Monthan AFB, she came
out with the story of the Maryland ANG that according to the
PIO returned to base by 8:30 PM on that night.

>This information can be checked and verified.

>Local UFO researchers and media investigative reporters failed
>to find this information when they should have.

>Why would a military official have broken this story months
>after March 13th when it would have helped them to simply keep
>their collective mouths shut and just keep denying that it ever
>happened? I know that Major Benz took extreme heat for finding
>this information because she made both investigative sides look
>inept.

>Back to television.

>Whenever the 'Phoenix Lights' comes up in this medium, the 10:00
>PM flare footage is shown, while the talking heads on TV start
>calling it the triangular craft that was reported that evening!
>So the confusion propels itself further due to lousy, television
>journalism.

>There was other footage of a V-shaped formation of lights
>spotted earlier in the evening. However, MUFON Field
>Investigator Richard Motzer proved by testing this footage that
>it was not the a single, giant aircraft because the V formation
>of lights were moving independently of each other, proving it
>was a formation of aircraft.

This was most likely a formation of independent lights, but it was not the big 'V' shaped object seen by other witnesses in another location, nor the large black triangle, both which were low enough to reflect ground lights off the bottom surfaces.

>The real mystery are the hundreds of reports filed by witnesses
>of large boomerangs and giant triangles seen earlier in the
>evening - some, reportedly, the size of a football field. This
>is an aspect of the case that needs tending. Bill has done a
>great job in interviewing the witnesses. However, only the cases
>reported around March 13th, should be scrutinized. The witness
>contamination formula is huge in this case! Anybody can claim
>to have seen it now!

I have the original reports and recount the original testimony in my book. Peter Davenport has additional witness testimony.

>A question for the List, and something that I have wondered
>about all of these years, and Bill, maybe you can help me out?
>If we have video footage of the flare drop and the V-shaped
>formation of aircraft - why don't we have any video of any
>football-field sized, giant triangles and boomerang objects,
>that, according to the witnesses, flew silently and slowly
>over Phoenix?

When I asked one witness why she did not photograph the large triangle she replied she could not fit it all into the viewfinder. When I asked another why he did not video the large chevron, he replied he did not have a videocam and was so awestruck he did not think of getting his camera. He has now video taped a boomerang in daylight skies in 2000.

-Bill Hamilton
(rejoined MUFON)

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Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Hutchinson

From: **Bruce Hutchinson** <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 13:29:33 -500
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:15:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Hutchinson

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@LARRYHATCH.NET>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 05:34:08 -0800
>Subject: Competing New NICAP Site?

Larry and List;

>Browsing around the Internet, I tripped upon this curious
>web-page:
><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/4780/EVIDENCE.html>

Larry - I randomly followed some of the links and eventually arrived at:

<http://home.pacbell.net/joerit/ufocrash.html>

This web site is run by Joseph W. Ritrovato

joerit@pacbell.net

who I assume is also the owner of the Flash.net site. Joe says he has contributed a couple of articles to MUFON

The Pacbell site has several references to you and links to your site. There are links to many other UFO sites as well.

He even has a link to this List on his pages, so he may be reading your concerns as I type.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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HBCUFO: More Cases Coming

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 11:56:15 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:20:00 -0500
Subject: HBCUFO: More Cases Coming

Hi List

Well I hope all is well with everyone. Today I received my 27th UFO sighting report. I believe two out of these reports to be a meteor sighting. The other so far I am not sure of until I have time to drop and see some of these folks.

Here is something that I think may be very interesting. At the end of the month I am heading 2 hours just north of me to visit with a fellow and his family. He has quite a background as a military police officer (Germany) and now works for the government herein Canada. He actually phoned twice the other night and we had a long discussion about UFOs. He asked me if I would come to document the 20 years he has had dealing with UFOs. From what this man said he wants to have all of this documented before he passes on and all the information lost.

I guess from what the chap told me he has a ton of stuff which he has gathered over all these years. I am to bring my video camera to grab photos and do an interview with him for the day. It does sound though like there will be some pile of UFO goodies to bring back home to sort through, so I am very much looking forward to this visit.

Also I am really excited due to a call I had from a lady in Terrace, B.C. last night. She reported a sighting to me that her and her husband were witness to, we talked about this and other weird things which have taken place and she went on to tell me about a close friend of hers who is a biologist and was working in Vanderhoof, B.C. on a salmon enhancement program one night in September, 2001. Now what is really important to me about this date is, this biologist watched a large object hovering around the area where the crop circles were found and I investigated last September. So I should be talking to her very soon and will let you all know the outcome.

You know a person never knows when something will come up when dealing with this subject.

Take care and I will get all the rest of the reports done up soon and sent along.

Brian

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'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 04:47:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:21:59 -0500
Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?

On UFORL, I recently highlighted the following disclosure:

"Because of the dinner, we all skipped the 7:45pm showing of FUCCON FAMILY (it's playing again later) and went to Club 300 to keep getting tanked on more beer. About a half hour after we sat down, Olaf Ittenbach, director of tonight's LEGION OF THE DEAD joined us for a few pitchers. The beer kept on pouring and we had a good time. We had to get Olaf completely plastered to get ready for his film's premiere, of course! I found out that, a few years ago, some wacko actually held everyone hostage at Club 300 and finally shot himself. It's a great place to drink! Also, this might be of interest to some... remember the 'Alien Autopsy' craze a few years ago? Remember the Fox special that actually interviewed Nacho Cerda about the similarities between his film AFTERMATH and the 'autopsy' video? Well, here is a surprise. Olaf admitted (I guess he can now that the contact he had was so old) that HE was the one who helped create that damn video! The truth is revealed!

He went into great detail about how they faked the film stock, etc. and said that he did it because they paid him a LOT of money to do it. So, there you have it, folks! Olaf Ittenbach, director of PREMUTOS and LEGION OF THE DEAD is the bad boy behind that controversy.

We talked briefly about the Stan Winston interview and about how Winston was saying the autopsy was too real to be faked. All Olaf said was that they probably gave him LOTS of money to do the interview!"
[END]

I came across this article, online, at:

<http://www.mhvf.net/forum/scifihorror/posts/124218244.html>

Is this truly a drunken confession [doubtless much lamented next morning], or a tall tale invented when 'completely plastered'?

A key figure in the 'alien autopsy' story was of course Volker Spielberg, a fellow German and 'music publisher' who allegedly funded Ray Santilli's acquisition from the 'Roswell cameraman' and stately owned the 'film reels'.

I'm not familiar with Ittenbach, however, a cursory research of his 'blood and gore' films does suggest an 'alien autopsy' would be consistent with the genre and his interest in 'special effects' - see:

<http://www.legionthemovie.com/legionolaf.html>

As for the claim "they faked the film stock", that's disconcerting as no 16mm 'alien autopsy' film stock was ever made available, aside from those few frames with anomalous images which didn't appear within the footage.

However, his 1997 film, 'Premutos', was shot on 16mm.

Ittenbach needs to be located and interviewed. I've asked the article's author if he can assist and whether he can recall some further background to those claims.

Meantime, it's only an intriguing story that has to be verified.
[END OF EXTRACT]

I subsequently noted:

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Mon Mar 4, 2002 5:09 am
>Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?

I wrote:

>Ittenbach needs to be located and interviewed. I've asked the
>article's author if he can assist and whether he can recall some
>further background to those claims.

Although the author, Don May, has been of assistance, it seems there was indeed, "a LOT of pitchers of beer" drunk that night and recollections are a bit hazy!

However, Don has suggested how Ittenbach can be contacted and I've followed that up.

I added:

>Meantime, it's only an intriguing story that has to be
>verified.

This is crucial to keep in mind. For a number of reasons, I would be more than a little surprised if Ittenbach was responsible for creating the 'alien autopsy' [I see that rumours of his connection were actually being circulated before the apparent July, 2001 confession to Don May and others].

Only Ittenbach can fully resolve whether he did take credit for the original footage and if that was in fact a justified claim.

However, there may be significant misunderstandings within Don's account of the inebriated anecdotes and I might have pieced together the true story of Ittenbach's involvement. I've discovered he was certainly a 'player' in those early days and why the rumour, even if untrue, could easily have surfaced in later years.

I'll explain more in due course.

Incidentally, I note some caustic remarks which may well relate to the Ray Santilli we know! See:

<http://www.tomrobinson.com/new/trb/trbhist3.htm> [END OF EXTRACT]

After further discussions with Don May, President of 'Synapse Films', I'm assured Olaf Ittenbach was indeed, unless Don is significantly mistaken, acknowledging that he created the original 'alien autopsy' footage.

We'll see...

An update, including the promised explanation how I discovered Ittenbach was "certainly a 'player' in those early days", will be publicised shortly.

On the point that, "rumours of his connection were actually being circulated before the apparent July, 2001 confession to Don May and others", it was announced on 5 March, 2001:

"Also, rumor has it that Ittenbach was responsible for the infamous Alien Autopsy footage...":

<http://www.vidjunkie.com/barebones/archive.htm>

'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?

Vorsprung Durch Technic...?

James Easton.

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Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 03:40:49 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:23:44 -0500
Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Koch

>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 00:59:28 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?

>ET maybe. But more likely 'hints' of physical processes we are
>completely unfamiliar with. :) Let's wait and see what
>develops.

>Regards,

>John Velez
>Avid Amateur Astronomer :)

Hi John,

you really should read Arthur C. Clarke :-)

or The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy ;-))

or what is promoted by Mr. Hoagland and the tetrahedron geometry
within our solar system :-)))

or what we found out in our "New Discoveries in Betty Hill's
Star map" on <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/achimkoch>
:-))))

You see, when Betty and Barney have been abducted, Jupiter and
Saturn travelled both in in the same region of our solar system.

The same happens right now. Furthermore, Uranus and Neptune are
both travelling in the same region of our solar system, too, but
nearly opposite of the aforementioned.

So if there are

>more likely 'hints' of physical processes we are
>completely unfamiliar with

just like the opening of 'trade routes' or 'travel routes' with
the help of activated spacetime grids triggered by condensed
energy (=matter) such as the heavy planets in our (or any) solar
system you really are right to say:

>:) Let's wait and see what
>develops.

But if something develops like

>physical processes we are
>completely unfamiliar with

what will you say then? And:

how and by whom was this problem handled in the past?

With kindest regards

Joachim and Hans

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 02:57:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:26:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Hebert

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 21:37:48 -0500

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 02:44:34 -0600

><snip>

>>I researched abduction claims from 1992 to 1997 - 5 years. I
>>finally realized not all claims of abduction could be verified
>>let alone used for research. After interviewing dozens of people
>>about their abductions for more than a year, certain personality
>>characteristics became apparent that were indicative of
>>underlying mental disorders. With a background in psychology, I
>>could not overlook the symptoms and finally had to leave the
>>field due to lack of evidence.

<snip>

>It keeps rising up
>out of the pumpkin patch and over the fence. Charlie believes in
>the Great Pumpkin, and so do I.

I don't believe in much of anything, Cathy. I try to be careful
about what I believe because what you believe can blind you to
the truth.

Charlie Brown's "Great Pumpkin" could be something else entirely
but because he believes it to be the Great Pumpkin, that's
what he perceives. Ya never know, it could just be the Tooth
Fairy and Santa Claus pulling a Halloween joke on ol' Charlie.

There is a lot of deception going on in the world of phenomena
and a lot of hidden agendas involved. From greed to self esteem
needs to curiosity and a personal need for answers, each person
is involved for many reasons.

>If you care to e-mail along some of those tests of yours, I
>would gladly see what I can do with them.

Thank you for volunteering, Cathy. However, the designs are
complex and need to be administered through a local study after
participants have been screened and extensively interviewed in
person. I am working on the overall design and there is still
much work to be done.

Above all, the need for blind, double and triple blind studies
are of the utmost importance. The study also includes several
"inventions" devised to collect samples before, during and after
an event. The samples will be analyzed by independent, qualified
laboratories rather than more well-known analysts used currently
or in the past. Time for some new faces to enter the field.

As long as we think of phenomena as "the unknown" and relegate
it more to the Twilight Zone than to science, we keep the truth

just beyond our reach. It's time to reach out and grab some phenomena by the...foot...no matter how bizarre it may seem. In the end, we may find the answers lie a lot closer to home than we thought.

A. Hebert

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TCI: 3-17-02 Topographic Map Shows Locations Of

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 09:06:36 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:31:09 -0500
Subject: TCI: 3-17-02 Topographic Map Shows Locations Of

Topographic Map Shows Locations Of 'Faces'

The Cydonian Imperative
3-17-02

Lan Fleming has produced a terrific MOLA graphic showing where the enigmatic new "Platform" is in relation to the Cydonia Face.

I was not surprised to find that the Platform appears in the northern lowlands, a region that, like Cydonia, was once probably deluged with water. It's my hypothesis that the highly geometric perimeter seen on the Platform (very similar to the Face's "headdress") is in fact an artificial "seawall," and that both of these features are high candidates for artificiality.

For new images and commentary, see:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

and click under "What's New"?

--Mac Tonnies

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Sand? Temperature?

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:42:49 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:38:02 -0500
Subject: Sand? Temperature?

Bobbie Felder has been writing things which I've expressed in the past. Things which have gotten me in a bit of a bind, eh? A bind with those who would be blind. Sure this is the best List led by the best guy this side of the planet. Ain't no one like EBK sittin' around trying to make this his life's work and not getting rich. Or wealthy. Or even well to do. Probally.

So why does he do it? Why do I expose myself to ridicule, not merely by friends, relatives but even by my fellow abductees? Because of why EBK does it. Or anyone else who tries hard to do something, anything, to get this conundrum out in the open and make enough 'noise' for someone to hear and deal with it.

Noise, in the marketing interpretation, means advertising, PR, letting the people know. I do not compare myself with EBK. Nor with anyone else. But there are some of us who expose the really blindingly painful, the exquisitely painful, nerves of the abduction phenomena. Some would say it's because we want our brief moment in time. Even if there is little or more likely, no money in it. It's the notoriety. Seeing your name in lights. Not so for me. Because I've always had a pristine rep for being the best at what I do. And the best of what I do is not getting abducted or even perceiving such and keeping my reputation pristine. Can't be considered a liar or worse, a UFO freak, if you make your living by your rep. And I did that for many years.

Dylan wrote, "All I really wanna doo - oooooo ... is baby be friends with you." Well, guess what? I don't even want that. In factoid, I withdraw my tired arm from the void and use it to signal another gesture. I don't want anything from any of you except the knowledge that you are doing your level best to get to the truth. And, let me do my thing without making it like pulling teeth.

Now allow me to ask a question. How the hell may you learn if you don't stick your bloody necks out and ask us, those of us who are on this List, the questions you need answers to? And how the hell are we, the abductees, who've already stuck our necks out, supposed to learn anything if you don't ask the right questions. There are those of us who would not hesitate a microsecond to answer a question. How many of you, the elite of this field, have done so? And how many have even remarked on my little plan to organize you?

And why do you argue among yourselves like the scientists of old who, whilst farting profoundly in the operating theater, refused to acknowledge that, something which one cannot see may cause the death of the very life you are trying to save? The life of that patient whose appendix you just sneezed on! Huh?

There are a small handful of you who have asked me anything about my experiences. But every one of you likes to debate the temperature of the sand. Darn it, but I just don't get it. I just don't.

Well, maybe the times, they are a changin. Maybe.

Errol, I need an address to send that stuff to and how to best send it. These days, it ain't easy being green.

Sand? Temperature?

This is K2(---) saying, 73.

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In Defense Of The UpDates List

From: **Bill Weber** <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:41:44 -0500
Subject: In Defense Of The UpDates List

I've read this List for years and can't think of a single forum for divergent views in which I've learned more - anywhere... on anything. This is one of the very few lists that doesn't pay homage to a particular agenda, nor does it espouse a specific viewpoint. It is also a direct reflection of its participants; and those participants, whether I agree with them or not, are usually very good. Where else can you get timely insight directly from the people who have contributed most to the field? This is unheard of in university settings.

I'm now surrounded by literature written by extremely bright people addressing extremely difficult issues, and sometimes can't believe a forum exists where those very same people freely exchange ideas. Try this in most educational settings, where the players work almost in a vacuum, responses governed by economics and politics. I don't always like the message or the messenger, but this List is a gem. (Research methods, for instance, are always problematic.) Frustration over "lack of answers" should be directed at the phenomenon and the people studying it. A forum like this is not an easy thing to put together...nor is it easy to keep together.

Best,

Bill

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:01:00 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 15:13:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 16:45:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:38:46 EST
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Randle

>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:23:41 -500
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

<snip>

Good Afternoon, Lan, Bruce, List, All -

>Whether or not Bessie Schreiber's testimony is "pro" or "anti"
>the UFO crash interpretation of the Roswell incident kind of
>depends on which of her statements you choose to believe.

>In the affidavit she signed, apparently at the behest of Karl
>Pflock, she says: "the debris looked like large pieces of
>balloon which had burst."

>But in the 1980 book The Roswell Incident by Berlitz and
>Moore, the following exchange is given:

>Q: "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?"

>Schreiber: "No, it was definitely not a balloon. We had seen
>weather balloons quite a lot -- both on the ground and in the
>air. We had even found a couple of Japanese-style balloons that
>had come down in the area once. We had also picked up a couple
>of those thin rubber weather balloons with instrument packages.
>This was nothing like that. I have never seen anything
>resembling this sort of thing before -- or since."

And, according to the various experts on the Japanese Balloon Bombs, none fell on New Mexico. They were reported in all the surrounding states and in Mexico, but no find has been reported in New Mexico. Back a decade ago John Keel suggested that what was found was a Japanese Balloon Bomb but to keep up the "myth of American invulnerability" the government, some two years after the war, was still keeping the Japanese Balloon Bombs a secret. Keel made this claim despite articles in the New York Times and the Washington Post that predated the Roswell find, and an article from the Roswell Daily Record just a few days after the press release that mentioned balloon bombs.

>So, according to her, the Roswell debris looked like a balloon
>and it did not look like a balloon.

>Another interesting exchange with Berlitz and Moore:

>Q: "What happened when your father took some of this stuff into
>town to show the authorities?"

>Schreiber: "We were with him in Roswell but we didn't go with
>him to see these people."

>So she not only claims to have been at the ranch, but that she
>and other family members (she says "we were with him," not "I
>was with him") accompanied Mac Brazel to Roswell when he brought
>in the debris. Every other account but Bessie's has Brazel going
>to Roswell alone.

And, there was nothing from either Jesse Marcel or Sheridan
Cavitt that suggested she, or her mother and brother, were with
Mack when he went into town.

>She also told Berlitz and Moore:

>"The following day [after she and her father went to Roswell] we
>were descended upon by the military people and news people."

>The "military people" would apparently have to have been Jesse
>Marcel, and Sheridan Cavitt (if you accept Cavitt's claim that
>he accompanied Marcel rather than his previous denial of being
>there). And the news media tagged along, according to Bessie.

Actually, according to Marcel, Cavitt, and Bill Brazel, both
Marcel and Cavitt followed Mack to the ranch, so they would have
been in a position to see the family, if they were with Mack.

>Curiously, I don't recall ever reading anything else asserting
>that news reporters were with Marcel. Neither Marcel nor Cavitt
>ever mentioned news reporters at the ranch, to my knowledge. I'd
>sure like to hear what those reporters had to say if they really
>existed, but I'm afraid they didn't.

She might have been thinking of Walt Whitmore, Sr., who was the
majority owner of KGFL, and who had gone out to the ranch to
find Brazel and take him into town for a radio interview, which
is how he ended up in Roswell over night... a situation that
Bessie denies happened.

>Given the sharply divergent views of Berlitz/Moore and Pflock,
>it appears that she might be one of those people who tries to
>please her interrogators by telling them what they want to hear.
>I don't see how she can be viewed as a reliable witness by
>either "pro" or "anti" sides.

I tried to cover all this material in an article for the
May/June 1995 issue of IUR. John Kirby and Don Newman, who live
out in the area where Bessie now lives, conducted a lengthy
interview with her. This provided an opportunity to see how her
story had evolved over the years. This article provides the
reasons to reject her version of the events as being out of
touch with what she said originally, what she says today, what
others have said in their descriptions of the events, and with
the cleaning of the debris field.

Once again we see that not everything is black and white but
there are shades of gray. Sometimes I think of the UFO field as
a giant jigsaw puzzle in which all the pieces are square and
when you finish, you have an abstract painting... in other
words, there are many interpretations.

KRandle

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Gerhman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 11:07:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 15:28:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Gerhman

>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 08:22:40 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:44:40 -0800

>>What pessimistic views! This List's function is the processing
>>and synthesizing of information, supplied by disparate minds,
>>all seeking answers to important questions. There's never been a
>>UFO forum like this. It'll take some time before we learn how to
>>use it to its best advantage. The 'cussed and discussed' topics
>>that appear cyclically are worthwhile and deserve to be
>>revisited time and time again until they're resolved.

>Ed, my dear, you have it all wrong. Not pessimism. Realism. This
>List has not solved any of the mysteries of the universe to my
>knowledge.

Bobbie,

Mysteries of the universe? That's a tall order but the
discussion pertaining to ball lightning several years ago was
very informative.

>This List has not solved any of the mysteries of the
>UFO phenomenon to my knowledge. If I am wrong, please do correct
>me.

I see it as much more complicated than 'solved' UFO mysteries.
As I wrote yesterday, the function of the List is to arrive at a
synthesis that is achieved through conflict. There can be no
consensus without the conflict between the thesis and the
antithesis and this is what happens every day on the List. With
EBK's assistance, this controlled conflict may eventually result
in synthesis.

>Discussion of various aspects of different cases may have
>resulted in resolution of some lingering questions, but I
>haven't seen anyone post a definitive, unarguable, irrefutable
>answer to any of the major questions still plaguing the UFO
>field.

I agree.

>An example: What exactly was it that crashed outside of
>Roswell in 1947? If you have an answer to that question that is
>above refute, please post it to the list. I would bet, however,
>that there is no such answer, and any answer posted would have
>as many opposing its claim to being "the truth" as it has
>supporters of its veracity.

I doubt any answer I furnish will be "above refute" for now. But
after several more years of discussing our evidence on the list,
I believe many folks will become convinced that our arguments
have merit.

>There are UFO forums like this one all over the internet, my
>friend. The fact that this one sports the "name personalities"
>in the UFO field does set it apart, to a degree, from others.

There are many intangibles that separate this List from others
and make it, in my experience, unique.

>You can find an internet forum for any topic you want, and you
>will find people subscribed to that forum who swear that it is
>the definitive, end-all-be-all discussion forum on that
>particular topic. I personally find this List to be the best
>that I am aware of when it comes to UFOs and related topics. But
>that is just my opinion.

I agree

>I'm sure, however, and by way of
>example, that there are those subscribed to the List run by our
>favorite hot-tubber who would swear that his List reigns
>supreme. It is all a matter of perspective.

Oh darn, and here I was thinking it was a matter of
intelligence.

>>We certainly wouldn't want to end up like the Fore, eating our
>>dead and wearing neckties, and ignorantly misunderstanding the
>>nature of the alien threat.

>Well... there are those who would argue that there is no alien
>threat to misunderstand. That's the point, Ed. :)

Yes that's certainly a problem

>Bobbie

>"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a
>superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a
>formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon
>subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."
> - "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

"Neither should he persist in his unconsciousness, nor remain
identical with the unconscious elements of his being, thus
evading his destiny which is to create more and more
consciousness. As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of
human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere
being." (C.G. Jung)

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Re: [canufo] 15 Reasons for Science to Re-Examine

From: Bill Weber <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 15:52:09 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 04:36:33 -0500
Subject: Re: [canufo] 15 Reasons for Science to Re-Examine

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.umanitoba.ca>
>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 11:43:59 -0600 (CST)
>Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 23:48:16 -0500
>Subject: [canufo] 15 Reasons for Science to Re-Examine the UFO Phenomenon

<snip>

>15. Belief Systems: Why is it that UFOs elicit such impassioned
>debate? Public opinion is highly polarized, and yet people's
>belief in the "reality" or "non-reality" of UFOs seems to be
>largely unchangeable. Why do skeptics and believers attack one
>another with such vigour when arguing their contentions on this
>subject? Why is a belief or disbelief in UFOs so similar to
>religious fundamentalism, unlike other belief/non-belief views in
>other subjects which may seem less provocative?

Hi,

I don't think there is anything wrong with examining (or re-examining) the emotional/psychological makeup and 'belief systems' of the UFO witness in order for mainstream science to take interest.

I support it. (This, even after a quick look at Jerome Clark's, 'The UFO Book' tells me work has already done by Clark and Coleman, Bullard - and later by Ring and others pursuant to the work of Basterfield and Bartholomew and then apparently ignored.)

I'm unaware of it, but I wonder if any work other than psychological comparisons of abductees to the general population have been done? There are lots of groups possessing extreme views but which are deemed 'socially acceptable'.

The real question for me is why being an admitted 'conservative-Republican, born-again Christian' won't prevent you from getting or keeping a job, but reporting or admitting to a UFO sighting may. And I'd like to see the Wilson-Barber, 'Fantasy-Prone Personality' hypothesis applied between abductee and other groups (generally considered extreme by some - yet socially acceptable by most) as well.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 16:01:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 08:50:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

>To: Bill Hamilton <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: skywatcher22@space.com
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:20:38 -0800 (PST)

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:06:28 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2002 04:25:25 -0500
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>Subject: Phoenix Case [was: Making Sense Of It All]

>><snip>

>>>I never bought the 'flare' explanation which seems to be the one
>>>that killed off most of the subsequent interest in the case. I
>>>rejected it myself because (as you say) it did not jibe with the
>>>_substantial_ eyewitness testimony. Tom King sent me copies of
>>>all the video he took along with all of the major network
>>>(local) news broadcasts dealing with the sighting.

>>Bruce Maccabee did some triangulation on the 10 o'clock
>>sightings over the Estrellas Mountains and found the position of
>>the lights to be consistent with flares falling behind the
>>mountains rather than craft maneuvering in front of them. I
>>wouldn't consider this an "off the cuff" explanation. I accept
>>Maccabee's conclusions, but the fact that these lights were
>>consistent with flares doesn't mean they _were_ flares.

><snip>

>The Maryland ANG spokesman stated that they had released LU-U2
>magnesium flares which burn a bright white when they returned
>from the North TAC section of the Barry Goldwater test range
>around 8:30 PM. This was initially used to explain the white
>lights seen on the Chevron object at 8:15 - 8:30 time range.

Bill,

Did the Maryland ANG spokesman or anyone officially
representing the military and/or government ever explain or
address the lights seen over Phoenix @ 10 o'clock? If so, what
was the official explanation/comment?

And can you describe how it was that you and Mr. King came to be
present with telescopes, cameras, etc. in hand at the precise
moment the second event (the alleged flares) took place over
Phoenix? What was it that had brought you and Mr. King to that
location that night?

Thanks, Bill.

A. Hebert

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HBCCUFO: 5 More Reports

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 14:41:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 08:53:49 -0500
Subject: HBCCUFO: 5 More Reports

Hi List

Here are some more reports I received. The last one in this email, I can't remember if I'd sent it or not. If so, sorry everyone.

Take care

Brian

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: February 1 - 5, 2002 Time: Daybreak

A witness called me today to report that he had witnesses a very shiny bright "dot" moving up and down very fast right above the mountain. I asked if he could be more exact to what mountain he was talking about. He told me this took place between Terrace and the Terrace - Kitimat airport. He also said if you looking from the south towards this object there would be a small hill separating himself and the Terrace - Kitimat airport. This is where this bright dot of light was seen bouncing, over top the mountain. He also reported that it would move from one side quickly heading towards Prince Rupert then shoot back into the same position from where it came from. He also reported that it would completely disappear and then reappear again some distance away from where it then vanished. He also went on to tell that a couple of his relatives had also seen it as well.

My many thanks to this witness for his report.

Investigators Note: This case is ongoing and will be in contact with the witness at a later date.

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: March 9, 2002

Time: None given

Faxed report:

Hi, my name is (deleted by HBCC UFO) and I live in Terrace, British Columbia. My Mom was reading the newspaper earlier today (March 13, 2002) and called me to read about the UFO spottings. She showed me this because just the other night, march 9, 2002, I was laying in bed with my blinds open, when this huge bright ball came shooting past my window, When I saw this I ran down stairs to tell my parents what I had seen. They thought it was a shooting star. I am not sure what it was that I saw, but I thought this information might be helpful.

Thanks

(name deleted by HBCC UFO)

My many thanks to this witness for his report.

Investigators note: This again sounds like it may be a meteor . I have to note there certainly has been a few reports like this sent to me in a short period of time.

Jack Pine, Terrace, British Columbia

Date: March 4, 2002
Time: approx: 10:00 p.m.

This witness telephoned me to report what her, and her husband had witnessed after reading an article in the Terrace newspaper about UFO sightings around the north. She tells me that they had a pretty weird sighting in the area of Jack Pine which is a area just 20 minutes outside of Terrace, B.C. She also felt that this was very strange as her in-laws were coming over to their home early the next morning, but her husbands father likes to stop at Tim Horton's for a coffee. When the father arrived at the witnesses home, he told them that he was talking to a fellow in Tim Horton's who had seen a "UFO" the night before and this lady who reported to me had not told the father that they also to had seen a UFO.

She went on to explain that both her and her husband just looked at each other wondering what it could be as they knew what they were watching did not have a rational explanation. Seeing her husband is a professional and works in the scientific field they were both at a loss, and said what else could it be other than a UFO?

The sighting lasted approx: 20 minutes, and it was a very bright white light with a halo around it. She told me the light moved quite a bit from side to side but always seemed to come back to a center point and stay stationary before continuing to repeat itself. After the approx: 20 minutes time was up it disappeared.

The husband said to her that it could not have been a plane as they don't do things like this. (as above). I asked the witness what direction the light departed to, she said they actually did not see it leave, but said the light just went out. I also asked if she would be able to give some idea of how big this would have been, she said at arms length the light would have been about the size of a pea or maybe a bit smaller.

The light was high up in the sky she said.

Investigators Note: This is where my ears perked up as she mentioned the crop circles in Vanderhoof, British Columbia and a close friend and biologist (fisheries technician) and her friend, another witness were working on a salmon enhancement project and had seen a large bright object hovering over the area where the crop circles were discover back in September, 2001. (the night before the circles were formed, this information was a total surprise to me). It wasn't until two weeks later when the fisheries technician heard about the crop circles she put two and two together thinking if what they saw had anything to do with the crop circles. I was told the fisheries technician would wake up every four hours to check the salmon traps to see if they had caught any fish. So the technician and her friend had spotted the object at approx: 4:00 a.m. and said it was so very bright and moving so strangely.

My phone number has been passed along to the fisheries technician so she can fill me in with the details of her sighting in Vanderhoof, B.C.

Between Hazelton & Kitwanga, British Columbia

Date: December 7, 2001
Time: approx: 12:05 to 12:30 a.m.

Aother report from the friend of this witness.

Date: February 26, 2002
Time: approx: 12:15 to 12:30 (close to the same time as above)

This witness contacted me by way of the telephone to report that her and her friend had left work just after midnight. When traveling highway # 16 between Hazelton & Kitwanga, B.C. they saw a really bright flash of white light which came from behind them. They did stop off to the side of the highway to look around to see where the flash of light came from. She told me there were no other vehicles on the road. She noted it was cloudy as they could not see the stars or the moon. I asked if there were any transmission towers of any sort that she knew of, she was not aware of any at all in that area.

She said the event lasted only a second or two at the most but lighted up the whole area.

Her friend had a completely separate sighting of the same flash of light in and around the same area we are talking about above. This took place on February 26, 2002 between 12:15 to 12:30 a.m.

Many thanks to both ladies for their reports.

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: March 17, 2002
Time: approx: 12:05 a.m.
Possible Meteor - Fireball

Dear Mr. Vike

My name is (name deleted by HBCC UFO) and I live in Terrace. I am 17 years old and I read the article in the paper about UFO sightings. Tonight I seen something in the sky that is probably nothing but I would like to tell you to see if it may help at all.

At about 12:05 I was the time that me and my girlfriend were in my hot tub looking at the stars. Tonight was a clear night and many stars were visible. We seen many shooting stars but we were surprised when a flash of light tore across the sky. This was no shooting star because it was much bigger and lit up the whole sky, flashing as it went behind the mountain. I only seen a little bit of it but my girlfriend described it as almost round in shape and very bright. It was only in the sky for seconds before going behind the mountain. She said it looked like the moon because it had a less brighter outer "shell" I guess you could say. What astonished me was how bright it was and its speed. What I am thinking it probably is was a meteor burning in the atmosphere but I was just wondering what other people have sighted. I live about 15 minutes north of Terrace. The object seemed very close. I wish I could have seen it a little longer to give you a better description but it was so bright and fast it was almost impossible. It was like someone was flashing high beams in the sky.

Anyways I just thought I would let you know of this and I hope you will write back to tell me what it possibly was. I am also interested to hear what everyone else has been seeing so maybe I could watch the sky since I have to drive the highway every night.

Hope to hear from you.

Many thank to this witness for reporting their sighting to me.

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Sighting # 28 - Possible Meteor Or Fireball

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 06:22:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 08:55:18 -0500
Subject: Sighting # 28 - Possible Meteor Or Fireball

Hi List

Received this report by way of email this morning. Guys I have been so busy over all this I still have had "no" time to even get the last few reports taken from audio tape. Hope to do this sometime today or I will have to wait until late tonight.

Take care

Brian

Dear Mr. Vike

My name is (name deleted byHBCC UFO) and I live in Terrace. I am 17 years old and I read the article in the paper about UFO sightings. Tonight I seen something in the sky that is probably nothing but I would like to tell you to see if it may help at all.

At about 12:05 I was the time that me and my girlfriend were in my hot tub looking at the starts. Tonight was a clear night and many stars were visible. We seen may shooting stars but we were surprises when a flash of light tore across the sky. This was no shooting star because it was much bigger and lit up the whole sky, flashing as it went behind the mountain. I only seen a little bit of it but my girlfriend described it as almost round in shape and very bright. It was only in the sky for seconds before going behind the mountain. She said it looked like the moon because it had a less brighter outer "shell" I guess you could say. What astonished me was how bright it was and its speed. What I am thinking it probably is was a meteor burning in the atmosphere but I was just wondering what other people have sighted. I live about 15 minutes north of terrace. The object seemed very close. I wish I could have seen it a little longer to give you a better description but it was so bright and fast it was almost impossible. It was like someone was flashing high beams in the sky.

Anyways I just thought I would let you know of this and I hope you will write back to tell me what it possibly was. I am also interested to hear what everyone else has been seeing so maybe I could watch the sky since I have to drive the highway every night.

Hope to hear from you.

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 19:59:50 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 08:56:41 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Gates

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:38:46 EST
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:23:41 -500
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:23:49 EST
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>"Phantom" reporters? At a newspaper office? If the RDR did not
>>have real reporters, then where did they get any news to print?

>The phantom reporters who would have quizzed Haut about the
>press release which was your invention earlier. I suggested that
>Haut dropped it off and the newspaper printed it from the press
>release, without a lot of questions from any reporters anywhere,
>something that is not completely out of line.

Kevin, Bruce, all,

From the point of view of a person who works the aviation archeology it is totally believable that a press release got dropped off and the news paper ran it exactly as was written from the AF. If you take the time to go through airfield and unit historys, esp airfield, during WW-2 and after, the historys usually had a copy of the release of an aircraft crash press release. Its been my experience that the local newspaper merely ran the entire release, and or shortened it to fit whatever space needs they had. After that the AP picked it up and ran it all over the wire. Sometimes the story was word for word what the Army AF press release was, sometimes a 250 word story was cut down to 30, sometimes it was added to.

I have also seen storys where the military press release was ignored so to speak and it was written from the reporters prespective.

Even today when you get a local "major story" that the AP picks up and you compare it with the original that appeared in your local paper, you will likely find the same thing, that the AP may have cut down the story, added to the story, and so on.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 04:21:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 08:58:35 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 12:36:01 -500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 13:56:13 -0500
>Subject: The Roswell News Release

Bruce wrote:

>Although most people assume that the base commander, Col.
>Blanchard, authorized the release, there is really no conclusive
>proof that he did, or that he had any advanced knowledge of the
>content.

Bruce,

Evidently, that's not so.

If time allowed, I intended to highlight some case material which perhaps answers the significant questions you raised about this entire founding aspect.

Blanchard not only knew about the press release, he ordered Haut to distribute it.

Who says so?

Haut himself.

Or at least he did once upon a time...

It's a claim made by Haut in what was presumably one of the earliest Roswell documentaries - the 'Unsolved Mysteries' feature, apparently first broadcast during September, 1989.

I have a copy of this on tape [it was also shown in the UK some time afterwards and I subsequently acquired a videotaped copy].

In a resulting interview, Haut confirms:

"I took the releases into town and that was one of the things Colonel Blanchard told me to do, take it into town, because if there's any validity to this, he didn't want the news media to feel that we had jumped over their head and were not co-operating".

Indeed, I recognised the importance of this, perhaps long-forgotten, acknowledgement and mentioned it on UFO UpDates during 1998, adding:

"Which, at least according to Haut, confirms Blanchard didn't know if there was any substance to the claim and it was merely speculation that one of the 'flying discs', which were of course front page news following Kenneth Arnold's sighting, had been 'recovered' nearby.

I wonder if Haut could be asked to comment on this point again".
[End OF EXTRACT]

Seemingly no-one in contact with Haut pursued that lead.

>The release attributed the news to RAAF Intelligence, not the
>commanding officer, as would be the case if the CO had authored
>the release. This would tend to point towards Maj. Jessie Marcel
>as the author, and quite possibly the one who authorized the
>release.

>Proponents tend to take umbrage when this possibility is
>suggested, saying that Haut would have been court-martialed if
>he had issued any news release without the OK of the base
>commander.

According to Haut, Blanchard was certainly the instigator of our infamous press release's local distribution.

>If we assume The ETH Proponents are correct, we can only shake
>our heads and ask, "what was he thinking?" If he really had in
>his possession an alien craft that obviously represented an
>enormous military security problem, why would an otherwise
>competent commander stupidly issue a bulletin announcing to the
>world that he had in his possession a heretofore unknown craft
>capable of the astounding feats that had been reported in the
>press over the past two weeks.

Haut's circulated press release begins:

"The many rumors regarding the flying disk became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group of the Eight Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the co-operation of one of the local ranchers and the Sheriff's Office of Chaves county".

The 509th Bomb Group had become aware of some anomalous debris, never a justification to pronounce it determined they should be world-famous as being able to "gain possession of a disc".

If the author of that declaration had remotely been aware of such foundations as Brazel having first taken said debris to the local weather bureau, as confirmed by his son [what, on earth, was Brazel thinking...?], or that Brazel and Sheriff Wilcox had statedly attempted to reconstitute a kite from the fragments, perhaps a less 'excited' appraisal would have resulted.

However, Blanchard's press release continues:

"The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week. Not having phone facilities, the rancher stored the disc until such time as he was able to contact the Sheriff's office, who in turn notified Major Jesse A. Marcel, of the 509th Bomb Group Intelligence office".

Nothing 'landed' and the blatant fact that Marcel could never have "stored the disc", is such palpable testimony why the press release was an excited 'faux pas'.

Or is it contented Marcel hid a 'flying saucer' behind some nearby bush?

Blanchard's press release culminates:

"Action was immediately taken and the disc was picked up at the rancher's home. It was inspected at the Roswell Army Air Field and subsequently loaned by Major Marcel to higher headquarters".

No 'disc' was ever "picked up at the rancher's home".

>Surely he, of all people, would have appreciated the immense
>military implications of such a craft and the presence of its
>extraterrestrial crew. He had already seen with his own eyes the
>otherworldly aspects of the debris, to say nothing of the alien
>beings that piloted this disk. Why needlessly invite such
>worldwide attention and then clamp on the highest security
>this nation has ever (not?) seen?

What "otherworldly aspects of the debris", were perceived by Blanchard at that time, or "alien beings"?

>Surely Blanchard, and Ramey, would have known that the world's

>press would tackle a "Flying Disk" recovery story in full force
>immediately. Why invite all these snooping reporters to the
>'Story of the Century', and all the security risks that a public
>disclosure might entail? Their overriding concern was to cover-
>up even the merest whisper of aliens.

There was no "overriding concern" to, "to cover-up even the
merest whisper of aliens" - this was only days after Arnold's
report of apparently new 'jet aircraft'.

>The scenario of issuing the Flying Disk story, then debunking it
>the following day as part of The Cover-up Plan, again makes no
>sense whatsoever.

Yet, that's exactly what happened and it must therefore
inevitably make sense, somehow.

Anyway, thanks for raising an interesting, central, 'Roswell'
question!

I can only highlight Haut's insight and early explanation of
what truly occurred, noting that the pivotal 'Roswell press
release' was evidently founded on a basis that Blanchard didn't
know, "if there's any validity to this" and was more concerned
about local, media, public relations.

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The Ultimate(?) Arnold

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 09:00:41 -0500
Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

I have now placed on my web site my complete discussion and analysis of the Kenneth Arnold Case:

<http://brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD/KARNOLD.html>

This is a 'must understand' for anyone who is serious about ufology. The KA case is a microcosm of what happened in later years, with a credible witness who was criticized and impugned by the media and scientists and the Air Force, all of whom wanted to explain away the sighting as anything other than what Arnold reported. Find out how many different explanations have been offered and decide for yourself whether any one of them is "the" explanation.

Recall Maccabee's Rule #1 for Debunkers: any explanation is better than none.

Also note that skeptics often act as if the more explanations there are the more likely the case is to have been explained. I turn this around: the more explanations there are the LESS likely it is to have been explained because if the details clearly pointed toward a particular explanation... then the other non-explanation explanations (?) wouldn't have been necessary.

Or something like that.

Too bad Arnold isn't still around to join us in a round of Gripple in his honor.

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 00:54:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 09:03:59 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Hatch

>From: Bill Weber <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800

>I've read this List for years and can't think of a single forum
>for divergent views in which I've learned more - anywhere... on
>anything. This is one of the very few lists that doesn't pay
>homage to a particular agenda, nor does it espouse a specific
>viewpoint. It is also a direct reflection of its participants;
>and those participants, whether I agree with them or not, are
>usually very good. Where else can you get timely insight
>directly from the people who have contributed most to the field?
>This is unheard of in university settings.

>I'm now surrounded by literature written by extremely bright
>people addressing extremely difficult issues, and sometimes
>can't believe a forum exists where those very same people freely
>exchange ideas. Try this in most educational settings, where the
>players work almost in a vacuum, responses governed by economics
>and politics. I don't always like the message or the messenger,
>but this List is a gem. (Research methods, for instance, are
>always problematic.) Frustration over "lack of answers" should
>be directed at the phenomenon and the people studying it. A
>forum like this is not an easy thing to put together...nor is
>it easy to keep together.

>Best,

>Bill

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Hello Bill:

I must wholeheartedly agree.

I am chiming in at this point however, to say that I'm finally
receiving UFO UpDates posts again.

There is still some trouble, for now UpDates posts are getting
thru to a special email address I don't usually use. Please
continue to send private emails to larry@larryhatch.net since
the problem only seemed to involve posts from the List address.

By hook or crook, your rants and raves (and all the good stuff
Bill refers to) are coming in fine, for the first time in 5 or 6
days.

Maybe the reason this list differs, is that EBK does not take
any public stand other than that of a moderator. UFO Updates
needs no defense; its simple lack of 'agenda' stands on its own.

How very different from a pulpit; refreshing really.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Lowe

From: Adam Lowe <nicap@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 14:17:23 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 18:51:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Competing New NICAP Site? - Lowe

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@LARRYHATCH.NET>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 05:34:08 -0800
>Subject: Competing New NICAP Site?

>Browsing around the Internet, I tripped upon this curious
>web-page:

><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/4780/EVIDENCE.html>

<snip>

>I'm particularly bugged by his links to my long work, at
>somebody else's site:

><http://www.flash.net/~joerit/pics/92-96usa.gif>
><http://www.flash.net/~joerit/docs/udemo.htm>

>.. which show my maps etc. in the worst light and colors
>imaginable. Nowhere in any of these pages is there any referral
>to my sole legitimate site or URL.

Hi Larry, List,

Thanks for pointing out the site to me. It looks as if he copied
our page but kept the majority of the original links.

Most of the links went to where the original NICAP site was
before I took over hosting it here in the UK, so they haven't
worked for over two years. He also appears to have copied a
couple of other pages and hosted them on his own site.

We'll have to look into getting them removed because it's our
work that he using without permission.

Adam

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 06:43:33 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 18:57:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 16:01:34 -0600

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:20:38 -0800 (PST)

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>Did the Maryland ANG spokesman or anyone officially
>representing the military and/or government ever explain or
>address the lights seen over Phoenix @ 10 o'clock? If so, what
>was the official explanation/comment?

The spokesman for the Maryland ANG did not try to explain the lights seen, but rather mentioned how they were conducting an exercise - Operation Snowbird over the North Tac range that night. What is peculiar about this is that residents of Buckeye, Arizona should have spoken out about the bright flares seen that night and did not. Even more peculiar is an answer from Luke AFB that states in a reply to an FOIA request that they knew nothing of the flare exercise that night, yet Luke is the one that grants permission to use the range.

>And can you describe how it was that you and Mr. King came to be
>present with telescopes, cameras, etc. in hand at the precise
>moment the second event (the alleged flares) took place over
>Phoenix? What was it that had brought you and Mr. King to that
>location that night?

That's easy. I was alerted that afternoon that Steve Blonder was videotaping strange lights from his home south of Phoenix and called Tom King and asked him if he would like to take his videocam and binoculars (I did not know he bought a new telescope) to Steve's home and see if we could also capture these strange lights on tape for analysis since Steve had been successful on March 10th, 11th, and 12th.

We just happened to go there on the night of March 13th.

We missed the big events by having a late dinner that night but arrived at Steve's house about 9 PM. We were astonished to see that his neighbors were traipsing in and out of his house hoping for another sighting. We were on his master bedroom balcony at 9:45 PM to obtain eyewitness information on the location of the lights. That is when someone shouted "there is one now!" and the first one appeared.

Tom and I had to race to our cars to get our equipment. When we returned, the light was gone, but then reappeared (same location) within minutes. That is when we started to look at it through binoculars, then the telescope and Tom started to videotape as my videocam was battery dead at the time.

Tom's girlfriend, Rhonda, also looked through the scope at the lights. They were very peculiar.

I have seen military flares and, except for a resemblance of color, they looked nothing like what we saw that night. There are flares of this color used on the range, but the ANG did not use that type of flare. They were arrayed perfectly for about 4.5 minutes without any descending movement (kept same position in center of scope over time as we did not have to adjust the scope).

Later we obtained footage from someone in Rainbow Valley that was taken sometime in March but in the late afternoon during daylight and there is a portion of the tape that shows that one of the hovering orbs shoots straight up then moves off. Tom Taylor, MUFON State Director, admitted to me that he had seen 3 of these orbs and one of them shot straight up.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - King

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:05:39 -0500
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>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
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>location that night?

Amy,

That night Steve Blonder was contacted by Bill as he had a series of sightings the prior nights. Bill asked me if I wanted to come along. I did and brought a telescope and SVHS video camera, Bill also brought his video camera.

I have done alot of work on those March 13, 1997 videos. I broke them done into as many pieces as I could. I spent many nights taping flares to compare to these videos. There was alot of confusion brought into the case because of the media. Needless to say the videos themselves were confusing as they all seemed to portray a simular event but different video running times, different number of lights, etc... One of the biggest arguments against the flare theory is they were infront of the Estrellas mts. This meant they were over the southern Phoenix area and shouldn't be flares.

Seems like everyone did their digital test on the Mike Crysten video and placed the lights in front, or over the mountain ridge. My test, which did a simple day to night dissolve, placed them right at the ridge-line. This part is controversial since everyone was getting different results, depending on what they used for control variables to measure against.

However, I was able to determine that all videos were shot at 10:00 pm.

I did a simple split screen of 4 videos and they matched. This means the lights in Mike Crysten's video did fall behind the mountain ridge. When Mike's video ends, Terry some 10 miles + behind him was still taping the objects. This happens because Terry is at a higher altitude and can still see the lights.

Again, this confirms the lights were triangulated just behind

the Estrella Mountains, in a private area that the military uses from time to time for Flare drops. This is not quite in the Barry Goldwater Military range.

See the following video clips. The first one is for 56k users the other for DSL users. They show 4 videos split screened in realtime. It explains a lot about the sighting - just watch.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/mpg/gmarch1356k.rm>
<http://www.ufovideo.com/mpg/gmarch13200.rm>

After spending quite sometime on this case I can state the following: All of the 10 pm videos are shot at the same time. There is nothing in the videos that represents a UFO. There are no drastic movements, they don't rise up in the air. They are typical of flares shot elsewhere in my testing. Its more likely that these are flares than UFOs, based solely on the video evidence.

My opinion of these 10 pm videos is nothing new. I stated it on Rense and Strieber's radio shows last year. Did a TV interview about it 2 years ago and its been posted on my website since 1998 or 1999. Can't remember, sorry.

Tom King

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AVRO Canada's Space Threshold Vehicle

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 10:42:04 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:10:41 -0500
Subject: AVRO Canada's Space Threshold Vehicle

Hi everyone!

There is a new book coming out titled 'AVRO Aircraft and Cold War Aviation' by Randall Whitcomb (ISBN 1-55125-082-9) which I think many UFO UpDates subscribers would be interested in reading. For those living in the Toronto area, there will be a book signing on Saturday, March 23 at 'Aviation World' from 10 am to 12 noon.

We all know that the five Canadian-designed and built all-weather AVRO supersonic interceptors exceeded most of the performance expectations, with the interm U.S. built jet engines which were much less powerful than the AVRO Arrow's Orenda engines. We also know that plans for the Mark 4 version AVRO Arrow with ramjet engines was also well underway but what is not generally known is that there was another project in the works that was known as AVRO Canada's Space Threshold Vehicle.

The Nazi German engineers and scientists were busy making V-1s and V-2s rockets and jet planes for Hiltler's losing war effort, but they also had plans for manned space travel. So did Canada in the early 1950s. I have a photocopy of document signed by 12 top Canadian researchers (which I like to refer to as Canada's MJ-12) who attended a meeting in April almost exactly half a century ago which was to "...be known as the Canadian Space Travel Planning Committee".

What I find interesting is that a hand drawn logo at the top of this attendance sheet depicts a flyings saucer with lights or portholes along its circumference and a person on it firing a cannon. At the top of this flying saucer is a flag with the words "Ottawa Interplanetary Society".

Was this 50 years old technology forgotten and all the excitement lost or did we actually realise our goals, in secret with the help of "others", of conquering interplanetary space?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - McCoy

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>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800

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>I am chiming in at this point however, to say that I'm finally
>receiving UFO UpDates posts again.

>There is still some trouble, for now UpDates posts are getting
>thru to a special email address I don't usually use. Please
>continue to send private emails to larry@larryhatch.net since
>the problem only seemed to involve posts from the List address.

<snip>

>Maybe the reason this list differs, is that EBK does not take
>any public stand other than that of a moderator. UFO Updates
>needs no defense; its simple lack of 'agenda' stands on its own.

>How very different from a pulpit; refreshing really.

Hello all,

I whole-heartedly agree with the above, this is a remarkable List. My wife participated in a Gardening/rose site that was ruthlessly managed. Any mentioning of a capitalistic endeavor—such as merely mentioning a product, or nursery, particularly if you were the owner of said nursery, you were 'cyber-spaced' with no questions or trial. No mercy, no second chance.

She quit when they off-ed one of the best Rosarians in the country, so he started his own List.

A better one.

I appreciate just being allowed on the List - a mere experiencer, who has questions and is allowed to voice my opiniosn. This amongst some of the Best minds this field has to

offer. Keep it up EBK!

GT McCoy

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:26:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:07:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>To: Bill Hamilton <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: skywatcher22@space.com
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:20:38 -0800 (PST)

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:06:28 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Bruce Maccabee did some triangulation on the 10 o'clock
>>sightings over the Estrellas Mountains and found the position of
>>the lights to be consistent with flares falling behind the
>>mountains rather than craft maneuvering in front of them. I
>>wouldn't consider this an "off the cuff" explanation. I accept
>>Maccabee's conclusions, but the fact that these lights were
>>consistent with flares doesn't mean they were flares.

<snip>

>As Bruce Maccabee knows I disagree with his assessment. I
>observed this formation beginning with one double light at about
>9:45 PM from Ahwahatukee on March 13, 1997. When the double
>light reappeared in the same spot about 10 minutes later
>followed by an array of these lights I trained Tom King's
>Celestron telescope on one of the lights using a 25X eyepiece
>with an 80mm objective lens. The light appeared to be as round
>as a full moon looks with the naked eye. The light did not
>flicker like a flare. It also produced no glare or illumination
>around it. It was an unmistakable very pure golden amber color
>and seemed to be pulsing. Many other witnesses saw these same
>amber orbs from various location throughout the night.

>The Maryland ANG spokesman stated that they had released LU-U2
>magnesium flares which burn a bright white when they returned
>from the North TAC section of the Barry Goldwater test range
>around 8:30 PM. This was initially used to explain the white
>lights seen on the Chevron object at 8:15 - 8:30 time range.

As Bill knows (I think), I used photos he supplied of the site
of the sighting to determine that the direction he was looking
was in the direction of the crossing point (area) of the
sighting lines from the other 3 video witnesses. This area of
crossing of sighting lines was far south southwest of Phoenix.
My response to Bill is at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights5.html>

This is section 5 of the 5 section complete analysis. However,
section 5 was originally a separate paper responding to Bill's
comments on my original 4 part analysis.

In section 5 you will find reference to "Report on the Phoenix
Lights Arrays" (RPLA) and a statement that it can be at a
certain geocities website. However, it is not necessary to go to
that site since the same material makes up parts 1 - 4 of the
phoenixlights analysis on my web site.

Anyone who is seriously interested in this should expect some

tough sledding. I recommend reading parts 1-4 first. Then the comments in part 5 will make more sense.

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:54:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:10:30 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

>From: Bill Weber <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800

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>be directed at the phenomenon and the people studying it. A
>forum like this is not an easy thing to put together...nor is
>it easy to keep together.

Hello Bill, hi All,

Of course this List needs no defending. But I wholeheartedly agree with Bill's comments above. UFO UpDates (because of Errol) is the only e-mail List I would ever participate in. The quality of both the participants (over all) and the moderator is unsurpassed anywhere on the Web.

It didn't need saying Bill, but thanks for saying it anyway. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:55:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:12:22 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures - Velez

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 04:03:21 -0000

>[Crossposted from UFORL]

>According to their web site, the 'British Interplanetary
>Society' was founded in 1933 and is 'The world's longest
>established organisation devoted solely to supporting and
>promoting the exploration of space and astronautics" - see:

><http://www.bis-spaceflight.com/>

>Although seemingly now founded on a scientific basis and
>comparatively therefore some relative lights-years away from
>ufology's 'disclosure' evolvment and UFO magazines which
>elevate 'World Weekly News' to a higher status, it evidently
>wasn't always so...

>Currently being sold on eBay is a copy of 'Space, Gravity and
>the Flying Saucer', by Leonard Cramp, who I'm sure some
>subscribers will know was a member of the British Interplanetary
>Society.

>If the 'flying saucer' element wasn't sufficient alert about the
>claims therein, it's added, "with Introduction by Desmond
>Leslie".

Hello James,

You asked:

>Dating from 1955, it's an interesting historical snapshot
>nonetheless - see:

><http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1524223406>

>The 'saucer' photograph featured isn't one I recall seeing
>before; does anyone know the background story?

I have no idea which "background story" you are referring to
but, it looks like a diagram I have seen before, of one of
Adamski's saucers. I believe this diagram was first published in
one of his books.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:56:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:14:58 -0500
Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter? - Velez

>From: Joachim Koch <Achimdkoch@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 03:40:49 EST
>Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 00:59:28 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: X-ray 'Beacon' Discovered On Jupiter?

>>ET maybe. But more likely 'hints' of physical processes we are
>>completely unfamiliar with. :) Let's wait and see what
>>develops.

Hello Joachim,

>you really should read Arthur C. Clarke :-)

>or The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy ;-))

I have read both. Many titles from Arthur C. My all time
favorite from his science fiction stories is "Childhood's End."
If you haven't read that one you should. :)

>or what is promoted by Mr. Hoagland and the tetrahedron
>geometry within our solar system :-)))

Yeah, Hoagland can 'talk a good game' from time to time but I take
all his 'theories' with a grain of salt anyway.

<snip>

>So if there are

>>more likely 'hints' of physical processes we are
>>completely unfamiliar with

>just like the opening of 'trade routes' or 'travel routes' with
>the help of activated spacetime grids triggered by condensed
>energy (=matter) such as the heavy planets in our (or any) solar
>system you really are right to say:

>>:) Let's wait and see what develops.

>>But if something develops like physical processes we are
>>completely unfamiliar with what will you say then?

I won't be at all surprised. I mentioned in an earlier post that
Jupiter is a more of a 'failed star' (a 'star' that failed to
ignite. If Jupiter was only five to ten times larger than it is,
we would be living in the middle of a binary star system!) Given
the unique nature of Jupiter I wouldn't be shocked to learn that
it is capable of emitting the kind of radiation that stars do.
(X-rays etc.)

Also, Jupiter was bombarded by a chain of planet wrecking comets
not so very long ago. (Shoemaker/Levy comets) Astronomers have
no idea where to be gin calculating the effects that that those

titanic collisions may have triggered within the planets interior.

X-Ray emissions may not be so very unusual given the circumstances. What makes it a true anomaly is the fact that the 'source' is highly localized (the planet's North Polar region) which makes it something of a genuine anomaly. We have a lot to learn yet about what makes the Universe tick. I would err on the side of caution on this one rather than run off half cocked announcing an ET beacon on Jupiter. No matter how 'strange' it is that it is suddenly emitting x-rays from its north pole.

>And:

>how and by whom was this problem handled in the past?

What problem? X-ray source detection? The hardware that is currently studying the x-ray part of the spectrum is a fairly recent development. This kind of thing may have been happening on and off for eons for all we know. We have only recently developed the capability to study x-ray sources from space based platforms. Who knows what we'll learn in years to come. Never forget that the study of our own solar system is still in its early infancy. We have a long way to go in our understanding of the mechanics involved.

I hope that Nick chimes in on this one and adds his expertise to our conversation. If I have made any errors in my presentation of facts regarding Jupiter, I invite Nick who is a 'real' astronomer to correct me :)

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Phoenix Lights - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:58:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:16:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights - Velez

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 06:14:36 -0800 (PST)

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Making Sense Of It All
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 23:41:09 +0000

>>Apparently I am the only person in the Universe (or one of the
>>very few) who tries to collate all credible/reliable information
>>and to make some sense of it in terms of reasonable things to
>>think about or believable viewpoints (a.k.a., hypotheses).

>I attempted doing this to some extent when I investigated the
>Phoenix Lights and we attempted to classify the various reports
>by event: data points on time, location, UFO configuration and
>characteristics, etc and concluded there were at least 10
>events. We were not able to reduce any of the ten to a lesser
>number by the details (some inexact) of the 100+ reports we
>received.

>There were numerous hypotheses suggested, actually these were
>more like off-the-cuff explanations, not hypotheses which have a
>more formal structure. After examination, most of these
>explanations could be discarded because they did not accord with
>the reported facts or were not verifiable. My conclusion was
>that most of the sightings were of unknown and unconventional
>objects.

>If I had been more prepared for these events, there would have
>been a more systematic effort made. My book 'The Phoenix Lights
>Mystery' was my best shot at presenting the case for unknowns.

Hi Bill,

I have received several responses to the comments I made regarding the Phoenix lights case. I am going to defer the thread to you. You're as close to a real expert on the case as we have on the List. I leave the posting of responses to the questions that are coming in in your competent hands. :)

As always, my best to you and Mrs.H ;)

John Velez

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UFO Themed Music From Janus

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:57:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:21:13 -0500
Subject: UFO Themed Music From Janus

JANUS
Synthesiser Soloist & Composer

Having spent his formative experimental musical years with Greek composer and Oscar winning keyboards giant, Vangelis at his London based studios in the late 70's, Janus went on to create and develop his own unique style of music by way of lavish sound & light live spectaculars.

In more recent years Janus' musical direction with regard to the conceptual nature of his work, took on a major change as a result of a UFO encounter he had in Hampton, Middlesex in 1984.

As one of the guest speakers launching the joint SPI/BUFORA 'Phenomenal Weekends in London' lectures this year, on 16th Feb, Janus described the incident saying it had "altered the scepticism I had toward UFOs overnight". Going on to detail the object he observed as being totally silent and hovering only some 200 feet above him, he said it was "best described as the underside of the Millenium Falcon spacecraft out of the Star Wars movie", before, and without warning it "hurtled at an unimaginable speed upward and upwards before disappearing completely".

By 1995 Janus had embarked on a major plan of recorded and live performances based on the now infamous Roswell crash in 1947. As his own extensive research into the subject matter developed he set in motion plans at the same time as recording of 'Roswell - The Album', for a major show spectacular in which to literally immerse the audience. This eventually expanded into him additionally creating two more works to form a trilogy, these being 'Flying Saucers: The Kenneth Arnold Incident' and 'S.E.T.I.'.

With regard to this new move Janus said "It was important to me that in my own way, and time, I could explore and do justice to, these three particular areas of ufology that have fascinated me, and I know intrigued many many people for some time now. With respect to the live shows, I wanted to create a very special visual catalyst for people, to enable them to take their own voyage of discovery in an entertaining and informative way".

The development of the live concerts, entitled 'Roswell & Beyond' has been a long and continuous process for Janus. One of the many special aspects of the show will be a video feature that has directed and co-produced with Walt Disney film maker Fred Fullerton, that will be projected as a backdrop during part of the performance. The highly anticipated show, that launches in the UK in July also has 1 state-of-the-art lighting rig Janus has designed with Pink Floyd show effects designer Mike Heggett.

Updated news of Janus' forthcoming 'Roswell & Beyond' concerts and related UFO music can be found on his official website:

<http://www.janus.spiderbait.org>

Janus can be contacted at:
Janus_music@hotmail.com

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Exclusive CD Offer to UFO Group Members

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:59:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:22:27 -0500
Subject: Exclusive CD Offer to UFO Group Members

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 17:48:26 -500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:25:33 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 16:45:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Whether or not Bessie Schreiber's testimony is "pro" or "anti"
>the UFO crash interpretation of the Roswell incident kind of
>depends on which of her statements you choose to believe.

>In the affidavit she signed, apparently at the behest of Karl
>Pflock, she says: "the debris looked like large pieces of
>balloon which had burst."

It would have been better if you had used the entire quote,
rather than take snippets out of context to 'prove' your point.
Lets look at that affidavit again:

"The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst. The pieces were small, the largest I remember measuring about the same as the diameter of a basketball. Most of ut was a kind of double-sided material, foil-like on one side and rubber-like on the other. Both sides were grayish in color, the foil more silvery than the rubber. Sticks, like kite sticks, were attached to some of the pieces with a whitish tape. The tape was about two or three inches wide and had flower-like designs on it. The "flowers" were faint, a variety of pastel colors, and reminded me of Japanese paintings in which the flowers are not all connected."

Pretty consistant with what she told Moore years earlier (see below).

>But in the 1980 book The Roswell Incident by Berlitz and Moore, the following exchange is given:

>Q: "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?"

>Schreiber: "No, it was definitely not a balloon. We had seen weather balloons quite a lot -- both on the ground and in the air. We had even found a couple of Japanese-style balloons that had come down in the area once. We had also picked up a couple of those thin rubber weather balloons with instrument packages. This was nothing like that. I have never seen anything resembling this sort of thing before -- or since."

>So, according to her, the Roswell debris looked like a balloon and it did not look like a balloon.

Missing from your quotes are where she described the foil-like material to Moore. In both cases, Bessie is describing material that was not consistant with other weather balloons she or Mac had found.

...a sort of aluminum foil. Some of [these] pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them....[but] even though the stuff looked like tape, it could not be peeled off or removed at all. Some of these pieces had something like numbers and lettering on them,

but there were no words we were able to make out. The figures were written out like you would write numbers in columns....but they didn't look like the numbers we use at all....a piece of something made out of the same metal-like foil that looked like a pipe sleeve.. ..about for inches across and equally long, with a flange on one end.

>Another interesting exchange with Berlitz and Moore:

>Q: "What happened when your father took some of this stuff into town to show the authorities?"

>Schreiber: "We were with him in Roswell but we didn't go with him to see these people."

>So she not only claims to have been at the ranch, but that she and other family members (she says "we were with him," not "I was with him") accompanied Mac Brazel to Roswell when he brought in the debris. Every other account but Bessie's has Brazel going to Roswell alone.

>From her affidavit:

"I think we all went into town with him, but I am not certain about this, as he made two or three trips to Roswell about that time, and we did not go on all of them."

<snip>

>Given the sharply divergent views of Berlitz/Moore and Pflock, it appears that she might be one of those people who tries to please her interrogators by telling them what they want to hear. >I don't see how she can be viewed as a reliable witness by either "pro" or "anti" sides.

If you wish to discard Bessie's evidence due to the inconsistencies, then you must also discard the testimony of Bill Brazel, Jessie Marcel, the Proctors... indeed most of the cast of characters in this Saga for the same reason.

In point of fact, Bessie's testimony over the years has been more consistent than most of the others that you seemingly rely upon.

Why, for instance, did you not bring up the statement Bill Brazel made to Moore- that Bessie was at the ranch? You could have then gleefully pointed to what Bill later told Randle/Schmitt- that Bessie was not at the ranch. On the basis of that inconsistency, you could have used the same logic to discard Bill's testimony altogether.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Sand? Temperature? - Felder

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Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:00:47 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:28:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature? - Felder

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:42:49 EST
>Subject: Sand? Temperature?
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Bobbie Felder has been writing things which I've expressed in
>the past. Things which have gotten me in a bit of a bind, eh? A
>bind with those who would be blind. Sure this is the best List
>led by the best guy this side of the planet. Ain't no one like
>EBK sittin' around trying to make this his life's work and not
>getting rich. Or wealthy. Or even well to do. Probally.

Uh oh. If, in the doing, I have violated a copywrite, let me know
before you sic some Yankee lawyer on my Southern butt :)

Are you suggesting that I'm in a bind now? I don't feel like I'm
in a bind. Nope.... nothing bound up here. I agree with your
assessment of EBK's efforts - the man has far more patience than
I, no doubt about that. And I doubt if anyone would argue that
he has far more tact than I. As I said, this is one of the best
Lists around, that I'm aware of. It is not, however, something
that I feel the need to bow to every morning and say a bunch of
"Hail, EBKs" or something.

If that attitude disturbs anyone or pisses anyone off, my best
suggestion would be that they get over it. In the grand scheme
of things in this universe, I really don't think it matters that
much.

>Dylan wrote, "All I really wanna doo - oooooo ... is baby be
>friends with you." Well, guess what? I don't even want that. In
>factoid, I withdraw my tired arm from the void and use it to
>signal another gesture. I don't want anything from any of you
>except the knowledge that you are doing your level best to get
>to the truth. And, let me do my thing without making it like
>pulling teeth.

Ok, don't tell me... let me guess... does this gesture involve
the use of one finger extended above the others? To say that you
sound extremely frustrated would, I believe, probably be an
understatement.

<snip>

>And how many have even remarked on my little plan to
>organize you?

One gets the distinct impression that organization is not
something that is desired in the rank and file of the 'UFO
community'. If I am wrong on that point, please do correct me.

And just do your thing, dahlin, and don't worry about anyone
else. You know the old saying, "if you want something done
right, you have to do it yourself". Go for it.

Bobbie

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- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 19:29:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:34:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All - Felder

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 11:07:44 -0800

>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 08:22:40 -0600
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Making Sense Of It All
>>>Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 10:44:40 -0800

<snip>

>Mysteries of the universe? That's a tall order but the
>discussion pertaining to ball lightning several years ago was
>very informative.

It's a figure of speech, not necessarily meant to be taken
literally. But you got the gist of it.

>>This List has not solved any of the mysteries of the
>>UFO phenomenon to my knowledge. If I am wrong, please do correct
>>me.

>I see it as much more complicated than 'solved' UFO mysteries.
>As I wrote yesterday, the function of the List is to arrive at a
>synthesis that is achieved through conflict. There can be no
>consensus without the conflict between the thesis and the
>antithesis and this is what happens every day on the List. With
>EBK's assistance, this controlled conflict may eventually result
>in synthesis.

There has definitely been some conflict, that's for sure! :) I
don't think anyone has questioned EBK's moderating abilities, or
belittled his efforts in producing this List. If such was done,
I must have missed the post somewhere because I don't recall
reading anything along that line.

<snip>

>I doubt any answer I furnish will be "above refute" for now. But
>after several more years of discussing our evidence on the list,
>I believe many folks will become convinced that our arguments
>have merit.

I would hazard to guess that there are a multitude of people now
who would agree that the arguments have some degree of merit.
Arguments having merit and resolution of unanswered questions
are two different things, however.

>>There are UFO forums like this one all over the internet, my
>>friend. The fact that this one sports the "name personalities"
>>in the UFO field does set it apart, to a degree, from others.

>There are many intangibles that separate this List from others

>and make it, in my experience, unique.

I'm not arguing that point. As I said, I find this List to be the best when it comes to UFOs and related topics. But that's just my opinion.

<snip>

>>Well... there are those who would argue that there is no alien
>>threat to misunderstand. That's the point, Ed. :)

>Yes that's certainly a problem

So any ideas on how to solve the problem? :)

Bobbie

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Arthur C. Clarke Right - Life On Mars?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:25:05 -0600 (Central Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 20:36:18 -0500
Subject: Arthur C. Clarke Right - Life On Mars?

Hi everyone!

Carl Sagan expected it, Arthur C. Clarke saw evidence for it, UFO UpDates subscribers pronounced it to all and now planetary scientists are coming to the same conclusion that, although those dark spots may not actually be bushes on Mars, they could very well be living organisms on the surface - a surface moist with liquid water too!

Half a dozen years after U.S. President Clinton presented to the world NASA's compelling evidence that life once existed on Mars, I now hope to hear U.S. President Bush announce that life exists on Mars now. If Bush would also say that he thinks bin Laden may be hiding in some caves there and diverts just some of the many trillions of dollars earmarked for war for manned space flights to Mars, he can count on my full support! ;o)

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0203/14marsspots/>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 22:37:36 -500
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:31:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:38:46 EST
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:23:41 -500
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 12:23:49 EST
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>... according to Haut, as quoted by David Rudiak: "I spoke
>>to Haut myself. All press releases, except extremely trivial
>>ones, were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by
>>Blanchard and/or by his adjutant." (UFO Updates, Feb 9, 2002)

>Which I thought I just said...

Nope - it is exactly the opposite of what you stated.

Most military organizations make a delegation of authority memo which lists what type of press releases that subordinates can release on their own authority. What Haut told David is that not all press releases at the RAAFB were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by Blanchard and/or by his adjutant. Which is the normal mode of operation for any command.

"except extremely trivial ones..." Which shows that a delegation of authority memo was in place. And, according to Haut, this wasn't a big production at the time. Which means it was trivial and normal and could easily have been released over the authority of Marcel. So, according to Haut, there was a memorandum of delegation of authority in place at RAAFB.

And the RDR article clearly showed that this was the case. "According to information released by the department, over authority of Maj. J. A. Marcel..." So even Haut admits that not all press releases were seen or authorized by Blanchard, and the RDR, to which Haut took the press release personally, stated that it was released over the authority of Marcel.

All of which goes to show that your claim that only Blanchard could have authorized the press release is incorrect.

><snip>

>>"Phantom" reporters? At a newspaper office? If the RDR did not
>>have real reporters, then where did they get any news to print?

>The phantom reporters who would have quizzed Haut about the
>press release which was your invention earlier. I suggested
>that Haut dropped it off and the newspaper printed it from the
>press release, without a lot of questions from any reporters
>anywhere, something that is not completely out of line.

In the course of Haut's duties at the RAAFB, I am sure that he had dropped off many releases of mundane news, and these were accepted by reporters as is. But the Flying Disks were the hot news items of the day, and you think that they would have ignored questioning Haut when he made the claim that the RAAF had come into possession of one?

That the reporters would be interested in gathering what additional information they could is demonstrated by the inclusion of the Wilmot's story, which according to the article, was told to the reporters only moments before Haut came in.

And it wasn't just the RDR: remember, the phones were ringing off the hook from reporters everywhere, including IIRC, England and Germany. So you are trying to say that reporters from all over the world would eagerly and immediately jump on this story, but not the local press?

I think not.

>>>And, as for the story that Brazel was out to collect the >>>\$3000 reward, I have found no evidence that he could have >>>learned about it until AFTER the press release.

<snip>

>>Loretta Proctor, talking about what she and husband Floyd >>told Mac Brazel before he went into Roswell: "We told him >>that if he thought he had something - you know, we'd heard >>that there was a reward for a UFO, he might take and report it >>down there(Roswell). I guess he did." (UFO Crash at Roswell; >>Randle/Schmitt; Page 148)

>Yes, yes, I know, but I now believe, based on the search of >the New Mexico newspapers that Loretta was wrong on this >point... though there might have been talk about the rewards in >the weeks to follow, after they were reported.

So now you are impeaching your own witness? Yet, you accept her story that Bessie wasn't at the ranch, when the only decent evidence is that Bessie was at the ranch.

<snip>

>Who wasn't on the ranch at the time, regardless of what you >>want to believe...

So we end up here with a "he said - but she said" problem. It would seem that there are three points to consider here: 1) It is far more convenient to your version of The Saga to claim Bessie was not there. Then you do not have to deal with the discrepancies her testimony presents. 2) It is very convenient to ignore the only hard contemporary evidence we have; the July 9 RDR interview that clearly places her on the ranch. 3) It is convenient to ignore that Bill Brazel told Bill Moore that Bessie was at the ranch

>>>Brazel's motivation on going into Roswell was to get someone >>>to clean up all the debris.

>>Not according to the Proctors.

>Well, according to what she told me, that was part of it.

She said that Brazel was going to turn it in for the rewards. Oh wait- you impeached Loretta on that issue.

>>Not according to all the wire service reports. Not according >>to Haut's news release. And, most certainly not according to >>the interview published in the RDR on July 9.

>The fact that this wasn't reported doesn't make it any less >>true, especially when those who were there said as much.

So you are claiming what Sheriff Wilcox said Mac told him- that he might have found a "Flying Disk"- is wrong?

<snip>

>>>Take poor, maligned Jesse Marcel, Sr. First, his entire

>>>military record is now in the hands of UFO researchers,
>>>though how this happened has not been explained.

>>Au Contraire, it has been clearly explained.

<snip>

>>Alas, it isn't a violation at all. In fact, the right to
>>privacy dies with an individual, despite the Government's
>>trying to use the exact same argument. They even admitted
>>this, after first denying the request, that Marcel's records
>>didn't have protection under the Privacy Act. Yet they still
>>denied the request, which is improper of the gov't. The
>>Privacy Act doesn't cover dead people. If it did, no historian
>could ever use those >files.

>According to a letter from NPRC dated July 19, 2001, "If
>additional information is needed, the Privacy Act of 1974
>requires the written permission (signature) of the individual
>to whom the record pertains. If the individual is deceased we
>must have the written consent of the next of kin. The next of
>kin is defined as: unremarried widow or widower, son, daughter,
>father, mother, brother or sister."

The following is from a letter from the NPRC dated July 10, 1995
in regards to the FOIA request for Marcel's records:

"Although the Privacy Act does not apply to the records of
deceased individuals, Department of Defense instructions
indicate that we must have the written consent of the next of
kin if the individual is deceased. Since your request was made
under the FOIA, we provided those items of information that can
be released to the general public without an unwarranted
invasion of the privacy of the veteran, or his next of kin."

[...]

"There is a question as to the releasability of a complete copy
of Mr. Marcel 's record without the permission of his next of
kin. The FOIA requires that in such cases the request be
directed to the proper official of the agency having legal
custody of military personnel and medical records. Legal
custody, as well as control of access, is retained by the branch
of service which originated the records."

When the FOIA request was amended to exclude the medical
records, all problems were resolved and the request was granted.
But it is clear that the DoD regulations are not in accordance
to the Privacy Act.

The Justice Dept makes it abundantly clear in its guides that
you can attain the records of someone who is no longer alive:

"[=85], files relating to another person regarding a matter that
would invade that person's privacy ordinarily will not be
disclosed. For example, if you seek information that would show
that someone else (including even your spouse or another member
of your immediate family) has ever been the subject of a
criminal investigation--or even was mentioned in a criminal file-

- you will be requested to provide either: (1) a statement by
that other person authorizing the release of the information to
you which has been signed by that person and either was
witnessed by a notary or includes a declaration made under
penalty of perjury (using the language quoted in the preceding
paragraph), or (2) evidence that the subject of your request is
deceased, such as a death certificate, a newspaper obituary, or
some comparable proof of death. Without proof of death or the
subject's consent, in almost all cases components of the Justice

Department will respond to a request made for information
concerning another person's role in a law enforcement matter by
advising that it will "neither confirm nor deny" the existence
of responsive records."

So you can even get records that mention that someone was the
subject of a criminal investigation or even was mentioned in a
criminal file if the person is dead. Clearly, the dead have no
right to privacy.

The Privacy Act of 1974 does not require signatures for the

release of information concerning deceased individuals through a FOIA request. The DoD, and the Air Force, have regulations that contravene the Privacy Act, but when push comes to shove, the rule of law should prevail.

<snip>

>>Actually, Marcel claimed he had been a pilot since 1928, with
>>over 3000 hours. If this is so, it is extremely curious why
>>Marcel did not mention this when he entered the Army Air Force.

>Actually, if I might be allowed a point of speculation... it
>could be that Marcel, who was entering the service to be an
>intelligence officer, and who had experience as a map maker
>with aerial photographic experience, had an assignment in hand.
>To suggest that he had experience as a pilot might have
>precluded his intelligence assignment so he was advised not to
>record it

Even as pure speculation, this does not hold much water. Marcel was entering the Army Air Force, and lack of a pilot rating could severely hamper his rise in the service. In point of fact, Gen Ramey noted this on one of his evaluations of Marcel.

Jessie indicated that he was not planning to leave the Air Force, until his mother's illness forced him to resign his commission. So why would he hide pilot skills from the organization that so highly prized them?

<snip>

>>If you want us to give Marcel the benefit of the doubt, what
>>about Cavitt? Should he not be given the same courtesy? Same
>>for Bessie? None of her testimony has been proven to be a lie.

>Cavitt is irrelevant, if we go by his first statements made to
>me because he said he wasn't even in Roswell the first week of
>July, 1947. Well, maybe assigned to the base, but he never went
>out in the field with Jess Marcel. Well, he went out there, but
>all he saw was a balloon and he didn't mention that to Marcel.
>Oh, yes, he told me that he had never participated in the
>recovery of a balloon. Once went out to investigate a flying
>saucer that was a tortilla thrown over a fence, but not a
>balloon.

Sheriden Cavitt was a Counter-Intelligence man - a person who spent a lifetime keeping secrets. Others have described him as a curmudgeon. He also stated right up front that he thought this whole Roswell flying saucer stuff was ridiculous. And like many of the other witnesses, he hadn't given the "Flying Disk" incident a single thought since 1947. So why are we surprised when he was initially evasive.

Regardless. Cavitt can be positively placed at the scene, and his observations cannot be thrown out just because they do not agree with Bill. Finally, on the subject of corroboration, his descriptions are supported by Mack Brazel and Bessie.

>Bessie Brazel was given that courtesy, but what she said is so
>out of line with what everyone else said we have to believe
>that they are all wrong and that only she is right...

Nope! Mac and Cavitt both corroborate what she described.

<snip>

>But, what I see here is the same arguments being made time and
>again. Some of them have merit (such as the lack of a college
>degree) but again, Marcel's record isn't as bad as the
>debunkers make out, and some of the problems could be the
>result of the sometimes confusing transcript of the Pratt
>interview, the omissions from Marcel's service record, and the
>mistakes made moving documentation from one arena to another.
>It would be nice to have Jess Marcel around so that we could
>ask him a couple of questions. The answers might just be
>available so that we don't have to assassinate his character in
>an attempt to prove that the Roswell case is all about mistaken
>identity.

Well, here is another curious point to consider. Pratt's article was published while Marcel was alive, but Jessie made no effort

to correct any problems he might have had with it. He was in contact with several researchers after the article, yet we have heard no comments from them that he made any attempt to correct any misrepresentations. Worse, Pratt was not the only one he told these stories to.

>Yes, we're stuck with fifty year old memories, but the age
>doesn't automatically disqualify them, especially when we can
>corroborate them with additional work. We must be aware of the
>problems and work to verify the data. What we see is
>embellishment and debate tactics on both sides of the issue and
>we need to strip all that away so that we can move forward.
>Then, maybe, we can understand Roswell.

And yet, when the results of countless FOIA requests are reviewed, there is not a single shred of support for all these 50 year old memories. Worse, these documents all refute the claims of spaceships and alien bodies, and the tale of the Roswell saucer. All evidence contemporary to 1947 refutes these 50 year old memories. That leaves only other 50 year old memories to "verify" the original 50 year old stories- assuming you find a way to ignore those memories that do not agree with the story you want to tell.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Giant Blue Jet Caught On Video

From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:30:37 -0000

Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:35:12 -0500

Subject: Giant Blue Jet Caught On Video

"Video images captured in Puerto Rico suggest that blue flashes of light, much like lightning, feed energy from thunderstorms up into the Earth's ionosphere - a blanket of electrically charged air some 70 kilometres above the ground"

Full story at:

<http://www.nature.com/nsu/020311/020311-6.html>

Joe

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From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 23:39:49 -500
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:37:29 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 04:21:04 -0000

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 12:36:01 -500
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 13:56:13 -0500
>>Subject: The Roswell News Release

James, List and Readers;

>>Although most people assume that the base commander, Col.
>>Blanchard, authorized the release, there is really no conclusive
>>proof that he did, or that he had any advanced knowledge of the
>>content.

>Bruce,

>Evidently, that's not so.

>If time allowed, I intended to highlight some case material
>which perhaps answers the significant questions you raised about
>this entire founding aspect.

>Blanchard not only knew about the press release, he ordered Haut
>to distribute it.

>Who says so?

>Haut himself.

>Or at least he did once upon a time...

>It's a claim made by Haut in what was presumably one of the
>earliest Roswell documentaries - the 'Unsolved Mysteries'
>feature, apparently first broadcast during September, 1989.

>I have a copy of this on tape [it was also shown in the UK some
>time afterwards and I subsequently acquired a videotaped copy].

>In a resulting interview, Haut confirms:

>"I took the releases into town and that was one of the things
>Colonel Blanchard told me to do, take it into town, because if
>there's any validity to this, he didn't want the news media to
>feel that we had jumped over their head and were not co-
>operating".

>Indeed, I recognised the importance of this, perhaps long-
>forgotten, acknowledgement and mentioned it on UFO UpDates
>during 1998, adding:

>"Which, at least according to Haut, confirms Blanchard didn't
>know if there was any substance to the claim and it was merely
>speculation that one of the 'flying discs', which were of course
>front page news following Kenneth Arnold's sighting, had been
>'recovered' nearby.

That indeed was a very interesting comment by Haut. I have been maintaining here that Marcel alone had authorized the release due to all the speculation in the press, and that he thought that the recovered debris could be the "Flying Disk" people were reporting. But what you are saying is that according to Haut, essentially the same thought occurred to Blanchard.

So do you think it would it have been possible, given Haut's comments above, that Blanchard told Haut to get the story from Marcel, and then get it over to the Roswell news people? That, at least in my mind, might address the phrase that was used in the RDR report:

"... over the authority of J. A. Marcel, Intelligence Officer.

The above comments by Haut reinforce Haut's later remark that the news release was "not a big production".

>I wonder if Haut could be asked to comment on this point again".
>[End OF EXTRACT]

Do you, by any chance, have a transcript of Haut's interview on this show?

<snip>

>>Surely he, of all people, would have appreciated the immense
>>military implications of such a craft and the presence of its
>>extraterrestrial crew. He had already seen with his own eyes the
>>otherworldly aspects of the debris, to say nothing of the alien
>>beings that piloted this disk. Why needlessly invite such
>>worldwide attention and then clamp on the highest security
>>this nation has ever (not?) seen?

>What "otherworldly aspects of the debris", were perceived by
>Blanchard at that time, or "alien beings"?

>>Surely Blanchard, and Ramey, would have known that the world's
>>press would tackle a "Flying Disk" recovery story in full force
>>immediately. Why invite all these snooping reporters to the
>>'Story of the Century', and all the security risks that a public
>>disclosure might entail? Their overriding concern was to cover-
>>up even the merest whisper of aliens.

>There was no "overriding concern" to, "to cover-up even the
>merest whisper of aliens" - this was only days after Arnold's
>report of apparently new 'jet aircraft'.

Well, that is exactly the point. I was trying above to present the case from the viewpoint of those that maintain that a real extraterrestrial spaceship and its crew had been recovered. My contention was that if Blanchard really did have a spaceship, then he had a major security problem. Advertising in the world's press would have been a very foolish thing to do.

>>The scenario of issuing the Flying Disk story, then debunking it
>>the following day as part of The Cover-up Plan, again makes no
>>sense whatsoever.

>Yet, that's exactly what happened and it must therefore
>inevitably make sense, somehow.

It makes a great deal of sense if Marcel recovered a NYU/Mogul radar reflector.

>Anyway, thanks for raising an interesting, central, 'Roswell'
>question!

And thank you for your insights,

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

Bruce wrote:

>I have now placed on my web site my complete discussion and
>analysis of the Kenneth Arnold Case:
>
><http://brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD/KARNOLD.html>

Bruce,

In his ensuing, first public interview, for local KWRC radio station, Arnold explained:

"I had made one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier and down one of the canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might prove to be the Marine ship, uh, and as I come out of the canyon there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet and I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving and going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they were geese because it flew like geese...".

How do you equate this with Arnold's subsequent, evidentially increasingly elaborate, story of how he was first alerted to the objects by a reflection from their surface?

Specifically, the disparity how Arnold originally explained, before his report had so comically been popularised as 'flying saucers', that, "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

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Re: Sand? Temperature? - Shanahan

From: Tom Shanahan <shanahan00@cox.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 23:12:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:42:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature? - Shanahan

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:42:49 EST
>Subject: Sand? Temperature?
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Now allow me to ask a question. How the hell may you learn if
>you don't stick your bloody necks out and ask us, those of us
>who are on this List, the questions you need answers to?

<snip>

Jim,

I am not glib of tongue or quick of wit these days so have been putting this together for awhile. In following Making Sense of It All and now your comments, I would venture that there will never be sufficient evidence or interest until a craft and crew is brought down through accident or intention (theirs or ours) into a crowded, urban area with lots of people, cameras, and media immediately present to record and widely disseminate. This would have to be an event of some magnitude least it rapidly become yesterday's news, then faded memory, then arguable myth. Most are so caught up in the daily ritual of mere survival that they have little or no time for such as this. It becomes a passing oh, gosh, look at that on the TV and then it's time to go to bed and sleep and get up and do it all over again. Much easier to carry around our inherited belief systems and very hard to penetrate those beliefs.

Which in a roundabout way brings me to my point, which is hard evidence.

How do we go about bringing them down and getting a rope around them? Aside from their incredible arrogance, what are their vulnerabilities? Least the gentle reader think me harsh and uncivilized, I would add that we do not kidnap them, steal and vivisect their farm animals, carry off their women folk, break into their homes or generally terrorize a good many of their population. Our ranchers show great restraint in the face of significant monetary losses by not opening fire on anything that flies over their herds. I would posit that we are up against high tech terrorists who seem to need us and we sure do not need them and we show a far higher degree of civilized behavior than do they. So, I wonder again, what are their possible vulnerabilities and how do we exploit those vulnerabilities to bring them to ground and discuss the situation like the civilized folks we are?

Thus my query. Has anyone ever succeeded in getting close enough to put a dent in one of these craft or the folks who float around in them? Does anyone have any ideas about how we can put a big enough dent in one of them to require an immediate maintenance stop. If reports of old are to be believed, they either do not have the resources or they do not care enough to pick up their stranded, wounded or dead so I doubt that confrontation would result. For the little critters that do the actual snatch and grab operations, I am sure a wide variety of things have been tried to stop them such as motion detectors, cameras, helpers, bug spray, automatic weapons and the like. Has anything seemed to work?

While my query may seem silly in the extreme, it is quite serious. We have been living under their rules for a long, long time. I think it time to stop standing in awe and waiting for a photo op. I think it time to lay in wait and nail them.

No more turning away from the pale and downtrodden - Pink Floyd

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Re: ompeting New NICAP Site? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:41:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:46:12 -0500
Subject: Re: ompeting New NICAP Site? - Hatch

>From: Adam Lowe <nicap@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Competing New NICAP Site?
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 14:17:23 -0000

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@LARRYHATCH.NET>
>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 05:34:08 -0800
>>Subject: Competing New NICAP Site?

>>Browsing around the Internet, I tripped upon this curious
>>web-page:

>><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/4780/EVIDENCE.html>

<snip>

>Thanks for pointing out the site to me. It looks as if he copied
>our page but kept the majority of the original links.

>Most of the links went to where the original NICAP site was
>before I took over hosting it here in the UK, so they haven't
>worked for over two years. He also appears to have copied a
>couple of other pages and hosted them on his own site.

>We'll have to look into getting them removed because it's our
>work that he using without permission.

Hello Adam:

You may want to contact Francis Ridge who I also notified
offlist. Francis Ridge <slk@evansville.net>

I supplied Francis with 2 email addresses and the name (Perry
van der Brink) apparently in Holland.

The address: <UASF@gmx.net>is found on one page. The name Perry
van der Brink and email address: <AlienResearch@Earthcorp.com>
was found on another disappearing page.

I have written to both addresses, but got not response yet. One
page shows "last updated 1998" or so.

If anyone succeeds in getting thru, please advise me. All this
started because I was trying to fix some dead links. I will
likewise keep interested parties posted, offlist if thats
preferable.

Meanwhile, does anybody know how to reach Perry van der Brink?

"www.Earthcorp.com" is a bogus domain, one of many you can
choose from the www.netforward.com forwarding service, to hide
behind.

Try clicking on <http://www.Earthcorp.com> .. you are immediately
redirected to www.networward.com ...where you can choose from a
long list of bogus domains, even www.ThePentagon.com!

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<http://www.UASR.com> gets redirected to some dating service called guest.friendfinder.com.

<http://www.UASR.net> ..led nowhere. 404 error or something similar.

Perry has even posted on this list in the past:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/nov/m28-011.shtml>
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/nov/m26-018.shtml>

Van der Brink / UASR apparently had some sort of falling out with Peter Gersten / CAUS:

<http://www.caus.org/updates/cull12498.shtml>

...but again, these pages date back to late in 1998.

Any help appreciated.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.19.02

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 07:32:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:48:37 -0500
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.19.02

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<http://www.geocities.com/erasproject>

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WEEKLY BRIEFING
3.19.02

X-Ray 'Beacon' Discovered on Jupiter
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/07mar_jupiterpuzzle.htm

Mysterious Dark Spot Seen Near Jupiter's Pole
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_spot_020313.html

Spacecrafts Shed Light on Jupiter
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_hotspot_020311.html
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Martian Spots Warrant a Closer Look
<http://sci.esa.int/content/news/index.cfm?aid=3D1&cid=3D1&oid=3D29618>

Mars Odyssey: A Stellar Performance
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_lunarcon_020312.html

Geologist Recreates 'Life On Mars' Evidence in Laboratory
<http://www.udayton.edu/news/nr/030502.html>

Mars Rover Landing Site Sweet Spots Not So Sweet
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_landing_sites_020315.html

Once Upon a Water Planet
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/12mar_waterplanet.htm

Long-time Mission Manager Dreams of Humans Exploring Mars Someday
<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/spotlight/charleyKohlhase.html>

Planetary Society's Student Nanoexperiments Will Help Future Astronauts on Mars
<http://www.planetary.org/html/society/press/2002/nanoexperiments.htm>

NASA's New Asteroid Sentry Stands Watch
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/asteroid_sentry_020314.html
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Space Adventures Unveils the Cosmopolis XXI, First Spacecraft Aimed at Tourism Trade
http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/cosmopolis_debut_020314.html

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 03:56:40 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:52:16 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Mortellaro

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 16:08:14 -0800

>>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 00:54:48 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List

>>>From: Bill Weber <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800

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>>>I'm now surrounded by literature written by extremely bright
>>>people addressing extremely difficult issues, and sometimes
>>>can't believe a forum exists where those very same people freely
>>>exchange ideas. Try this in most educational settings, where the
>>>players work almost in a vacuum, responses governed by economics
>>>and politics. I don't always like the message or the messenger,
>>>but this List is a gem. (Research methods, for instance, are
>>>always problematic.) Frustration over "lack of answers" should
>>>be directed at the phenomenon and the people studying it. A
>>>forum like this is not an easy thing to put together...nor is
>>>it easy to keep together.

>>I am chiming in at this point however, to say that I'm finally
>>receiving UFO UpDates posts again.

>>There is still some trouble, for now UpDates posts are getting
>>thru to a special email address I don't usually use. Please
>>continue to send private emails to larry@larryhatch.net since
>>the problem only seemed to involve posts from the List address.

><snip>

>>Maybe the reason this list differs, is that EBK does not take
>>any public stand other than that of a moderator. UFO Updates
>>needs no defense; its simple lack of 'agenda' stands on its own.

>>How very different from a pulpit; refreshing really.

>Hello all,

>I whole-heartedly agree with the above, this is a remarkable
>List. My wife participated in a Gardening/rose site that was
>ruthlessly managed. Any mentioning of a capitalistic
>endeavor-such as merely mentioning a product, or nursery,
>particularly if you were the owner of said nursery, you were
>'cyber-spaced' with no questions or trial. No mercy, no second
>chance.

>Snip

>I appreciate just being allowed on the List - a mere

>experiencer, who has questions and is allowed to voice my
>opinion. This amongst some of the Best minds this field has to
>offer. Keep it up EBK!

GT, Gentlemen, Ladies and Errol,

No one in his or her right mind can deny the fact that Errol and this List is composed largely of hard-working people, dedicated to finding an answer to a most complex phenomenon. But the function of UFO UpDates, in my personal view, is not to predicate one's opinions and endlessly debate what turns out to be a dead end.

The idea is, in this lister's mind, not to debate as much as to do the research and find answers. My take is that there are way too many differing opinions and way too little 'discussion.'

Endlessly debating that which has been torn apart so many times with no results other than frayed feelings one for the other, is counter productive. My approach is likely too idealistic, but when I was introduced to UpDates some years back, and saw the names of those who contribute, I saw more arguing, ranting and insults than progress at finding answers.

There have been many posts which I and others have written which offer suggestions, improvements, programs and designs for a better approach, more cooperation, more interfacing with each other as professed researchers of this conundrum. Yet, as Bobbie Felder wrote, in words or substance, nothing is revealed.

OK fine. No problem. At least we talk. Some of us can do that without whining and ranting. But the best of you out there have not provided one thought, one good suggestion, one protocol and implemented it, which would bring us closer together in cooperation. Closeness, sharing data, developing systems by which all the power of each of you together CAN solve some of the issues we debate every day.

But nothing has happened. I righteously ask "why?"

Since when has a Hopkins, Mack, Jacobs et al, come on this List and debated their own views. When that has happened, the end result is nadda, zero. Except frayed egos and angst.

That, dear readers, is your fault, not the List as such or Errol's.

As much as I admire and respect EBK and his tireless efforts, I admonish the research community for acting like babies at times. No wonder one or more of my own satirical voices come out and Brobdignag some of you. It is terribly frustrating for a perceived abductee to sit here and read the drech which produces nothing but swamp gas, pelicans and creates the need for me to have to take Prilosec.

GT, you wrote, "This amongst some of the Best minds this field has to offer. Keep it up EBK! And I agree. But I must add, For Pete sake, the rest of you... do something. Accomplish something. This is what I, as an abductee, look for here. Sometimes it happens and when it does I don't have to take my Prilosec anymore. But it's short lived. And too little. But it is not too late.

God bless us, everyone, with the ability to pool and organize ourselves into a better, results producing organization. I refer of course, to the research community.

Errol provides you with the venue. Now use it. How long must we speak about Roswell and the tired over and over again discussions which reveal nothing but, "It is!" "No it isn't" "Yes it is."

Ad nauseum.

With great respect for each of you, I urge you to do that which you are capable of doing. The best is stuck inside of Mobile, with the Memphis blues again.

Jim

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My OZ Files Web Site

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:24:35 +1100
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 09:10:33 -0500
Subject: My OZ Files Web Site

My own web site - the OZ Files at: <http://www.theozfiles.com/> is up and running at its own domain address. It is still being extensively rennovated, so its contents will be undergoing a lot of modification over coming weeks. A lot of images etc will also be added.

The site is devoted to documenting Australia's UFO controversy and involvement, with a strong focus on UFO history and physical evidence reports.

I'm sure there is enough to interest most UFO students & researchers.

Some of the key material includes:

Detailed summary of the PCR DNA investigation of the hair sample in Peter Khoury's 1992 experience. The full "Strange Evidence" paper in html & PDF formats. A report on Nobel Prize winner Kary Mullis' "abduction milieu" which was in part based on an interview I did with Kary Mullis. "A UFO vision" from 1868 over Parramatta. The Fernvale UFO prophecy of 1927. Extensive historical data of pre-1947 Australian UFO events. Australian ufology article. Accounts of Australian UFO crash retrieval claims. Australian aboriginal culture and possible UFO connections. My "UFOs Sub Rosa" report - a detailed document on the Australian military and government role in the UFO controversy. Reports on "solid light" UFO phenomena. A detailed report on the famous 1966 Tully UFO "nest" milieu.

Happy reading. I welcome constructive feedback.

Best wishes,
Bill Chalker

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 21:45:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 09:16:22 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Ledger

>From: Bill Weber <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:59:54 -0800

Hear hear, Bill,

Well said. I've found UFO UpDates an enlightening experience for myself. And I disagree with some others who think that this doesn't solve anything. I've learned by the experience of being involved with this List for some five ?!! years now. This List has served to separate the wheat from the chaff, the absurd from the the truly enigmatic, and the debunkers from the concerned. I think there is good work done here that would have been missed without UFO UpDates. Certainly the number of reports and access to same has been a valubale asset to myself and I'm sure many others. Access to some very learned people in this field, and their willingness to help, to exchange ideas and set one on the right course has for me been one of its greatest achievements.

Without Errol's foresight and hard work, none of those advantages I've mentioned would have come to pass-and I think the field of ufology would have been the poorer for it.

Thanks Errol,

Rock on,

Don

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 11:08:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:16:43 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Ledger

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

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>canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might
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>there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles
>from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet and I noticed to
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>across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they were
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>birds?

Boy, talk about grasping at straws. What do you think he meant
by it James? Note he said "thought" not "believe"-you supplied
the "believe". The operative words there were "at first". It's a
common enough expression over here. Put it in this context. At
first I though James Easton was a UFO researcher then.....

Arnold quickly drops the birds thought when it doesn't fit.

As for not getting answers to questions, you're a fine one to be
floating that idea. When you hang your ass over the line like
you did on this one James and then defend it to the hilt-then I

can see where you wouldn't want to give it up because your credibility and standing in your debunker's world reflects on the other cases you've debunked-even the ones on which you might have been right. But you have been caught out in a couple-Arnold's sighting and the famous Vulcan bomber explanation-which in neither case would "you" respond to questions. And I'll be ignored on this one as well.

If nothing else James, you've given us a new word in the UFO lexicon-pelicanist - which, to me, is synonymous with the word that comes after mulct in the Concise Oxford Dictionary.

Don Ledger

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HBCCUFO 03-18-02 Report

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 07:07:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:19:56 -0500
Subject: HBCCUFO 03-18-02 Report

Hi List,

Here is the last report I received which was yesterday. Still have some good cases which I have not reported on and will do so at the end of the month - or early next month. I have to meet with these folks to do an interview.

Take care

Brian
Houston British Columbia Canada UFO

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: Wednesday - (either February 27 or March 6, 2002 Time: approx: 8:00 p.m.

In a telephone interview the witness said he didn't give much thought to what he saw until he seen the write up in the newspaper about people seeing unexplained lights in the sky. The gentleman reported seeing a very bright light moving from west to east from his hot tube in Terrace, B.C. While observing the light he thought to himself this is a different looking. He reported it was moving fast, but not like a falling star and faster than a aircraft but not streaking across the sky.

I asked if it looked like a satellite, meaning a small point of white light. He said it was like looking at one of the brightest stars, both in size and intensity. He also mentioned as it moved closer to the east there was a mist, light cloud cover and this is where he lost track of it. I asked what colors if any were associated to this light, he said it was the color of a star but maybe a bit on the yellow side.

He again told me it moved faster than a aircraft, but slower than a meteor and he had not seen anything like this before.

(Investigators note: The reason why I have such a spread in the date the sighting took place is due to the witness not remembering the exact date, but he said this would have taken place on either February 27 or March 6, 2002 as he knew it was one of the Wednesdays.

My many thanks to this witness for making a report.

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:08:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:33:56 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Warren

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James,

I believe you are mixing information from Arnold's "two sightings." In his first sighting he says, "a tremendously bright light lit up the surfaces of my aircraft." In his second sighting he later said, "as I looked up from my instrument panel I saw a cluster of about 20 to 25 brass colored objects that looked like ducks." [page 10 and 26-TCOTS]

Regards ,

Frank

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 07:53:56 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:17:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 15:18:23 +0000

<snip>

>Again, this confirms the lights were triangulated just behind
>the Estrella Mountains, in a private area that the military uses
>from time to time for Flare drops. This is not quite in the
>Barry Goldwater Military range.

>See the following video clips. The first one is for 56k users
>the other for DSL users. They show 4 videos split screened in
>realtime. It explains a lot about the sighting - just watch.

><http://www.ufovideo.com/mpg/gmarch1356k.rm>
><http://www.ufovideo.com/mpg/gmarch13200.rm>

>After spending quite sometime on this case I can state the
>following: All of the 10 pm videos are shot at the same time.
>There is nothing in the videos that represents a UFO. There are
>no drastic movements, they don't rise up in the air. They are
>typical of flares shot elsewhere in my testing. Its more likely
>that these are flares than UFOs, based solely on the video
>evidence.

>My opinion of these 10 pm videos is nothing new. I stated it on
>Rense and Strieber's radio shows last year. Did a TV interview
>about it 2 years ago and its been posted on my website since
>1998 or 1999. Can't remember, sorry.

Tom did a great job on analyzing these videos and I did further pixel analysis including all the lights in Mike Krysten's video and Tom's. The bottom lights showed up below the crest of the mountain. We each seem to obtain a different result. Tom places the lights just behind the Estrellas and Bruce places them close to 80 miles away.

Tom did not look through the telescope as I have or Mike Krysten has. We each saw these were not characteristic of flares and they did not have motion just as Tom says. If these were flares at 80 miles distance, then from the angular size as seen in the scope of these perfectly round flares, they would have to be enormous, more than a thousand feet in diameter. I will have to redo my calculations.

Because others sighted identically described objects moving horizontally and these factors, I have dismissed the flare hypothesis as not fitting the facts. However, because I cannot prove they were not flares, then it becomes a matter of belief. I feel we are then missing an important association between the triangles and the orbs.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:13:47 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:21:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:26:17 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>As Bill knows (I think), I used photos he supplied of the site
>of the sighting to determine that the direction he was looking
>was in the direction of the crossing point (area) of the
>sighting lines from the other 3 video witnesses. This area of
>crossing of sighting lines was far south southwest of Phoenix.
>My response to Bill is at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights5.html>

<snip>

Here is the link to my original analysis (not updated) in
response to Bruce Maccabee's original analysis:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~skywatcher22/plvideo.htm>

In further response to Bruce's post I have this to say: I have
observed aircraft lights in the desert where I live at a
distance of 50 to 70 miles and the white lights never appeared
golden as they did with these lights. Characteristic of the
LU-U2 flare according to the manufacturer who I have called, it
has extreme brightness and illumination and would cause the
flare to be surrounded by a large glow and the mystery lights
had no glow. Bruce also ignored my testimony regarding
telescopic observation as eyewitnesses could be mistaken, yet he
accepts other eyewitness testimony when doing photo analysis.
These discrepancies still remain too great for me to accept the
flare explanation.

When an actual flare drop was announced for the Barry Goldwater
range (I believe in March 2000), some of the original witnesses
went out to look and were prepared to video tape the flares.
However, two of them told me that the light from these verified
flares was so different from their March 13th sighting and
obviously seen as flares that they did not even tape them.

-Bill Hamilton

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Spots On Mars Related To Seep Stains?

From: **Efrain Palermo** <efrainpalermo@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:19:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:23:16 -0500
Subject: Spots On Mars Related To Seep Stains?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hello,

I have been following the interest in the dark spots on the poles of Mars for some time now. I have been doing a study of the dark stains of Mars, on which I did a paper and presented it to the Mars Society Convention at Stanford this past summer.

They may possibly be a link between the dark spots on the poles and the dark stain currently under my research. See web site at:

[http://home.attbi.com/~palermo63/Mars Anomalies/](http://home.attbi.com/~palermo63/Mars%20Anomalies/).

Thanks!

Efrain Palermo

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HBCCUFO 03-19-02 Report

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 09:05:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:27:25 -0500
Subject: HBCCUFO 03-19-02 Report

Houston British Columbia Canada UFO

Kitimat, British Columbia

Date: March 19, 2002 Time: 7:35 a.m.

A fellow who lives in Terrace and works in Kitimat, while on his way to work this morning told me he watched "something" coming out of the sky with flames behind it. He described his location as being near the Kitimat River Bridge heading towards Kitimat driving down the one straight stretch which heads away from the river and saw the object more or less directly over Kitimat. He says he drives back and forth each day but today he saw something streaking down with yellow, blue, and red flame behind it and trailing smoke.

Investigators note: The witness to this event said the "object" what ever it was came straight down. I have been in contact with the Kitimat newspaper this morning but they have not had anyone report this as of yet. I will look into other areas where I might find some information and hopefully get lucky.

Many thanks to this witness for his report.

Take care

Brian

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 13:29:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:32:50 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Maccabee

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>How do you equate this with Arnold's subsequent, evidentially
>increasingly elaborate, story of how he was first alerted to the
>objects by a reflection from their surface?

Perhaps the desire to get to the core of the story which was the description of the objects, speed, etc. He didn't even mention the turn of the airplane in this brief section of the interview, and yet he knew that he did turn from initially heading westward while looking for the wreckage, back toward the east to look again for the wreckage.

Just because he didn't include all details in his first radio interview doesn't mean that they didn't happen or he "made up" details later on. Let's look at his complete interview statement:

"Well, about 2:15 I took off from Chehalis, Washington, en route to Yakima, and, of course, every time that any of us fly over the country near Mt. Rainier, we spend an hour or two in search of the Marine plane that's never been found that they believe is in the snow someplace southwest of that particular area. That area is located at about, it's elevation is about 10,000 foot, and I had made one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier and down one of the canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might prove to be the Marine ship, uh, and as I come out of the canyon there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet.."

NOTE At this point he has not said that his "one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier" was when he was flying westward. Why didn't he mention the turn?

Did he make that up later on to support his story that he was heading eastward when he saw the objects? When he states that he was 25 to 28 miles from Rainier he neglected to mention in which direction. In later statement he claimed he was near Mineral, Washington. Why didn't he say this during his first interview? Did he make it up later on to support his story?

These are all questions that one can ask related to why Arnold didn't put all the details into his first radio interview that he later put into his letter to the Air Force. There are other details he left out of the interview, such as the peculiar shape of one of the objects. I certainly have been interviewed numerous times on various aspects of the UFO subject and have been constrained by time, etc., to select what I thought were the most important details at the time and to leave others out.

"and I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like

the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving and going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they were geese because it flew like geese, "

NOTE: here is the short segment you abstracted. It answers your question below.

"but it was going so fast that I immediately changed my mind and decided it was a bunch of new jet planes in formation. Well, as the plane come to the edge of Mt. Rainier flying at about 160 degrees south, I thought I would clock them because it was such a clear day, and I didn't know where their destination was, but due to the fact that I had Mt. Saint Helens and Mt. Adams to clock them by, I just thought I'd see just how fast they were going, since among pilots we argue about speed so much. And, they seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror, and, in fact, I happened to be in an angle from the sun that seemed to hit the tops of these peculiar looking things in such a way that it almost blinded you when you looked at them through your plexiglass windshield."

Note: by this point in the interview he has mentioned a couple of times the brightness of the flashes and even indicated that they so bright that the flashes "almost blinded you." The implications of this level of brightness are addressed in the Appendix to my analysis.

"Well, uh, I uh, it was about one minute to three when I started clocking them on my sweep second hand clock, and as I kept looking at them, I kept looking for their tails, and they didn't have any tail. I thought, well, maybe something's wrong with my eyes and I turned the plane around and opened the window, and looked out the window, and sure enough, I couldn't find any tails on 'em. And, uh, the whole, our observation of these particular ships, didn't last more than about two and a half minutes and I could see them only plainly when they seemed to tip their wing, or whatever it was, and the sun flashed on them. They looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear. Now, I thought, well, that maybe they're jet planes with just the tails painted green or brown or something, and I didn't think too much of it, but kept on watching them. They didn't fly in a conventional formation that's taught in our army, they seemed to kind of weave in and out right above the mountaintops, and I would say that they even went down into the canyons in several instances, oh, probably a hundred feet",

Note this is an indication of the distance of the objects since the mountain tops and canyons south of Rainier were specific distances from Arnold's plane... like 20 miles or more.

"but I could see them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier and against the snow on Mt. Adams as they were flashing,"

Note: here is another indication of the brightness of the flashes: from Arnold's perspective they could be seen as far as Mt. Adams. This indication of brightness is similar to the claim made in Arnold's letter to the AF that he first saw them as a result of a bright flash on his airplane when they were far away to the north.

"and against a high ridge that happens to lay in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams. But when I observed the tail end of the last one passing Mt. Adams, and I was at an angle near Mt. Rainier from it, but I looked at my watch and it showed one minute and 42 seconds. Well, I felt that was pretty fast and I didn't stop to think what the distance was between the two mountains. Well, I landed at Yakima, Washington, and Al Baxter was there to greet me and he said... [unintelligible]...

And, he told me, I guess I better change my brand, but he kind

of gave me a mysterious sort of a look that maybe I had seen something, he didn't know, and well, I just kind of forgot it then, until I got down to Pendleton and I began looking at my map and taking measurements on it. And, the best calculation I could figure out, now even in spite of error, would be around 1200 miles an hour, because making the distance from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, in, we'll say approximately two minutes, it's almost, well, it'd be around 25 miles per minute. Now allowing for air, we can give them three minutes or four minutes to make it, and they're still going more than 800 miles an hour, and to my knowledge, there isn't anything that I've read about, outside of some of the German rockets, that would go that fast. These were flying in more or less a level, constant altitude. They weren't going up and they weren't going down. They were just simply flying straight and level and I, I laughed ...[unintelligible]..., they sure must have had a tailwind. But it didn't seem to help me much. But to the best of my knowledge, and the best of my description, that is what I actually saw, and, uh, like I told the Associated Press, I'll, I'd be glad to confirm it with my hands on a Bible because I did see it, and whether it has anything to do with our army or our intelligence or whether it has to do with some foreign country, I don't know. But I did see it and I did clock it and I just happened to be in a beautiful position to do it and it's just as much a mystery to me as it is to everyone else who's been calling me the last 24 hours, wondering what it was."

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Arnold answered your question.

>Why did Arnold, as proven, at first believe the objects were >birds?

Arnold answered your question and you quoted the answer.

His first thought that they were birds, a thought that apparently lasted only a few seconds, was based on the way they objects traveled one after the other.

After some seconds of observation he realized the objects were far away and that they were traveling too fast to be birds. I Speculate: that he concluded they were traveling too fast to be birds by realizing that the objects were far away.

The bird hypothesis requires that they be only a couple of miles, maybe as many as four miles away, at this time. This is discussed in my web presentation mentioned above.

Since you are, I presume, still a pelican proponent I presume that you are now ready to "draw a map" that shows how Arnold, in his 100+ mph airplane could fail to outrun 50 mph (or less) pelicans flying at his altitude while not getting close enough to them to realize that they were actually pelicans (in which case it is unlikely that we would have heard anything about Arnold in the UFO literature).

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Cydonian Imperative: 3-19-02

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The Cydonian Imperative
3-19-02

For images and links, see:
<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

New Animation Addresses "Platform"
by Mac Tonnies

The online journal New Frontiers in Science has posted an animated .GIF showing the "Platform" feature discussed above to be highly symmetrical and morphologically quite similar to the "Face." See "Rectangular Structure in Cerberus Region" at:

<http://newfrontiersinscience.com/Research/erodeRect/cerberus.shtml>

More Rectangular Features Near Cerberus Platform
by Mac Tonnies

The remarkably "Face-like" platform discussed in the previous article isn't alone. Kurt Jonach of the Electric Warrior offers the following image of the Cerberus region, which shows at least one highly geometric platform-like feature along with various ovoid mounds. (The largest of these mounds is very similar to the Main City Mound in Cydonia, viewable here.)

[image]

Right-angled surface features in the proximity of the Face-like Platform described above. Image courtesy The Electric Warrior.

These geometric features may be further evidence of a prior intelligent civilization on Mars; conversely, they could represent an unknown geological phenomenon, thus forcing us to readdress the Artificiality Hypothesis as it relates to the features in Cydonia.

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From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 14:02:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:38:33 -0500
Subject: Supply Of 'Star-Crossed Orbits' Arrive

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Space Power Theory - Strategies for the US Space Program
US Space Command, 1999 (limited stock), 172 pages \$19.95

Pioneering Space: The Human Experience of Space Flight
McGraw-Hill, 1986, 298 pages (co-author, Alcestis Oberg) \$18.95

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book..." - Booklist, American Library Association. "Attention all amateur spacefarers and lovers of science. Experience spacelife with all its emotions, terrors, and surprises as perceived and interpreted by those who have been there, in a fascinating look at what could be" - Barnes & Noble Catalog. Describes the human side of the spaceflight experience, particularly the impact of long-duration space occupancy on the spacefarers. Introduction; Spacefarers' Diary; Communications; Seasons of Space; Earthwatcher's Field Guide; No Earth is an Island; Life Cycles; Under Pressure; Gardens; Space Death, Space Birth; Mental Landscapes; Gadgets and Gizmos; Bathrooms and Other Places of the Heart; Tinkering; Robot Partners; Merchants of Space; The Soaring Soul; The Coming Schism; appendixes; bibliography; index.

New Earths: Terraforming the Planets - "Carefully crafted and remarkably readable" -Library Journal; "Oberg is one of the most thorough and lucid writers on space today" - astronaut-author Brian O'Leary. Alternate selection, Book of the Month - Science; "Serious speculation!" - ASTRONOMY/ASTRONAUTICS. This is the world's first non-fiction book about "terraforming", or planetary engineering. Foreword by Jack Williamson; Introduction; Terraforming Manifesto; The Biosphere; How Earth "Happened"; Restructuring Earth; Resources for Terraforming; The Technology; Mars - A First Look; Mars - A Closer Look; Venus as a True Twin; The Smaller Worlds; Why? Who? By What Right?; Afterword; Glossary; Bibliography; Index, plus a collection of fictional vignettes.

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Re: Sand? Temperature? - Mortellaro

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Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature? - Mortellaro

>From: Tom Shanahan <shanahan00@cox.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature?
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 23:12:11 -0700

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 12:42:49 EST
>>Subject: Sand? Temperature?
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Now allow me to ask a question. How the hell may you learn if
>>you don't stick your bloody necks out and ask us, those of us
>>who are on this List, the questions you need answers to?

><snip>

>I am not glib of tongue or quick of wit these days so have been
>putting this together for awhile. In following Making Sense of
>It All and now your comments, I would venture that there will
>never be sufficient evidence or interest until a craft and crew
>is brought down through accident or intention (theirs or ours)
>into a crowded, urban area with lots of people, cameras, and
>media immediately present to record and widely disseminate. This
>would have to be an event of some magnitude least it rapidly
>become yesterday's news, then faded memory, then arguable myth.
>Most are so caught up in the daily ritual of mere survival that
>they have little or no time for such as this. It becomes a
>passing oh, gosh, look at that on the TV and then it's time to
>go to bed and sleep and get up and do it all over again. Much
>easier to carry around our inherited belief systems and very
>hard to penetrate those beliefs.

<snip>

>Thus my query. Has anyone ever succeeded in getting close enough
>to put a dent in one of these craft or the folks who float
>around in them? Does anyone have any ideas about how we can put
>a big enough dent in one of them to require an immediate
>maintenance stop. If reports of old are to be believed, they
>either do not have the resources or they do not care enough to
>pick up their stranded, wounded or dead so I doubt that
>confrontation would result. For the little critters that do the
>actual snatch and grab operations, I am sure a wide variety of
>things have been tried to stop them such as motion detectors,
>cameras, helpers, bug spray, automatic weapons and the like. Has
>anything seemed to work?

>While my query may seem silly in the extreme, it is quite
>serious. We have been living under their rules for a long, long
>time. I think it time to stop standing in awe and waiting for a
>photo op. I think it time to lay in wait and nail them.

Well, you are of course correct, but of the mainstream citizen
and science. I was speaking of the researcher dedicated to the
work. They seem, not on this List anyway, to ask US the
abductee, nuttin honey. (Which for those of you who are not from
the States and don't have to listen to commercials, is a cereal
... Nut 'N' Honey Oats!")

Yes, the average Joe and Mary need an engine mount. So does mainstream science. But the researcher needs none of that. The research must go on, not with one's opinion stuck inside one researcher's head, but with that one researcher actually communicating with each other and with us. That is what this list is for. In my opine.

I have had a recent experience and I have to tell you that I was regressed chemically. With only one question asked at the beginning. Nothing else was said. No leading.

And I learned that I fight them bastards every time. I am able to raise my head off their damned table and sometimes my torso. But they are too strong. Trust me. If I could, I would hurt them as they've hurt me.

Nah. I ain't that cruel.

But they are too strong... or their technology is too strong.

Best,

Jim

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 17:36:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:51:58 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 03:56:40 EST
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I just wanted to inquire; What does it tell you when no one responds to something you've posted?

How/why is that 'our' fault? Or a shortcoming of the List?

I have always enjoyed and appreciated this e-mail List and the List-folk just as it is/they are. Wouldn't change a hair on its lovely head. ;) I love this compendium of characters and their divergent points of view. Wouldn't have it any other way.

Re: Your 'boredom' with Roswell discussions:

If takes a thousand debates of the Roswell incident to keep it alive in the mind of the public and the research community, then more power to it, and come-on with the Roswell debates.

Personally, I enjoy observing how others go about taking the details of a case apart for study, or how they go about analyzing it. I learn by studying the methods, and the thought processes of the people who actually 'investigate' the cases they are *discussing. (*as opposed to 'criticizing') All of it is important and valuable 'stuff/info'.

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

Just _enjoy_ the List man.

Sincerely,

John Velez

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Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 14:45:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 20:54:47 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gehrman

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 04:47:09 -0000

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>After further discussions with Don May, President of 'Synapse
>Films', I'm assured Olaf Ittenbach was indeed, unless Don is
>significantly mistaken, acknowledging that he created the
>_original_ 'alien autopsy' footage.

>We'll see...

James,

I sent your UpDates post regarding Olaf Ittenbach & the AA to
Ray [Santilli]. This is his reply:

"Hi Ed,

It's complete crap. I have never heard of the guy.

Regards,

Ray"

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SDI In Rachel, Nevada

From: **Scott Robbins** <scott@virtuallystrange.net>

Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 15:26:23 EST

Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 21:05:40 -0500

Subject: SDI In Rachel, Nevada

[Last Saturday night's 'Strange Days... Indeed' carried a live-segment from Rachel, Nevada with Scott Robbins, Co-Producer of the program and Pat & Joe Travis of the Little Ale' Inn --ebk]

As for my Rachel, Nevada - Little Ale' Inn overnight experience, Pat Travis insisted that I stay due to the 1/2 inch of snow that fell that evening and icy conditions that would be encountered on both Hancock and Coyote Summit on the way back to Las Vegas. Also of concern were the 700 to 1000 head of free range cattle owned by Steve Medlin ('Black Mail Box' owner) that have a habit of inhabiting the highway at night waiting to claim unsuspecting cars and drivers. And, of course, the cocktails were flowing in the bar and even 'parsimonious me' bought the house a round of drinks.

I am aware of some rather negative reviews that have been posted on the web about The Little Ale' Inn and the overnight accomodations provided. I would like to set the record straight.

Rachel, Nevada sits in the middle of nowhere in a mountain valley at a height of about 5,000 feet. It announces it's presence with a few dots of white light that appear on the horizon of a highway on which you can't see your hand in front of your face on a moonless night. Rachel, Nevada is a town of about 65 people. It's homes are mobile trailers.

The Little Ale' Inn provides breakfast, lunch, dinner and entertainment for both locals and guests 8am to 10pm, 364 days a year. The place is run by Pat and Joe Travis (well known in UFOlogy circles) and it doesn't take much coaching to get Joe to pull out the guitar and orchestrate the evening sing-along. The walls are littered with UFO memorabilia, pictures, stories and of course, lots of souvenirs ready for you to take away.

I can certainly see how big city types might take an hour or so to relax their shoulders and drop their airs and join in on the fun, but Pat, Joe and the smattering of locals you'll find in the bar are wonderful, friendly people and really make you feel at home. We had lots of laughs and even though there weren't any name-brand UFOlogy types present (aside from Pat and Joe), everyone got to know each other and it turned out to be a very memorable evening.

As for the overnight accomodations? If you're expecting the Marriott Inn, then I would suggest you give your head a shake. The Little Ale' Inn is a series of mobile trailers. The washrooms and sleeping quarters are clean and orderly. The beds are made, the sheets are clean and fresh and there are plenty of towels to throw around. There is no TV reception but each room has a TV and VCR and there is a video library in the bar that is free for the sampling. On colder nights, the forced air heat responds quickly and I actually had to get up in the night to turn it down. The room is \$40 for two and an extra 5 bucks for a third.

Breakfast is served in the bar at 8am sharp with Pat and Joe's smiling faces there to greet you along with the locals who start the day there as well. As I sat on a stool eating my 3 egg

omlette, rye toast and homefries, noted Area 51 researcher and Rachel local Chuck Clark walked in and sat down at my left elbow and thrilled me with a lengthy conversation about his life and times. I bought his area 51 guide book that is on sale in the bar and got him to sign it. I also got Joe Travis to sign his picture in my copy of David Darlington's Area 51 Dreamland Chronicles ... and then, after many hugs and handshakes, it was time to head out back to Las Vegas through some of the most spectacular desert country side you'll ever see.

I have experienced The Little Ale' Inn and an overnight at Rachel, Nevada. I have made friends and I will go back and explore further. I can only conclude that anyone who has anything at all negative to say, must be the kind of person who would show up at the bar, sit in the back corner with their sunglasses on and wait for Rachel, Nevada to come to them.

Scott Robbins
Co-Producer
Strange Days Indeed

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:44:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 21:15:12 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Felder

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

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>Specifically, the disparity how Arnold originally explained,
>before his report had so comically been popularised as 'flying
>saucers', that, "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked
>to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

>He then of course added, "I, at first, thought they were geese
>because it flew like geese...".

>There's blatantly an inherent question which I have previously
>asked and has never even been addressed in reply.

>Why did Arnold, as proven, at first believe the objects were
>birds?

There's a woman in one of my classes that looks just like Rosie O'Donnell. Does that mean she is Rosie O'Donnell? One of my professors looks remarkably like my former brother-in-law. Does that make him my former brother-in-law?

Saying that something looks like one object doesn't mean that one thinks the object is that object - it merely means that, as a point of reference, it looks like it. Sandra, the woman in my class, looks like Rosie O'Donnell but she isn't. The Professor of my 461 History class looks like Carey, but he isn't.

You're gagging on a gnat and swallowing a camel, James.

My opinion on the matter.

Bobbie

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Re: Sand? Temperature? - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:57:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 21:17:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature? - Felder

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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>beginning. Nothing else was said. No leading.

When you say "regressed chemically", exactly what chemical
agent are you talking about?

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>to raise my head off their damned table and sometimes my torso.
>But they are too strong. Trust me. If I could, I would hurt them
>as they've hurt me.

>Nah. I ain't that cruel.

It isn't being cruel if one is defending oneself.

Bobbie

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Space Station Crew Celebrates E.T.

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 18:00:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:37:06 -0500
Subject: Space Station Crew Celebrates E.T.

Top News at Netscape

Hello List,

This one I picked up on Drudge, some of us might find it
ah, fascinating.

http://webcenter.newssearch.netscape.com/aolns_display.adp?key0203191523000141353_aolns.src

Oh, and I will reply to the Arnold and Phoenix threads soon,
just no time at the present.

GT McCoy

[GT's computer Calendar/Clock seems to be a tad off --ebk]

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>first place! "Nobody cares," and "nobody responds," has become
>like a plaintive mantra that you intone for us from time to
>time.

Somehow, I doubt that you hated saying it :)

Just to keep the record straight - I didn't complain about this
List. I fail to see how saying that it is, in my opinion, one of
the best when it comes to UFO related topics is "complaining".

I said this List, nor any other that I know of, has solved the
mysteries of the universe. That's not complaining....that's
stating my opinion.

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>a junkie without a fix until its back. I miss it when it isn't
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Maybe you should consider getting a hobby?

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Gee...should we all hold hands and sing "We Are The World"?

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Re: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 02:23:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:42:40 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures - Easton

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>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 13:55:43 -0500
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John wrote:

>>Dating from 1955, it's an interesting historical snapshot
>>nonetheless - see:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1524223406>

>>The 'saucer' photograph featured isn't one I recall seeing
>>before; does anyone know the background story?

>I have no idea which "background story" you are referring to
>but, it looks like a diagram I have seen before, of one of
>Adamski's saucers. I believe this diagram was first published in
>one of his books.

John,

It was the 'Amazing Photos Of A Flying Saucer' photograph I was referring to [still online].

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'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site

From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 18:45:38 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:44:48 -0500
Subject: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site

I just found this web site, maybe thats Terziski's web site,
anyway, it seems they have a lot of material, and I'll order
some video from there:

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

Vencislav

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Johnson

From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 22:03:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:48:18 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Johnson

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Dear John and List,

I am so happy to hear that I am not the only one addicted to List communication. I know it is slow. I know it is primitive at best. But, it suffices to say that it is as close as we get to the real interactive communication that all abductees are fully cognizant of as a major factor of our experiences. It is so fast, so complete and so extensive a form of communication that exceeds all that humans think of as a possibility. That is, until you experience the real abduction state.

Just why did Arnold or so many other people first think that their sightings were easily explainable until circumstances led on to prove otherwise? Was it just a refusal to admit that there was something unearthly going on? Was it a motivation supplied by whatever means to assist in the recognition processes of the brain as the sighting to be more mundane? As facts bore out, the sightings and experiences of many people start off in the same way and only after the initial first moments does there begin to evolve patterns of reality checks and balances that wake up the brain to incoming information enough to distinguish what was originally thought to become something more applicable in realistic terms. Click, OH!

Take care, for now,

Cathy

P.S. Anyone know where I can get warrantee work done on my defective implants?

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>It's complete crap. I have never heard of the guy.

Ed,

Ray also sent myself a copy of these sentiments.

I did indicate, although not yet fully revealed, a significant doubt that Ittenbach was responsible for, as I deliberately emphasised, the original 'alien autopsy' footage.

I was aware he had been contracted to create his own 'Roswell alien autopsy'.

Leaving that aside for now, I have previously explained:

The delicate work of transferring the ageing film to video was said to have been carried out by a 'facilities house' and Santilli confirmed to me, "The film was transferred here in the UK".

I had been pursuing this aspect for some time and Bob Shell, a photographic consultant who had offered his services to Ray Santilli, publicly confirmed, "Film to video transfer was done in London by Rank".

He added, "My understanding is that Rank first made a very high quality 16 mm film duplicate of the footage because it was damaged and in poor shape. The video was then made from the dupe".

"When I asked Ray who had done the copying of the original film to a 16 mm dupe, he said that he wasn't sure. He told me that they had gone to one company who had agreed to do the work while they waited, and that this firm had then changed their story and said they would have to leave the film and come back and pick it up later, which they certainly would never have done.

There was then a general conversation in the office as to who had ultimately done the work. Ray said something like, "We ended up having it done by Rank, didn't we?" and Chris (Cary) said something like, "yes, it was Rank. I'm pretty sure it was Rank."

They promised to provide me with documentation when they had a chance".

Having established from the Rank Organisation plc that Rank Video Services of Brentford, London would undertake any such work, I discussed the matter with Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine (UK) and it was agreed that Graham would take up this

potentially significant information.

Graham first spoke with Paul Gooderham of Rank Video Services and Gooderham confirmed he had seen the footage, but only on TV. He knew of it, but confirmed that Rank Video Services had not been involved with it in any capacity. He suggested speaking with Roy Liddiard at the main laboratory as he was the person with overall responsibility for such matters within the company and may be able to assist further.

Liddiard was also very helpful and further confirmed his company had no involvement in any capacity.

Although Ray Santilli was made aware of Rank's refutation, no explanation has been offered.
[END OF EXTRACT]

Perhaps Ray might also now comment on the evident, "It's complete crap" story which Bob Shell was told.

I hope you are more successful in obtaining a response to that, than myself and others have been.

Again, as I said, we'll see...

James Easton.
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Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:18:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:51:44 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada - Ledger

>From: Scott Robbins <scott@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: Errol <errol@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: SDI In Rachel, Nevada
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 15:26:23 EST

>[Last Saturday night's 'Strange Days... Indeed' carried a
>live-segment from Rachel, Nevada with Scott Robbins,
>Co-Producer of the program and Pat & Joe Travis of the
>Little Ale' Inn --ebk]

>As for my Rachel, Nevada - Little Ale' Inn overnight experience,
>Pat Travis insisted that I stay due to the 1/2 inch of snow that
>fell that evening and icy conditions that would be encountered
>on both Hancock and Coyote Summit on the way back to Las Vegas.
>Also of concern were the 700 to 1000 head of free range cattle
>owned by Steve Medlin ('Black Mail Box' owner) that have a habit
>of inhabiting the highway at night waiting to claim unsuspecting
>cars and drivers. And, of course, the cocktails were flowing in
>the bar and even 'parsimonious me' bought the house a round of
>drinks.

<snip>

Thanks Scott,

I enjoyed this very much.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:54:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

Bill, Bruce, Tom, List:

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Also, the flares did not form a horizontal line, but as one might expect, the first flares dropped were lower in elevation than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 21:55:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:56:36 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Fleming

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 17:48:26 -500
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 16:45:57 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

><snip>

>>Whether or not Bessie Schreiber's testimony is "pro" or "anti"
>>the UFO crash interpretation of the Roswell incident kind of
>>depends on which of her statements you choose to believe.

>>In the affidavit she signed, apparently at the behest of Karl
>>Pflock, she says: "the debris looked like large pieces of
>>balloon which had burst."

>It would have been better if you had used the entire quote,
>rather than take snippets out of context to 'prove' your point.

<sigh> That was sure predictable a predictable complaint.

>"The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had
>burst. The pieces were small, the largest I remember measuring
>about the same as the diameter of a basketball. Most of ut was a
>kind of double-sided material, foil-like on one side and
>rubber-like on the other. Both sides were grayish in color, the
>foil more silvery than the rubber. Sticks, like kite sticks,
>were attached to some of the pieces with a whitish tape. The
>tape was about two or three inches wide and had flower-like
>designs on it. The "flowers" were faint, a variety of pastel
>colors, and reminded me of Japanese paintings in which the
>flowers are not all connected."

>Pretty consistant with what she told Moore years earlier (see
>below).

No, it's not at all consistent. There was no mention of "pieces
of a balloon which had burst," which would mean shredded rubber
fragments. That's a radical addition to her claims that did not
appear in her previous descriptions of the debris as far as I
know.

>>But in the 1980 book The Roswell Incident by Berlitz and
>>Moore, the following exchange is given:

>>Q: "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?"

>>Schreiber: "No, it was definitely not a balloon. We had seen
>>weather balloons quite a lot -- both on the ground and in the
>>air. We had even found a couple of Japanese-style balloons that
>>had come down in the area once. We had also picked up a couple
>>of those thin rubber weather balloons with instrument packages.
>>This was nothing like that. I have never seen anything
>>resembling this sort of thing before -- or since."

>>So, according to her, the Roswell debris looked like a balloon
>>and it did not look like a balloon.

>Missing from your quotes are where she described the foil-like
>material to Moore. In both cases, Bessie is describing
>material that was not consistent with other weather balloons she
>or Mac had found.

>...a sort of aluminum foil. Some of [these] pieces had a sort of
>tape stuck to them....[but] even though the stuff looked like
>tape, it could not be peeled off or removed at all. Some of
>these pieces had something like numbers and lettering on them,
>but there were no words we were able to make out. The figures
>were written out like you would write numbers in columns....but
>they didn't look like the numbers we use at all...a piece of
>something made out of the same metal-like foil that looked like
>a pipe sleeve.. ..about for inches across and equally long, with
>a flange on one end.

Gee, talk about selective quoting. You seem to have left out a fairly important sentence. What she really said was: "There was what appeared to be heavily waxed paper and a sort of aluminum foil. Some of these pieces had something like numbers and lettering on them. but there were no words that we could make out." She wasn't talking about the alleged tape. The comment about the tape follows the comment about the lettering. You've switched the order of the sentences in a way that would mislead the unwary reader to believe that Bessie said the numbers and lettering were on the tape. She said no such thing.

>>Another interesting exchange with Berlitz and Moore:

>>Q: "What happened when your father took some of this stuff into
>>town to show the authorities?"

>>Schreiber: "We were with him in Roswell but we didn't go with
>>him to see these people."

>>So she not only claims to have been at the ranch, but that she
>>and other family members (she says "we were with him," not "I
>>was with him") accompanied Mac Brazel to Roswell when he brought
>>in the debris. Every other account but Bessie's has Brazel going
>>to Roswell alone.

>>From her affidavit:

>"I think we all went into town with him, but I am not certain
>about this, as he made two or three trips to Roswell about that
>time, and we did not go on all of them."

><snip>

>>Given the sharply divergent views of Berlitz/Moore and Pflock,
>>it appears that she might be one of those people who tries to
>>please her interrogators by telling them what they want to hear.
>>I don't see how she can be viewed as a reliable witness by
>>either "pro" or "anti" sides.

>If you wish to discard Bessie's evidence due to the
>inconsistencies, then you must also discard the testimony of
>Bill Brazel, Jessie Marcel, the Proctors... indeed most of the
>cast of characters in this Saga for the same reason.

Most humans have memories that are imperfect reconstructions of actual events. But it's a whole different order of imperfection when someone "remembers" being places where nobody in a position to know saw them and adding obviously important details like the pieces of a balloon that were left out of previous statements.

Roswell investigators have ultimately rejected a number of "pro" UFO witnesses because the inconsistencies or lack of support for their claims was qualitatively of a different nature than what would be expected from a true witness with imperfect recall. But it seems that to "skeptics," the only criterion for credibility is making statements that support their beliefs, no matter how much the supposed witnesses change their stories.

>In point of fact, Bessie's testimony over the years has been
>more consistent than most of the others that you seemingly rely
>upon.

Sure, it's consistent. She saw something that looked like a balloon and yet did not look anything like a balloon. Take your pick.

>Why, for instance, did you not bring up the statement Bill
>Brazel made to Moore- that Bessie was at the ranch?

Because I am not aware that he made such a statement.

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Re: Sand? Temperature? - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:44:19 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 08:00:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature? - Mortellaro

>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 19:57:36 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature?

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 15:31:22 EST
>>Subject: Re: Sand? Temperature?

>When you say "regressed chemically", exactly what chemical
>agent are you talking about?

>>And I learned that I fight them bastards every time. I am able
>>to raise my head off their damned table and sometimes my torso.
>>But they are too strong. Trust me. If I could, I would hurt them
>>as they've hurt me.

>>Nah. I ain't that cruel.

>It isn't being cruel if one is defending oneself.

Bobbie

I cannot say yet. Listen to Errol's show and I still won't tell.
But do listen.

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Secrecy News -- 03/19/02

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TRANSPARENCY AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

International transparency and information disclosure will play an essential role in the future of arms control and disarmament, Senator Richard Lugar stated on March 18.

"Ultimately, a satisfactory level of accountability, transparency, and safety must be established in every nation with a WMD [weapons of mass destruction] program," Senator Lugar declared.

"We should demand that each of these nation-states account for all of the materials, programs, and weapons in a manner that is internationally verifiable."

"The United States continues to lack even minimal international confidence about many foreign weapons programs. In most cases, there is little or no information regarding the number of weapons or amounts of materials a country may have produced, the storage procedures they employ to safeguard their weapons, or plans regarding further production or destruction programs."

"Clearly, many states will continue to avoid accountability for programs related to weapons of mass destruction. When nations resist such accountability, other options must be explored," Sen. Lugar said.

Verifiable accountability of "all" WMD materials, programs and weapons is certainly a worthy goal. But it might be noted, though Sen. Lugar did not, that the United States itself does not provide full accountability of this sort, and there is some significant uncertainty about the scope of US WMD programs, past and present.

Senator Lugar's remarks yesterday were presented in his introduction of the "Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Expansion Act (S. 2036)," posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_cr/s031802.html

THE CASE OF THE MISSING FRUS VOLUME

An air of mystery now surrounds the suppressed State Department volume "Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), 1964-1968, vol. XVI: Cyprus, Greece, Turkey."

The volume was printed and ready for release two years ago, but

its publication date has been repeatedly deferred under pressure from the Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA reportedly opposes disclosure of passages describing Agency intervention in Greek elections during the 1960s.

See "History of U.S.-Greek Ties Blocked" by George Lardner in the Washington Post, August 17, 2001:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A15770-2001Aug15.html>

The current status of the FRUS volume is apparently a matter of great sensitivity, and even normally garrulous government historians now refuse to discuss it.

The only response to multiple inquiries on the subject from Secrecy News was a cryptic message stating that "15 August it won't only be the Virgin Mary who is assumed into heaven."

The meaning of this, Secrecy News can only infer, is that an August 15 deadline has been set for resolution of the situation. (In Catholic tradition, August 15 is Feast of the Assumption, celebrating the bodily elevation of Mary to heaven.) Either the missing FRUS volume will be released, as the State Department presumably wishes, or the entire 1500 copy print run will be pulped, as the CIA would prefer.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy hailed the FRUS series, noting that "The effectiveness of democracy as a form of government depends on an informed and intelligent citizenry." He called on "all departments, agencies and libraries of the Government to collaborate actively and fully" in "expediting publication" of the series.

See JFK's National Security Action Memorandum 91 on "Expediting Publication of Foreign Relations," dated September 6, 1961, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nsam-jfk/nsam-91.jpg>

SUPREME COURT HEARS HARBURY CASE

Can the U.S. Government legally lie to an American citizen with the intent of depriving her of the constitutional right to sue the government?

That is the rather fundamental question posed by the case of Jennifer Harbury, who has sued several Clinton Administration officials because they misled her as to the fate of her Guatemalan guerrilla husband. The case was heard before the Supreme Court on March 18.

See "Slain Rebel's Wife to Plead Case Before High Court" by Charles Lane in the March 18 Washington Post:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A42287-2002Mar17.html>

and "Court Hears a Lawyer's Personal Claim" in the March 19 Washington Post:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A47021-2002Mar18.html>

A prior appeals court ruling agreed with Harbury that "when public officials affirmatively mislead citizens in order to prevent them from filing suit, they violate clearly established constitutional rights."

See that December 2000 DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruling here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/harbury.html>

CIA COOKIES EXPOSED, ELIMINATED

Contrary to official guidelines and against its own declared policy, the Central Intelligence Agency FOIA web site has been setting "cookies" in the web browsers of visitors to the web site. Cookies are data strings that can be used for monitoring

web site activity.

This violation was discovered by Daniel Brandt, President of Public Information Research, a policy research organization critical of the CIA.

In reply to a complaint from Mr. Brandt, CIA webmaster "Mike S." conceded: "You are absolutely right: that part of the DCI/CIA website at www.foia.ucia.gov, which is hosted separately from the main site, has been setting persistent cookies -- unbeknownst to us."

To CIA's credit, these persistent cookies were promptly eliminated. The related log files were also destroyed.

See Daniel Brandt's analysis and the exchange of correspondence with Mike S. here:

<http://www.pir.org/ciascan.html>

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Re: HBCCUFO 03-19-02 Report - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 13:11:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 08:07:17 -0500
Subject: Re: HBCCUFO 03-19-02 Report - Hatch

>From: Brian Vike <yogibear@bulkley.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: HBCCUFO 03-19-02 Report
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 09:05:11 -0800

>Houston British Columbia Canada UFO

>Kitimat, British Columbia

>Date: March 19, 2002 Time: 7:35 a.m.

>A fellow who lives in Terrace and works in Kitimat, while on his
>way to work this morning told me he watched "something" coming
>out of the sky with flames behind it. He described his location
>as being near the Kitimat River Bridge heading towards Kitimat
>driving down the one straight stretch which heads away from the
>river and saw the object more or less directly over Kitimat.
>He says he drives back and forth each day but today he saw
>something streaking down with yellow, blue, and red flame behind
>it and trailing smoke.

>Investigators note: The witness to this event said the "object"
>what ever it was came straight down. I have been in contact with
>the Kitimat newspaper this morning but they have not had anyone
>report this as of yet. I will look into other areas where I
>might find some information and hopefully get lucky.

>Many thanks to this witness for his report.

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Hello Brian:

Since the object isn't positively identified yet, I suppose its
technically a 'UFO' in the larger more inclusive sense.

It doesn't sound at all anomalous to me however, not from the
description above. It sounds a lot like a space junk re-entry.
Are there any amateur rocketry people in your area? I know a
couple in California.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Felder

>>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

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>>Specifically, the disparity how Arnold originally explained,
>>before his report had so comically been popularised as 'flying
>>saucers', that, "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked
>>to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

>>He then of course added, "I, at first, thought they were geese
>>because it flew like geese...".

>>There's blatantly an inherent question which I have previously
>>asked and has never even been addressed in reply.

>>Why did Arnold, as proven, at first believe the objects were
>>birds?

>There's a woman in one of my classes that looks just like Rosie
>O'Donnell. Does that mean she is Rosie O'Donnell? One of my
>professors looks remarkably like my former brother-in-law. Does
>that make him my former brother-in-law?

>Saying that something looks like one object doesn't mean that
>one thinks the object is question is that object - it merely
>means that, as a point of reference, it looks like it. Sandra,
>the woman in my class, looks like Rosie O'Donnell but she
>isn't. The Professor of my 461 History class looks like Carey,
>but he isn't.

<snip>

Gentlemen, Bobbie, Errol,

You have all got it wrong. I have it on good authority (which
shall remain nameless except that the initials are
G.R.I.P.P.L.E.) that Arnold said, "Pelicans!"

So, if it looks like a pelican, flies like a pelican and poops
like one, then it very likely is one.

Cogito, ergo, Arnold saw a Chinese Kite which was made in the
image and likeness of a Pelican. So there. Now the only
question is, "Why were the Chinese flying their pelican kites on
our territory?"

Conspiracy or horse hockey? Only the secret government knows for sure.

Jim

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 20:49:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

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>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Thanks Chaz. You are absolutely right. There is a difference
between flares and orbs.

No plane lights were observed in the vicinity of the orbs seen
on March 13th. The first orb we saw was a double, two placed
adjacently so that the two could only be resolved with
binoculars. When this light extinguished, it either re-lit
minutes later or two identical adjacent lights took their place.
When seen through a terrestrial refractor, the lights were
perfectly round and pulsing (not flickering) at a rate that the
eye could distinguish the pulses. I estimate the orb subtended
an angle of about .5 degrees as seen through the 25X eyepiece,
about the same as the moon as seen with the naked eye.

I once calculated that if the light was as distant as 75 miles,
then the apparent image is as close as approx. 3 miles and that
the actual diameter of the orb is exceedingly large. I haven't
done the trig yet as I have been busy with real world work.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 07:24:17 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 20:51:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>Re the attempted recreation of the March 13 Phoenix Lights done
>a couple of years ago, I've seen photos and they looked NOTHING
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>than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if
>the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a
>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Chaz,

I am posting this second message because I have recalculated the size of the orb for an estimated distance of 75 miles based on the viewed approximate angular diameter as seen in the telescope. Comparing it to the full moon which subtends an angle of 1/2 degree and using small angle measurement to determine D (diameter) here is what I found.

A radian is a measure of the angle formed when the arc length equals the radius; i.e., $s = r$. For a full circle, the arc length subtended is the circumference ($s = 2\pi r$), which means the angle inscribed in a full circle is 2 pi radians.

$360 = 2\pi$ radians or $1 = 2\pi/360$ radians = 0.017 radians .5 deg = .0085 radians. Using the equation $D = d \times q$ where small d is the distance measured in feet, then the apparent size of the orb at 3 miles (15,840') is 134.64 feet and the actual size at 75 miles is 3,366 feet in diameter. That is either a whopping big orb or flare! Even if I have magnified my recall of the image by 2X, the object would have to be over 1,600 ft in diameter, and there was no glow.

So, those who want to believe these were flares near Ajo, AZ may do so as I have no incontrovertible evidence otherwise and in my book present the case in detail including what Dr. Maccabee's calculations and let the reader decide.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 10:50:27 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 20:54:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

Chaz,

The reason that the re-creation by a local television crew did not look like the original 10:00 PM lights is a very simple one. The news crew was using professional video cameras worth thousands of dollars, while the original footage taken by Phoenix residents on March 13th, 1997 was a typical consumer camcorder. There is a major difference in resolution and optics comparing both of these systems.

Also, the news crew filmed the flare lights at a closer distance than the filmed events on March 13th, 1997.

What is really sad about this case 5 years later is that most people are still concentrating on the 10:00 PM flare drop, while the earlier events are the only mystery in this case.

Jim Kelly
MUFON Arizona

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Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 08:12:09 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 20:57:28 -0500
Subject: Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site - McCoy

>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 18:45:38 -0800 (PST)
>From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
>Subject: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>I just found this web site, maybe thats Terziski's web site,
>anyway, it seems they have a lot of material, and I'll order
>some video from there:

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

Hello, all.

I looked at this site and found that it is well, laughable to reasonable people and students of history. I have said this before, if the Nazis had all this neat stuff, they would have swept the skies of the Mighty 8th and the RAF Night Bombers, and we would all be listening to 'Wagner at the Met' instead of 'Strange Days... Indeed' every Saturday night. <g>

If they had it they would have used it.

GT McCoy

"All day long ve Sieg Heil! Seig Heil! in der Fhurer's Face!."
-Spike Jones, American Humorist (and one of my role models).

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 12:12:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 20:59:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:13:47 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:26:17 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>>As Bill knows (I think), I used photos he supplied of the site
>>of the sighting to determine that the direction he was looking
>>was in the direction of the crossing point (area) of the
>>sighting lines from the other 3 video witnesses. This area of
>>crossing of sighting lines was far south southwest of Phoenix.
>>My response to Bill is at:

>><http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights5.html>

<snip>

>Here is the link to my original analysis (not updated) in
>response to Bruce Maccabee's original analysis:>

><http://home.earthlink.net/~skywatcher22/plvideo.htm>

>In further response to Bruce's post I have this to say: I have
>observed aircraft lights in the desert where I live at a
>distance of 50 to 70 miles and the white lights never appeared
>golden as they did with these lights. Characteristic of the
>LU-U2 flare according to the manufacturer who I have called, it
>has extreme brightness and illumination and would cause the
>flare to be surrounded by a large glow and the mystery lights
>had no glow. Bruce also ignored my testimony regarding
>telescopic observation as eyewitnesses could be mistaken, yet he
>accepts other eyewitness testimony when doing photo analysis.
>These discrepancies still remain too great for me to accept the
>flare explanation.

>When an actual flare drop was announced for the Barry Goldwater
>range (I believe in March 2000), some of the original witnesses
>went out to look and were prepared to video tape the flares.
>However, two of them told me that the light from these verified
>flares was so different from their March 13th sighting and
>obviously seen as flares that they did not even tape them.

Actually, I believe Bill when he says the lights were very
bright and round through the telescope. The telescope, being of
a much larger diameter than the eyeball, collected a lot more
light. The size of the image of a very distant bright light
depends more upon its brightness than upon its actual size. That
is, the image size increases with brightness. Astronomers are
familiar with this effect in telescope pictures of stars...
brighter stars make bigger images than dimmer stars, yet all the
stars are so far away that, if it were not for the "brightness
growth" effect, all star images, even from the largest

telescopes, would be mere "pinpricks" in size. Consider the appearance of oncoming car headlights. Although the light itself is only a few inches wide (and the filament is even smaller, the size of the light can appear to be a foot or more so when seen at night, as compared to the spacing of the lights which could be 4 to 6 ft. (When the car is at a great distance the lights blend together making a single light that appears as large as the front of the car..... the distance for this to happen depends upon the resolution or your eyeballs, of course.

What is not generally known by people who have taken an interest in the Phoenix Lights/10 PM videotapes, is that such lights have been seen several times each year in the winter. I chose one particular evening in 1998 to analyze for comparison with the 1997 lights, but I could have analyzed other similar events.

Unfortunately there was never a staged event using exactly the same sorts of flares at the same locations and altitudes as were used by the Maryland Air National Guard on the fateful evening of March 13, 1997. Had there been such an event we could have either proven or disproven that the videotapes showed images similar to flare images.

On the other hand, regardless of the colors and brightnesses, the fact is that (a) the triangulation placed the lights far from Phoenix and (b) comparing the image of a light when it turned on to the image just before it turned off, the images showed a decrease in altitude and a slight motion to the left, consistent with a light falling while in an air mass that was moving toward the east.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 12:19:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:41:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>Bill, Bruce, Tom, List:

>Re the attempted recreation of the March 13 Phoenix Lights done
>a couple of years ago, I've seen photos and they looked NOTHING
>like the original 'lights'. Smoke was clearly visible around
>them and the lights were not round.

>Also, the flares did not form a horizontal line, but as one
>might expect, the first flares dropped were lower in elevation
>than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if
>the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a
>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Have to be careful of the "recreations." The TV media videotaped flares from a few miles with telephoto lens (good quality stuff) and, surely enough, could see smoke, etc.

Let them videotape the same type of flares with home TV cameras from a distance of 80 miles. Then we'll know.

As for forming a straight line: it might be straight from one perspective but crooked from another. For example, if you have all the flares lying within a plane (recall plane geometry) they could form a crooked line within the plane, but, when viewed from the "edge of the plane"... or when your eyeball is in the same plane, then they appear to be in a straight line. Only when your eye is above or below (or to the left or right) of the plane does the crookedness appear. The triangulated locations of the flares as described in my report did not lie in a straight line when viewed from above, only when viewed from ground level.

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Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 13:12:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:43:25 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada - Velez

>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:18:44 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada

>>From: Scott Robbins <scott@virtuallystrange.net>
>>To: Errol <errol@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: SDI In Rachel, Nevada
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 15:26:23 EST

>>[Last Saturday night's 'Strange Days... Indeed' carried a
>>live-segment from Rachel, Nevada with Scott Robbins,
>>Co-Producer of the program and Pat & Joe Travis of the
>>Little Ale' Inn --ebk]

>>As for my Rachel, Nevada - Little Ale' Inn overnight experience,
>>Pat Travis insisted that I stay due to the 1/2 inch of snow that
>>fell that evening and icy conditions that would be encountered
>>on both Hancock and Coyote Summit on the way back to Las Vegas.
>>Also of concern were the 700 to 1000 head of free range cattle
>>owned by Steve Medlin ('Black Mail Box' owner) that have a habit
>>of inhabiting the highway at night waiting to claim unsuspecting
>>cars and drivers. And, of course, the cocktails were flowing in
>>the bar and even 'parsimonious me' bought the house a round of
>>drinks.

><snip>

>Thanks Scott,

>I enjoyed this very much.

Hi Scott, hi Don,

I know you didn't have access to the e-mails that Errol receives during the broadcast, but I fired one off to him the second the 'Rachel' segment was over. It was a gem Scott! :)

Listening to Joe and his wife and hearing the background noise in the bar was as close to 'being there' as many of us are ever going to get. When Joe and the assembled congregation broke out into that rousing rendition of "Flying Purple People Eater" I fell out of my chair.

It was as fun and entertaining as it could have been. You were so good at it, maybe we ought to keep you on the road as our "Man on the street" reporter. (Ala Steve Allen :) We'll get you one of those wide brimmed reporters hats with the 'Press' pass sticking out of the headband. :)

I can hear it now...

EBK: "Live, this week, we have Scott Robbins reporting from an abductee support group meeting in Kalamazoo, and then he will don lead underwear and whisk us over to a live report from the radiation filled site of a UFO landing in Norton Willie's back yard!" <lol>

Re: SDI In Rachel, Nevada - Velez

You were great Scott. Screw the critics.

My best,

John Velez

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 13:19:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:46:30 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Velez

> From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
> To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
> Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
> Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 22:03:40 -0500
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>> Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 17:36:54 -0500
>> To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>> From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>> Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>
>>> From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>> Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 03:56:40 EST
>>> Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>
>> <snip>
>
>>> Errol provides you with the venue. Now use it. How long must we
>>> speak about Roswell and the tired over and over again
>>> discussions which reveal nothing but, "It is!" "No it isn't"
>>> "Yes it is."
>
>>> Ad nauseum.
>
>>> With great respect for each of you, I urge you to do that which
>>> you are capable of doing. The best is stuck inside of Mobile,
>>> with the Memphis blues again.
>
>>> <snip>
>
>> I really hate to be the one to say this but... you and Mz.Felder
>> are the only ones who ever complain about the List in the
>> first place! "Nobody cares," and "nobody responds," has become
>> like a plaintive mantra that you intone for us from time to
>> time.
>
>> I just wanted to inquire; What does it tell you when no one
>> responds to something you've posted?
>
> <snip>

Hi Cathy,

You wrote:

> Dear John and List,
>
> I am so happy to hear that I am not the only one addicted to
> List communication.

It's true! <lol>

And we're not alone either. Errol tells me about the phone calls he gets from people when the server goes down temporarily demanding to know, "Where's my UFO UpDates man?" :)

Because of the NOVA business and my association with Budd, Errol invited me to participate on the List about three months after he started it. It provided me with a direct pipeline to other abductees

like yourself, and the people who are most directly involved in the research and investigation of UFO and alien contact cases. I have received an education at their hands that I couldn't have bought anywhere else. It has allowed me to expose the details of my own case, and those of many others, in a venue that reaches a lot of people. (Get the word out)

Aside from being educational and thoroughly entertaining, participating on the List has also proven to be very therapeutic for me. It has been an outlet for all the energy that I might have misdirected 'internally' (instead of 'externally' on the List) potentially causing me emotional and psychological harm. Although I make it a point not to 'dump' my own personal emotional garbage on the List, just 'talking' to people has been tremendously helpful.

The List is the best there is in the genre. Bar none. I like it just as it is. Like you and many others, I'm 'hooked' on it. :)

> Just why did Arnold or so many other people first think that their
> sightings were easily explainable until circumstances led on to prove
> otherwise? Was it just a refusal to admit that there was something
> unearthly going on? Was it a motivation supplied by whatever means to
> assist in the recognition processes of the brain as the sighting to be
> more mundane? As facts bore out, the sightings and experiences of
> many people start off in the same way and only after the initial first
> moments does there begin to evolve patterns of reality checks and
> balances that wake up the brain to incoming information enough to
> distinguish what was originally thought to become something more
> applicable in realistic terms. Click, OH!

One of the 'tough teats' that we have to chew on is the fact that most people reserve any consideration of our reports as being based in hard, physical reality for 'last'. The truth is; until you have had a silver sphere hovering in front of your face, or wake up as you are being carried out of your house in the middle of the night by six or eight grey midgets, there is no way to even imagine what it must be like. It's tough for people to acknowledge as 'real' something they cannot even imagine. On that level I can relate to the denial and the resistance. It's how I too would feel if the shoe was on the other foot. (Or the 'wrong' foot eh Bruce? :)

> P.S. Anyone know where I can get warrantee work done on my
> defective implants?

<LMAO> Next time you come by the house for a visit, we'll do some elective surgery on each other and service our implants together. Just stay the hell away from my computer Cathy! I get enough 'crashes' without the ones you create just by getting close to my system. :)

Warmest regards, my best to you and hubby... :)

John Velez

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 11:26:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:50:25 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Warren

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

>>I have now placed on my web site my complete discussion and
>>analysis of the Kenneth Arnold Case:

>><http://brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD/KARNOLD.html>

>In his ensuing, first public interview, for local KWRC radio
>station, Arnold explained:

>"I had made one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier and down one of the
>canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might
>prove to be the Marine ship, uh, and as I come out of the canyon
>there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles
>from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet and I noticed to
>the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a
>Chinese kite, kind of weaving and going at a terrific speed
>across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they were
>geese because it flew like geese..."

>How do you equate this with Arnold's subsequent, evidentially
>increasingly elaborate, story of how he was first alerted to the
>objects by a reflection from their surface?

>Specifically, the disparity how Arnold originally explained,
>before his report had so comically been popularised as 'flying
>saucers', that, "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked
>to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

>He then of course added, "I, at first, thought they were geese
>because it flew like geese..."

>There's blatantly an inherent question which I have previously
>asked and has never even been addressed in reply.

>Why did Arnold, as proven, at first believe the objects were
>birds?

James,

Well, my curiosity got the best of me... so I listened to my
copy of the "famed broadcast" that Arnold made shortly after
his sighting... and here's the part that you omitted which
should answer your own question:

"I, at first, thought they were geese because it flew like
geese, but it was going so fast, I immediately changed my mind
and decided it was a bunch of new jet planes flying in

formation."

I think it' is plain to see given the short duration of the event that Arnold at the time, and even later in describing what he had witnessed was trying to "associate" the strange objects to something in his mind's eye that fell into the "realm of normalcy." In my opinion, this is standard behavior for most of us when we observe something "abnormal," or out of the parameters of the "closed minded box" that we are all raised and taught in. Moreover if you analyze his entire recollection of the event it becomes apparent that the adjectives used were that of describing the "motion" of said objects, instead of "exactly" what they looked like. Later in that same interview he described the appearance of the objects as, "a pie plate that was cut in half with sort of a convex triangle in the rear." Hope this helps.....

Regards,

Frank

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Filer's Files #12-2002

From: **George A. Filer** <WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 15:06:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:56:45 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #12-2002

FILER'S FILES #12-2002, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
March 20, 2002, majorstar@aol.com
Webmaster: Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>.

UFOS WERE OBSERVED FROM THE COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE, over New York, Georgia, Florida, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Canada, West Indies, Argentina, England, Italy and Yugoslavia.

CHINA SUPERPOWER -- SPACE IS THE NEXT HIGH GROUND.

The Chinese space program is ambitiously supported by China's army, the largest in world. They realize that space is the next high ground and the US has moved into Afghanistan on their border. It is also possible the Chinese have a secret program that is already sending craft into space. Our Shuttle missions are regularly shadowed by unidentified flying objects, that could be from China, Russia, the US or alien. Chinese and Russian radar's like our own regularly plot the movements of the UFOs. The Chinese Military is much larger than the US and only technology keeps the US ahead. Foolishly the Clinton Administration provided much of the technology to China for advanced satellites for weather, resource monitoring, intelligence, and communications purposes. The US is closely watching quality problems at China's Jiuquan Space Launch Center where the Shenzhou was first launched in November 1999, circling the Earth 14 times before parachuting back into Inner Mongolia. In January of 2001, Shenzhou 2, a multi-module space vehicle circled the Earth for almost seven days and 108 orbits. Sometime this spring the unpiloted Shenzhou 3 craft will be launched and assuming this flight goes well Chinese astronauts will likely make the next flight. China claims they will have astronauts on the Moon by 2010.

If the Chinese wish to attack Taiwan they are now in position to obtain the intelligence needed from their own satellites. China is also working on a military space war-fighting strategy. They have a small aircraft-shaped space shuttle that will carry missiles designed to destroy US and Russian satellites. They are also developing quick access to orbit rockets, anti-satellites, powerful ground-based lasers to blind spacecraft, plus intercontinental ballistic missiles. This is why President Bush wishes to develop a US antimissile system hoping to neutralize Chinese weapon systems. The system could also theoretically be used against UFOs. China is rapidly building a strong Navy and already has one nuclear submarine capable of firing ballistic missiles along with four other nuclear subs.

Chinese scientists have a more open mind about the reality of UFOs, and feel some may belong to either the US or Russia. In China, the Falun Gong sect of an estimated 100 million practitioners represent the largest group opposed to Communist rule. The practitioners of Falun Gong openly recognize the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrials. This provides a certain respectability for UFOs and China has asked the United Nations for open reporting and research into UFOs. When a UFO struck a Chinese passenger airliner that was forced to make an

emergency landing the Chinese newspapers carried the story. The first issue of Filer's Files January 2, 1997, reported that Reuters World Service story stated: "The Yangcheng Evening News said, the object collided with the Boeing 757-200 passenger plane on December 19, 1996, on a flight from Beijing to Wuhan, capital of central Hubei Province, according to an edition of the newspaper seen in Beijing on Wednesday. The plane landing to a Hubei subsidiary of China's Southern Airlines made a successful emergency landing at Beijing's Capital International Airport, it said. The Chinese are well aware that those who control the high ground control the world.

SPACE SHUTTLE FIXES HUBBLE TELESCOPE AS UFOs WATCH

Jeff Challender writes, STS-109/Columbia has been a very interesting mission. Anomalies were seen during several phases of the flight, including post-ascent, rendezvous with Hubble, during spacewalks, and at the point of Hubble's release back to orbit. All of the goals of the mission were met in excellent fashion. The entire power system was overhauled, and the Hubble's deep space vision was improved ten fold. During rendezvous and capture, a reflection of HST's flat base appeared in a payload bay camera lens, which looked for all the world like a classic "flying saucer." To the untrained eye, it could easily have been mistaken for a UFO. A white object was seen several times during space walk activities, and although it had some resemblance to the Moon, it was in the wrong part of the sky. While astronaut Jim Newman was working on the HST power system, an object was seen from his helmet camera. This object came into view from underneath Columbia, came to a complete stop, and executing a 90 degree right angle turn, went back under the Shuttle. Some fifteen seconds later, this, or a similar object streaked past the astronauts at extreme speed, appearing to originate from the same area where the first object disappeared.

During the release of Hubble back into it's orbit, a strobing object was seen moving from 7 o'clock toward 2 o'clock. The camera operator tried several times to move the camera in order to eliminate the object from the field of view, to no avail. It continued to enter the screen. At this point, the feed was cut. Some time later, the tapes made by the crew from inside Columbia of the HST release were replayed in their entirety. The same strobing object was in the area of Hubble, but from a different angle. Disregard the incident involving Commander Altman and the capcom. It is a demonstrable case of ice chips caused by a small fuel leak. Thanks to Jeff Challender Jefchall@worldnet.att.net

A letter from Joe Love says, "I've been watching hours of the Shuttles STS 109 mission and I'm convinced I saw and recorded an awesome extraterrestrial craft that was imaged by the space shuttle camera at 3:30 AM Eastern time on March 1, 2002. It was a most graceful beautiful object in flight that I have ever seen. It seemed to be several hundred to a thousand feet from the shuttle and a hundred feet in length. Basically it was a glowing, golden colored, long and narrow band that kept a crescent shape most of the 38 seconds it was in view. It looked like a convulsing worm, tumbling nine times end over end. It straightened out once. The best part is the six bright, golden, brief flashes of light (unevenly timed) as if reflecting the sun, but the sun was on the opposite side of the Earth. During the mission press conference a reporter asked about the anomaly, Brian Austin-Lead Flight Director for STS-109 stated, "It was more than likely a piece of ice. Snip. It appeared much too far away and large to be ice. Thanks to Joe Love.

NEW YORK PINE BUSH SIGHTING

Bruce Cornet has been contacted by new witnesses, who say, "I just got your email and wanted to let you know that I had seen two UFOs in the same week. The first was January 27, 2002, in Accord, NY, close to my home in the early evening. It was a triangle shape with typical lights but, the back of it was so dark that it may have had more construction to it as in the diamond shape or manta ray. It was massive and flew over slowly fifty feet above tree line. On February 2, 2002, I was on my way to an UFO party when I saw the same object that the others had seen, but in closer detail in Walker Valley on Route 52 around 7:30 PM. It was triangle shaped but a double Decker. Lights were extensive in the front and looked as though it had

windows. Again it moved slowly above the tree line. This object was so large that the car in front of me had also taken notice and drove slowly to observe it. I pulled off the road and couldn't believe it. The front two lights were very far apart, that is what caught my eye first. When the object became closer it had a dim glow in the front, between the two "headlights". The glow looked like windows in a slightly arched line. Thanks to Bruce Cornet Ph.D., Geologist, Paleobotanist, Palynologist bcornet@monmouth.com <http://www.monmouth.com/~bcornet/>

GEORGIA INVESTIGATION OF POLICE OFFICERS SIGHTING

Tom Sheets, State Director of MUFONGA reports, I conducted a sit-down interview with the police officer that observed the floating rectangular light. He added the following;- First, he indicated that he was so concerned about the event that he logged the date on his PC calendar; 28 Sept 01, also adding it occurred between 9:30 and 10:30 PM, and not recalling any unusual weather or storms occurring at the time. 2- During the first half of the event, when he initially reached for the bed table lamp, he could not find it, as if it was not there, nor was the adjacent dresser touched when he reached for that. While I was taking photos of his bedroom, he also recalled that the glowing red face of his digital clock radio was also not there.....it sits at the base of the lamp. Moments later, he reached out again and the lamp was there and was turned on, the floating light vanished for the first time and all then appeared normal. 3- During the time! when he stuck his finger into the light, he was able to see it come out the other side, leading him to initially tell me it only had height and width, no depth. 4- He is further sure that there was no normal light leaking into the room from another source. 5- He added that within days of the event, he had 3 lamps with fluorescent bulbs all burn out on the same day, this had never happened before. He thought this odd at the time, but connected it to nothing strange. Two years ago lightning struck his back fence and ran along the fence. At the end of October he had a major PC failure. The officer described that sometimes his cat would jump up and go on alert and seemed to look at things in the living room that no one else could see. This activity is not necessarily strange conduct for a feline. There are LOTS of BIG boulders on his property so I may have our Geologist and the Deputy Director of Science for MUFONGA to take a look. Witness cited no other unusual conditions existing in his home.! Thanks to Tom Sheets, SD MUFONGA, ISUR Board

MINNESOTA BOOMS AND BRIGHT LIGHT OVER YARD

VESTABURG -- On February 20, 2002, the witness heard high pitched sounds and saw a bright light that lit up her entire yard at 3:30 AM. The witness says, "I was awakened by a loud noise that sounded like a base drum going Baboom, Baboom, several times. This proceeded into a high pitched sound that would change octaves for a long period of time. I thought I was losing my mind so I got out of bed and went to look around the house to see if I could find what it was and my three acre yard was lit up like daytime. The high-pitched noise would start up, then stop for 30 seconds or so and start up again. My husband also heard these sounds and our cat was going crazy. My brother lives three miles away and he also heard it. I could not see any form of craft in the sky but there was a very bright light shining down. Finally everything stopped. GOLDEN, COLORADO -- The previous day similar strange noises were reported at 2:00 PM, but! no lights were seen.

OKLAHOMA INVESTIGATION

LAWTON -- Jim Hickman investigates and reports the witness "Joe W." states: On 3/11/2002 at 1:30 AM, I was driving west from downtown and noticed several green lights and one larger red light near the western horizon. They began to move in an erratically with smaller green lights orbiting around the larger red light. As I got closer to home I realized that the lights were heading in my general direction so I ran into the house to grab my digital camera. When I ran back outside, the objects were now much closer, and nearly overhead so I managed to get one picture. At the time I took the picture the objects were moving slowly overhead a 100 feet away. After I took the picture, I made the mistake of checking the display on the back of the camera to see if I got it. The object sped off to the east and was quickly out of sight. I didn't notice any sound

coming from the objects, but they did seem to disturb all the dogs in the neighborhood which were barking. At slowest point while nearly overhead, the object was moving at 10 mph for a brief period of time. As it moved off to the east, it gained speed to probably several hundred miles per hour. The witness is former military who now works as a civilian at Fort Sill.

Investigator's note: The weather that night was partly cloudy, breezy and cool. Lawton is the home of Fort Sill a huge military base, and Altus Air Force base is about 35 miles to the west. This sighting is similar to the Hudson Valley sightings in the '80's. with a large slow object hovering overhead with multicolored lights, then fast exit, altitude 100' or less, no sounds, animals affected, etc. I was involved in a UFO incident near Lawton myself in 1983, where a huge triangle shaped object hovered overhead, (I was able to see structure), and then followed my vehicle for over 20 miles. This sighting was verified by the Kiowa County Sheriff's office who's dispatcher saw the object as I was in radio communication with him, and by Altus Air Force Base, who sent up an aircraft to investigate. I have written a full account of that evening in my next book, I call that story "Encounter at Lost Lake." Thanks to Jim Hickman Author, "5000 years of UFO's" MUFON Research Specialist for Media Operations
<http://www.thehickmanreport.com/>

TEXAS VERY LARGE AND BRIGHT FLYING TRIANGLE

PALMER -- The witness reports seeing strange "planes" Saturday night, March 9, 2002, in the night sky in central Texas. I live out in the country and we usually don't see many planes. We were coming home and these "lights" kept just fading into existence, just showing up out of nowhere. Usually a plane kind of "turns" and it's light faces you, it looks like a bright star until it turns again and you can see its blinking red light. Well, it started with two, then three, four, five and then six glowing lights just sitting there. Gradually each one seemed to "turn" and move towards the left with blinking red lights and flew off until there were just three, sitting there. They formed a triangle with the middle one moving from the right side to the left, forming the triangle. Thanks to Melody jimelody@prodigy.net,

ARIZONA LARGE OVAL OBJECT WITH INTENSE SPOT LIGHTS

PHOENIX - ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN'S -- On February 14, 2002, the witness was driving south on Loop 101 when I notice 4 to 5 objects appeared in the Estrella Mountains at 9:15 PM one by one. These objects were not in motion, as I noticed a commercial aircraft passing by. Each object was blinking two colors, orange and red, and were lit for 5 to 6 minutes, then one at a time disappeared. When I got home I ran to the back yard, with my wife, and the objects were gone. Then we noticed two more objects off to the west towards Buckeye. These objects looked the same as the first five. My wife witnessed these objects with me as well. As we were watching, the objects to the south came back, to the Estrella Mountains. We watched another five minutes and they again disappeared.

A second witness about 9:30 PM, also on the 14th, saw some very bright lights towards the back of his housing development when he turned onto the West Point Parkway. They lit up the sky like a baseball stadium's lights. The witness states, "I looked past a desert field towards Luke AFB to see a GIANT blimp-like object hovering very close to the ground." It had very, very intense spot lights all around the top and all around the bottom. In the center were multicolored lights much smaller, but they seem to move or 'chase' around the middle. I drove home to go get my camera hoping my husband could see this object. However all we could see were two glowing reddish-orange balls in a vertical pattern directly over Luke AFB. They blinked out suddenly and reappeared in a horizontal pattern. The next day a coworker described seeing the same object. Peter Davenport Director NUFORC
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NEVADA BLUE FIREBALL WITH SPARKS

LAS VEGAS -- A construction worker reports seeing a very low flying circular blue object moving at very high speed directly over job site on February 15, 2002, at 4:06 PM. The witness

says, It appeared to vanish and I was yelling for others to look to get more witnesses. After it vanished I looked around to see who was looking. No one was looking in my area so I was not going to say anything but then an Iron worker from a boom lift said, "Did any of you guys see that ?" I was relieved that someone other than myself saw it. It flew over about 400 feet above me, completely silent. He said it was a BUO, "Blue unidentified object ?" I said and he said no "Big unidentified object." We see military craft all the time. Shortly after four F-16 fighters were cruising the area. Enough said. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [http://www.ufocenter.com./](http://www.ufocenter.com/)

CANADIAN SIGHTINGS CONTINUE AT HIGH RATE

LONDON ONTARIO -- Keith Warren writes, "I live in a city of about 1/3 million people located half way between Detroit and Toronto and on Saturday, March 16, 2002, I was at my sisters house party and let our dogs out about midnight. That night it was very clear and cold, I looked up and saw two bright red orbs about the size of big beach balls that flew over my head at about 1000 feet. They were beside each other, just a few feet apart. They were also kind of bumping and grinding around with each other at 300 to 600 mph. They were moving silently and incredibly fast. These were not of human origin, as they flew southwest they merged together and shot away at 1000 times faster.

CALGARY ALBERTA -- On February 17, 2002, I was playing basketball in Abbeydale and as it got dark a bright ball of light flew above us no more than 50 feet away in an overcast sky. My friend saw a white ball of light for a few seconds that faded away really quick. These were not meteor showers, and the way it moved is indescribable. It moved in a perfect straight line without sound and was very bright without a tail. A similar sighting was also posted from Calgary on January 17th. As The UFO flew over my cell phone rang and recorded the time and date of the call. Thanks to NUFORC.

WILMER -- Brian Vike reports from British Columbia of a possible abduction when three young girls watched a circular object hover right over their heads, they freaked and took off. One of the girls, sitting in the back seat, watched the object as it passed over their car." She said, "There were seven large bright white lights passing overhead with two orange lights at either end." It was similar to a boomerang in shape they estimated it was 450 feet (135 meters)" in length.

HOUSTON, BC -- Her husband and "friends" watched 5 points of light come together in a clear sky, then move out at the same time to some distance and disappear sometime in February 2002.

TELKWA --First week in February at 6:15 PM, the witness telephoned me explaining she watched an extremely bright white light just east of Vanderhoof on Surgeon Point Road. Six new crop circles were discovered in this area by Brent Miskuski who flew over this area in September 2001. Brian Vike investigated the crop circles then but now there were more lights. The witness said she only observed the bright light for a minute after she came up over a hill. The object was above her and resembled an airplane's landing light coming into an airport but there are no landings at this time. Two other witnesses reported seeing the light.

SINKUT MOUNTAIN -- It was either Thursday or Friday morning, February 28 or March 1, 2002, when the witness saw a white and extremely bright light in the direction of Sinkut Mountain at 5:30 AM from her kitchen window. Her first thoughts were that it was just a logging truck. The witness looked through binoculars and saw a pure bright white light for quite some time. The light would move, then stop, leave and return. The light would zip around so quickly that it could not have been any aircraft or logging equipment. Two witnesses traveling on Langston Road heading towards Prince George at 5:45 AM also saw the white light. Investigation by Brian Vike determined there was no logging or construction equipment working the mountain.

TERRACE, B.C. -- On the night of February, 1, 2002, four witnesses saw an orange and red very bright light which seemed to be in the shape of a square. This light was sitting close to the top, or just below the top rim of the mountain. Their first thoughts were that this was the moon, but the real moon was

also visible. They said that if you looked at a good sized home and were seeing it from about 400 yards away, it seemed to be about the same dimension. It looked very glossy with the orange, red and yellow. The witness also talked about a possible faint colored band running across the face of the light. Thanks to Brian Vike (Yogi) Independent UFO Field Investigator/Researcher

CARIBBEAN WEST INDIES SIGHTINGS

SOUFRIERE, ST. LUCIA -- Kathy writes, "My boyfriend, Craig, and I were in St. Lucia a few weeks ago and we saw a few different UFO's." I saw a white light on February 11, 2002. dance up and down and side to side in the sky and disappear behind Petit Piton. Soon after, Craig saw a red orb zoom by. Then, we noticed every night for the ten days between 10 to 10:20 PM, there was a flashing white light in the same spot in the sky. After twenty minutes the lights would fade or go further away? It could still be there! If you looked up at Orion, there is a very bright star to the right of it. Then if you go over just a bit more to the right and down, there it was same time every night. Why was it flashing? Thanks, Kathy Noll

ARGENTINE SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

SANTA ROSA -- Saturday night, March 9, 2002, several anomalies were observed from an observation post staffed by personnel some 60 km from Santa Rosa. As a result of the intensity of said manifestations, CEUFO personnel routinely conduct skywatches and take turns in order to achieve a wider coverage. This Saturday, at 21:20 hours, an object flew over the city in a NW SE direction. It's size was that of "a very large star" and it moved at regular speed. Just minutes prior to 22:00 hours, three pulses of light or "flashes" were seen to the SE of the city. At 22:20, a "luminous cloud" crossed the city following an SE-NW heading. It's size was considerable but witnesses were unable to pin down its altitude. The sky was partly cloudy but this "cloud" was completely independent from the rest. One of the witnesses claimed that "the Moon appeared to be behind the object" by way of an example of the luminosity issuing from the "cloud."&#nbsp; Thanks to Quique Mario and C.E.U! .F.O. Proyecto condor Translation (C) 2002. Institute of Hispanic Ufology

UK UFO SIGHTINGS OR WITCHES ON BROOMS?

CHORLEY -- I was in the White Coppice are of tonight and noticed what appeared to be a "string of pearls" configuration traveling toward the northbound M62 motorway. The "pearls" were highly luminous and not "lit up" in the usual sense of the word. The pearls were moving quite slowly so I took off in the car in an attempt to follow. I met up with it near to the motorway junction at Chorley. I must say that it was easy to follow because of its slow speed. It continued to fly over the M62 north then turned toward Blackburn. It didn't increase its speed until it passed the BA works at Salmesbury, I then had to hit the gas to keep it in sight. Luckily the road was quiet so I could put my foot down. (In case there are any police on the list, I won't say what speed I was going!) Even though I was really shifting the "thing" soon outpaced me and I lost sight of it near to Great Harrowed, it then simply vanished over Penile Hill. There! were 6 "pearls" that seemed to belong ! to one object. But it must have been quite large. There were no strobe lights. I must mention that throughout the "sighting" I didn't feel at all well, lightheaded and talking to myself in a sort of moaning and muttering way. Once the "pearls" left I began to recover. I later stopped at a shop and mentioned what I'd seen, the shopkeeper told me that he too had seen such a phenomenon when stood at his shop door chatting to a customer. His opinion was that it was the witches of Pendle on their broomsticks! Who knows since they have been reported for hundreds of years? Thanks to Bill

MONEYASH, DERBYSHIRE -- James Allan reports: I was camping, and it being a dark clear night, I was doing a bit of stargazing-on March 3,-2002, at 21:00 hours. I was looking at the plough, and I noticed what looked like three stars moving. They were dimmer than the stars that make up the plough, but quite white, not red or blue. There was no flashing of lights, just three pinpricks of light. I estimate that the three points filled about a fifth to a quarter the size of the 'dipper' bit of the

plough. The lights seemed as if three satellites were moving in unison, but much, much slower than I have ever seen satellites moving. Perhaps the source was further away/higher altitude? They were in a triangular pattern, but elongated in the direction of travel. They moved slowly from the area of the plough, down to the horizon in the East-North-East. This journey took about 2 minutes from when I first noticed the lights, to when I ! lost them in the orange light pollution near the horizon. UFOzone Comment: I would suggest that this may have been a sighting of a formation of satellites, due to the consistency of appearance, color and movement, and the fact that the lights did not exhibit characteristics which would rule out this possibility. Thanks to Dan Bright <http://ufozone.co.uk/> and James Allan james_d_allan@hotmail.com

ITALY UFO NEWSFLASH ISSUE NO. 344 -INCREASE IN SIGHTINGS

The Italian Center for UFO Studies reports a slight increase in Italian Sightings in January compared to a lull of the preceding months. In fact, the number of cases so far reported or detected by the CISU working group on Italian sightings totals 30 for the month of January, versus 26 for November and 17 in December. Five observations occurred during daylight hours, while the others alternately concerned lights in the nighttime sky. Eight reports relate to the "mini-flap" caused by the conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon on 26 January. Meanwhile, the annual totals for 2001 have been updated, up to 650 sightings, confirming the exceptional nature of the last year with respect to the media coverage during recent years, which had remained steady at around 300-350 cases. At the center of the summer wave, Lombardy and Tuscany totaled nearly 100 sightings each. Thanks to Giorgio Abraini and Sebastiano Ridolfi.

"I WAS ABDUCTED BY ALIENS"-- Convinced that he had been abducted by UFOs, a young man from Conegliano Veneto (Treviso) went to the police in order to provide what amounted to the first report of its type in our country. The "abduction" was said to have occurred around the middle of last July. The extraterrestrials picked him up, brought him to a secret location and utilized him as a guinea pig in experiments featuring "extremely sophisticated pieces of equipment." The aliens allegedly "removed a section of his brain," thereafter returning him to his home. Skeptical in the face of the young man's experience and the events, the agents balked at the report and invited him to appear on the Maurizio Costanzo TV Show. Thanks to La Tribuna di Treviso, February 20; UFOTEL, edited weekly by Edoardo Russo for the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm>

YUGOSLAVIA HUNDREDS REPORT UFO SIGHTING

GODIJEVO -- Authorities are investigating after hundreds of people in a Montenegrin village reported seeing a cluster of giant UFOs. People in Godijevo say they rushed out of their homes after hearing a series of loud blasts and saw huge illuminated objects seemingly hovering overhead. Officials are investigating numerous recorded sightings, but have been unable to offer an explanation so far. According to the newspaper Vijesti, many witnesses claim the UFOs changed shape before heading off into the sky and out of sight. "I went outside after hearing a commotion and when I looked up and there were twenty large luminous circles, it was as if a UFO was hovering over our heads. The sky must have been lit up for hundreds of metres," said Sead Hodzic. There are no hi-tech facilities to generate such lights in the area. Filed March 7, 2002, http://www.ananova.com/yournews/story/sm_538533.html

"WHITE PEBBLE" AND "PROJECT JEHOVAH"

Robert Colins writes...The below document (see link) was leaked to Tim Cooper in early 2001. This is page 21 of 19 "bleed through pages" (many of the pages were dated to different periods) with this page dated October 2, 1962, (JFK era) and is likely the "second cover page" to the Mj12 Executive Briefing. We believe the "bleed through" pages are due to either thermal fax's printers or carbons. Please notice the code word "White Pebble" and "Project Jehovah" under Mj12. Albert Einstein, Robert Oppenheimer, Theodore von Karman and James Doolittle were all reported to be connected with Project Jehovah. These and other such "code words/projects" have appeared in a number

of other documents. Also, please note that this is copy 1 of 2 with TS Control Number "T310010-055" where "T" means CIA Tinker files (this is very hard to read on the JPG image) plus the "I" and "R" switched in the word "SECURITY." The reason for this "typo error" was for tracking the document. This ! document! was probably typed from its appearance by one of the Mj-12 Group Technical Advisory Panel (MTAP-12) members and since "access" was extremely limited there was likely no "peer review." Sources tell us that this document "reads right" but regardless, Bob and Ryan Wood are continuing to have forensics done on this and the other 19 pages. Thanks to Robert Collins http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins634/reports/mj12_62execbrief_cover_page.htm

Editors Note: Majestic was an important operation in World War II. Seldom if ever are the same codewords used for different projects. "White Pebble" and "Project Jehovah" would make excellent codewords for UFO studies. Saucers or pebbles are reported skipping across the surface of the water, Jehovah is the Hebrew word most often used for God in Hebrew scriptures and ties into the concept of visitors from the heavens.

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Regards,

George Filer

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Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 14:16:09 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 04:14:04 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gehrman

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?
>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 03:08:00 -0000

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 14:45:56 -0800
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gehrman

>Ed wrote:

>>I sent your UpDates post regarding Olaf Ittenbach & the AA to
>>Ray [Santilli]. This is his reply:

>>It's complete crap. I have never heard of the guy.

>Ed,

>Ray also sent myself a copy of these sentiments.

>I did indicate, although not yet fully revealed, a significant
>doubt that Ittenbach was responsible for, as I deliberately
>emphasised, the _original_ 'alien autopsy' footage.

>I was aware he had been contracted to create his own 'Roswell
>alien autopsy'.

<snip>

>Perhaps Ray might also now comment on the evident, "It's complete
>crap" story which Bob Shell was told.

>I hope you are more successful in obtaining a response to that,
>than myself and others have been.

>Again, as I said, we'll see...

James,

All I know for sure is that the person who transferred the AA
raw footage to video has been interviewed by an independent
researcher. I've not read the transcript and I don't know how
much of it has been made public so I don't know how much I can
reveal, but others on this list may have additional information.
The original footage was in very poor condition. Sorry I can't
tell you more, but it's not my scoop.

Ed

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 18:52:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 04:18:30 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Maccabee

>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 22:03:40 -0500

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>Just why did Arnold or so many other people first think that
>their sightings were easily explainable until circumstances led
>on to prove otherwise? Was it just a refusal to admit that
>there was something unearthly going on? Was it a motivation
>supplied by whatever means to assist in the recognition
>processes of the brain as the sighting to be more mundane? As
>facts bore out, the sightings and experiences of many people
>start off in the same way and only after the initial first
>moments does there begin to evolve patterns of reality checks
>and balances that wake up the brain to incoming information
>enough to distinguish what was originally thought to become
>something more applicable in realistic terms. Click, OH!

J. Allen Hynek invented a terminology for what happened with
Arnold and others: "escalation of hypotheses" by which he meant
that when confronted with some unusual appearing phenomenon the
witness would try to identify he he/she saw first as something
well known that seemed, at first glance, to look or appear like
the phenomenon. Then, when the phenomenon did something or
looked in some way contradictory to the first suggestion, the
witness would propose something else, and so on, each proposed
explanation... each successive "hypothesis"... being more
complex or unusual than the previous.

In order to carry out the escalation of hypotheses it is
necessary that the sighting last long enough for the witness(es)
to attempt more than one identification during the sighting or
at least to get a good enough view so that after the sighting
the witness recalls details which contradict what would be
expected of known, simple phenomena.

Many of us are old enough to recall the Hollywood/comic book
version of this escalation of hypotheses 'in real time' as
applied to appearances of the mild mannered reporter, who was
reputedly more powerful than a locomotive, faster than a
speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single
bound...

"Look, up in the sky....
it's a bird....

it's a plane....

its SUPERMAN!"

In Arnold's case, his initial impression when he first saw the
objects, (and apparently he didn't immediately connect them with
the bright flash that caused him to search the sky for the
source of the flash) he noted the flight pattern or arrangement
of them spread out over a small area of the sky (one ahead of
the other and at slightly different altitudes) and thought...

geese.

Then as he watched them he noted something about them that indicated "these aren't geese." That was the speed. And also, subsequently the bright flashes. His next hypothesis was that they were military aircraft. But as he looked he couldn't see tails, engines, etc. and the shapes were unusual. His final hypothesis was advanced military aircraft, possibly of the SU if not ours. He never went "out of the world" with his hypotheses until long after the sighting when the government rejected the "new aircraft" hypothesis.

The "scientific world", when confronted with the data/observations also went through hypothesis escalation, and when the escalation went too far (e.g., Hynek could not accept the idea of semi circular aircraft several thousand feet in size traveling at high speed) the scientific world modified the data/observations to fit the accepted explanation (e.g., Hynek claimed the objects were ordinary aircraft but much closer to Arnold than he had claimed and hence traveling much more slowly than he had claimed; Hynek never explained by Arnold couldn't identify the supposed aircraft)

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Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site -

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:28:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:37:15 -0500
Subject: Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site -

>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 18:45:38 -0800 (PST)
>From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
>Subject: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>I just found this web site, maybe thats Terziski's web site,
>anyway, it seems they have a lot of material, and I'll order
>some video from there:

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

Oh Vencislav,

Years ago, when I was involved in LA MUFON, Vlad used to make his presence known by shrilly spilling his shtick (telling his story loudly and at high speed coupled with his accent) and performing his magic show of trying to fool people to believe his speculations without the slightest shred of evidence to give proof to his overloaded and fantasy filled imagination..

In case I lost you there buddy, in my humble opinion, of the many nutcases I have met in UFO world over many years, Vlad is one of the slickest.

Just don't ever try to ask him why, if the US and the Russians recovered all the Nazi rocket and advanced technology ,that in the almost last 60 years not a hide nor hare of those wonder weapons have been seen anywhere. Did the aliens who gave the Nazis secrets suddenly return and make all the Nazi flying saucer technologies disappear before the allies could find them? Are most UFO reports sightings from objects flying from the Nazi base in Antarctica? He does a great standup comedy routine.

Before you send money for his videos I would suggest you do some internet research with reliable sites regarding Nazi weapons. As far as I know, the Nazis had it as a plan on a drawing board but were nowhere near creating one or even flying a full scale test saucer.

Vencislav, when I was a young boy, Bela Lugosi taught me through a movie to beware of Vlad. It was good advice.

Good luck,

Josh

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Re: Beyond A Doubt - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 04:15:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:41:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt - Goldstein

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 10:45:50 -0800

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 15:26:33 -0800

>>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 09:30:43 -0600

>>>I have had arguments/discussions with fundamentalist Darwinists that
>>>would make the most unreasoned Troglodyte Talibanist look like Phil
>>>Donahue. I.e., why is there so much difference between Humans and
>>>the closest relatives, why do we share features closer to Pigs and
>>>Dolphins (Subcutaneous fat- no other ape has that, and others.)

>>>I'm attracted to the 'aquatic ape' hypothesis here, which of
>>>course remains heresy in the anthropology community, but like
>>>other heresies, it helps test the boundaries and ask embarrassing
>>>questions such as the ones you brought up.

>>Elaine Morgan's 'aquatic ape' theory is a rather radical
>>hypothesis for a skeptic to adopt but I certainly agree with
>>you. Do you find the reaction of the anthropological community
>>to her hypothesis a little familiar? First they ignored her,
>>then they ridiculed her. I've read her arguments carefully and
>>find them persuasive. You must have been convinced, too, or you
>>wouldn't have mentioned it.

>>If she's correct and humans have evolved from an aquatic ape,
>>then doesn't it make sense that some of our forbearers stayed
>>in the ocean, and perhaps evolved in a different direction,
>>more dolphin-like, and maybe they still are with us. Could this
>>explain the alien in the alien autopsy.

>>OK I know it's a stretch, but just some thoughts on a cold,
>>rainy afternoon.

>I was wondering why you decided to abruptly end what I thought
>was about to become an interesting discussion, one which you
>initiated by mentioning your interest in the 'Aquatic Ape
>Theory'. My question to you was not facetious nor was it meant
>to bait you. I am/was very interested in your response. I would
>say that 99.9% of the folks on this list are unaware of the
>'Aquatic Ape theory. If they do have some inkling of Elaine
>Morgan's thesis, most have probably rejected it as absurd
>conjecture.

>This was an opportunity to make them conscious of a very
>important piece of information. I contend that many UFO
>sightings are of terrestrial craft, manufactured by creatures
>who live on earth and have been shadowing humans since we began
>our evolutionary journey. These creatures are our evolved
>aquatic cousins and yes they still live in and under the ocean.

>I'd like to know what you think about all this, since you seem
>to accept the idea that humans have evolved from aquatic apes.

>For those wanting more information on the AA:

><http://www.geocities.com/Athens/5168/aat/leaflet.html>

Hello Ed and James,

I remember back in the late 1970s seeing a film about water births being performed in Russia. The babies, when born into water would have the innate ability to swim. They also showed babies a little older who would swim right along. As they grew a little older (I don't remember how old) they lost that ability. Later, as children they would have to be taught to swim. I don't know how accurate the above was, only that I saw a film on this subject. Elaine Morgan makes no mention of such abilities.

Tschus,

Josh

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HBCCUFO 08/09-85 Report

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 19:30:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:45:53 -0500
Subject: HBCCUFO 08/09-85 Report

Houston British Columbia Canada UFO
Cranberry Junction, British Columbia

Date: August or mid-September 1985
Time: approx. 9 - 9.30 p.m.

Hi Brian,

It was nice to hear from you. Its a funny thing you know that every time I hear or read about UFO sightings, I wish I would have reported it to someone at the time I saw whatever it was. I pulled out some old records, I believe it was late August or mid September 1985. You see I worked for Lyle Gold and Sons Logging and being that I live in the Nass Valley I used to travel the back road to Cranberry Junction and from there down the highway towards Stewart to the old Vandike Logging camp every Sunday night.

I had a 1980 Ford F-150 short box pick up truck. It had no canopy so my visibility was excellent. It was a real nice night, the sky was clear, yet it was dark more like 9 or 9.30 p.m. I remember now because I used to leave the Nass camp at around 8 p.m. I was roughly five to eight miles from reaching Vandike Camp. I was three quarters of the way down this very long straight stretch and I caught a glimpse of this light in my upper front window rear view mirror. I noticed that the light came down at an angle from the Nass river side of the highway like in an "S" like motion but it was a long way back, about as big as this dot on the paper (pencil sized fullstop). It started at the beginning of the straight stretch like it came down and aligned itself with the pavement and if you count to five that's about how long it took to catch up to me going 90 kilometers per hour.

It came right up within ten feet in the passing lane of tail end of the pickup. I had a really good look at it in my rear view mirrors and I even turned my head and looked at it. It was a single light about four feet round and was within inches of touching the pavement, very close. I was trying to see if I could see some mass or structure behind the light but I didn't see anything. I was going to wave at it by sticking my hand out of the window but I chickened out :-). By looking straight into the light it was weird. It was like looking at the moon. The light did not shine or light the highway up. It was a light within itself. After watching the light and watching the road I looked back and it was gone. Then a car came around a corner in front of me. I don't know why but I didn't tell anyone in the camp what I saw when I got there. But the very next morning there was five of us guys going to work in a crew cab going back the same way I had came to camp that night. We worked 15 or so miles back down the highway from the camp. It was about 6 a.m. just daylight. It was going to be a very nice day, the sky was a deep morning blue and there was a gray cloud hanging just above the Nass River. It was only as wide as the river and about a kilometer long.

I wasn't driving so I was admiring the beauty of this long gray cloud and all of a sudden there was a blue explosion in that

cloud. It was the same deep blue as the sky and it was a loud explosion too. I saw all of the blue go out from the explosion and like a magnet it got sucked back into itself and I watched the blue come out of the cloud like a blue worm. It stretched out like an elastic band and like you would let go of that band it shot down the Nass River at a super high speed. I noticed when the head of the blue came out of the clouds there was no ship or structure it was like blue mercury or something liquid (very strange). The guys next to me were shocked when it exploded though they were watching the road and didn't get to see what I did. They said what in tarnation was that !! All I could say was "I don't know".

I don't know why but I never did tell them what I had seen the night before. I just took it in as a blessing because not too many people get to see something like that. I don't know what it is. I can only tell you and draw a picture of what I saw. It could be right there in front of you and you wouldn't know it. A true master of surprise it is.

Investigators Note: The witness has made two drawings which are posted on my website:

http://www.geocities.com/ufologia_canadiana/Nassriver.html

The first drawing shows the position on the highway of the truck in regards to the object. The second diagram is one of the truck and the object in relation to the highway and Nass River.

I would like to thank this witness for his report.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 00:17:55 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:50:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 10:50:27 EST
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>The reason that the re-creation by a local television crew did
>not look like the original 10:00 PM lights is a very simple
>one. The news crew was using professional video cameras worth
>thousands of dollars, while the original footage taken by
>Phoenix residents on March 13th, 1997 was a typical consumer
>>camcorder. There is a major difference in resolution and
>optics comparing both of these systems. Also, the news crew
>filmed the flare lights at a closer distance than the filmed
>events on March 13th, 1997. What is really sad about this case
>5 years later is that most people are still concentrating on
>the 10:00 PM flare drop, while the earlier events are the only
>mystery in this case.

Jim,

Points taken, but just how close was the news crew when it
filmed the flares? Do you know exactly? There seems to be a lot
of disagreement on the distance of the 10 P.M., 3/13/97 lights,
so do we know for a fact they the TV crew was much closer to
their flares? (I'm just playng devil's advocate here; I haven't
made up my mind yet on the 10 P.M., 3/13/ 97 lights.) Also, do
we know for a fact the wind direction that night at that
altitude (whatever that was). Did anyone check it out? You said
in another post that the lights moved slightly to the east. Did
anyone ever find any of the burnt flares/ parachutes or would
that be like finding a needle in the desert? :-)

--Chaz

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Re: Phoenix Case - Evans

From: William H Evans <whevans032766@juno.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 00:39:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:55:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Evans

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>Also, the flares did not form a horizontal line, but as one
>might expect, the first flares dropped were lower in elevation
>than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if
>the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a
>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Chaz,

The plane or helicopter dropping the flares would need to be
falling at the same rate as the first flares to make a
perceived horizontal line as it drops new flares.

This situation will be complicated greatly when you consider
that a dropped object (with or without a vertical component in
it's initial velocity) will start accelerating at 'g' (32.1
f/s² or 9.8 m/s²) and then open it's chute and fall at a
constant rate (terminal velocity for the flare and chute as a
pair) and no longer accelerate.

Therefore, I am going to go out on a limb here and say that the
previously dropped flares/chutes will _never_ all be falling at
the same speed and under the same acceleration and be able to
form a horizontal line.

I could be wrong, though. <g>

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Johnson

From: "Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 09:40:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:55:41 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Johnson

>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 13:19:41 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List

>>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 22:03:40 -0500

Dear John,

I can't believe it has been so long since I last visited with you! So much has changed for me! My life elevator has descended to deposit me on the ground floor. Bump! I hate it when that happens! Now, I am only a SWIFT abductee trying to relate to all of the things I can't do anymore. And, how can you be introspective when there isn't anything there? Too many memories and flashbacks are getting in the way.

I am sorry I crashed your computer. I know I do that. I should have stayed out of your computer room completely. But, you are not alone. Errol and Peter Brooksmith are two other people who are more than aware of my effect on their equipment and toys. I know that several radio and TV studios were not the same after I departed the building as I left a trail of dead or dying electrical parts and batteries behind me. Reminds me of the 'Atomic Kid' movie that Mickey Rooney did so long ago. Ah, but those incidents I caused are just stories now.

>Because of the NOVA business and my association with Budd, Errol >invited me to participate on the List about three months after he >started it. It provided me with a direct pipeline to other abductees >like yourself, and the people who are most directly involved in the >research and investigation of UFO and alien contact cases. I have >received an education at their hands that I couldn't have bought >anywhere else. It has allowed me to expose the details of my own >case, and those of many others, in a venue that reaches a lot of >people. (Get the word out)

This is a necessary thing as we try to relate to others the extent of our experiences in terms and words that suddenly take on new meanings. We are literally having to reorder and revitalize the words we use as descriptions. It flies in the face of the mundane to recover from such shock and effects we have to recover from. AL-A-NON and other help groups have already established the parameters of normalcy for groups of similar afflictions. I see this as a necessary step in getting in touch, and in contacting others who have gone through the same experiences. This list of Errol's and a few other long-standing lists are only catch-basins for the more stable abductees. It is easier to be a Buddhist in a land of Roman Catholics.

>Aside from being educational and thoroughly entertaining, >participating on the List has also proven to be very >therapeutic for me. It has been an outlet for all the energy >that I might have misdirected 'internally' (instead of >'externally' on the List) potentially causing me emotional and

>psychological harm. Although I make it a point not to 'dump' my
>own personal emotional garbage on the List, just 'talking' to
>people has been tremendously helpful.

An abductee has an experience and returns home. From that point on, whatever the abductee remembers or believes about the experience is only an arbitrary artifact of the biological mental processes produced as a result of the original incident itself. In no way does what you remember or believe about that particular incident have any effect what-so-ever on the actual facts of the original incident. Yet, time and again there are people who come along and think that if you deny or disbelieve, the threats and implications of threats to mundane existence will just up and disappear. Not so. We all go through the processes of making mistakes, sometimes in different ways, only to wind up in the same predicaments and circumstances all over again. I for one, would like to take the mythical pill that returns me from what I have done to what I could have done as a normal, born-again human. That pill might exist for some people, but in no way or no how could it be possible for me to ever be a normal (Carl's term for dryer-setting) Jones. I am just a Johnson, and that is the way it is.

>The List is the best there is in the genre. Bar none. I like it
>just as it is. Like you and many others, I'm 'hooked' on it. :)

Whether hooked, or just crying for attention, it is the right place to be as far as I am concerned. It is one of the few places where I can comfortably rub shoulders with peers and others who so astutely place reputation and personal values on the line behind what is really going on.

>>Just why did Arnold or so many other people first think that
>>their sightings were easily explainable until circumstances led
>>on to prove otherwise? Was it just a refusal to admit that there
>>was something unearthly going on? Was it a motivation supplied
>>by whatever means to assist in the recognition processes of the
>>brain as the sighting to be more mundane? As facts bore out, the
>>sightings and experiences of many people start off in the same
>>way and only after the initial first moments does there begin to
>>evolve patterns of reality checks and balances that wake up the
>>brain to incoming information enough to distinguish what was
>>originally thought to become something more applicable in
>>realistic terms. Click, OH!

>One of the 'tough teats' that we have to chew on is the fact
>that most people reserve any consideration of our reports as
>being based in hard, physical reality for 'last'. The truth
>is; until you have had a silver sphere hovering in front of
>your face, or wake up as you are being carried out of your
>house in the middle of the night by six or eight grey midgets,
>there is no way to even imagine what it must be like. It's
>tough for people to acknowledge as 'real' something they cannot
>even imagine. On that level I can relate to the denial and the
>resistance. It's how I too would feel if the shoe was on the
>other foot. (Or the 'wrong' foot eh Bruce? :)

We might be able to horse around with our shoes, but we can't dare to afford being so glib when it comes to something so enigmatic and singular as our own personal experiences. I know what those spheres can do. I know how well certain things are enforced and maintained. It is nothing to joke about at all. Levels of access and priorities are no less learned and earned. All information has particular classifications. Just as dummies go chasing off after disappearing lights, other people sit back and wait for the next available ride. You are involved, no choice, or you are simply not involved. Shoes, or no shoes.

>>P.S. Anyone know where I can get warrantee work done on my
>>defective implants?

><LMAO> Next time you come by the house for a visit, we'll do
>some elective surgery on each other and service our implants
>together. Just stay the hell away from my computer Cathy! I
>get enough 'crashes' without the ones you create just by getting
>close to my system. :)

I remember what it was that I had when I was able to access everything and anything as freely as I did. I know vaguely what it was that I did. I can barely remember the briefest of hints about it all as the dazzle of lights play in my mind. Still,

there is nothing to compare any of it to in this earthly existence as my stories and sketches stretch the realms of science and fiction alike. Thera... wahtt?

Take care, for now,

Cathy

PS: Anyone earn a Eagle feather lately? No? Then, get real and get busy.

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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Lehmborg

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Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 08:49:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:58:26 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Lehmborg

>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 18:52:27 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>Arnold and others: "escalation of hypotheses" by which he meant
>that when confronted with some unusual appearing phenomenon the
>witness would try to identify he he/she saw first as something
>well known that seemed, at first glance, to look or appear like
>the phenomenon. Then, when the phenomenon did something or
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>identify the supposed aircraft)

This is about as cogent an explanation of the events surrounding
Arnold gets, I'm thinking. Additionally, Arnold satisfies
another one of Hynek's rubrics regarding the trustworthiness of
an 'instrument' used in an observation...

One would not use an uncalibrated spectrometer on the light from
a distant galaxy and then trust the results of that observation.
But if the spectrometer were calibrated and checks out on light
from known galaxies, then the data provided on the unknown
distant galaxy should be accorded some respect!

Arnold was an observational instrument of some calibration, yet
his data is discounted, ridiculed, or spuriously debunked
regularly and at every opportunity... In the place of passionate
investigation and righteous revision, old _discounted_
discussions in the form of pelicans, temperature inversions,
swamp gas, and neoprene balloons are revived, ad hoc, ad
nauseum, and ad infinitum.

I wish that these persons endlessly and futilely trying to fray
the reality fabric of UFOs could see how silly, how cowardly,
and how dimensionless they appear. Besides, it doesn't matter
that Arnold, in and of himself, observed pelicans, pie-plates,
or drops of potable water... something's happening out there
apart from Arnold, and it is being observed by scores of
calibrated human instruments (of which I am but one) who would
be trusted in _any_ other venue!

A pox on those that cannot decide to fish or cut bait! They are
obstacles to grasp meeting reach. They are specious hurdles to
intellectual advancement. They are traps and snares on
humanities path to aggregate enlightenment. Contrary to being
protectors of rationality and good science, they are busily
engaged only in keeping us on our cognitive knees!

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmberg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and
scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site -

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:17:59 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 17:01:24 -0500
Subject: Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site -

>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 03:28:00 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site

>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 18:45:38 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Vencislav Bujic <vencib@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: 'German UFO Chatter' Interesting Site
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>I just found this web site, maybe thats Terziski's web site,
>>anyway, it seems they have a lot of material, and I'll order
>>some video from there:

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

>Oh Vencislav,

>Years ago, when I was involved in LA MUFON, Vlad used to make
>his presence known by shrilly spilling his shtick (telling his
>story loudly and at high speed coupled with his accent) and
>performing hismagic show of trying to fool people to believe his
>speculations without the slightest shred of evidence to give
>proof to his overloaded and fantasy filled imagination..

>In case I lost you there buddy, in my humble opinion, of the
>many nutcases I have met in UFO world over many years, Vlad is
>one of the slickest.

<snip>

Josh,

I too listened to Terziski when I attended the MUFON-LA meetings. Vlad made all sorts of crazy claims. He even claimed the British went to the moon in the 19th century a la Jules Verne - shot out of a cannon! He claimed the Nazis experimented with DNA at a time when Crick and Watson had not even unraveled its form! He claimed that Nazis built flying disks, mounted canon on them, and yet none were engaged in battle. And that the Nazis had help in reverse engineering from ETs that evidently sympathised with their atrocious aims. How could anyone take Vlad seriously? Friendly guy though.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kaeser

From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 10:23:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 17:03:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kaeser

>From: William H Evans <whevans032766@juno.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 00:39:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>>Also, the flares did not form a horizontal line, but as one
>>might expect, the first flares dropped were lower in elevation
>>than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if
>>the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a
>>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

>The plane or helicopter dropping the flares would need to be
>_falling_ at the same rate as the first flares to make a
>perceived horizontal line as it drops new flares.

>This situation will be complicated greatly when you consider
>that a dropped object (with or without a vertical component in
>it's initial velocity) will start accelerating at 'g' (32.1
>f/s² or 9.8 m/s²) and then open it's chute and fall at a
>constant rate (terminal velocity for the flare and chute as a
>pair) and no longer accelerate.

>Therefore, I am going to go out on a limb here and say that the
>previously dropped flares/chutes will never all be falling at
>the same speed and under the same acceleration and be able to
>form a horizontal line.

>I could be wrong, though. <g>

I'm not sure anyone is right or wrong in this discussion, but
I'm not sure we have all the facts. Having looked at Bruce's
presentation, I'm convinced that flares are a reasonable
explanation for one group of anomolous sightings that occurred
that night in Phoenix. However, it does not explain a different
group of sightings that spanned a large section of the state.

If I recall correctly, the "flare" explanation wasn't given for
nearly six months, when a member of the Maryland National Guard
(which had been involved in an exercise near Phoenix over a
military reservation on the night of the sightings) happened to
see a report on it and realized they might have been responsible
for some of the confusion. I think that local military officials
denied any activity that night, even though planes were said to
be taking off after the event. This may have been blatant
ignorance, or part of a canned response given to such inquiries.

I had thought that the flares used were of a type that burn very
brightly and use the heat of the flare to help keep it boyant,
causing them to float very slowly to the ground. If the plane is
travelling fast enough as it releases the flares, it would IMO
be possible for the line of lights to seem almost horizontal.

Triangulation has also shown that these lights were much further from the witnesses than they had thought, so they would appear to move very slowly. There is also a very impressive video that has been made which superimposes the daytime skyline over the flare images. As the lights appear to go out, they also drop behind the mountain range that couldn't be seen at night.

All of the videos taken of the event were filmed by local residents and not news organizations. It is unfortunate that interest in a second sighting that night has been adversely impacted by (and confused with) the earlier (probably flare) sighting.

Steve

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:43:44 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 17:06:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 12:12:51 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:13:47 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:26:17 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>>>As Bill knows (I think), I used photos he supplied of the site
>>>of the sighting to determine that the direction he was looking
>>>was in the direction of the crossing point (area) of the
>>>sighting lines from the other 3 video witnesses. This area of
>>>crossing of sighting lines was far south southwest of Phoenix.
>>>My response to Bill is at:

>>><http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights5.html>

<snip>

>What is not generally known by people who have taken an interest
>in the Phoenix Lights/10 PM videotapes, is that such lights have
>been seen several times each year in the winter. I chose one
>particular evening in 1998 to analyze for comparison with the
>1997 lights, but I could have analyzed other similar events.

>Unfortunately there was never a staged event using exactly the
>same sorts of flares at the same locations and altitudes as were
>used by the Maryland Air National Guard on the fateful evening
>of March 13, 1997. Had there been such an event we could have
>either proven or disproven that the videotapes showed images
>similar to flare images.

>On the other hand, regardless of the colors and brightnesses,
>the fact is that (a) the triangulation placed the lights far
>from Phoenix and (b) comparing the image of a light when it
>turned on to the image just before it turned off, the images
>showed a decrease in altitude and a slight motion to the left,
>consistent with a light falling while in an air mass that was
>moving toward the east.

Well I am glad you believe me Bruce, but what you don't understand is that I compared what I saw that night to my previous observations of Marine flares seen at a distance through high-powered binoculars and they were not the same. These lights were very distinct circles of light surrounded by the dark sky (no glow). Other flares I have seen at 40 - 60 miles away did have a glow and when seen by magnification would also show sparks. What I saw has been seen many times in many locations and closer views by other witnesses who have described

amber-gold orb-like lights also recount seeing them attached to the black triangles. They apparently also detach and move on their own.

As I have indicated in another message that if the angular diameter of these lights through the scope is what I say it is, the size of a full moon as seen with the naked eye, then a trigonometric calculation of its size at the distance you place it makes it over 3,000 ft in diameter! That is a very large flare. And, the light I looked at was not artificially enlarged such as a headlight or starlight as you point out because those lights glare and these lights had no glare. You have not convinced me that what we all saw were flares, and yet I cannot prove to you otherwise so it is just one of those events that needs to happen again under better circumstances. If I had been more thoughtful I would have taken a compass bearing that night and tried to measure light intensity with a meter - anything that would have yielded more data.

Anyway, you were the only scientist to take an interest in this and am regretful that no video tape has emerged of the truly interesting objects on that night - the chevron and the triangle - which many witnesses described. Since these objects passed from point to point from NW to SE over the entire Valley of the Sun they would constitute a much better focus for the Phoenix events.

Yours truly,

Bill H

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Petition To U.N. Secretary General

From: John Velez <john@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Friday, 22 Mar 2002 10:10:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 10:43:44 -0500
Subject: Petition To U.N. Secretary General

An international, multilingual petition requesting a United Nations investigation and disclosure of UFO information by member nations, is at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

The petition will be delivered to the Office of The Secretary General of The United Nations in March of 2003.

The goal is to increase the number of nations - Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France and Spain - who have either declassified and released their UFO files, or co-operated with civilians and openly reported UFO encounters to the media.

A compilation of world-wide UFO-footage will be submitted with the petition.

Please read and digitally sign the petition, then spread the word.

The success of this effort is at your finger-tips.

The following individuals donated their time and energy to the project:

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Dave Bauer
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Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 13:00:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:24:16 -0500
Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List - Ledger

>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 18:52:27 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Cathy Johnson <cej@idirect.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 22:03:40 -0500

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>In Arnold's case, his initial impression when he first saw the
>objects, (and apparently he didn't immediately connect them with
>the bright flash that caused him to search the sky for the
>source of the flash) he noted the flight pattern or arrangement
>of them spread out over a small area of the sky (one ahead of
>the other and at slightly different altitudes) and thought...
>geese.

>Then as he watched them he noted something about them that
>indicated "these aren't geese." That was the speed. And also,
>subsequently the bright flashes. His next hypothesis was that
>they were military aircraft. But as he looked he couldn't see
>tails, engines, etc. and the shapes were unusual. His final
>hypothesis was advanced military aircraft, possibly of the SU if
>not ours. He never went "out of the world" with his hypotheses
>until long after the sighting when the government rejected the
>"new aircraft" hypothesis.

>
>The "scientific world", when confronted with the
>data/observations also went through hypothesis escalation, and
>when the escalation went too far (e.g., Hynek could not accept
>the idea of semi circular aircraft several thousand feet in size
>traveling at high speed) the scientific world modified the
>data/observations to fit the accepted explanation (e.g., Hynek
>claimed the objects were ordinary aircraft but much closer to
>Arnold than he had claimed and hence traveling much more slowly
>than he had claimed; Hynek never explained by Arnold couldn't
>identify the supposed aircraft)

Did Hynek ever explain how these supposed aircraft were able to
be close while some of them were reported by Arnold to have gone
behind a mountain peak [believe it was MT. Adams without looking
it up].

I can give you a reason why Hynek would posit that theory. He
had no practical experience in the air. Having a theory is one
thing. Being there and having real experience is another.

Don Ledger

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Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:29:26 -0500
Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

Dear All,

After attending an impressive presentation by Michael Horn last night at MUFON-LA, I was almost convinced to reassess my opinion of the Billy Meier case. Horn kept referring to the predictions made in Contact 251 so I obtained a transcript of this alleged dialogue between Meier and Ptaah, a Plejarian who sets matters right about ufology, researchers, other contactees, Michael Hesseman, and even MUFON.

Quotable quotes:

on Ed Walters:

Ptaah: He is a swindler and a fraud, and his photos are counterfeit. This is an established fact.

on MUFON:

Ptaah: ...MUFON alone must not be blamed for this entire hysteria (regarding hysteria and idiocy in America)

Also, Ptaah confirms that many UFOs are flying objects being developed by many nations.

On Amaury Rivera's photo of a UFO and F-14 interceptor:

Ptaah: Trick photography used with models suspended with fishing lines... (hmmm, sounds like some skeptid debunkers on the List)

On Michael Hesseman:

He allows himself to be easily tricked and deceived, and he erroneously believes he is of extraterrestrial origin. (Hey, I even thought I was at one time)

On Carlos Diaz:

Ptaah: ...he is a liar, a fraud, and a cheat. (No wonder they don't like Hesseman's support of this case. Competition.)

Ptaah makes it clear there are no current contacts going on other than Meier.

When queried about the Roswell and Aztec UFO crashes and Area 51, Ptaah responded that these matters fall under his pledge of secrecy and he is not permitted to speak about these issues officially. (Sorry guys as I know you all want to know the truth behind these events and our trusted ET source is not at liberty to reveal all)

Ptaah does go on to say that Hesseman could be a valuable individual if only he would desist being influenced to such a great extent by lies, deceit, fraud, and charlatry.

Be grateful that you have not be singled out by Ptaah concerning your research for he tells it like it is in no uncertain terms.

There is much more our friend Ptaah reveals through his only spokesperson Billy Meier. We could invite him to join the list and give us all frank assessments of UFOlogical research today with his acute ability to discern the truth, but I am afraid he would decline our gracious offer as he has told Billy (as of 1995) that they have withdrawn all their people and installations from our world for they foresee dire happenings in our immediate future including a WWIII. Who wants to stick around for that?

It is also noteworthy that all former contactees have been called fraudulent by the Plejarans, but Ptaah does not reveal how some of the same historical information as imparted by them were imparted by these earlier contactees as if the material was genuine.

Ahhh, to have all the answers so readily available from an extraterrestrial - that's the ticket.

Maybe some of you will now change your minds about the Meier case and see it as he wishes it to be seen. Oh, yeh, and where was Tersiziki in all of this? Ptaah forgot to mention the great feats of German engineering.

Smile, they are all light years away by now.

With humble apologies,

Bill Hamilton

(hand me that bottle of gripple!)

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Re: Phoenix Case

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:14:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:33:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Isn't it interesting the alleged flares fell just the way they did?

Had they been dropped while the plane was going in the opposite direction, the first flares would have gone behind the mountain faster than the remaining flares and these conversations might not be taking place.

The flare event occurred on the same night just an hour and a half after a major sighting of a large triangular object. Could one event have anything to do with the other?

If you were testing a secret, delta shaped, military aircraft over a populated area to see, 1) if people would see it, and 2) how they might react, you would pair the event with a flare drop to distract from the original event. This could serve to confuse the witnesses and media and cause controversy for years to come.

Everything about the events on the night of March 13, 1997 over Phoenix smacks of CC&D (Camouflage, Concealment and Deception) and psyops. The first object displayed all kinds of camouflage and deception technologies from slow speeds/almost hovering, electrochromatic panels that displayed the night sky above - below to being a dark color and, of course, the lights to blind witnesses below from getting a good look and other lights to confuse and distort it's true form/origin (as I've indicated before, using lights are common CC&D techniques used since WWII).

The later flare drop served to distract (confuse) witnesses, media and investigators from the original event and seemed designed to be dropped in a certain way to create a specific pattern. It is quite possible both events were part of one large mission to test the CC&D of a new aircraft also designed to give the impression of UFO's invading Phoenix. What better way to keep the public and media from demanding any real answers from the military and government? Blame it on UFO's and move it into the fringe. Everybody loves a mystery.

Don't tell me the military is not allowed to test new aircraft over populated areas, they can and do. In fact, they use the unsuspecting public to test all kinds of CC&D. They dare not test these technologies over enemy territory. They test them on their own turf where they will not be shot down and the public does not have a "need to know". CC&D is based not only on what

is seen but also what is perceived so psychology and human perception play an important role in CC&D. The techniques and technologies of CC&D have come a long way since the old camo fatigues and mere stealth.

This is not the first time UFO sightings have been paired with flare drops. Ask Dr. Maccabee. He has footage of similar events he presented at the Midwest Conference On UFO Research on September 18-20, 1992. The flare drop initially deceived the witnesses (Gulf Breeze) but upon reviewing the footage, the actual cause became apparent. Although Bruce indicated the flares appeared different from the infamous "Bubba" sightings, one cannot help but wonder how many times flares may have been dropped to distract from and/or confuse other sightings and misidentified as UFO's by excited witnesses.

A. Hebert

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 02:18:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:43:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Goldstein

>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 11:26:17 -0800
>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 04:46:30 -0000

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 23:54:30 -0500
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

<snip>

>I think it' is plain to see given the short duration of the
>event that Arnold at the time, and even later in describing what
>he had witnessed was trying to "associate" the strange objects
>to something in his mind's eye that fell into the "realm of
>normalcy." In my opinion, this is standard behavior for most of
>us when we observe something "abnormal," or out of the
>parameters of the "closed minded box" that we are all raised and
>taught in. Moreover if you analyze his entire recollection of
>the event it becomes apparent that the adjectives used were that
>of describing the "motion" of said objects, instead of "exactly"
>what they looked like. Later in that same interview he described
>the appearance of the objects as, "a pie plate that was cut in
>half with sort of a convex triangle in the rear." Hope this
>helps.....

Hello Frank, James, Ed, and all fellow Listerions,

My music producing life has gotten pretty busy in very good ways and I don't have much more time these days in my UFO life other than daily reading the UpDates posts, studying areas of interest, and only occasionally posting. I've been on this List since its early days and, like John and Cathy, I need it every day. If I must miss a few days I start to worry about the increase of the number of piled-up posts I must binge read as soon as I return. Fortunately, compared to yester-years, things are a lot more civil, and there is more examination and less argumentation. That means more substance and less ranting and raving.

When Bruce Maccabee posted his announcement of his study of the Arnold case I said to myself "gotta read it as soon as I have a little time". The next thing I said to myself was "I hope I never see that dreaded 'P' word mentioned anywhere again." I still haven't read Bruce's study but lo and behold, right after the study was announced on this List, that 'P' worded bird name started roosting on this List. Fortunately that was short lived. On this List we have dissected that issue to where I thought the birds were shot-down.

I feel that the last few days of Arnold case posts on this List well answered the questions. James and Ed, I'd like to see if

you guys, for once, can try to prove something rather than trying to disprove something. Put your focus on seeing if there is any real, undisputable evidence that the alleged claim of the German filmmaker had anything to do with the making of (uh oh, worse than the 'P' word) the dreaded 'AA' words, Alien Autopsy.

I'm combining a few thoughts from my rambling mind in one post, as my time is limited and these are just comments.

I haven't been to Rachel in many years. I have great memories of my times there. This year I'm looking at a road trip with my son. We'll have to stay overnight and share in the hospitality, fun, and good spirits.

John, Cathy, the last thing I want to do is poke fun at experiencers as I am not one. However, I answered affirmatively when Jimi Hendrix asked me if I were experienced. What a laugh. At 21 and on LSD I thought I was infinitely experienced. Well, I sure had some lessons to learn. John, can't you sleep with a sign on your chest asking the abductors to drop you off at Rachel rather than back home? Cathy, if you can't get to John's house and your abductors unlawfully gave you no receipt for your implant, just tape a little sign over its location in your body that asks them to repair or replace it when they next come. The law says they are liable, and that's no libel.

As we used to say back in Hendrix's day,

Happy trails,

Josh

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Secrecy News -- 03/21/02

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WHITE HOUSE ISSUES GUIDANCE ON SAFEGUARDING INFO

The Bush Administration has issued new guidance on safeguarding classified and "sensitive but unclassified" information that portends new limits on public access to government information.

"Government information, regardless of its age, that could reasonably be expected to assist in the development or use of weapons of mass destruction... should not be disclosed inappropriately," wrote White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., in a March 19 memorandum to the heads of executive branch agencies.

An attachment prepared by the Information Security Oversight Office and the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy spells out the applicable standards for controlling classified and other sensitive information.

"It doesn't create new law or amend any existing executive order," said one official who helped develop the memo. "It interprets current policy."

One potentially troublesome feature of the new interpretation, however, is the ill-defined category of "Sensitive But Unclassified Information." This refers to information that for one reason or another cannot be classified but that is deemed too sensitive for further publication.

"The need to protect such sensitive information from inappropriate disclosure should be carefully considered, on a case-by-case basis, together with the benefits that result from the open and efficient exchange of scientific, technical, and like information," the memo states.

No detailed criteria for conducting such case-by-case consideration are provided, leaving this category seemingly open-ended.

Another Administration official told Secrecy News that the new memo illustrated, in a way, the power of the press. "This is a direct result of the January 13 New York Times story," the official said, referring to the Times article "U.S. Selling Papers Showing How to Make Germ Weapons" by William J. Broad. That article described the availability for sale of certain declassified records concerning the production of biological and chemical weapons. Some of those records, according to scientists who have reviewed them, are genuinely sensitive and should not be made readily available.

The text of the new White House memo is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/wh031902.html>

The memo was first reported in the Washington Times today by Bill Sammon. See "White House Tells Web Sites to Delete Data":

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20020321-16859342.htm>

"Terrorist groups worldwide have ready access to information on chemical, biological, and even nuclear weapons via the Internet," Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet told the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 19:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_hr/031902tenet.html

NARA REPORTS ON JAPANESE WWII WAR CRIME RECORDS

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) this week published a substantive new report to Congress on the declassification of records concerning Japanese war crimes in World War II.

NARA's Interagency Working Group described some of the highlights of the 18,000 pages that have been declassified to date, including such things as Japanese bacteriological warfare-related activities, and reported on the status of the remaining 60,000 pages that await declassification review.

See the new report on "Implementation of the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act and the Japanese War Crimes Provisions of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act" here:

<http://www.nara.gov/iwg/report02.html>

FOI DAY RESOURCES

A number of interesting and useful documents generated at the Freedom of Information Day conference on March 15 are now available online. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center and the American Library Association.

Updates on Bush Administration information access policy, government secrecy, legislative developments and court rulings, state and local access policies, and international developments are provided.

The text of speeches presented by historian Richard Reeves and by Steven Garfinkel, former Director of the Information Security Oversight Office and FOI Day honoree, are also now posted.

See "2002 FOI Day Resources" here:

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15905>

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Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:38:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Gates

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?
>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 04:47:09 -0000

>On UFORL, I recently highlighted the following disclosure:

>"Because of the dinner, we all skipped the 7:45pm showing of
>FUCCON FAMILY (it's playing again later) and went to Club 300 to
>keep getting tanked on more beer. About a half hour after we sat
>down, Olaf Ittenbach, director of tonight's LEGION OF THE DEAD
>joined us for a few pitchers. The beer kept on pouring and we
>had a good time. We had to get Olaf completely plastered to get
>ready for his film's premiere, of course! I found out that, a
>few years ago, some wacko actually held everyone hostage at Club
>300 and finally shot himself. It's a great place to drink! Also,
>this might be of interest to some... remember the 'Alien
>Autopsy' craze a few years ago? Remember the Fox special that
>actually interviewed Nacho Cerda about the similarities between
>his film AFTERMATH and the 'autopsy' video? Well, here is a
>surprise. Olaf admitted (I guess he can now that the contact he
>had was so old) that HE was the one who helped create that damn
>video! The truth is revealed!

>He went into great detail about how they faked the film stock,
>etc. and said that he did it because they paid him a LOT of
>money to do it. So, there you have it, folks! Olaf Ittenbach,
>director of PREMUTOS and LEGION OF THE DEAD is the bad boy
>behind that controversy.

>We talked briefly about the Stan Winston interview and about how
>Winston was saying the autopsy was too real to be faked. All
>Olaf said was that they probably gave him LOTS of money to do
>theinterview!"
>[END]

So, as I understand it, we are to consider the drunken
confession of somebody that is making the claim that the AA is
fake?

I am curious. Would the drunken confession of somebody who
claimed to have felt/touched or seen something at Roswell or
Rendlesheim be considered just as significant by the skeptics?
Somehow I doubt that.

Quite honestly until we have some sworn statements while they
are sober this discussion is mute. Unless of course you want to
discuss the hazy, drunken memories of the other participants.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Phoenix Case - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 01:56:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:11:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - McCoy

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:43:44 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2002 12:12:51 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>As I have indicated in another message that if the angular
>diameter of these lights through the scope is what I say it is,
>the size of a full moon as seen with the naked eye, then a
>trigonometric calculation of its size at the distance you place
>it makes it over 3,000 ft in diameter! That is a very large
>flare. And, the light I looked at was not artificially enlarged
>such as a headlight or starlight as you point out because those
>lights glare and these lights had no glare. You have not
>convinced me that what we all saw were flares, and yet I cannot
>prove to you otherwise so it is just one of those events that
>needs to happen again under better circumstances. If I had been
>more thoughtful I would have taken a compass bearing that night
>and tried to measure light intensity with a meter - anything
>that would have yielded more data.

>Anyway, you were the only scientist to take an interest in this
>and am regretful that no video tape has emerged of the truly
>interesting objects on that night - the chevron and the triangle -
>which many witnesses described. Since these objects passed from
>point to point from NW to SE over the entire Valley of the Sun
>they would constitute a much better focus for the Phoenix events.

Hello Bill and Bruce, all,

The type of flares used, I believe (checking several online sources) the 'Warthog' uses flares for anti-heat seeking missile defense, not Battlefield Illumination, which is a whole new ballgame. Also if the standard dispersal of the flares is in somewhat of a random fashion, the flares would be in a very ragged formation at best. I have seen both and would have no problem with the battlefield flares being seen some 80 miles away. The ant- missile flares are another story.

I am not completely discounting the flare theory, however, on that night, wasn't a triangle seen over Prescott, as I recall and down the valley to Phoenix? I looked at several A-10 pages and couldn't find one firing-off flares.

Another curious thing, the A-10 is a basic flying can opener, not particulaly a night intruder, why they were formation flying at night in such a neat formation is beyond me.

Night formation flying is dangerous at best. I have trouble with that.

GT McCoy

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Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:20:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

>From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 10:23:22 -0500

Hi Steve, hi All,

>All of the videos taken of the event were filmed by local
>residents and not news organizations. It is unfortunate that
>interest in a second sighting that night has been adversely
>impacted by (and confused with) the earlier (probably flare)
>sighting.

Because I had been friends with Tom King, Bill Hamilton and a few other UFO hunters prior to the March 13th event, I was the fortunate recipient of four hours worth of video that Tom had compiled for me. It included his own video of the event as well as hours of local news coverage of the event from several network stations.

The reason why I questioned Bruce's analysis had to do with the fact that the lights remained stationary and in formation for several minutes. Without changing position. Flares dropped from moving aircraft cannot maintain position the way this formation of lights did.

Then there is the witness testimony, from all over the State, reporting the giant triangle. Too much video from different angles, too many credible witnesses, and then there is the several months long delay regarding the Air Force's explanation.

Maybe there were two separate events. One involving flare drops by the military and another involving a large triangular craft. I'm just not convinced that the thing that appeared over Phoenix that night was 'flares'. And 80 miles away yet.

Flares don't maintain a static position in the air like these lights did. There was also the pilot report that I mentioned in an earlier post. The guy was landing a commercial flight and was concerned about colliding with whatever it was that was in the sky that night. (Reported on the local ABC affiliate newscast the day after the event. I have the video.)

Too many open questions. This case screams for further/deeper investigation. I don't think we're 'there' yet in terms of explaining this one.

Regards,

John Velez

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UFO Sightings Italia 3

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UFO SIGHTINGS ITALIA

Number 3, March 15, 2002

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UFOs over Milan - B.V.M. - Mussolini's UFO files - V-7 over S.Pietro a Vico - S.Marino symposium.

UFO OVER MILAN - 1

Source: <http://ufo.dave-wood.org/tour9798/showrev12.html>

UFO in Milan, Italy,
31st January 1998.

Since I am not going to be able to make any of the UK shows during February and I just happened to be in Italy for business, how could I possibly miss my only chance to see UFO? The concert was at a place called Palaconcerti Aquatica. It is basically a large tent, so I wasn't too impressed. I arrived at about 2030 and the opening band Diving Ducks (not Danger Danger) was just finishing up so I can't tell you too much about them and I'm sure you really don't care. There was about 1200 people packed into the place and since I had arrived so late I couldn't get up as close to the stage as I wanted. I settled for the left side of the stage about 10 rows back. UFO hit the stage at 2115, opening with Natural Thing and then following the already well known set list to a tee. I was very disappointed with the vocals. You could see that Phil was singing his ass off but the vocals were down in the mud. What a shame because the rest of the band sounded so tight. I can't believe that an attempt was not made to fix the vocal problem. Maybe it was isolated to the left side of the stage but I doubt it. Phil looked great with black pants (looked like the same ones he wore at the Town and Country club in April 92) black shirt and a 3/4 length silk coat. The coat and shirt were lost for the 2 encores. Michael was all dressed in black and played with sunglasses for the first few songs but then removed them. He still looks like a guitar hero with the black hair, but now he looks like a "sophisticated guitar hero". Pete had on his patented striped tights and played without a shirt the entire show. Paul looked good in a blue shirt with black pants. Simon, from the little I saw of him had a white t-shirt with black shorts. Pete was his usual wild man self. He was all over the stage, sometimes jamming face to face with Michael and other times just running wild. Michael and Paul basically stuck to their respective sides of the stage although they did come to the middle of the stage for a mini jam-fest with Pete during Lights Out. Phil put on a really good show poor vocal sound and all. He was very animated during the songs and you could tell that he was enjoying himself. The show ended at about 2300 but I wasn't about to leave. I wanted to meet Michael! I wasn't to be disappointed. Michael hung out for well over an hour after the show autographing just about anything. However, if you had one of his CD's you got to go to the front of the line. After I got my picture taken with him, I asked him when we could expect the new UFO album and he said sometime this year. Let's all hope that

this is true and that the boy's stick together for a long time to come. Maybe they could even convince Michael to play some songs live from the Chapman years! Keep on Rockin, Scott Rush .

UFO OVER MILAN - 2

by Roberto Malini.

The writer Roberto Malini is the witness of a sighting of Ufo and aliens in Italy on June 6th, 1983

Locality: Milan - via de Angelis, 12. Deposition by: Roberto Malini.

Profession: writer, journalist, author of essays in history, archaeology, art. Witness's credibility: absolute.

Elements in support of report: hundreds of reports in Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain; many articles on time daily papers. Some witness's original sketches representing the encounter phases.

The original sketches are actually property of the International Ufo Museum of Istanbul, Turkey

On June 6th, 1983, around the 22.30, a crowd of witnesses perceived a large bright flying object in the skies of Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain. It deals with hundreds of reports, some of which have been published the following morning by the daily paper. They also report, in different places, landings of the spatial ship and unloading of one or two of its occupants. The Ufo has also flown above populous zones in Milan. Testimonies in the Lombard chief town, often describe it as an object composed by three great and perfect spheres in line with two small globes placed under the central sphere. I will write below, in form of a brief auto - interview, my testimony of that sighting. The event had a notable echo and has to be considered among the most important cases of sighting of Ufos and extraterrestrial entities ever verified in Italy. Question: What was your thought on the phenomenon of UFO before its direct experience?

Answer: the matter interested me, but my position was not far from that expressed by Jung in the book "A modern myth." According to him, the figure of the "rotundum", disk or sphere, is a classical archetype, which represents the unconscious desire of completeness, of perfection. The vision of an UFO corresponds, according to as explained by the Swiss scientist, to an unconscious automatic projection.

Q: And as judged you all over the world the innumerable relative testimonies to sightings and meetings?

A: When I was a boy I was convinced that the witnesses of sightings were visionary or mythomaniac. To that age I was attracted from the mystery, but in mystical sense, not technological. An evening I effected live a television prank, reporting to some ufologists, entertained by the transmission "Portobello", conducted by Enzo Tortora, with a pathos loaded tone, the phases of a completely imaginary sighting. My brothers and I laughed for a long time at that joke.

Q: What the evening of June 6th, 1983 happened?

A: Something strange and fascinating. Something unforgettable. At that time I was twenty-four years old and I lived with my mother and my brothers to the fourteenth floor of a building in de Angelis street, 12, in Milan, not far from Niguarda's hospital. The evening of June 6th, 1983 I had leant out of the window of my room to the dark. The sky was serene and the air was pleasant. Suddenly, from half past ten to eleven, I have seen something amazing in the gardens of Padre Luigi Monti street (at no more than two hundred meters of distance from my position), not away from the sidewalk, two or three meters within the lawn. To the light of the lamp-posts, I have seen the outlines of two thin, black and bald men, dressed in a way so adherent that they seemed naked. On the grass, the two figures handled some phosphorescent pipes. Uniting the pipes with great rapidity, they had built an internally empty parallelepiped. I looked at them and I didn't know what to think. It was strange as they had succeeded in assembling that object without any

particular operations of joint or mechanical connection. The two figures, absorbed in the mysterious operation, were also strange. They stirred slowly, rigidly and they were indeed tiny and thready. For some instant, I have irrationally thought that someone was trying the scenes of a science fiction film, even if there were neither fittings of light nor cameras around the scene. Suddenly a kind of circular lamp - or headlight - had been turned on by the inside of the parallelepiped and a beam of clear, intense, dazzling light reached me on the face, flooding my room. I've felt a great amazement and with a jump I've estranged from the window. I felt rigid and with heavy limbs; I found also hard to complete the simplest movement. My room seemed illuminated by the more powerful neon. When dark returned, slowly, semiparalyzed, I've leaned out again of the window. The two figures were still there, with the phosphorescent parallelepiped. In the centre of the parallelepiped I didn't perceive the lighthouse anymore, not even turned off. I had more and more difficulty to move and I had been struck dumb, incapable, for an unknown cause, to call my relatives. I attributed the phenomenon to the surprise, but it was just something different. I felt me as out of the time or better, in a slacked time. I have a void of memory that goes from the disappearance moment of the two figures and the phosphorescent object built from them to the apparition of the great aircraft. The Ufo appeared in distance in the sky as a light fast approaching. I don't know the reason, but in a certain sense I was expecting this. When its structure has become well visible, issues of lights, that I remember in a confused way there have been. They were not pyrotechnic effects however, but rays. I believe that there has been interaction among the earth figures, their parallelepiped and the bright phenomena deriving from the flying object subsequently appeared on the surface (but this is a confused memory).

Q: Can you describe the object that you have observed?

A: The Ufo was composed of three great bright spheres, set in line and connected among them, and of two smaller spheres, situated just under the central globe. At a certain point the smaller dimensions spheres have gone away from and then approached to the median sphere. The Ufo has almost passed above my point of observation, surely to a low quota (perhaps in other places it has been kept to more elevated quotas, as some witnesses report. Or there have perhaps been more than a flying object). It was silent, it sent forth a long wake and it was very great. It's difficult to do a comparison, but I can surely say that it had enormously superior dimensions than those of a Jumbo Jet. I've been able to really well observe it. The bright spheres didn't have halo and I could define "solid light" the substance that constituted her. On the side of every globe it appeared, as if it was engraved, a circle that could be defined with the term "porthole." When the UFO has gone further, I watched the clock: it had passed at least a quarter of an hour more than how much I expected. The day later, in my district and especially in Padre Luigi Monti street, it has been spoken a lot of the facts of the evening before. Dozen people had seen the flying object, the beams of light; someone had also assisted to the strange movements in the gardens.

Q: What did you think then and what do you think today of that experience A: When surprise passed, I've felt happy and privileged, aware of having lived a rare and prodigious event. New questions appeared however in my mind, questions to which I should have had to look for a series of answers. Experience and knowledge are at the base of an awakening of the mind. Eraclito affirmed that for the awaked one the cosmos is unique and common, while sleeping is closed in his own world. There was poetry, in my experience, but also science. Poetry and science: it's like this in my memory. Perhaps, the people that spend a lot of time looking at the sky wait really this: an extraordinary sign, the ring able to connect memory and dream of the future allowing them to understand his own role in the history of the great whole. It needs to be objective and rational, when we set us questions on the flying objects that come from the space, but it needs also to try of widening his own horizons, of surpassing his own limits. According to a well know Zen parable, "when the wise man points out the moon, the fool stops and looks at the finger."

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A LITTLE INTRODUCTION ABOUT B.V.M.

by Michele Bugliaro, <http://utenti.tripod.it/ufopsi/>.
Apparitions of the Vergin Mary, in front of many or few people, lights in the sky, the sun pulsing like a heart, miracles, crying statues... UFOs have been seen at the same time as the marian event. What's the relationship between the two ?

- Some facts and datas

Let's have a closer look at these phenomena. Usually, there's a person (80% women, 20% men) who claims to see the Virgin. Alas, the other witnesses do not see anything beyond the "seer"! We could explain this behaviour by observing that these subjects need a mother presence; also they're affected by the "syndrome of social recognition": not feeling recognized in their role within society, the seer creates inside herself/himself a Virgin (or a God) as the needed mother, who even gives HER/HIM a message. The topics were typically ecology and peace. This psychological projection aims to satisfy the lack of recognition felt by the seer by creating a situation in which she/he can feel socially fully satisfied.

Also, the seer shows a weak critical wit and just accepts the facts. Nothing ufological so far. Unfortunately for skeptics, many cases feature objective evidence. It's not just an outsider. At Medjugorie, former Jugoslavia, where the Virgin's appeared weekly to five young people for years, an Austrian committee has detected a positive ionization of the air two thousand times higher than normal, where the apparition occurred. Margnelli and Gagliardi, two experts in states of altered perception, could demonstrate that the orthosympathetic system was excited: the one who was talking to the peers needed all their attention; so they were "cut out" from reality! Also, some cases show that the seer has been inducted to behave against their will: in the Medjugorie case the Virgin tells not to watch TV because then the people cannot pray anymore. In different words, praying produces endorphines!

What about the Christian figure? She seems to come from the fourth century, and while she's speaking, she makes many grammar mistakes, or she even talks in the language of the neighbour area in stead of that area! She always appears from high to low and vice versa, while some big red and blue spots become smaller and smaller until the figure is complete. Her features (hair and eyes colour) are changed following the culture of the seer to be believed a real apparition!

It's funny, the apparition acts definetly mechanically, in jerks: a hologram made from some old book or so, by someone who does not know well the contemporary culture, not belonging to Earth!

- A valid explanation

Doctors Corrado Malanga and Roberto Pinotti's two years long research has found out that people who're strongly religious see the Virgin Mary, the ones who aren't, like abductees, see aliens. So there's a common pattern behind both BVM and UFO events ? An alien mind able to change its look, following the actual development of a civilization, would introduce itself in a historical period, not as an extraneous but as a cultural factor, aligned with the personal culture, the alien can interfere with a civilization without traumas. To this, add the many mistakes of language and look of the Virgin...

THE MUSSOLINI'S UFO FILES

by Alfredo Lissoni, Italy's National UFO Center - based - and updated - from an Antonio Huneeus's article (first published in Fate, September 2000). Roberto Pinotti, Italy's leading UFO author and director of CUN (National Ufological Center, now the world's largest civilian UFO research organization), and Alfredo Lissoni, another CUN researcher and writer, gave a lecture, during the annual International UFO Symposium in San Marino, on the sensational discovery of alleged "X-Files" going back to the

1930s, when Italy was ruled by the Fascist regime of Benito Mussolini.

Copies of 18 secret documents from the Fascist era (handwritten notes and telegrams), as well as a forensic report authenticating one of the the papers (with a drawing of an UFO), were released by CUN to the Italian media last April 2. It received considerable coverage in Italy, including the national TV network RAI Uno and leading newspapers like Il Resto del Carlino, La Nazione and La Repubblica. Although these articles were posted in Italian on the web, the Mussolini UFO documents were hardly noticed by the American UFO community, so this is the first time the full story is told in any detail outside Italy.

With its anonymous postings and references to a mysterious, super secret "Cabinet RS/33," supposedly in charge of collecting, investigating and suppressing UFO data, this story has many similarities to the MJ/12 saga, as Lissoni points out in his articles far "UFO Notiziario". But there are significant differences.

The main one is that the Italian documents received anonymously in the mail by Pinotti, starting in 1996, were originale and not photocopies or undeveloped film, as in the various Mj-12 drops to Shandera, Berliner and Tim Cooper (in 2000 anonymous "Mister X" sent more material adressed directly to Mr. Lissoni, but in the mail by Pinotti). The difference between an original and a copy is pivotal since it allows forensic analysis of the paper, typewriter ink, aging process, and so on.

Antonio Garavaglia, a top Italian forensic consultant, conducted tests on the Mussolini papers - but we are getting ahead of our story.

It all began in early 1996 when Roberto Pinotti received a handful of handwritten notes on stationery bearing the seal of the "Kingdom's Senate". (Mussolini ruled Italy with an iron grip, nominally under the king). The year is 1936 and the secret agent uses simply a first name "Andrea" (Andrew in Italian) and also includes a sketch of the "mysterious airship". "It was sighted in the morning (and not in the evening) of Monday - he writes - it was a metallic disc, polished and reflecting light, with a length of ten or twelve meters. Two fighters from a near base took off, but were not able to reach it even at 130 km/h. It didn't emit sound, which would lead one to consider an aerostat. But nobody knows of balloons that can fly faster than the wind. I know for sure that it was seen by other aviation pilots ... it [report] has arrived to the hands of Ciano."

Count Ciano was Mussolinis son-in-law and Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs; he was later executed after participating in the cabal to overthrow the Duce and surrender to the Allies in 1943. Andrea's report continues: "Then, after approximately at least an hour and after passing over Mestre, it was seen as a sort of metallic tube, gray or slate." A drawing by a confidential informant was redrawn by Andrea, who explained that "A was described like a kind of aerial torpedo, with very clear windows ... and alternating, white and red lights.'B' were two 'hats, two hats like those used by priests: wide, round, with a dome in the center, metallic and following the torpedo without changing their relative positions." The document mentions that "the Prefecture has opened an inquiry, but you can imagine that it will make little inroad and will have a similar outcome to that of '31. The Duce has expressed his worries, because he says that if it were a matter of real English or French aircraft, his foreign policy would have to start all over again."

Although Andrea's report is only one of several received since 1996, you can see that its contents are sensational - they describe a classic flying saucer report with aircraft scramble and multiple witnesses in 1936! It also, discloses that Mussolini and Ciano, Italy's number one and two leaders at the time, were intimately appraised of the situation. Indeed, other caches of documents received, always anonymously, by CUN and the newspaper Il Resto del Carlino, mention a mysterious department known as "Cabinet RS/33." It was charged with both investigating and covering up what the documents call "unconventional aircraft" or "aeromobiles."

Cabinet RS/33 had links with the Fascist secret police OVRA and with "Agenzia Stefani," the regime's news agency in charge of disseminating Fascist propaganda. Italys most famous scientist and inventor, Guglielmo Marconi, was the director of the Cabinet, which also included several other prominent Italian astronomers, scientists and aeronautical engineers. When the war began the Cabinet's secrets were shared with and literally shipped to Nazi Germany. As Lissoni points out, rumors of Nazi discs have plagued the UFO literature for decades, and one Italian scientist, Giuseppe Belluzzo, is always mentioned in conjunction with the Germans Miethe,

Schriever and Habermohl. Much nonsense has been written about the so-called Nazi flying saucers - some of it unabashed neo-Nazi propaganda - yet undoubtedly there is at least some truth to the matter. The names of Miethe, et al., are conf=ECrmed by FBI and other U.S. and German documents.

Are the "Fascist X-Files" authentic? To Lissoni (who made principal search), Pinotti, and the CUN, they appear so. To the investigators' credit, however, the whole affair was kept strictly confidential under Antonio Garavaglia's forensic analysis was completed. Only then were the documents released to the Italian press and published in a series of articles beginning with the March issue of UFO Notiziario (and now, in a book). Garavaglia conducted a series of chemical tests of the paper and ink - remember he had originals and not copies - and he concluded they seemed authentic handwritten documents from the Fascist era. The color of the paper and ink aging process led him to believe they were genuine and not modern forgeries.

Lissoni also consulted with Andrea Bedetti, a historian and expert on Italy's Fascist period. "I cannot exclude the real existence of a Cabinet RS/33," said Bedetti. He also examined the documents vis==E0-vis "the=lexicon and the bureaucratic style of the period", as well as the stationery ("Kingdoms Senate" and Stefani agency telegrams) and aeronautical terminology utilized. Bedetti found that all of it was consistent with genuine Fascist-era documents. This didn't rule out a skilled forger, but it would have to be someone deeply knowledgeable of Fascist style, vocabulary and terminology. Bedetti also pointed out that in the period 1933-40 - coinciding with the alleged Cabinet RS/33- Mussolini's power was at his peak and Italy was one of the world's leading nations in aviation and military aeronautics.

Finally, Lissoni dug up a cryptic reference from a speech by Mussolini on February 23, 1941, when the Duce stated: "It's more likely that the United States will .be invaded by unknown but warlike inhabitants from the planet Mars, who will come down from the starry space on unimaginable flying fortresses, than from the soldiers of the Axis". What was the Duce trying to say? The story of the Fascist X-Files is still unfolding ... if in the end they turn out to be real, then the whole history of ufology will have to be revised. See documents at: <http://web.tiscali.it/lareteufo/mussofl.htm>

A STRANGE UFO OVER S.PIETRO A VICO, LUCCA.

1952, July 24, near Lucca (Tuscany).

At

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pauljones3/italyufu.htm>
you can find an image based on a strange encounter by an Italian fisherman, Carlo Rossi. After seeing a mysterious glow from behind a river bank (similar to a V-7, I think) he decided to investigate. On climbing the bank he witnessed a huge circular craft which seemed to be in the process of taking on water. Very soon a figure appeared from within the object and pointed at Carlo, panicking the fisherman. After legging it down the embankment a green ray (death ray!?) passed over his head making him dive to the ground where he witnessed the craft rise above the embankment and move off at an incredible speed. Rossi also claimed to have a strange MIB encounter after this incident.

From: UFO Visions Home Page.

SAN MARINO SYMPOSIUM

An interview with Michael Hesemann (Germany) and Mrs. Esen Sekarkar (Turkey), in english, and with Roberto Pinotti (in Italian) during the tenth edition of the worldwide symposium on unidentified flying objects and related phenomena, organized in San Marino in collaboration with the National Ufological Center and dedicated this year to the theme: "UFOs, Ufology & Institutional Recognition" at <http://www.cun-italia.net> (file .rm; use Real Player, please).

ERRATA CORRIGE

Errata: Professor Massimo Teodorani (see USI n. 2) "CNR-IRA Scientific Consultant" is now "CNR-IRA Researcher".

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 07:24:14 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 10:23:22 -0500

>>From: William H Evans <whevans032766@juno.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 00:39:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>I had thought that the flares used were of a type that burn very
>brightly and use the heat of the flare to help keep it boyant,
>causing them to float very slowly to the ground. If the plane is
>travelling fast enough as it releases the flares, it would IMO
>be possible for the line of lights to seem almost horizontal.
>Triangulation has also shown that these lights were much further
>from the witnesses then they had thought, so they would appear
>to move very slowly. There is also a very impressive video that
>has been made which superimposes the daytime skyline over the
>flare images. As the lights appear to go out, they also drop
>behind the mountain range that couldn't be seen at night.

We could not duplicate the video of the flares dropping behind
the mountain. This was a deliberate scam because they left out
the three lowest lights on the right of the screen which would
have placed these lights in front of the range.

I did a very careful pixel count and propotional adjustment when
I analyzed this segment and two other segments and all pixel
counts show the lights are not higher than the crest. This
puzzles me as Bruce's analysis shows these lights to be very
distant.

Unfortunately, I only interviewed one native from the Gila Bend
Reservation that claimed the lights were above him and in front
of the mountains. Again, the lights had no glare, no smoke, and
no apparent motion. Also, if A-10s dropped them, then they did
not drop the full complement of flare cannisters they are
equipped with.

-Bill Hamilton

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UN Petition - Special Thank You's

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 11:52:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:39:09 -0500
Subject: UN Petition - Special Thank You's

Hello All,

I need to personally thank the following individuals for their generous donation of time and labor during the creation of the international petition. Without them, none of this would have been possible. It was a truly 'United' and 'International' effort in and of itself.

First: Richard Hall is one of the patriarchs of modern ufology. (Although I'm not so sure how much credit he wants to take for it. <g>) I am deeply grateful to him for taking on the task of authoring the petition. He has composed a document that is simple, to the point, and expertly written. I'd like to extend a very special thank you to Dick for his invaluable contribution. :)

Another special thank you has to go to Errol Bruce-Knapp for hosting the site and donating the bandwidth for the online petition at his "Virtually Strange Network." Errol, without you, none of this happens. We all owe you a deep debt of gratitude for all the hours and hard work that you do on our behalf... for free. You're a true mensch! :)

More special thank you's to all of the following people for their invaluable contributions in helping to make this petition a reality.

I bow deeply at the waist and express my personal heartfelt gratitude to:

Alfred Lehmberg
Paul "Ducky" Tent
Frits Westra
Giles Milot
Gildas Bourdais
Luis R. Gonzalez
Judy Simmons (and Michael Gantt) :)
Boris Shurinov
Eduardo Russo
Jori X. Mckie
Erol Erkmen
Thiago L. Ticchetti
Andrew & Shanna Brough
Alexz Adams
Dave Bauer

And in a 'supporting' role:

Mike Woods ;)

Please distribute copies of the 'official' announcement to anyone and everyone that you know. Time to get the word out into the streets. Do all you can to help make this effort an historic success.

Please direct all inquiries to:

john@virtuallystrange.net

Sign the petition! :)

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

Regards to all,

John Velez

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Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:22:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:41:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Aldrich

>Date: Friday, 22 Mar 2002 10:10:00 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Velez <john@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: UFO Petition To UN Secretary General

>An international, multilingual petition requesting a United
>Nations investigation and disclosure of UFO information by
>member nations, is at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

>The petition will be delivered to the Office of The Secretary
>General of The United Nations in March of 2003.

>The goal is to increase the number of nations - Australia,
>Belgium, Brazil, France and Spain - who have either declassified
>and released their UFO files, or co-operated with civilians and
>openly reported UFO encounters to the media.

>A compilation of world-wide UFO-footage will be submitted with
>the petition.

<snip>

John and All!

A master stroke! No arguing over tenuous data! Just a simple, to
the point request! Very compelling!

Count on my support!

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From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 16:44:32 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 7 Number 12

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 7, Number 12
March 19, 2002
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

LUMINOUS UFOs CONVERGE ON TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The small town of Terrace, B.C. has become the focal point as the UFO flap in Canada's British Columbia province enters its second month.

On Monday, March 4, 2002, at 5:30 a.m., a male body builder was doing his cardio workout before heading for his place of employment. According to ufologist Brian Vike, as the man "was looking up towards the sky...all of a sudden, it seemed like a star shot across the sky and came a complete stop."

The witness "said that it did a loop in the sky went straight up and disappeared." He described the UFO as "a very bright star with a blue-green-red colour to it."

The following day, on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 8:45 p.m., a family in Kitimat, B.C. (population 11,136), a seaport city at the end of Provincial Highway 37 on the Douglas Channel, "decided to go look at the stars because it was such a clear night."

The mother reported, "My husband and I were looking one way, and my nine-year-old son was looking towards the north when he saw a bright light with a red and orange layer going straight down from the sky. He described the object as having a tail. He said he didn't see it fall because it disappeared behind a tree. I had him draw and write down what he saw."

The boy described the object as "going down like a ball of fire."

The father added, "I was gazing up at the sky overhead and towards the south and west, trying to pick out a planet. No, we do not have a telescope. My wife was looking at the star chart in the latest issue of Star News magazine. She was more or less facing east but looking down to the magazine."

He estimated that his son "had been looking a little east of north toward Mount Elizabeth (elevation 5,500 feet). My son has no idea whether the object was falling in front of the mountain or behind it."

Three days later, on Friday, March 8, 2002, at 9:30 p.m., a male witness was outside his home in Terrace, B.C. "to have a cigarette" and "I saw the most unusual circle of lights in the

sky. At first it was really bright, and, as time passed, which was about five to six minutes, the lights began to fade further into the sky. The lights were not a plane as I see many planes fly overhead. We live only ten minutes from the airport."

"It was the most amazing set of lights I have ever seen," he added, "This took place in the evening as it was already dark. I would say it was between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m."

On Sunday, March 17, 2002, at 12:05 a.m., a 17-year-old boy reported, "Me and my girlfriend were in my hot tub" in Terrace, B.C. "looking at the stars. Tonight was a clear night and many stars were visible. We were surprised when a flash of light tore across the sky. This was no shooting star because it was much bigger and lit up the whole sky, flashing as it went behind the mountain. I only seen a little bit of it, but my girlfriend described it as almost round in shape and very bright. It was only in the sky for seconds before going behind the mountain. She said it looked like the moon. What astonished me was how bright it was and its speed."

Meanwhile, UFO reports continue to trickle in as a result of Brian Vike's article in the Weekly Advertiser on Saturday, March 9, 2002, concerning UFOs seen over British Columbia during February.

On Friday, February 1, 2002, four people drove from their home in Kitsequecla, B.C. to Terrace. As they were passing through Usk, B.C., a village 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Terrace, at about 6 p.m., "they saw an orange and red, very bright light which seemed to be in the shape of a square. The light was sitting close to the top, or just below the rim of a mountain, There is a little church in Usk, and the object was seen at the top of the mountain on the same side as the church sits."

At the end of February, 2002, a witness "was driving on Highway 37 just north of Kitwanga, B.C." at about 4:30 a.m., Brian Vike reported, "There is a large swampy area off to the left of the highway" and "the fellow went on to say that there was a very, very bright light in the swamp. His impression of what he saw was a gas station canopy all lit up as it was so bright. He mentioned that he saw the light three times while driving slowly down the highway. The light would disappear and reappear, and he had a good view of it very distinctly the second time. He described the light as orangey-yellow in colour."

The man was driving a logging truck at the time and estimated that he was somewhere between Kilometer markers 55 and 60 when he saw the mysterious light. "He said it was either sitting on the ground or just above it. It was very bright and glowing" and "it freaked him out because there was nothing in that swampy area that he knew of."

Terrace, B.C. is on Highway 37 and the Skeena River about 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of Prince Rupert.

Kitimat, B.C. is 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of Prince Rupert. (See the Weekly Advertiser of northern British Columbia for March 9, 2002. Many thanks to Brian Vike for these reports.)

UFO DOES A FAST FLYBY IN EASTERN WISCONSIN

On Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., "Allen T. and his daughter had just dropped off his son at a Boy Scout meeting." Then, Allen reported, "We turned onto Main Street in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin (population 32,647), heading east towards home. We both saw a brightly-lit object coming down at a rapid speed at a 250-degree angle. It only lasted a few seconds and seemed to disappear over Lake Michigan" to the east. "We both looked at each other in disbelief. It looked like a flaming jet crashing, but it was moving too fast. Makes you wonder..."

Main Street in Menomonee Falls is at the intersection of Highways 74 and 175 and is located about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of Milwaukee. (Many thanks to John Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for forwarding this report.) (Editor's Comment: Chalk up another one to the Lake Michigan Triangle. Also, readers, pay close attention to the next three stories and see

if you notice a curious trend here.)

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN OVER PALMER, TEXAS

On Saturday, March 9, 2002, in the evening, Melody J. reported, "I saw some strange 'planes' Saturday night. I live out in the country (rural Ellis County--J.T.) and I usually don't see as many planes as I used to when we lived 25 miles (40 kilometers) from the Dallas/Forth Worth (international) airport."

"We were coming home that night" and "the 'lights' kept just fading into existence, just showing up out of what seemed like nowhere. Well, it started with two. Then three, then four, then five, then six. Six glowig lights were sitting there, so it seemed. You don't see that many planes out here at one time, so what were they?"

"Gradually, each one of them seemed to 'turn' and more towards the left from where I was looking. When they turned, they had blinking red lights and seemed to fly off. Until there were just three sitting there. They formed a triangle. By that time I was standing in my driveway watching, going, 'What the--!?'"

"The middle one moved from the right over to the left, forming the triangle again. The other two were just sitting there. About that time, we went inside, and I have no idea where they went. This was not typical for the Palmer night sky."

Palmer, Tex. is on Interstate Highway I-45 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Dallas. (Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for this report.)

TRIANGULAR RED UFO SIGHTED IN LA PLACE, LOUISIANA

"On (Wednesday) March 13, 2002, in La Place, Louisiana, approximately one hour after dusk (around 7 p.m.--J.T.), a triangular formation of glowing red objects, appearing to be propulsion radiance rather than aircraft lights, either connected to a single object or independent in a formation, with no sound, passed over with a northeast-to-southwest flight trajectory in a cloudless sky," Gary C. reported.

"As La Place is one of the main approaches to (Louis) Armstrong Airport in New Orleans, aircraft, whether flying high or low, emanate engine noises. The object passed along a hill in the usual flight pattern, opposite to the normal approaches, at approximately approach altitude, which confirmed the lack of engine noises."

La Place, La. (population 27,684) is on Highway 61 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of New Orleans. (Email Form Report)

(Editor's Comment: Okay, readers, have you spotted the trend yet? No? Well, the answer follows the next story.)

CAMPER SPOTS A UFO NEAR FENTON, MISSOURI

On Sunday, February 24, 2002, at 10:42 p.m., Scott Slase was camping out with his family at the Louis D. Beaumont Boy Scout Reserve near Fenton, Missouri (population 4,360).

Scott reported, "I was walking to my trailer to get a drink and some food for the campfire, when I looked up and saw a triangular shaped object flying in a swirling motion with a blue trail following behind it. I was so amazed that I told my children to come over and look. By the time they came over to the fire, though, the object was gone."

"I suspected a UFO sighting right then and I was left speechless! I have seen all sorts of planes, so I know it wasn't a plane.in the air but something even more suspicious."

Scott described the UFO as having "a color blue or greyish brown with a blue trail behind it. Triangular type of object with a circle left and right of the object. Speed was approximately 120 miles per hour (192 kilometers per hour.)"

Fenton, Mo. is on Missouri Highway 141 about 10 miles (16

kilometers) southwest of St. Louis. (Email Form Report)
(Editor's Comment: And here's the trend, readers. Each of the
aforementioned four sightings took place within 30 miles (50
kilometers) of a major American city--Milwaukee, Dallas, New
Orleans and St. Louis. Like Allen T. said, "Makes you
wonder..." What's up?)

METALLIC GREY UFO SEEN IN BRIDGEWATER, TASMANIA

On Sunday, March 10, 2002, Timothy P. was outdoors in his
hometown of Bridgewater, on Australia's island state of Tasmania
when he heard a strange noise overhead.

"I was walking down the street when I heard a low whirring sound
coming from the sky," Tim reported, "I looked up and saw the UFO
flying very fast, leaving a trail of red-orange mist in the air.
It was metallic grey, shaped like a hot dog, very fast, maybe
travelling at 130 miles per hour (208 kilometers per hour), 350
metres (1,155 feet) above the ground."

Bridgewater is about 16 kilometers (10 miles) north of Hobart,
the state capital of Tasmania. (Email Form Report)

LUMINOUS UFOs RETURN TO TRES CERRITOS, ARGENTINA

"A number of residents of the barrio Tres Cerritos
(neighborhood)" in Salta, Argentina, "claimed having seen
unidentified flying objects (UFOs) yesterday," Wednesday, March
13, 2002, "maneuvering over the hills standing above the summer
resort village of San Lorenzo, west of the city (Salta) between
3:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. approximately."

"Journalist Lita Lagomarsion, who made statements over the
radio, pointed out that she was able to see, while in the
company of local resident Ferdie Garcia Bes, two strange
luminous objects which made strange and surprising maneuvers
'which could not be compared to those of conventional flying
machines.'"

"Likewise, Paulina Cruz, a housewife residing at Calle Las
Quinas 300 (street) at the highest level of the residential
neighborhood (Tres Cerritos--J.T.) gave her own review of the
events: 'It was a single object. It descended in circles and
landed on top of a hill. It gave off a very intense light and
must have been enormous, judging by the distance.'"

"Similar opinions were voiced by another local, Paulina
Torreon," who said, "Many of us witnessed the phenomenon and we
were very impressed with what we saw. I had never witnessed
anything like it, and I'm very surprised. The strange thing is
that it vanished suddenly, without a sound.'"

"'It had the luminosity of a large mirror reflecting the sun's
light, although much more powerful,' said ten-year-old Andrea
Santander, a fourth grader at the Escuela 20 de Febrero
(school)." (See the newspaper El Tribuno of Salta for March 14,
2002, "UFOs seen toward the west." Muchas gracias a Scott
Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y
Forbidden Mexico, y tambien Mercedes Casas del Centro de
Estudios Ufologicos (CEUFO) para eso articulo de diario.)

(Editor's Note: This is the second UFO sighting in Tres
Cerritos in a month. On February 2, 2002, Adriana Acosta
videotaped a UFO over Tres Cerritos. For the whole story, see
UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 8 for February 19, 2002, "Woman
videotapes a UFO over Salta, Argentina," page 5.)

MORE UFOs VIDEOTAPED AROUND MEXICO CITY

On Sunday, March 3, 2002, Mexican ufologist Ana Luisa Cid
videotaped a triangular UFO "shaped like a boomerang" over Cerro
de Chiquihuite (hill), just north of Mexico City. "Sra. Cid
said the strange object performed unusual maneuvers over the
hill" around 4 p.m. "Several minutes later, a brilliant silver
spherical UFO appeared and linked up with the triangular object.
Then they both continued in the same flight patterns across the
sky. After two minutes, the two UFOs, now flying in tandem as one
ship, speedily disappeared, streaking away from Chiquihuite and

getting lost in the distance."

The following day, Monday, March 4, 2002, at 8 p.m., two brothers, Maurizio and Luis Manuel Reyes, videotaped a UFO emitting beams of light over Villa Coapa, located just south of Mexico City. "Their report stated that during three hours, the Reyes family observed a strange hovering light and also videotaped it for a total of 40 minutes. The UFO had the appearance of a half-sphere and disappeared swiftly to the north, losing itself in the haze of the horizon."

On Friday, March 8, 2002, Mexican ufologist Pedro Hernandez "captured on video the maneuvers of 17 UFOs 'of a metallic spherical appearance' over the city of Metepec," located near Toluca about 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Mexico City.

"According to Hernandez, 11 spheres showed up during the morning. Later that afternoon, another six UFOs flew over Metepec and were captured on video. All were flying over Metepec at a rather low altitude."

Three days later, on Monday, March 11, 2002, at 5:20 a.m., Pedro Hernandez "videotaped an enormous luminous UFO over Metepec...Hernandez said the UFO was 'extraordinarily luminous and moved slowly above the trees at a very low altitude, with a potent light that was seen shining for two minutes.' Then the object continued its journey to the east, losing itself in the glare of the horizon." (See NotioVNI for March 17, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas informaciones.)

READY OR NOT, HERE COME THE COMETS OF AQUARIUS

"Astronomers say a comet that was last seen in 1661 will be at its brightest during the next few weeks."

"Comet Ikeya-Zhang is named for the two amateur astronomers who spotted it independently on (Friday) February 1 (2002). The sighting was recently reported in Sky and Telescope magazine. The comet is the sixth one to be spotted by longtime skywatcher Kaoru Ikeya, who lives in central Japan."

"Experts believe this is the same unnamed comet as one recorded in 1661, meaning it is returning after a 341-year orbit."

"Throughout the northern hemisphere, Comet Ikeya-Zhang is visible low in the western sky just after sunset. In early April, it will appear in the predawn sky as it begins to loop past Earth on its return trip out of the solar system."

Meanwhile, in Sierra Vista, Arizona, "amateur stargazer Doug Snyder had spent days scanning the skies with his 20-inch (50-centimeter) reflector telescope, hoping to find something new, when he happened upon 'a little gray smudge.'"

"The little smudge proved to be a very big deal: It was a new comet."

"The Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams--the Harvard University-affiliated clearinghouse for new discoveries--confirmed Tuesday that Snyder was the first person to sight the comet Monday (March 11, 2002) as it streaked through the Aquila Constellation in the heart of the Summer Milky Way, which is a specific section of the Milky Way galaxy."

"A Japanese amateur astronomer, Shigeki Murakami, sighted the comet a few hours later and is considered a co-discoverer."

"The find was dubbed Comet Snyder-Murakami."

"Snyder said that after sighting the smudge early Monday, he did some research using a sky atlas and numerous data bases, but couldn't locate any reference to his find. He checked the comet's location again."

"The comet had moved a bit, but not too much, and I found it again very easily. Dawn was coming and my view of the comet was fading, but by now I was becoming more sure of my discovery," Snyder said."

"According to the bureau, Comet Snyder-Murakami was the third

comet to be discovered visually during the past year."

The two new comets are approaching Earth at a crucial time. According to writer Joan M. Veon, "The 'Age of Aquarius' began with the dawn of the third millenium. What is significant about the Age of Aquarius is that it is 1,000 years long and it marks the third 1,000-year period on the earth. The move from one 1,000-year period to another comprises a major stellar shift. The world is coming out of the Age of Pisces. The Age of Aquarius comes into full force on March 21, 2002, at its apex."

March 21, 2002 is Thursday--two days from now! And two new comets have suddenly popped into view.

In ancient times, people believed that comets were harbingers of disaster. A comet appeared when Julius Caesar was assassinated in Rome on March 15 back in 44 B.C.

In the case of Comet Ikeya-Zhang, there may be something to this. The last time this comet approached Earth, back in 1661, the Great Fire nearly destroyed the city of London.

Five years ago, in 1997, Comet Hale-Bopp caused a stir when it arrived with "a Saturn-shaped object (UFO)" in tow. While the comet was still in our skies, 39 members of the Heaven's Gate sect died in San Diego, California, alleged to be a "mass suicide." Months later, Mother Teresa and Princess Diana died.

Will Comet Ikeya-Zhang and Comet Snyder-Murakami herald new troubles? Time will tell. (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 15, 2002, "Comet returns after long absence," page 2A; and for March 17, 2002, "Amateur astronomer's 'smudge' actually a comet," page 17A. Also, The Free American for March 2002, "Pagan Aspects and The Age of Aquarius" by Joan M. Veon, page 25. For more on the Heaven's Gate incident, see UFO Roundup, volume 2, number 13 for March 30, 1997, "UFO sect members found dead in San Diego," page 1; and UFO Roundup, volume 2, number 14 for April 6, 1997, "Leads ignored in Heaven's Gate case, page 1."

MAYAN MURAL DISCOVERED INTACT IN GUATEMALA

"Archaeologists announced Wednesday (March 13, 2002) that they have discovered the oldest intact Mayan mural ever seen, a spectacular colored fresco covered with mud in a hidden room buried within a jungle-cloaked pyramid in northern Guatemala's Peten wilderness."

"University of New Hampshire archaeologist William Saturno said he found the mural accidentally during what appeared to be a futile hunt for Mayan stone monuments at a remote site two days' journey from the world-famous classical Mayan ruins at Tikal."

"'I wandered into a looters' trench beneath the pyramid, looking for some shade as much as anything,' Saturno said, 'When I shined my flashlight up at the wall, there it was...The looters had cleared off a section and left it. I felt like the luckiest man on the planet.'"

"What he saw was a 4-foot (1.3-meter) long swatch of mural representing the resurrection of the corn god, a scene from the Mayan creation myth recorded in murals and literature and on statues and pottery for over 2,000 years of Meso-American history."

"At first glance, Saturno could tell the mural was about 2,000 years old, because the artistic style closely resembled that of Tikal murals rigorously dated at 100 A.D., while amulets and other ornaments matched those on 100 A.D. figures at Kaminaljuyu, a highland site near present-day Guatemala City."

(Editor's Comment: Apparently, this Mayan fresco was painted at the same time that the Christian apostle John, in exile on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, was writing the Book of Revelation. Strange coincidence.)

"But the Tikal murals were weather-beaten fragments from exterior surfaces. What Saturno saw was a 3-foot (0.9-meter) tall continuous band, immaculately preserved and painted in black, red and 'several shades of yellow,' he said."

"And the mural, although hidden beneath stones and other debris, appeared to extend around the top of the entire room. 'We're talking a minimum 18 meters (53 feet) of mural,' he said."

"'We've seen nothing like this,' said Mayan religion and art specialist Karle Taube at the University of California at Riverside. 'We didn't know there was a mural tradition this elaborate, this early.'"

(Editor's Comment: Obviously he never heard of William P. Niven and his 1921 dig at Santiago Ahuizotla in Mexico. Chalk up another win for Colonel James Churchward.)

"Saturno made his discovery a year ago. He returned to the United States, obtained an emergency grant from the National Geographic Society and hired guards to discourage looters. This year he will begin a five-year excavation under the auspices of Harvard University's Peabody Museum. A report of his findings will appear in the April (2002) edition of the National Geographic magazine."

"The Maya, one of the great civilizations of pre-Columbian America, flourished in what are now Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and parts of Honduras and Mexico, from early 'pre-Classic' times beginning about 2,000 B.C. to the Spanish conquest in the 16th Century A.D."

"Archaeologists generally regard the ensuing 'Classical' period between 250 A.D. and 900 A.D. as the pinnacle of a culture that produced elaborate writing and numbering, a calendar system and remarkable art and architecture, much of which remains unexcavated."

"The uncovered portion of the mural shows the corn god looking over his shoulder at two kneeling women, while a man kneels on his right." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 17, 2002, "Intact Mayan mural discovered," page 14A.)

READER FEEDBACK

RECENT OHIO FLAP REVISITED

William E. Jones, MUFON state director for Ohio, writes, "Joseph: I want to update the article entitled, "Southern Ohio rocked by UFO sightings" from the subject issue. (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 9 for February 26, 2002, page 6.) I picked up the event when a friend called me the night of these sightings and said that the WLW radio station in Cincinnati was carrying live reports of sightings on a talk show."

"I was able to tune in and indeed people were calling in with sightings, two from as far away as Georgia and Florida. Most, however, seemed to be from eastern and southeastern Ohio."

"The Zanesville report was an error. The sighting was reportedly in or near Zanesfield, a small town west of (Interstate Highway) I-70, well west of Columbus."

"Some of the reports seemed perplexing, although others clearly had more prosaic explanations. One truck driver on I-70 between Dayton and Springfield reported a large triangular object near the ground. He said truckers in this area were talking on their CBs (Citizen-band radios--J.T.) about seeing unusual things in the sky near I-70."

"The radio station host did not discuss what was going on in a calm and objective manner. He was clearly attempting to hype as much excitement as he could out of the calls. The witnesses were not giving names, addresses and telephone numbers so there was no way to follow up with an objective investigation."

"Kenny Young from the Cincinnati area was contacted and he tried to follow up by calling many police agencies in the area. No reports of UFOs were apparently made through that channel."

"What happened that night is a bit of a mystery, but there is not enough objective evidence to conclude that it was a mini-flap of some kind. I think the only thing flapping was the radio host's lips."

From the UFO Files...

1964: GLOWING RED UFO SEEN IN NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

"Many people and animals have experienced a feeling of weightlessness in the vicinity of UFOs. A South African pilot, Anton Fitzgerald, in an article called "Repeat Performance," originally published in the South African aviation magazine, Wings Over Africa, subsequently reprinted in Flying Saucer Review, gives some examples of this weightlessness."

"Mr. Fitzgerald was walking down the hill toward his homestead in Natal (the state north and west of Durban, a port on South Africa's Indian Ocean coastline--J.T.), accompanied by his farm manager, Jack Marais. From their position on the hill they could see the landing strip close by the homestead and the large hangar. Mr. Fitzgerald's (twin-engine) Aero Commander (500) had already been pushed out on to the runway ready for his departure to Durban."

"They both saw the eerie reddish glow on the runway at the same time. It was about three hundred yards (270 meters) from the house and roughly two hundred yards (180 meters) from them."

"It was noticeable that the animals around the farm were behaving oddly. 'From our elevated position, the sheep reminded me of iron filings on a piece of paper around a magnet--a sort of orderly pattern but yet following no accepted geometrical form,'" Fitzgerald wrote.

"Suddenly, when the two men were only 'a stone's throw away,' the object rose vertically into the air. There was no sound, no rush of (displaced) air."

"They watched the object disappear into the mist. Jack suddenly exclaimed, 'Just look at those sheep!'"

"Fitzgerald wrote: 'I also looked at the sheep and noticed with amazement that they all appeared to be standing on tiptoe like ballet dancers with heads held unusually high just as if they were suspended in space with their hooves barely touching the grass. It was then that we both first experienced a peculiar feeling of almost weightlessness.'"

"After a checkup it was found that one old sheep was missing."

"When Fitzgerald took off in the Aero Commander the plane climbed abnormally fast and he found himself 'sitting more lightly than usual on his seat.'"

"Fitzgerald points out that Ndolwana, his Zulu tractor driver on his farm in Natal, descendant of a Zulu headman, had now seen for himself, in the flesh, so to speak, the foundation of the ancient Zulu legend of 'the red sun that rises straight up into the sky after devouring some of the tribe's cattle.'" (See the book Mysterious Visitors by Brinsley LePoer Trench, Stein and Day Publishers, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., 1973, pages 61 to 63.)

That's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next week.

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:28:13 -500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 10:16:22 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 21:55:31 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 17:48:26 -500
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

Lan, List and Readers-

<big snip>

It is obvious that you consider the inconsistencies in Bessie's testimony damning, to say the least, and probably outright lies mainly because one of your star witnesses- Bill Brazel- says she wasn't there. Of course, your line of reasoning completely ignores two salient facts:

First: and I quote you here, "Most humans have memories that are imperfect reconstructions of actual events". Second: the most contemporary evidence available- Mac Brazel's interview published in the RDR- clearly and explicitly places Bessie on the ranch during The Incident.

You cheerfully damn Bessie over her alleged "imperfect reconstructions", then use as your proof another imperfect reconstruction. All the while you ignore the glaringly obvious contemporary account. How selective can you get?

>>Why, for instance, did you not bring up the statement Bill Brazel made to Moore- that Bessie was at the ranch?

>Because I am not aware that he made such a statement.

Bill Brazel has demonstrated his imperfect memories over at least two points, one of which, coincidentally, is regarding Bessie's presence on the ranch.

"Dad was in the house with two of the younger kids late one evening when a terrible lightning storm came up ... so the next day he rounded up the two kids and took off for Roswell by way of Tularosa, where he stopped off and left the kids with Mother." The Roswell Incident, Berkley books edition, 11th printing; Pp 85,86

This was the thunderstorm that occurred just before Mac reported the "disk" to Sheriff Wilcox, and the "two kids" would have been Bessie and Vernon.

Bill told Moore all about how he lost his collection of debris, when "One night about two years after Dad's incident, I went into Corona for the evening [...] Anyway, the next day a staff car came out to the ranch from Roswell with a captain and three enlisted men in it." They then took poor Bill's collection of debris with them. The Roswell Incident; p89

When Bill told this story to Stan Friedman, it came out a tad

differently: ...(this was about a month after the crash) and I said, "Oh, I picked up a few little bits and pieces and fragments"... Then lo and behold, here comes the military (out to the ranch, a day or two later). " Crash at Corona; p85

Did this happen a month later - or two years later? Only Bill's "imperfect reconstruction" knows for sure.

>>If you wish to discard Bessie's evidence due to the
>>inconsistencies, then you must also discard the testimony of
>>Bill Brazel, Jessie Marcel, the Proctors... indeed most of the
>>cast of characters in this Saga for the same reason.

>Most humans have memories that are imperfect reconstructions
>of actual events. But it's a whole different order of
>imperfection when someone "remembers" being places where nobody
>in a position to know saw them and adding obviously important
>details like the pieces of a balloon that were left out of
>previous statements.

It sure is a "whole different order of imperfection" - when we have many different stories, and you conveniently choose to ignore the only version that can be corroborated by the contemporary evidence.

>Roswell investigators have ultimately rejected a number of
>"pro" UFO witnesses because the inconsistencies or lack of
>support for their claims was qualitatively of a different
>nature than what would be expected from a true witness with
>imperfect recall. But it seems that to "skeptics," the only
>criteria for credibility is making statements that support
>their beliefs, no matter how much the supposed witnesses change
>their stories.

Oh please - the witnesses for you and proponents are rife with inconsistencies, altering memories, conflicting testimony, and in some cases, outright lies. You choose to reject witnesses not because of inconsistencies or lack of support, but because they do not fit into the story you want to tell. And this cast of "supported" witnesses depends on who is telling the story.

There are four people that we can place on Foster's Ranch who handled all the debris for an extended period of time. I find it quite interesting that you and UFO proponents reject the stories of three out of these four! Talk about inconsistent. Especially when one of the "rejected" people gave his testimony when the story broke, not over thirty years later.

>>In point of fact, Bessie's testimony over the years has been
>>more consistent than most of the others that you seemingly
>>rely upon.

>Sure, it's consistent. She saw something that looked like a
>balloon and yet did not look anything like a balloon. Take your
>pick.

Bessie was there... No wait! Bessie was not there.

The military agents came two years later... No wait! Make that a month later.

Take your pick.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Seeking Copies of UFO Videos

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 10:18:31 -0500
Subject: Seeking Copies of UFO Videos

Hello All,

One component of the package that will be submitted to the secretary General of the UN (along with the signatures on the international petition) will be a 'compilation' videotape of as many UFO sightings world-wide as we can gather. The tape along with the petition will be submitted for consideration by representatives of the U.N.'s member nations.

We are hoping to compile and edit together as much of the accumulated 'video' of unidentified flying objects (that is being recorded world-wide) as we can. This is a call to any and all who have recorded these anomalous objects on video. Copyrights to submitted material will be acknowledged and respected. It's all for a good cause. :)

Anyone interested in making a contribution of videotaped UFO footage (that is to be included in the UN compilation) is invited to contact me privately at:

john@virtuallystrange.net

Looking forward to receiving contributions of tape from folks from every corner of the planet. The goal here is to get as many governments as we can to join the growing list of nations that have already disclosed (made public) all information relating to UFOs.

Together we can make a difference.

Regards,

John Velez

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Bob Pratt On-Line

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 10:22:59 -0500
Subject: Bob Pratt On-Line

Greetings List,

Robert Pratt has finished up his new website which highlights years of UFO research.

<http://www.bobpratt.org>

Tom Tulien and I interviewed Robert Pratt in Florida this January for the Sign Oral History Project. Most of what he related to us is on his website and a lot more besides.

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:13:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 12:18:16 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Velez

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 02:18:39 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

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>Hello Frank, James, Ed, and all fellow Listerions,

>My music producing life has gotten pretty busy in very good ways
>and I don't have much more time these days in my UFO life other
>than daily reading the UpDates posts, studying areas of
>interest, and only occasionally posting. I've been on this List
>since its early days and, like John and Cathy, I need it every
>day.

<snip>

Hiya Josh,

You wrote:

>John, Cathy, the last thing I want to do is poke fun at
>experiencers as I am not one. However, I answered affirmatively
>when Jimi Hendrix asked me if I were experienced. What a laugh.
>At 21 and on LSD I thought I was infinitely experienced. Well, I
>sure had some lessons to learn. John. can't you sleep with a
>sign on your chest asking the abductors to drop you off at
>Rachel rather than back home? Cathy, if you can't get to John's
>house and your abductors unlawfully gave you no receipt for your
>implant, just tape a little sign over its location in your body
>that asks them to repair or replace it when they next come. The
>law says they are liable, and that's no libel.

<lol>I got a cute but spooky story for you.

Budd once told me about a guy who used to tape a note to his
ankle every night before going to bed. The note was addressed
to the "abductors" and basically it contained a written 'spleen
venting' where he is telling them where they can all go, and
ordering them to leave him and his family the Hell alone. (My
kind of guy! :)

All well and good. For whatever psychological benefit he was
deriving from the act it wasn't causing him any harm either.
Until one morning when he wakes up to find the note missing.
This guy and his wife spent weeks looking for that scrap of
paper. They moved furniture, pulled the mattress and box spring
off of the bed, they looked on, under, and in anyplace they
could think of. No note. After awhile they simply gave up
looking for it.

Several months later...

(Bingo, you guessed it!) The guy wakes up with the note taped to
his ankle! Freaked everybody out. :O

>As we used to say back in Hendrix's day,

>Happy trails,

I happen to be one of the biggest Hendrix fans on the planet. For my money, Jimi will go down in history as one of the shining musical geniuses of this (or any other) century. Best of luck with your music career Josh. May the wind always be at your back. :)

Regards,

John ;)

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:20:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 12:19:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

>Dear All,

>After attending an impressive presentation by Michael Horn last
>night at MUFON-LA, I was almost convinced to reassess my opinion
>of the Billy Meier case. Horn kept referring to the predictions
>made in Contact 251 so I obtained a transcript of this alleged
>dialogue between Meier and Ptaah, a Plejarian who sets matters
>right about ufology, researchers, other contactees, Michael
Hesseman, and even MUFON.

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Ptooy on Ptaah

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:28:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 12:40:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:14:15 -0600

<snip>

>This is not the first time UFO sightings have been paired with
>flare drops. Ask Dr. Maccabee. He has footage of similar events
>he presented at the Midwest Conference On UFO Research on
>September 18-20, 1992. The flare drop initially deceived the
>witnesses (Gulf Breeze) but upon reviewing the footage, the
>actual cause became apparent. Although Bruce indicated the
>flares appeared different from the infamous "Bubba" sightings,
>one cannot help but wonder how many times flares may have been
>dropped to distract from and/or confuse other sightings and
>misidentified as UFO's by excited witnesses.

<snip>

Congratulations to Amy for recalling this event. There are details of this which have never been reported. What 'saved the day' was a unique telescope with a low-light level TV camera that provided a large enough and bright enough image of what was happening about 20 miles away. A home-videocamera two miles closer did not 'see' the answer. The telescope was 1600 mm focal length with f/10 optics... powerful enough to see the rings of Saturn.

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Re: Beyond A Doubt - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 11:07:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 12:48:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt - Gehrman

>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 04:15:45 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>>Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 10:45:50 -0800

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>>>Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 15:26:33 -0800

>>>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: Beyond A Doubt
>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 09:30:43 -0600

<snip>

>>I was wondering why you decided to abruptly end what I thought
>>was about to become an interesting discussion, one which you
>>initiated by mentioning your interest in the 'Aquatic Ape
>>Theory'. My question to you was not facetious nor was it meant
>>to bait you. I am/was very interested in your response. I would
>>say that 99.9% of the folks on this list are unaware of the
>>Aquatic Ape theory. If they do have some inkling of Elaine
>>Morgan's thesis, most have probably rejected it as absurd
>>conjecture.

>>This was an opportunity to make them conscious of a very
>>important piece of information. I contend that many UFO
>>sightings are of terrestrial craft, manufactured by creatures
>>who live on earth and have been shadowing humans since we began
>>our evolutionary journey. These creatures are our evolved
>>aquatic cousins and yes they still live in and under the ocean.

>>I'd like to know what you think about all this, since you seem
>>to accept the idea that humans have evolved from aquatic apes.

>>For those wanting more information on the AA:

>><http://www.geocities.com/Athens/5168/aat/leaflet.html>

>Hello Ed and James,

>I remember back in the late 1970s seeing a film about water
>births being performed in Russia. The babies, when born into
>water would have the innate ability to swim. They also showed
>babies a little older who would swim right along. As they grew a
>little older (I don't remember how old) they lost that ability.
>Later, as children they would have to be taught to swim. I don't
>know how accurate the above was, only that I saw a film on this
>subject. Elaine Morgan makes no mention of such abilities.

Josh,

Yes you are correct; there was a film called 'Water Babies' and it showed the ability of babies to swim, or more aptly, float under water and swim just after birth. During the first months of life, a baby can be placed in water and will not drown. First of all the baby-fat gives buoyancy, then there is a mechanism that closes off the lungs to the passage of water, related to the movement of the larynx. I don't know how to explain it scientifically, except that it does happen, but only with humans and other aquatic mammals:

"The other human peculiarity is called "the descended larynx". A land mammal is normally obliged to breathe through its nose most of the time, because its windpipe passes up through the back of the throat and the top end of it (the larynx) is situated in the back of its nasal passages. A dog, for example, has to make a special effort to bring its larynx down into its throat in order to bark or to pant; when it relaxes, the larynx goes back up again. Even our own babies are born like that.

A few months after birth the human larynx descends into the throat, right down below the back of the tongue. Darwin found that very puzzling because it means that the opening to the lungs lies side by side with the opening to the stomach. That is why in our species food and drink may sometimes go "down the wrong way". If we had not evolved an elaborate swallowing mechanism it would happen every time.

This arrangement means that we can breathe through our mouths as easily as through our noses. It is probable that this is an aquatic adaptation, because a swimmer needing to gulp air quickly can inhale more of it through the mouth than through the nostrils. And we do know that the only birds which are obligatory mouth breathers are diving birds like penguins, pelicans and gannets. As for mammals, the only ones with a descended larynx, apart from ourselves, are aquatic ones - the sea lion and the dugong." --Morgan

Does this help?

Also don't you find it strange that James Oberg hasn't replied to my posts and doesn't seem to be interested in a topic that he initiated? Since the first tool of the skeptic is to ignore troubling information, maybe I unintentionally touched on a subject or area of concern that has implications James would rather not pursue. Or maybe he just doesn't want to be bothered.

Ed

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

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Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:28:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 12:50:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 01:56:31 -0800

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
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>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:43:44 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:01:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>fact that the lights remained stationary and in formation for
>several minutes. Without changing position. Flares dropped from
>moving aircraft cannot maintain position the way this formation
>of lights did.

>Maybe there were two separate events. One involving flare drops
>by the military and another involving a large triangular craft.
>I'm just not convinced that the thing that appeared over Phoenix
>that night was 'flares'. And 80 miles away yet.

triangular craft - 8 to 9 PM
flare drop (discarding unused flares) 10 PM

>Flares don't maintain a static position in the air like these
>lights did.

I guess you haven't read my paper yet where I pointed out that
careful analysis of the videos showed that the lights DID drop
downward. They also moved to the left... consistent with falling
in an air mass that was moving from west toward east (a gentle
west wind)... which was actually blowing that night.

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:46:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:03:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

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>of the Billy Meier case. Horn kept referring to the predictions
>made in Contact 251 so I obtained a transcript of this alleged
>dialogue between Meier and Ptaah, a Plejarian who sets matters
>right about ufology, researchers, other contactees, Michael
>Hesseman, and even MUFON.

>Quotable quotes:

<snip>

Hi Bill,

You wrote:

>Be grateful that you have not be singled out by Ptaah concerning
>your research for he tells it like it is in no uncertain terms.

So what you're saying is; the sayer of the sooth telleth the
truth? :)

>There is much more our friend Ptaah reveals through his only
>spokesperson Billy Meier. We could invite him to join the list
>and give us all frank assessments of UFOlogical research today
>with his acute ability to discern the truth, but I am afraid he
>would decline our gracious offer as he has told Billy (as of
>1995) that they have withdrawn all their people and
>installations from our world for they foresee dire happenings
>in our immediate future including a WWIII. Who wants to stick
>around for that?

There goes the neighborhood.

>It is also noteworthy that all former contactees have been
>called fraudulent by the Plejarans, but Ptaah does not reveal
>how some of the same historical information as imparted by them
>were imparted by these earlier contactees as if the material was
>genuine.

Ptish Ptosh! Why that's blatant 'Plegerism' isn't it?

>Ahhh, to have all the answers so readily available from an
>extraterrestrial - that's the ticket.

Man if I can just corral a psychic alien for one afternoon at
Aquaduct Race track just long enough for him to predict one
Daily Double for me, all my \$ troubles would be over. They could
flip me over and probe me dry all they like after that. The
difference will be that; I'll have a huge grin on my face as I
bite down on the pillow. :O

>Smile, they are all light years away by now.

And good riddance! Maybe real estate values will begin to go up again. Besides, I've heard tell that Plegierians emit a foul odor after ingesting broccoli. Well, me too, but more so them than me. :)

Regards to you and Mrs. H,

John Velez ;)

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:12:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:05:40 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Gehrman

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 02:18:39 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

<snip>

>I feel that the last few days of Arnold case posts on this List
>well answered the questions. James and Ed, I'd like to see if
>you guys, for once, can try to prove something rather than
>trying to disprove something. Put your focus on seeing if there
>is any real, undisputable evidence that the alleged claim of the
>German filmmaker had anything to do with the making of (uh oh,
>worse than the 'P' word) the dreaded 'AA' words, Alien Autopsy.

Josh,

I suspect you're going to hear much more about the AA in the next few months but why was I included in the above comments since it is my intention to 'prove' that the AA is legitimate and not a fraud or hoax?

I've tried to figure out how to contact Olaf Ittenbach, but no success so far. If there is someone on the list who has his email address or contact address in Germany, please send it to me off list. I doubt he'll admit to the claim, because there is absolutely no way he could have created the AA footage although about a year ago the web site 'Video Junkie' carried the following:

"Some of you may have wondered what the German icons of gore, Olaf Ittenbach (Prometheus the Fallen Angel) and Andreas Schnass (Violent Shit III) have been doing, and Will, our German-obsessed sleuth found out. The answer is one I never suspected: Film! Yep, both have moved into the arena of 35mm filmmaking and actually seem to have some production values.

Ittenbach's latest is a vampire-gore film called Legion. It looks very cool, if somewhat derivative of the loathsome piece of fan-boy excrement From Dusk till Dawn - plus the backers call it a "fun comic-horror film" which scares me more than any horror story. Still, I liked Ittenbach's SOV efforts, which is saying a lot, so I'm looking forward to this one... Apparently the film is finished and will be doing festival screenings... Also, rumor has it that Ittenbach was responsible for the infamous Alien Autopsy footage that went from being an underground tape to a media sensation. More on that when Will digs up more info."

I tried to contact Will but haven't heard from him.

Maybe James will dig up something.

Ed

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Re: Phoenix Case - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:44:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:08:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - King

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 10:23:22 -0500

>>All of the videos taken of the event were filmed by local
>>residents and not news organizations. It is unfortunate that
>>interest in a second sighting that night has been adversely
>>impacted by (and confused with) the earlier (probably flare)
>>sighting.

>Because I had been friends with Tom King, Bill Hamilton and a
>few other UFO hunters prior to the March 13th event, I was the
>fortunate recipient of four hours worth of video that Tom had
>compiled for me. It included his own video of the event as well
>as hours of local news coverage of the event from several
>network stations.

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John,

I spent many times driving around the desert. I taped flares with a variety of video cameras. You can't see the smoke unless you 10 miles are closer. The flares don't appear to fall unless you got some good power on them to see they fall or you have to be really close to them. I don't care what the military says about what they dropped that night. The 10 pm lights were golden color and so the flares they dropped afterwards usually in the winter time. To me this explains pretty much all the sightings after that related to Phoenix lights south of town at night. I simply don't buy the testimony by the Indians claiming they saw the lighting in front of the Estrellas. Its impossible. First triangulation puts them behind the Estrella Mountain. The quad screen video playback also determines that to be impossible. I remember NIDS also paid a certain group of Indians for a interview but I can't remember the names at this time.

The area the military flares fall in basically a public area. I placed call to Luke right fter Nov. 18 1998 during one flare drop. The lady stated they use this area from time to time but its north of Barry Gold Water Gunnery Range. She refered to them as night lanterns. This area is the exact same area the 3-13-97 10 pm lights were at. Here is a clip from 1998 flare drop.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/database/flares3.mpg>

Sorry its before Sony Nightshot was around so its alittle hard

to see but worth a download. Note: all objects are white on tape even though they are really a different color. What the clip shows is a typical flare sitting there. Then this strange sneaky red object (Bubba?) flies over the flare. Its interesting because the red light suddenly turns on and blinks out like a flare does but this thing was moving very fast. My gut feeling was the red light was a military aircraft but I don't know what type. It wasn't a afterburner but something sneaky. It definately could pass off as a UFO in its own right. Is it Bubba or military?

Other interesting flares and known objects are here.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/database/data.htm>

The real story is the 8:30 events. I think everyone knows the 10 pm were probably flares by now.

Tom King

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Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 16:05:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:10:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:22:54 -0500

>>Date: Friday, 22 Mar 2002 10:10:00 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: John Velez <john@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: UFO Petition To UN Secretary General

>>An international, multilingual petition requesting a United
>>Nations investigation and disclosure of UFO information by
>>member nations, is at:

><snip>

>John and All!

>A master stroke! No arguing over tenuous data! Just a simple, to
>the point request! Very compelling!

The credit for the writing/wording of the petition belongs to
Dick Hall. Quality in - quality out! :)

>Count on my support!

I do. :) Without your active support (and that of many others)
it would be a still-born non-starter. I have a good feeling
about this though. Hearing this declaration of support from you
means a lot to me, and more importantly to the success of the
effort.

On behalf of both Errol and myself I thank you and express our
gratitude for your support.

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Re: UFO Petition To UN Secretary General - McCoy

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Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 04:42:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:13:21 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Petition To UN Secretary General - McCoy

>Date: Friday, 22 Mar 2002 10:10:00 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Velez <john@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: UFO Petition To UN Secretary General

<snip>

Hello, all John, EBK.

Yes... indeed, I have signed it. I have been gone for a few days and to my surprise here was John's post to UpDates about a UN petition.

Good show, this may be the the key.

GT McCoy

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From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 23:25:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:16:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

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Hi Bill,

I must speak from my inner guide Pshaw who loudly says "Pshaw to Ptaah." Ptaah's predictions that you cited did not predict any material facts that would not have been known at that time. Instead these are commentaries about a couple of people back then. The Gulf Breeze incident and Ed Walters were the cause of a big split over the case and Walters' innocence or guilt. For me at the time it caused me to think twice about how MUFON HQ was operating.

I had the same feelings about Michael Hesseman years ago. Those realizations did not come to me from Ptaah, they came from Hesseman's actions.

Bill, it sounds to me like you needed a bottle of Gripple before the talk started. But without it you got a grip on the matter at hand, as in "Where's the beef?". In my opinion so far, Ed Meier is a vegetarian with no beef. Ptaah was certainly no McDonalds.

Speaking of contactees, here's a little anecdote I don't think I ever told you. My Dad was a Psychiatrist and when I was young I remember making a trip to Giant Rock with him when he went to assess a contactee gathering there. He thought they seemed deluded but harmless. I was too young to have an opinion other than wow, they're saying they've been in contact with a lot of different aliens.

But that whole contactee phase did not help serious UFO investigation or the public assesment as to what may be true in the field. The same with Billy Meier, Ed Walters, Michael Hesseman, and Ptaah. Is Ptaahrelated to Cataarrh?

Ironically, many years later I ended up marrying a woman named Bonnie Durden, who had grown up in your neck of the desert in Lancaster, CA. Her stepfather Bud had been a contactee at Giant Rock and opened up a store in Northern California named "The Odd Shop". He was a great guy but he has passed on, to where I do not know.

Speaking of the Antelope Valley, I have you to thank for wonderful campouts I did with my son years ago when we watched the Northrop Tejon Ranch facility. We didn't see any discs but we had a great

bonding time, The only liability was when Norio Hayakawa would also come out there and start prattling gibberish with his followers. They sure named a bunch of identifiable aircraft as UFOs. I say Ptaah to him also. I wonder if I could have influenced him and Bill Cooper to rabble rouse the right wing "patriot" militias to stage an armed attack on Groom Lake to try to

learn Bob Lazar's alleged secrets. With the right bait I'll bet they would have gone for it. They would have died near Rachel plus Ruby Ridge and Oklahoma City would not have happened. I have the flu and I am sick minded in my humor today. I believe in this list so much that even sickness can't keep me from it.

Is there anything happening that is UFO-related in the Antelope Valley these days?

Pshaw,

Josh

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MORE ON THE MONSELICE CASE

The news and updates continue to trickle in on what was perhaps the most interesting close encounter case in Italy last year, that which occurred in Monselice (Padua) on 3 August 2001.

In addition to the hypothesis that the object was allegedly photographed by a weather satellite, new details and revelations were trotted out in local newspapers during recent weeks, relative to the investigations conducted by the National Ufological Center (CUN), which has given advance notice of a conclusive report and a conference to be entirely devoted to the case.

According to what was found in Monselice, on the same evening of the sighting there occurred in the neighborhood a blackout (which repeated itself over subsequent evenings and was caused by the explosion of a public sodium streetlight), and some computers were 'inexplicably thrown out of whack.' [Il Gazzettino, Padua edition, 21 February; collaboration by Gildo Person=E8.]

On 2 March, one of the witnesses was then visited by a biologist and two physicians of the National Ufological Center, relative to 'various physical disturbances and a sense of general uneasiness that drained and took away her appetite and ability to sleep': she is suffering pain in her leg muscles, as well from fainting spells and a sense of physical weakness. The ufologists offered a hypothesis about some type of interaction between electromagnetic waves theoretically emitted by the UFO and the metabolism of the calcium in the human body. [Il Gazzettino, Padua edition, and Mattino di Padova, 3 March; Ufo-Italia, 3 March; collaboration by Roberto Labanti and Gildo Person=E8.]

On 5 March, finally, there came the announcement that the same witness will submit to a complete medical check-up, to be paid for by the CUN. The suspicion of the National Ufological Center is that the exposure of the witness to an intense electromagnetic field caused by the 'presumed UFO' may have triggered some changes of a psychophysical nature, resulting in the various disturbances reported. [Il Gazzettino, Padua edition, 6 March; collaboration by Gildo Person=E8.]

TEN YEARS OF THE SAN MARINO SYMPOSIUM

This year marks the occurrence of the tenth edition of the worldwide symposium on unidentified flying objects and related phenomena, organized in San Marino in collaboration with the National Ufological Center and dedicated this year to the theme: 'UFOs, Ufology & Institutional Recognition.'

At the conference, which will take place at the Teatro Turismo on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March (admission is free), the participants should include, among others: the Spanish writer and ufologist Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, the Belgian physicist Auguste Meessen, the director of the State ufology body of France, Jean-Jacques Velasco, and former NASA consultant Richard Haines.

[CUN Press Release, 5 March]

NEW BOOK BY JENNY RANGLES

Fresh off the presses and on bookstore shelves is the Italian translation of another book from the English ufologist and writer Jenny Randles.

"Ritorno dal futuro" ("Back from the Future", while the original title was "Time Storms") offers 'hypotheses on the possibility of time travel and the testimonies of people that have lived this experience,' linking them among other things with UFO phenomena, 'crop circles,' the lights of Hessdalen and other mysterious events.

The volume (280 pages, 14.50 Euro) is being published by the Armenia editorial group. [Reports by Maurizio Morini and Roberto Labanti.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Roberto Labanti, Maurizio Morini and Gildo Person=E8.

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:55:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:20:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

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>Hesseman, and even MUFON.

>Quotable quotes:

>on Ed Walters:

>Ptaah: He is a swindler and a fraud, and his photos are
>counterfeit. This is an established fact.
>...

Hello Bill,

Are you now joining those who are unable to distinguish between
a person's UFO experiences/evidence and what he/she may have
been told by an alien/ET? These can definitely be of two
different levels of credibility.

Or, if you find a person's abduction experience to have been
genuine, do you then automatically assume that if he was told by
his abductors that they came from planet X in Galaxy Y then
that's where they must be from?

Do you now count yourself among those who believe that surely
aliens/ETs wouldn't act or speak deceptively? Are you among
those who just can't think of any good reasons why they would
sometimes want to act or speak deceptively? Have you never heard
of a strategy called 'semi-plausible deniability'? If not:

<http://www.tjresearch.info/denial.htm>

Regards,

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Phoenix Case - Ledger

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Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:26:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Ledger

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 01:56:31 -0800

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:43:44 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

<snip>

>I am not completely discounting the flare theory, however, on
>that night, wasn't a triangle seen over Prescott, as I recall
>and down the valley to Phoenix? I looked at several A-10 pages
>and couldn't find one firing-off flares.

>Another curious thing, the A-10 is a basic flying can opener,
>not particulaly a night intruder, why they were fomation flying
>at night in such a neat formation is beyond me.

>Night formation flying is dangerous at best. I have trouble with
>that.

Hi GT,

And the A-10 is a Nape of the Earth aircraft, terrain following. They do carry fire and forget flares as well for defensive purposes - anti-missile - which ignite after getting away from the aircraft and don't have chutes. If they were just dumping the flares they were using for defensive purpose the latter would have spiralled out of there. It should be noted that when these types of missile defence flares are being used, the aircraft need to be well separated-for obvious reasons. they are purposely unpredictable.

If the A-10s were dropping parachute flares they would have either dropped them to plummet, then open and then illuminate somewhere around 2,000 feet down to 500 feet other wise they would be useless for illuminating the ground. If they were just dumping them at 6,000 feet, it's anybodies guess how far away they could be seen.

To my mind the last scenario is the only one that would fit come close to fitting the bill, but at 4-6 per aircraft that doesn't quite fit the number of lights on the object. As GT or someone mentioned the flares would step downward and in well spaced straight line deployment. You wouldn't find one A-10 following on the heels of another while dropping flares. To many opportunities for disaster.

See: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/dumb/luu2.htm>

Since flares are becoming the explanation of choice for many sightings it wouldn't hurt researchers to bone-up on them. That URL will link you around to other interesting pyrotechnics.

LUU-2 Flare Air-deployed LUU-2 high-intensity illumination

flares are used to illuminate targets. The LUU-2B Flare has a light output rating of 1.8×10^6 candlepower and at 1,000 feet altitude illuminates a circle on the ground of 500 meters at 5 lux. The LUU-2 is housed in a pod or canister and is deployed by ejection.

With the introduction of A-10 Warthog Night Vision capability, such flares are not used as frequently as in the past as they provide too much light for the very sensitive goggles. Flares burn at uneven rates and therefore 'fluctuate in brightness'.

The LUU-2 has a burn time of approximately 5 minutes while suspended from a parachute. The pyrotechnic candle consumes the flare housing, reducing flare weight which in turn slows the rate of fall during the last 2 minutes of burn time.

Personally I don't think Bill Hamilton or Tom King have reason to mothball the Phoenix lights yet. Too many unanswered questions. I'd be interested in learning more about the pilot that reported the red light above him that night.

If anyone has located solid evidence for or against this claim I'd appreciate a heads up.

best,

Don Ledger

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 11:47:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:42:04 -0500
Subject: Hynek & Arnold [was: In Defense Of The UpDates

>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 13:00:35 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
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>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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>>The "scientific world", when confronted with the
>>data/observations also went through hypothesis escalation, and
>>when the escalation went too far (e.g., Hynek could not accept
>>the idea of semi-circular aircraft several thousand feet in size
>>traveling at high speed) the scientific world modified the
>>data/observations to fit the accepted explanation (e.g., Hynek
>>claimed the objects were ordinary aircraft but much closer to
>>Arnold than he had claimed and hence traveling much more slowly
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>>identify the supposed aircraft)

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 09:55:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:50:39 -0500
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Hello Bruce:

The surest sign of free press is an air-head or two.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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...I guess a non-free press is all air-head, then?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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I'm assuming that this was during Hynek's early association with
BB - before he was 'turned'. I wonder if he ever had second
thoughts?

Best,

Don

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Re: Hynek & Arnold - Rudiak

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Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold - Rudiak

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Hynek's argument of the objects being 2000 feet in length and
100 feet thick at Arnold's estimated distance was grossly in
error and based on his poor understanding of how human visual
acuity is measured.

Arguments based on true facts about acuity measure plus Arnold's
reported observations indicate a craft size an order of a
magnitude smaller than Hynek's absurdly huge value, down in the
range of conventional commercial jetliner size. This was also
the estimate of size arrived at by some Air Force consultants
other than Hynek, according to Ed Ruppelt in his book, "The
Report on Unidentified Flying Objects."

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

I have dealt with this in detail in two previous posts of mine:

www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/jul/m27-007.shtml
www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/jun/m13-023.shtml

Instead of being 23 miles away, Hynek instead suggested they
might have been only 6 miles away and conventional jet aircraft.
Scaling the distance to a quarter of that of Arnold's would have
also quartered the speed down to 300 - 400 mph, or conventional
subsonic speeds for that time. All fine and good.

However, Hynek's computed size would have been quartered as well
down to about 25 ft thick and 500 feet in length, still hardly
conventional military jet size. That should have quickly clued

Hynek that there was something seriously wrong with this argument. But he never noticed, not even in his later "believer" days. I am still astounded that a scientist like Hynek could have made such a serious mistake.

David Rudiak

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Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:42:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 11:43:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

Hello All,

The petition site is 'new.' I must apologize for a few 'glitches' we have encountered with the CGI code on the 'Petition Sign-up' page. There is a comment/error message that has been appearing telling people that they have already signed the petition when in fact they have not.

That was a 'glitch' in the CGI code that is intended to keep people from signing the petition twice. Although the website itself does not use cookies, a cookie will be planted on your drive to prevent individuals from signing more than once. The cookie does not have any other purpose.

Also, The petition and the UFO compilation video - although they will be submitted at the same time, do not have anything to do with each other. If you agree with the spirit and the word of the petition by all means sign it. If you do not wish to contribute to the video portion you do not have to. I am only mentioning this because there was some confusion expressed about it.

Please be patient with us. We will have all the kinks out of the system shortly. Those of you that attempted to sign the petition (but who ran into the error message) please try again. As far as I know, everything is working just fine as of my writing this post.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:49:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 11:49:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

><snip>

>>The reason why I questioned Bruce's analysis had to do with the
>>fact that the lights remained stationary and in formation for
>>several minutes. Without changing position. Flares dropped from
>>moving aircraft cannot maintain position the way this formation
>>of lights did.

>>Maybe there were two separate events. One involving flare drops
>>by the military and another involving a large triangular craft.
>>I'm just not convinced that the thing that appeared over Phoenix
>>that night was 'flares'. And 80 miles away yet.

>triangular craft - 8 to 9 PM
>flare drop (discarding unused flares) 10 PM

>>Flares don't maintain a static position in the air like these
>>lights did.

>I guess you haven't read my paper yet where I pointed out that
>careful analysis of the videos showed that the lights DID drop
>downward. They also moved to the left... consistent with falling
>in an air mass that was moving from west toward east (a gentle
>west wind)... which was actually blowing that night.

Hi Bruce,

I have read your paper on the Phoenix lights. And awhile back
when you first published it.

Maybe an apology is in order. I was laboring under the delusion
that the 8:30 state-wide sightings were also being
dismissed/lumped together as the result of a military flare
drop. If we are all in agreement that we are dealing with two
separate events, then it was my own misunderstanding of what was
being said that prompted my remarks.

Which begs the question: why isn't the discussion focused on the
more enigmatic 8:30 set of events? Sightings that ranged
state-wide. Location of the object and time lines were well
established by the many reports that were received.

There was something in the skies over Arizona that night.
According to the many witnesses, a triangular-shaped craft.
Some folks even videotaped it.

Maybe we should move on from the flare discussion to one that
deals with the state-wide sightings of that flying-triangle.

The same or similar triangular-shaped craft are being reported from all parts of the world - the Belgian case being among the most familiar.

The set of sightings in Arizona are important because they are potentially corroborative evidence for what some of us already know is a world-wide phenomena.

Pardon my earlier misinterpretation.

Regards,

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Re: Petition To The UN - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:56:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 11:52:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To The UN - Velez

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re Petition To The UN
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 04:42:39 -0800

>Hello, all John, EBK.

>Yes... indeed, I have signed it. I have been gone for a few days
>and to my surprise here was John's post to UpDates about a UN
>petition.

Hi GT,

You wrote:

>Good show, this may be the the key.

It all hangs on the response the petition gets. I believe we can achieve good results with a healthy turnout. The petition is intentionally set up to be simple, direct, (right to the point) and clear about its objectives.

Spread the word.

The more signatures we can gather over the next year, the better the probability that we will be heard/acknowledged.

In terms of reporting any UFO activity/sightings it may even help push a few countries who may have been 'hedging' on the issue of disclosure, over the edge and into more openness and co-operation with media and civilian UFO groups.

Keep your fingers crossed and help all you can by spreading the word about the petition to everyone that you know. It's a chance for people to finally and democratically make their voices heard.

We can make a difference. Here's hoping anyway. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 16:18:01 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 11:57:03 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Rudiak

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 22:37:36 -500
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:38:46 EST
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>... according to Haut, as quoted by David Rudiak: "I spoke
>>>to Haut myself. All press releases, except extremely trivial
>>>ones, were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by
>>>Blanchard and/or by his adjutant." (UFO Updates, Feb 9, 2002)

>>Which I thought I just said...

>Nope - it is exactly the opposite of what you stated.

Which is exactly what Kevin Randle and I both said. Haut could release trivial items on his own without review or clearance, but anything of any significance was always reviewed and cleared through Blanchard's office.

Announcing the base baseball game would be an example of a trivial news release of no great significance. Haut could do that on his own. But an announcement that they had a flying disk in their possession would obviously be carefully reviewed by Blanchard... obvious to anybody with a brain that is.

>Most military organizations make a delegation of authority memo
>which lists what type of press releases that subordinates can
>release on their own authority. What Haut told David is that
>not all press releases at the RAAFB were personally reviewed,
>cleared, and authorized by Blanchard and/or by his adjutant.
>Which is the normal mode of operation for any command. >
>"except extremely trivial ones..."

So you are claiming that capturing a flying saucer was an example of an extremely trivial press release? Even a five-year-old would recognize that as a remarkably stupid statement.

>Which shows that a delegation
>of authority memo was in place. And, according to Haut, this
>wasn't a big production at the time. Which means it was trivial
>and normal and could easily have been released over the
>authority of Marcel. So, according to Haut, there was a
>memorandum of delegation of authority in place at RAAFB.

Haut has always maintained that the press release came directly from Blanchard's office, either pre-written, or he was personally told by Blanchard exactly what he wanted in the release and Haut then wrote it up. He has never in the slightest indicated that he received any information from Marcel. It came from Blanchard, period!

Of course, you blow off Haut's numerous statements to this effect.

Radio announcer and UP stringer Frank Joyce has also stated many times that Haut told him he had Blanchard's authorization to release the statement. This was after Joyce said he questioned Haut about the content of the release.

Art McQuiddy, editor of the Roswell Morning Dispatch, also stated that several months later Blanchard, after a few drinks, personally admitted to authorizing the release. (Blanchard also told him he had never before seen material like what his men brought back from the field, which if it really were a Mogul balloon, would mean that Blanchard had never seen aluminum foil, paper, balsa wood, Scotch tape, etc.)

>And the RDR article clearly showed that this was the case.
>"According to information released by the department, over
>authority of Maj. J. A. Marcel..." So even Haut admits that not
>all press releases were seen or authorized by Blanchard, and the
>RDR, to which Haut took the press release personally, stated
>that it was released over the authority of Marcel.

What Haut actually said was only _trivial_ releases did not need to be authorized by Blanchard. (Do you know what the word "trivial" means?) We're back to your remarkably stupid theory that a captured flying disk statement was treated as a nothing release. Anybody who can think realizes this is nonsense.

Another thing you blow-off is counter statements in the press that this was Blanchard's press release. United Press stories always maintained this, even stating that Blanchard had personally used the term "flying disk" to describe the object. For various quotes in UP stories implicating Blanchard, see again:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/feb/m20-008.shtml>

In contrast, AP blamed Haut, even accusing him of personally misidentifying the weather balloon as a flying disk and then writing up the press release on his own initiative. One editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle accused him of "eager-beaverism."

How Haut could do this and not get 'fried' for it afterward has never been explained.

>All of which goes to show that your claim that only Blanchard
>could have authorized the press release is incorrect.

Chinese fortune cookie: "He who sticks to foolish theories marks himself as a fool."

>><snip>

>>>"Phantom" reporters? At a newspaper office? If the RDR did not
>>>have real reporters, then where did they get any news to print?

>>The phantom reporters who would have quizzed Haut about the
>>press release which was your invention earlier. I suggested
>>that Haut dropped it off and the newspaper printed it from the
>>press release, without a lot of questions from any reporters
>>anywhere, something that is not completely out of line.

>In the course of Haut's duties at the RAAFB, I am sure that he
>had dropped off many releases of mundane news, and these were
>accepted by reporters as is. But the Flying Disks were the hot
>news items of the day, and you think that they would have
>ignored questioning Haut when he made the claim that the RAAF
>had come into possession of one?

Hmmm, so your theory requires that the press instantly recognizes the release as sensational news but Blanchard and Haut don't? It was 'mundane'. This doesn't strike you as a wee bit inconsistent?

>That the reporters would be interested in gathering what
>additional information they could is demonstrated by the
>inclusion of the Wilmot's story, which according to the article,
>was told to the reporters only moments before Haut came in.

Sure, they would be interested, but it isn't reflected in the main stories that the Roswell Daily Record and Roswell Morning

Dispatch actually ran describing the overall events. These were standard Associated Press stories.

If you actually read the two Roswell papers, the articles do not indicate that they aggressively pursued the story. Each carried short stories about Sheriff Wilcox's many phone calls. The RDR had a story from the local weatherman about weather balloons and radar targets. The had another story about how the AP reporters sent to cover the story had sent out the first-ever wirephoto from Roswell (photo of Brazel).

The only story of any real import was Brazel's press conference at the offices of the RDR. The RDR didn't go out and find Brazel. He was delivered to their doorstep under military escort (many witnesses to this).

This raises the important question of what Brazel was doing back in Roswell for an interview only a day after being left at his ranch by Marcel and Cavitt. According to the RDR story, after handing over his find to Marcel and "the man in plain clothes," that was the last he heard of it until the story broke. The problem here is that he had no way of hearing about the story back at his ranch (no electricity, no radio, no cell phone, no satellite dish, etc.) and barely time to rush back to Roswell to clear things up even if he somehow had.

>And it wasn't just the RDR: remember, the phones were ringing
>off the hook from reporters everywhere, including IIRC, England
>and Germany.

>So you are trying to say that reporters from all
>over the world would eagerly and immediately jump on this story,
>but not the local press?

>I think not.

Both Roswell papers ran standard AP accounts of the story on July 9. That's just a simple fact. The only photos published of participants were of Sheriff Wilcox. You would think the RDR would have at least run a photo of Brazel, interviewed in their own office. But they didn't. Instead, they ran a photo of the two AP reporters covering the story who wired the Brazel photo out of Roswell. That was considered a story in itself, since it was the first wirephoto ever sent from Roswell. But they didn't bother to publish the photo of Brazel, obviously one of the primary participants -- most curious.

Nowhere do you find independent accounts of them trying to dig up additional information from the base or local residents who might know something. UP, e.g., when they reported the base press release on the wire, also stated that: "Residents near the ranch on which the disc was found reported seeing a strange blue light several days ago about 3 a.m."

A highly provocative statement like that should be like red meat to any enterprising journalist. Who were the residents? What was the "strange blue light" near the ranch? Wouldn't you want to know?

Maybe the Roswell papers tried to dig up more information, but it just isn't reflected in the stories they ran. E.g., one might expect them to follow up by calling the base intelligence office or Blanchard's office or even the public relations office for additional information. But there is nothing like that not even a statement that they made an effort or that the base had no further comment.

In contrast you do find some statements to that effect in wire service stories. E.g., UP reported that they were told Blanchard had gone on leave. Both AP and UP reported that unnamed officers at the base refused to release further details about the construction or appearance of the "disk" or where "higher headquarters" might be. Roswell base, source not identified, also finally told UP that Marcel had been sent to Fort Worth.

But the Roswell papers - zip, nada. There seems to have been very little follow-up on what should have been the biggest story ever to hit the town. Maybe being small newspapers (plus apparently answering numerous phone calls themselves) they just didn't have the resources to do the job properly.

David Rudiak

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HBCC UFO - Sighting Video

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 13:30:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:03:43 -0500
Subject: HBCC UFO - Sighting Video

Hi List

Here is something that may prove interesting. I am waiting for a call or email so I can go and view this video tape, and make a copy of this. But I also would like to point out that, again, Mount Harry Davis in Houston, B.C., has yet another sighting.

Take care

Brian

HBCC UFO
Houston, British Columbia, Canada

Hello Mr. Vike:

I also live in Houston and after reading your article today in the paper I thought I would share with you my sighting. Last year in I believe May, my daughter and I saw something flying or falling in the sky over Mt Harry Davis, It was on fire and was V shaped. It travelled over the top of the mountain till we lost sight of it. We lived on (deleted by HBCC UFO) and video taped it. We phoned the observatory in Victoria and got no where so I was finally able to talk to a professor at UBC who said that they had no record of any satellites falling that day. He asked me to send him a copy of the tape and I just never got around to it . If you are interested in seeing this tape please contact me at this email address. I think you will find it interesting.

Thank you,

(Witness' name deleted by HBCC UFO)

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Ptooy on Ptaah

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 14:11:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:05:14 -0500
Subject: Ptooy on Ptaah

Besides the sentiment well expressed by Bruce Maccabee ('Ptooy on Ptaah'), and by others (Ptish on Ptaah, Pshaw to Ptaah), I feel we need to express a resounding 'Shame on Semjase'. After all, she's the one who repeatedly circled her beamship around the tree top, moving in arcs or circles while sometimes hovering motionless, thereby deceiving too many of us into thinking there must have been a hoaxer there with a 25' pole from which swung a dangling model, to which long lateral strings were attached that were tended by three other hoaxers.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General -

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 17:22:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:08:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General -

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 16:05:28 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General

<snip>

>John Velez

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For our part, we've sent the Spanish version to all Spanish language lists.

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center
<http://UFOMiami.dventures.com>

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 18:59:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:10:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:28:00 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:14:15 -0600

><snip>

>>This is not the first time UFO sightings have been paired with
>>flare drops. Ask Dr. Maccabee. He has footage of similar events
>>he presented at the Midwest Conference On UFO Research on
>>September 18-20, 1992. The flare drop initially deceived the
>>witnesses (Gulf Breeze) but upon reviewing the footage, the
>>actual cause became apparent. Although Bruce indicated the
>>flares appeared different from the infamous "Bubba" sightings,
>>one cannot help but wonder how many times flares may have been
>>dropped to distract from and/or confuse other sightings and
>>misidentified as UFO's by excited witnesses.

><snip>

>Congratulations to Amy for recalling this event. There are
>details of this which have never been reported. What 'saved the
>day' was a unique telescope with a low-light level TV camera
>that provided a large enough and bright enough image of what was
>happening about 20 miles away. A home-videocamera two miles
>closer did not 'see' the answer. The telescope was 1600 mm focal
>length with f/10 optics... powerful enough to see the rings of
>Saturn.

Thanks, Bruce.

I found the footage of remarkable significance, especially
psychologically.

When the Phoenix Lights event occurred, I wondered if a UFO
sighting had ever been paired with a flare drop before. Then I
remembered your footage and dug out the video to take a second,
third, and fourth look.

Why they would be dropping flares in such patterns in a UFO
hotspot (Gulf Breeze) has always puzzled me. Surely the military
guys would have known the flares might cause more UFO sightings.
If they don't want people having a fit about UFO's, why make
matters worse by dropping flares around Gulf Breeze?

It's almost as if they are doing it on purpose.

They either don't care if people mistake flare drops for UFO's
or they are using flare drops for psychological reasons
(psyops). If the UFO's photographed and filmed by Ed and others
were actually secret military craft, and Bubba was created using
various combinations of unconventional and conventional flare
drops, then, like the Phoenix affair, the V and delta shaped
objects could have been secret military craft paired with flare

drops similar to the "exercises" conducted in Gulf Breeze. (The "V" shaped object and the "delta" shaped object could have been one object using CC&D to create the illusion of two separate objects.)

(Note the term "unconventional". Just because, to some, there is no apparent match between known flares and the lights that appeared over Phoenix, doesn't mean they can't be tests of new types of flares unknown to the public or even UAV's/MAV's imitating flares. The military "exercises" of today are quite different from the exercises of yesteryear as are the technologies and techniques employed. It's a whole new ballgame.)

The Phoenix Lights and the Gulf Breeze events are quite similar when you compare various sighting reports and events. The objects sighted and photographed may be different but overall (behavior) patterns are much the same. The common denominator seems to be...flare drops...and a military involvement which appear in both cases. In addition, both Phoenix and Gulf Breeze are located near active military bases where various military exercises are conducted. (These and other similarities are also present in other UFO sighting cases.)

Say, Bruce, ever wonder why they 'just happened' to be out there having a flare BBQ on the same night you came with all that neat equipment? Yet another coincidence? ;>

Would you consider allowing Mr. King to put your footage on the internet, if Mr. King would oblige?

It's significant footage of IFO's mistaken for UFOs, an excellent reference tool and important for IFO databases.

A. Hebert

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Oz C.E. Reports Of 'Silvery People'

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:24:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:21:14 -0500
Subject: Oz C.E. Reports Of 'Silvery People'

via: <http://www.lorencoleman.com>

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/justin/nat/newsnat-24mar2002-24.htm>

Posted: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 9:30 AEDT

Reports of close encounter with 'silvery people' in NT

The Northern Territory's Wycliffe Well Roadhouse may be famous for its UFO sightings in the sky, but it seems there has now been a ground encounter.

Lou Farcus has been a resident at Wycliffe Well for the last 17 years and says workers on the Alice Springs to Darwin railway at a site west of the roadhouse have also seen unusual lights in the sky.

Mr Farcus says several weeks ago an Aboriginal woman had a close encounter. "Her knowledge of the area gave her the instinct it wasn't anything to do with the army or the railway so she turned round to go back and have a look at it and saw this triangular sort of object in the paddock and all of a sudden she saw these silvery character looking people who started coming towards the vehicle, so she quickly turned around and took off," Mr Farcus said.

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A Major Relevation

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:43:53 -0500
Subject: A Major Relevation

Make that 'Revelation'!

Here it is.

We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

And there is nothing wrong with that. But have any of you
researchers come to know how many abductees there are on
UpDates?

And when was the last time any of you asked a question of us.
Made a survey. Determined something useful. Sure, it's nice to
know what really happened at Roswell and it's neat to know if
Billy was a master meister or mister liar.

But it's even better to try really hard to get at the bottom
of the abduction enigma. Errol gave us the bandwidth and
you fail to use it.

As one admiral said about another... wait, I think it was one
general who said it about another general... "Nuts!"

Jim Mortellaro,

Perceived abductee and general all around pain in the rump
roast to some. Milktoast to others and amusing to the rest
of you. Take me seriously guys. This is getting serious. And
my perception is that you are not.

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 03:10:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:50:23 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 23:39:49 -500
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

Bruce wrote:

>That indeed was a very interesting comment by Haut.

Bruce,

As noted, Haut's foremost recollections are seemingly little known and surely of underlying 'Roswell' significance.

>...what you are saying is that according to Haut, essentially
>the same thought occurred to Blanchard.

We can only observe that Haut's evident confirmation was assuredly documented in one of the earliest 'Roswell' related interviews.

>So do you think it would it have been possible, given Haut's
>comments above, that Blanchard told Haut to get the story from
>Marcel, and then get it over to the Roswell news people? That,
>at least in my mind, might address the phrase that was used in
>the RDR report:

>"... over the authority of J. A. Marcel, Intelligence Officer.

The challenge is to first of all appreciate that contemporary, 1947, 'flying saucer' perception.

There were never, of course, 'flying saucers' per se and it was an underlying howler, albeit the patent foundation of 'ufology'.

As long since realised, 'flying saucers' originated from misconstrued media reporting of Kenneth Arnold's descriptions re those nine objects which flew in an undulating, intermittently fluttering and gliding, formation, etc.

>The above comments by Haut reinforce Haut's later remark that
>the news release was "not a big production".

It's absolutely in context with that conception of 'flying saucers', as I highlighted in 'The Day Before Roswell':

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/roswell.txt>

It perhaps wasn't a 'big production' because in those few inaugural days between 'Arnold' and 'Roswell', our flying saucers were comfortably perceived to be so small as a circular saw!

From, 'The Day Before Roswell':

July 7th 1947. The day before Roswell was to become a legend.

The 'Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express' carried the front page banner headline:

'Is the World Getting Woozier Or Are People Really Seeing Things?'

Accompanying the headlines were several news articles on 'flying discs' and 'flying saucers'. The front page photograph featured Father Joseph Brasky, from Grafton, Wisconsin, who described how a "strange disc" dropped out of the sky and hit the lightning rod on top of his church.

The photograph showed Father Brasky holding the miniature "flying disc", which subsequently turned out to be a circular saw.

Another leading front page article reports how Los Angeles pilot Vernon Baird knocked down a "flying Yo Yo", the fifteen feet diameter "clam-shaped airplane" coming apart in his P-38's prop wash. Baird apparently describes the aerial encounter first hand.

The story was carried in several newspapers, but there was no such incident. "Three or four of us were sitting around the hanger gassing, and we just made it up. Somebody must have heard it and spread the word", Baird later explained.

"I'm flabbergasted that anyone believed it".
[END OF EXTRACT]

Yet they did and neither Brasky's tool time artefact or Baird's relatively small yo-yo were considered too ridiculous, indeed clearly the contrary, for front page 'flying saucer' revelations in the 'Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express'.

>Do you, by any chance, have a transcript of Haut's interview on
>this show?

The transcript cited was Haut's, brief, comments from that 'Unsolved Mysteries' documentary.

>>There was no "overriding concern"... "to cover-up even the
>>merest whisper of aliens" - this was only days after Arnold's
>>report of apparently new 'jet aircraft'.

>Well, that is exactly the point. I was trying above to present
>the case from the viewpoint of those that maintain that a real
>extraterrestrial spaceship and its crew had been recovered. My
>contention was that if Blanchard really did have a spaceship,
>then he had a major security problem. Advertising in the world's
>press would have been a very foolish thing to do.

Absolutely and it's surely proven why the pivotal press release was founded on excited speculation and rumours that Brazel had, via the local weather bureau [dare we suggest no-one had told Marcel et al about this], wondered if he might have come across debris from a 'flying saucer'.

To reiterate, the 'Roswell' press release announced:

"The many rumors regarding the flying disk became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group of the Eight Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the co-operation of one of the local ranchers and the Sheriff's Office of Chaves county".

The '509th Bomb Group' patently never had 'possession' of a 'flying disk' and the anomalous artefacts which came to their attention had, according to that frequently unquoted confirmation by Brazel's son, actually been acquired via the local weather bureau, who, presumably noting it wasn't 'one of theirs', suggested he should speak to the Sheriff's Office.

Worse still, Blanchard's press release continues:

"The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week. Not having phone facilities, the rancher stored the disc

until such time as he was able to contact the Sheriff's office, who in turn notified Major Jesse A. Marcel, of the 509th Bomb Group Intelligence office".

In truth, it's _abject nonsense_ - no 'flying object' had ever 'landed' and Brazel didn't store our 'flying saucer' let alone as subsequently avowed 'alien bodies', under a convenient bush.

>>>>The scenario of issuing the Flying Disk story, then debunking
>>>it the following day as part of The Cover-up Plan, again makes
>>>no sense whatsoever.

>>Yet, that's exactly what happened and it must therefore
>>inevitably make sense, somehow.

>It makes a great deal of sense if Marcel recovered a NYU/Mogul
>radar reflector.

Consummately so.

Marcel also stopped off at home to show his son the presumed 'flying saucer' wreckage. Whether it was from outer space, or evidence of a new Russian threat, or even from a top-secret American aircraft/weapon being tested, this was an extraordinary decision by Marcel.

There was the risk of spreading contamination from alien bacteria, delaying intelligence data concerning an ET/Russian menace or revealing the existence of a top-secret US project, etc.

If his actions had been known about, wouldn't Marcel have faced the prospect of a court martial?

Perhaps it's all further indicative of that intrinsic flying saucer hysteria.

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Southern Ohio 'Flare' Events

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:55:09 -0500
Subject: Southern Ohio 'Flare' Events

As most of you may know, there were two big 'flare' (UFO?) events in the Southern Ohio region in the mid 90's, one shortly before or after the infamous 'Phoenix Lights' episode.

My long time friend, Kenny Young, spent quite a while investigating these events and concluded that flares were most likely responsible. I'm not sure I buy that, even though I usually respect Kenny's opinion and this is what the military says they were. There was too much testimony to the contrary for me to simply accept the flare explanation 100%, just as in the 3/13/97 10 P.M. Phoenix case.

One thing that really intrigued me was a video taken of the Ohio Lights by a local resident.

Kenny showed me the video at the time and told me that they were probably flares being dropped, but I still to this day cannot see this as being the case.

As I recall, there was a horizontal arc of 6-8 lights, apparently motionless. Every 10 to 15 seconds a light on the left end would "go out" only to be almost immediately replaced by a new light on the other end.

Although it's impossible to determine precisely how far apart the lights were, I can't imagine them being more than a couple hundred feet apart as they looked to be rather tightly packed.

The 'flares', if that's what they were, only burned around a minute, and the invisible plane dropping them was only moving the distance between the lights in 10-15 seconds which would make said plane an extremely slow mover unless the lights were much farther apart than they appeared.

The effect was that of large wheel making a partial, sudden turn every 10-15 seconds as one light would go out of view while another one came into view.

I don't know if Kenny still has that video or not but I would really like to see it again.

Regards,

Chaz

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 04:36:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:03:29 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Easton

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 23:39:49 -500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 08:37:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

Bruce,

Some further, little-known, insight which might be of interest is a June 1994 interview [just prior to the USAF's September, 1994 revelations about Project Mogul] with Dr. Jesse Marcel.

This was published on one of the early mailing Lists, an academic discussion forum operated by, if I recall, Cambridge University and primarily intended for SETI related debate!

At the time, I obtained permission from the author, Hans, to publish his interview and the following extract evidently reveals why Major Marcel made that detour to show his family what had been found on the Foster ranch:

Well here it is. I conducted it in person, June of 94 for an English class.

Hans: What kind of practice do you have?

Dr.:Ears nose & throat-general practice of Oralaryngology, anything wrong with your ears or nose, sore throat I'll try and take care of it.

Hans: Where did you go to medical school?

Dr.: Louisiana State.

Hans: I've read that when you were little your dad came and showed you some stuff, could you tell me that story?

Dr.: Oh certainly. You know this was in Roswell, New Mexico, my dad was stationed at the airforce base, and, he was on the aircraft accident investigation team as an intelligence officer. He was called because the sheriff got a hold of the base commander saying they thought there was an aircraft that had been downed somewhere on a ranch northwest of Roswell. He and several people went out to investigate to see if it was a military aircraft or what--see if there was any survivors, anything at all, but when they got out there--according to the story I got from him--there was a large debris field of rather nondescript pieces of wreckage, they didn't know what it was--it wasn't an airplane, but they didn't know what it was; something crashed-- hit pretty hard out there.

He was at the debris field with a CIC agent by the name of Cavitt. The CIC is now the CIA. These guys are into investigating very unusual events. Now they pick up the debris, portions of it, they realize this is not an aircraft or anything that could be recognized as such.

In 1947 that's when the term flying saucer first became popular, because there's a man Mr. Arnold, I think, who was flying in Mt.

Rainier Washington state; saw what looked this thing was, the remnants of a crashed flying saucer. So, they brought the debris in, and, as our house happened to be between where they were coming from and the airbase, so my dad swung by the house to show my mother and myself what this looked like, and he said "this is a flying saucer, at least portions of it"

Hans: So he actually said that to you?

Dr.: Yeah, this was about one or two o'clock in the morning, it was kind of a late night that day.

Hans: Did he have to wake you up?

Dr.: Yeah, oh yeah. I was asleep, and I looked at these materials, very strange indeed, and, something very different, definitely not an airplane.

Hans: What was your first impression when you saw it?

Dr.: Well actually, I had never heard of a flying saucer before, I didn't know what it was, but he said this is a flying saucer and well, what is that? and he said something that came from other places other than the earth here, no it wasn't built by any civilization that we have here.

Hans: So he had that in his mind right then?

Dr.: Yeah, that was the thought that was planted in my mind, and when I saw that I could believe it very well because this was a very strange material, very exotic.

With the metal fragments and the writing that was on portions of it and it was not anything like I have seen before or since.

Hans: Could you describe it a little more in detail?

Dr.: Well, the metal was a lot of foil like debris, it was very thin, very strong, although I didn't try to bend it or tear it, he did and apparently it could not be torn or bent. Very, very, light, light like feathers. Almost like take a piece of it, drop it and it would flutter down just like a feather, except it was metal. And there were I beam fragments that had writing on the inside of them. And there was some plastic type debris that at that time I thought looked like Bakelite, Bakelite was a resin that was used at that time back in the forties.

His job was to determine if there was any electronics or anything like that, vacuum tubes or anything, which there wasn't.

Hans: What was he like when he woke you up, was he...?

Dr.: Very excited. More just to see what this was, Because he thought it would hit the papers, make a big splash, which there was until the Air Force shut it down.
[END OF EXTRACT]

Clearly, a 'very excited' Major Marcel had decided from the outset that those pieces of debris, obviously not from an aircraft, must therefore be from one of those 'flying saucers' and consequently another planet.

Incidentally, so far as more recent claims that Major Marcel must have come across dead aliens, his son confirmed:

Hans: So when did your dad ever bring it up again?

Dr.: It wasn't until the late 70's, about 30 years later.

[...]

Hans: When you spoke with your father about this later, did he have any information about the supposed bodies and so on?

Dr.: No, you see, the airforce is very good about compartmentalizing information. So there is no one person that knows the whole thing. I mean you would have your own isolated thing here, other people have there thing here and you don't talk together, you don't communicate, so he had no knowledge of

these bodies; they were not at the primary debris field, if they exist, were someplace else.
[END OF EXTRACT]

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New book Review Page

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 21:53:32 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:04:22 -0500
Subject: New book Review Page

New book review page:

<http://mactonnies.com/dystopian.html>

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 08:17:15 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:08:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:55:18 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

<snip>

>Are you now joining those who are unable to distinguish between
>a person's UFO experiences/evidence and what he/she may have
>been told by an alien/ET? These can definitely be of two
>different levels of credibility.

>Or, if you find a person's abduction experience to have been
>genuine, do you then automatically assume that if he was told by
>his abductors that they came from planet X in Galaxy Y then
>that's where they must be from?

>Do you now count yourself among those who believe that surely
>aliens/ETs wouldn't act or speak deceptively? Are you among
>those who just can't think of any good reasons why they would
>sometimes want to act or speak deceptively? Have you never heard
>of a strategy called 'semi-plausible deniability'? If not:

Jim,

The main thrust of the lecture was to validate the messages that Billy made claims for and these messages contain, among other things, gross scientific errors, such as our sun dying out as a black hole billions of years from now (the sun does not have the right radius) or that Erra has 12% more oxygen than earth and is close to the earth in size. They must have a real problem with fires on Erra. On and on we are treated to nonsense. Why? Disinformation? Doesn't speak well for this case.

Bill

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 08:24:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:12:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:44:57 +0000

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>I spent many times driving around the desert. I taped flares
>with a variety of video cameras. You can't see the smoke unless
>you 10 miles are closer. The flares don't appear to fall unless
>you got some good power on them to see they fall or you have to
>be really close to them. I don't care what the military says
>about what they dropped that night. The 10 pm lights were golden
>color and so the flares they dropped afterwards usually in the
>>winter time. To me this explains pretty much all the sightings
>after that related to Phoenix lights south of town at night. I
>simply don't buy the testimony by the Indians claiming they saw
>the lighting in front of the Estrellas. Its impossible. First
>triangulation puts them behind the Estrella Mountain. The quad
>screen video playback also determines that to be impossible. I
>remember NIDS also paid a certain group of Indians for a
>interview but I can't remember the names at this time.

<snip>

>The real story is the 8:30 events. I think everyone knows the 10
>pm were probably flares by now.

Tom,

I am sorry to disagree with you. Too bad you didn't look through
the telescope at the lights. Flares are not perfectly round like
a dime, and have you forgotten that other similar sightings have
been made to the east and north of town? Yes, there is a
resemblance to the night illumination flares dropped out near
Gila Bend. When you look through a scope, you can see sparks and
smoke, but neither sparks nor smoke were visible. Talk to
Krysten. He looked through his scope too. There is much
confusion here.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 11:27:02 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:14:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

>Dear All,

>After attending an impressive presentation by Michael Horn last
>night at MUFON-LA, I was almost convinced to reassess my opinion
>of the Billy Meier case. Horn kept referring to the predictions
>made in Contact 251 so I obtained a transcript of this alleged
>dialogue between Meier and Ptaah, a Plejarian who sets matters
>right about ufology, researchers, other contactees, Michael
>Hesseman, and even MUFON.

>Quotable quotes:

These are rich!!

>on Ed Walters:

>Ptaah: He is a swindler and a fraud, and his photos are
>counterfeit. This is an established fact.

It called any and all photos...but Billys are frauds, meaning he would probably respond the same if you ask about the lubbock light photos

>on MUFON:

>Ptaah: ...MUFON alone must not be blamed for this entire
>hysteria (regarding hysteria and idiocy in America)

With idiots with a mind set similar to Pataah, that may be true.

>Also, Ptaah confirms that many UFOs are flying objects being
>developed by many nations.

>On Amaury Rivera's photo of a UFO and F-14 interceptor:

>Ptaah: Trick photography used with models suspended with fishing
>lines... (hmmm, sounds like some skeptid debunkers on the List)

Gee, I always thought that was how the Billy photos were done...

>On Michael Hesseman:

>He allows himself to be easily tricked and deceived, and he
>erroneously believes he is of extraterrestrial origin. (Hey, I
>even thought I was at one time)

Hadn't heard that Hesseman believes he is of ET origin.
The origin of Paath appears to be the local nut house in
switzerland

<snip>

>Ptaah makes it clear there are no current contacts going on

>other than Meier.

Again, the theory that only thing thats real is Meier? Kind of like that last honest sport in America...professional wrestling. :)

>When queried about the Roswell and Aztec UFO crashes and Area 51, Ptaah responded that these matters fall under his pledge of >secrecy and he is not permitted to speak about these issues >officially. (Sorry guys as I know you all want to know the truth >behind these events and our trusted ET source is not at liberty >to reveal all)

Ahhhh! I am crushed, absolutly crushed.. :)

>Ptaah does go on to say that Hesemann could be a valuable >individual if only he would desist being influenced to such a >great extent by lies, deceit, fraud, and charlantry.

>Be grateful that you have not be singled out by Ptaah concerning >your research for he tells it like it is in no uncertain terms.

>There is much more our friend Ptaah reveals through his only >spokesperson Billy Meier. We could invite him to join the list >and give us all frank assessments of UFOlogical research today >with his acute ability to discern the truth, but I am afraid he >would decline our gracious offer as he has told Billy (as of >1995) that they have withdrawn all their people and >installations from our world for they foresee dire happenings in >our immediate future including a WWIII. Who wants to stick >around for that?

Ah, End of the world to be immediately following 1995. Yawn,

>With humble apologies,

No need for an apology. I got a good chuckle.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:17:57 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Fleming

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:28:13 -500
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>Why, for instance, did you not bring up the statement Bill
>>>Brazel made to Moore- that Bessie was at the ranch?

>>Because I am not aware that he made such a statement.

>Bill Brazel has demonstrated his imperfect memories over at
>least two points, one of which, coincidentally, is regarding
>Bessie's presence on the ranch.

>"Dad was in the house with two of the younger kids late one
>evening when a terrible lightning storm came up ... so the next
>day he rounded up the two kids and took off for Roswell by way
>of Tularosa, where he stopped off and left the kids with
>Mother." The Roswell Incident, Berkley books edition, 11th
>printing; Pp 85,86

>This was the thunderstorm that occurred just before Mac reported
>the "disk" to Sheriff Wilcox, and the "two kids" would have been
>Bessie and Vernon.

Not necessarily. Mac Brazel had another son besides Vernon: Paul Brazel. Even if Bessie Brazel was at the ranch before Mac Brazel went to Roswell, there was no one there when Bill Brazel arrived, so he might have simply been mistaken. Brazel's neighbor Loretta Proctor also said that Bessie Schreiber was not at the ranch. Since "neighbors'" houses were miles apart in that area, perhaps she could have been mistaken, too, about who was at the Foster ranch at the time.

All I'm saying is that I find it highly suspicious that Bessie changed her story from an emphatic denial that the debris looked anything like a weather balloon to a claim that the material looked exactly like a balloon, dropping her earlier description of "lettering" in her later account.

At least her story is more consistent than the other debunker "star witness," Sheridan Cavitt, who denied being in Roswell at the time of the incident to Kevin Randle but then mysteriously experienced total recall and admitted being there, exactly as Jesse Marcel had said he was. Of course what he "remembered" was a weather balloon. I'd say he was totally off the credibility scale, while you seem to "conveniently" forget his earlier denial of being a participant since he said what you wanted to hear after his miraculous recovery from amnesia.

>Bill told Moore all about how he lost his collection of debris,
>when "One night about two years after Dad's incident, I went
>into Corona for the evening [...] Anyway, the next day a staff
>car came out to the ranch from Roswell with a captain and three
>enlisted men in it." They then took poor Bill's collection of
>debris with them. The Roswell Incident; p89

>When Bill told this story to Stan Friedman, it came out a tad
>differently: ...(this was about a month after the crash) and I

>said, "Oh, I picked up a few little bits and pieces and
>fragments"... Then lo and behold, here comes the military (out
>to the ranch, a day or two later). " Crash at Corona; p85

>Did this happen a month later - or two years later? Only Bill's
>"imperfect reconstruction" knows for sure.

Bill Brazel gave his account to Moore 33 years after the incident, around 1980. Friedman's book was published twelve years later, in 1992, so Bill Brazel apparently reported the shorter time frame to Friedman about 12 years later than the account he gave to Moore, or about 45 years after the incident. A two-year discrepancy doesn't seem particularly suspicious for events that happened that long ago in accounts that were given so many years apart.

>>>If you wish to discard Bessie's evidence due to the
>>>inconsistencies, then you must also discard the testimony of
>>>Bill Brazel, Jessie Marcel, the Proctors... indeed most of the
>>>cast of characters in this Saga for the same reason.

>>Most humans have memories that are imperfect reconstructions
>>of actual events. But it's a whole different order of
>>imperfection when someone "remembers" being places where nobody
>>in a position to know saw them and adding obviously important
>>details like the pieces of a balloon that were left out of
>>previous statements.

>It sure is a "whole different order of imperfection" - when we
>have many different stories, and you conveniently choose to
>ignore the only version that can be corroborated by the
>contemporary evidence.

By "contemporary evidence," I suppose you mean the newspaper story that mentions her being at the ranch on June 14 when the debris was allegedly first found. That would be the one that ends with Brazel stating:

"I am sure that what I found was not any weather observation balloon," he said. "But if I find anything else besides a bomb they are going to have a hard time getting me to say anything about it."

This certainly sounds like the rebellious remark made by someone who has just been forced to read a humiliating prepared script. I don't think there's enough information to resolve the question of what really happened at Roswell; too much time has passed and too many documents have disappeared. But it's things like Brazel's closing remark and the large number of witnesses to the event that sustain serious and reasonable doubts of the Air Force's official story, not some "will to believe."

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Jean Guilton?

From: **Joaquim Fernandes** <j.fernand@netcabo.pt>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 17:33:39 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:19:58 -0500
Subject: Jean Guilton?

I've learned about a book by the late French theologian Jean Guilton, 'Dialogues avec M. Pouget sur la pluralit=E9 des mondes', 1954.

I wonder if anyone knows something about this? I can not locate it in any work index of this author.

Greetings,

Joaquim Fernandes
Porto

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Billy Meier & Ptaah

From: **Michael Hesemann** <H130437@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:32:58 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:25:12 -0500
Subject: Billy Meier & Ptaah

I've never claimed or believed to be of ET origin. I am as terrestrial as everyone here on the List, so whatever intention Ptaah had making this statement it has nothing to do with who I am or believe to be.

I cannot share Ptaah's belief regarding the authentic Amaury Rivera photos or the authentic Carlos Diaz case, investigated not only by me but by such respected colleagues as John Mack, Roberto Pinotti, Colin Andrews, Corrado Malanga et al. - the sheer fact that Diaz has thousands of local eyewitnesses rules out the possibility of a hoax. Besides, even Billy Meier once admitted that he thinks the Diaz photos are genuine, although his contacts were illusionary.

I agree with Jim Deardorff that all contactee information has to be treated 'cum grano salis', as deliberate disinformation with the intention to educate us... to find the truth by ourselves instead of by believing in any authority, whether its name is Billy, Bill, Ptaah or Michael.

Regarding my alleged 'gullibility' I am one of the very few UFO researchers who try to find the truth 'out there', by extensive field investigations in 44 countries of the world. I think I work too hard and too carefully to be "easily deceived".

Sincerely,

Michael Hesemann

D=FCsseldorf
Germany

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:45:52 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:15:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:49:24 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>Maybe we should move on from the flare discussion to one that
>deals with the state-wide sightings of that flying-triangle.

>The same or similar triangular-shaped craft are being reported
>from all parts of the world - the Belgian case being among the
>most familiar.

>The set of sightings in Arizona are important because they are
>potentially corroborative evidence for what some of us already
>know is a world-wide phenomena.

>Pardon my earlier misinterpretation.

John,

No one to my knowledge videotaped the triangle which was also
seen with the same lights as the flares. Maybe the triangles
burn the flares as lights.

The V-shaped formation videotaped by Terry was not the triangle,
nor the chevron. In fact, they were the same as the 10:00 pm
lights, only seen at 8:30 pm and moving. Same lights were seen
in the Superstition Mts at 7:30 PM. Someone must have dropped
those flares in the Superstition Mts. Soon, all the flare talk
gets ridiculous. There were many sightings on that night. No one
is discussing the huge white orbs either. Or the second triangle
with a notch in the trailing edge! Read my book and learn the
whole story.

Thanks,

Bill

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Re: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:18:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 01:56:31 -0800

>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 07:43:44 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

<snip>

>And the A-10 is a Nape of the Earth aircraft, terrain following.
>They do carry fire and forget flares as well for defensive
>purposes - anti-missile - which ignite after getting away from
>the aircraft and don't have chutes. If they were just dumping
>the flares they were using for defensive purpose the latter
>would have spiralled out of there. It should be noted that when
>these types of missile defence flares are being used, the
>aircraft need to be well separated-for obvious reasons. they are
>purposely unpredictable.

>
>If the A-10s were dropping parachute flares they would have
>either dropped them to plummet, then open and then illuminate
>somewhere around 2,000 feet down to 500 feet other wise they
>would be useless for illuminating the ground. If they were just
>dumping them at 6,000 feet, it's anybody's guess how far away
>they could be seen.

Good point. The A-10s on the test range do fly low. For us to see the flares at all above the mountains, they would have to have been dropped at 15,000 feet, a poor way to illuminate the ground. The A-10 has a complement of 16 or 32 flare cannisters and if all were ejected, we should have seen them, and according to the Air Force, they would have glowed bright white, not gold!

>To my mind the last scenario is the only one that would fit come
>close to fitting the bill, but at 4-6 per aircraft that doesn't
>quite fit the number of lights on the object. As GT or someone
>mentioned the flares would step downward and in well spaced
>straight line deployment. You wouldn't find one A-10 following
>on the heels of another while dropping flares. To many
>opportunities for disaster.

Correct again. This is not supposed to be the exercise they conducted. And the spokesman from Davis_monahan said they had all returned by 8:30 PM that night. If so, who dropped the 10 PM flares?

>See: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/dumb/luu2.htm>

>Since flares are becoming the explanation of choice for many
>sightings it wouldn't hurt researchers to bone-up on them. That
>URL will link you around to other interesting pyrotechnics.

>LUU-2 Flare Air-deployed LUU-2 high-intensity illumination
>flares are used to illuminate targets. The LUU-2B Flare has a
>light output rating of 1.8×10^6 candlepower and at 1,000 feet
>altitude illuminates a circle on the ground of 500 meters at 5
>lux. The LUU-2 is housed in a pod or canister and is deployed by
>ejection.

This is correct again and according to the Air Force and the manufacturer could be seen for up to 90 miles as bright white lights.

>With the introduction of A-10 Warthog Night Vision capability,
>such flares are not used as frequently as in the past as they
>provide too much light for the very sensitive goggles. Flares
>burn at uneven rates and therefore 'fluctuate in brightness'.

>The LUU-2 has a burn time of approximately 5 minutes while
>suspended from a parachute. The pyrotechnic candle consumes the
>flare housing, reducing flare weight which in turn slows the
>rate of fall during the last 2 minutes of burn time.

>Personally I don't think Bill Hamilton or Tom King have reason
>to mothball the Phoenix lights yet. Too many unanswered
>questions. I'd be interested in learning more about the pilot
>that reported the red light above him that night.

Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has reverted to the flare theory. I understand this. However, Jim performed a second analysis as I requested and have reviewed it with him (sat at the computer myself) and this measures variation in brightness over 50 frames. The flares show jagged histograms whereas these lights showed a rise and plateau level across 50 frames. That accords with my observations.

-Bill Hamilton

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Antelope Valley? [was: Billy Meier's ET...]

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:57:26 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:21:22 -0500
Subject: Antelope Valley? [was: Billy Meier's ET...]

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 23:25:15 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 14:04:27 -0800 (PST)

<snip>

>Is there anything happening that is UFO-related in the Antelope
>Valley these days?

No, its pretty quite right now.

Bill

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:01:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:24:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>>Flares don't maintain a static position in the air like these
>>lights did.

>I guess you haven't read my paper yet where I pointed out that
>careful analysis of the videos showed that the lights DID drop
>downward. They also moved to the left... consistent with falling
>in an air mass that was moving from west toward east (a gentle
>west wind)... which was actually blowing that night.

Funny I didn't have to move the scope to track this so-called
falling motion. Me thinks you have seen camera movement.

Bill H

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:26:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:28:37 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Consider the video camera images of those lights. Mike Rairdon
>was about 86 miles away from the light array.

<snip>

We were positioned closer Bruce, and the image size in the scope was much larger. There was no glow and no apparent bloom to the naked eye as one sees on headlights. I have seen aircraft lights over 60 miles distant and they were small compared to these lights and very much dimmer. There was no glow and no burning visible. The scope image would have put them at an apparent 3 miles distant if 75 miles away and still: no glow, no smoke, no sparks, just a nice round dime-sized image. Your analysis doesn't convince me otherwise. Sorry.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

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Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:08:39 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:28:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Ptooy on Ptaah

Now, now Bruce, Ashtar has you in his scope.

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Terrific Show Saturday Night

From: Virginia Davey <ymdavey@idirect.ca>
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 10:44:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:30:35 -0500
Subject: Terrific Show Saturday Night

From first to last it was a riveting show. I want to especially thank Jim Mortellaro for talking about his latest and most painful experience. This is a far from easy thing to do. Yet he was willing to put himself out there so that we all might benefit from his testimony.

I do have a couple of questions for Jim. What, if anything, have you learned about your abductors? What, Jim, is your best guess as to their purpose?

Congratulations also to John Velez, Errol, Richard Hall and all those who worked on the petition. This is the kind of political action that is needed. My best wishes for its success.

I am looking forward to hearing more from Jim and Alfred on SDI in future shows. Outstanding.

Best Regards

Virginia Davey

Toronto

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Re: Hynek & Arnold - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:08:16 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:38:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold - Rudiak

>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 16:02:22 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 11:47:06 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Hynek & Arnold [was: In Defense Of The UpDates List]
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 13:00:35 -0400
>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: In Defense Of The UpDates List

>>>Did Hynek ever explain how these supposed aircraft were able to
>>>be close while some of them were reported by Arnold to have gone
>>>behind a mountain peak [believe it was MT. Adams without looking
>>>it up].

>>The short answer is no.

>>The long answer is the same as the short answer.

>>He appears to have ignored or rejected Arnold's claim of knowing
>>where the objects were by virtue of their close association
>>with the mountains.

>I'm assuming that this was during Hynek's early association with
>BB - before he was 'turned'. I wonder if he ever had second
>thoughts?

Hynek seriously botched his analysis of the Arnold sighting, grossly overestimating the size of Arnold's objects based on a faulty understanding of visual acuity. Even USAF analysts realized that after doing some simple acuity experiments, according to Cpt. Edward Ruppelt in his book.

However, Hynek seemingly never saw the error of his ways, even in his post-Blue Book "believer" days. He used the same erroneous arguments to dismiss the Arnold sighting in his 1977 book, "The Hynek UFO Report." In Chapter 5, on daylight disks, in a footnote he wrote:

"Arnold stated that the objects seemed about 20 times as long as wide. Let us assume the thickness was just discernible, which means that the object was just at the limit of resolution of the eye. Now, the eye cannot resolve objects that subtend an angle of appreciably less than 3 minutes of arc. [Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!] If, then, the distance was 25 miles, as Arnold estimated, each object must have been at least 100 feet thick, and thus about 2000 feet long! This is in obvious various with his estimate of length as 45 to 50 feet. Arnold's estimates of distance and size are in obvious conflict."

But according to Ruppelt (see <http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/two.htm>) acuity experiments by Air Force analysts showed that it was quite possible to see a thin object only 0.2 minutes of arc thick (and under ideal

laboratory conditions, I know it is possible to just make out something up to 10 times thinner than this based on other experiments).

In other words, AF analysts realized that Hynek was in error by possibly as much as a factor of 15 ($3.0/0.2 = 15$). His 2000 foot object might really be only $2000/15 = \sim 140$ feet long, conventional modern jetliner size, and far from impossible. (According to Ruppelt, however, they used a more conservative acuity figure and ended up estimating the size in the 210 - 280 foot range.)

Hynek criticized the inconsistency of Arnold's estimate of size as he dismissed the sighting. But ironically, Hynek was far more seriously in error than Arnold was.

David Rudiak

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:40:54 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:41:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

Here is a good article about the Phoenix Lights that needs to be read by all who are interested. Enjoy!

<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/1998-03-05/feature2.html/1/index.html>

Jim Kelly MUFON-AZ

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:35:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:46:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 08:17:15 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

<snip>

>The main thrust of the lecture was to validate the messages that
>Billy made claims for and these messages contain, among other
>things, gross scientific errors, such as our sun dying out as a
>black hole billions of years from now (the sun does not have the
>right radius) or that Erra has 12% more oxygen than earth and is
>close to the earth in size. They must have a real problem with
>fires on Erra. On and on we are treated to nonsense. Why?
>Disinformation? Doesn't speak well for this case.

Bill,

Can you not think of good reasons why aliens/ETs would wish to give out disinformation along with truth? And do you still not distinguish between the reliability of what experiencers witness for themselves and what they are told by their contactors?

To Jim and John and... these question apply to the abduction phenomenon also. You are not being forgotten!

Jim Deardorff

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Pelicanman vs. Mothman

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:49:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:48:14 -0500
Subject: Pelicanman vs. Mothman

Patient and gentle listfolk:

"The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their noble cause."

If that's news to you, if you're not feeling any more agitated and paranoid than usual about your - what was that? - "noble cause," you'll just have to ask somebody who signs himself The Pelican, presumably one of the editors of England's venerable (and always enjoyable) pelicanist journal Magonia, in which UFO research is transformed into a school of literary criticism.

I came upon the quoted remarks in the lead paragraph of a piece in the March issue (p. 18). Since it quotes me - Magonia always quotes me; I seem to drive it up the wall - from an Updates post, I am offering the following observations, which will be of interest, I hope, to nonreaders of Magonia. It may help you understand, if nothing else, why you are not a psychosocial ufologist and why the PSH has so few believers on this side of the pond.

The column argues that American ufology is in a state of frenzied panic over the release of The Mothman Prophecies - which, if you remember, was a film that came and went after a couple of weeks of modest box office and, at least to nonpelicans, widespread apathy among American ufologists (excuse me, "America's ETH ufologists"). The movie was, of course, based on John A. Keel's entertaining book of the same name.

I saw it and liked it a lot, and I urged everyone I knew to see it. The surprisingly few ufologists and Forteaners who did, like film critics generally, differed on whether it succeeded or failed as a movie. Nobody, however, got worked up about it. It wasn't much of an issue one way or another. Until I read Magonia (which in hurling its charges, not surprisingly, quotes nobody expressing the alleged sentiments), I hadn't heard a comment on the movie, favorable, unfavorable, or indifferent, for the past month or six weeks.

If we are to credit the aptly monikered Pelican, however, we are to believe that we are "bothered," that we saw the film as a "threat," that we are consumed with anxieties about the calamitous effect TMP may have on ufology's public perception.

Now, I would hate to have to charge that the Pelican is making all of this up. Perhaps he resides in a parallel universe where these things are a huge concern. The rest of us, obviously, can't speak to what goes on there. Sadly, we are resigned to reporting events in this much less exciting dimension of existence.

The Pelican quotes me from an earlier Update posting, where I wrote, I would have thought uncontroversially:

"If you think demons are responsible for UFO and other anomalous phenomena, or that this is at least a respectable, arguable hypothesis, then John Keel is your man. If you think science and

reason are more likely than demonology to get to the bottom of the mystery someday, then Keel is just another of the colorful eccentrics - maybe, very roughly speaking, a kind of latterday George Hunt Williamson - who have wandered through saucer culture over the decades."

My words appear in the context of a prolonged Pelicanist rant about "ETH ufologists," though the above makes no reference to the ETH and has no necessary or compelling relationship to it. The Pelican's obsession with that most hated of heresies notwithstanding, the rest of us will understand the difference between process, whereby we try to deal in a productive way with investigation and documentation of UFO data, and theory, whereby we speculate from controversial and uncertain evidence about the meaning of those data. Like most of us here and unlike Magonia columnists, I am more interested in process than in theory, as the quoted remarks attest.

The Pelican expresses the curious view that "ETH ufologists," hereafter Great Satanists, fear Keel because he reports highly anomalous phenomena which, according to Keel and Magonia, disprove the ETH. In reality, the stories Keel reports tell us nothing, positive or negative, about the ETH. The criticisms non-PSH ufologists have of Keel's approach, as those who are interested can determine by reading my article "Keel vs. Ufology" in the March issue of Fortean Times, are that (1) Keel's speculations are so wild and loose that they readily embrace and draw from claims that, to all empirical evidence, are hoaxes and (2) Keelish speculations - as Keel himself candidly acknowledges - arise from medieval demonology. The point all serious critics, whether Great Satanists, neutrals, or skeptics, make is that such an approach is not likely to get us anywhere.

Which is not to say - as the Pelican, strangely (or, more to the point, conveniently), wants us to believe - that people do not sometimes have very odd experiences. Of course they do, and I have written about them extensively, which makes the Pelican's citing of me, as one allegedly in fear and denial of same, particularly weird.

The question is what we make of these experiences, in what context we place them, what we judge their ontological status to be. No single, simplistic answer, the Pelican's keen wishes notwithstanding, jumps out at us. We don't even know if Mothman sightings have anything to do with the daylight-disc phenomenon, or if MIB anecdotes and well-documented radar/visual cases are linked in but the most misleadingly superficial fashion. I mean, does anybody really believe the so-called Bender Mystery has anything to tell us about the RB-47 case? A great deal more intellectual modesty than seems available to your average Pelican is surely in order here.

In the meantime, it would behoove the Pelican - unless, of course, he is indeed reporting the doings of ufologists and Great Satanists in a parallel-universe USA - to stop squawking piffle at us. If I may repeat myself, such an approach is not likely to get us - or even the big-billed birds in our midst - anywhere.

Jerry Clark

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HBCC UFO - Sighting Video Latest

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 13:44:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:51:34 -0500
Subject: HBCC UFO - Sighting Video Latest

Hi List

I wrote yesterday to tell that I would be going to view a video tape. Well at 11:00 a.m. Sunday I went to visit the people who shot the tape of something. My first impression when I watched the tape was, wow! This is an incredible bit of tape and the couple are going to make a copy and give it to me.

My first thoughts were of something you see on TV, when scientists are sending up astronauts to try to blow up a comet to save the earth. It looked exactly like one of these comets but with a short flaming tail. What ever it is was huge!

The object was heading towards the Telkwa mountains range at a high altitude which was moving away from the witness who was taking the video. The front of this object was convex (or it looked like the front of a bullet but again very large in size. The flames ?? or whatever it was this object gave off was massive and fanned out into a V shape which followed close behind. Actually it reminded me of the shuttle in all it's glory shooting from behind. (flames?).

It was very slow moving this is for sure, matter of fact the witness told me she went inside to grab her camera and she still caught this object on tape for sometime afterwards. I must say I am impressed by this and right now have no idea to what this was. Once I receive the video I will take it and get still shots to get up on my site for everyone to look at, and maybe some of you may have some ideas to what this may be. I know for sure there was "no" space debris coming down at the time of this event.

Also this morning I received a call from a fellow who reported a sighting which took place on February 1, 2002. Was I a happy camper, it was confirmation to the giant UFO sighting which took place just east of Smithers, B.C. in which the three women witnessed. He watched this craft for approx: 5 minutes after leaving Hollywood Video in Smithers. The reason why he is so sure about the date and time of this sightings is, he went back to the video store to check on their computer to the date and time he rented a video. So it looks like I have a lot more work to do on this. I have the conversation taped and will post it to print soon.

Take care, a very tired

Brian

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Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 22:18:38 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 09:01:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Bowden

>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 14:11:05 -0800
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Ptooy on Ptaah

>Besides the sentiment well expressed by Bruce Maccabee ('Ptooy
>on Ptaah'), and by others (Ptish on Ptaah, Pshaw to Ptaah), I
>feel we need to express a resounding 'Shame on Semjase'. After
>all, she's the one who repeatedly circled her beamship around
>the tree top, moving in arcs or circles while sometimes hovering
>motionless, thereby deceiving too many of us into thinking there
>must have been a hoaxer there with a 25' pole from which swung a
>dangling model, to which long lateral strings were attached that
>were tended by three other hoaxers.

Jim,

Maybe it's just me but this is all starting to sound like a
1950's 'B' movie. Ptaah, Klaatu etc (take ya pick).

I can remember quite some time ago I asked a simple enough
question (well I thought it was anyway):

If Billy's camera was at the time stuck at near infinity, why
was the picture of Semjase out of focus?

You told me (off list) the woman in the pic was not Semjase and
that Semjase was in fact the name of the ship's commander (who
was male according to you).

I noticed in your last mail you are now referring to this person
as 'she'.

It seems to me you just change the story to suit yourself.

The name Semjase came up more recently when I happened to
mention it to a friend who's very much a Meier follower.
He corrected me on the pronunciation.

'It's Sem-yar-say not Sem-jaiz' he said.

Am I to understand that an out of focus male/female space alien
approached Meier and said 'my name is Sem-yar-say, that's spelt
S-e-m-j-a-s-e, yes I know it looks like Sem-jaiz but it's
actually pronounced Sem-yar-say.'

This may be a good time to change or update the story again.

Dave Bowden

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Re: Oz C.E. Reports Of 'Silvery People' - Coleman

From: Loren Coleman <lcolemal@maine.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 18:27:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:21:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Oz C.E. Reports Of 'Silvery People' - Coleman

>From: Vencislav <vencib@yahoo.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 15:21:47 -0800 (PST)
>To: lcolemal@maine.rr.com
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Oz C.E. Reports Of 'Silvery People'

>Mr. Coleman,

>this link gives "page not found" error:
>>Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation
>><http://www.abc.net.au/news/justin/nat/newsnat-24mar2002-24.htm>

>Do you have correct link to the page?

It has been moved from the "breaking news" URL correctly given last night to the more permanent url established, apparently, today:

<http://abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s512018.htm>

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SDI - 181/Abduction Account

From: **Bill Rebew** <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 20:26:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:23:29 -0500
Subject: SDI - 181/Abduction Account

Hi, Errol, All,

I listened to SDI Saturday night and heard Jim Mortellero describe his experience with abduction. Jim should be thanked, (as was Deb Kauble after her telling of a personal abduction account), for his honesty and his courage.

It was an emotionally draining interview... on many levels. It was a painfully difficult interview to listen to let alone what it must have been like to conduct... but throughout, Jim sounded calm, sane, and absolutely certain of his experience.

I'm still mulling over the implications of his story. I think Victor Viggiani summed it and the rest of the show up best by saying, "It speaks to the total and abject bizarreness of what we're into... how really, really different this whole phenomena is."

It also seems to me that it speaks to the pragmatist abduction researcher. Jim's story has it all; a coincidental abduction and full documentation by a medical research community (none of whom owe allegiance to present abduction research) and a team that had already decided to study the phenom with a group of their present patients -- and Jim himself seems open to participation by others in the UFO research community.

No matter what the final outcome, what an opportunity. This could be the combination of the 'bizarre experience' and trustworthy documentation by unbiased outsiders for which people have been looking.

And nice job all around, SDI folks.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 23:48:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:25:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>If the A-10s were dropping parachute flares they would have
>either dropped them to plummet, then open and then illuminate
>somewhere around 2,000 feet down to 500 feet other wise they
>>would be useless for illuminating the ground. If they were just
>dumping them at 6,000 feet, it's anybody's guess how far away
>they could be seen.

>To my mind the last scenario is the only one that would fit come
>close to fitting the bill, but at 4-6 per aircraft that doesn't
>quite fit the number of lights on the object. As GT or someone
>mentioned the flares would step downward and in well spaced
>straight line deployment. You wouldn't find one A-10 following
>on the heels of another while dropping flares. To many
>opportunities for disaster.

>See: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/dumb/luu2.htm>

>Since flares are becoming the explanation of choice for many
>sightings it wouldn't hurt researchers to bone-up on them. That
>URL will link you around to other interesting pyrotechnics.>

>LUU-2 Flare Air-deployed LUU-2 high-intensity illumination
>flares are used to illuminate targets. The LUU-2B Flare has a
>light output rating of 1.8 x 10(6) candlepower and at 1,000 feet
>altitude illuminates a circle on the ground of 500 meters at 5
>lux. The LUU-2 is housed in a pod or canister and is deployed by
>ejection.

>With the introduction of A-10 Warthog Night Vision capability,
>such flares are not used as frequently as in the past as they
>provide too much light for the very sensitive goggles. Flares
>burn at uneven rates and therefore 'fluctuate in brightness'.>

>The LUU-2 has a burn time of approximately 5 minutes while
>suspended from a parachute. The pyrotechnic candle consumes the
>flare housing, reducing flare weight which in turn slows the
>rate of fall during the last 2 minutes of burn time.>

The Phoenix lights of 10 PM Marhc 13 lasted 5.5 minutes or
less... typically about 4 minutes, consistent with the burn time
of the LUU -2 .

The use of night vision devices means that they could, in
principle, ignite the flares at higher altitudes than before and
thereby illuminate larger areas. Of course, they wouldn't want
the flares lower than the airplanes. So they could ignite the
flares at high altitude and fly under them. Whether they do this
or not I do not know;.

I read that the A-10 carries 8 flares. One notes that Kryston
(the most "popular" video) shows a single light at the left.

Then the arc of lights begins at the "far right" and curves toward the left (while moving upward in the video) and the arc consists of a total of 9 lights. The first to disappear quickly, the remainder disappear at "odd times" over several minutes. The variations in disappearance times is consistent with dropping behind a jagged, mountain ridge.

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Re: Hynek & Arnold - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:24:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:28:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 16:02:22 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 11:47:06 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Hynek & Arnold [was: In Defense Of The UpDates List]
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 13:00:35 -0400

<snip>

>>He appears to have ignored or rejected Arnold's claim of knowing
>>where the objects were by virtue of their close association
>>with the mountains.

>I'm assuming that this was during Hynek's early association with
>BB - before he was 'turned'. I wonder if he ever had second
>thoughts?

Yes, this was in 1948.

In his second book, 'The Hynek UFO Report' he did indicate
second thoughts.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:29:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:12:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:49:24 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>I guess you haven't read my paper yet where I pointed out that
>>careful analysis of the videos showed that the lights DID drop
>>downward. They also moved to the left... consistent with falling
>>in an air mass that was moving from west toward east (a gentle
>west wind)... which was actually blowing that night.

>Hi Bruce,

>I have read your paper on the Phoenix lights. And awhile back
>when you first published it.

>Maybe an apology is in order. I was laboring under the delusion
>that the 8:30 state-wide sightings were also being
>dismissed/lumped together as the result of a military flare
>drop. If we are all in agreement that we are dealing with two
>separate events, then it was my own misunderstanding of what was
>being said that prompted my remarks.

My paper does not discuss the 8-8:30 UFO event.

>Which begs the question: why isn't the discussion focused on the
>more enigmatic 8:30 set of events? Sightings that ranged
>state-wide. Location of the object and time lines were well
>established by the many reports that were received.

The publicity centered on the video that could be shown on TV
and was considered unknown at the time, namely what I would call
the 10 PM flare videos. My own interest came because I was
contacted by one of the witnesses and asked to analyze her
video/. In order to understand hers I needed to understand the
others as well. I initially thought there was a UFO event in
there somewhere. However, triangulation made that seem unlikely
when the lights were found to be 60-80 miles from Phoenix in the
direction of the Barry Goldwater training range west of Tucson.

>There was something in the skies over Arizona that night.
>According to the many witnesses, a triangular-shaped craft.
>Some folks even videotaped it.

One 'poor little' videotape of the 'triangle'. The witness
descriptions were much more impressive than the video.

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Re: A Major Relevation - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:15:57 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Salvaille

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>Subject: A Major Relevation
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

>And there is nothing wrong with that. But have any of you
>researchers come to know how many abductees there are on
>UpDates?

>And when was the last time any of you asked a question of us.
>Made a survey. Determined something useful. Sure, it's nice to
>know what really happened at Roswell and it's neat to know if
>Billy was a master meister or mister liar.

>But it's even better to try really hard to get at the bottom
>of the abduction enigma. Errol gave us the bandwidth and
>you fail to use it.

>As one admiral said about another... wait, I think it was one
>general who said it about another general... "Nuts!"

>Jim Mortellaro,

>Perceived abductee and general all around pain in the rump
>roast to some. Milktoast to others and amusing to the rest
>of you. Take me seriously guys. This is getting serious.And
>my perception is that you are not.

<snip>

Hello Jim,

A few years ago, somebody wrote a piece about authority (Umberto Eco, I think, but it could have been your or me or some other loonie/looniesse). It went like this:

Eco presented a text with false and real - always contradictory - quotes from famous people and put his readers to the test of expressing their views about the maybe-true maybe-false quotes.

Giggles.

His critics and even some of his fans began thinking the man was loosing his mind, the former rubbing their hands, the latter scratching their heads.

Umberto was being a real pain in the neck for not playing the game or, rather, for exposing the players.

What is the game?

We live in a world where what matters is not what is said but who

says it.

Just think of the implications.

This List is a fine example of it. And I don't think that this notion needs to be explained or demonstrated. For the same reason Eco's prime intent was never addressed, nobody has the balls to address this one.

But I beg of you: don't be discouraged by the rampant kiss-ass and un-cunninglinguistics [(c) Serge Salvaille 2002].

It's not worth the trouble.

Best regards,

Serge Salvaille and maybe not

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Re: A Major Relevation - Svensson

From: **Sven Svensson** <deth@runbox.no>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 07:15:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:19:33 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Svensson

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>Subject: A Major Relevation
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Make that 'Revelation'!

>Here it is.

>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

>And there is nothing wrong with that. But have any of you
>researchers come to know how many abductees there are on
>UpDates?

<snip>

Still I wonder why you're using 'abductees'? I see it more that we are exposed to more signal and ways of connecting to our own circuitry than we're able to comprehend today (and frankly we'll always be until some form of social contact with beings that are older than us occur /and explain it to us.

Route 666. Ok let's lay it down for me how bad something is against poor innocent victims. Route 777. Just take what I said and think about what it means. Ahem, we're able to communicate (although) poorly with InterDim. Or Extra Terr. / which ever you like.

The focus on individual cases or Events are only interesting for ufo specialists (usually extreme worshippers of the scientific method). The problem I have with that is that Good Morning Seth Shostak, they have repeatedly and will repeatedly continue, to not follow the scientific method.

How do you crack the shell, today? You go to it, in person. That's the only way you're gonna get any truth. (Now of course to disseminate information is always a good thing).

One thing I've learned from my experience is that I am not only responsible for the thought processes I use but the ones I don't.

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Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 01:52:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:21:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General - Velez

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 17:22:01 -0500

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 16:05:28 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Petition To U.N. Secretary General

><snip>

>>John Velez

>>Sign the International Petition for UFO Information Disclosure!

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

>For our part, we've sent the Spanish version to all Spanish
>language lists.

Estimado Doctor Sanchez,

Muchisimas gracias por la ayuda! Se lo agradezco mi hermano. :)

We have been receiving a wonderful positive response to the petition. In the past 48 hours I have been contacted by groups and individuals from six different countries. I am excited and personally gratified and encouraged by the tremendous show of International unity and support for this issue. If we can maintain the momentum there is no doubt in my mind that the effort will be a success.

Personal note:

Dr. Sanchez and All:

I am not an ignorant or an insensitive person. I fully (acutely) realize that there are hungry and suffering people in the world who are in desperate need of attention and support. That there are wars, famine and diseases that require an immediate and united effort on behalf of all people to help eradicate them from our beautiful blue island in space. Under different circumstances I would have chosen to address any one of those issues before the UFO issue.

But... there is nothing more important or profoundly compelling for All Mankind than the question of an 'alien' presence on our world. It is an issue whose eventual resolution will prove to have a profound impact/effect on all subsequent human history. The knowledge that "we are not alone" in the Universe, and more importantly that we are being visited/studied by these other world intelligences, may in fact prompt the determination of all people to find solutions for all of the other urgent 'human' issues that we face, and in many instances plague us as a race.

In order to "meet" or to "interact" effectively with another

race of beings, first demands that we unite as a single race/species. 'Hopefully' once the international channels of communication are established amongst the people (ourselves) we will have the 'instrument' through which we will be able to effectively, and with unity of purpose, get our own act together.

Anyone, regardless of whether they "believe" in UFOs or not, should be able to get behind and support this petition. The most hard core skeptic should be as interested (as those who are already convinced of the UFO reality) in securing reliable data and information regarding the phenomenon. The petition is for the greater good of all no matter which side of the fence you're on.

Sadly, I had one individual tell me privately today that they were not going to sign the petition because it is 'associated' (originated) with me. The person refused to sign it to somehow spite me personally. I feel sorry for anyone who would allow personal prejudice or petty personality issues interfere with their participation in a project as worth-while as this. Something that will benefit us all. This petition will require some folks to transcend any personal differences in favor of creating a strong and united front before all the representatives of the U.N.'s member nations. In order to dispel any misconceptions, I just want to say that - this petition isn't about 'me'. (In any way, shape or form.)

Let's let the UN representatives know, by a show of numbers, that we are serious. Sign the petition. Tell everyone you know to sign it as well. There is strength in Unity.

Sincerely,

John Velez

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Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 02:30:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:24:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:44:57 +0000

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 03:13:24 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>The real story is the 8:30 events. I think everyone knows the 10
>pm were probably flares by now.

Hi Tom,

Man, now I'm totally confused. I thought the 8:30 and 10: pm sightings were related. Now there is a split between the two sets of sightings even among the eyewitnesses. (Yourself and Bill Hamilton)

Both of you witnessed and recorded the same event. You say 'flares' and Bill says no, that it was an 'unidentified' flying object. Is the witness testimony that came out of Phoenix solely about the 10: pm sighting? Or were there two separate events over the city? (One at 8:30 or thereabouts and another at 10 pm?)

The 8:30 set of sightings that ranged state-wide are compelling and well documented. I was laboring under the impression that both the early and late sightings were related. If you can help clear this up for me, I'm sure it'll help some others to understand it better as well.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 02:31:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:25:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Velez

>From: Steve Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 10:23:22 -0500

>>From: William H Evans <whevans032766@juno.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2002 00:39:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>I'm not sure anyone is right or wrong in this discussion, but
>I'm not sure we have all the facts. Having looked at Bruce's
>presentation, I'm convinced that flares are a reasonable
>explanation for one group of anomolous sightings that occured
>that night in Phoenix. However, it does not explain a different
>group of sightings that spanned a large section of the state.

You're not alone Steve. I too was confused about 'which' set of sightings was being dismissed/explained as the result of a military flare drop (exercize.) If everyone is in agreement that the 10 pm sighting over Phoenix was the result of the military exercizes then the discussion should be centered on the more enigmatic and as you mention 'state-wide' sighting reports. I'm even more confused now that Tom King and Bill Hamilton (both direct eye witnesses to the event) seem to disagree about the nature of the 10 pm sighting.

We may not know precisely "what" was in the skies over Arizona that night, but we are certain that whatever it was, remains unresolved and demands further discussion and analysis.

Regards,

John

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Re: Antelope Valley? - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 07:35:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:28:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Antelope Valley? - Lehmborg

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:57:26 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 23:25:15 +0100
>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

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>>Is there anything happening that is UFO-related in the Antelope
>>Valley these days?

>No, its pretty quite right now.

Odd mistake... it's prettier when it's quiet, and it's pretty right now? That was its suggestion to me. There's something about a fold within a pleat of something that explains the pleat, sometimes. And I don't think I'm reading too much into anything, atal'... something that's getting pretty hard to do in these accelerating times, as it is...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

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From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:29:45 -0500
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 3.25.02

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Scientists Say Mars Spots Worth a Close Look
<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0203/14marsspots/>

No Knockouts in Martian Meteorite Showdown
http://skyandtelescope.com/news/current/article_534_1.asp

Ogleing Possible New Planets
http://skyandtelescope.com/news/current/article_538_1.asp

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Asteroid Buzzes Earth, Highlighting Cosmic Blind Spot
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/asteroids_miss_020319.html

Close-Call Asteroid Causes More Worries
http://skyandtelescope.com/news/current/article_545_1.asp

Scientists Test First Human Cyborg
<http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/science/03/22/human.cyborg/index.html>

Giant Blue Jet Caught on Film
<http://www.nature.com/nsu/020311/020311-6.html>

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Satellite Captures Antarctic Ice Shelf's Collapse
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/planetearth/ice_shelf_020320.html

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Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 07:48:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:32:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Deardorff

>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 22:18:38 -0000

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 14:11:05 -0800
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Ptooy on Ptaah

>>Besides the sentiment well expressed by Bruce Maccabee ('Ptooy
>>on Ptaah'), and by others (Ptish on Ptaah, Pshaw to Ptaah), I
>>feel we need to express a resounding 'Shame on Semjase'. After
>>all, she's the one who repeatedly circled her beamship around
>>the tree top, moving in arcs or circles while sometimes hovering
>>motionless, thereby deceiving too many of us into thinking there
>>must have been a hoaxer there with a 25' pole from which swung a
>>dangling model, to which long lateral strings were attached that
>>were tended by three other hoaxers.

>Jim,

>Maybe it's just me but this is all starting to sound like a
>1950's 'B' movie. Ptaah, Klaatu etc (take ya pick).

Perhaps the ETs want it that way? They seem to be the ones in control.

>I can remember quite some time ago I asked a simple enough
>question (well I thought it was anyway):
>
>If Billy's camera was at the time stuck at near infinity, why
>was the picture of Semjase out of focus?

Dave,

It wasn't a picture of Semjase, but of Asket. However, Meier was informed by Ptaah in the late 1970s that Asket had a look-alike double; then he was told just a couple years ago by Ptaah that his photos taken on his big space trip in 1975, which he gave to a guy to have developed at a cheaper rate, had been tampered with (including involvement of MIBs), and that this included the photo of Asket, which instead was a photo of her double. As a result, Meier disavowed the authenticity of those photos, since he of course believes in what Ptaah tells him.

As to the camera and photo, with a camera whose focus is set and stuck close to the infinity setting, the image of a person just a few feet away would be expected to be somewhat out of focus.

>You told me (off list) the woman in the pic was not Semjase and
>that Semjase was in fact the name of the ship's commander (who
>was male according to you).

>I noticed in your last mail you are now referring to this person
>as 'she'.

It was she (Semjase) who repeatedly flew her craft around the tree for Meier to film with his 8mm movie camera in March of 1975. On other occasions Quetzal (a male) was present with his

ship that he piloted.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Hynek & Arnold - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 08:05:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:37:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold - Warren

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 15:33:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 11:47:06 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Hynek & Arnold [was: In Defense Of The UpDates List]
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>Instead of being 23 miles away, Hynek instead suggested they
>might have been only 6 miles away and conventional jet aircraft.
>Scaling the distance to a quarter of that of Arnold's would have
>also quartered the speed down to 300 - 400 mph, or conventional
>subsonic speeds for that time. All fine and good.

>However, Hynek's computed size would have been quartered as well
>down to about 25 ft thick and 500 feet in length, still hardly
>conventional military jet size. That should have quickly clued
>Hynek that there was something seriously wrong with this
>argument. But he never noticed, not even in his later "believer"
>days. I am still astounded that a scientist like Hynek could
>have made such a serious mistake.

Dave, Bruce, Don and The Gang,

Imagine this: Somewhere in the south of Texas a cattle rancher on a large spread is tending his herd with a group of his ranch hands, when the rancher notices a flash in the sky towards the west. He calls the attention of his hands to the shiny object and says, "what the hell is that?" The ranch hands stop what they're doing and gaze at the shiny metallic object which appears to be heading towards them. Because it's a beautiful sunny day, with no clouds in the sky, and not a hill for miles, the group has an unobstructed view of the object as it nears them. As the object closes in to about a mile or so away, the group realizes the object is a jet aircraft flying awfully low! To their amazement the jet slows carefully and as a large "dust plume" appears beneath it, the jet cautiously moves towards the ground. When the jet finally landed Fred, the ranch foreman said, "hell boys, that there is a 'Harrier Jump Jet', like the English have!" The group in their amazement mounts their horses and head towards the jet. As they got to within a couple hundred feet of the object they heard the roar of jet engines begin to rise. Gradually, the plane moved off the ground and began it's upward climb. At that point the rancher and his hands were actually close enough to see the pilot, and as the thrusters began to move back and the angle of the jet started to point the nose upward, the pilot glanced toward the group and gave a quick wave. Almost simultaneously the group on the ground waved back. In what seemed to be a few seconds the jet had gained a high altitude and became a speck in the distant sky. Well, you can imagine "the talk" between rancher and his hands that ensued for the rest of the work day given their strange encounter with a "Harrier Jump Jet."

Later that night the rancher, in his "awestruck excitement" called his brother who lived in the little town close to the big spread, and explained what he and his men had witnessed. The rancher's brother told him that while he was having coffee at the local diner that morning he and everyone else in the place, saw a jet flying very close to the ground, and it flew almost directly over the restaurant and the entire building shook and all the plates rattled. He exclaimed that it must have been the same jet and maybe it was having some sort of engine problems.

The next day while having coffee with the locals, the rancher's brother had passed his story on to the town newspaper editor who in turn went out to interview the rancher and his hands about the strange occurrence. The following day the story appeared in the local paper and in the days after, it got "picked up" and went out on the wire and was appearing in newspapers across the country. Shortly there after, the rancher's phone started to ring from news stations and papers from everywhere. It seemed like all of a sudden everyone knew about the jet landing on the ranch! That same day a "segment producer" from one of the popular morning shows called and set up an interview with rancher at his ranch. The producer explained that the host would ask just what happened with jet, and why they thought it landed etc.

As the weeks went by the rancher, and sometimes, accompanied with one of his hands, appeared on what seemed to be almost all the talk shows late at night and early in the morning, including even a well known talk show on CNN. It seemed everyone wanted to know why a "Harrier Jump Jet" needed to make a landing on this man's ranch!

Within sixty days of the jet landing in the pasture on the rancher's property, he had made countless interviews, and the news of the strange event had crossed continents. For months, the landing of the "Harrier Jump Jet" was cooler talk at offices around the country, as well as the main topic at the dinner table. The little town in Texas was now forever associated with this event, and the rancher surely got his "fifteen minutes" of fame.

Now - imagine that the Harrier Jump Jet was a flying saucer.....

Regards,

Frank

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Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 10:04:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:40:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Clark

>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 22:18:38 -0000

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 14:11:05 -0800
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Ptooy on Ptaah

Dave,

>The name Semjase came up more recently when I happened to
>mention it to a friend who's very much a Meier follower.
>He corrected me on the pronunciation.

>'It's Sem-yar-say not Sem-jaiz' he said.

>Am I to understand that an out of focus male/female space alien
>approached Meier and said 'my name is Sem-yar-say, that's spelt
>S-e-m-j-a-s-e, yes I know it looks like Sem-jaiz but it's
>actually pronounced Sem-yar-say.'

An excellent point. I'm reminded of Albert K. Bender's silly book Flying Saucers and the Three Men (1962). In this alleged nonfiction - in reality, bad science-fiction - tale, Bender relates that aliens took him to a planet named Kazik. He then informs readers that Kazik is pronounced Kayik, without ever explaining why this should be so - unless, of course, the answer is obvious: Bender was clumsily tipping off anybody who hadn't already figured out as much that he'd concocted the story out of his own (limited) imagination.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Phoenix Case - King

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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:06:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - King

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Personally I don't think Bill Hamilton or Tom King have reason
>>to mothball the Phoenix lights yet. Too many unanswered
>>questions. I'd be interested in learning more about the pilot
>>that reported the red light above him that night.

>Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has
>reverted to the flare theory. I understand this. However, Jim
>performed a second analysis as I requested and have reviewed it
>with him (sat at the computer myself) and this measures
>variation in brightness over 50 frames. The flares show jagged
>histograms whereas these lights showed a rise and plateau level
>across 50 frames. That accords with my observations.

Personally I don't trust Image Pro Plus to check flares against possible unknowns. I used the software and found lots of lights matched the "Phoenix light fingerprint". First of all you're testing grainy videos taken at night of objects 75 miles from the camera. It was an interesting approach by Jim but I don't think it's foolproof. Using that technique is certainly a reach. More basic mundane elements were barely used or simply overlooked. Triangulation, split screen comparisons and GPS reveal more facts that anyone can perform. Pixel counting in this complicated case doesn't due it any justice. I believe the GPS test done by ASU triangulated the objects behind the Estrellas just like the quad screen playbacks do. Let alone doing a line of sight on a Phoenix map confirms this also. If the 10 p.m. were UFOs and not flares then they should have done something other than hang in the sky and drift down like flares do. They should have done a maneuver that flares couldn't do. They should have appeared in an area that flares didn't, appeared a color flares aren't, etc. Walks like a duck, quacks like a ducks, you get the drift. The event was probably a cover put in place by the military to mask what just happened 90 minutes earlier or one hell of a coincidence.

Frankly the 10 p.m. sighting are so overrated. I'm currently using Maya 4 to 3D render what eyewitnesses saw at 8:30 and will post the clips when finished to my website.

Tom King

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Re: Southern Ohio 'Flare' Events - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:02:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:09:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Southern Ohio 'Flare' Events - Maccabee

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 23:16:15 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Southern Ohio 'Flare' Events

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>Kenny showed me the video at the time and told me that they were
>probably flares being dropped, but I still to this day cannot
>see this as being the case.

>As I recall, there was a horizontal arc of 6-8 lights,
>apparently motionless. Every 10 to 15 seconds a light on the
>left end would "go out" only to be almost immediately replaced
>by a new light on the other end.

>Although it's impossible to determine precisely how far apart
>the lights were, I can't imagine them being more than a couple
>hundred feet apart as they looked to be rather tightly packed.

>The 'flares', if that's what they were, only burned around a
>minute, and the invisible plane dropping them was only moving
>the distance between the lights in 10-15 seconds which would
>make said plane an extremely slow mover unless the lights were
>much farther apart than they appeared.

>The effect was that of large wheel making a partial, sudden turn
>every 10-15 seconds as one light would go out of view while
>another one came into view.

In the Gulf Breeze case of Aug 1992, the plane was dropping
flares that lasted 2 seconds. Each 2 seconds they threw out
another flare. To the distant observer this looked like a moving
object that "jumped" from place to place, since the plane was
moving and each new flare was dropped at a location hundreds of
feet from the previous. The timing was "perfect"... the burnout
of one flare at location X was immediately followed by the next
flare at location Y and when this one burned out the next flare
at location Z turned on... This made it look as if a lighted
object was jumping from position to position. I even recorded my
impression' on the videotape that was running at the time....

In this case, as pointed out in another message, we identified
the culprit because (a) the flares were close enough to the
plane to light it up and (b) and most important we had an f/10
telescope with a low light level TV recording the scene. That
had enough light sensitivity to pick up the "deception." if
that's what it was..

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Maccabee

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:02:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:11:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Maccabee

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 03:10:31 -0000

<snip>

>The challenge is to first of all appreciate that contemporary,
>1947, 'flying saucer' perception.

>There were never, of course, 'flying saucers' per se and it was
>an underlying howler, albeit the patent foundation of 'ufology'.

>As long since realised, 'flying saucers' originated from
>misconstrued media reporting of Kenneth Arnold's descriptions re
>those nine objects which flew in an undulating, intermittently
>fluttering and gliding, formation, etc.

Hmmmmm... is this the pelicanization of Roswell?

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>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
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>>>This is not the first time UFO sightings have been paired with
>>>flare drops. Ask Dr. Maccabee. He has footage of similar events
>>>he presented at the Midwest Conference On UFO Research on
>>>September 18-20, 1992. The flare drop initially deceived the
>>>witnesses (Gulf Breeze) but upon reviewing the footage, the
>>>actual cause became apparent. Although Bruce indicated the
>>>flares appeared different from the infamous "Bubba" sightings,
>>>one cannot help but wonder how many times flares may have been
>>>dropped to distract from and/or confuse other sightings and
>>>misidentified as UFO's by excited witnesses.>

><snip>

>>Congratulations to Amy for recalling this event. There are
>>details of this which have never been reported. What 'saved the
>>day' was a unique telescope with a low-light level TV camera
>>that provided a large enough and bright enough image of what was
>>happening about 20 miles away. A home-videocamera two miles
>>closer did not 'see' the answer. The telescope was 1600 mm focal
>>length with f/10 optics... powerful enough to see the rings of
>>Saturn.

>When the Phoenix Lights event occurred, I wondered if a UFO
>sighting had ever been paired with a flare drop before. Then I
>remembered your footage and dug out the video to take a second,
>third, and fourth look.

>Why they would be dropping flares in such patterns in a UFO
>hotspot (Gulf Breeze) has always puzzled me. Surely the military
>guys would have known the flares might cause more UFO sightings.
>If they don't want people having a fit about UFO's, why make
>matters worse by dropping flares around Gulf Breeze?

The flare event that I witnessed took place in early August.
1992. This was about a month after the last sighting of Bubba
(July 8, 1992). By this time the flap was finished. The real
concentration of Bubba sightings was through 1991 and into the
late spring of 1992. If the military had planned to drop flares
to confuse the issue, they were months too late.

>It's almost as if they are doing it on purpose.

>They either don't care if people mistake flare drops for UFO's
>or they are using flare drops for psychological reasons
>(psyops). If the UFO's photographed and filmed by Ed and others
>were actually secret military craft, and Bubba was created using
>various combinations of unconventional and conventional flare
>drops,

Not likely that what Ed photographed and over a dozen people saw during 1987-1988 as a secret military craft. It was suggested in early 1991 (at the beginning of the Bubba sightings) that Bubba was a road flare on a gas bag balloon. However, cdata accumulated in 1991-1992 proved that this was at the very least a simplistic explanation. Triangulations provided distances and speed. Several times Bubba was proven to travel at angles to the local wind and much faster (e.g. 40-50 mph when there was negligible wind). A spectrum was obtained and compared with the spectrum of a road flare.... the difference was obvious.

>then, like the Phoenix affair, the V and delta shaped
>objects could have been secret military craft paired with flare
>drops similar to the "exercises" conducted in Gulf Breeze.

There was only one confirmed flare drop event in GB and, as I stated above, it occurred several months after the concentration of Bubba sightings. Furthermore, it was recognized immediately (before analysis of the videotape) that it was different from a normal" Bubba sighting.

>(The
>"V" shaped object and the "delta" shaped object could have been
>one object using CC&D to create the illusion of two separate
>objects.)

There has been speculation that flares were used as a "cover" for an actual UFO event.

<snip>

>The Phoenix Lights and the Gulf Breeze events are quite similar
>when you compare various sighting reports and events.

Actually there are major differences, Aside from the clear color variation... Bubba generally started off red and turned white... Bubba was, as I recall, always moving. I don't recall a stationary Bubba event (except perhaps the first sighting in Nov 1991 when the red light appeared for a short time and then went out without perceptible motion).

>The
>objects sighted and photographed may be different but overall
>(behavior) patterns are much the same.

The _videotaped_ Phoenix Lights moved very slowly downward and to the left. The moved so slightly that witnesses thought they were stationary. Witnesses could see Bubba moving against the sky background. Also, . Bubba was always within a few miles (less than 10 miles) from the witnesses, as indicated by triangulations.

>The common denominator
>seems to be...flare drops...and a military involvement which
>appear in both cases.

As I said above, the only known flare drop event in GB was Aug. 1992

>In addition, both Phoenix and Gulf Breeze
>are located near active military bases where various military
>exercises are conducted. (These and other similarities are also
>present in other UFO sighting cases.)

This is true. Eglin AFB about with its western boundary near GB.

>Say, Bruce, ever wonder why they 'just happened' to be out there
>having a flare BBQ on the same night you came with all that neat
>equipment? Yet another coincidence? ;>

I thought about that... did they want to give us a thrill? If so, they blew it!

>Would you consider allowing Mr. King to put your footage on the
>internet, if Mr. King would oblige?

>It's significant footage of IFO's mistaken for UFOs, an
>excellent reference tool and important for IFO databases.

I wouldn't mind.... there are actually three videos (one with a

home video camera and one with a night vision device and one through the "Big Bertha" telescope).

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:12:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:15:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:45:52 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

<snip>

>No one to my knowledge videotaped the triangle which was also
>seen with the same lights as the flares. Maybe the triangles
>burn the flares as lights.

There were numerous sightings of the large triangle in the 8:30
time frame

>The V-shaped formation videotaped by Terry was not the triangle,
>nor the chevron. In fact, they were the same as the 10:00 pm
>lights, only seen at 8:30 pm and moving.

As I recall this video showed tiny images of lights, not the
large images similar to the 10 PM lights.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:18:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:17:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>If the A-10s were dropping parachute flares they would have
>>either dropped them to plummet, then open and then illuminate
>>somewhere around 2,000 feet down to 500 feet other wise they
>>>would be useless for illuminating the ground. If they were just
>>dumping them at 6,000 feet, it's anybody's guess how far away
>>they could be seen.

>Good point. The A-10s on the test range do fly low. For us to
>see the flares at all above the mountains, they would have to
>have been dropped at 15,000 feet, a poor way to illuminate the
>ground. The A-10 has a complement of 16 or 32 flare cannisters
>and if all were ejected, we should have seen them, and according
>to the Air Force, they would have glowed bright white, not gold!

The suggested explanation for the lights videotaped at 10 PM is
not that they were flares being used as part of a military
training operation... ie they were not being used to illuminate
the ground. INstead, reports indicated that the A-10's were
flying back to base at Tucson and had to eject flares that they
hadn't used. They could have flown back at 15000 ft and ejected
flares from that altitude, not expecting them to light up
anything. The single light at the left side of Kryston's "array"
would have been a single flare from one plane. The eight lights
in succession making the arc would have been the dump of a full
load by another A-10

<snip>

>Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has
>reverted to the flare theory. I understand this. However, Jim
>performed a second analysis as I requested and have reviewed it
>with him (sat at the computer myself) and this measures
>variation in brightness over 50 frames. The flares show jagged
>histograms whereas these lights showed a rise and plateau level
>across 50 frames. That accords with my observations.

The comparison video must be of the same kind of flares at a
distance of at least 60 miles.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:21:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:18:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:01:11 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:32:26 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>I guess you haven't read my paper yet where I pointed out that
>>careful analysis of the videos showed that the lights DID drop
>>downward. They also moved to the left... consistent with falling
>>in an air mass that was moving from west toward east (a gentle
>>west wind)... which was actually blowing that night.

>Funny I didn't have to move the scope to track this so-called
>falling motion. Me thinks you have seen camera movement.

There certainly was camera movement. However, flare positions were measured relative to landmarks... lights, nearby hill... which, of course, essentially removed camera motion from the calculations.

The flares did not drop far... hundreds of feet over 5 minutes. This wouldn't be noticeable over 60 miles to a viewer using a telescope unless you had a perfectly stable telescope and a built in grid or reticle which would provide reference lines.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:23:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:20:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:05:49 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 14:28:37 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>We were positioned closer Bruce, and the image size in the scope
>was much larger. There was no glow and no apparent bloom to the
>naked eye as one sees on headlights. I have seen aircraft lights
>over 60 miles distant and they were small compared to these
>lights and very much dimmer. There was no glow and no burning
>visible. The scope image would have put them at an apparent 3
>miles distant if 75 miles away and still: no glow, no smoke, no
>sparks, just a nice round dime-sized image. Your analysis
>doesn't convince me otherwise. Sorry.

Well, my analysis is on line, complete with grabbed frames from
the videos. Anyone who is interested can "do the math" for
him/herself.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:59:56 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:22:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Stuart

>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:40:54 EST
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Jim wrote:

>Here is a good article about the Phoenix Lights that needs to
>be read by all who are interested.

<snip>

Good hatchet job.

Chaz

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Re: Phoenix Case - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 14:01:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:24:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Ledger

>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 23:48:42 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:11 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

<snip>

Hi Bruce,

Yes but the Lux of 5 at even 1000 feet is low enough. That's getting pretty low for light levels. Any higher than that

>Of course, they wouldn't want the flares lower than the
>airplanes.

I'm not sure what you mean here Bruce.

>So they could igniute the
>flares at high altitude an fly under them. Whether they do this
>or not I do not know;.

Not likely. Sucking one of these into either of the A-10's Garret engines would likely result in serious damage to the aircraft and harsh language from the pilot's ground support/maintenance team.

The LUU-2 flare as you probably know has a pressure sensitive preset [ground crew] that allows the flare to drop a certain distance from the aircraft so that it's well away from the aircraft before igniting.

>I read that the A-10 carries 8 flares. One notes that Kryston
>(the most "popular" video) shows a single light at the left.

There seems to be some confusion between the ground illuminating flares and the anti-missile decoy type. The latter are much smaller and can be carried in greater numbers. These shoot away from the aircraft quite fast, ignite then describe unpredictable flight paths in order to draw away heat seeking SAMs and AAMs. These are short lived, have no parachutes and are unlikely to be the type that would be observed in the same general area of the sky.

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Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:14:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:26:28 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany? - Jones

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 00:48:49 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': Made in Germany?
>>Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 04:47:09 -0000

Good Evening Robert, James

>So, as I understand it, we are to consider the drunken
>confession of somebody that is making the claim that the AA is
>fake?

>I am curious. Would the drunken confession of somebody who
>claimed to have felt/touched or seen something at Roswell or
>Rendlesheim be considered just as significant by the skeptics?
>Somehow I doubt that.

>Quite honestly until we have some sworn statements while they
>are sober this discussion is mute. Unless of course you want to
>discuss the hazy, drunken memories of the other participants.

Robert

I would like to applaud your comments, for I have absolutely no doubt what you say is true. But as likes of Bruce Maccabee and Stanton Friedman say of debunkers, "we can use what ever we want, but you must stick by the rules, which we will change whenever fits us, and we will never tell you what the rules are". Sorry I paraphrase but I am sure you get my drift.

James

You have done excellent work in the past, why do you now waste your efforts on a mans drunken ramblings? Previously you have stuck the facts (as you saw them) and you have been quite diligent in the past, why the lapse now? Are you so determined to destroy the possibility of the AA film being genuine that you would stoop to the lows previously held by Arch debunker Phil Klass?

Regards

Sean

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Searching For Rudolph

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:31:48 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:28:04 -0500
Subject: Searching For Rudolph

Dear listfolk,

I am currently trying to track down the earliest source for an alleged teleportation/time travel case. The incident involved one Rudolph Fentz, who is said to have jumped from 1876 to 1950 at the age of 29.

With the kind help of Anders Liljegren - of UFO Sweden

<http://www.ufo.se/>

I have been able to trace the episode through Bergier to a Swedish magazine article published in 1973. However, the original source of that article remains unknown. There exists a possibility that the original source was "The Round Robin", or after 1960 "The Journal of Borderland Research." However, it may also have been any of the following books:

Buckle, Eileen: The Scoriton mystery 1967
Glemser, Kurt: Flying saucers from the fourth dimension 1969
Jessup, Morris K: The case for the UFO 1955
Jessup, Morris K: The expanding case for the UFO 1957
Michell, John: The flying saucer vision 1967
"Sanderson, Ivan T.: More ""things"" 1969
Steiger, Brad [Eugene E.Olson]: The unknown 1966
Steiger, Brad & Whritenour, Joan: The Allende letters 1968
Wilkins, Harold T.: Strange mysteries of time and space 1958
James, Trevor: They live in the sky 1958
Barker, Ralph: Great mysteries of the air 1968
Barton, Michael X: The incredible search for dr. Halsey 1965
Norman, Eric [Warren Smith]: Weird unsolved mysteries 1969
Barker, Gray: Gray Barker's book of saucers. 1965
Binder, Otto: Flying saucers are watching you 1968
Steiger, Brad & Whritenour. Joan: Flying saucers are hostile 1967

I am unable to check all of these books. If someone has read any of them and can tell me whether they contain a reference to the Rudolph Fenz (or Rudolf Fentz) case I would very grateful indeed.

Thankyou very much,

Sincerely,

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
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>Then the arc of lights begins at the "far right" and curves
>toward the left (while moving upward in the video) and the arc
>consists of a total of 9 lights. The first to disappear quickly.
>the remainder disappear at "odd times" over several minutes. The
>variations in disappearance times is consistent with dropping
>behind a jagged, mountain ridge.

I will like to call to your attention that 9th light to the far left. We saw that one as well. It is two lights close to each other. We saw these two lights at 9:45 PM, then they extinguished and returned at the same location at 10 PM as a pair! Please explain how a pair of flares does this?

It seems that the more you analyze this, the more you convince me that what we saw was what we saw, perfectly round devices. Could be a new military device. Who knows? But, certainly not flares.

Bill

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:05:45 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:32:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:35:48 -0800
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 08:17:15 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

><snip>

>>The main thrust of the lecture was to validate the messages that
>>Billy made claims for and these messages contain, among other
>>things, gross scientific errors, such as our sun dying out as a
>>black hole billions of years from now (the sun does not have the
>>right radius) or that Erra has 12% more oxygen than earth and is
>>close to the earth in size. They must have a real problem with
>>fires on Erra. On and on we are treated to nonsense. Why?
>>Disinformation? Doesn't speak well for this case.

>Can you not think of good reasons why aliens/ETs would wish to
>give out disinformation along with truth? And do you still not
>distinguish between the reliability of what experiencers witness
>for themselves and what they are told by their contactors?

To confuse us. Tell me, which is the disinformation and which the truth? I knew the early California contactees and saw evidence that they were telling the truth about some of their contacts, but the information revealed to them was nonsense. So, if Billy really had encounters as he says, and he is not educated enough to distinguish scientific gobbledegook from correct statement and still pass it on as gospel, such as the history of earth, then we have to consider that we could not trust these visitors or what they say. Why would they attempt to deceive us? I do not see a reasonable motive.

The only way to resolve the contactee situation is for multiple well-educated people with recording instruments to have a nice conversation around a parked UFO. At least, that would be a beginning.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: A Major Relevation - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:17:05 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:34:27 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Hamilton

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>Subject: A Major Relevation
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Make that 'Revelation'!

>Here it is.

>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

Hello, Jim. I would like to ask a question. My wife is an abductee and she gets strange marks on her arms and other places from time to time. She notes that, unlike other bruises, these fade out more rapidly, maybe within 48 hours. How many abductees on this List note strange, unaccounted for marks or bruises and also note they fade rapidly?

-Bill Hamilton

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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FIFTY YEAR OLD INTEL RECORDS PULLED FROM ARCHIVES

Thousands of pages of historically valuable documents that served as the basis for published research concerning intelligence in the early Cold War years have been withdrawn from public access over the past several years, to the dismay of intelligence historians and scholars who found them missing from the National Archives in College Park, Maryland.

The records, which were part of a special collection on "Translations of Intercepted Enemy Radio Traffic" in Record Group 38 (Boxes 2739-2747), provided unparalleled insight into U.S. signals intelligence activity in the period 1947-49.

Their unannounced withdrawal was discovered last week by historian Matthew M. Aid, who lamented their loss.

"All in all, these records were essential reading for any serious researcher trying to document the successes and failures of the U.S.-British intelligence effort in the years after the end of World War II," said Aid.

Despite their withdrawal, at least some of the substance of the missing documents has already been integrated into the published record of intelligence history.

Matthew Aid cited them extensively in a recent book he co-edited with Dutch scholar Cees Wiebes entitled "Secrets of Signals Intelligence During the Cold War and Beyond" (London: Frank Cass, 2001).

Historian David Alvarez, formerly a scholar in residence at the National Security Agency (NSA), used the collection in his paper "Behind Venona: American Signals Intelligence in the Early Cold War," that was published in the journal Intelligence and National Security in Summer 1999.

The documents demonstrate, said Aid, that "our cryptologic successes in the years immediately after the end of World War II against the Soviets were far greater than previously believed."

"The sensitivity of these records lies in the fact that when taken as a whole, they reveal the dramatic scope of the U.S.-British intelligence effort in the early Cold War years," Aid said. "Virtually no nation was immune from the attention of the American and British codebreakers, with the exception of our British allies and their Commonwealth partners."

Similarly, Alvarez noted that "A review of this material would reveal that in those years the US Government was intercepting and decrypting the diplomatic and military traffic of some 39 countries."

So how is the withdrawal of the records from public access to be explained?

"As you probably know, NSA has a general policy of not declassifying documents dating from after the Japanese surrender in 1945," said Alvarez. "The surrender, in effect, represents the boundary between an open period and a closed period for access to communications intelligence records. Before the surrender most comint records are open, after the surrender hardly anything has been declassified. The collection in Record Group 38 seems to have accidentally slipped through the declassification review."

A National Archives official confirmed today that the records had been "erroneously released" and that the responsible agency (presumably the NSA) had requested in 1997 that the records be withdrawn. The National Archives, as custodian of the records, with no independent declassification authority, had no choice but to comply, the official said.

In principle, the records should be subject to re-review and eventual release, in whole or in part, according to the Archives official. But it was not possible to say when that might be accomplished.

"This is not the first time that something like this has happened," the official said.

SHUTTLE LAUNCH SECRECY CRITIQUED

To enhance the security of the space shuttle, NASA will not announce the precise time of future shuttle launches until 24 hours prior to launch, the space agency announced recently. Up until that time, NASA will only announce a four hour launch window for a particular launch.

Critics say the new policy makes no sense because the time of launch is determined by objective factors that are not themselves secret.

The new policy takes effect with the next shuttle launch, STS-110, which is scheduled for April 4 "during a launch period that extends from 2 to 6 PM."

See "NASA to Keep Launch Times Secret" by Marcia Dunn of the Associated Press:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A46339-2002Mar18.html>

"I trust everyone realizes that this is staggeringly stupid," said Allen Thomson, a former CIA analyst and space policy expert.

"The shuttle is mostly used to support the international space station [ISS], and in order to rendezvous with ISS, it has to launch when the Cape is in or near the orbital plane of the station," Thomson noted. "That can be determined days and weeks in advance to within a couple of minutes from the ISS orbital elements, which are freely available at any number of Web sites."

Likewise, satellite watcher Ted Molczan dismissed the NASA move as "pretend security." The launch of a shuttle mission to the space station is constrained "to a single ten minute window on any given day," he said.

"Basically, Earth rotates under the plane of the [ISS] orbit, so that any latitude less than or equal to the orbital inclination will pass beneath the orbital plane twice per day," Molczan explained. "The spacecraft will be northbound on one of the plane crossings, and southbound on the other. KSC [Kennedy Space Center] launches to ISS are limited to the northbound crossing."

Taking this and other factors into account, Molzcan estimated that the next shuttle launch on April 4 will have to occur "at 22:11 UTC [5:11 PM local time] +/- 2 minutes."

Instead of a bogus secret launch schedule, Molzcan ventured, a more defensible security policy would be the establishment of a small no-fly zone around the site of an impending shuttle launch. See his comments on the See-Sat discussion list here:

<http://satobs.org/seesat/Mar-2002/0210.html>

Recorded information from NASA concerning the coming year's shuttle flight schedule is available by telephone at (321)867-4636.

JASONS DISMISSED BY DARPA

In a move that augurs the further devaluation of independent scientific advice, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has terminated its contract with the JASONS, an illustrious and secretive group of scientists who have long advised government agencies on defense programs, including classified programs, involving significant technical challenges.

The action reportedly came after the JASONS declined to approve a DARPA request that it accept three DARPA nominees, including two corporate executives, as new members.

It is not unusual for an agency to specify the particular competencies required in a contractor. In contrast, however, one does not normally dictate the composition of a panel that is convened to perform peer review. These conflicting conceptions of the JASONS' role may have contributed to the break with DARPA.

See "Defense Department Agency Severs Its Ties to an Elite Panel of Scientists," by James Glanz in the March 23 New York Times:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/23/politics/23RESE.html>

SECRECY OF SEPTEMBER 11 DETAINEES CHALLENGED

"For the first time in at least recent history, the United States government has arrested and jailed hundreds of individuals and kept their identities secret," observed several civil liberties organizations in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit they filed to challenge the continuing secrecy surrounding persons detained by the government in the aftermath of September 11.

"The government's refusal to release the names of the more than 750 detainees is a stark departure from the bedrock principle that the government must disclose the identity of people whom it forcibly deprives of liberty," the challengers said in their latest pleading.

Initially filed last December, the lawsuit -- Center for National Security Studies (CNSS), et al, v. Department of Justice -- has already produced an instructive record that rewards attention.

See selected pleadings from the case, particularly the plaintiff's latest motion of March 18, on the CNSS web site here:

<http://www.cnss.gwu.edu/~cnss/cnssvdoj.htm>

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:52:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:36:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:08:39 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 13:20:13 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>>Ptooy on Ptaah

>Now, now Bruce, Ashtar has you in his scope.

Shaking in my boots.....

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Re: Hynek & Arnold - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:52:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:38:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold - Maccabee

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:08:16 EST
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold

>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 16:02:22 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Hynek & Arnold

>>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 11:47:06 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Hynek & Arnold [was: In Defense Of The UpDates List]
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Hynek seriously botched his analysis of the Arnold sighting,
>grossly overestimating the size of Arnold's objects based on a
>faulty understanding of visual acuity. Even USAF analysts
>realized that after doing some simple acuity experiments,
>according to Cpt. Edward Ruppelt in his book.

>However, Hynek seemingly never saw the error of his ways, even
>in his post-Blue Book "believer" days. He used the same
>erroneous arguments to dismiss the Arnold sighting in his 1977
>book, "The Hynek UFO Report." In Chapter 5, on daylight disks,
>in a footnote he wrote:

This essentially restates his 1947 argument:

>"Arnold stated that the objects seemed about 20 times as long as
>wide. Let us assume the thickness was just discernible, which
>means that the object was just at the limit of resolution of the
>eye. Now, the eye cannot resolve objects that subtend an angle
>of appreciably less than 3 minutes of arc. [Wrong! Wrong!
>Wrong!] If, then, the distance was 25 miles, as Arnold
>estimated, each object must have been at least 100 feet thick,
>and thus about 2000 feet long! This is in obvious various with
>his estimate of length as 45 to 50 feet. Arnold's estimates of
>distance and size are in obvious conflict."

Hynek ignored Arnold's claim of doing an experiment to test his
acuity.... well, sort of.

Arnold compared the apparent size (angular size of the objects
with the angular size of the spacing between engines of an
airplane he thought was 15 miles away.

Assuming that he did indeed see the engines at many miles (maybe
not as great as 15), then this was a test of his visual
acuity.... a test which indicated that he could see the objects
flying past Mt. Rainier some 20 miles away.

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Re: SDI - 181/Abduction Account - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:19:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:40:20 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI - 181/Abduction Account - Felder

>From: Bill Rebew <scpackfan@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: SDI - 181/Abduction Account
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 20:26:43 -0600

>Hi, Errol, All,

>I listened to SDI Saturday night and heard Jim Mortellero
>describe his experience with abduction. Jim should be thanked,
>(as was Deb Kauble after her telling of a personal abduction
>account), for his honesty and his courage.

>It was an emotionally draining interview... on many levels. It
>was a painfully difficult interview to listen to let alone what
>it must have been like to conduct... but throughout, Jim sounded
>calm, sane, and absolutely certain of his experience.

<snip>

For those of us who were unable to catch the show live, will there be an archive posted to the website? I notice that the archives currently available are somewhat sporadic. :(

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason..."
- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Re: A Major Relevation - Felder

From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@ebicom.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:23:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:44:24 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Felder

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>We live in a world where what matters is not what is said but who
>says it.

>Just think of the implications.

>This List is a fine example of it. And I don't think that this
>notion needs to be explained or demonstrated. For the same
>reason Eco's prime intent was never addressed, nobody has the
>balls to address this one.

>But I beg of you: don't be discouraged by the rampant kiss-ass
>and un-cunninglinguistics [(c) Serge Salvaille 2002].

>It's not worth the trouble.

>Best regards,

>Serge Salvaille and maybe not

Careful, Serge, you could be accused of being anti-elitist or a complainer. :)

Kiss-ass? On this list? Surely you jest! LOL

Bobbie

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:39:49 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:46:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:34:07 -0800 (PST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Eileen Benz did this investigation because I talked to her on
>the phone and asked her to check and fax me in writing which
>she did. Her fax initially said 'no flares were dropped' on
>that night, but when she checked Davis-Monthan AFB, she came
>out with the story of the Maryland ANG that according to the
>PIO returned to base by 8:30 PM on that night

Last year Tom King told me that after years of testing his 10:00 PM footage he believes that the lights appeared to be drifting. He did not have to change his mind, but he did. Tom has been villified and used by many in this field and has to be acknowledged for showing such integrity. The preponderance of evidence is overwhelming in this case about the 10:00 PM flare event if you include the triangulation of sightings, the Maryland National National Guard proximity and the lack of credible investigation that took place. Did anyone even seek radar tapes from the FAA Tower in New Mexico? No, they did not. (For those of you who don't know, they monitor all plane traffic from an umbrella around Phoenix)

I spoke to Major Benz last Friday, she informed me that the Maryland National Guard did not land on base at 8:30 pm on the night of March 13th, 1997. She said that they dropped the flares around 10:00 PM then returned to base. If you were told this by the PIO at Davis Montham, they were mistaken. Remember, it was Major Benz that found out the MANG was out that night. She is now searching for the original documents of the search and will send them to me when she locates it.

I do support your theory of the 8:30 event. There is too much witness testimony to dismiss it. However, I feel that you believe that every report you received was credible on or near March 13th, when in fact anyone could have made up anything they wanted after the story broke? How do we separate the credible reports from the witness contamination accounts? That might be why there is a varying degree of time frame problems with the sightings?

Jim Kelly
MUFON-AZ

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From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:47:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:59:56 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>))
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>Good hatchet job.

Hatchet job, or the truth?

Jim Kelly

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Re: A Major Relevation - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:43:41 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:51:30 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Mortellaro

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:17:05 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Make that 'Revelation'!

>>Here it is.

>>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

>Hello, Jim. I would like to ask a question. My wife is an
>abductee and she gets strange marks on her arms and other places
>from time to time. She notes that, unlike other bruises, these
>fade out more rapidly, maybe within 48 hours. How many abductees
>on this List note strange, unaccounted for marks or bruises and
>also note they fade rapidly?

I have three circular marks on my left arm. Small circles about
a quarter inch in diameter... maybe less. They form an
absolutely perfect triangle. I have similar marks on my right
leg. These faded quickly. The marks on my arm are still there.

Every once in a while they fade and then fester. Been to the
dermatologist and had biopsies. Nothing he knows could have
caused it. I've told this before, but I'll repeat it here.

He said, and this is a quote, after studying them every which
way, "Sounds like s story line in a Twilight Zone episode." In
words or substance.

But now he's part of the study group and knows better.

Jim

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Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Mortellaro

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>Perceived abductee and general all around pain in the rump
>>roast to some. Milktoast to others and amusing to the rest
>>of you. Take me seriously guys. This is getting serious.And
>>my perception is that you are not.

><snip>

>A few years ago, somebody wrote a piece about authority (Umberto
>Eco, I think, but it could have been your or me or some other
>loonie/looniesse). It went like this:

>Eco presented a text with false and real - always contradictory
>- quotes from famous people and put his readers to the test of
>expressing their views about the maybe-true maybe-false quotes.

>Giggles.

<snip>

>But I beg of you: don't be discouraged by the rampant kiss-ass
>and un-cunninglinguistics [(c) Serge Salvaille 2002].

I shall not. I shall be the maverick I've always been. And if
some folks don't like it, and some don't, I'll whimper and get
all bent out of shape for a while, but like the general said, "I
shall return." May I add, I shall remain. If I'm a pain.

And the truth be known, you are quite right.

Jim

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:21:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:55:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:05:45 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 12:35:48 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

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>>Can you not think of good reasons why aliens/ETs would wish to
>>give out disinformation along with truth? And do you still not
>>distinguish between the reliability of what experiencers witness
>>for themselves and what they are told by their contactors?

>To confuse us. Tell me, which is the disinformation and which
>the truth? I knew the early California contactees and saw
>evidence that they were telling the truth about some of their
>contacts, but the information revealed to them was nonsense. So,
>if Billy really had encounters as he says, and he is not
>educated enough to distinguish scientific gobbledegook from
>correct statement and still pass it on as gospel, such as the
>history of earth, then we have to consider that we could not
>trust these visitors or what they say. Why would they attempt to
>deceive us? I do not see a reasonable motive.

Bill,

If the aliens had told their contactees (genuine contactees that is) truth and nothing but the truth, ufologists and scientists would become very interested. How then could the UFO coverup be maintained all these decades if that had happened? It should be apparent that the UFO entities themselves have ensured that the UFO sightings and other evidence they have supplied witnesses and investigators wouldn't be sufficient to cause scientists in general to take notice, unless they were to become open and acceptable to the idea of an alien presence far in advance of us. In the latter case, the coverup would unravel on its own. Apparently, that time has not yet come, and does not seem very close, as the official scientific attitude remains the same. The fact that the ETs, along with the general public and governments, are helping to maintain the coverup, has been discussed by Elaine Douglass in MUFON J. of Feb. 2001.

In addition, if aliens/ETs gave out only good information, only valid prophecies, only valid diagrams/implanted-ideas/dreams of how to build advanced spacecraft engines, only truths, everyone would be clamoring for the straight poop. I think this would take us back to the days of god/goddess worship, whereas the aliens may be letting us learn that that would be no good for a variety of reasons. Perhaps the aliens have known better than to do this for the past few millennia? Could science and civilization progress if scientists came to rely heavily upon alien input to solve their problems?

If aliens occasionally give a particular contactee a whole lot of evidence, as with Billy Meier, then they had better at the

same time have dispensed a fair amount of deceptive evidence/information to keep the coverup intact. That means making sure that folk who don't know any better will keep the aliens' own contactee in a debunked status. (Prime Directive rule xy.) Keeping ufologists confused would seem to be part of the strategy. If they're not ready to face up to an alien presence whose technology seems like magic, and don't think aliens are smart enough to employ a comprehensive strategy, that's another indication that we're not yet ready for the coverup to be lifted.

>The only way to resolve the contactee situation is for multiple >well-educated people with recording instruments to have a nice >conversation around a parked UFO. At least, that would be a >beginning.

Hmm, it wouldn't take very long for some branch of the military to get there, would it, cordon it off, confiscate tapes..., come forth with a cover story?

Regards,

Jim

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Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox?

From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:58:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox?

Hello List:

I'm just wondering if anyone here has ever investigated or interviewed Gary Wilcox, the farmer who reported seeing a UFO and two occupants on April 24, 1964, just hours before Mr. Zamorra had his alleged encounter. I've always thought this was an overlooked and underrated case, perhaps because Mr. Wilcox reported having a conversation with the two occupants beside their landed craft on his farm.

Although this may smell of a hoax, what are the chances that he would report both an object similar to Zamorra's (in size, shape and color, although Wilcox's did not report the infamous insignia) and two occupants clad in coveralls on the same day as Zamorra? Does anyone know exactly when Gary Wilcox reported the event and is there any way he could have heard of Zamorra's story? This is too much of a coincidence if it can be proven that he (Wilcox) had no knowledge of Zamorra when he reported his alleged encounter.

If you recall, the 'aliens' said they were from Mars and supposedly asked Wilcox about farming and he gave them a bag of fertilizer.

When he first met them, they were concerned that he was able to see their "ship" from such a distance, (several hundred yards, I believe). They told him that their 'ship' should have been invisible at that range. (This sounds somewhat like our modern black project aircraft and not something a farmer in 1964 would dream up, but who knows?)

Regards,

Chaz

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Re: Phoenix Case - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:00:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Goldstein

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>read by all who are interested. Enjoy!

><http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/1998-03-05/feature2.html/1/index.html>

Hi Jim,

There is a great classic soul song titled "Tell it like it is".
Now I'm singing it again. Thanks for reviving it.

It's a great song.

Josh

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To UFO-Related Websites And Webmasters

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 23:40:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:01:21 -0500
Subject: To UFO-Related Websites And Webmasters

Hello All,

I have created a small banner graphic for the International Petition website. Anyone interested in creating a direct link to the site from their own website(s) can contact me privately and I will provide you with the banner graphic.

Shortly, I will be creating a reciprocal link page at the petition website which will include the URLs of sites that have linked to the petition. You can reach me at:

john@virtuallystrange.net

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Regards,

John Velez

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Northern Martian Hemisphere Wetter Than South

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:32:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:02:49 -0500
Subject: Northern Martian Hemisphere Wetter Than South

Source: Nature.com

<http://www.nature.com/nsu/020318/020318-7.html>)

"Scientists have figured out why it's wet up north - on Mars. A new computer simulation of the martian atmosphere suggests that the planet's geography causes differences in atmospheric circulation within the northern and southern hemispheres. These differences dump more water on the martian north pole, where it adds to the seasonal ice-cap."

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 00:46:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:04:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 15:58:13 -0800 (PST)

>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 23:48:42 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Then the arc of lights begins at the "far right" and curves
>>toward the left (while moving upward in the video) and the arc
>>consists of a total of 9 lights.

Oops. I should have written that the arc consists of 8 lights.

>>The first to disappear quickly.
>>the remainder disappear at "odd times" over several minutes. The
>>variations in disappearance times is consistent with dropping
>>behind a jagged, mountain ridge.

>I will like to call to your attention that 9th light to the far
>left. We saw that one as well. It is two lights close to each
>other. We saw these two lights at 9:45 PM, then they
>extinguished and returned at the same location at 10 PM as a
>pair! Please explain how a pair of flares does this?

The light at the far left is what I call #1 since it was the first of this famous array to appear. The second light was considerably to the right of #1. Light #2 began the curved arc described above. Light 9 was the last to appear. Light 9 was much closer to light 1 than was light 2. This is all clear in the captured frames in my report <http://brumac.8k.com>... click on papers and scroll to Phoenix lights.

You say you saw lights appear at "the same location". But, unless you know the distance, all you can really say is that the 10 PM light I called #1 appeared in the same direction as some previous lights.

>It seems that the more you analyze this, the more you convince
>me that what we saw was what we saw, perfectly round devices.
>Could be a new military device. Who knows? But, certainly not
>flares.

At least other readers can see what this argument is all about. I should point out that when I got into this I thought there might really have been some UFO aspect. It was disappointing to find from the triangulation that the lights were really very far from Phoenix.

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 00:51:30 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:06:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com> >Date: Sun, 24 Mar
2002 12:35:48 -0800 >Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact
Assesses Ufology

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com> >>To:
ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net >>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002
08:17:15 -0800 (PST) >>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact
Assesses Ufology

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>>The main thrust of the lecture was to validate the messages
that >>Billy made claims for and these messages contain, among
other >>things, gross scientific errors, such as our sun dying
out as a >>black hole billions of years from now (the sun does
not have the >>right radius) or that Erra has 12% more oxygen
than earth and is >>close to the earth in size. They must have a
real problem with >>fires on Erra. On and on we are treated to
nonsense. Why? >>Disinformation? Doesn't speak well for this
case.

>Bill,

>Can you not think of good reasons why aliens/ETs would wish to
>give out disinformation along with truth? And do you still not
>distinguish between the reliability of what experiencers
witness >for themselves and what they are told by their
contactors?

Assuming they are aliens who take me, rather than bits of
undigested beef with mad cow... I've never had an answer to my
questions of them... such as who are you, where do you come from
and why do you do this to us... probably said 'me' as I was
occupied cussin them out at the time.

It is my belief that aliens as I perceive them will tell you
what they wish to tell you. It may be because they want to know
your reaction, your knowledge base or even because they wish to
confuse one and allow that one to actually confabulate based on
his or her belief system. A very religious person will choose
the Divine as the source of his abduction. Etc.

There are abductees who choose to believe that their abductors
are angels, devils, benign beings, being who wish to 'save
humanity' from whatthelhellver and there are actually abductees
who love their abductors in the Biblical way.

With all this variation, one should expect no truth from their
slits.

Jim

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EW: NASA Investigates Anti-Gravity Device

From: Kurt Jonach <eWarrior@electricwarrior.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:07:49 -0500
Subject: EW: NASA Investigates Anti-Gravity Device

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=BB NASA INVESTIGATES ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE
technology news

*** NASA's breakthrough physics project investigates an
extraordinary claim about gravity ***

(The Electric Warrior) - According to a report by the Los Angeles Times, NASA is about to take possession of a custom built anti-gravity device, built to the specifications of a controversial Russian physicist, Evgeny Podkletnov.

The machine was built by Superconductive Components, Inc. (SCI), a company that specializes in the kind of high-tech materials science that Podkletnov insists holds the secret to successfully duplicating his 1992 anti-gravity experiments.

SCI told the LA Times they were not gravity experts, and so were not even sure if the gravity-shielding device would actually work. They simply built the machine to agreed upon specifications.

Podkletnov's research was so outlandish that he lost his university job in Finland when he refused to provide complete disclosure of his scientific research. Podkletnov was worried that he would not be given proper credit for his findings.

The Russian physicist has continued to assert that his gravity-shielding effect only occurs under precise conditions, and NASA's Breakthrough Propulsion Physics project (BPP) was convinced to fund the SCI project to re-create Podkletnov's experiment.

Many scientists think the project is a waste of time and based on dubious science.

Wired Magazine investigated Podkletnov's claims in 1998. The article described a flawed experiment by an amateur scientist who claimed he was able to duplicate the Podkletnov effect. Wired concluded the target mass was lifted by bubbles, just as eggs bounce in a boiling saucepan.

EXTRAORDINARY CLAIMS

image =BB TT Brown Model Space Ship
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/expose/TTBrownSpaceShip.jpg>

The earliest anti-gravity claims were floated by an obscure American physicist named Thomas Townsend Brown, who believed that laboratory experiments involving the Biefeld-Brown effect proved his theories about electrogravitics.

Brown's nascent anti-gravity theories fell into disrepute when he suggested that his ideas might explain the extraordinary aerial maneuvers attributed to UFOs.

If the notion of UFOs and anti-gravity propulsion sounds weird, then consider: NASA's bleeding-edge scientists spent better than one-half million recession-proof dollars on a box they couldn't guarantee would work, and the LA Times enthusiastically supported it, saying revolutionary spaceships and gravity-powered cars were just some of the potential technology spin-offs.

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(Los Angeles Times) At the heart of the device is a purported effect so radical it could change the way we interact with one of nature's most fundamental forces. We're talking revolution, not evolution. A revolution in spaceships would be just one spinoff. Back here on Earth, the internal combustion engine could become an endangered species, replaced by gravity-powered cars, planes and elevators.

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Breaking the Law of Gravity

[http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/6.03/antigravity.html?topic=3D&topic_set=](http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/6.03/antigravity.html?topic=3D&topic_set=3D)

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(Wired) The concept of gravity shielding has an aura of science-fictional weirdness; it sounds like something out of The X-Files. Indeed, Podkletnov's experiment was actually mentioned in an episode of The X-Files, virtually guaranteeing that most scientists wouldn't take it seriously.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 01:51:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:10:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>The A-10 has a complement of 16 or 32 flare cannisters
>and if all were ejected, we should have seen them, and according
>to the Air Force, they would have glowed bright white, not gold!

According to...the Air Force.

>Correct again. This is not supposed to be the exercise they
>conducted. And the spokesman from Davis_monthan said they had
>all returned by 8:30 PM that night. If so, who dropped the
>10 PM flares?

According to... a spokesman for Davis-Monthan - the
Air Force again?

>This is correct again and according to the Air Force and the
>manufacturer could be seen for up to 90 miles as bright white
>lights.

According to... the Air Force (and manufacturer).

>Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has
>reverted to the flare theory. I understand this.
>However, Jim performed a second analysis

According to... Jim Diletosso.

Is this not the same Air Force that has told the public for
decades that UFO's are nothing more than misidentifications of
Venus, Jupiter and/or conventional aircraft, etc.? Is this not
the same Air Force that has been accused of withholding
information about UFO's from the public for many, many years?

Bill, you seem to accept what the "Air Force" says when it
supports your contentions but reject their statements when they
do not agree with your contentions (re: the lights = flares).
Why do you believe them one minute yet deny their statements the
next? How do you determine when they are telling the truth and
when they are not?

And as for Mr. Diletosso, I vaguely remember some scandal about
him lying about his educational background? I'm not sure how
that was resolved.

A. Hebert

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Somebody did their homework.

Thank you, Jim!

A. Hebert

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Contents:

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NEAR-LANDING NEAR CUNEO

According to what was reported in a local newspaper, on the morning of 19 February, there occurred in Revello (Cuneo) a strange apparition: around 11 a.m., numerous residents noted a rectangular-shaped object over the hills, suspended a few meters above the ground. The mysterious and luminous object then moved, illuminating the woods before disappearing without a trace. [L=92Eco del Chisone, 28 February; collaboration by Camillo Michieletto.]

An interview conducted with the principal witness filled in some different details: the sighting occurred at 11 p.m., not 11 a.m.; the object was located at a distance of approximately one-and-a-half kilometers from the town, over a hill; and it appeared to be bright white and rectangular in shape, as large as an automobile. After ten seconds or so, the object slowly descended behind the trees, illuminating them from behind, and then disappeared. [Investigation by Matteo Leone.]

FEBRUARY SIGHTINGS & NEWS

The number of reports and notices of UFO sightings, occurring in Italy during the month of February and gathered by the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) working group on UFO reports catalogue, has now reached 13: this represents a further reduction compared with the previous month, but it is constant for the month of February (historically one with the =93most meager total=94 of sightings).

Based on the typical profile, the ratio between daytime cases (6 out of 13, e.g., almost one-half) and no close encounters proved to be unusual while from the geographic perspective, the North and Central regions fill the case log in equal measure, and the South registers one sole sighting.

Meanwhile, the list of UFO reports for January rose to 42 cases (including 16 sightings relative to the Moon-Jupiter conjunction flap), while the update on data for the whole year 2001 saw the total number of cases gathered standing at 655.

Detailed lists of the cases and some statistical tables have been made available at the C.I.S.U.=92s Internet site:
<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi0201.htm>

[Collaboration by Giorgio Abraini and Sebastiano Ridolfi;
UFO-Italia, 10 March.]

BONGIOVANNI LOSES THE MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD

In his last television appearance (on 27 February on "La vita in diretta" [=93Life Live=94]), the contactee and visionary Giorgio Bongiovanni appeared without the (by now) habitual, cross-shaped scar on his forehead, which he had been exhibiting for about nine years.

As later explained in a press release by his magazine/group "Nonsiamosoli" (=93Wearenotalone=94), it would have been Bongiovanni himself who asked the Virgin Mary to render invisible at least that scar among his stigmata, during a personal "apparition" that took place last 11 February, in Medjugorje.

[Collaboration by Gildo Person=E8; Chucara2000 Mailing List, from 28 February to 2 March; Ufo-Italia, 9 March.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Giorgio Abraini, Matteo Leone, Camillo Michieletto, Gildo Person=E8 and Sebastiano Ridolfi.

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>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>If the A-10s were dropping parachute flares they would have
>>>either dropped them to plummet, then open and then illuminate
>>>somewhere around 2,000 feet down to 500 feet other wise they
>>>>would be useless for illuminating the ground. If they were just
>>>dumping them at 6,000 feet, it's anybody's guess how far away
>>>they could be seen.

>>Good point. The A-10s on the test range do fly low. For us to
>>see the flares at all above the mountains, they would have to
>>have been dropped at 15,000 feet, a poor way to illuminate the
>>ground. The A-10 has a complement of 16 or 32 flare cannisters
>>and if all were ejected, we should have seen them, and according
>>to the Air Force, they would have glowed bright white, not gold!

>The suggested explanation for the lights videotaped at 10 PM is
>_not_ that they were flares being used as part of a military
>training operation... ie they were not being used to illuminate
>the ground. INstead, reports indicated that the A-10's were
>flying back to base at Tucson and had to eject flares that they
>hadn't used. They could have flown back at 15000 ft and ejected
>flares from that altitude, not expecting them to light up
>anything. The single light at the left side of Kryston's "array"
>would have been a single flare from one plane. The eight lights
>in succession making the arc would have been the dump of a full
>load by another A-10

There wasn't one to the left. There were two very close
together. We were told that the full array of ejected flares
that, if 4 for each of the planes would have been 32, and if 8,
would have been 64. What happened to the flares from the other
A-10s?

On July 25th, the Arizona Republic broke the story that the
Maryland Air National Guard was running an exercise called
Operation Snowbird along the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range
southwest of Phoenix. They flew eight A-10s and dropped a mess
of high-intensity flares on their way back to Tucson. This
information originated with Davis-Monthan AFB Public Information
Officer, Lt. Keith Shepherd. Captain Drew Sullins of the
Maryland ANG said that the A-10s dropped high-intensity flares,
called Luu-2, and made of either magnesium or cesium which are
suspended from a tiny parachute. He later confirmed in a private
phone conversation that the flares burned with intensely bright
white light.

Notice, the location was given as Southwest near Gila Bend, not south near Ajo. Different location and different distance. So we don't even know if A-10s were involved in the alleged flares you signify.

In an article in a Tucson paper, Lt. Shepherd states that the eight A-10 fighter-bombers had landed back at Davis-Monthan at approximately 8:30 p.m.

This would make their flare drop a full hour-and-a-half before we videotaped the mystery lights. Skeptics have said that the time he gave was not correct. Of course, they back the flare theory. Shepherd also said, "they use them (flares) as a decoy for surface to air missiles and they will do that during training. Basically, any missiles that are fired will track after the flares fired will track after the flares and not after the aircraft." Later spokesman from the Maryland ANG who confirmed this story changed it and the flares became night illumination flares dropped from an incredible altitude of 15,000 feet where they could hardly illuminate anything but clouds! Each plane should have ejected a load of 4 flares for a total of 32, but only 9 amber mystery lights were seen and taped!

On July 25th, a little over 2 weeks after Captain Eileen Bienz had assured me that the Air National Guard dropped no flares, the story broke in the Arizona Republic. It announced that she had found out about the flight schedule from Davis-Monthan AFB. She must have found out from Lt. Keith Shepherd. The Republic article said that a squadron of planes from Operation Snowbird left at 8:15 p.m. on March 13 and returned at 10:30 p.m. This contradicted the Tucson story by alleging that the aircraft returned a full 2 hours later than what Shepherd had said in the Tucson paper. The article goes on to say that a spokesman for Luke Air Force Base confirmed that the Maryland planes were authorized to use the Barry Goldwater range from 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 13. In response to an earlier FOIA request to Luke AFB, their Chief of Records Management stated, "we don't know where the question of aerial flares came from." In the article, Captain Drew Sullins of the Maryland Air National Guard said that the high intensity flares that were dropped were called Luu-2 and were made of magnesium or cesium. These flares are suspended from tiny parachutes. These flares burn bright white. This was confirmed by a phone call to the Maryland Air National Guard by one of the video witnesses.

There are many discrepancies in this whole flare story and now you have added new ones by placing them in another location.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:39:20 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 09:18:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:12:30 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:45:52 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>>No one to my knowledge videotaped the triangle which was also
>>seen with the same lights as the flares. Maybe the triangles
>>burn the flares as lights.

>There were numerous sightings of the large triangle in the 8:30
>time frame

>>The V-shaped formation videotaped by Terry was not the triangle,
>>nor the chevron. In fact, they were the same as the 10:00 pm
>>lights, only seen at 8:30 pm and moving.

>As I recall this video showed tiny images of lights, not the
>large images similar to the 10 PM lights.

True, not the same size, but the same color.

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HBCCUFO: Smithers, British Columbia - 02-01-01

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 18:22:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:44:29 -0500
Subject: HBCCUFO: Smithers, British Columbia - 02-01-01

Hi List

Here is another in which I received the other day. Should be interesting to see what else comes my way if anything, two more newspapers hit the stand this week, and tomorrow morning I will be interviewed on CBC radio. It sure helps when folks know where to find a guy.

Take care

Brian

Smithers, British Columbia

Date: February 1, 2002 Time: Approx: 10:00 p.m.

Investigators Note: I received this report March, 24, 2002 which may be a confirmation to the February 1, 2002 sighting in which three ladies witnessed a large boomerang shaped object 3 kilometers east of Telkwa. The witnesses to this sighting were heading east on Highway #16 towards Houston, B.C. their home town. The object passed right over head, going west towards Smithers, B.C. Telkwa is a 10 minute drive east of Smithers. I started out making enquiries into the February, 1, 2002 sighting but I must admit I wasn't ready for the amount of sighting reports which kept coming in.

Today, Sunday, March 24, 2002 I received a telephone call from a gentleman who lives in Smithers, British Columbia who had read an article in the Smithers Interior Newspaper about some of the sightings which have taken place from Kitimat, B.C. right through to Prince George. The paper also carried my contact information so if anyone had seen anything strange and wanted to, they could at least find me to file a report for investigation.

This witness told me he had gone to rent a video from the Smithers Hollywood Video store and after he came out and got into his car and starting driving down the road, something caught his eye. He mentioned, due to the lights from the town of Smithers he could see the object rather well. He pulled his vehicle over, got out and watched it fly slowly over and around the town for approximately five minutes. He also told me he thought it was descending and his first thoughts were of a para-glider and said it was the best way he could describe what he was looking at. He also said the object had "one" bright white light on it. He mentioned the light would go bright to dim, but said he wasn't sure if this was due to the object turning.

The witness mentioned that para-gliders often flew off Hudson Bay mountain and I asked him, because of that fact, had there ever been any other sightings of the gliders he replied "no, not at night". I asked him if he had an idea what the size would have been of this object. He said it was hard to tell, but went on to say it would have been about the size of a para-glider if you were standing next to it. He also said the height from the ground would have been approx: 1500 feet. It

slowly made turns over the town of Smithers. I also asked about the weather conditions at the time of his sighting, and he said it was overcast as did the three witnesses for the Telkwa sighting the same night.

The witness said he would never have mentioned his sighting to anyone as he did not know who or where to report this anyway, until he read the article in the newspaper.

Investigators Note: I was talking to some new friends (I am keeping their identity secret) and they told me that they knew for a fact that there was more than normal air traffic in and around our area after the sighting on February 1, 2002. Their source would not elaborate on what was taking place, but again said there were a number of aircraft patrolling the skies our way. I thought this was very interesting as well.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:57:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:46:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Lehmborg

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:16:47 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:40:54 EST
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Here is a good article about the Phoenix Lights that needs to be
>>read by all who are interested. Enjoy!

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> <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/1998-03-05/feature2.html/1/index.htm>

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>There is a great classic soul song titled "Tell it like it is".
>Now I'm singing it again. Thanks for reviving it.

>It's a great song.

Yeah -- was this the same article that lauded Karl K. Korff
(triple "K") as a righteous and dispassionate researcher without
an ax to grind?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Dave & Andy's Not So Weird World - vol 2

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 15:05:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:48:58 -0500
Subject: Dave & Andy's Not So Weird World - vol 2

Welcome to the March 2002 round-up of the not so weird and the wonderful from Dave and Andy.

* Watch out for a Discovery Europe TV documentary called 'The Secret of Room 801'. This hour long documentary follows our quest to locate the British Ministry of Defence's secret UFO investigation branch which operated out of the Metropole Building in Whitehall during the height of the flying saucer era of the 1950s. During the filming we were granted unprecedented access to the headquarters of British Air Intelligence, where UFO reports have been scrutinized for half a century.

The programme features:

- Exclusive film of RAF Wing Commander Myles Formby, the former head of the UK's Flying Saucer Working Party
- Interviews with British Test Pilots whose sightings were investigated by the Flying Saucer Working Party
- Nick Pope and Georgina Bruni making a cameo appearance in Rendlesham Forest
- New revelations on the 1964 'Solway Spaceman' photograph and the alleged involvement of Men In Black

* Due to overwhelming demand, publication of Out Of The Shadows has been brought forward to May 9th. Buy now to avoid disappointment, from:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0749922907/qid=1017154231/sr=1-7/ref=sr_1_2_7/026-7417083-9860468

* Immediately prior to publication the London Daily Mail will be serialising selected extracts from the book Out Of The Shadows. The Daily Mail will also be offering the book at a special price for readers.

* Also, tune in to BBC Radio 4 on Thursday April 25th to hear Dave and Andy's special half hour documentary dealing with the Royal Air Force's involvement in the UFO phenomena.

* Nick Pope tells us that the next issue of the UK edition of UFO Magazine will feature:

>UFO - Top Secret
>Looking ahead to the April issue of UFO Magazine, I can
>promise readers a world exclusive article which lifts the lid
>on the way in which the key personalities within the Second
>World War scientific intelligence community viewed the UFO
>phenomenon. For anyone who has ever wanted to see genuine
>UFO documents classified Top Secret, check out this article,
>and prepare to be amazed.

We urge all serious ufologists to purchase this immediately. When you have whetted your appetite with the tid-bits on offer we suggest that you look into the media exclusives detailed above for an *in depth* look at the the UK's scientific intelligence community's involvement with the UFO subject.

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Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Coleman

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:04:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:53:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Coleman

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Pelicanman vs. Mothman
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:49:30 -0600

Jerome Clark writes in with his insights about...

>The
>Pelican, presumably one of the editors of England's venerable
>(and always enjoyable) pelicanist journal Magonia,...
>...argues that American ufology is in a state of
>frenzied panic over the release of The Mothman Prophecies -
>which, if you remember, was a film that came and went after a
>couple of weeks of modest box office and, at least to
>nonpelicans, widespread apathy among American ufologists (excuse
>me, "America's ETH ufologists"). The movie was, of course, based
>on John A. Keel's entertaining book of the same name.

Of course, Jerry is correct; there is no upheaval over here.

No, things are about the same. Intriguingly, John Keel's observations on all of this are hardly what Pelican might wish to hear:

"'Ufology is just another name for demonology,' John Keel told me, a week before the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, which occurred just a couple of miles from where he lives," (p. 114);

"Keel has had an impact far beyond what even he could have imagined. As Keel recently said to me, 'don=B9t trust cult literature,' knowing of course the joke in this advice is that John=B9s work has fostered an incredible, almost cultlike following in his wake," (p. 116);

Keel speaks of his followers today as the "leper colony," (page 118).

- in Mothman and Other Curious Encounters (NY: Paraview, 2002).

Perhaps the Cosmic Joke is on the Pelican?

Loren

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:40:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:56:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:21:10 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

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>If aliens occasionally give a particular contactee a whole lot
>of evidence, as with Billy Meier, then they had better at the
>same time have dispensed a fair amount of deceptive
>evidence/information to keep the coverup intact. That means
>making sure that folk who don't know any better will keep the
>aliens' own contactee in a debunked status. (Prime Directive
>rule xy.) Keeping ufologists confused would seem to be part of
>the strategy. If they're not ready to face up to an alien
>presence whose technology seems like magic, and don't think
>aliens are smart enough to employ a comprehensive strategy,
>that's another indication that we're not yet ready for the
>coverup to be lifted.

>>The only way to resolve the contactee situation is for multiple
>>well-educated people with recording instruments to have a nice
>>conversation around a parked UFO. At least, that would be a
>>beginning.

>Hmm, it wouldn't take very long for some branch of the military
>to get there, cordon it off, confiscate tapes..., come
>forth with a cover story?

Boy, this is too rich to past up!

An Otis T. Carr type could use this as a "get out of jail" card.

"Fraud, fraud! No, I am the one defrauded! You see, the aliens
lied to me about the propulsion scheme. I just built it like
they told me, they should be on trail here."

Or

"Fake photograph, what fake photograph? The aliens tricked me!"

I am so glad that the Plieidians or Plieadians--or maybe, they
are from the opposite direction in the galaxy and not from the
Plieides at all--can not be trusted. I am so glad that ET has
nothing better to do after coming from light years away to
comment on ufological politics or the proper pronunciation of
words which are said different than they are written in English.

Hey, this opens all kinds of doors. Adamski's Space Brothers
were not from the inhospitable Venus, Jupiter, Saturn of this
Solar System, but some other solar system, they just told George
a little white fib.

This could go on and on. Just let your imagination loose every
contact story of all times is true, even where the contactee has
'fessed up. They were just confused or lied to by the aliens.

Just keep it going down this path, hours of fun for the whole family.

Good show, with friends like these Billy doesn't need any enemies. He's got his first mate smoking in the powder magazine.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:25:52 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 04:58:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has
>reverted to the flare theory. I understand this. However, Jim
>performed a second analysis as I requested and have reviewed it
>with him (sat at the computer myself) and this measures
>variation in brightness over 50 frames. The flares show jagged
>histograms whereas these lights showed a rise and plateau level
>across 50 frames. That accords with my observations.

Bill, the testing that Jim D has performed looks good but is non-scientific. He compared the Phoenix lights to other types of lights that were stored in his computer to compare them to the 10:00 PM event. Did he have examples of every possible light source explanation that the Phoenix lights could have been matched with? I think not! Plus, it was never related to anyone the distance and lighting that each of the stored examples were taped at. Varying distances and lighting would give you different results. Has anyone challenged this mode of testing? Remember, there was a temperature inversion that evening. Many polluted particulates were falling to the ground that could help explain the different colors that were seen of the lights. And of course, the television media did nothing to challenge this form of testing. More media irresponsibility. If it looks good, sounds good, and would make an interesting story, they will put it on the tube. Forget the facts! When it comes to UFO events, the media only really would like to hear from people that make incredulous, inaccurate accounts. It's better television.

A couple of years ago I was on a panel with Jim D... and Tanner, with MUFON investigators in studio talking on a local radio show about the Phoenix Lights, Jim D admitted on air that the 10:00 PM event on March 13th, could have been flares, yet since then on other radio shows he says he thinks that they were not flares!

I respect the opinions of the List greatly. I just want to make sure that they all get the idea that the flare event at 10:00 PM was not the main event at 8:30 PM. It is vital to the case and I support Bruce's take on the flare drop completely.

Jim Kelly
MUFON-AZ

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Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:59:26 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:15:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Kellyj

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2002 23:31:40 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>Bill, Bruce, Tom, List:

>Re the attempted recreation of the March 13 Phoenix Lights done
>a couple of years ago, I've seen photos and they looked NOTHING
>like the original 'lights'. Smoke was clearly visible around
>them and the lights were not round.

>Also, the flares did not form a horizontal line, but as one
>might expect, the first flares dropped were lower in elevation
>than the last because they had been falling longer. I suppose if
>the plane dropping the flares (did anyone report seeing a
>plane?) were gaining altitude at just the right angle, a
>horizontal effect could be achieved. Just my 2=A2 worth...

Chaz, I spoke to Major Benz of the AZ-National Guard about the re-creation of the flare drop. She informed me that she notified the media about the Guard dropping flares and gave them permission to shoot their video from the perimeter of the range to show the people of Phoenix what flares look like. This explains why the March 13th flare drop looks different from the latter. The latter was closer and were using expensive television cam-corder equipment. On March 13th, just because there were no aircraft reported before the flare drop, does not mean that they were not there.

Jim Kelly
MUFON-AZ

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Alfred's Odd Ode #360

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:16:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:18:50 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #360

Apology to MW #360 (For March 26, 2002)

This goes beyond the boundaries of a path that we're all on, or at least that is the 'service' paid by 'lip'... but letters made of poison make unpleasant circulation, and we make ourselves the less for all of it.

These letters are corrosive, lacking courage they would hide, shoot shadow-shots from corners to dismiss and then deride. They do not break the surface, they're just murmurs out of sight, but if they can't go public I must question them their right.

I'd have thought us better stuff than to poison our own wells, but that is what's occurring in hushed tones. If these concerns are valid than then I'd think that in the open is then where that whole discussion be condoned.

And if one can't be forthright, or dispel/refute the facts, then maybe one should hold their mud and learn a little tact. Maybe one should make their peace and live to let one live... and stop campaigns of whispers that detract much more than give.

Now Jim's an honest sort of guy. I've known him for some years, and I can't see the fault that's whispered there. It seems that he's a stalwart and an efficacious kind of the sort that sticks his chin out... the type to dare...

And where would come an enmity from some who'd take him down? Why demean his bravery and portray him as a clown? Why destroy his effort if he wants to take some action that's proactive, scientific, and opposed to crass inaction?

What's been done by his detractors? What's been done in all this time=85 that the principals involved have solved at best? They've moved not one step closer to an answer we can swallow. We still wander in confusion with the rest!

And some were made "unsettled" by my perspicacious tone that I find I have no shame, at all, about. I would shout it from the rafters of our UpDates my commitment that our Dr. Mortellero's tall and STOUT! He's not a vagrant nut-roll! He's not easily dismissed, and he has some "science people" that may stand with him on this!

There's more to this than meets the eye, and 'baggage' has been carried in an unrelenting rage of sharp ablation. I get the correspondence that's employed in these campaigns... Jim's character besmirched -- assassination!

So I provided testament appropriate and true, that Jim has got my confidence. He's straight up and true blue. It's obviously needed, this unashamed endorsement. As "whispers" have no loyalty, no rules, or law enforcement.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Pardon my 'pretentiousness', but if the expression is in verse, the expression is in verse. Learn to live with it as I have, and put that on a still growing list of things I've no need to be

ashamed of... Furthermore, it occurs to me that I am not ashamed of anything I have produced, defended or supported since I left the service in 1992, and PLENTY I'm ashamed of prior to that! Just an honest report from the field -- one man's alien view, that seems to be holding up for all the extreme positions I've been compelled to take in bothered reaction to the plethora of intolerable injustices I perceive around me. Jim seems to be the most current one.

...Pressed for time on Saturday's show, I didn't say all I wanted to say about Jim, and may have been too hurriedly ham-handed and busily effusive to seem sincere. I wanted to talk more about his bravery and sacrifice and the intelligent way he seems to be dealing with this very bizarre situation.

I wanted to talk about choice and chance. Few would choose to disclose something like this, and given the number of quality people involved who stand to lose just as grandly as Jim has, I think the chances are that he is genuinely concerned about something that he feels has happened, and remains happening to him, too. I wanted to talk about how keen he is to get to the bottom of it=85

I wanted to balance the physics with the physical. Sadistic cockroaches or people floated along in beams of light offends my limited sense of our equally limited physics, but the physical manifestations on his body and his missing time go a long way in overcoming that thin offense.

I wanted to address the psychological as compared to the intellectual. It has been tirelessly but fallaciously argued that one has to be nutty as a fruitcake to suspect that they have actually been abducted by aliens from another world. That's what the mainstream thinks we should think. But then I remember the cast of credible and intellectually adroit characters that Jim has surrounded himself with on this escapade and must be impressed with what he may be able to contribute to an advancement of knowledge regarding it.

It is obvious that this kind of strident endorsement trotted out on SDI and here needs to be made to counter a smarmy, unjustified, and questionably motivated whisper campaign going on as I write these words regarding Jim's report on SDI last Saturday. This is back-shooting malicious murmuring at its absolute worst and diminishes every person associated with it.

Jim Mortellero is a seeming "calibrated instrument" of the kind that Hynek alluded to, of rare intelligence and significant education. His testimony regarding his claims deserves respect. He has nothing to gain and ABSOLUTELY everything to lose in this disclosure, but, being the "boy scout" that he is (and I mean that in the best possible way) he's set his chin in favor of what he feels strongly is the right thing to do. He's going to try to prosecute this painful but righteous conviction that, strange as it may seem, he may have been abducted by alien beings...

A large big city team of interested interns has taken an internist's interest in his situation as a representative of a significant 'class' of people effected and affected by this phenomenon! That is not an occurrence that one would take lightly (one would think) as if it is an opportunity that grows easily on jealous mainstream trees!

Everything he's been about so far is pretty hard to fake... I've heard a bit of the tape made while he was chemically regressed... it's electrifying (something else I wanted to mention on the show). It's reminiscent (NOT derivative) of Barney Hill's taped regression with the same kind of anguished hopelessness of moaning abject terror going on... Jim is not an actor... There are enigmatic scars and internal contusions he says he can document. There are police reports and hospital records, there's the testimony of his wife and family=85 he's certainly painting his way into a corner with the details in his claims, assuming their lack of veracity -- which I do not, even if others (suspiciously) are.

Astonishingly, these facts are ignored in a vituperative frenzy of whispered murmurs and malicious mully-grubbing by some of the principals of our genre that seem as baseless to this observer as Jim's position is strongly substantive... Perhaps some see

Jim's effort as outside the box of our rank and file community and are nonplussed by his effrontery and ufological insolence=85 but that is something pretty easy to forget about when one remembers that these same ufological luminary have not advanced the credibility of the occurrence, pushed back its frontiers, or relieved Jim's documented plight one iota in fifty freaking years... he's been FORCED to try to address his condition on his own.

Bottom line, he's doing what he considers ethical in a manner reflecting faultless integrity and rare courage. And like me, when he feels strongly about something he's likely going to write about it (and has), but it will be a public expression and not a whispered murmur in the shadows of uncivil cyberspace. Additionally, I'd bet that he is going to survive any character assassination leveled at him (hell, bear his chest to the assassins pistol like Teddy Roosevelt) and come out of this looking a lot better than his detractors, and be more productive than them to boot. Be that as it may? This corrosive campaign of unsupported and specious whispers must stop. Jim's making a proactive effort of likely eventual sacrifice that deserves respect and support and NOT the sub-surface disrespect or detraction it is producing presently.

End the whispers now. If they're good enough to be made at all, they're good enough to be made in public where they can be produced with a respected conviction they obviously don't have, and debated furiously to establish that. They'd be said straight out, and wouldn't be whispers any longer... but that's OK. The only good whisper is a dead whisper.

~~=D6~~ EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his VSN URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

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 -- Still only \$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 specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: A Major Relevation - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 11:20:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:20:40 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Velez

>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:23:11 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>Carefule, Serge, you could be accused of being anti-elitist or a
>complainer. :)

>Kiss-ass? On this list? Surely you jest! LOL

>Bobbie

Hola Mz. Felder,

In consideration of the fact that this is your third post
referencing "ass kissing" to a UFO information related List,
it appears that you seem to be very hung-up about it; does
this booty-kissing obsession of yours have anything to do with
UFOs or maybe rural Southern inbreeding by any chance?

You know, "backwoods of Mississippi" and all that. Just wondering.

John Velez ;)

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Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:24:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:23:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Clark

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox?

>Hello List:

>I'm just wondering if anyone here has ever investigated or
>interviewed Gary Wilcox, the farmer who reported seeing a UFO
>and two occupants on April 24, 1964, just hours before Mr.
>Zamorra had his alleged encounter. I've always thought this was
>an overlooked and underrated case, perhaps because Mr. Wilcox
>reported having a conversation with the two occupants beside
>their landed craft on his farm.

The Wilcox case was investigated by both local law enforcement and NICAP personnel. Among the latter was Walt Webb, among the most respected UFO investigators of his or any other time. Webb reported, "Neighbors, friends, and authorities unanimously agree that Wilcox had a good reputation in the area." In 1968 psychiatrist/anomalist Berthold Eric Schwarz conducted interviews of persons, including family members, connected in one way or another with the case. Schwarz gave Wilcox a number of standard psychological tests which showed no evidence of abnormality.

Wilcox did not seek publicity and turned down offers to make money from his experience. Nothing suggestive of a hoax - other than, of course, the fantastic nature of the story - has ever emerged. A full account of the incident and its aftermath appears in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 672-75.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 17:13:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:41:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

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>and two occupants on April 24, 1964, just hours before Mr.
>Zamorra had his alleged encounter. I've always thought this was
>an overlooked and underrated case, perhaps because Mr. Wilcox
>reported having a conversation with the two occupants beside
>their landed craft on his farm.

Chaz, all,

There was an interesting psychiatric interview with Wilcox by
Berthold Schwarz MD, published in FSR Special Issue #3 "UFO
Percipients" in September 1969, pp.20-27. I recall that Schwarz
concluded there were no signs or history of delusional thinking
and that Wilcox was honestly reporting an experience the
interpretation of which was "a complicated and uncertain
matter". Amen to that.

Martin Shough

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 13:05:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:44:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:38:17 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:18:06 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

<snip>

>>The suggested explanation for the lights videotaped at 10 PM is
>>_not_ that they were flares being used as part of a military
>>training operation... ie they were not being used to illuminate
>>the ground. INstead, reports indicated that the A-10's were
>>flying back to base at Tucson and had to eject flares that they
>>hadn't used. They could have flown back at 15000 ft and ejected
>>flares from that altitude, not expecting them to light up
>>anything. The single light at the left side of Krysten's "array"
>>would have been a single flare from one plane. The eight lights
>>in succession making the arc would have been the dump of a full
>>load by another A-10

>There wasn't one to the left. There were two very close
>together.

Whatever, on Krysten's video it/they appear(s) as a single image
meaning that they were so close together in direction, if more
than one, that they were unresolved.

>We were told that the full array of ejected flares
>that, if 4 for each of the planes would have been 32, and if 8,
>would have been 64. What happened to the flares from the other
>A-10s?

One may presume they were used up in the exercise, where they
were dropped at low altitude (below 10,000 ft) and not seen in
Phoenix.

My assumption is that what was videotaped was the excess, thrown
away at the end of the exercise: one plane dumped one (far left
in Krysten's video; could conceivably be 2 very close together,
but not likely), then another plane dumped 8 forming the arc
(lights 2,3,4,5,6, 7,8,9 in that order from right to left in
Krysten's video)

>On July 25th, the Arizona Republic broke the story that the
>Maryland Air National Guard was running an exercise called
>Operation Snowbird along the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range
>southwest of Phoenix. They flew eight A-10s and dropped a mess
>of high-intensity flares on their way back to Tucson. This
>information originated with Davis-Monthan AFB Public Information
>Officer, Lt. Keith Shepherd. Captain Drew Sullins of the
>Maryland ANG said that the A-10s dropped high-intensity flares,
>called Luu-2, and made of either magnesium or cesium which are
>suspended from a tiny parachute. He later confirmed in a private
>phone conversation that the flares burned with intensely bright

>white light.

>Notice, the location was given as Southwest near Gila Bend, not
>south near Ajo. Different location and different distance. So we
>don't even know if A-10s were involved in the alleged flares you
>signify.

If they dumped a "mess of flares"... I suppose 9 would qualify
as a mess.... then this is a possible cause for the sightings.
My triangulation map shows they covered quite an area.

>In an article in a Tucson paper, Lt. Shepherd states that the
>eight A-10 fighter-bombers had landed back at Davis-Monthan at
>approximately 8:30 p.m.

I suspect these were not part of the Maryland Nat Guard
contingent.

>This would make their flare drop a full hour-and-a-half before
>we videotaped the mystery lights. Skeptics have said that the
>time he gave was not correct.

Perhaps planes detached to Davis Monthan AFB landed at 8:30 and
then Maryland Nat Guard planes landed at 10

> Of course, they back the flare
>theory. Shepherd also said, "they use them (flares) as a decoy
>for surface to air missiles and they will do that during
>training. Basically, any missiles that are fired will track
>after the flares fired will track after the flares and not after
>the aircraft." Later spokesman from the Maryland ANG who
>confirmed this story changed it and the flares became night
>illumination flares dropped from an incredible altitude of
>15,000 feet where they could hardly illuminate anything but
>clouds! Each plane should have ejected a load of 4 flares for a
>total of 32, but only 9 amber mystery lights were seen and
>taped!

The flares ejected over the west end of the Barry Goldwater
range would not have been seen in Phoenix. So they could have
ejected many flares before ending the exercise and then dumped
the last 9 on their way "home" to the AFB in Tucson (Davis
Monthan)

>On July 25th, a little over 2 weeks after Captain Eileen Bienz
>had assured me that the Air National Guard dropped no flares,
>the story broke in the Arizona Republic. It announced that she
>had found out about the flight schedule from Davis- Monthan AFB.
>She must have found out from Lt. Keith Shepherd. The Republic
>article said that a squadron of planes from Operation Snowbird
>left at 8:15 p.m. on March 13 and returned at 10:30 p.m. This
>contradicted the Tucson story by alleging that the aircraft
>returned a full 2 hours later than what Shepherd had said in the
>Tucson paper. The article goes on to say that a spokesman for
>Luke Air Force Base confirmed that the Maryland planes were
>authorized to use the Barry Goldwater range from 9:30 p.m. to 10
>p.m. on March 13. In response to an earlier FOIA request to Luke
>AFB, their Chief of Records Management stated, "we don't know
>where the question of aerial flares came from." In the article,
>Captain Drew Sullins of the Maryland Air National Guard said
>that the high intensity flares that were dropped were called
>Luu-2 and were made of magnesium or cesium. These flares are
>suspended from tiny parachutes. These flares burn bright white.
>This was confirmed by a phone call to the Maryland Air National
>Guard by one of the video witnesses.>

>There are many discrepancies in this whole flare story and now
>you have added new ones by placing them in another location.

The confusion in the flare story is a result of insufficient
investigation right up front, Air Force obfuscation or "the
right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing" (failure to
communicate within the AF) plus the assumption made within a day
of the sightings that the 10 PM sightings were merely
continuations of the 8:30 PM events.

If the videotapers had not videotaped... there wouldn't have
been much attention to the 10 PM sightings (only a few eyeball
witnesses without the video) and the multiple-witness 8:30 real
UFO (?) sightings would have been "the story." However, the
media picked up on the "hard evidence," the videotapes that no

one could deny. This, coupled with the AF denial of any flares and coupled with the belief of the videotapers that the lights could not be farther away than just south of Phoenix (because they were so bright) led to a continual press interest in the story.

Had someone done an accurate triangulation within a week or so of the events all the questions now being raised would have been answered. A triangulation would have immediately pointed toward the Barry Goldwater range (northeast portion) as the approximate source of the videotaped lights and this would have created pressure on the AF to explain. That pressure might have forced out the MD Nat Guard explanation in MArch instead of June, when it finally came out.

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Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 18:33:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:54:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah - Bowden

>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 07:48:43 -0800
>To: UFO Updates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah

>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Ptooy on Ptaah
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 22:18:38 -0000

>>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 14:11:05 -0800
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>Subject: Ptooy on Ptaah

>>Jim,

>>Maybe it's just me but this is all starting to sound like a
>>1950's 'B' movie. Ptaah, Klaatu etc (take ya pick).

>Perhaps the ETs want it that way? They seem to be the ones in control.

I can't imagine why they'd want it that way.

>>I can remember quite some time ago I asked a simple enough
>>question (well I thought it was anyway):

>>If Billy's camera was at the time stuck at near infinity, why
>>was the picture of Semjase out of focus?

>It wasn't a picture of Semjase, but of Asket. However, Meier was
>informed by Ptaah in the late 1970s that Asket had a look-alike
>double; then he was told just a couple years ago by Ptaah that
>his photos taken on his big space trip in 1975, which he gave to
>a guy to have developed at a cheaper rate, had been tampered
>with (including involvement of MIBs), and that this included the
>photo of Asket, which instead was a photo of her double. As a
>result, Meier disavowed the authenticity of those photos, since
>he of course believes in what Ptaah tells him.

How does one pronounce Asket? is it Azz-kett or maybe Azz-kay??
(with a silent 't').

Does Ptaah prefer a silent 'P'?

>As to the camera and photo, with a camera whose focus is set and
>stuck close to the infinity setting, the image of a person just
>a few feet away would be expected to be somewhat out of focus.

This would be true I suppose if Sem-yar-say was about 12 inches
tall.

>>You told me (off list) the woman in the pic was not Semjase and
>>that Semjase was in fact the name of the ship's commander (who
>>was male according to you).

>>I noticed in your last mail you are now referring to this person
>>as 'she'.

>It was she (Semjase) who repeatedly flew her craft around the
>tree for Meier to film with his 8mm movie camera in March of
>1975. On other occasions Quetzal (a male) was present with his
>ship that he piloted.

As a matter of interest, how did Billy know it was she who flew
the craft?

I think Billy's the one in control here.

Dave Bowden.

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 15:27:25 -500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:58:46 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 16:18:01 EST
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 22:37:36 -500
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 12:38:46 EST
>>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Davis, Kevin, List and Readers;

>>>>... according to Haut, as quoted by David Rudiak: "I spoke
>>>>to Haut myself. All press releases, except extremely trivial
>>>>ones, were personally reviewed, cleared, and authorized by
>>>>Blanchard and/or by his adjutant." (UFO Updates, Feb 9,
2002)

>>>Which I thought I just said...

>>Nope - it is exactly the opposite of what you stated.

>Which is exactly what Kevin Randle and I both said. Haut could
>release trivial items on his own without review or clearance,
>but anything of any significance was always reviewed and
>cleared through Blanchard's office.

Sorry, but that is not what Kevin Randle wrote. What Kevin
Randle wrote was:

"On a military base and in a military organization (don't think
the corporate world here because they really are two separate
entities), all messages originate with the commander. Haut would
have issued no statement if only Marcel had told him to. He
would have gone to the commander to make sure that the statement
was required, was accurate, and that the commander had no
objections to it."

Randle also wrote:

"Now, as a Public Affairs officer, I can tell you that our
commander saw everything that went from the base to the news
media. If there was a mistake, it was his ass."

Kevin here states that absolutely no press releases were ever
issued without the C/O's personal approval, which, according to
Haut, is not accurate.

> But an announcement that they had a flying disk
>in their possession would obviously be carefully reviewed by
>Blanchard... obvious to anybody with a brain that is.

If you are announcing that you have captured an alien spaceship,

then I can agree with you. But remember, a flying disk didn't mean a crashed alien spaceship in July 1947. Remember, according to Haut, Blanchard was upset because the press was making such a to-do about it. Why would he have been upset if he thought it was a major story when he wrote it? Obviously, Blanchard did not consider the "capture" very important.

But - Suppose that Blanchard did in fact authorize the release, but either gave Haut Marcel's copy, or told Haut to get the news from Marcel?

James Easton recently posted this transcript of an interview with Lt Haut:

"I took the releases into town and that was one of the things Colonel Blanchard told me to do, take it into town, because if there's any validity to this, he didn't want the news media to feel that we had jumped over their head and were not co-operating".

So Blanchard was not worried about an alien spaceship, or acting on the orders of the Pentagon. He was just looking to cooperate with the local media about the news that Brazel had found one of the Flying Disks that had been in the papers for the past two weeks. He was not sure about the validity of this news, and it clearly wasn't a big deal at the time. It only became a big deal when the world press jumped on it.

<snip>

>So you are claiming that capturing a flying saucer was an
>example of an extremely trivial press release? Even a
>five-year-old would recognize that as a remarkably stupid
>statement.

That would depend on what your five-year-old assumed the term "flying saucer" meant. To you- it means an alien spaceship and, obviously, The Story of the Century. To the five-year-olds of 1947, it meant anything but.

<http://www.roswellfiles.com/Articles/GallupPoll.htm>

Why would Blanchard be so upset at the interest in the press release if he thought it was of major importance? If he released it, and that is a big if, he apparently, according to Haut, was incredibly surprised at the interest. "When Colonel Blanchard learned of this now international news explosion he "hit the ceiling" and told Lieutenant Haut: "If there is any way you can get them to shut up on it, then go ahead and do it." (Roswell Incident, page 81)

In other words, it wasn't important in his estimation, no matter who released it. The fact that it is full of errors also points to the fact that it wasn't considered to be of importance when it was released.

>Haut has always maintained that the press release came
>directly from Blanchard's office, either pre-written, or he was
>personally told by Blanchard exactly what he wanted in the
>release and Haut then wrote it up. He has never in the
>slightest indicated that he received any information from
>Marcel. It came from Blanchard, period!

>Of course, you blow off Haut's numerous statements to this
>effect.

Without endlessly repeating all of Haut's comments here, you know that he has stated in all his comments that he does not know if the order came from Blanchard or the adjutant. He also does not remember who wrote the release, He does, however, remember that it was not a big production.

OTOH, we have Jessie Marcel:

"When we arrived there (RAAFB), we discovered that the story we had found a flying disc had leaked out ahead of us. We had an eager-beaver PIO on the base who had taken it upon himself to call the AP on this thing."

Then there was this:

"It was the Public Relations Officer, Haut I believe his name was, who called the AP and later issued the press release. I heard it wasn't authorized to do this, and I believe he was severely reprimanded for it, I believe all the way from Washington."

So who are you gonna blow off here- Haut or Marcel?

Of course, you blow off the only written documentation from 1947. "According to information released by the department, over authority of Maj. J. A. Marcel, intelligence officer..."

This is the only actual documented evidence from 1947. All of the rest is very hazy memories that conflict with each other.

>Radio announcer and UP stringer Frank Joyce has also stated many
>times that Haut told him he had Blanchard's authorization to
>release the statement. This was after Joyce said he questioned
>Haut about the content of the release.

Hmmm - so you buy Frank Joyce's statement that he quizzed Haut about the content of the release, but maintain that the "phantom" RDR staffers wouldn't have bothered?

>Another thing you blow-off is counter statements in the press
>that this was Blanchard's press release. United Press stories
>always maintained this, even stating that Blanchard had
>personally used the term "flying disk" to describe the object.

The wire stories got a lot of things wrong. The press wires you want to use against the RDR misreported Wilcox ("Wilson"), Haut ("Haught"), Brazel ("Brizell"), etc. So why should we trust them at all regarding who wrote the press release? Aside from that, all military press releases are issued in the name of the Commanding Officer, regardless of who authorized it. Col Blanchard's name would have automatically been part of the release.

>In contrast, AP blamed Haut, even accusing him of personally
>misidentifying the weather balloon as a flying disk and then
>writing up the press release on his own initiative. One
>editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle accused him of
>"eager-beaverism."

Curious - Marcel said the same thing! Or is Marcel not considered a good source.

<snip>

>>In the course of Haut's duties at the RAAFB, I am sure that he
>>had dropped off many releases of mundane news, and these were
>>accepted by reporters as is. But the Flying Disks were the hot
>>news items of the day, and you think that they would have
>>ignored questioning Haut when he made the claim that the RAAF
>>had come into possession of one?

>Hmmm, so your theory requires that the press instantly
>recognizes the release as sensational news but Blanchard and
>Haut don't? It was 'mundane'. This doesn't strike you as a wee
>bit inconsistent?

Closer attention to reading accuracy might help you out here, David. I stated that a RDR reporter would not consider The Release one of the "mundane" releases Haut had delivered in the past. And, as you pointed out, Frank Joyce certainly did not consider Haut's missive "mundane". What makes you think that the RDR would?

<snip>

>The only story of any real import was Brazel's press conference
>at the offices of the RDR. The RDR didn't go out and find
>Brazel. He was delivered to their doorstep under military escort
>(many witnesses to this).

Not according to the RDR:

"Brazel was brought here late yesterday by W.E. Whitmore, of radio station KGFL...". No military there at all.

>This raises the important question of what Brazel was doing back
>in Roswell for an interview only a day after being left at his
>ranch by Marcel and Cavitt. According to the RDR story, after

>handing over his find to Marcel and "the man in plain clothes,"
>that was the last he heard of it until the story broke. The
>problem here is that he had no way of hearing about the story
>back at his ranch (no electricity, no radio, no cell phone, no
>satellite dish, etc.) and barely time to rush back to Roswell
>to clear things up even if he somehow had.

Brazel had gone to Roswell on the 7th to conduct business, and incidentally report the "disk". Marcel recalled that he and Cavitt had to wait for him. It is reasonable to assume that he spent too much time on reporting the disk, meeting up with Marcel, leaving early to show escort them back to the ranch, etc, and he was not able to complete his business. So he had to return the next day. This might be one reason why he was so irritated with all the fuss his report had caused.

>>So you are trying to say that reporters from all
>>over the world would eagerly and immediately jump on this story,
>>but not the local press?

>Both Roswell papers ran standard AP accounts of the story on
>July 9. That's just a simple fact.

<snip>

>Nowhere do you find independent accounts of them trying to dig
>up additional information from the base or local residents who
>might know something=85.

>one might
>expect them to follow up by calling the base intelligence office
>or Blanchard's office or even the public relations office for
>additional information. But there is nothing like that not even
>a statement that they made an effort or that the base had no
>further comment.

<snip>

>In contrast you do find some statements to that effect in wire
>service stories. E.g., UP reported that they were told Blanchard
>had gone on leave. Both AP and UP reported that unnamed officers
>at the base refused to release further details about the
>construction or appearance of the "disk" or where "higher
>headquarters" might be. Roswell base, source not identified,
>also finally told UP that Marcel had been sent to Fort Worth.

>But the Roswell papers - zip, nada. There seems to have been
>very little follow-up on what should have been the biggest story
>ever to hit the town. Maybe being small newspapers (plus
>apparently answering numerous phone calls themselves) they just
>didn't have the resources to do the job properly.

Are you being deliberately disingenuous here, David? The Roswell papers put out one edition a day. The Announcement ran in the July 8th edition. By late that same afternoon, Ramey had already "deflated" the Flying Disk story. Whatever time and effort the Roswell press had spent to that point getting reactions, comments, etc would have been ditched - why pursue a Flying Disk story when there wasn't a Flying Disk? Did that not occur to you?

Instead, on July 9 they reported on the effect The Story had on Wilcox and Brazel, and local interest news, like the AP coming to town. And, of course, they carried the Ramey announcement, which is the reason they did not do any more followup on the "capture" of a Flying Disk that wasn't.

I am surprised that you are trying to make all this somehow sinister.

Meanwhile, the wire services and other reporters were not on the same timetable as the Roswell press. Until Ramey's announcement, they actively pursued the Roswell angle. Evening papers on the west coast carried the announcement, Roswell reporting and Ramey's statement concurrently. On the 9th, the rest of the nation carried mostly Ramey and/or comment from his aides, and a digest of July 8 reporting from Roswell- they had already given up by 4:00pm July 8 on pursuing the story of the "capture".

So the national papers and wire services followed the exact same route as the Roswell press!

Your incredulous remarks notwithstanding, even your five-year-old could have figured that out.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: A Major Relevation - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 16:49:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:05:10 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Salvaille

>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:23:11 -0600
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

<snip>

>>We live in a world where what matters is not what is said but who
>>says it.

>>Just think of the implications.

>>This List is a fine example of it. And I don't think that this
>>notion needs to be explained or demonstrated. For the same
>>reason Eco's prime intent was never addressed, nobody has the
>>balls to address this one.

>>But I beg of you: don't be discouraged by the rampant kiss-ass
>>and un-cunninglinguistics [(c) Serge Salvaille 2002].

>>It's not worth the trouble.

>>Best regards,

>>Serge Salvaille and maybe not

>Careful, Serge, you could be accused of being anti-elitist or a
>complainer. :)

>Kiss-ass? On this list? Surely you jest! LOL

<snip>

Hello Bobbie,

In my book, elitism is sandwiched between BS from which it gets
the smell and bigotry, from which it gets the flavor.

Anti-elitism thus cannot be an accusation, unless the show is
run by people with very, very, bad taste leaving behind highly
suspicious leftovers.

On the bright side, let me point out that the right guy runs the
show, but there are apparently others who think that they run
the show.

Their confusion leads to another one about honesty and free
speech. Only the cook will say that you 'complain' about the
cockroach in his soup.

The human tendency to keep a low profile and avoid trouble will
keep the restaurant in business. Heck, if one wants to pay for
the cockroach, it's a free country.

The trouble is that they come out and argue about gastronomy.

Regards ,

Serge

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Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 21:55:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:08:13 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:46:55 EST
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

><snip>

>>>Perceived abductee and general all around pain in the rump
>>>roast to some. Milktoast to others and amusing to the rest
>>>of you. Take me seriously guys. This is getting serious.And
>>>my perception is that you are not.

>>A few years ago, somebody wrote a piece about authority (Umberto
>>Eco, I think, but it could have been your or me or some other
>>loonie/looniesse). It went like this:

>>Eco presented a text with false and real - always contradictory
>>- quotes from famous people and put his readers to the test of
>>expressing their views about the maybe-true maybe-false quotes.
>>But I beg of you: don't be discouraged by the rampant kiss-ass
>>and un-cunninglinguistics [(c) Serge Salvaille 2002].

>I shall not. I shall be the maverick I've always been. And if
>some folks don't like it, and some don't, I'll whimper and get
>all bent out of shape for a while, but like the general said, "I
>shall return." May I add, I shall remain. If if I'm a pain.

>And the truth be known, you are quite right.

>Jim

Is this an example of the `ass-kissing' that certain
(`anti-elitist') parties on this List seem to be so anally
compulsive about, or does that only apply to 'the enemy?'

- Dick

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Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 22:01:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:10:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox? - Hall

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

>Hello List:

>I'm just wondering if anyone here has ever investigated or
>interviewed Gary Wilcox, the farmer who reported seeing a UFO
>and two occupants on April 24, 1964, just hours before Mr.
>Zamorra had his alleged encounter. I've always thought this was
>an overlooked and underrated case, perhaps because Mr. Wilcox
>reported having a conversation with the two occupants beside
>their landed craft on his farm.

>Although this may smell of a hoax, what are the chances that he
>would report both an object similar to Zamorra's (in size,
>shape and color, although Wilcox's did not report the infamous
>insignia) and two occupants clad in coveralls on the same day as
>Zamorra? Does anyone know exactly when Gary Wilcox reported the
>event and is there any way he could have heard of Zamorra's
>story? This is too much of a coincidence if it can be proven
>that he (Wilcox) had no knowledge of Zamorra when he reported
>his alleged encounter.

>If you recall, the 'aliens' said they were from Mars and
>supposedly asked Wilcox about farming and he gave them a bag of
>fertilizer.

>When he first met them, they were concerned that he was able to
>see their "ship" from such a distance, (several hundred yards, I
>believe). They told him that their 'ship' should have been
>invisible at that range. (This sounds somewhat like our modern
>black project aircraft and not something a farmer in 1964 would
>dream up, but who knows?)

Chaz,

Walter N. Webb, a world-class investigator, conducted an on-site investigation on behalf of NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) under my leadership at the time. A detailed report is on file, archived by CUFOS in Chicago. Come to think of it, it might be appropriate for a good article in International UFO Reporter. The case did not 'smell of a hoax' at all. Webb contributed a summary of the case that is included in my book, The UFO Evidence, Volume II.

- Dick

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Re: A Major Relevation - Costello

From: Shar Costello <Boontooly@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 19:23:55 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:15:35 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Costello

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:17:05 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Make that 'Revelation'!

>

>>Here it is.

>>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

>Hello, Jim.

>I would like to ask a question. My wife is an abductee and she
>gets strange marks on her arms and other places from time to
>ime. She notes that, unlike other bruises, these fade out more
>rapidly, maybe within 48 hours. How many abductees on this List
>note strange, unaccounted for marks or bruises and
>also note they fade rapidly?

Bill,

I have never posted here but have followed the discussions and
your question has prompted a response.

I have been an abductee for most of my life and one of the ways
that I can be sure that an experience has happened is the
bruising that occurs. Most times they are on my upper arms and
look almost like fingerprints, three on the top of my arm and
one on the underside, as if I were held by someone. Other
bruises appear on my wrists and those are about the size and
shape of a pencil eraser end.

I have found what appears to be puncture marks at my inner elbow
just where blood is usually taken for medical tests.

All of these marks will disappear after 24 - 48 hours.

Shar Costello

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Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 19:23:08 -500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:20:28 -0500
Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release - Hutchinson

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 10:31:55 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:28:13 -500
>>Subject: Re: The Roswell News Release

>>>>Why, for instance, did you not bring up the statement Bill
>>>>Brazel made to Moore- that Bessie was at the ranch?

>>>Because I am not aware that he made such a statement.

>>Bill Brazel has demonstrated his imperfect memories over at
>>least two points, one of which, coincidentally, is regarding
>>Bessie's presence on the ranch.

>>"Dad was in the house with two of the younger kids late one
>>evening when a terrible lightning storm came up ... so the next
>>day he rounded up the two kids and took off for Roswell by way
>>of Tularosa, where he stopped off and left the kids with
>>Mother." The Roswell Incident, Berkley books edition, 11th
>>printing; Pp 85,86

>>This was the thunderstorm that occurred just before Mac reported
>>the "disk" to Sheriff Wilcox, and the "two kids" would have been
>>Bessie and Vernon.

>Not necessarily. Mac Brazel had another son besides Vernon:
>Paul Brazel. Even if Bessie Brazel was at the ranch before Mac
>Brazel went to Roswell, there was no one there when Bill Brazel
>arrived, so he might have simply been mistaken.

Was Mack Brazel also mistaken? He stated that the two kids were
Bessie and Vernon.

Bessie stated that she was there to help pick up the debris.

Bill stated that there were two kids there.

So Bill must be mistaken and Mack must be mistaken because you
want them to be. And Bessie must be mistaken or lying.

But her father, who lived there, stated that Bessie was there
and helped pick up the debris. So to make Bill's later
statements correct, you insist that Bill might be mistaken, and
their father didn't know who was living with him.

Strange line of reasoning.

>Brazel's neighbor Loretta Proctor also said that Bessie
>Schreiber was not at the ranch. Since "neighbors'" houses were
>miles apart in that area, perhaps she could have been mistaken,
>too, about who was at the Foster ranch at the time.

But Loretta has changed her story far more drastically than Bill

Brazel! First, neither she nor her husband had seen the debris. They had just heard a description from Mac Brazel. (The Roswell Incident) Then, after her husband had passed away, she (surprise!) had, after all, handled the debris. That is a far greater change than Bessie (or even Bill) has ever made.

Aside from that, she did not go to Mac's house that weekend. Tires and gas were too expensive - remember? So how did she know who was at the house? And as she changed her testimony far more than most, how can we rely on what she said?

So Bill "might have been mistaken" about Bessie's presence, and below you casually excuse poor Bill over trying to recall events that were 45 years past. But you then jump all over Bessie trying to recall those same 45 year old events, and find them "suspicious".

You also have graciously excused poor Bill, writing, "Most humans have memories that are imperfect reconstructions of actual events". Yet differences in Bessie's accounts are immediately labeled "suspicious".

And why are you so willing to accept some of the hazy, 33-50 year old memories but not what was stated at the time by Mack?

Yet another strange line of reasoning.

>All I'm saying is that I find it highly suspicious that Bessie
>changed here story from an emphatic denial that the debris
>looked anything like a weather balloon to a claim that the
>material looked exactly like a balloon, dropping her earlier
>description of "lettering" in her later account.

Let's get a couple things straight, and correct your rather selective interpretation. In the first interview, she described a burst balloon. Not a weather balloon- just a gray balloon. Later she was asked if what she saw was a Weather Balloon

Q: "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?"

"No, it was definitely not a balloon. We had seen weather balloons quite a lot -- both on the ground and in the air.

"We had also picked up a couple of those thin rubber weather balloons with instrument packages. This was nothing like that. I have never seen anything resembling this sort of thing before -- or since."

July 17, 1947, Roswell Daily Record, "Disks Are Made To Order Here Says Roswell Weatherman," describes the sighting of a "flying disk sailing" over the New Mexico Military Institute. The weatherman, L.J. Guthrie, informed the Record that at the time of the sighting a "balloon run" was in progress not far from the Institute. He added that "balloons of all colors are used in making the runs....We have red, yellow, white, blue or indigo."

But MOGUL flight #4 used high-altitude sounding balloons, which were unpigmented, and a drab gray. These look totally different than red, yellow, white, blue, or indigo balloons. They look gray.

So Bessie was totally correct when she stated that it didn't look like a weather balloon. And her statement that it looked like a different type of balloon agrees with what her father stated. Gray rubber. And he thought that a balloon had held it up. In these days of family strife, it is nice to see a daughter and her father agree so completely.

>At least her story is more consistent than the other debunker
>"star witness," Sheridan Cavitt, who denied being in Roswell
>at the time of the incident to Kevin Randle but then
>mysteriously experienced total recall and admitted being there,
>exactly as Jesse Marcel had said he was. Of course what he
>"remembered" was a weather balloon. I'd say he was totally off
>the credibility scale, while you seem to "conveniently" forget
>his earlier denial of being a participant since he said what
>you wanted to hear after his miraculous recovery from amnesia.

Dubose's memory fluctuated more wildly than most any other witness, yet he is often cited as The Authority on the eventual

disposition of your alien spaceship. Why are you not casting the same aspersions on him? And I suppose you buy the tales of Jim Ragsdale and Frank Kaufman? The degree of memory improvement those two exhibited is unbelievably "miraculous".

To repeat what I wrote earlier, Cavitt exhibited little patience with many researchers, and he was tired of being accused of covering up. When he was first contacted, the events of July 1947 were a distant, hard to recall memory, mainly because it was not important to him. He is quite emphatic, however, that whatever it is that he and Marcel found was not very interesting. He would have remembered the event if it was.

>Bill Brazel gave his account to Moore 33 years after the
>incident, around 1980. Friedman's book was published twelve
>years later, in 1992, so Bill Brazel apparently reported the
>shorter time frame to Friedman about 12 years later than the
>account he gave to Moore, or about 45 years after the incident.
>A two-year discrepancy doesn't seem particularly suspicious for
>events that happened that long ago in accounts that were given
>so many years apart.

Oh, how sweet of you to afford Bill this excuse. We notice, however, that for those who give evidence contrary to what you want to believe, they are not granted the same courtesy.

<snip>

>>It sure is a "whole different order of imperfection" - when we
>>have many different stories, and you conveniently choose to
>>ignore the only version that can be corroborated by the
>>contemporary evidence.

>By "contemporary evidence," I suppose you mean the newspaper
>story that mentions her being at the ranch on June 14 when the
>debris was allegedly first found. That would be the one that
>ends with Brazel stating:

>"I am sure that what I found was not any weather observation
>balloon," he said. "But if I find anything else besides a bomb
>they are going to have a hard time getting me to say anything
>about it."

>This certainly sounds like the rebellious remark made by
>someone who has just been forced to read a humiliating prepared
>script.

This sentence taken alone- and out of context- might give one that impression. But why, if I may ask, do those (like yourself) that flaunt this sentence always forget the first sentence of the article where the reason for Brazel's disenchantment is explained?

"W.W. Brazel, 48, Lincoln county rancher living 30 miles south east of Corona, today told his story of finding what the army at first described as a flying disk, but the publicity which attended his find caused him to add that if he ever found anything short of a bomb he sure wasn't going to say anything about it. "

The publicity and the hounding of reporters would cause a rancher used to a quiet life to make just such comments- not an Air Force script

And if the AF put Brazel up to this, why did they prepare the script for Mack to falsely put Bessie (and Vernon) at the ranch? Did "They" then arrange for Bessie to give corroborating evidence 40 years later? Any ideas as to why?

>I don't think there's enough information to resolve the
>question of what really happened at Roswell; too much time has
>passed and too many documents have disappeared.

But what documentation that has survived tells us is that the Roswell disk was a NYU/Mogul balloon train. Interesting, eh?

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Cydonian Imperative: 03-26-02 New Images Added

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:26:44 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 03-26-02 New Images Added

List,

I've added two photos of interest to page 28 ('New Face-like Formation Dicoveryed').

P.S. Recently on the Yahoo! Cydonia List, someone posted an MSSS image strip that featured a pyramidal formation on the corner of a 'platform-like' landmass, such as the ones described in my article. I've since misplaced the URL! If anyone reading knows the image I refer I refer to, please let me know. Thanks.

Please see:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

--Mac

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The British Government & UFOs

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Subject: The British Government & UFOs

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND UFOs
OFFICIAL HISTORY REVEALED
By Georgina Bruni & Nick Pope

The April issue of UFO Magazine (UK) includes an article revealing new information concerning the British Government's handling of the UFO phenomenon. This article focuses on the period following World War Two and shows how key figures within the Scientific Intelligence community were involved in a debate over UFOs.

The article is based on applications that I made last year to the Ministry of Defence under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and research carried out at the Public Record Office. I have worked on this article with Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope and the article is a joint effort. It highlights the way in which the British Government first became embroiled in the UFO mystery, and how senior Establishment figures were drawn into the debate.

Some specific points covered include:

1. New information about the wartime Government's attitude to foo fighter reports from the RAF.
2. Official interest in so-called ghost rockets and the quest to secure debris from the Swedish Government..
3. The role played by Director of Intelligence R V Jones and MOD Chief Scientific Adviser Sir Henry Tizard.
4. The full story of the MOD's Flying Saucer Working Party.
5. Top Secret Directorate of Scientific Intelligence and Joint Technical Intelligence Committee documents on UFOs. (Published in full for the first time)
6. The role of the USAF and the CIA in influencing British Government policy on UFOs.
7. How the sceptic versus believer debate about UFOs raged at the very heart of the British Establishment.

The above represents only a fraction of the material covered by UFO Magazine.

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:30:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 01:51:26 -0600

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>The A-10 has a complement of 16 or 32 flare cannisters
>>and if all were ejected, we should have seen them, and according
>>to the Air Force, they would have glowed bright white, not gold!

>According to...the Air Force.

And the Air National Guard.

>>Correct again. This is not supposed to be the exercise they
>>conducted. And the spokesman from Davis_Monthan said they had
>>all returned by 8:30 PM that night. If so, who dropped the
>>10 PM flares?

>According to... a spokesman for Davis-Monthan - the
>Air Force again?

Amy, they are the source of the flare story in the first place.
If you mean to imply they fabricated the flare story, well, you
could be right.

>>This is correct again and according to the Air Force and the
>>manufacturer could be seen for up to 90 miles as bright white
>>lights.

>According to... the Air Force (and manufacturer).

Do you have different facts?

>>Tom was frustrated with Jim Diletosso's analysis so he has
>>reverted to the flare theory. I understand this.
>>However, Jim performed a second analysis

>According to... Jim Diletosso.

And me.

>Is this not the same Air Force that has told the public for
>decades that UFO's are nothing more than misidentifications of
>Venus, Jupiter and/or conventional aircraft, etc.? Is this not
>the same Air Force that has been accused of withholding
>information about UFO's from the public for many, many years?

Yes, sure. And why not?

>Bill, you seem to accept what the "Air Force" says when it
>supports your contentions but reject their statements when they
>do not agree with your contentions (re: the lights = flares).
>Why do you believe them one minute yet deny their statements the
>next? How do you determine when they are telling the truth and

>when they are not?

You are not reading correctly, Amy. I state what the AF says, but I am saying that observations do not agree.

>And as for Mr. Diletosso, I vaguely remember some scandal about
>him lying about his educational background? I'm not sure how
>that was resolved.

It wasn't. The reason behind it is something that involves another man that he doesn't want to expose or make public, but it is not relevant to his excellent attempts to analyze and listen to criticism and re-analyze. He has opinions just like the rest of us. I have an opinion based on my evaluation of the collected facts, but also based on my observations.

-Bill

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Inventories of UFO Material - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 22:39:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:31:42 -0500
Subject: Inventories of UFO Material - Aldrich

Greetings List,

One of the main goals of the Sign Historical Group (SHG) is the collection and preservation of primary UFO material.

Ray Fowler, formerly head of the Massachusetts Investigative Subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and an investigator for MUFON has compile an impressive number of UFO case investigations.

Barry Greenwood had previously visited Ray and inventoried his files. Recently, SHG acquired the sighting files as Barry relates:

"Upon moving to Maine, Ray decided to give up most of his accumulated UFO records. SHG was contacted as a potential recipient in late 2001. An agreement was reached and I picked up the files in December. The files are being examined and, where needed, records are being slip-sheeted and rebound for preservation.

"The inventory of the sighting files lists the folders of raw material: filled out report forms, photos, transcripts and articles relevant to each case. Some of the classics of New England UFO research lie within; Exeter, NH 1965, Beverly High School 1966; etc.

"SHG has also been given permission to reproduce the sighting summary catalog used in Ray's first book, 'UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors.' The catalog gives summary detail of the sightings that Ray has investigated over the years up to the early 1970s.

"Both of these listings are an invaluable guide to UFO activity in New England over a twenty year+ span. SHG is grateful to receive the information and pleased to be able to offer these listings to the membership."

Case File Listing (208)

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/fowler/casefile.html>

Case File Summaries (159)

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/fowler/casesum.html>

(Fowler's abduction material has been transferred to another individual.)

We urge other holders of UFO case files and other material to compile similar inventories. A number of SHG members are currently engaged in such activities.

Also, at Project 1947 we have started a page on "How to Investigate UFOs" with various links to reporting formats for UFOs and other short-lived phenomena and some ideas from former investigative bodies' documents on the subject. This is just a start. Additional ideas and links are welcome.

<http://www.project1947.com/howto/index.html>

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:37:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 00:46:27 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 15:58:13 -0800 (PST)

<snip>

>>It seems that the more you analyze this, the more you convince
>>me that what we saw was what we saw, perfectly round devices.
>>Could be a new military device. Who knows? But, certainly not
>>flares.

>At least other readers can see what this argument is all about.
>I should point out that when I got into this I thought there
>might really have been some UFO aspect. It was disappointing to
>find from the triangulation tha the lights were really very far
>from Phoenix.

Bruce, this isn't going to resolve unless there is a replay. I
have another orb-video that shows these are not flares and am
expecting more from Arizona soon.

These lights are seen frequently.

The next time they have an exercise out in the California desert
and drop flares I will video tape them and have a second person
some distance to my side also video tape them for triangulation
and will also observe them through my telescope and binoculars
and we will see what that shows.

If I am lucky enough to see the orbs again, I will do the same.

I have seen these same lights in front of mountains here in the
Calif. desert where there is no MOA. And others have too. I
would think they would be of great scientific interest if so.

-Bill H

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
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Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:20:35 EST
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:59:56 -0500 (EST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>))
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Good hatchet job.

>Hatchet job, or the truth?

Hatchet job. Tony Ortega actually apologized to Jim. You see he did not listen. Jim did not say he did a spectral analysis the way a spectrometer analyzes a spectrum. This was all misunderstood by Tony who did not take the time to understand.

Stanley was the only one to see a plane. He was extremely nervous about it.

Bad story in the New Times.

-Bill H

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Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 23:22:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:48:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Hatch

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

>Hello List:

>I'm just wondering if anyone here has ever investigated or
>interviewed Gary Wilcox, the farmer who reported seeing a UFO
>and two occupants on April 24, 1964, just hours before Mr.
>Zamora had his alleged encounter. I've always thought this was
>an overlooked and underrated case, perhaps because Mr. Wilcox
>reported having a conversation with the two occupants beside
>their landed craft on his farm.

<snip>

Hello Chaz:

That's a good question! Exactly when did Wilcox come forward with his story, and is it possible he heard about the Zamora events first?

Here are a few reports from that week:

#6484: 1964/4/22 2100h 108:22W 32:21N 3333 USA NMX
E/LORDSBURG,NM:3/CAR:ENTIRE DESERT LIT:4M SCR BUZZES CAR:
WHINES:>>N: /r8#595 (Vallee Magonia catalog) /R210 The APRO
BULLETIN. (Lorenzen) Year 64 Month 5 DESERT

#6485: 1964/4/24 1010h 76:21W 42:04N 3333 USA NYK
TIOGA,NY:Wilcox/FARM:SCR^:OIDS TAKE SOIL+FERTILIZER:

/r211p38 GREEN, Gabriel: LETS FACE THE FACTS ABOUT UFOs
Popular Library, NY 1967.

/r249p346 CLARK, Jerome: High Strangeness: UFOs from 1960
through 1979; The UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA Volume 3.
1996 Omnigraphics Inc. Detroit. ISBN 1-55888-742-3

[The second reference is far better than the first..]

/r4p58 VALLEE, Jacques: DIMENSIONS, A Casebook of Alien
Contact. Ballantine, NY 1989. PB

/r41p474 HALL, Richard H,: The UFO EVIDENCE II
Scarecrow Press Inc.Lanham MD.2001.ISBN 0-8108-3881-8

/R24 NICAP: UFO INVESTIGATOR, Vol 2 #11 FARMLANDS

Hopefully, one of these sources might throw some light on when Wilcox came forward.

#6486: 1964/4/24 1750h 106:53:40W 34:02:40N USA NMX
SOCORRO,NM:COP:4'OIDS by OVOID:DOORS SLAM:>>SSW:TRCS:
/r55p224 HYNEK,Dr. J.Allen: THE HYNEK UFO REPORT
Dell Publ., NY 1977. 298 pp.

/APRO Bulletin for May, 1964 (very likely a late issue..)

/r67 BOWEN, Charles (ed.): The HUMANOIDS. Henry Regnery,
Chicago 1969. 256 pp. Actual page lost here -LH
/R24 NICAP: UFO INVESTIGATOR Vol 2 # 11

Here are three more from New Mexico that same week ..

#6487: 1964/4/24 2100h? 106:11:20W 35:03:40N USA NMX
EDGEWOOD,NM:TRUCK EMES:.22 SLUGS PING OFF SCR/30M alt:
SCR>N:/r79p21+/MJ#252 /R210 APRO BULLETIN for July 1964

#6488: 1964/4/26 0030h 106:2:40W 36:23N USA NMX
N/LA MADERA,NM:SLNT 8M VERTCL.OVOID/GND:BLU FLAMES:
TRACES: /r111p222+/MJ#252 -and-
/R210 APRO BULLETIN for July 1964

#6490: 1964/4/28 ?????h 106:36:20W 32:02:00N USA NMX
ANTHONY,NM:COPS+MANY:RED GLO-ORB HVRS LO:>>W::
CAR EMES in ALBUQQ:/MJ#25+/r8#599
/R24 NICAP: UFO INVESTIGATOR, Vol 2 #11

For references not spelled out above, check the main (first)
list on this page:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/USOURCE.html>

/r111 for example would be listed as /111 for The
Lorenzens' book Startling Evidence.

1964 was not a busy year for UFOs. This little cluster does
invite speculation, even if Wilcox was full of beans. His
sighting was a good 8 hours earlier than Zamora if we take his
word for it.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Cydonian Imperative: 03-27-02 Ellipses In Cerberus

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The Cydonian Imperative
3-27-02

See:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

Ellipsoidal Formations Near Cerberus Platform
by Mac Tonnies

It was the presence of the Face that caused researchers Vincent DiPietro and Richard Hoagland to discover additional oddities in the Cydonia region (the D&M Pyramid and the City, respectively). While the MGS images of the Cerberus region do not reveal any obvious signature of intelligence (unless is willing to attribute the Platform's remarkable symmetry to conscious design), there are two nearby ellipsoidal formations that might warrant a careful look. For purposes of easy reading, I've dubbed these formations Platform Ellipse 1 (PE1) and Platform Ellipse 2 (PE2).

[image]

Platform Ellipse 1 is adjacent to the Cerberus Platform and shares some superficial characteristics both with the Platform and Platform Ellipse 2 (see below).

Description:

Both formations are roughly similar in size and shape, with an elongated perimeter and an apparent central spine or ridge. PE1 is situated to the southwest of the Platform, and appears to have faint signs of angular "buttressing" similar to that of the Platform. The impression is of a naturally occurring feature having been subjected to alteration, or of a ruin at the brink of receding into the terrain. Flanking its top is an apron of accumulated sand that bears a vague similarity to the "headress" formation visible on both the Cerberus Platform and the Cydonia Face. I interpret this to be a build-up of wind-blown material from the Ellipse's southern side, which, lacking a similar apron, appears the most eroded of the two. Also in the vicinity is a heavily eroded and partially buried impact crater. The origin of the sand filling the crater is evidently the same as that which covers the top of the Platform, effectively burying any structural debris that might be there (assuming artificiality).

As noted on the previous page, the various rounded "knobs" seen protruding (seemingly at random) from the Platform's surface may prove to be uppermost remnants of an arcology-style habitat. Perhaps THEMIS data from the Mars Odyssey spacecraft can help resolve this matter as well as resolve the lingering debate over a possible artificial substrate beneath the Face.

[image]

Platform Ellipse 2 bears a general appearance to the Cliff feature in Cydonia, complete with central angled defile. Note peculiar dark areas, indicating substantial damage and possible

hollow interior.

The second Ellipse is more tantalizing. Bearing a general resemblance to the enigmatic Cliff feature in Cydonia, PE2 is topped by an elevated ridge suggestive of the mile-long angled defile that runs the length of the Cliff. As a work of potential architecture, PE2 seems to be somewhat more preserved than its companion (possibly due to its distance from the impact that produced the eroded crater rim noted above). But while PE2 appears in generally sharper relief, it shows distinct signs of damage, attributable to meteor bombardment, conventional wasting, or possibly structural decay.

The unusual dark areas are of specific interest because they appear to be a very local phenomenon. The MSSS image strip shows no sign of similar "holes" except for a scattering of unusually dark craters (some with attendant radial "streaking"). Whatever their cause, the dark crevasses evident on PE2's western edge appear to be quite deep; there doesn't seem to be anything blocking the sun's rays, suggesting that these are unusually deep "punctures" in the terrain, perhaps leading to underground compartments. (Another dark area is observed on the formation's southern side, but this appears consistent with a meteor strike.)

Comment:

While there is nothing blatantly artificial about these two formations, they seem strange enough to me to warrant mention. But my most important reason for including them on this site is their proximity to the Cerberus Platform: it seems logical that if the Platform is artificial (as evidence in Cydonia indicates it might be), then other local features may exhibit signs of artificiality. It would certainly be foolish not to look. For, if Vincent DiPietro had never looked closer at Cydonia and found the formation eventually termed the D&M Pyramid, Richard Hoagland would probably never have discovered the controversial collection of features we now know as the City. The Face on Mars would have remained just that: a curious lone face, in itself evidence of nothing in particular.

With objective evidence that the Face may be artificial now available, it is only reasonable to follow through with an exhaustive search for anomalous formations elsewhere on Mars. The Cerberus Platform seems a decent place to start, if and when we are to place the Martian enigmas in appropriate context.

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NEW METEORIC FLAP

The phenomenon of the passage of a huge meteor once again caused an avalanche of sightings over a wide area of Northern Italy on the evening of Tuesday 19 March.

Shortly after 8 p.m., numerous witnesses watched for a few seconds the rapid passage in the sky (along an arc of at least 90 degrees, from south to north) of a luminous yellow globe which then turned green, some saying that it even lightened the surrounding country. So far, reports have been received from the provinces of Parma, Reggio Emilia, Bologna, Ravenna, Venezia and Trento, but this does not exclude the fact that the region affected seemed to grow in area over the next days. [Direct reports by various witnesses; it.discussions.ufo Newsgroup, 20 March; collaboration by Roberto Labanti.]

Among the observers were a few amateur astronomers, who were able to give precise coordinates and time windows for the observation. One of them even succeeded at hearing the sound of it (resembling a tone) which is sometimes described in connection with the passing of meteors. [Mailing lists for Sezione Meteore UAI and Italian Superbolide Network, 19 through 21 March.]

In the province of Reggio Emilia, the observation of the bolide was associated with a brushfire, and the "meteorite alarm" even pressed the fire brigade to take of tests for radioactivity, with results which turned out negative. [Il Resto del Carlino, Gazzetta di Reggio, 20 March].

"UFOS IN THE MOVIES" ON THE NEWSSTANDS

The new "special issue" of the magazine "Mystero", dedicated to "UFOs in the Movies", has come out.

It is penned by one of the most important Italian experts in the field of science-fiction cinema, Luigi Cozzi, who in its 64 pages (6 Euro at newsstands) catalogues 150 movies including references to UFOs or aliens from 1950 through 2001, using criteria which differ somewhat from those adopted by "Project Cinema" of the Italian Center for Ufological Studies. [www.arpnet.it/ufo/cineufo.htm; collaboration by Fabrizio Dividi.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Fabrizio Dividi and Roberto Labanti.

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'Alien Implants: Hard Evidence Live'

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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Subject: 'Alien Implants: Hard Evidence Live'

Hello All, and especially abductees,

Consider this a heads-up just in case this sleaze should try to recruit any of you for this horrendous proposed project. Below is an e-mail invitation I received followed by my response to this individual. I have deleted the name of the producer. If this guy should contact you, you'll know who it is the second you read his proposal and offer.

This kind of insensitive (to the subjects) crap really irks me. I am willing to do anything in my power to prevent this idiot from cutting up abductees on national television. And just so he can make \$ and a name for himself by sensationalizing a subject that is screwing up so many people's lives. All these morons care about is putting asses in the seats. Insensitive dolts like this one need to be stopped in their tracks. Before they harm anyone. I am posting this because I consider this guy to be potentially dangerous to any abductees he may dupe into participating.

Nuff said. No response to this post is necessary. It is intended strictly as a heads-up. Read on.

John Velez

To: john@virtuallystrange.net
Subject: Alien Implants Live on TV

Dear Mr. Velez,

I have a pitch meeting with Fox in a couple of weeks, and one of the ideas I was going to bring to them was a show entitled Alien Implants: Hard Evidence Live. Idea is to get two people who truly believe they have alien implants inside them into a studio and show them having the implants removed by a surgeon live on TV. The implants would then also be examined live on TV and the results revealed for all to see.

I was wondering if you would like to participate in the production of this program, primarily by providing the two people who you believe to be the most likely to have genuine alien implants inside them, and who would be willing to have them surgically removed live on TV. You would also be interviewed for the program, and receive a credit on the program along with a reasonable fee for your services (TBD).

To give you some idea of my production background, following please find my resume and a few of my other projects that have been recently optioned by other production companies.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,

(Name deleted)

Hello (name deleted),

So, you propose to do surgery on people on TV. Astounding. I have a few pertinent questions and comments if I may.

1. (If) what is being removed from the prospective 'subjects' of this experiment are actual alien implants of some kind, how do you know that it will not have a detrimental effect on the health of the subjects if these objects are removed?

What precedent do you have that will guarantee the long term safety and well being of the surgery candidates? Have you even considered the possibility that removal of such an object may have a negative long term impact on the subjects or their health?

2. (If) you do manage to find someone crazy enough to volunteer, and you manage to recover an object, who or what institution is going to conduct the scientific analysis? Will they be publishing their results in scientific peer review journals with their names and credentials attached? Something that will actually benefit the subjects.

3. Over 18 such surgical procedures have already been performed. Rather than 'cut' more people, why don't you investigate the results of the previous umpteen surgeries? I can provide you with a contact at an accredited University that has conducted analysis on several of these recovered objects. Ever hear of Roger Leir?

4. NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Sciences) has detailed analysis reports posted on their website that they performed on several of these recovered "implants." Why cut even more people only to go over ground that has already been covered? Talk to the scientists at NIDS!

I'm sorry (name deleted) but it just seems to me that you are much more interested in the sensationalizing of this phenomenon and in 'selling' your project, than you are about the well being of the proposed public 'surgery candidates.' Besides, it's all been done. Haven't you done any homework on this subject?

Contrary to popular belief abductees/experiencers of the phenomenon are human beings. Not 'lab rats' that can be rounded up and cut up on national television for the casual amusement of the viewers.

(Name deleted) I am not only in shock that you would even suggest such a ghoulish 'program' but I am offended by it as well. You may not realize it because your personal focus is in successfully pitching the idea to 'whoever,' but this is by far one of the most ill conceived and just plain inconsiderate (of the subjects) ideas I have heard in a long time.

I'm sorry. I'm not interested in being your 'procurer' for surgery subjects. I'm not Dr. Mengele or an abductee pimp that would consent to recruit others for you for money. Thanks for the offer but no thanks.

I just want to add one more thing. If this proposed program of yours actually airs, you need to know that I will be on the forefront of the protest against it, and that I will actively advocate that anyone you cut up on air sue you and the producers for all they can get.

Balls!

John Velez, Abductee

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Re: A Major Relevation - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:37:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 07:38:11 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Lehmborg

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 11:20:10 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:23:11 -0600
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>Careful, Serge, you could be accused of being anti-elitist or a
>>complainer. :)

>>Kiss-ass? On this list? Surely you jest! LOL

>>Bobbie

>Hola Mz. Felder,

>In consideration of the fact that this is your third post
>referencing "ass kissing" to a UFO information related List,
>it appears that you seem to be very hung-up about it; does
>this booty-kissing obsession of yours have anything to do with
>UFOs or maybe rural Southern inbreeding by any chance?

In as much as "Mz Felder" (a dripping representation in its own right... out of line, inappropriate, or uncalled for, and ultimately backfiring I suspect... more wounding to the sender than the receiver...) is representative of the kind of stone that the rest of us can grind our arguments on (because she's an talented independent with intelligence and some education), I think it arguable that you're holding your blade at the wrong angle, using too much force, and in danger of publicly papering your edge a little bit here, hoss.

This allusion was really rather repellent John. I'm surprised Errol let it go. A clearly specious attack on the person assiduously avoiding the substance of her argument, an argument only typifying the egalitarian flavor of UpDates over the elitism of condescending principals in a list of ufological good old boys... She was a welcome counter to the even well deserved "Errol currying" seen predominantly on the List lately which I'm sure embarrassed Errol a little bit, and this is forgetting my own appreciation in the form of Errol being a minor god in my own personal pantheon with with his own little candle burning shrine in the corner of my home... [g].

Inbreeding of this List is going to be the obvious result if Ms. Felder and other valued persons are insulted off, John. I know that you know that. Labeling Felder the result of relative humidity is a bizarre reaction to the contrary position she has taken with you - a reaction unworthy of you, unkind of you, and hopefully unlike you.

>You know, "backwoods of Mississippi" and all that. Just wondering.

>John Velez ;)

This is going to be hard to retreat from, John, and I fear you

won't retreat - I've seen a lot of evidence of that... and you're only going to make it worse. Go belly up on this one, old friend, shout a sincere mea culpa, chalk it off to jet-lag and make your apologies all around. Otherwise you could come-off as big city hot-shot ufologist arrogantly sneering at the rural rube believers ... at best!

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...A fine proactive effort, excellent initiative, and an undenied step up. Let's all take care not to make two steps back.

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Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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Re: A Major Relevation - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:14:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 07:41:17 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Lehmborg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 21:55:31 +0000

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:46:55 EST
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500

<snip>

>Is this an example of the `ass-kissing' that certain
>('anti-elitist') parties on this List seem to be so anally
>compulsive about, or does that only apply to 'the enemy?'

Dick!

Is this the same kind inappropriate and officious line drawing
that more of us could demonstrate against, or does it apply just
to those of us philosophically 'a little contrary to you'?

Jim's comment was an allusion, sir, a reflection on his
astonishment regarding the baldly inexplicable vituperation
regarding his personal disclosure. Fool that he was, he thought
he was among friends!

Things being equal I'd think that you'd know the difference! But
things aren't equal, are they! You label yourself an enemy,
handily. ...Fascinating that you would winnow yourself out that
way... why would you do that? Why do you walk around behind your
barricade and put your helmet on? Someone is not being
entirely forthcoming. And isn't that the problem all the way
around? Everywhere? Regarding anything?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 08:54:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 07:40:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox? - Clark

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 23:22:55 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamorra & Gary T. Wilcox?

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 22:43:54 -0500 (EST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox?

Hi, Larry,

>That's a good question! Exactly when did Wilcox come
>forward with his story, and is it possible he heard about
>the Zamora events first?

Wilcox confided the story only to family members and close friends. Over the next few days, it had circulated throughout the rural area where Wilcox lived. Two NICAP members learned of it through Floyd Wilcox, Gary's brother, who told them that if Gary said it really happened, it must have really happened. According to Gary's father, his son did not learn of the Socorro incident until a week after its occurrence, when the father showed the son a clipping about it.

On April 28, four days after the alleged encounter, his longtime neighbor Priscilla Baldwin interviewed him at length. She returned to his farm the next day to look for traces, but if any had ever been there, rain washed them away. She then notified the county sheriff. A deputy showed up on the morning of the 30th, and he and Baldwin went to see Wilcox. Wilcox was busy doing chores and said he didn't want to take the time off to talk, but he said they were free to examine the site.

The first detailed press story appeared on May 7 in the Binghamton Press. Reporter Reid Ochs wrote that Wilcox had first rebuffed his attempts to interview him, then later agreed only reluctantly. A year and a half later, when another journalist wanted to speak with him, he would write, "Mr. Wilcox did not seem particularly happy to see a reporter show up on his farm."

NICAP investigators Stephen Putnam and Walter Webb spoke separately with Wilcox. Webb characterized him as a "typical, laconic, apple-cheeked young farmer who keeps to himself and is wary of outsiders."

The only negative evidence I was able to come up with when I reviewed the literature, published and unpublished, consisted of a couple of contradictions about the way the aliens communicated and the way the UFO departed. Possibly, the contradictions can be explained as misquotes, but after all this time, we're unlikely ever to know for sure. All we know is that years later, before he dropped out of sight altogether, Wilcox was standing by his story and continuing to avoid publicity.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #360 - Davey

From: Virginia Davey <ymdavey@idirect.ca>
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 07:42:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:16:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #360 - Davey

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #360
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:16:58 -0600

>This goes beyond the boundaries of a path that we're all on, or
>at least that is the 'service' paid by 'lip'... but letters made
>of poison make unpleasant circulation, and we make ourselves the
>less for all of it.

Thank you, Alfred, for bringing out into the open what would only fester and grow if left to the darkness. Yours is as much of an act of courage as the whispering is not.

I add my voice to yours when I say that I have always found Jim to be a welcome voice on this List. He is witty as well as enlightening, generous as well as courageous. He adds to our knowledge and entertains at the same time.

The whispering you speak of surely is not only damaging and hurtful to both parties involved, the sender and the receiver, but also undermines this List and SDI. In the eyes of the mainstream we are already regarded as foolish for having an interest in ufology. The non-collegiality that has been displayed on this List from time to time and in this backroom campaign only serves to reinforce that impression.

Virginia Davey

Toronto

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Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 15:26:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:18:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Pelicanman vs. Mothman
>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:49:30 -0600

>Patient and gentle listfolk:
>"The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH
>ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than
>usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their
>noble cause."

I'm sure that in the interests of fairness, Listing Gentlefolk would like to see what the Pelican wrote that triggered off this Clarkian rant, rather than relying on the Blessed Jerome's selective quotations:

THE PELICAN WRITES:

The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their noble cause.

A film based on John Keel's book The Mothman Prophecies has just been released and this has naturally drawn attention to his writings, and the contempt he has expressed for the good old American nuts-and-bolts ETH. It was Keel's book Operation Trojan Horse, together with Vall=E9e's Passport to Magonia, which was one of the chief inspirations for the development of the psychosocial hypothesis (PSH). Of course, neither author intended this, but some readers found these books useful as a basis for developing it.

Why, you might ask, should they be bothered by this? Where is the threat? Well, it's all rather complicated of course, but The Pelican will attempt to elucidate.

There are three distinct approaches to interpreting UFO reports and UFO lore, which are:

1. The extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH), which considers that some UFO sightings constitute evidence of visitation by beings from other planets.
2. The PSH, which regards the UFO as a modern myth, maintained by the subjective experiences of individuals and their social interaction with one another.
3. The notion of the UFO as essentially an occult phenomenon, which cannot be explained or described using conventional scientific methods.

Approach No. 3 is not taken very seriously by supporters of the ETH or the PSH. For supporters of the PSH, it confirms their view of the UFO as essentially subjective, rather than some real physical phenomenon "out there". Believers in the ETH see it as a serious obstacle to their claims being taken seriously by the scientific community. This is because it is very popular, and helps to contribute to the circus-like atmosphere of many UFO conferences, and the crazy and incoherent ideas expressed in

many UFO journals, some of which started out with the good intention of presenting the evidence and arguments in a rational, objective manner.

Popular occultism and pseudoscience have been the ruination of many well-intentioned UFO organisations having a policy of membership open to all who are willing to pay the subscriptions. Sooner or later they are taken over by cranky and credulous people. One has only to look at BUFORA in Britain, or MUFON in the USA, for examples.

Where does John Keel come in to this, you might ask. The answer is that Keel exposed the essential weakness of the ETH by drawing attention to the fact that UFO witnesses did not simply describe seeing strange craft or strange lights in the sky; he published the strange stories which the witnesses told him about visits from the Men in Black, and their incredibly odd behaviour, and all manner of other implausible details.

Most of the ETH enthusiasts carefully edit these inconvenient details out of their reports, no doubt in order to give them an aura of scientific respectability. They attempt to discount Keel's findings by accusing him of being thoroughly unscientific and irrational. A good example of this is the following paragraph from a recent posting on UFO UpDates by Jerome Clark:

"If you think demons are responsible for UFO and other anomalous phenomena, or that this is at least a respectable, arguable hypothesis, then John Keel is your man. If you think science and reason are more likely than demonology to get to the bottom of the mystery someday, then Keel is just another of the colorful eccentrics - maybe, very roughly speaking, a kind of latterday George Hunt Williamson - who have wandered through saucer culture over the decades."

Of course, this is the impression of Keel you will get if you take his writings literally. ETH ufologists are very fond of taking things literally, especially if they are the things they want to hear. They do not want people to ignore Keel's rather incoherent, but admittedly entertaining, occult speculations and concentrate on his accounts of the stories told to him by UFO witnesses. This is because other investigators have been told very similar stories and, unlike certain ETH ufologists, they have not suppressed them because they do not fit in with the notion of nuts-and-bolts alien spacecraft. Jenny Randles, for example, was told many similar stories when gathering material for a book about the Men in Black.

The ETH crowd, though, insist that we should ignore the subjective stuff and concentrate on physical evidence and multi-witness sightings. Yet when they are asked for specific details of such cases which seem to strongly support the ETH they get very cagey. They admit that most UFO reports are capable of other explanations, and that some of them are illusions or hoaxes. So what are these genuine reports they get so excited about?

If anyone mentions Roswell, The Pelican will descend on him from a great height!

--

John Rimmer

"El pel=EDcano es fuerte en sus apreciaciones, pero muy razonable."

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Re: A Major Relevation - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 07:44:07 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:21:31 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Hamilton

>From: Shar Costello <Boontooly@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 19:23:55 EST
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:17:05 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 20:27:58 EST
>>>Subject: A Major Relevation
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>Make that 'Revelation'!

>>>Here it is.

>>>We talk and talk here about pelicans, geeses and Billy Meirer.
>>>We talk endlessly about how Swell Roz is and etc.

>>I would like to ask a question. My wife is an abductee and she
>>gets strange marks on her arms and other places from time to
>>time. She notes that, unlike other bruises, these fade out more
>>rapidly, maybe within 48 hours. How many abductees on this List
>>note strange, unaccounted for marks or bruises and
>>also note they fade rapidly?

>I have never posted here but have followed the discussions and
>your question has prompted a response.

>I have been an abductee for most of my life and one of the ways
>that I can be sure that an experience has happened is the
>bruising that occurs. Most times they are on my upper arms and
>look almost like fingerprints, three on the top of my arm and
>one on the underside, as if I were held by someone. Other
>bruises appear on my wrists and those are about the size and
>shape of a pencil eraser end.

>I have found what appears to be puncture marks at my inner elbow
>just where blood is usually taken for medical tests.

>All of these marks will disappear after 24 - 48 hours.

I guess my wife is not so unusual after all. The responses I
have received so far indicate that these marks will not last
long so it is best to photograph them within a 24 hour period
and take measurements as well. The geometric arrangements with
fixed spacings are the most interesting of all as are the tiny
trail of red dots.

-Bill H

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 07:58:46 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:26:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 13:05:15 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:38:17 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:18:06 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

><snip>

>>>The suggested explanation for the lights videotaped at 10 PM is
>>>_not_ that they were flares being used as part of a military
>>>training operation... ie they were not being used to illuminate
>>>the ground. INstead, reports indicated that the A-10's were
>>>flying back to base at Tucson and had to eject flares that they
>>>hadn't used. They could have flown back at 15000 ft and ejected
>>>flares from that altitude, not expecting them to light up
>>>anything. The single light at the left side of Krysten's "array"
>>>would have been a single flare from one plane. The eight lights
>>>in succession making the arc would have been the dump of a full
>>>load by another A-10

>>There wasn't one to the left. There were two very close
>>together.

>Whatever, on Krysten's video it/they appear(s) as a single image
>meaning that they were so close together in direction, if more
>than one, that they were unresolved.

>>We were told that the full array of ejected flares
>>that, if 4 for each of the planes would have been 32, and if 8,
>>would have been 64. What happened to the flares from the other
>>A-10s?

>One may presume they were used up in the exercise, where they
>were dropped at low altitude (below 10,000 ft) and not seen in
>Phoenix.

>My assumption is that what was videotaped was the excess, thrown
>away at the end of the exercise: one plane dumped one (far left
>in Krysten's video; could conceivably be 2 very close together,
>but not likely), then another plane dumped 8 forming the arc
>(lights 2,3,4,5,6, 7,8,9 in that order from right to left in
>Krysten's video)

>>On July 25th, the Arizona Republic broke the story that the
>>Maryland Air National Guard was running an exercise called
>>Operation Snowbird along the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range
>>southwest of Phoenix. They flew eight A-10s and dropped a mess
>>of high-intensity flares on their way back to Tucson. This
>>information originated with Davis-Monthan AFB Public Information
>>Officer, Lt. Keith Shepherd. Captain Drew Sullins of the

>>Maryland ANG said that the A-10s dropped high-intensity flares,
>>called Luu-2, and made of either magnesium or cesium which are
>>suspended from a tiny parachute. He later confirmed in a private
>>phone conversation that the flares burned with intensely bright
>>white light.

>>Notice, the location was given as Southwest near Gila Bend, not
>>south near Ajo. Different location and different distance. So we
>>don't even know if A-10s were involved in the alleged flares you
>>signify.

>If they dumped a "mess of flares"... I suppose 9 would qualify
>as a mess.... then this is a possible cause for the sightings.
>My triangulation map shows they covered quite an area.

>>In an article in a Tucson paper, Lt. Shepherd states that the
>>eight A-10 fighter-bombers had landed back at Davis-Monthan at
>>approximately 8:30 p.m.

>I suspect these were not part of the Maryland Nat Guard
>contingent.

Yet, that is what Lt. Shepherd said, that they were. He also
indicated that they were the last to land that night! Maybe
you know more than he does. We could not get any straight answers
from the Maryland ANG. Why do you suppose this is?

>>This would make their flare drop a full hour-and-a-half before
>>we videotaped the mystery lights. Skeptics have said that the
>>time he gave was not correct.

>Perhaps planes detached to Davis Monthan AFB landed at 8:30 and
>then Maryland Nat Guard planes landed at 10

Not according to Lt. Shepherd, but then he may have later realized
he botched it.

>>Of course, they back the flare
>>theory. Shepherd also said, "they use them (flares) as a decoy
>>for surface to air missiles and they will do that during
>>training. Basically, any missiles that are fired will track
>>after the flares fired will track after the flares and not after
>>the aircraft." Later spokesman from the Maryland ANG who
>>confirmed this story changed it and the flares became night
>>illumination flares dropped from an incredible altitude of
>>15,000 feet where they could hardly illuminate anything but
>>clouds! Each plane should have ejected a load of 4 flares for a
>>total of 32, but only 9 amber mystery lights were seen and
>>taped!

>The flares ejected over the west end of the Barry Goldwater
>range would not have been seen in Phoenix. So they could have
>ejected many flares before ending the exercise and then dumped
>the last 9 on their way "home" to the AFB in Tucson (Davis
>Monthan)

OH, why not? They have been seen from the east side before.
Usually, they are night illumination flares dropped at low
altitude.

>>On July 25th, a little over 2 weeks after Captain Eileen Bienz
>>had assured me that the Air National Guard dropped no flares,
>>the story broke in the Arizona Republic. It announced that she
>>had found out about the flight schedule from Davis- Monthan AFB.
>>She must have found out from Lt. Keith Shepherd. The Republic
>>article said that a squadron of planes from Operation Snowbird
>>left at 8:15 p.m. on March 13 and returned at 10:30 p.m. This
>>contradicted the Tucson story by alleging that the aircraft
>>returned a full 2 hours later than what Shepherd had said in the
>>Tucson paper. The article goes on to say that a spokesman for
>>Luke Air Force Base confirmed that the Maryland planes were
>>authorized to use the Barry Goldwater range from 9:30 p.m. to 10
>>p.m. on March 13. In response to an earlier FOIA request to Luke
>>AFB, their Chief of Records Management stated, "we don't know
>>where the question of aerial flares came from." In the article,
>>Captain Drew Sullins of the Maryland Air National Guard said
>>that the high intensity flares that were dropped were called
>>Luu-2 and were made of magnesium or cesium. These flares are
>>suspended from tiny parachutes. These flares burn bright white.
>>This was confirmed by a phone call to the Maryland Air National
>>Guard by one of the video witnesses.>

>>There are many discrepancies in this whole flare story and now
>>you have added new ones by placing them in another location.

>The confusion in the flare story is a result of insufficient
>investigation right up front, Air Force obfuscation or "the
>right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing" (failure to
>communicate within the AF) plus the assumption made within a day
>of the sightings that the 10 PM sightings were merely
>continuations of the 8:30 PM events.

Maybe they were.

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>been much attention to the 10 PM sightings (only a few eyeball
>witnesses without the video) and the multiple-witness 8:30 real
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>and coupled with the belief of the videotapers that the lights
>could not be farther away than just south of Phoenix (because
>they were so bright) led to a continual press interest in the
>story.

We will see that there are other discrepancies as I have found
out with the January 14, 1998 sightings where these same lights
were seen to burn from 11 to 20+ minutes by various witnesses
and during a night when flares were also seen! The witnesses
recognized and ignored the flare sighting and some recognized
the mystery lights as different and similar to the March 13th
sighting. Flares may burn about 4.5 minutes, but even 11 min.
is excessive.

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>of the events all the questions now being raised would have been
>answered. A triangulation would have immediately pointed toward
>the Barry Goldwater range (northeast portion) as the approximate
>source of the videotaped lights and this would have created
>pressure on the AF to explain. That pressure might have forced
>out the MD Nat Guard explanation in MARCH instead of June, when
>it finally came out.

I think we need to rethink your triangulations vs pixel analysis.
The lights on Jan 14th were definitely at a higher elevation and
sighting angle than those on March 13th and were definitely above
the background mountains, but using certain lighted reference
points I cannot place the March 13th lights above the mountain,
and this from 3 different videos.

-Bill

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:30:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 08:57:27 -0600

>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:16:47 +0100
>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:40:54 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>Here is a good article about the Phoenix Lights that needs to be
>>>read by all who are interested. Enjoy!

>>><http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/1998-03-05/feature2.html/1/index.html>

>>There is a great classic soul song titled "Tell it like it is".
>>Now I'm singing it again. Thanks for reviving it.

>>It's a great song.

>Yeah -- was this the same article that lauded Karl K. Korff
>(triple "K") as a righteous and dispassionate researcher without
>an ax to grind?

Kal was the one who said you could see smoke in the video. He convinced Walt Andrus. I replayed the video over and over and for the life of me I could not readily see that smoke. Maybe Kal had smoke in his eyes. Even Bruce doesn't mention smoke on the videos.

-Bill H

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:32:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>From: Jim Kelly <Azredant@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 20:39:49 EST
>Subject: Phoenix Case

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 15:34:07 -0800 (PST)
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton

>>Eileen Benz did this investigation because I talked to her on
>>the phone and asked her to check and fax me in writing which
>>she did. Her fax initially said 'no flares were dropped' on
>>that night, but when she checked Davis-Monthan AFB, she came
>>out with the story of the Maryland ANG that according to the
>>PIO returned to base by 8:30 PM on that night

>Last year Tom King told me that after years of testing his 10:00
>PM footage he believes that the lights appeared to be drifting.
>He did not have to change his mind, but he did. Tom has been
>villified and used by many in this field and has to be
>acknowledged for showing such integrity. The preponderance of
>evidence is overwhelming in this case about the 10:00 PM flare
>event if you include the triangulation of sightings, the
>Maryland National National Guard proximity and the lack of
>credible investigation that took place. Did anyone even seek
>radar tapes from the FAA Tower in New Mexico? No, they did not.
>(For those of you who don't know, they monitor all plane traffic
>from an umbrella around Phoenix)

I recognize that Tom changed his testimony and he is welcome to
that. The radar tapes we tried to acquire from Skyharbor were
not available even 2 weeks after the event. Since the flares
were not reported by Benz until 4 months after the event and it
became an issue, how are we to acquire radar tapes at that late
stage?

>I spoke to Major Benz last Friday, she informed me that the
>Maryland National Guard did not land on base at 8:30 pm on the
>night of March 13th, 1997. She said that they dropped the flares
>around 10:00 PM then returned to base. If you were told this by
>the PIO at Davis Montham, they were mistaken. Remember, it was
>Major Benz that found out the MANG was out that night. She is
>now searching for the original documents of the search and will
>send them to me when she locates it.

It Shepherd (PIO) was quoted in a Tucson newspaper. I would like
to see those original docs.

>I do support your theory of the 8:30 event. There is too much
>witness testimony to dismiss it. However, I feel that you
>believe that every report you received was credible on or near
>March 13th, when in fact anyone could have made up anything they
>wanted after the story broke? How do we separate the credible
>reports from the witness contamination accounts? That might be
>why there is a varying degree of time frame problems with the
>sightings?

We talked to witnesses that immediately filed a report that night

with NUFORC or called in to the radio stations. I accepted some reports after that, but not many. We were doing an analysis and it took a lot of time. Witnesses do not always note clock times, directions, and other pertinent details, but some witnesses were very observant and noted many details. We have this problem with numerous reported sightings, not just the ones from March 13th. There were also sightings that night in Nevada and Southern California.

-Bill H

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Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:34:35 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:14:29 -0600

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 21:55:31 +0000

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:46:55 EST
>>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 00:45:40 -0500

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>>Is this an example of the `ass-kissing' that certain
>>('anti-elitist') parties on this List seem to be so anally
>>compulsive about, or does that only apply to 'the enemy?'

>Is this the same kind inappropriate and officious line drawing
>that more of us could demonstrate against, or does it apply just
>to those of us philosophically 'a little contrary to you'?

>Jim's comment was an allusion, sir, a reflection on his
>astonishment regarding the baldly inexplicable vituperation
>regarding his personal disclosure. Fool that he was, he thought
>he was among friends!

>Things being equal I'd think that you'd know the difference! But
>things aren't equal, are they! You label yourself an enemy,
>handily. ...Fascinating that you would winnow yourself out that
>way... why would you do that? Why do you walk around behind your
>barricade and put your helmet on? Someone is not being
>entirely forthcoming. And isn't that the problem all the way
>around? Everywhere? Regarding anything?

Alfred,

It's not clear to me that you read and understood my simple, logical, and rather innocuous question. It had nothing to do with Jim or Jim's project, and a lot to do with the clique on this list (including Bobbie and Serge) that hurls insults at `elitists' (their terminology) and (like you) seems to have a double standard about who has a right to answer back and defend themselves. John V speaks for himself; I think he becomes overwrought at times, but--as I said before--that particular exchange has a long and tangled history. I speak for myself; methinks those anal compulsives have big chips on their shoulders and should show some respect for the `elitists' whose shoulders they are (incompetently and with little to show for it) trying to stand on. They don't seem to have many logical arguments, only a well of seeming resentment. - Dick

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Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 10:09:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:36:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology -

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 10:40:15 -0500

>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:21:10 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: Billy Meier's ET Contact Assesses Ufology

>...
>>If aliens occasionally give a particular contactee a whole lot
>>of evidence, as with Billy Meier, then they had better at the
>>same time have dispensed a fair amount of deceptive
>>evidence/information to keep the coverup intact. That means
>>making sure that folk who don't know any better will keep the
>>aliens' own contactee in a debunked status. (Prime Directive
>>rule xy.) Keeping ufologists confused would seem to be part of
>>the strategy. If they're not ready to face up to an alien
>>presence whose technology seems like magic, and don't think
>>aliens are smart enough to employ a comprehensive strategy,
>>that's another indication that we're not yet ready for the
>>coverup to be lifted.

>>>The only way to resolve the contactee situation is for multiple
>>>well-educated people with recording instruments to have a nice
>>>conversation around a parked UFO. At least, that would be a
>>>beginning.

>>Hmm, it wouldn't take very long for some branch of the military
>>to get there, would it, cordon it off, confiscate tapes..., come
>>forth with a cover story?

>Boy, this is too rich to past up!

>An Otis T. Carr type could use this as a "get out of jail" card.

>"Fraud, fraud! No, I am the one defrauded! You see, the aliens
>lied to me about the propulsion scheme. I just built it like
>they told me, they should be on trail here."

>Or
>"Fake photograph, what fake photograph? The aliens tricked me!"
>...

It's your choice, Jan. Do aliens speak only truths and all
contactees are liars or deluded, or is there not a gray area
between your black & white assumption? Perhaps as a scientist
you should at least allow the possibility that aliens do not
always speak the truth, and not all claimed contactees are
non-genuine.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox? - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 12:59:38 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:38:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Lonnie Zamora & Gary T. Wilcox? - Stuart

Hello List,

I just want to thank everyone for their input re the Wilcox case. The more I learn about it, the more intriguing it becomes.

I was just wondering if the case had ever been revealed to be a hoax and apparently it has not!

For the record, I received information via private e-mail that Gary told his mother about his encounter one hour after it allegedly happened and she verified this.

Also, Gary supposedly didn't hear about Zamora until May 1, 1964.

Regards,

Chaz

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Re: Phoenix Case - King

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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:51:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - King

>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 13:05:15 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 05:38:17 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 12:18:06 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

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>continuations of the 8:30 PM events.

Its easy to look back and bitch about what should have been done
right after the sighting. This event had several facets to it
there is no way to determine what happened in merely a day. I
didn't find out about the 8:30 event until 3 pm the next day
after I got home from work and Bill told me about it. I didn't
really care about the particulars at the moment just wanted to
get back out and skywatch right away.

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>out the MD Nat Guard explanation in MArch instead of June, when
>it finally came out.

Sorry but triangulating this 10 pm event in 1 week was
impossible. Remember Richard from MUFON blew his top when he
found out I was on scene and shot video that night. He held all
the other videos and information tightly. There is no Hall of
Justice that everyone meets at and lays the information on the
table and leaves the ego at the door. The closest thing to that
was Village Labs.

MUFON during that administration did a solo act investigating the event. They didn't want any of their own trained field investigators to help them. Let alone other independent UFO investigators. Within 2 weeks this case became a piece of property. Certain people were struggling to cease control of the eyewitnesses, videos, and evidence. Certain people can make a couple bucks on TV interviews, and kick backs from dealing with TV producers. Certain people later controlled who the TV producers spoke with, the spin of the story, etc. There were many different investigators trying to investigate this large sighting. However it didn't help when certain people down talked you like an amateur punk investigator while plotting behind your back. I remember several people proclaiming they were writing books in just 2 weeks after the event.

Basically it comes down to this, alot of people said stuff on TV and radio after this event. Today, not everything that was muttered stands true anymore. Once a UFO researcher proclaims something its burned in their mind forever as fact. They will go to their death bed defending a lost cause. You'll seldom here a UFO researcher admit they made a mistake, they were wrong, they did shoddy investigation work.

There was alot of bad blood before and after this sighting. There was enough back stabbing to make 10 more Friday the 13th movies. It didn't take long until I got fed up with the entire case and left what I had on the table and walked away. There are plenty of other chances to see a UFO I missed mine on March 13, 1997. But made up for that on July 12, 2000

Tom

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Damaged Goods

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:53:59 -0500
Subject: Damaged Goods

Hi All,

Earlier this week I received two CD ROMs from Max Burns containing a BUFORA lecture he recorded in London on December of last year.

The idea being that I and anyone else who gets these CD's might like to write a report to the UFO community.

After taking the discs out of the packaging I saw that not one but both had been scratched beyond repair.

I have tried but cannot get any data from these CD's. Believe me they look like they've been attacked by someone with a nail file, the scratches go out in all directions. The packaging and plastic envelope however was in perfect condition.

I rang Max this morning and he was shocked, he said the discs were brand new and straight out of the packet, he's going to send me another set (registered post).

I then spoke to Chris Martin, he told me of a video that was sent to him last year (still UFO related), it arrived in pieces. 'It looked like someone had stamped on it then pulled out the tape' he said.

All this reminds me of something that happened about two years ago.

I sent a floppy disk with an image and a document file to Nick Pope, he knew it was on the way and said he'd phone when he gets it.

Nick rang me and said he got the floppy but the metal slider had been bent back and the disk had been damaged.

I don't normally subscribe to all this conspiracy theory stuff, all a little too X-Files for my liking, but I'm starting to wonder.

Has anyone on this list had a similar experience?

If anybody is interested in receiving the free CD's you can contact Max at:

maxburns@ufon.org

or

maxburns2002@yahoo.com

Dave Bowden

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SILVER-SUITED ALIENS LAND IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

"The Northern Territory's Wycliffe Well roadhouse has been famous for its UFO sightings in the sky, but it seems there has now been a ground encounter."

"Lou Farcus has been a resident of Wycliffe Well, N.T.," north of Alice Springs, the state capital, "for at least 17 years and says workers on the Alice Springs to Darwin railway at a site west of the roadhouse have also seen unusual lights in the sky."

"Mr. Farcus says several weeks ago an Aboriginal woman had a close encounter."

"Her knowledge of the area gave her the instinct that it didn't have anything to do with the (Australian) army or the railway," Farcus said, "So she turned round to go back and have a look at it and saw this triangular sort of object in the paddock. And all of a sudden, she saw these silvery, character-looking people who started coming towards the vehicle, so she quickly turned around and took off." (See the Australian Broadcasting Corp. website for March 24, 2002, "Report of close encounter with 'silvery people' in N.T." Many thanks to Loren Coleman and Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this report.)

TWO SATURN-SHAPED UFOs FLY OVER BELCONNEN, A.C.T.

On December 27, 2001, a woman living in the Australian Capital Territory (A.C.T.) spotted two UFOs over Belconnen, which is reputed to be the site of a large NATO underground base.

A. Babbidge reported, "I was having an afternoon nap in the lounge room when I was woken to the sound of an aeroplane circling round near where I live. The plane sounded as if it were an air force (Royal Australian Air Force, RAAF) or army plane such as a Hercules. By the time I got outside, the plane had moved out of sight but I could still hear it."

"I searched the sky for a bit when suddenly I saw, almost above me, a white-silver-grey round object with what looked like small wings or a Saturn shape. It was cruising along much higher than the planes that regularly fly across here. It was steady at all times and made no sound."

"Twenty seconds later, another object--exactly the

same--appeared. The two objects continued in the same direction (east) the same distance apart till I could not see them any more. It looked like they turned very slightly, and it looked like they had two silver headlights." "It took the objects about 50 to 60 seconds" to go west-to-east from horizon to horizon, she added, "And they never changed their position, although initially the second object moved up behind the first object very fast."

Ms. Babbidge described the UFOs as "a round Saturn shape with small wing-like protrusions in the middle on each side. They were definitely not in the shape of a plane. It was a clear blue sky and one of the gustiest, windiest days in the (Belconnen) area." (Email Form Report) (Editor's Note: For more on the reputed secret base beneath Belconnen, see UFO Roundup, volume 4, number 3 for January 18, 1999, "Belconnen--A secret NATO base in Australia?" page 5.)

MORE UFOs REPORTED NEAR TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Articles in the newspapers of Canada's British Columbia province have encouraged other people to come forward with their reports of UFO sightings. Once again, the town of Terrace, B.C. has emerged as the center of the UFO flap.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2002, a man in Terrace, B.C. "witnessed a very bright shiny 'dot' moving up and down very fast right above the mountain."

The witness was driving south near the Terrace-Kitimat regional airport when he spotted the mysterious light. "It would move from one side, quickly heading (west) towards Prince Rupert, B.C., then shoot back into the same position where it came from. It would completely disappear and then reappear again some distance away from where it had vanished. A couple of his relatives also saw it, as well."

On Tuesday, February 26, 2002, a woman and her friend were traveling by car the 56 kilometers (35 miles) between Hazelton, B.C. and Kitimat, B.C. "and saw a really bright flash of white light which came from behind them. They did not stop off to the side of the highway to look around to where the flash of light had come from. She said there were no other vehicles on the road. She said the event lasted only a second or two but lighted up the whole area. It happened between 12:15 a.m. and 12:30 a.m."

On Monday, March 4, 2002, a woman and her husband "had a pretty weird sighting in the area of Jack Pine, B.C., which is just a 20-minute (drive) outside of Terrace. She also felt that this was very strange" because of what happened when her in-laws came over the following evening.

Every time he comes for a visit, she explained to ufologist Brian Vike, her father-in-law likes to stop at Tim Horton's roadside cafe in Jack Pine for a cup of coffee. "When the father-in-law arrived at the witnesses' home, he told them that he was 'talking to a fellow at Tim Horton's' who had 'seen a UFO' the night before. (That is, on March 4, 2002, the same night as the couple's own sighting--J.T.) The woman had not yet told her father-in-law about their own sighting."

The witness "went on to explain that both she and her husband just looked at each other" when they saw their UFO over Jack Pine, "as they knew what they were watching did not have a rational explanation. The sighting lasted 20 minutes, and it was a very bright white light with a halo around it. She told me that the light moved quite a bit from side to side but always seemed to come back to a certain point and stay stationary before continuing to repeat itself. After approximately 20 minutes, it disappeared. The light was high up in the sky. She actually did not see it leave but said the light just went out" and "at arm's length, the light would have been the size of a pea or a bit smaller."

On Saturday, March 9, 2002, a teenaged witness "was laying in bed with my (venetian) blinds open, when this huge ball of light came shooting past my window. When I saw this, I ran downstairs to tell my parents what I had seen. They thought it was a shooting star." Four days later, however, on Wednesday, March

13, 2002, "my mom was reading the newspaper and called me in to read about the UFO sightings."

On Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at 7:35 a.m., a Terrace man "was on my way to work in Kitimat," a town 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of Prince Rupert, B.C. "when I watched 'something' coming out of the city (Kitimat) with flames behind it." The witness "described his location as being near the Kitimat River Bridge, heading towards Kitimat and driving down the one straight stretch of road which leads away from the river. He saw the object more or less directly over Kitimat. He saw something streaking down with yellow, blue and red flames behind it, trailing smoke." (Many thanks to Brian Vike for these reports.)

(Editor's Comment: Hey, truckers, next time you're making a run to Alaska through northern British Columbia, be sure to stop at Tim Horton's in Jack Pine, B.C. Have some good hot black coffee and maybe meet some aliens.)

FOUR TEENS SIGHT A SAUCER IN STROUD, UK

On Thursday, February 14, 2002, at 10:36 p.m., four teens were in the park in Stroud, Gloucestershire, UK when they had a strange encounter with a domed, saucer-shaped UFO.

Eyewitness Paul T., 17, was with his friends, Guy J., 17; Andrew C., 17 and a 17-year-old girl who prefers to remain anonymous. Paul reported, "I was in the park, walking the dogs with my friends. The light shone down in front of us into a lake. We thought it was a helicopter looking for something. We waited to see what it was and then saw its shape and size. We became excited and scared, so (we) hid in a bush. But the dogs barked loudly at the object. It was saucer-shaped and was swaying over the lake as if looking for something, or had dropped something. It suddenly went back the way it came (to the northeast) and the lights went off."

Paul added that the skies over Stroud "were partly cloudy, with clouds at 1,000 feet (300 meters)." The object was "70 degrees above the horizon, flying at 500 feet (150 meters), saucer-shaped, reflective blue with a dome. Exterior lights were white, yellow and orange. (Our) Cell phone failed, went dead. Dogs were very excited."

Stroud is about 45 miles (72 kilometers) north of Bristol. (Many thanks to Chris S. Davis of the Alien Observer for this report.)

LUMINOUS UFO VIDEOTAPED OVER METEPEC, MEXICO

On Saturday, March 16, 2002, at 6:25 a.m., Mexican ufologist Pedro Hernandez "videotaped a large luminous UFO performing airborne maneuvers over Metepec," a small city near Toluca, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Mexico City.

"Hernandez confirmed that the UFO, 'which was of extraordinary luminosity,' appeared at a very high altitude over the city and put out a very brilliant light beam intermittently. The strange object traveled from the west to the east and was captured on video for a period of three minutes, before it became lost in the haze on the horizon." (See NotioVNI for March 24, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas noticias.)

(Editor's Comment: Remember the "comets of Aquarius" that appeared suddenly last week? Well, your editor wondered if the comets' startling appearance on the eve of the Aquarian conjunction would lead to an upsurge in Fortean events. And they did! Just wait till you see the weird smorgasbord of Fortean that accompanied those comets. Read on.)

WEIRD BLACK TIDE APPEARS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

"Scientists are stumped by a strange black mass of water in Florida Bay, clearly seen in a newly-released image taken by NASA's SeaWiFS satellite."

"The photo was made (Monday) February 4 (2002) at the height of the event. Scientists are not sure if the mass, which has since broken up into patches, is a bloom of algae, a breakout of

bacteria or perhaps the result of some other event." "One scientist speculated that perhaps some underwater fountain is spewing black water, according to Thursday's Naples, Fla. Daily News."

"The black stuff was first spotted in January (2002) by pilots looking for fish, according to the newspaper. The broken patches are now spread along 126 miles (201 kilometers) of the Florida Keys and west of mainland Florida. Though no dead fish were found, fishermen have reported an abysmal season in the area and unusual behavior in the fish they did find, the Daily News reported."

"The Bradenton, Fla. Herald reported on Wednesday that fishing was poor in the area and that it was barren of marine life."

"'Have we encountered this before? No, not that I know of,' Karen Steidinger, a Florida marine biologist told the Herald. 'Something like this, I haven't heard of before.'"

Naples (population 20,976) is located at the western terminus of Route 75, also known as the Everglades Parkway, approximately 94 miles (152 kilometers) west of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Bradenton (population 49,504) is further north on Florida's Gulf of Mexico shore, located on Highway 758 approximately 95 miles (153 kilometers) north of Naples. (See the Naples, Fla. Daily News for March 21, 2002 and the Bradenton, Fla. Herald for March 20, 2002. Many thanks to Greg Miller for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: This sounds like a case for that curly-haired fellow who owns the houseboat at Slip F-18, Bahia Mar marina, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. I even have the perfect title--The Dreadful Ebony Tide. The real tragedy, of course, is, that wonderful author, John Dann MacDonald (1915-1986) is no longer around to write the book.)

BIGFOOT-TYPE MONSTER IS SIGHTED IN INDIA

"In Guwahati, Bigfoot is back. So claim tribal villagers in the northeastern India state of Meghalaya."

Guwahati is about 400 kilometers (250 miles) northeast of Calcutta. India's state of Meghalaya is just north of its jungle-covered border with Bangladesh.

"When Mr. Nebilson Sangma revealed last month (February 2002) that he had stumbled across a scary, furry creature on a hunting trip in the jungles of the West Garo Hills, many thought he was spinning a tale."

"But they changed their minds when Mr. Dipu Marak captured on video the nesting place of the creature a few days later."

"The video footage apparently revealed telltale signs of the existence of Mande Burung--the mythical monster in these parts of India, akin to Bigfoot or the Yeti of the Himalayas, last spotted in 1992."

"Wildlife experts and biologists had then discovered footprints measuring 50 centimeters (20 inches) in length within the same area--the foothills of a peak in the Nobrek National Park."

"According to Mr. Sangma, the creature walked erect like a human, had built a house-like nesting place and would emerge from it frequently to feast on a banana grove." "'After overcoming the initial shock, my brother and I observed the gigantic hairy creature for three consecutive days from afar,' he said."

"A trader by profession, Mr. Sangma informed (Indian) forest and wildlife officials about his discovery."

"'It's difficult to say for sure,' said the divisional forest officer for the West Garo Hills, Mr. W.G. Momin."

"According to forest officials, the creature could in all possibility be a bear that had come down from the Himalayan forests to the north of Meghalaya (state). The area is also a known elephant habitat."

"But Mr. Sangma contended: 'Having read books and watched television, I can differentiate between animals.'"

"Meanwhile, officials and villagers have been hunting for the creature in the forest, but Mande Burung seems to have disappeared as furtively as it appeared."

(See the Straits Times of Singapore for March 22, 2002. Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: And so, Mande Burung of India joins the world's growing family of giant hairy man-beasts, such as Bigfoot, the Yowie of Australia, the Yeti of the Himalayas and the Mapiinguary of Brazil. And we're not finished with comet-induced Forteana yet. Keep reading.)

STONE IDOL RETURNS TO ITS TEMPLE AT TIAHUANACO

"For many decades, the Andean peoples waited for a sign that would announce the arrival of a new age, the conclusion of a (world) cycle, the arrival of Pachakuti."

"The Aymaras (an indigenous people of Bolivia--J.T.) are confident that the arrival of the Monolith (an idol of their god Pachakuti carved from a single block of andesite--J.T.) to the place where it was discovered (Tiahuanaco) 70 years ago will bring prosperity for the entire region. Yesterday (Saturday, March 16, 2002) the communities located between El Alto and Tiahuanaco celebrated in a way they are seldom accustomed to: all of them believe that the suffering of the indigenous peoples of the world is coming to an end."

"'We thank you, Monolith, for reconciling us with the universe,' said the Chancellor of the Universidad Publica de El Alto, Javier Tito, shortly before the Bennet stele departed the mostly Aymara community."

The millenia-old Monolith was discovered in the ruins of Tiahuanaco by American archaeologist Wendell C. Bennett back in 1933. Dr. Bennett loaded the idol on a flatbed truck and transported it to La Paz, the capital of Bolivia. For 70 years, it's been on display at a plaza in the capital.

"As though to mark his (Tito's) words, a bolt of lightning lit the horizon and rains poured over the Altiplano (Bolivia's high-altitude plateau--J.T.)."

"The Monolith's final procession (from La Paz to Tiahuanaco) was lit by repeated bolts of lightning."

"The caravan which escorted the massive (stone) carving was formed by over 100 vehicles--official vehicles, public transit buses, specially-contracted buses and privately-owned cars, which accompanied the stone giant on its last journey."

"Departing the urban environs of El Alto, the stele headed east on the road to Desaguadero."

"Its first reception was organized by residents of Laja, a community in which the original city of La Paz was founded in 1548. To the rhythm of tarkas and drums, the locals gave the statue a warm welcome."

"Curiously, as the Monolith went past, the skies grew dark and driving rain fell on the buildings, while scant kilometers ahead, the sun shined brightly, and the earth dried once more in the caravan's wake."

"Farmers interpreted the phenomenon as a good omen, heralding better days for the Aymaras. And thus returned the stele, amid sun and rain."

"Residents of all the nearby towns greeted the returning colossus. They expected that the sculpture's return would bring a better now and hereafter for the Aymaras."

"'Now our suffering will cease, because the Monolith will no longer punish us. The Aymaras will rule again now that Pachakuti

has arrived,' said the hopeful elders of nearby communities as they prepared their offerings for the caravan's passing."

"Still another ceremony took place in Villaque, only a few kilometers before reaching Tiahuanaco. Given the lateness of the hour, it was already 5 p.m.--people were immersed in the festivities and danced unceasingly. The arrival of the ages-old sculpture had unleashed euphoria."

"But no reception was as grand as the one organized at Tiahuanaco. All the elements were there, from a uniformed band whose members remained in military formation despite the rain, to bright and colorful dancers, to even the songs of the Kachas (spirit wisdom singers--J.T.) conveyed by the public address system provided by a beer company."

"The archaeological treasure had returned to the place where it was sculpted. However, the work necessary to compact the soil where it would stand once more was still taking place. While compacters flattened the terrace, a water pump dislodged the water that had ponded in the area. Final placement of the statue is set for today (Sunday, March 17, 2002), although subject to weather conditions."

"The stele's 69-year absence came to a close. A new time of hope begins for all Aymaras. The most optimistic among them say it is the Jacha Uru (Aymara for New Age-- J.T.), the day in which the Indians shall be freed from bondage to begin the new age." (See La Prensa de Bolivia of La Paz for March 17, 2002, "Monolith successfully returns to Tiahuanaco." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, y tambien Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.)

(Editor's Comment: I visited La Paz in May 1978 and saw Pachakuti standing rather forlornly in that plaza. I thought at the time that he really belonged back at the Kalasasaya, the Temple of the Eternals, in Tiahuanaco. It's nice to know that he finally made it home again. And how strange to note that the Jacha Uru, the New Age of the Aymaras, coincided with last week's arrival of the Aquarian comets.)

LOST CITY OF THE INCAS IS DISCOVERED IN PERU

"An international archaeology team Monday (March 18, 2002) announced the discovery of a lost city of the Inca Empire that may have served as a refuge from Spanish conquerors."

"Surrounded by 18,000-foot high mountains and relatively close to the famed site of Machu Picchu, the site spreads over 1,500 acres on a steep peak known as Cerro Victoria, in southeastern Peru."

"Ruins of some 100 houses, storerooms, funeral sites and other structures have been uncovered at the city called Corihauraychina (pronounced Kor-ee-wah-rah-chee-nah-- J.T.)"

"The ancient ruins are spread over the steep peak, where the Incas fled after the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors. The complex includes a truncated pyramid located high atop a hill, a ceremonial platform and an irrigation canal which extends for 8 kilometers (5 miles)."

"These are some of the most extensive ruins found since 1965, when American explorer Gene Savoy discovered Vilcabamba, considered the jungle refuge of the Inca Empire."

"Famed for their wealth, the Incas ruled the mountains of southern Peru until 1535, when the conquistadors, led by Francisco Pizarro, overthrew their empire."

"'We're hoping the sites will fill in some of the gaps in Inca history,' says expedition leader Peter Frost, an Inca scholar. Together with archaeologist Alfredo Valencia Zegarra of Peru's Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad, Frost announced the find at a news conference in Lima," Peru's capital.

"'Very few, if any, Spanish conquistadors reached the southern area of Vilcabamba,' said Frost in an interview, referring to the region surrounding Vilcabamba (which the Incas themselves

called Antisuyu--J.T.)

"Corihuayrachina offers scientists evidence that the Inca Empire spread across the eastern side of the Andes earlier than previously thought, sometime after 1200 A.D. It also may have served as a refuge for the Incas after they rebelled against the Spanish from 1536 to 1572, Frost says."

"At 10,000 to 13,000 feet (3,000 to 3,900 meters) in altitude, the city still represents a tough climb."

"Some 22 miles (35 kilometers) southwest of Machu Picchu, the best-known Inca city, Frost says. Two years ago, he led a mountain-trekking expedition through these mountains, catching sight of Corihuayrachina on a distant ridge. A year later, with support from the National Geographic Society, his team reached the site after a four-day climb."

"Inca scholars greeted news of the discovery with interest."

"'We don't find big sites very often, especially not ones from this early' in the Inca civilization, says archaeologist Michael Moseley of the University of Florida in Gainesville. Mountain tops served as a water source during droughts, so Andean people venerated such sites, he says. The expedition plans to return to the site and excavate a cistern above the city." (See USA Today for March 19, 2002, "A likely last refuge for the Incas," page 8D. Also El Comercio of Lima, Peru for March 17, 2002.)

(Editor's Comment: This discovery clears up a historical mystery in the life of Garcilaso de la Vega, the man who wrote The Royal Commentaries of the Incas. Garcilaso was born in Cuzco on April 12, 1539, the son of Captain Sebastian de la Vega and an Inca princess, Nusta Chimpu Ocllo. Nusta converted to the Roman Catholic faith and took the name Isabel. Her brother, Huallpa Tupac Yupanqui, did likewise and changed his name to Francisco. It was Uncle Francisco who told young Garcilaso about the history of the Incas and who introduced the boy to his father's older brother, Cusi Huallpa. In 1553, Cusi Huallpa arranged for the teenaged Garcilaso to meet Sairi Tupac, the fugitive Inca emperor who had come surreptitiously to Cuzco. Historians have long puzzled over the question Where did Sairi Tupac come from? The answer is now obvious--the secret mountaintop city of Corihuayrachina. It's also obvious that Cusi Huallpa, that canny 90-year-old sorcerer, did not share all of the secrets of Antisuyu with young Garcilaso. He held back a lot of information, such as the location of the really old pyramids and las socabones, the mysterious prehistoric tunnels that honeycomb the Andes.)

STRANGE DOINGS ON HUONG TICH MOUNTAIN IN VIETNAM

Reports of bizarre phenomena have been coming out of Ha Tay province in Vietnam. And many of them have taken place in recent months around Huong Tich mountain, revered by local Buddhists.

"The Vietnamese are at present restoring the cracked laquer on the body of Vu Khac Minh, a 17th Century Buddhist monk on show at his pagoda" about 32 kilometers (20 miles) southwest of Hanoi, the national capital.

"'Radiological examinations show that all of (the dead monk's) bones and organs are still in the same place as at the moment of death, which makes its preservation for three centuries all the more mysterious,' said Professor Nguyen Lan Cuong of the Hanoi Institute of Archaeology."

"Thich Thanh Nhung, the head monk at the pagoda, believes Vu's incorruption 'illustrates the ability of the body to acquire a new level of grace through Buddhist teachings.'"

"As Vu neared his death in 1639, he told his followers to leave him alone for 100 days so that he could meditate. When they eventually went into his pagoda, so the story goes, they found his perfectly preserved corpse still in the lotus position. Believing that he had reached (attained) nirvana, they preserved the body with red lacquer."

Just 20 kilometers (12 miles) down the road from Vu's pagoda is Vietnam's most mystical spot--Huong Tich (Vietnamese for heavenly blessing) mountain. On its jungle-clad slopes are

several famous pagodas.

Foremost among these is the Thay (Vietnamese for Masters) pagoda. It was built by the Buddhist arbat (monk) Tu Dao Hanh in the Twelfth Century. This pagoda contains the lacquered remains of 18 Buddhist monks who have attained nirvana, plus the mummy of Ly Nhan Tong, a Vietnamese king said to be a later reincarnation of Tu Dao Hanh.

According to Binh and Trinh, there have been reports of people smelling the scent of fresh roses at Thay pagoda during the winter months.

(Editor's Note: This phenomenon is not only reserved for Buddhist saints like Tu Dao Hanh or Master Pu Chao, who died on Taiwan in 1983. It's been reported in the Roman Catholic Church, with reports from Lourdes about St. Bernadette Soubirous and from Fatima, Portugal about future saint Jacinta Marto. And it happened in Hinduism, also, to Yogi Paramahansa Yogananda.)

"Anomalous lights" have been seen at the other pagodas of Huong Tich, including Thien Chu (Vietnamese for Heavenly Gateway) and Huong Tich Chu (Vietnamese for Gateway of the Sweet Fragrances.)

Huong Tich was also visited earlier this year (2002) by self-styled "celestial princess" and itinerant mystic Cong Chua Yeu Thuat. The lady reportedly visited Giai Oan Chu pagoda dressed in the traditional white ao dai, spent several days in meditation and distributed some money to the poor.

Yeu Thuat appeared in late 1998, proclaiming herself the "emissary" from "the Hidden Masters of Tong Yao." According to Binh and Trinh, Tong Yao is a subterranean kingdom, a kind of Vietnamese Shambhala. It's either directly beneath Huong Tich or it's somewhere else in Ha Tay province with a tunnel leading there from Huong Tich-- Vietnamese folklore isn't too clear on that point. (See Fortean Times for May 2002, "Our dead man in Nirvana," page 23. Also many thanks to Binh and Trinh for the information about Huong Tich. For more on Yeu Thuat, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 3, for January 20, 2000, "Vietnamese princess says she represents 'the Hidden Masters,' page 4.)

PREHISTORIC CIVILIZATION DISCOVERED IN ITALY

"Near the ruins of Pompeii, archaeologists said they have found a far older settlement, unearthing the remains of buildings, canals and tools from more than 2,500 years ago."

"Italian scientists and the Culture Ministry announced details of excavations at the ancient riverside port of Poggiomarino."

"Like ancient Pompeii, a (Roman) city destroyed in 79 A.D. by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius," the ruins of Poggiomarino were "abandoned due to natural disaster, a flood in the Sixth Century B.C."

"The 17-acre settlement" at Poggiomarino "dates to 1,500 B.C., and up to 1,000 people lived there, officials say. Work on the site is expected to last another year." (See USA Today for March 22, 2002, "Archaeologists find ancient settlement near Pompeii," page 9A.)

From the UFO Files...

1944: UNUSUAL PHENOMENON IN NORTH DAKOTA

On an April morning in 1944, "Mrs. Pauline Rebel was teaching her eight pupils in the Wild Plum School," a venerable one-room wooden schoolhouse in Richardton, North Dakota (population 400). "Classroom decorum was suddenly shattered by a series of events that State Fire Marshal Charles Schwartz said later was 'simply beyond belief.'"

"Lignite coal in a scuttle near the stove began to stir restlessly. Seconds later, lumps of coal started popping out of the bucket like Mexican jumping beans, striking the walls and bounding back. Pupil Jack Steiner was struck on the head and bruised. The bucket tipped over, and the lumps of lignite ignited."

"Then... 'all hell broke loose,' as Teacher Rebel tried to quiet the screaming children. Window blinds on all nine windows started smoldering. A dictionary, touched by no human hand, began to move across the top of a stand. A bookcase burst into flame."

"'It looked as if it had been set on fire with a blowtorch,' an official said later."

"Mrs. Rebel telephoned for help. School officials came on the run. They arrived to find the disturbance subsiding but testified that the lumps of coal were still reacting to a mysterious force. Pieces trembled in their hands. The children were sent home and the school temporarily closed."

"Chemists in the state colleges analyzed the coal. They could find nothing unusual. Other samples of coal, the bucket and the dictionary were sent to the FBI in Washington," D.C. "They could find nothing unusual. The teacher and her pupils underwent lie-detector tests. According to this device, all were telling the truth."

"In reporting this case, Time magazine for once did not follow the usual pattern of heavy-handed so-called humor. The reason Time handled the story 'straight' was that the North Dakota report coincided 'with the publication of a scientific work suggesting that it was remotely possible that Teacher Rebel and her pupils had seen what they said they had seen.'"

The book was Mr. Tompkins Explores the Atom, a whimsical account of the behavior of atoms. The author was Professor George Gamow of George Washington University, a noted physicist. Behind the notion that such spontaneous phenomena are possible is a theory of the late physicist, James Clerk Maxwell, and is known among scientists as "Maxwell's Demon."

In the book, Dr. Gamow argued that "a group of molecules might accidentally arrange themselves in an orderly movement that would upset (a) normal condition."

Today scientists would chuckle at Dr. Gamow's "Model T" nuclear physics, but in 1944 it was considered a possible answer to the mystery in Richardton, N.D.

The event was never truly explained. But it sounds more like a traditional "fire poltergeist" than any kind of quantum physics. (See the book Mysterious Fires and Lights by Vincent H. Gaddis, Dell Publishing Co., New York, N.Y., 1967, pages 176 and 177. Also Time magazine for April 24, 1944.)

That's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean 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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>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 00:46:27 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Bruce, this isn't going to resolve unless there is a replay. I
>have another orb-video that shows these are not flares and am
>expecting more from Arizona soon.

>>These lights are seen frequently.

>The next time they have an exercise out in the California desert
>and drop flares I will video tape them and have a second person
>some distance to my side also video tape them for triangulation
>and will also observe them through my telescope and binoculars
>and we will see what that shows.

>If I am lucky enough to see the orbs again, I will do the same.>

>I have seen these same lights in front of mountains here in the
>Calif. desert where there is no MOA. And others have too. I
>would think they would be of great scientific interest if so.

The triangulation I did stands on its own. It is based on
sighting lines that were determined using ground reference
points. The videotaped lights of Kryston, Lynn and Rairdon were
far southwest of Phoenix.

However, repeating the observations as an experiment if a good
idea. Triangulation is good. But the comparison must be at with
comparable video cameras and at comparable distances. Will do no
good to get "up close" to see what flares "really look like."
The TV media have already done that. Moreover, one must be
certain that the flares are of the same type LUU-- etc.

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>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>Re the attempted recreation of the March 13 Phoenix Lights done
>>a couple of years ago, I've seen photos and they looked NOTHING
>>like the original 'lights'. Smoke was clearly visible around
>>them and the lights were not round.

>Chaz, I spoke to Major Benz of the AZ-National Guard about the
>re-creation of the flare drop. She informed me that she
>notified the media about the Guard dropping flares and gave them
>permission to shoot their video from the perimeter of the range
>to show the people of Phoenix what flares look like. This
>explains why the March 13th flare drop looks different from the
>latter. The latter was closer and were using expensive
>television cam-corder equipment. On March 13th, just because
>there were no aircraft reported before the flare drop, does not
>mean that they were not there.

This is important information not known or realized before:
professional video taken from a distance of perhaps 10-20 miles
cannot be compared with home video taken from a distance of 60
miles or more.

This is like the one newspaper in New Zealand comparing some of
the images in the new Zealand film of December 1978 with images
of Venus taken by a spacecraft that was only several hundred
thousand miles from Venus. At that time Venus was probably about
30 million miles from earth. No telescope on earth had ever
shown bands of varying brightness around venus. The spacecraft
discovered that. Yet the newspaper published side by side an
image from the Dec 31 UFO film and an image from the spacecraft
and noted the banding similarities and asked.... presumably with
a straight face.... could they be the same?

(The banded image from the NZ film turned out to be a defocused
image.)

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HAPPY EASTER! UFOs were observed over New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, Canada, Mexico, Barbados, St. Lucia, Puerto Rico, Argentina, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Australia. Easter is a good time to reflect on the Bible Code and promises of ever lasting life.

NEW YORK BLACK TRIANGLE AND THE BIBLE?

MIDDLETOWN -- Salvatore Cirami saw a black flying triangle appear to land on January 12, 2002, in a farmer's field next to Route 17. This was unlikely a government or special ops aircraft. The reason is that it was too much of a setup, according to Stephen Clementson in the UK (see his new website entitled, UFO Codebook--The Bible. Steve has shown recurring patterns in UFO sightings and phenomena, which relate to Biblical passages and religious themes. For example, why was Sal chosen? Because his name means "the Savior, the Lord" (Salvatore = Savior; Cirami = the Lord). Not only that, but the sighting occurred in the vicinity of prime UFO sighting areas. The triangle crossed the highway not far from the old barn and two Christian Crosses standing on the hill. The billboard sign next to the crosses reads: Nevel Grande Hotel, Ellenville, NY. Nice that "Ellen" (as in Ellen Crystall who wrote the excellent "Silent Invasion! ") should be linked to this sighting also. The craft crossed over Freeze Road and disappeared by pancaking down into a field separated by a tree row from a local residence at 260 Midland Lake Road. This sighting was a massive set up, far beyond human design or normal ingenuity. It is highly unlikely that the military would set something up like this to this extent (too involved or costly), especially with so many key symbols and references to religion (an evangelic military?). As Steve says, no UFO sighting is by accident. All are according to some predetermined design. The trick is to figure out the design through the numerous clues are usually given. For example, Steve Clementson wrote in response to learning that the craft crossed Freeze Road: "Try looking in the UFO Codebook, The Bible where the word, cloud actually means anything flying in the sky except birds.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?" Tell me if you have understanding. Who set its measurements, since you know? Who stretched the line on it? "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Job 38:1, 4-7 "Does the rain have a Father? Where does dew come from? Where is the mother of the ice and frost? For the water changes and turns to ice, as hard as rock. Can you hold back the stars? Can you restrain Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? Can you ensure the proper sequence of the seasons, or guide the constellation of the Bear with her satellites across the heavens? Do you know the law of the universe and how the heavens influence the Earth? Can you shout to the clouds and

make it rain? Can you make lightning appear and cause it strike as you direct it." Job 38:29-35.

Jesus Christ speaking says: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after, He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of the sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold two men in white clothing stood beside them; and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Acts 18-1-11. Steve has found many other similar references in the Bible to classic sightings. That's why he calls the Bible the "UFO Codebook". Thanks to Steve Clementson and Bruce Coronet <http://www.monmouth.com/~bcornet/> See the UFO Codebook is at: <http://www.geoci!ties.com/heavenlykey2002/>)

NEW JERSEY CIGAR

LITTLE FALLS -- The witness was driving on Ridge Road heading north at 7:30 AM along the reservoir on February 24, 2002. Just as he entered Little Falls, he saw an air craft flying fairly low as it passed over his car. The witness states, "I caught sight of another object that was a very bright silver colored object off in the distance beyond that plane. It was very high in the sky which was mostly clear and blue except for some very high white clouds. This object appeared to hang motionless just at the base of those clouds. It hovered at a forty-five degree angle. I saw no lights or flashing from it and it appeared quite smooth. As I drove on I had to change directions and when I finally resumed driving north again, it was gone.

BRIGANTINE -- The witness was on his front porch facing the Atlantic Ocean when he observed two sets of double lights on February 26, 2002. Each set ran vertically and was rotating clockwise at 8:00 PM. At first it looked like two planes circling. The lights were on for two seconds then blinked off and on again in a different part of the circle as both sets moved south and flashed three times. The fourth and last set of lights there were eleven sets of double lights. Each set ran vertically only this last time they made a half circle moving clockwise. Kind of like a double chain or a roller coaster. There was no sound at any time. The lights were a light yellow in color, almost white. They made no streaks as they moved. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

PENNSYLVANIA CHANGING LIGHTS

HARRISBURG -- The witness reports seeing 10 to 15 points of light in a circle pattern moving from east to west in the sky on March 6, 2002. As they traveled they changed to a triangular pattern at 10:00 PM, and they all lined up in a straight line and sped off through the sky.

HERMITAGE -- On February 24, 2002, three witnesses reported seeing a perfect rectangle shaped UFO while sitting in their car. At 11:00 PM, they saw a green lights in kind of a triangle shape. It would disappear and thirty seconds later it reappear. They got their telescope out and could see it was a rectangle with a clear shadow thin line running in the middle of it. On the right side dots were connected together in a bright electrical blue color. On the left side three thick shadow like lines connected together. Sometimes the electrical lines would fade or the shadow like lines on the left would start slowly moving in different directions. Then it would disappear and come back and repeat the process. Another craft came along that flew very close to the ground without sound, just one big bright light that never blinked or flickered. They watched for two hours. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufo!center.com/>

VIRGINIA CHEVRON

FAIRFAX -- The witnesses twelve year old son first saw the V shaped object at 7:45 PM, moving from just below the Belt of Orion in the southeast skies moving towards the southwest on February 24, 200. The V's wings were at a 45 degree angle. The

V was flying about 10 to 15,000 feet altitude and was burnt orange in color with possibly globular lights on its perimeter. As it moved I could see stars between the objects legs. It moved in an effortless, and noiseless manner and after about 10 seconds faded and disappeared before our eyes. The conditions were clear, and cool, with some light refraction from the city. The witness states, "I have a position of trust with the government and am a true skeptic, my son and I saw this and it was no flight of birds, swamp gas, or any other aircraft. About 20 minutes later I heard aircraft possibly on afterburners moving at high altitude in the same general direction as this craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

GEORGIA ODD FIREBALL-LIKE OBJECT IN THE SKY

PALMETTO -- On March 1, 2002, the two witnesses were working on a bridge for their bikes when they began talking about UFO's around 6:30 PM. They looked up into the sky and saw this odd, fireball-like object that was stationary and made no sound whatsoever. They turned around and suddenly it was gone. They continued looking, and suddenly, it returned. After another minute or two, it suddenly reappeared. Thirty seconds later, the light dissipated into nothing. I am usually not a skeptic of stuff like this, but this really freaked me out. I just decided to add it to the database here. NUFORC Note: We usually are at least slightly skeptical about some of the reports submitted by school-age youth. They could have observed the launching of the Space Shuttle at 0622 hours. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

FLORIDA BLACK FLYING TRIANGLE OVER ALLIGATOR ALLEY

NAPLES -- The witness was traveling south on Interstate 75, eleven miles south of Naples on Friday morning, March 1, 2002, while listening to 610 WIOD and preparing to pull over, to watch the space shuttle launch at 6:22 AM, on it's mission to upgrade the Hubble telescope. The sky was quite overcast, and the sun was just beginning to light up the clouds when he noticed an object in the sky to his front left. It had three tiny white lights and came closer at a very slow pace. The witness says, "I was able to make out the shape very distinctly as a low flying triangle. It was well below the clouds, and its lights were at each apex. The lights did not illuminate any portion of the craft. I pulled over to the side of the road, and shut off the engine to listen. It was traveling west and passed by in three minutes. The window was down, and the engine off, but there was no sound. I turned the ignition to 'Aux' to have the radio! on, to hear the shuttle launch that was not visible due to the clouds. I looked back and the object was gone. I got out of my van, and looked around, but there was nothing, not even contrails. I noticed the van's digital clock lost two minutes.

SEBASTIAN -- The witness and his wife saw a gray Flying Triangle around 7:30 PM, with no lights or sound, traveling very fast over East Central Florida on March 11, 2002. They couldn't tell how high it was but it appeared to be larger than a small airplane. It was traveling north and passed over in about ten seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

OHIO GLIDER AIRPORT INVESTIGATION

WAYNESVILLE -- Several recent videos and UFO reports may have been caused by heavy duty gliders from an airport with a grass runway. Kenny Young had taken a video of an unusual craft. Peter Davenport wrote: My suspicion is that the object is on the upwind side of some obstruction, such as a range of hills, or tall buildings. The fact that the object was visible in the same area of the sky for some 20 minutes would suggest that it is "ridge soaring," or staying aloft by remaining in a body of air that is being pushed up by something. The clear sky tends to militate against the craft's using thermals, which traditionally are found below clouds. Search on the Internet for "soaring" or "sailplanes" and you probably will find a number of facilities where glider flying takes place there. I suspect that any one of them could tell you whose ship it was, since glider pilots generally stay in touch with one another by radio. Teamwork makes fin! ding lift much easier. "Soaring" ! magazine, carries a list of contest dates. Peter Davenport is

an FAA Certified Flight Instructor (Gliders) #2263995

ILLINOIS CYLINDER

BELLEVILLE -- The witness and his girlfriend were going home from a movie on February 23, 2002, when they a cylinder or circler shaped object in the sky at 11:00 PM. The witness stated, The object was right ahead of my car and kept getting bigger and more blue. We got up to a stop light and the people next to us were looking at it. Then all of the sudden it dropped down in the sky then slowly faded off. Like the light kept getting dimmer and then it shot across the sky. We were pretty freaked out. We thought we saw it again but two military jets where flying over our head. The planes were following the object.

ROCKFORD -- The witness reports, "My husband and I noticed a large disk shaped UFO above the Office Max Store on February 27, 2002." When we left the store around 7:00 PM my husband told me to look at it. It was about 30 feet across, and seemed to be of a dark color that was not highly visible at night. When it listed to the side a bit, we could see underneath. There was one large round light in the middle; not beaming outward, but just lit. We were able to watch for about three minutes before it left. There was no sound from the ship at all, and it disappeared in just a couple of seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

IOWA UFO HOVERING NEAR INTERSTATE.

DES MOINES -- I was driving off of exit 41 from Interstate I-80 on March 6, 2002, east the UFO was sitting back north of the exit at 10:05 PM. The UFO gave off a pale gold light and looked metallic, and had a clear bubble though the center top to bottom. I could see lighting shaped symbols on the out side of the craft. The UFO hovered 150 to 200 feet above the ground; it had a slow gold blinking light. I kept driving south toward Prairie Meadows Race Track and the object just levitated in place.

TEXAS SIGHTING OF HUGE FLYING TRIANGLE

CLEBURNE -- Jason Greywolf Leigh reports that on March 14, 2002, about 8:40 PM, his sight was drawn to a huge white non glaring light, slightly smaller than the full moon. As he drove out of the city limits, there appeared 'colored' lights all about the object. Jason is a Veteran of the Vietnam War and worked for Delta Airlines. These lights were nothing at all like standard aircraft lighting. There were just too many with too many different colors. Jason drove toward the object that compared to the Super Dome in New Orleans, or about 400 to 500 feet across and about 200 to 300 feet in height. There were three small blinking lights on top at 'dead center,' which were, from top to bottom, red, yellow and white. All were blinking in an odd pattern of off and on, very swiftly. Below these 'center' lights: the area underneath was dark. Outwardly from the 'center' to either 'end': the distance was amazing at several hundred feet. The lights at either 'end' were solid, softly lit and multi-colored-yet larger in size than the 'center top' lights. Some were blinking-some were not. They were staggered in placement with 4 to 5 lights at either 'end' of the object. To the 'bottom side': these lights were random with multicolored lights strung out all along the bottom. I pulled over, turned off the engine and there were NO SOUNDS. Jason says, "By now, the huge object was almost even with my car in the western sky at no more than 1, 000 feet high and traveling so slowly, that if it had been a 'known' aircraft: it would have fallen from the sky." I watched in pure and total amazement, as the object just glided by me. Thanks to Jason Greywolf Leigh jasonsos@digitex.net and Dan Bright <http://jasonleigh.org>, <http://ufozone.co.uk>.

CANADA SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

One investigator Brian Vike is attempting to investigate a rash of sightings in British Columbia on Canada's west coast. Numerous reports have been received since the Weekly Advertiser ran an article on March 9, 2002. Brian reports he will be working numerous sightings. He was contacted by a fellow who wants me to come and visit to document his 20 years of UFO encounters, with documented proof from two governments. Brian

Vike has received confirmation of a February 1, 2002, sighting where three women witnessed a giant UFO near Smithers. He watched this craft for 5 minutes after leaving the Hollywood Video. TELKWA MOUNTAINS -- Brian Vikes writes, he has reviewed an incredible bit of tape of a comet but with a short flaming tail. What ever it is was huge! The object was heading towards the range at a high altitude which was moving away from the witness who was taking the video. The front of this object was convex, that is it looked like the front ! of a bullet, but again ! very large in size. The flames were massive and fanned out into a V shape which followed close behind. It was very slow moving object since the witness went inside to grab her camera and she still caught this object on tape. I know for sure there was "no" space debris coming down at the time of this event.

VANDERHOOF, BC -- A biologist working on a salmon enhancement project saw a very large, bright object hovering over the area where Crop Circles were discovered last year. UFOs were observed the night the Crop Circles were made.

WHISTLER, BC -- Several witnesses had just been on a skiing trip that ended on February 26, 2002, when they were on their way back to Vancouver at 10:00 AM. In broad daylight, a saucer appeared over the mountain range in the distance and hovered there. It started going higher and higher until finally there was a flash of light and it was gone.

JACK PINE, BC -- The witness reports they had a pretty weird sighting on March 4, 2002, at 10:00 PM. They saw a very bright white light with a halo around it for twenty minutes. The light moved quite a bit from side to side but always seemed to come back to a center point and stay stationary before continuing to repeat itself. The husband is a professional who works in a scientific field and they were both at a loss to explain, what else could it be other than a UFO? Their father told them a fellow in Tim Horton's Restaurant who also saw the same UFO. It could not have been a plane as they don't do things like that

TERRACE, BC -- On March 9, 2002, I was laying in bed with my blinds open, when this huge bright ball came shooting past my window. A week later, two witnesses a 17 year old and his girl friend who were sitting in their hot tub looking at the stars on March 17, 2002, at 12:05 AM, report they saw a huge flash of light tear across the sky. The witnesses claim, "This was no shooting star because it was much bigger and lit up the whole sky, flashing as it went behind the mountain." My girlfriend described it as almost round in shape and very bright. She said, it looked like the moon because it had a less brighter outer "shell." It seemed too bright to be a meteor burning up in the atmosphere. Thanks to Brian Vike Independent UFO Field Investigator/Researcher HBCC UFO Research, yogibear@bulkley.net, <http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>

MEXICO UFOs SPOTTED BY AERO-MEXICO AIRLINE PILOTS

QUERETARO -- On Saturday, March 2, 2002, Senora Norma Rodriguez observed a strange object in the form of a tube or a cylinder over the superhighway Carratera Queretaro at 6:30 AM, 300 kilometers northwest of Mexico City. The object hovered over a mountain and displayed a strange color that was like a piece of gauze. On Sunday, March 3, 2002, at 4:00 PM, Senora Ana Luisa Cid photographed a large triangular UFO over Cerro del Chiquihuite (hill) north of Mexico City. According to Senora Cid, the strange object remained stationary over the hill. Then, minutes later, it was joined by a fiery sphere, which fused with the first object. The triangular object then flew away. On March 5, 2002, at 2:30 PM, "a UFO was reported by Televisora Telecable de Morelos in Cuernavaca." A local dentist aired his home video of a strange pulsating object emitting rays of light for several minutes. Later the same day, at 9:00 PM. An AeroMexico Airlines! Boeing 727 encountered a strange lumin! ous object along its flight path between Mexico City and San Luis Potosi. The Boeing 727's captain radioed the Air Traffic Control Center in Monterrey, and reported the strange artifact. See NotiOVNI 3/10. Daniel Munoz. Thanks to UFO Roundup 3/19/02, Vol. 7, #12, Editor Joseph Trainor <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

BARBADOS SILVER CYLINDER

BRIDGETOWN -- On March 1, 2002, the witness was walking on beach with his wife at 2:30 PM in the afternoon on a beautiful day when he saw a silver cylinder shaped object in the southwestern sky flying SSW. There was a short singular contrail from main body. The fuselage was thin, silvery or reflective and there were no wings. It disappeared behind large cumulus cloud. I estimate that other than a UFO, it could also be space junk in reentry, or military? I also do not know if airliners from Europe on route to South America fly over Bridgetown airport as a checkpoint. The contrail was short, uneven and evaporated quickly and stretched about 10 or 15 lengths behind object and seemed to be uneven with apparent bubbles as if using pulses. The image is as clear as a bell in my mind as I scanned the beautiful Caribbean sky.

PUERTO RICO UFO OBSERVATORY

LAJAS -- Marcos "Turin" Irizarry, Mayor of Lajas is pursuing his plans to build an UFO observatory in the vicinity of Sierra Bermeja. Efforts are underway to acquire land, where sightings are more frequent. El Faro Newspaper reported the Mayor said, "My vision is that a scientific observatory should be constructed to research what has been seen." "I understand that this would be a tourist attraction, and what better incentive for tourists than to show them something different?" he stated. We hope to develop tours to the proposed UFO observatory from hotels. The area suggested for this project is frequented by groups which claim to have seen and made contact with UFOs. The Mayor sympathizes with these groups, since he recalled having seen a brilliant UFO light from his balcony. "Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology and SHnSASSY1@aol.com
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CARIBBEAN WEST INDIES

ST. LUCIA -- Here are more details of our sightings. We felt something special in St. Lucia because there are petroglyphs on rocks with etchings that look like illuminated beings. Plus they have the Soufriere Volcano, which we could see smoking from our hotel. And UFO's always seem interested and are photographed near volcanoes. Also there is a lot of superstition there as well. And on the East Coast, we did a tour where we were told an area called Trou Zombie (caves/cliffs near beach) was a place where evil spirits dwell. And that creatures are reported being seen there which are half human and half animal. On February 11, my boyfriend saw the red orb go behind me. For 8 more days we stayed at La Haut Plantation, in Soufriere and facing west over Caribbean each night around 10:00 PM for twenty minutes there was a flashing light to the right of the Belt of Orion. Thanks to Kathy Noll and Craig Burkey

ARGENTINA RESIDENTS SAY OBJECTS FLEW OVER

SAN LORENZO --A number of residents of Southern Argentina claimed to have seen UFOs yesterday, maneuvering over the hills west of the city, between 15:45 and 16:30 hours. Journalist Lita Lagomarsion and locals saw two strange luminous objects which made surprising maneuvers which could not be correlated with those of conventional flying machines." Paulina Cruz, a housewife says, "It descended in circles and landed on top of a hill while giving off a very intense light that must have been enormous, judging by the distance. We were very impressed with what we saw. The strange thing is that it vanished suddenly, without a sound." "It had the luminosity of a large mirror reflecting the sun's light. Thanks to Institute of Hispanic Ufology. Translation (C) 2002 Condor El Tribuno.

ENGLAND HUGE GREEN DISK, AND VIDEO OF UFOs SHOT

MANCHESTER -- Two friends on March 13, 2002, saw a huge misty green disk floating above them. The event lasted between 10 to 15 seconds before the disk dissolved in the air. When it had gone there was a white ring of light outlining where it had been! My opinion of UFOs has changed forever.

LIVERPOOL -- The witness was walking his dog on February 28, 2002, around a small lake when he noticed three dull red lights in the sky at 10:30 PM, in an unequal triangle formation. The lights appeared to be part of one extremely large craft that

was moving far faster than the passenger planes going into Liverpool Airport. The UFO disappeared into cloud, and was traveling at least twice as fast as the planes. If the object was one craft, then it was huge.

BEDHAMPTON -- Investigator Santiago Yturria writes that Anthony Woods wife woke up around midnight by a loud humming sound just outside her bedroom window. She is convinced that something unusual was very close to our window. Once again for 3 weeks there is complete cloud cover with rain again. The morning of Friday, March 22, the long-awaited weather change finally arrived with a beautiful clear day and Anthony awakened with an accentuated premonition. When he looked outside he saw a massive UFO flotilla for more than half hour resulting in one of the most important pieces of evidence that modern Ufology has received to date. Since last September, I've been involved into this investigation with Anthony Woods. For several months, I have received a huge amount of evidence and testimonials of a unique and aggressive UFO activity that constantly has been reported and documented confirming the Bedhampton's status as a UFO "Hot Spot." This current activity reveals an actual UFO wave is taking place over England, right now. These sightings constitute a clear demonstration of an advanced technology. Thanks to Santiago Yturria and Jeff Rense.
<http://www.rense.com/general21/ufoov.htm>

NETHERLANDS PILOT SEES STRANGE LIGHTS

S-HERTOGENBOSCH -- A commercial pilot driving along the interstate highway on February 27, 2002, reports seeing a bright light moving about two miles ahead of his car. The light moved towards the right side window view 1000 to 1,500 feet altitude just below the overcast sky with rain. At first he thought it was aircraft landing lights, but as the object moved along it had no flashing anti-collision lights whatsoever. It appeared to be completely illuminated with a profile of a white to yellowish Mexican hat with orange window like details on it. The size was about 1 inch at arm's length. The object moved at a steady speed in about 20 seconds from front of the car to the right rearwards out of sight at a steady speed. Highway was full of cars so there must be more witnesses!

AUSTRALIA SIGHTINGS REPORTED

MURDOCH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA -- On February 16, 2002, Brian Richards writes, I was privileged to witness one of these enigmatic OBOLS at 11:40 PM, that was not a conventional aircraft or an orange garbage bag fueled by firelighters. I went to check the pool and saw a brilliant orange yellow light moving above me heading north. It was totally silent and about the size of a quarter of the full Moon almost 2000 feet high. I called out to the family to come and look, which they did. I raced to get a camera, but when I came back out the object had dimmed and reduced in size and climbed higher and parked itself like a star to the right of Orion's Belt. It jumped to the left about two fingers width at arm's length, then remained absolutely stationary for six minutes. I watched the object through binoculars and could see no identifying features or appendages. After six minutes the object started to move slowly west and at one point was a very impressive fourth (top) star of Orion's Belt. There was a flash and the object simply vanished. Thanks to Brian Richards

PERTH -- On February 18, 2002, two independent witnesses reported a silent, orange/red and very bright light traveling north. The first witness Jan, of the southern Perth suburb of Glen Iris saw the object pass over her car as she headed south along the Kwinana Freeway. She was convinced it was coming in to land and expected to see it touch down when she looked over her shoulder at 10:15 PM. Steven and his girlfriend were in the northern Perth suburb of Heathridge, near Ocean Reef at 10:20 PM, when a bright orange/yellow light passed by from south to north. It appeared to have smaller lights within the main body, dimmed down, and reduced in size as it passed in 15 minutes.

WILSON -- On February 25, 2002, the witness Russell B. reported a silent, star-like object traveling overhead from NE - SW at 8:42 PM. After its initial pass the object arced south and executed a fairly large clockwise ellipse followed by a tight clockwise circle before heading NE at a terrific speed. This incident left him bemused. Total time of sighting 12 minutes.

On March 9, 2002, Sha writes my small dog was perched up on his seat in the window, looking out, as he loves to do. He gave a bark and found myself looking directly at a magnificently bright, elongated and intensely white light in the daylight sky. About 400 meters away there was a large object, about six inches long as viewed from my perspective. It was twice the length of a standard house. I was awestruck at the intensity of the light that was almost blinding in its brightness. It was shaped like an elongated and relatively flat disc, being wider at the middle section. It was stationery so I went outside to get a better view, but in those couple seconds, the object had disappeared! Just after dusk, we were looking across the valley and to the left, but lower than the moon was a very bright star. It was too bright for Venus and we realized it was flashing, giving a glimpse of a red glow with a bright white light. We watched it with amazement for many minutes, and my youngest, Katinka, noticed that it was moving and dropped down below the treeline. Thanks to Sha bilby11@dingoblue.net.au and Tim Edward's Dreamscape

ANTARCTICA SENDS 500 MILLION BILLION TONS WARNING

The sun is warming the earth and an enormous floating ice shelf in Antarctica that has existed since the last Ice Age 12,000 years ago collapsed this month with staggering speed during one of the warmest summers on record. Full story at: http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/planetearth/ice_shelf_020320.html

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>In my book, elitism is sandwiched between BS from which it gets
>the smell and bigotry, from which it gets the flavor.

You do have a way with words, my friend. :)

And I happen to agree with you. A pleasure reading your posts,
as always.

And don't sweat the typos :)

Bobbie

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a
superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a
formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon
subsides. Time makes more converts than reason...."
- "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, 1776

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Re: A Major Revelation - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 17:00:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 12:49:16 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Revelation - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 05:37:45 -0600

>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 11:20:10 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 19:23:11 -0600
>>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>From: Bobbie Felder <jilain@ebicom.net>
>>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation

>>>Careful, Serge, you could be accused of being anti-elitist or a
>>>complainer. :)

>>>Kiss-ass? On this list? Surely you jest! LOL

>>>Bobbie

>>Hola Mz. Felder,

>>In consideration of the fact that this is your third post
>>referencing "ass kissing" to a UFO information related List,
>>it appears that you seem to be very hung-up about it; does
>>this booty-kissing obsession of yours have anything to do with
>>UFOs or maybe rural Southern inbreeding by any chance?

>In as much as "Mz Felder" (a dripping representation in its own
>right... out of line, inappropriate, or uncalled for, and
>ultimately backfiring I suspect... more wounding to the sender
>than the receiver...) is representative of the kind of stone
>that the rest of us can grind our arguments on (because she's an
>talented independent with intelligence and some education), I
>think it arguable that you're holding your blade at the wrong
>angle, using too much force, and in danger of publicly papering
>your edge a little bit here, hoss.

>This allusion was really rather repellent John. I'm surprised
>Errol let it go. A clearly specious attack on the person
>assiduously avoiding the substance of her argument, an argument
>only typifying the egalitarian flavor of UpDates over the
>elitism of condescending principals in a list of ufological good
>old boys... She was a welcome counter to the even well deserved
>"Errol currying" seen predominantly on the List lately which I'm
>sure embarrassed Errol a little bit, and this is forgetting my
>own appreciation in the form of Errol being a minor god in my
>own personal pantheon with with his own little candle burning
>shrine in the corner of my home... [g].

>Inbreeding of this List is going to be the obvious result if
>Ms. Felder and other valued persons are insulted off, John. I
>know that you know that. Labeling Felder the result of relative
>humidity is a bizarre reaction to the contrary position she has
>taken with you - a reaction unworthy of you, unkind of you, and
>hopefully unlike you.

>>You know, "backwoods of Mississippi" and all that. Just wondering.

>>John Velez ;)

Hello Alfred,

You wrote:

>This is going to be hard to retreat from, John, and I fear you
>won't retreat - I've seen a lot of evidence of that... and
>you're only going to make it worse. Go belly up on this one,
>_old_ friend, shout a sincere mea culpa, chalk it off to jet-lag
>and make your apologies all around. Otherwise you could come-off
>as big city hot-shot ufologist arrogantly sneering at the rural
>rube believers ... at best!

Have no fear... I will not retreat. :)

First, I never said or implied that Bobbie was an "inbred" Southerner. I asked her if her obsession with "ass-kissing" had anything to do with either UFOs or rural Southern inbreeding. It was not worded: "_your_ rural Southern inbreeding" which would have been a different matter entirely.

Just using humor to mitigate her incessant carrying on about "elitists" and "ass-kissers" and 'how the UpDates List serves no useful purpose'. I guess in your book it's ok for her to do that, and express those views over and over and over again, but if I dare to express _my_ views about it (and by using humor) I owe her an apology? Bit of a double standard there Alfred. I have as much right to express my ire at her constant complaining, as she has to complain.

Nope, don't feel as if I owe her an apology. And maybe you should not be so selective about who's rights you are defending. She hung that ball out there (her repeated posts about 'ass-kissing') and I just took a swipe at it with my Louisville slugger as it flew past. If you consider it a swing and a miss I'll take the 'ball' on that one and wait for the next pitch. :)

>>Sign the International Petition for UFO Information Disclosure!

>...A fine proactive effort, excellent initiative, and an
>undenied step up. Let's _all_ take care not to make two steps
>back.

I plan to continue participating on this List as I always have. The petition initiative is a whole other thing. One has nothing to do with the other. Your comment makes it sound like a personality issue. What I say on this List as a private individual should have nothing to do with the either the spirit or wording of the petition. The petition is a good thing whether I put on a pink tu-tu and start doing pirouettes on the dinner table or act like a conservative banker. :) My personal expressions have nothing to do with what it says on the petition.

Don't ever make the mistake of connecting the petition to me as if my comments as a private person on this list have anything to do with the worthiness or validity of the petition.

Unlike some others, I am not trying to sell anything here, or convince anybody of anything. I'm here trying my best to make worthwhile contributions to the day to day goings on in ufology. To make a difference. It isn't about me. That's a mistake many make. It becomes 'personal' for them.

They lash out and attack others but when someone hits back they cry foul.

They make a lot of 'noise' but when it is met with silence they express disappointment and surprise.

Does that kind of thing make any sense to you? Doesn't to me.

Just my opinion, and as always... speaking strictly for myself.

Regards,

Re: A Major Revelation - Velez

John Velez
UpDates Listerion with as much right to express 'opinion' as
anyone else.

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SDI - 179 James Smith Son Of Wilbert

From: **Strange Days... Indeed** <sdi@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 14:30:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 14:36:15 -0500
Subject: SDI - 179 James Smith Son Of Wilbert

James Smith, the son of Wilbert Brockhouse Smith, see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/mufonontario/archive/wbsmith.htm>

was on 'Strange Days... Indeed' on Saturday, March 6th, 2002, along with Ottawa-based researcher/author and contributing editor to SDI, Palmiro Campagna.

Much of what James had to say, was and will be new to listeners and readers of UFO UpDates - although discussed in Palmiro's book 'The UFO Files: The Canadian Connection Exposed'.

The Smith segment of SDI - 179 is now on-line and available for listening at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

by clicking either the program number or 'Real Audio' in the program grid.

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Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Kelly

From: Christopher Kelly <tophar@iprimus.com.au>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 15:47:46 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 20:52:14 -0500
Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold - Kelly

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold
>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:12:00 -0800

>>Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 02:18:39 +0100
>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Ultimate(?) Arnold

><snip>

>>I feel that the last few days of Arnold case posts on this List
>>well answered the questions. James and Ed, I'd like to see if
>>you guys, for once, can try to prove something rather than
>>trying to disprove something. Put your focus on seeing if there
>>is any real, undisputable evidence that the alleged claim of the
>>German filmmaker had anything to do with the making of (uh oh,
>>worse than the 'P' word) the dreaded 'AA' words, Alien Autopsy.

>I suspect you're going to hear much more about the AA in the
>next few months but why was I included in the above comments
>since it is my intention to 'prove' that the AA is legitimate
>and not a fraud or hoax?

<snip>

This is one of those 'For the ages' kind of subjects I guess, it
also seems to have more twists and turns to it than an al-Qaeda
tunnel net work and I'm about to add another twist.

Some three years ago now, I was told to 'Look at the footage for
what it is, not what it seems to be.' I'm still a little at a
loss as to just what the person whom said that to me really
meant.

Australia has quite a few Russians living here now days and I
was told the footage was stolen from the US and then sold after
the Russian government fell. What date it was stolen I cannot
seem to find out, but I was told the film was copied while it
was being checked and cleaned or reviewed by some medical
people. It is being disputed as to which event lead to the film
being copied by those telling whom told all of this. As near as
I can make it, the film found its way into KGB hands some time
in the 70's. It was copied by some one using another camera, as
the film was being view by those clearing it or whatever and
then taken/smuggled out of the US.

This could be why those that have the Russian copy don't want
the film checked as it is most likely later than 1947 which
would discredit what is on the film straight away. The Film
itself I mean would be later than 1947, not what is on the
footage.

It could also be that the Americans knew about or were looking
for spies with-in their own ranks and made the film as a
counter-intelligence tactic, which I can see happening. The only
thing is, the CIA, or whoever made it, must have had some idea
as to what an Alien looked like and other very small details,

other wise the Russians would have seen through it in no time flat, because it would seem the Russian's sure knew what an Alien looked like. So to fool them the AA flim would have to be spot-on! in every detail and I think most would agree the footage is almost faultless in this respect.

So perhaps this is what my strange friend meant when he said to look at the footage for what it is and not what it seems to be. So even if it was made for the prepose of deception, the high detail or attention to detail can tell us a lot, perhaps even more than if it was real. One of those cases when a lie can tell you more than the truth sometimes can.

I have known about the above for a while but I wanted some really hard evidence to go with my claims and of course no-one I talk too wants to be named publicly or even for me to name dates, times or places. So I am left with not much more than what I have written here and no real hard evidence or written proof to back all this up with.

Anyway, it could turn out that the AA flim isn't real Ed, well not real in the true sense of the word, but that doesn't mean nothing can be learnt from it or that Alien's aren't real.

Even though I don't have all the proof I would like so I can back-up without doubt what I'm saying, I still think that this information might be of some use to those who know the people with the film and could help people like Ed and others to ask question that could lead to getting too the bottom of the Real AA story.

Chris (Tophar)

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Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 00:36:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 20:55:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hebert

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 19:17:04 -0800 (PST)

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 01:51:26 -0600

>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 09:56:09 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case

>>>Correct again. This is not supposed to be the exercise they
>>>conducted. And the spokesman from Davis_monthan said they had
>>>all returned by 8:30 PM that night. If so, who dropped the
>>>10 PM flares?

>>According to... a spokesman for Davis-Monthan - the
>>Air Force again?

>Amy, they are the source of the flare story in the first place.
>If you mean to imply they fabricated the flare story, well, you
>could be right.

You indicate that according to Davis_Monthan spokesman, all
planes had returned by 8:30pm. Do you believe the Davis_Monthan
spokesman was telling the truth?

>>>This is correct again and according to the Air Force and the
>>>manufacturer could be seen for up to 90 miles as bright white
>>>lights.

>>According to... the Air Force (and manufacturer).

>Do you have different facts?

Do you believe the Air Force was telling the truth about the
color of the flares?

>>Is this not the same Air Force that has told the public for
>>decades that UFO's are nothing more than misidentifications of
>>Venus, Jupiter and/or conventional aircraft, etc.? Is this not
>>the same Air Force that has been accused of withholding
>>information about UFO's from the public for many, many years?

>Yes, sure. And why not?

Can you clarify your statement "why not"? I'm not sure what you
are saying.

>>Bill, you seem to accept what the "Air Force" says when it
>>supports your contentions but reject their statements when they
>>do not agree with your contentions (re: the lights = flares).
>>Why do you believe them one minute yet deny their statements the
>>next? How do you determine when they are telling the truth and
>>when they are not?

>You are not reading correctly, Amy. I state what the AF says,
>but I am saying that observations do not agree.

There does seem to be a contradiction between what the Air Force says and what was observed that night. One could use these statements to support the contention that the lights seen at 10:30pm could not have been flares because: 1) supposedly there were no planes flying to drop the flares at 10:30pm and, 2) any flares dropped would have burned white not gold.

However, to support such a contention, one must assume the Air Force was telling the truth about the planes returning to base by 8:30pm and the flares burning white instead of gold. If we assume the Air Force was telling the truth about the planes and the color of the flares, we must also assume they were telling the truth about the lights seen at 10:30pm being flares.

Either the Air Force was lying about everything - the planes and the color of the flares - or they were telling the truth. Can't have it both ways or accept one part as truth and reject the rest as a lie.

Do you believe the Air Force was telling the truth, Bill?

A. Hebert

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Re: The British Government & UFOs - Morris

From: Eric Morris <bufosc@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 11:06:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 20:58:31 -0500
Subject: Re: The British Government & UFOs - Morris

>THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND UFOs
>OFFICIAL HISTORY REVEALED
>By Georgina Bruni & Nick Pope

But Clarke and Roberts have already done this and their book is coming out very soon. Much of the material is known about and to suggest that there was this huge debate "raging" within the "british establishment" is errant nonsense!

>The April issue of UFO Magazine (UK) includes an article
>revealing new information concerning the British Government's
>handling of the UFO phenomenon.

After the working party the government seems disinterested, to say the least. Hence people like Nick Pope working a quarter of the time on UFOs between 1991-1994. But there were some intriguing things going on, as we will show at our forthcoming conf in April.

>This article focuses on the
>period following World War Two and shows how key figures within
>the Scientific Intelligence community were involved in a debate
>over UFOs.

Nick and Georgina would like us to believe that the UK government had evidence of aliens. What it did have was evidence of man-made UFOs, which Nick will never admit to, because this was never his role or intention.

>The article is based on applications that I made last year to
>the Ministry of Defence under the Code of Practice on Access to
>Government Information and research carried out at the Public
>Record Office. I have worked on this article with Ministry of
>Defence official Nick Pope and the article is a joint effort. It
>highlights the way in which the British Government first became
>embroiled in the UFO mystery, and how senior Establishment
>figures were drawn into the debate.

Join the club Georgina. We've been doing this too, but prefer research to headlines.

>Some specific points covered include:

- >1. New information about the wartime Government's attitude to
> foo fighter reports from the RAF.
- >2. Official interest in so-called ghost rockets and the quest to
> secure debris from the Swedish Government..

I doubt there is any significant difference between US "policy" (there was no policy at this stage, actually) and British "policy", which was to file a few reports and forget about them.

- >3. The role played by Director of Intelligence R V Jones and MOD
> Chief Scientific Adviser Sir Henry Tizard.

RV Jones role would have been along the lines of UFOs based on

German wartime developments, which he had a great deal of interest in and which my colleague Tim Matthews covered in his 1999 book. Jones wrote extensively about this, so I doubt Nick and Georgina have anything new. Tim's granddad knew Jones a bit, apparently!

>4. The full story of the MOD's Flying Saucer Working Party.

Again, Clarke and Roberts have dealt with this in great detail. No, they're not our favourite people but you can't doubt their efforts or the fact they got there FIRST! See their website!

>5. Top Secret Directorate of Scientific Intelligence and Joint
> Technical Intelligence Committee documents on UFOs.
> (Published in full for the first time)

>6. The role of the USAF and the CIA in influencing British
> Government policy on UFOs.

Very little influence, I should think. I've read quite a lot of the books about the CIA and its links with British Intelligence and we were very much the poor relation. To us at BUFOSC, the CIA used flying saucers psychologically/psychological warfare, as stated in documents released in the late 1970s/early 1980s. The CIA had a limited involvement in the cover up of highly advanced man-made UFOs. Not that this will get a mention!

>7. How the sceptic versus believer debate about UFOs raged at
> the very heart of the British Establishment.

This claim will probably be difficult to prove!

>The above represents only a fraction of the material covered by
>UFO Magazine.

Bit late though, given we know all this already!

Eric M.

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Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:05:12 -0500
Subject: Re: A Major Relevation - Hall

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 16:37:13 +0000

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 06:14:29 -0600

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Re: A Major Relevation
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 21:55:31 +0000

<snip>

>>>Is this an example of the 'ass-kissing' that certain
>>>('anti-elitist') parties on this List seem to be so anally
>>>compulsive about, or does that only apply to 'the enemy?'

>>Is this the same kind inappropriate and officious line drawing
>>that more of us could demonstrate against, or does it apply just
>>to those of us philosophically 'a little contrary to you'?

>>Jim's comment was an allusion, sir, a reflection on his
>>astonishment regarding the baldly inexplicable vituperation
>>regarding his personal disclosure. Fool that he was, he thought
>>he was among friends!

>>Things being equal I'd think that you'd know the difference! But
>>things aren't equal, are they! You label yourself an enemy,
>>handily. ...Fascinating that you would winnow yourself out that
>>way... why would you do that? Why do you walk around behind your
>>barricade and put your helmet on? Someone is not being
>>entirely forthcoming. And isn't that the problem all the way
>>around? Everywhere? Regarding anything?

>Alfred,

>It's not clear to me that you read and understood my simple,
>logical, and rather innocuous question.

Sorry, sir. That just won't wash. I say that despite my suspicion that all things being equal you'd aspire to be one of the 'good guys'. When you stack up words and phrases like 'ass-kissing', 'anti-elitist' 'anal compulsiveness', and 'the enemy' into one terse impact statement, the rank and file are invited to read between the lines. The quotes read like "so called" and your use of the word 'enemy' is disturbing. Given that, the question does not seem so simple, logical, or innocuous.

>It had nothing to do with Jim or Jim's project,

That remains debatable, sir.

>and a lot to do with the clique on
>this list (including Bobbie and Serge) that hurls insults at

>'elitists' (their terminology)

Sir - walks and quacks like a duck leads to the 'duck' supposition. Don't be offended if the Indians in this tribe start checking the play of a few of the chiefs. These chiefs have been counting their beads, winnowing their beans, and splitting their hairs for half a century to little, if any, avail... Don't fret over _us_ - what doesn't kill you _will_ make you stronger.

>and (like you) seems to have a
>double standard about who has a right to answer back and defend
>themselves.

Posted comments of late indicate a clear and unthinking abuse of that privilege, sir. As to me... well, I trust you have some ready examples. I'm operating from my conscience and will listen thoughtfully to _any_ constructive counsel regarding where I am in arrears... you, on the other hand seem set in your ways and unwilling to give an inch... Educate me if you have the time and inclination, publicly or privately.

>John V speaks for himself; I think he becomes
>overwrought at times, but--as I said before--that particular
>exchange has a long and tangled history.

We're all pretty tangled as a result of a conflicted mainstream, and I understand John's passion, too. But I'm not going to sit still for baldly deconstructive inconsistency, either. "I'll strike the _sun_ if it offends me" And you know? He would too. Each of us knows where the other is coming from, have had substantive disagreements over the years, and remain communicating and supporting each other whenever the opportunity presents itself. I think that there is a lesson to be learned in there somewhere... not the least of which is the clear understanding that we are on the same side of the aggregate debate. Together we _are_ stronger than the sum of our parts.

>I speak for myself;
>methinks those anal compulsives have big chips on their
>shoulders and should show some respect for the 'elitists' whose
>shoulders they are (incompetently and with little to show for
>it) trying to stand on.

Respect is a sword that cuts both ways, Mr. Hall. So is loyalty. I've internalized that, lived it - used to teach it... I know what it means. I stand on a few of the shoulders that you speak of and discover that not only am I not seeing much farther, many times I am looking in the wrong direction... Respect is a dish best served when it is earned. We can discuss my incompetence regarding this 'thing' that we involve ourselves in (at cost) if you wish...

>They don't seem to have many logical
>arguments, only a well of seeming resentment. - Dick

I'm seeing that resentment in a few more places than you are, I think. And like resentment anywhere, it all comes down to who was standing on who's neck first.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

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

<http://www.alienview.net>

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, scoured by the specious and scabrous scurrilous.

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Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 08:53:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:07:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Clark

>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 15:26:29 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Pelicanman vs. Mothman
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:49:30 -0600

>>Patient and gentle listfolk:
>>"The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH
>>ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than
>>usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their
>>noble cause."

>I'm sure that in the interests of fairness, Listing Gentlefolk would
>like to see what the Pelican wrote that triggered off this Clarkian
>rant, rather than relying on the Blessed Jerome's selective quotations:

John,

I commend you for having the courage - if that's the word;
another, less flattering, also comes to mind - to reprint the
Pelican's squawk in all its full-throated glory.

The problem, which you fail to address, is that the Pelican's
piece is dishonest. As you well know, I often disagree with what
I read in Magonia, but at worst I find the publication - which I
genuinely enjoy reading - merely wrong-headed (pretty much, I
might add, way I feel when I'm reading the MUFON UFO Journal). I
take issue with your intellectual judgment, but not with your
intellectual integrity. The Pelican, whose identity you continue
to protect (as is your right, of course, as editor), is making
claims that look very much like, not to put too fine a point on
it, unmitigated falsehoods.

Having no reason to believe you to be anything but an honest man
and well-intentioned colleague, I am sure you ran it in good
faith. You probably presumed that if the Pelican couldn't prove
at deadline that "America's ETH ufologists" were in a dither
about the release of The Mothman Prophecies movie, they would be
by the time the issue saw print. This wouldn't be the first
time, obviously, that Magonia, which suffers as all of us do
from its own particular provincialisms, has misread the views,
concerns, and actions of the rude colonials.

Since we now know, however, that everything the Pelican claimed
about "America's ETH ufologists" and their response to the film
is malicious fiction, it is time for, if not an outright apology
(which we would graciously accept and for which we would afford
you all due credit), at least an admission of error. Or does
being an English PSH ufologist mean never having to say you're
sorry?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 11:23:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:10:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman - Maccabee

>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 15:26:29 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Pelicanman vs. Mothman

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Pelicanman vs. Mothman
>>Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 14:49:30 -0600

>>Patient and gentle listfolk:
>>"The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH
>>ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than
>>usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their
>>noble cause."

>I'm sure that in the interests of fairness, Listing Gentlefolk would
>like to see what the Pelican wrote that triggered off this Clarkian
>rant, rather than relying on the Blessed Jerome's selective quotations:

>THE PELICAN WRITES:

>The Pelican notes, with ill-concealed glee, that America's ETH
>ufologists have recently become more agitated and paranoid than
>usual, having become aware of an insidious threat to their noble
>cause.

Here's one nuts and bolts man who is not "more agitated and
paranoid than usual" as a result of the Mothman Prophecies
movie.....

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 11:45:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:13:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - King
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 19:26:03 +0000

>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 13:05:15 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>The confusion in the flare story is a result of insufficient
>>investigation right up front, Air Force obfuscation or "the
>>right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing" (failure to
>>communicate within the AF) plus the assumption made within a day
>>of the sightings that the 10 PM sightings were merely
>>continuations of the 8:30 PM events.

>Its easy to look back and bitch about what should have been done
>right after the sighting. This event had several facets to it
>there is no way to determine what happened in merely a day. I
>didn't find out about the 8:30 event until 3 pm the next day
>after I got home from work and Bill told me about it. I didn't
>really care about the particulars at the moment just wanted to
>get back out and skywatch right away.

I not bitching about it, merely stating what I consider a fact.
HOWever, I must admitted that I was quite "urinated" over the
failure of the initial investigation when, over a year later, I
discovered that there had been no accurate triangulations and I
had to do them myself.

(I was brought into this by Dr. Lynn, who was perplexed over the
inability to resolve these video sightings. Of course, she
assumed they were all UFOs. IN fact, I did turn up a UFO
sighting by her, but not related to the "Phoenix Lights.")

<snip>

>>Had someone done an accurate triangulation within a week or so
>>of the events all the questions now being raised would have been
>>answered. A triangulation would have immediately pointed toward
>>the Barry Goldwater range (northeast portion) as the approximate
>>source of the videotaped lights and this would have created
>>pressure on the AF to explain. That pressure might have forced

>Sorry but triangulating this 10 pm event in 1 week was
>impossible. Remember Richard from MUFON blew his top when he
>found out I was on scene and shot video that night. He held all
>the other videos and information tightly. There is no Hall of
>Justice that everyone meets at and lays the information on the
>table and leaves the ego at the door. The closest thing to that
>was Village Labs.

Triangulation wasn't "impossible." I presume that the
investigators who were grabbing the evidence didn't have the
time or the ability. Richard should have done better, and, if he
couldn't, he should have let someone who could do it. All it
required was going to the witness' homes, getting comparison
videos, identifying the directions of lights and geographical

points of reference, etc. etc... time consuming but possible.

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Re: Damaged Goods - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 17:13:10 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:15:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Damaged Goods - Roberts

>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@lineone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Damaged Goods
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 18:38:50 -0000

Dave wrote:

>Hi All,
>Earlier this week I received two CD ROMs from Max Burns
>containing a BUFORA lecture he recorded in London on December of
>last year.

<snip>

>After taking the discs out of the packaging I saw that not one
>but both had been scratched beyond repair.

How curious. Only recently I opened a package to find a black
circular disc, scratched beyond repair.

Is this a record?

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 11:35:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:21:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Maccabee

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 07:58:46 -0800 (PST)

>>Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 13:05:15 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Case - Hamilton
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Perhaps planes detached to Davis Monthan AFB landed at 8:30 and
>>then Marylan Nat Guard planes landed at 10

>Not according to Lt. Shepherd, but then he may have later realized
>he botched it.

Look s as if Shepherd and Benz should battle it out.

>>The flares ejected over the west end of the Barry Goldwater
>>range would not have been seen in Phoenix. So they could have
>>ejected many flares before ending the exercise and then dumped
>>the last 9 on their wasn "home" to the AFB in Tucson (Davis
>>Monthan)

>Oh, why not? They have been seen from the east side before.
>Usually, they are night illumination flares dropped at low
>altitude.

The west end is farther than the east end. Flares dropped below
10,000 ft would be be seen in any case, so far as I could tell from the
mountains. Also, it seems to be only the observers at higher
elevevations
in Phoenix who see the lights over the mountains.
You say flares have been seen from the east side (closest to
Tucson)., Which videos show these?

A question I have always asked myself: why aren't there reports
from Tucson or flares? Or do people just assume they are flare
and not report? (Flares visible in Phoenix, though far south,
ought to be visible in Tucson and vicinity.

I suggested, in late 1998, that a co-ordinated effort be made to
videotape from the Tucson area as well as Phoenix using a phone
alert net. I think King tried to do this.

>>On July 25th, a little over 2 weeks after Captain Eileen Bienz
>>had assured me that the Air National Guard dropped no flares,
>>the story broke in the Arizona Republic. It announced that she
>>had found out about the flight schedule from Davis- Monthan AFB.
>>She must have found out from Lt. Keith Shepherd. The Republic
>>article said that a squadron of planes from Operation Snowbird
>>left at 8:15 p.m. on March 13 and returned at 10:30 p.m. This
>>contradicted the Tucson story by alleging that the aircraft
>>returned a full 2 hours later than what Shepherd had said in the
>>Tucson paper. The article goes on to say that a spokesman for
>>Luke Air Force Base confirmed that the Maryland planes were
>>authorized to use the Barry Goldwater range from 9:30 p.m. to 10
>>p.m. on March 13. In response to an earlier FOIA request to Luke
>>AFB, their Chief of Records Management stated, "we don't know

>>where the question of aerial flares came from." In the article,
>>Captain Drew Sullins of the Maryland Air National Guard said
>>that the high intensity flares that were dropped were called
>>Luu-2 and were made of magnesium or cesium. These flares are
>>suspended from tiny parachutes. These flares burn bright white.
>>This was confirmed by a phone call to the Maryland Air National
>>Guard by one of the video witnesses.

As I said above, we may have to arrange a boxing match between
Benz and Shepherd.

>>There are many discrepancies in this whole flare story and now
>>you have added new ones by placing them in another location.

>>The confusion in the flare story is a result of insufficient
>>investigation right up front, Air Force obfuscation or "the
>>right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing" (failure to
>>communicate within the AF) plus the assumption made within a day
>>of the sightings that the 10 PM sightings were merely
>>continuations of the 8:30 PM events.

>Maybe they were.

Maybe they weren't... the government obfuscation theory not
being completely discounted.

>>If the videotapers had not videotaped... there wouldn't have
>>been much attention to the 10 PM sightings (only a few eyeball
>>witnesses without the video) and the multiple-witness 8:30 real
>>UFO (?) sightings would have been "the story." However, the
>>media picked up on the "hard evidence," the videotapes that no
>>one could deny. This, coupled with the AF denial of any flares
>>and coupled with the belief of the videotapers that the lights
>>could not be farther away than just south of Phoenix (because
>>they were so bright) led to a continual press interest in the
>>story.

>We will see that there are other discrepancies as I have found
>out with the January 14, 1998 sightings where these same lights
>were seen to burn from 11 to 20+ minutes by various witnesses
>and during a night when flares were also seen! The witnesses
>recognized and ignored the flare sighting and some recognized
>the mystery lights as different and similar to the March 13th
>sighting. Flares may burn about 4.5 minutes, but even 11 min.
>is excessive.

As I have pointed out before, I timed the durations of
individual lights. As I recall none lasted more than 5 minutes,
many less than 4 minutes.

>>Had someone done an accurate triangulation within a week or so
>>of the events all the questions now being raised would have been
>>answered. A triangulation would have immediately pointed toward
>>the Barry Goldwater range (northeast portion) as the approximate
>>source of the videotaped lights and this would have created
>>pressure on the AF to explain. That pressure might have forced
>>out the MD Nat Guard explanation in MArch instead of June, when
>>it finally came out.

>I think we need to rethink your triangulations vs pixel analysis.
>The lights on Jan 14th were definitely at a higher elevation and
>sighting angle than those on March 13th and were definitely above
>the background mountains, but using certain lighted reference
>points I cannot place the March 13th lights above the mountain,
>and this from 3 different videos.

At least we agree that the Jan 14 lights were at a higher
angular elevation than the mountain crest.

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From: Moderator - UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:31:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 21:31:09 -0500
Subject: Enough!

Okay - I've had enough. Enough of the rudeness, nastiness, bickering and name-calling.

This is not why this List exists.

I don't spend dozens of hours a week to disseminate the type of posts that have come across my screen for the past weeks.

This List is off-line for a week - time enough to either cool-off or unsubscribe.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator
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