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Tuesday, October 01, 2002

UFOs Are Not Getting Enough Azeri Respect

By Chloe Arnold

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BAKU, Azerbaijan -- There's an inordinate number of UFOs roaming the skies above Azerbaijan, and they're trying to tell us something, according to Elchin Khalilov, director of the Permanent Committee for Anomalous Phenomena at the National Academy of Sciences.

I must be looking in the wrong places, because every time I look at the sky above Baku, all I see is a thick blanket of smog and the occasional airplane.

"Come to my office, and I'll show you something I think will greatly surprise you," Khalilov said. And so last Friday I found myself at a building with black windows and marble staircases that calls itself the International Complex for Science and Technology.

The receptionist and two security guards were too busy watching Steven Spielberg's "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" to notice me.

"Is Mr. Khalilov here?" I asked. They waved me into a corner and went back to their film. Suddenly, a giant of a man with a bushy black beard appeared beside me.

"Welcome," he said and showed me into his office. The walls were lined with books on crop circles and the Bermuda Triangle, and his desk overflowed with treatises on flying saucers from Utah to Ukraine.

"I used to be an ordinary scientist specializing in earthquakes," he said. "But on the evening of April 17, 1999, something happened that changed my life." His father telephoned him and said that something strange was hovering in the sky above Baku. When he got there, he saw a ball of light with what looked like a tail at the back.

"I caught it on tape," he said, and he showed me a crackly film of Baku by night with a pale light floating above it that might have been the moon. Ever since then, Khalilov has dedicated his time to strange phenomena in the sky.

"I can't rule out the possibility that these are creatures from another world," he said. And his findings aren't limited to Azerbaijan -- he says he saw similar objects on vacations in

Spain and Dubai.

To supplement his scant footage, Khalilov launched a competition to encourage the nation to send in photographs and videos of UFOs. The response was overwhelming -- he received over 40 hours of film and hundreds of photographs.

The best one showed a perfect flying saucer cruising just a few feet above a dacha. The saucer had a domed roof and red and yellow lights around its rim. "We were going to give it first prize, but the photographer admitted he'd rigged up a teapot lid with a piece of thread and taken a picture of its shadow," Khalilov said sadly. "UFOs aren't taken seriously in this country, and it makes me very disheartened."

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Re: Symbols - Goldstein

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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Oct 2002 01:21:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Symbols - Goldstein

Hello fellow Listerions,

I am glad that the discussion regarding alien exoglyphs or symbols is moving forward. A few days ago I composed a message titled Alien Symbols. I thought I had sent it but due to a couple of power outages in my area (no doubt caused by the aliens to block my message <g>) it never made it up to EBK's HQ. It was a reply to Dick Hall and John Velez. It still seems pertinent so I'll send a copy to EBK to put on the List.

I just want to agree that I think the exoglyphs or symbols should be kept anonymous and presented to the qualified University faculty to be taken under study. They should also be examined by the Carl Jung Institute (one section is in New York) and especially by ARAS, who I mentioned in the post I will now resend and which has their link at the bottom. Even though the exoglyphs or symbols may seem to a layman to not resemble some human archetypal symbols, that is the kind of decision that should be made by a body of professionals in the field. The same should be done regarding the full reports of the experiencers. I would like to see the pertinent information from John Velez, Dick Hall, Budd Hopkins, and Gary Anthony somehow combined and presented to a variety of disciplines.

I am still trying to ascertain what qualified Psychiatrists or Psychologists and their professional bodies - not John Mack, hypnotherapists, counselors, or healers - have written regarding claims of alien abductions. I welcome any leads in that direction.

I want to thank John Velez for baring his soul on this List regarding his experiences. I especially want to thank him for showing good heart and good nature in his posts and responses in the past. Those were thoughtful messages that I'm sure were well received by all participants.

Keep 'em flyin',

Josh

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ARAS & Alien Symbols

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To Dick Hall and fellow Listerions,

Dick, you wanted to see visual representations of the types of collective unconscious archetypes. I tried to find a site with a variety of symbols printed on the web but did not find what I was looking for. Rather than further pursuing that path I felt it might be easiest for you to go back to the link on ARAS I had in my last post and that is also located below this message. If you look in the picture gallery you will see some examples.

Look at the image on the ARAS home page, listen to what that image brings up in you. What does it symbolize, represent in you? What feelings does that image bring up?

Click on resources at the top of the page. Look at that pottery statue. What does that represent to you? What does it represent to the culture that created this statue image?

Draw a circle. Look at it. What does it bring up in you? To Jung, a circle symbolizes completion, wholeness, connection. I'm not suggesting that the round shape of flying saucers is only a symbol from our unconsciousness.

Look at a mandala. What does that represent? What does the symbol of an angel represent from our unconsciousness?

Think of the word "summit". What does that symbolize? Solidity, security, initiation, ascension, transcendence? The meeting of God and man? In history an altar was a sacrificial stone placed high from the ground. What does sacrifice symbolize? What does blood symbolize? What does the heart symbolize? What did Wagner symbolize? What imagery did he use? What does it evoke in all people?

It is fascinating that all humans share the same collective unconscious throughout all cultures that has been represented in many forms of symbology. Two cultures totally out of touch with each other may have vastly different appearing symbols. However, they are their particular culture's representations of what we share in common. Many lives and deaths are caused by what symbols represent. At similar stages of their culture, those images may be ones developed individually by that culture for a particular purpose. Yet at various times in its history the culture would bring out new images that were different examples of the past symbol and would be used for the same purposes.

Our dreams are living examples of the psyche using its archetypes.

It is a fascinating field that spans many disciplines; psychology, mythology, art, history, anthropology, archaeology, religious studies, etc.

Unfortunately a pseudo science, spiritual, mystical, metaphysical, and New Age fringe who are not academically educated are primarily speculating, and publish their work. If you really want to learn more in this field there is a huge body of scholarly work.

I have not pursued any particular work in the area of alien abduction other than taking reports and referring those persons to the proper people. As I said yesterday, for a long time I have been curious about what images from experiencers might represent.

I'm not trying to state whether any symbols reported may or may not have been related by aliens through the experiencer. I don't know what is the truth behind the abduction scenario. It would be fascinating if aliens represented their symbols from the same or a different collective unconsciousness than humans. I also have wondered what those symbols represent to a Jungian psychiatrist or psychologist and to other psychological approaches.

The mention on the List of the experiencer symbols, and in particular John Velez's report of how he reacted when he was shown some of those symbols, made an idea on my back burner jump towards the front. I was waiting for my time to ease up and I wanted to make an assesment of the abduction field to get an idea of what psychologists or psychiatrists who have worked with abductees (not abduction researchers, counselors, or hypnotherapists) have reported.

Like John, I think some abduction researchers, use of regressive hypnosis, and lack of training have harmed some abductees. I would want to see what properly licensed professionals have reported about their work on experiencers. I also want to research what those professionals believe may or may not be happening with those experiencers and their reports. I was going to start that study in the near future. I was going to research what is available to me before asking for assistance from this list. Now that I mentioned it, I welcome anything along that line.

I would like to see a body of the proper professionals examine the alien symbols and reports of experiencers to interpret their deeper levels of significance. I would start with professionals in the symbology of the psyche.

Dick, in my opinion I would like you, Budd, and anyone else to first have the symbols and cases you have analyzed by the types of professionals I have mentioned. Perhaps ARAS would be a good place to start. I would prefer that someone who has worked with experiencers contact them to see if they have an interest in receiving preliminary documentation to examine whether they would want to get involved in such a study. If you look on the resources page of the ARAS site you will also find information on the various Jung Institutes and centers.

Once again, I am not trying to say that I believe flying saucers and alien abductions are only self generated products of the psyche.

Josh

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Re: Symbols - Anthony

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>>>Date: Tue, 1 Oct 2002 14:49:37 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Symbols

>>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sun, 29 Sep 2002 13:10:13 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Symbols

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>>In a separate post; the question was asked what samples do we
>>chose for study? Do we not include Orthon's footprints?
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>>include every sample of alleged alien communication, including
>>the contactee cases.

>Then would we not include the messages given to John Reeves at
>Brooksville, FL (or rather found by him) and the symbols
>observed by Jesse Marcel, Sr. and those seen by his son? What
>about those seen by Bessie Brazel... and those seen on UFOs such
>as that reported by Lonnie Zamora and in the photographs of the
>UMMO UFO.

>Seems to me that there are dozens of sources of alien writing,
>some of them good and some of them not so good. Wouldn't it make
>more sense to eliminate those that are clearly from hoaxes up
>front so that they are not contaminating the sample, put those
>that are dubious into another pile, and finally lump those that
>are believed to be authentic into a third?

>Of course, then we have the question of which samples go to into
>which piles. There would be some who would see the contactee
>symbols as being as valuable as those from abductees and some
>who would look at the Roswell symbols as being more acceptable
>than the UMMO symbols.

>The first thing that must be done is to define the sample and
>provide the protocols for accepting a sample as "authentic".
>Then we can begin to argue which symbols go where. And I haven't
>even addressed the problem of alien language and the possibility
>that the symbols come from more than one source so our lumping
>them all together might defeat the study before it even begins.

>Just a couple of random thoughts.

Hi List,

Kevin, thanks for your relevant random thoughts on how such a study may separate more interesting samples. Indeed there are lots of claims for alleged alien semiotics taking into account all those you mention and many more. I am sure some will not be interested in the alleged Ummite language for example -- however from a linguistic point of view, they are all curious and can demonstrate certain things. We are prepared to spend time assessing them, but interesting samples merit more time and effort than say Brooksville type samples, that goes without saying. The data sets are not all lumped together, they are divided by types covering different criteria.

Eliminating hoaxes is obviously very important and as you rightly point out they require separation and sorting, but hoax samples still need to be compared with others to demonstrate any differences or similarities in at least one analysis. Sifting out more interesting samples derive from linguistic analysis and this is only one way they are being sorted and indexed. Any 'Ufological' expose of hoax samples is of course helpful and complimentary, however linguistic analysis need not rely on such information, despite the fact we have gathered as much background reference, either from UFO literature or otherwise (preferably first hand) as we can determine. This is also ongoing with contributors.

To cut to the chase, what may hypothetically be expected from an alien language is that it could have hallmarks it was made by an intelligence equal or greater than our own, these hallmarks can be defined and expounded to some degree. Anything beyond this depends greatly on how much of an alleged alien writing system or language the abductee knows?

Linguistic experts are quite aware of language and writing systems, some languages more than others, Indo European families are well known. An invention of language or a writing system can be spotted, mostly because when people invent language they generally do this having very little linguistic knowledge of their own language, despite being sometimes quite articulate at using it. The problem arises out of the fact that most people are ignorant and lack knowledge to describe their own language fully, attempts at invention leave many tell tale signs. It takes a lot of thought to invent an elaborate language as good as, if not better than, say English for example. No matter how imaginative, most inventions fall short in a structure and other analyses. English is a complex language though and even positing a simpler language tell tale signs are just as noticeable, if not more so, depending on the system and language.

There are many pitfalls, far too many for email exchanges in lay person terminology. The article which Mark Newbrook and I wrote for MUFON Journal #411 was as near to lay person definitions as possible and mentions some of the pitfalls and possibilities.

Regarding your last paragraph about protocols, it would be nice if Ufology could do this, however it cannot by the criteria already mentioned. Samples are assessed on their individual merits, as well as comparative ones and this lies solely in the domain of linguistics. Optimisitcally what I perceive the general picture may be with regards alleged alien semiotics, is that the samples go from less convincing (probably covering most of the contactee material with one or two exceptions) ranging out to less, but more interesting systems among the individual abductee samples involving structure. Until all of the tests and analyses are done this however cannot be stated as certainty. By simple definition anything at the higher and lesser end could be more convincing and revealing?

Best Regards

Gary

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Re: Symbols - Jones

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>>>Then (rightfully) linguists and cryptographers should have them!
>>>I wouldn't know where to begin Greg.

>>>Where does one find 'linguists and cryptographers'?

>>If we assume, for the sake of argument, that such symbols are
>>'truly' alien, and meant to communicate solely to other aliens
>>from the same culture, then linguists and cryptographers will be
>>virtually useless.

>>Egyptian hieroglyphs were untranslatable until the Rosetta Stone
>>was found--and this symbology arose from a culture that shared
>>our common humanity and commemorated human experinces in their
>>writings. "Alien" symbols and glyphs, by their very nature will
>>probably remain enigmatic.

>Brian may I refer you back to my post on this list dated
>October 1st., at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/oct/m01-001.shtml>

>To further elucidate, I would add that linguists and

>cryptanalysts disagree with your viewpoint. To be succinct,
>linguistics has come a long way since the discovery and
>deciphering of the Hieroglyphic writing system.

>This aforementioned post should answer posts which speculate
>that studying alien languages is a useless endeavour; it would
>appear that since it has thus far generated no response, the
>community on this list may be ignoring the relevance of it.?

>In a separate post; the question was asked what samples do we
>chose for study? Do we not include Orthon's footprints?
>Initially I think it would be important and scientific to
>include every sample of alleged alien communication, including
>the contactee cases. Because if the study is to be truly
>scientific, it would need to analyse and assess these too, on
>merit of how they compare to later abductee samples and with
>what may or may not be generated by the human psyche/mind. More
>interesting samples may possess certain virtues not recognisable
>to the untrained non-linguistic eye and by such virtues that is
>how possible 'structure' may be analysed.

Maybe I am off the mark here but it occurs to me that
Linguistics deals with the tongue in the mouth, whereas 'alien'
writing - if we are to accept to material from
contactee/trainees - deals with relationships in 3D space, even
4D 'space' using a time layer as part of the thought
transmission process (i.e. multiple strokes stacked in the same
location).

Humans convert thoughts into 'lingual' symbols, but ET may
convert thought more directly into higher geometrical
relationships. Would this still be a Linguistics issue?

Now I am reminded of Crop Circles and their multidimensional
geometrical diagrams.

--- stv

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"FLAP" OVER NORTHERN ITALY

We have got a new "flap" of sightings to report, this one taking place over various regions of Northern Italy, at two separate times on the evening of Friday the 20th and on the morning of Saturday the 21st, in this month of September.

The Italian Center for UFO Studies has gathered numerous testimonies from Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna and Marche, all of these highly coinciding in their description of the phenomenon: a roughly triangular object with the point facing down, or otherwise oblong in shape, which reflected the sun=92s light and appeared to be stationary or move very slowly, while remaining visible for dozens of minutes.

The reports of Friday came from the Lower Piedmont, Liguria and Lombardy, between 6 pm and 9 pm. Those of Saturday occurred over Romagna and Marche from 7:30 am until towards 9:30 am; these proved to be more sensational, involving air pilots in flight and airport personnel on the ground. On both the 20th and the 21st, various witnesses succeeded at photographing or filming the object at various locations.

The testimonial data corroborated with investigations by the CISU, which led to the identification of the object with a huge stratospheric balloon (350,000 cu. m.) launched for scientific purposes on the previous evening from the well-known launching facility of CNES at Aire-sur-Adour, in France, by the European Space Agency. Instead of exploding after the disengagement of its useful load (a French CNR spectrometric instrumentation for detecting atmospheric aerosols), the balloon escaped control and, being still filled with gas, it was propelled by the high-altitude air currents over Provence, then over Northern Italy to an altitude of more than 25,000 meters. Thereafter, it descended in altitude during the overnight hours and flew over the Adriatic and the former Yugoslavia the following morning, before finally coming down to earth on the night of Saturday the 21st, in Romania.

This type of launch has often resulted, over the years, in similar "flaps" involving tens or hundreds of UFO sightings over Northern Italy, almost always during the autumn months, going back to 1954: among the more sensational ones, there were those (all occurring in September) of 1966, 1970, 1979 and 1985 (the

last notably involving aerial pursuit and the filming of sequences by RAI-TV over Aosta).

[Ansa, 21 September; La Stampa, Alessandria edition, 21 September; La Nazione, Spezia edition, 21 September; La Stampa, Savona edition, 22 September; Il Resto del Carlino, Romagna and Le Marche editions, 22 September; UFO-Italia, 21-24 September; Chucara2000, 21-23 September; actual witness testimony provided to the CISU; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi, Roberto Labanti, Matteo Leone, Gildo Person=E8 and Paolo Toselli]

NEW ISSUE OF THE EUROPEAN UFO JOURNAL

The new issue (the seventh in the series) has arrived of the "European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies", published by Totton College in England for the purpose of providing a common tool to ufology of scientific guidance on the old continent.

Among the articles by English, Spanish, Romanian and USA authors which passed referees' control (making this publication somewhat unique) there are: search engines on the Internet and ufology; the new petition to the United Nations; a debate on "hypercivility and the extraterrestrial hypothesis"; the analysis of a sighting in Daghestan; and still more questions concerning Roswell.

Meanwhile, the 2003 Membership Campaign has begun. Discounts are available for subscribers to the CISU and to other affiliate associations.

[UFO-Italia, 19 September; www.cisu.org/ejufoas.htm.]

BACK IN NEWSSTANDS: BONGIOVANNI'S UFO MAGAZINE

Following a silence of some months leading to speculation about the umpteenth folding of a UFO publication, the UFO magazine of contactee and visionnaire Giorgio Bongiovanni has returned to newsstands: "UFO - La visita extraterrestre" ("UFO: the Extraterrestrial Visit").

In this issue: a photo service covering the most recent crop-circles in English corn fields over this past summer; some UFO reports from Campania and Sardinia; news from abroad; messages from the cosmos, and a bit of "new age" mystery fodder. It totals 36 pages in color, sells for 4 Euro, and places the magazine midway in ranking between "Ufo Notiziario" by Roberto Pinotti and "Stargate Magazine" from Maurizio Baiata.

ALEXANDER KAZANTSEV DIES

Writer Aleksandr Kazantsev, one of the fathers of "space archaeology", has died in Moscow at the age of 96.

Army officer, engineering graduate, teacher and author of ten or so science-fiction novels, and decorated recipient of various Soviet medals, Kazantsev gained fame the world over in 1959, when the Western mass media disseminated his theory (advanced in a 1946 novel of his) that the devastating explosion which rocked the Siberian region of Tunguska in 1908, rather than being the result of a meteorite or a comet, was instead caused by the nuclear explosion of an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

[Itar-Tass, 14 September; Televideo RAI and Il Nuovo, 14 September; La Provincia Pavese and other Italian dailies, 15 September; UFO-Italia, 16 September; collaboration by Antonio Rampulla and Gildo Person=E8]

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Letter-to-Editor Roswell Daily Record

From: Larry W. Bryant <caus@exis.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Oct 2002 04:00:38 -0400
Subject: Letter-to-Editor Roswell Daily Record

TO: Editor, the Daily Record
P.O. Box 1897
Roswell, NM 88201

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: October 5, 2002

In its 15-plus minutes of historical fame, the city of Roswell, N.M., has witnessed the possible visitation of an alien spacecraft, the federal confiscation of that craft (cum crew), the ensuing official coverup thereof, and the eventual formation of a UFO-related museum commemorating the event.

Unfortunately, during the course of that socio-political spectrum, Roswellians have lost some opportunities to learn all the truth (and consequences) about what really happened (and why) during the first week of July 1947 in ranchland outside the city.

Now comes perhaps only one more opportunity to set the record straight -- by holding legally accountable those perpetrators and perpetuators of the coverup. In the process, today's Roswell citizenry can make their own mark on history by asking such questions as --

-- What did certain N. M. local/state officials know (and when did they know it) about the feds' coverup of the retrieved UFO-E.T. artifacts?

-- What state/federal laws were broken during the retrieval operation and coverup?

-- To what extent has the coverup deprived N. M. citizens their rightful access to the technological trove inherent in the confiscated artifacts?

-- To what extent has the coverup's abuse of authority and violation of the public trust entailed any N. M. state officials' complicity?

Acting as a Roswell Incident Truth Commission, the proposed N. M. special grand jury to be impaneled in Chaves County via the state's petition-drive process would solicit answers to the above questions; analyze and report upon all available smoking-gun evidence of the coverup; and formally invite whistleblowers to share their insider accounts/leads/tips/deathbed confessions/"leaked" documentation, all under the grand jury's witness-protection charter. Presumably, the ensuing GJ report could serve as a powerful incentive for the U. S. Congress to hold open, subpoena-driven hearings on the entire UFO-E.T. coverup policy, principals, and practices.

Initiating this cosmic paradigm shift will require more than the efforts of a few committed UFO researchers. Indeed, it first will require the emergence of a Roswell-based volunteer to coordinate the gathering of the roughly 700 signatures from the

county's registered voters as the threshold directive for the judge's impanelment of the sought-for grand jury. Language for the signature petition has been formulated; funding for its circulation/filing probably will be nominal.

If you (or someone you know and trust) feel qualified and motivated enough to become the Roswell-based coordinator for this people's panel, please contact me as follows: Home address: 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; phone: 703-931-3341; e-address: overtci@cavtel.net .

By boldly and altruistically stepping forward now, you'll have added your voice to the growing public outcry for telling the greatest story ever never told.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Director, Washington, D. C., Office of
Citizens Against UFO Secrecy

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British Columbia Sighting - 08-13-02

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sat, 5 Oct 2002 22:14:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Oct 2002 04:06:15 -0400
Subject: British Columbia Sighting - 08-13-02

Houston, British Columbia

Date: August 13, 2002
Time: approx: 1:05 a.m.

A Houston resident told me today that on August 13, 2002 from her home, which is located on the slopes of Mount Harry Davis, she was shutting everything down for the night when something very strange caught her eye. She explained while closing her drapes over she watched a large, glowing orange object which sat stationary at the foot of Morice Mountain which is across the Valley and directly south of Houston, B.C.. From her home, Morice Mountain is in a southerly direction. Her first thought it may have been a small forest fire. But as she observed the object it began to move slowly along the base of the mountain in a easterly direction. After a couple of minutes it swung more to the south heading up the valley, or the old Equity Mine road. The witness said she lost sight of it as it flew behind some of the smaller hills in that area. The witness is very credible. She also went on to say she has never seen anything like it.

Thanks to the witness for her report.

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British Columbia Sighting - 08-03-02

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Sat, 5 Oct 2002 22:42:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Oct 2002 04:08:40 -0400
Subject: British Columbia Sighting - 08-03-02

Houston, British Columbia

Date: August 3, 2002 (date could have fallen between the 3rd & 6th)
Time: approx: 11:45 p.m.

Since I am heading to visit my dad in Langley, B.C., I figured I had better get what hair I have left cut. I sat down in the barber shop waiting my turn, which wasn't a very long wait. The Barber asked me how things were going, so I filled her in on a few things about what has been going on here in the north, she mentioned she seen my articles in the newspaper which made her think to tell me of what her, and her husband had seen on August 3, 2002.

The couple live 2 kilometers south off Highway #16 on a road which is called Bold Road. I use to have a small parcel of land on the same road, so I know the area well. She went on to tell me they had been sitting outside and her husband caught sight of an "extremely large" white colored ball of light, which was traveling slowly in a northerly direction coming from the Morice Valley area. He told his wife to look quickly as he wanted her to see the object. The witness first thought it may have been a aircraft with landing lights on. But within a second or two he soon ruled this out due to the size of it. Both witnesses said it was brighter than the moon, and was approx: half the size. I asked if they could give me a rough idea to how high this object was, they both guessed it could have been around 4,000 or so. They got the estimation on the altitude from looking at Morice Mountain which is only a few miles behind their property and can easily be seen as the mountain runs above timberline.

Both of these folks went on the say while the object was almost straight over head from their position, it changed direction "quickly" (a sharp turn) to an easterly direction and continued along it's path until it was out of view due to all the trees in the area. The whole event last approx: 20 to 25 seconds.

Thank you to the witnesses for their report.

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Dozens Saw UFO Land In Bromley, London In 1955 -

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 11:40:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Oct 2002 17:11:38 -0400
Subject: Dozens Saw UFO Land In Bromley, London In 1955 -

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2002 23:35:35 +0200
>Subject: Dozens Saw UFO Land In Bromley, London In 1955

>The Bexleyheath area is part of Bromley in East London. I tried
>to locate the September 4 story in the archives of
>'thisisLocalLondon,' but didn't succeed. I'm still looking,
>though.

>Stig

>***

>Source: NEWSSHOPPER via the 'thisisLOCAL LONDON' network

><http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/bromley/display.var.625555.index.0.html>

>September 16, 2002

>this is LOCAL LONDON

>'Our 1950s X-Files experience'

>**

>More than 47 years ago, an unidentified flying object was
>spotted in the Bexleyheath area by several people. Now a former
>policeman is doing research on the sightings. LINDA PIPER
>investigates ...

<snip>

Good morning Errol, Stig, All

I have now heard back from Margaret Fry who was one of the
witness's and now a researcher of UFO's.

She has sent me a hand written five page letter about the
incident, which I will endeavour to type up over the next few
days. She has also sent me a copy of the leaflet posted through
residents doors to try and get further witness's on the
sighting.

This is a transcript of it.

Dear Householder

I hope you will excuse my writing to you, you may not believe in
the UFO phenomenon, or you may have an open mind, I hope so and
that you will read what I have to say before throwing this away.
The incident changed my perceptions of life and in 1964 when a
National UFO Research Organisation was founded (BUFORA) I joined
it and investigated and researched the subject ever since. I
came to Wales in 1983 and formed WFIU particulars enclosed.

Although over the years I have interviewed well over a thousand

people, the sighting I want to prove the most, is my own, my son Steve Costello aged 8 1/2 years then and a young Indian Doctor Thukarta who died in 1965 who saw this on the 17th July, 1955 A young lad James Weller who has formed a group of young friends interested in the UFO phenomenon said he would help me by distributing this letter on your road, he precipitated this with a note of his own, you must be wondering what this is about.

Well, on the 17th July, 1955 a Sunday, mid-day there had been a heat-wave on in the UK a week, my eldest son was ill, and Dr Thukarta called and took me and my younger son to the Surgery at King Harolds Way for medication; the Chemists were closed. From the onset, something shadowed the car from my house at 12 Hythe Avenue, the car was stalling, and stopped just before the T junction of Ashbourne Avenue/Whitefield Avenue, where we got out. What seemed an enormous craft was hovering just above our heads. It just flopped down at the T Junction, therefore could not have been more than 30ft in dia. It was absolutely still & silent. There were about 10/12 children between 8-10 yrs. playing hop-scotch on the pavement, they came and stood round the craft with us, we were all totally staggered, they were yelling it was a "flying saucer". It was a bell shaped pewter dull grey/blue craft. After 5/6 minutes, it silently, gradually very slowly rose until about 100ft up, it tilted and flew away rapidly.

What I would desperately like to know is, are any of those children still living in the area? they would be in their 50's. Do any of them remember this? My son does vividly. We would dearly love them to contact us please. Since becoming more experienced I have wondered if the people in the corner house to Ashbourne/Whitefield experienced any unusual vibrations, or effects to electrical appliances? (there was no garage then, only a small lean to shed).

There are TV programmes, many books & magazines, people are more informed now about the subject, so perhaps you will realise this is not a hoax, but a genuine desire for me to contact others, who have shared this extraordinary, out-of-this-world experience with my son and self. Although it is 22 years since I left, some people on Hythe Avenue would still remember my family, my children grew up there.

Mrs Margaret E Fry 1999

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Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 05:40:18 -0400
Subject: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

Hi Everyone!

I listened to John Velez on Errol's 'Strange Days... Indeed' UFO radio program about the disappointing response to the petition to get the United Nations to encourage member states to release all information about UFOs to the public. It reminded me of something I had just read a few days earlier.

Going through the personal correspondence of the famous Canadian investigator of flying saucers, Wilbert B. Smith, I found many incredible statements which he made in his letters. One of these to a Mr. Caswell dated February 23, 1959 is quoted below in part.

"For your information every nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of the space craft and their occupants from frome elsewhere, and as nations they must accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official position which they may take. There is nothing more to be done along these lines, and efforts in this direction is effort wasted."

If Smith is right, we may just have to try harder but when you consider this and a few other selected quotes from Smith in his letters written just a few days later, one wonders if the public is really ready for the revelations about UFOs. In his letter to a Mr. Trench dated March 3, 1959, Smith wrote:

"I have never met any of these people from elsewhere myself face to face, although several of my friends have, and I have confidence in their veracity. I have communicated with them by radio and by "tensor beam", and I can honestly say that I am as well aquainted with some of these people from outside as I am with people with whom I work at my office."

As I understand it, communication by tensor beam can be compared to mental TV where actual images are perceived. The fact that Smith wrote that he had not met people from elsewhere in person should not cast doubt on his earlier claims of working with lots of flying saucer hardware and his later confessions to family and friends of having seen dead aliens. Jackie Gleason was also shown dead aliens by his friend Richard Nixon during the last days of his Presidency and Dr. Eric Walker in his letter to researcher William Steinman dated September 23, 1987 alleges that four human looking ETs successfully intergrated into our society and that these aliens are well known to most of us. Errol is not one of them, though I have some reservations about Dick. ;o)

I guess the point I want to make is that if we quickly dismiss such things as nonsense and too weird to accept, well, maybe we may not be ready for the truth which may be stranger still.

Let me quote from one more letter by Smith from that same period. In his letter to Russell (in Toronto) dated Feb 26, 59

Smith has this to say:

"Our gravity work is proceeding well. We have positive lab results, and a good bit of the theory worked out. I feel quite confident now that we know what gravity really is, and some of the rules. There is a good chance that we might be able to develop spacecraft quite on our own if we had to."

Smith's research, although discouraged by the NRC with actual threats to those scientists and engineers helping him with the loss of their jobs, found much interest by other researchers abroad. If we were successful in constructing such a spacecraft over four decades ago, we may have used it to fly to the Moon to take pictures of Neil Armstrong climbing down the steps of their Lunar Module just before he placed his foot on the lunar surface.

Maybe there would be too much history to re-write and there are still some other things which may be too disturbing for some. For example, the public may not forgive those in authority who dealt with the aliens on our behalf while suppressing certain important truths which could have benefited all of mankind.

Also, I suspect that, should these aliens look very much like us, it may shatter certain accepted scientific or religious beliefs such as the belief that we are the result of an accident of nature and became what we now are through biological evolution and chance alone. We may find that the reason we are so much alike and exhibit the same "brushstrokes" with ETs is that we were made by the same "artist" Creator. If this is true, I know this would piss off fellow atheist evolutionists down the hall where I work.

What are your thoughts about having a small group of members from within the ufological community or a cross-section of society to be informed of the whole truth first and then have them decide if the potential risks of UFO disclosure outweighs the benefits to our society? Maybe this has already happened. Let us speculate that it was learned that aliens first came to Earth aboard their spacecraft (the Moon?) many thousands of years ago and now not only share our world but also played a major role in our history.

Should such a secret continue to be kept?

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK

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Source: Sky News, October 5, 2002,

<http://www.sky.com/skynews/article/0,,30000-1066335,00.html>

Go the site to see the photo!

Stig

Did Aliens Visit Britain?

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This is the photograph which has caused Britain's latest UFO inquiry.

UFO believers say it is proof of a close encounter with aliens.

The picture was apparently taken by a parent from Tonbridge, Kent, who said he grabbed a camera after hearing his son call out that there was something strange in the sky.

It was posted to a local newspaper by a person who gave a false name.

Accompanying the picture was a note from the photographer which said he ran outside when his son called out from the garden of their home.

Moving

It went on: "At first I thought it was a kid's helium balloon that had floated off, but it wasn't going upwards, it was moving sideways."

Experts from UFO Magazine examined the photo and could not prove if it was real or a hoax.

Examination under special light filters showed two thin lines coming from the object's peak.

It was impossible to say whether these were suspension wires used by a hoaxer or natural quirks in the film.

Editor Graham Birdsall said: "If it is genuine, it would be historically extremely important as one of the greatest ever UFO pictures.

"If the photo is a hoax, it would be extremely elaborate."

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UK Family's 'Major' UFO Sighting

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Subject: UK Family's 'Major' UFO Sighting

Source: Evening Standard via ThisIsDerbyshire

<http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=64387&command=displayContent&sourceNode=63914&contentPK=2724837>

Stig

FAMILY IN 'MAJOR' SIGHTING OF UFO

09:30 - 04 October 2002

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A cigar-shaped UFO drifted over Ilkeston - and then did an encore.

A family, from Kirk Hallam, say it appeared to head for the village of West Hallam before returning from whence it came at about 7.45pm on Monday.

The mother, father and son, who do not want to be named, have lodged a detailed report with the Derby-based Phenomena Research Association.

They also called Derbyshire police, who did not receive any other reports.

Although looking like a cigar, they say it flew sideways and had a series of lights.

The mother watched the object through binoculars from the family home.

She said: "I have never seen anything like it. There's no aeroplane like that.

"It seemed to float across and there was this hum coming from it."

Her son first saw the UFO while he was looking towards Little Hallam Hill, and alerted his parents.

The object had two rows of white lights near each end. Underneath were two yellow lights - and a red pulsating beam.

The centre of the craft was dark and it was difficult to gauge its size. But the mother held a biro at arm's length and said it appeared as long as that.

The UFO came from the direction of the Stanton Works and later headed back that way.

Omar Fowler, Phenomena Research Association spokesman, said: "The family said that it made a low-pitched droning noise and that is typical of a large UFO craft.

"It is a major sighting and points to an increase in activity in the Ilkeston area."

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Vallee On Crop Circles

From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 20:47:18 -0400
Subject: Vallee On Crop Circles

Hi Friends and Researchers

I have been sent the below article by the well-respected UFO and paranormal researcher, Jacques Vallee.

He tells me it can be freely distributed. It has already been posted on the NIDS website.

This may not be a popular theory for the formation of crop circles and raises a thousand issues.

But it surely deserves discussion.

Regards

Dave Haith

CROP CIRCLES: "SIGNS" FROM ABOVE OR HUMAN ARTIFACTS?

Some personal speculations on a fractal theme

The key to investigating anomalies often lies in asking the right questions rather than pondering a long list of assumed answers and fighting over hypotheses. The crop circles that have adorned English fields in the last couple of decades are a good example of this principle. Many well-intentioned "paranormal" investigators and New Age enthusiasts have immediately posited that the circles must be caused by Aliens, while the general opinion of journalists and academics tended to state they were the product of hoaxes. Indeed two retired men were featured in the world media as the confessed authors of many circles. Over the years several interested researchers - including this author - have met with and interviewed self-described "artists" who had generated some complex crop formations as a new type of display where the landscape is used as a canvas to shock popular consciousness and stimulate reaction. There is no question that at least some of the formations - including some remarkably complex ones - are their handiwork.

This leaves most of the formations unexplained, especially those that have appeared in a very short time or under conditions of very high mathematical accuracy. Drawing a bicycle or a spider in a wheat field is one thing, the Mandelbrot set of fractal geometry is quite another.

When sophisticated formations started appearing in the English countryside several teams of UFO investigators (who came from a background of soil and trace studies related to the familiar imprints often left behind after sightings such as Delphos or Trans-en-Provence) began to take notice. Rather than jumping to conclusions about the origin and purpose of the formations they drew up a list of fundamental questions that went like this:

Is there a change in the nature of the formations over time?
What is it, exactly, that happens to the vegetation inside the affected areas?

Is there anything special about the location of the phenomenon?
To seek information on these topics they established a protocol

to gather vegetation samples and sent them to a number of laboratories for microscopic studies. The results, which have been discussed at meetings of the Society for Scientific Exploration and other public events, have never seemed of sufficient interest for the media (or, indeed, the ufological mainstream) to take notice, perhaps because they conflicted with the sensational nature of other hypotheses.

The answers are as follows:

The early formations were simple circles, then circles with satellites. In later years more and more sophisticated and precisely-drawn geometric figures appeared.

Vegetation is bent because the nodes are exploded. The stalks are not broken and indeed the plants are often reported to start growing again. All the significant formations were observed in an area in close proximity to major research facilities of the British defense establishment, often in controlled airspace.

So much for Aliens and Druids.

These studies point to the crop formations as the result of sophisticated electronic warfare experiments conducted by defense contractors. The answer to question (1) provides the first clue: If you are trying to calibrate a beam, drawing a pattern on a wheat field can yield precision information within the diameter of one stalk over hundreds of feet, an ideal test situation. The answer to question (2) narrows down the type of energy that can be responsible, because the amount of heat radiation that needs to be coupled into one node of a stalk of wheat to vaporize the water content is a known quantity, as laboratory tests in France and in the United States soon established. The answer to question (3) points to the likely authors of the tests.

It is tempting to jump to the conclusion that some sort of space-based weapon is being developed. I am reluctant to assume this because of the cost involved. Even if satellites represent the ultimate platform for such a weapon, which does not seem obvious to me, the calibration tests can be carried out far more cheaply from a conventional aircraft. In those cases when witnesses on the ground have seen formations in the process of being created, they have described a reddish glow at ground level, with the vegetation bent over in a matter of minutes. This would be consistent with a beam directed at the field from a hovering dirigible, painting a figure very much in the same way as an electron beam "paints" a digital image on a computer screen. From conversations I have had with the investigators involved, the beam would be unlikely to be a simple infrared beam. Instead a combination of laser and microwave transmitters may be involved, or a form of maser. Perhaps the increasingly sophisticated tests are designed, precisely, to discover optimal combinations.

This leaves several issues pending: Why don't witnesses see the supposed hovering platforms if they simply fly over the countryside? What about the "confessions" of the two retired men who claimed they made the circles with a two-by-four and a piece of string? And why do the experiments continue at a point where the technology seems to have reached a high level of perfection? I only have tentative answers to this new set of questions:

Many years ago I gave a lecture on UFO research at Oxford University. One of the people attending, a physics faculty member, told me of an interesting personal experience. His hobby was to fly gliders over the English countryside. On one occasion, on a bright afternoon, he was astonished to see his plane reflected in a surface that appeared to be motionless in the atmosphere. He actually flew around the object and determined it was a perfectly reflecting cylinder. It is obvious that such a device would have "low-observable" characteristics - a visual stealth platform.

What is suspicious about the two older men's "confession" is that it appeared simultaneously on the front pages of international papers and on CNN the same day. Any published author familiar with the difficulty of getting media attention will know that it takes a very powerful public relations firm to get a story to the front page of the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, Le Figaro and many other papers the same day.

Where did the two pensioners get the kind of clout that would spin their claim around the planet? The result was instantaneous: The press and, more importantly, most scientists lost all interest in the story for 10 years.

Why do the tests continue? I admit I have no good answer to this. It seems farfetched to assume that they have become more sociological than technological in nature, yet this could provide an explanation. Soon or later the truth will be known, and it can be used to discredit the community of paranormal researchers who have rushed to decipher alien scripts in the formations, or have hypothesized a return of the Druids, earth lights or messages from Gaia without first testing the basic physics of the situation. It may also be that such hypotheses have been coldly planted among the New Age milieu as part of a psychological warfare experiment, and that the real nature of the crop formations can thus be hidden from serious attention for a very long time.

Why would one need to develop such a beam? Destruction of incoming missiles (or simple confusion of their electronics) would be an obvious purpose, but several projects are already under way to produce such weapons, notably at Boeing and other defense contractors. But we may be wrong in assuming that the beam itself is a weapon; it might be used simply to guide a much larger amount of energy (contained plasma, or the fireball created by a nuclear explosion, for example) to its ultimate destination. The type of threat that is present in today's world includes targets that one may not want to blow up, but rather to fuse inside a fireball. Such a target might be a biological laboratory, or a chemical factory, where dispersion of a pathogen is undesirable. Is that what the innocent designs in English fields are really telling us to get ready for? If so, their message may be far more ominous than any communication from ETs, friendly or not.

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Infinity Channel Group:
<http://tinyurl.com/laml>

Joanne's webpage in Positive Health magazine:
<http://tinyurl.com/lalt>

Joanne's entry on uktherapists.com website:
<http://tinyurl.com/lalo>

'If you keep a green bough in your heart the singing bird will come'

'You must be the change you wish to see in the world' Gandhi

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New Billy Meier-Style Case

From: George Hansen <gphansen2001@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Oct 2002 07:11:06 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 20:48:53 -0400
Subject: New Billy Meier-Style Case

A new Billy Meier-style UFO case is likely to attract attention shortly. A Jay Solomon in Pennsylvania has a number of UFO photos that are now on the web.

See:

<http://www.thecomingoftan.com/default2.html>

George P. Hansen

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The Trickster and the Paranormal

<http://www.tricksterbook.com>

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Re: Falsified and Fabricated Data - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 08:28:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 20:51:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Falsified and Fabricated Data - Warren

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2002 09:47:43 EDT
>Subject: Re: Falsified and Fabricated Data

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 02 Oct 2002 08:52:41 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Falsified and Fabricated Data

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Sep 2002 13:03:20 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Falsified and Fabricated Data

<snip>

Hello Greg, Larry, Kevin & All,

I think that the important point is that the main consensus is the "debris field" was quite large. Also the description given by Brazel's daughter was in reference to what they had picked up and not the site itself.

Regards,

Frank

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Re: French View Of Kelly Hopkinsville Case - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 21:51:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 20:56:22 -0400
Subject: Re: French View Of Kelly Hopkinsville Case - Hall

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
>To: shg@topica.com, ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 17:40:48 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: French View Of Kelly Hopkinsville Case

>The French researcher Renaud Lecllet has posted a report in
>English on the Kelly Hopkinsville case, as seen from a different
>Perspective:

><http://perso.club-internet.fr/francine.juncosa/pages/souspagekelly3eng.htm>>

Vicente-Juan,

All I can say is that Lecllet did not know Isabel Davis (who was a close personal friend of mine, as well as a skilled investigator and an intellectual of the first order).

His highly remote and presumptive interpretation of the Kelly/Hopkinsville case is riddled with false assumptions and illogical conclusions.

Best regards,

Dick

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Heavenly Light Widens Eyes

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 00:50:38 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:13:33 -0400
Subject: Heavenly Light Widens Eyes

Source: Deseret News,

<http://www.deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,410017749,00.html>

Stig

Monday, October 7, 2002

Wow! Heavenly light widens eyes

By Jody Genessy

Deseret News staff writer

Goodness gracious! A great ball of fire sure raised a ruckus in northern Utah Sunday night.

Emergency dispatch operators, news organizations and space-related businesses along the Wasatch Front were flooded with phone calls from the curious and concerned. People reported seeing a forest fire above Olympus Cove, an unusually bright light in the sky from Ogden to Santaquin, a colorful fireball above Morgan and Summit counties, even explosions in the heavens.

The unidentified flying object streaked in a north-to-south direction over Utah at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm looking to welcome the guys to Utah," said one police dispatcher, joking about a possible E.T. sighting.

No such luck. This UFO was determined to be a meteor. It was spotted anywhere from Bear Lake to Denver to Sevier County.

One person "saw a green ball of fire with a blue tail," said a dispatcher who took at least 15 phone calls from concerned and curious Summit County residents.

Police in Salt Lake County were dispatched to the possible fire in the Olympus Cove area, but there wasn't one. Other people "were calling in about the bright lights," said a Salt Lake County sheriff dispatcher. "It's been rather interesting."

Peter Wilensky, a National Weather Service meteorologist (that's meteorologist, not meteor-ologist) based in Salt Lake, called this meteor a random event. It wasn't part of an "organized shower" nor was it "a piece of space junk."

"Nobody reported any audio, any sound associated with it," he said. "There were no sonic booms, so it was probably fairly high. It's hard to say how large it is."

"All of a sudden we got lots of calls . . . from all sorts of places," he added. "So it was a bona fide event."

Seth Jarvis, director of the Hansen Planetarium, believes the meteor was probably rather small and was rapidly zipping along. He was checking for an official American Meteor Society report on (www.amsmeteors.org), but one hadn't been posted as of Monday morning.

"What really could've lit up the skies," he said, "was a rock the size of a softball entering the atmosphere at 100,000 miles an hour."

Some meteors we see are only dust-size particles smacking the atmosphere. "It doesn't take much," Wilensky said.

Though some people reported seeing it land, that was probably an optical illusion. Jarvis speculates the meteor was 60 miles overhead. "It's unlikely anything actually landed," he said.

Chunks from outer space such as this one are so visible because they create great heat when entering the upper atmosphere, Jarvis explained. They vaporize into atoms from friction and that vapor then causes a brilliant streak.

Which, in turn causes a lot of curiosity on Earth.

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Re: Metal Orbs & Crop Circles in US? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 15:50:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:15:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Metal Orbs & Crop Circles in US? - Hatch

>From: Patricia Beatty <pbeatty@nyc.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 17:35:25 -0400
>Subject: Metal Orbs & Crop Circles in US?

>[Non-Subscriber Post --ebk]

>I'm looking for information on a 9" metal orb that was retrieved
>at the site of a large crop circle in 1978, Illinois from a
>farmer and his son.

>The two witnesses were repairing a roof on a building on their
>farm and stopped to watch as three metal orbs, following a
>distinct pattern created a crop circle. The farmer contacted the
>USAF and told them what he had seen from his roof with his son.
>Within an hour or so men arrived and the farmer was paid five
>times the value of his crop to permit the USAF to burn his field
>of oats. The farmer relinquished the metal orb to the
>representatives on loan, telling them that when the orbs were
>done with the pattern in the crops, one hit the other mid-air
>and fell to the ground in the center of the crop circle.

>I've been trying to run down information on this story for a
>piece that I'm working on. I work for Intercontinental News
>Media Service in DC.

>We have two other reports of seeing these same metal orbs with
>very good corroborating witnesses that include a group of
>Houston Police Detectives who swore that three of these orbs
>chased two young men in tandem all over a field one evening
>while they watched in shock, the orbs knocking the men to the
>ground repeatedly, diving at them, pursuing them and finally
>flying off in a group of three when the two men lay on the
>ground sobbing.

>The next story came from two hostesses off of an American
>Airline Flight between Florida and California in which three of
>the same type of orbs came through the hull of the plane then
>appeared to check each row for what the other witnesses clearly
>stated was a search for someone in particular. Finally, two of
>the orbs found two people in different areas of the plane while
>the hostesses and one pilot who had been asked to come to
>witness what was happening watched in terror. Two of the orbs
>moved into the rows on either side of the plane, hovered in
>front of the shocked passengers, appearing to communicate with
>one another. They left the same way that they came in and
>weren't seen again.

>My deadline is running out and I can't even get a reply on this
>information. Have you guys ever heard anything about these
>circle makers?

Hello Patricia:

If you can provide approximate date and place in Illinois, I
will see if I can look up the same or similar event in my
database. You cannot look up individual cases via my website
directly, I need to do that.

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

I'm pretty sure the case is not listed as described. I would remember something like that. Could you kindly tell us the source also?

Please respond go my email address:

<webmaster@larryhatch.net>

Good luck

- Larry Hatch

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Burning Object Streaks Over English Midlands

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:17:01 -0400
Subject: Burning Object Streaks Over English Midlands

Source: BBC News,

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/england/2303349.stm>

Stig

Sunday, 6 October, 2002, 10:33 GMT 11:33 UK

'Meteor' lights up Midlands

The object was seen shortly before 0600 BST

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A burning object seen streaking across West Midlands skies on Sunday morning may have been a meteor, astronomers have said.

The streaking fireball was seen heading south shortly before 0600 BST.

Its passage was followed by a bright flash which lit up the sky.

Sightings of the object were reported at sites including Coventry, England's south coast and Wales.

Andy Salmon, from the Birmingham Astronomical Society, said it may have been a meteor - space debris burning up in the atmosphere.

He also suggested it may have been a man-made object, such as a satellite re-entering the atmosphere, or a rocket being launched.

"Meteors can happen at any time... there's no predicting when it may happen," he said.

One witness said the object had a tail.

"All of a sudden I've seen this light streak across the sky... the front of the light was much larger than what you would call the tail," he said.

'Like a film'

The BBC's Ben Godfrey saw the fireball as he arrived at work.

"It was reminiscent of a meteor you might see in a film... it was huge," he said.

Local aviation authorities confirmed the object was not aircraft-related.

It has been an eventful period for the West Midlands in nature terms, with the region shaken by an earth tremor on 23 September.

c. MMII

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Boost For Life On Europa

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:19:25 -0400
Subject: Boost For Life On Europa

Source: BBC News,

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/sci/tech/2284852.stm>

Stig

Monday, 30 September, 2002, 13:52 GMT 14:52 UK

Boost for life on Jupiter moon

By Helen Briggs, BBC News Online science reporter

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The chances of finding life on other worlds have received a boost.

Data from the Galileo space probe's journey to Jupiter suggests an ocean on its moon, Europa, is somewhat Earth-like.

Scientists in the United States think the moon's icy crust is relatively thin.

There seem to be cracks and vents, which would allow gases, heat and organic matter to reach what may be water beneath.

Dr Richard Greenberg and colleagues at the University of Arizona, Tucson, US, came to this conclusion after looking at images of the moon's cracked surface.

They were captured by the space probe Galileo, which has been flying past some of Jupiter's many moons over the past few years.

Dr Greenberg's team thinks the European sea has parallels with some of Earth's icy oceans. Surprisingly, perhaps, it appears to be more like the Arctic Ocean than Lake Vostok.

Buried bugs

Lake Vostok in Antarctica is one of the deepest-known bodies of fresh water on the planet.

At least 30 million years old, it is a model for some of the ice-covered oceans elsewhere in the Solar System.

Some have proposed that the lake might contain previously undiscovered lifeforms.

But Vostok is now thought to be too isolated from surface influences to harbour anything more than the most primitive

organisms.

Europa, though, appears more like the Arctic Ocean, the Earth's smallest ocean, which occupies the region around the North Pole.

The Arctic Ocean is exposed to air and heat by the cracking and melting of ice.

Europa too seems to have surface-to-ocean connections via cracks, thermal vents, and tidal displacement, according to the Arizona team.

Dr Cynan Ellis-Evans, of the British Antarctic Survey, is quick to see the significance.

"In thermodynamic terms life abhors equilibrium," he says. "These new interpretations suggest that a European ocean and its ice cap could be dynamically interacting with the moon's surface atmosphere over short time scales that increase opportunities for life to exist and evolve."

Seeds of life

One intriguing possibility is that sulphur ejected from Jupiter's volcanic moon, Io, could make it across to Europa.

"If we're getting a sulphur source going into the lake it's an exciting possibility," Dr Ellis-Evans adds. "It increases the opportunity for life".

Astrobiologists had thought the ice sheet covering the moon was too thick to allow anything to get in. The new research will give them food for thought.

"It is informed speculation which suggests that the condition and environment will be suitable for life," says Dr Mark Burchell, a space scientist at the University of Kent in Canterbury, UK.

One scenario is that a meteoroid crashing into Europa could have punched through the ice, carrying the building blocks of life.

"Dust and meteorites carrying organic or volatile materials could have been delivered to the ocean below the surface," he says.

The American space agency is seriously considering sending a robotic probe to Europa to drill through the ice.

The research, published in the US journal Reviews of Geophysics, will be welcome news for the scientists lobbying Nasa to go.

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Water On Mars A Few Million Years Ago?

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Subject: Water On Mars A Few Million Years Ago?

Source: BBC News,

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Stig

Wednesday, 25 September, 2002, 20:31 GMT 21:31 UK

Martian 'wobbles' shift climate

Climate clues are locked in the northern cap

By Dr David Whitehouse,
BBC News Online science editor

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Mars undergoes periodic "wobbles" on its axis and variations in its orbit that, like the Earth, may cause it to endure ice ages, say scientists.

The evidence comes from high-resolution images of the planet's northern polar ice cap, a dome of water-ice mixed with dust that is up to 2.5 kilometres (1.5 miles) thick.

Images as well as measurements of the surface profile by the laser altimeter on the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft reveal a spiral pattern of ice and dust ridges sculpted by fierce winds and evaporation due to sunlight.

The estimated accumulation rate, of 0.05 centimetres (0.02 inches) a year, of these ridges suggest the cap is only about five million years old, and that it was formed at the start of the latest orbital changes that induced the most recent ice age.

Planet-wide ocean

A team led by Jacques Laskar, of France's National Centre for Scientific Research, reports in the journal Nature that Mars experiences dramatic changes in its axis and orbital shape that result in enormous variations in polar "insolation" - the amount of sunlight that falls on the cap.

The same effect happens on the Earth as well, but to a far lesser extent because of the stabilising influence of the Moon's gravity. Mars, however, without a large satellite, can move on its axis up to 47 degrees.

The impact of this can be most easily seen at the north pole.

There, the ice and dust dunes are shaped by the interplay of

wind and sunlight. Any variation in solar radiation due to the Sun's changing position in the sky will alter the way the terrain develops.

Dr Laskar's research reveals that the size of the respective layers and the variation in deposition of dust and ice in the past matches Mars' orbital changes.

Drilling missions

The suggestion that the northern cap is only five million years old intrigues astronomers as they calculate that if all the water-ice in the northern cap were melted it would flood the planet with water to a depth of a few metres.

If this happened in the past few million years then it could explain the seemingly freshly cut valleys and erosional features recently identified on the Red Planet.

The answers to such questions will have to wait until man or machine goes to the polar regions.

Commenting on the research, Alan Howard, of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, US, said: "In the future, missions that land on the planet and drill into the layered deposits may provide definitive interpretations of the climate cycles on Mars."

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Re: UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK - Pope

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 08:21:48 +0200
>Subject: UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK

>This is the photograph which has caused Britain's latest
>UFO inquiry.

>UFO believers say it is proof of a close encounter with
>aliens.

Stig and List,

This is indeed causing quite a stir here in the UK. Graham Birdsall's UFO Magazine ran the story in the October 2002 issue, on pages 18-21. Two national newspapers, the Daily Mail and the Daily Star, featured it on Friday October 4. That same day Georgina Bruni and I appeared on Sky News to discuss the photograph.

In my Ministry of Defence job I used to receive a lot of photos and videos of UFOs. Most of them had been taken at night, and the vast majority showed little more than a vague light or shape. Most images showed just the object in the sky, with no ground features visible. Even with various in-house enhancement and analysis techniques available, there was little that could be done with such material. Even with the better material, it could never be viewed in isolation; the image, the witness, the witness's story, and information about the camera had to be considered together.

The photo is certainly intriguing. And the story is, to use a phrase often used in data evaluation, "interesting, if true". But when all is said and done, all we really have is a photo and letter, which were sent to the offices of a local newspaper. The name on the letter did not check out, and while many genuine witnesses are reluctant to come forward, we must be cautious in such cases.

There are things that can be done here. Outside of government and military circles, there are plenty of commercial firms that do very good enhancement and analysis work. The police often use such companies to clean up CCTV images. But until and unless we have further information on the witness, no meaningful investigation can take place.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: New Billy Meier-Style Case - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 23:31:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:29:07 -0400
Subject: Re: New Billy Meier-Style Case - Hatch

>From: George Hansen <gphansen2001@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Oct 2002 07:11:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: New Billy Meier-Style Case

>A new Billy Meier-style UFO case is likely to attract attention
>shortly. A Jay Solomon in Pennsylvania has a number of UFO
>photos that are now on the web.

>See:

><http://www.thecomingoftan.com/default2.html>

>George P. Hansen

>=====

Thanks for the warning.

- Larry Hatch

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New Classified UFO Documents Surface

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2002 23:41:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:27:37 -0400
Subject: New Classified UFO Documents Surface

New Classified UFO Documents Surface
Grant Cameron
www.presidentialufo.com

Over the years the Canadian government has always had a public relations problem regarding its involvement in the UFO mystery. The problem is that it once ran an investigation of flying saucers at a Top Secret level, and that it shared the information it had gathered with high-level United States officials.

Over the years, through carefully worded releases, the Canadian government has attempted to turn this high level involvement into what the government has described as a part time personal interest by one employee who was somewhat misguided in his pro-flying saucer beliefs.

Wilbert Smith, the top radio engineer in the Department of Transport, had headed the study up. Following a trip to visit with "United States officials," Smith returned to Canada writing a TOP SECRET memo seeking funding for his proposed research. As a part of the evidence he had been given in the states he listed five items:

- 1) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher than even the H-bomb.
- 2) Flying saucers exist.
- 3) Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Vannevar Bush.
- 4) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.
- 5) The United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines, which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena.

While Smith was alive, statements supported the fact that official research into flying saucers was going on. A statement prepared for the Minister of Transport to be presented in the House of Commons in the 1950s, for example said, "This entire program ... is being carried on ... with official approval and authority to make use of existing facilities."

Months after Smith died in late 1962 Mr. Dupuis, Minister of the Department of Transport, made his final positive statement in the House of Commons,

"Between December 1950 and August 1954 a small program of investigation in the field of geomagnetics was carried out by the then communications division of the Department of Transport with a view to obtaining, if possible, some physical information or facts which might help to explain the phenomena which was

generally referred to as unidentified flying objects. Mr. W.B. Smith was the engineer in charge of this program."

By 1964 UFO researcher Arthur Bray received a letter that started the denial,

"... at no time has this Department carried out research in the field of unidentified flying objects ...The department did not take part in any of his (Smith's) research work nor did Mr. Smith provide the Department with any useful information arising out of his work."

By 1968 the denial was completed. The statement that would forever be provided for inquiries related to Smith was completed. The key UFO sceptic at the Dominion Observatory, Dr. Peter Millman, wrote it up.

"The project was a personal one carried out by Mr. Smith with the knowledge of his department, but without any official sponsorship."

Now, newly discovered classified documents have surfaced which clearly show that the government of the early 1950s was deeply interested and involved in the flying saucer mystery, and that it was officially approved and monitored. Further the documents clearly show that the later releases about these activities being a "purely a personal hobby" by one lone employee were carefully worded spin to distract inquiring minds.

The 43 new pages of documents were uncovered in the extensive files of Wilbert B. Smith by York University researcher Nick Balaskas at the University of Ottawa Archives in the Canadian capitol. There are five documents in total. Three of the documents are classified "secret" and two have no classification markings. They date from March 10, 1950 to October 18, 1952.

The five documents and their highlights are as follows:

1. March 10, 1950 "Preliminary Report on Initial Experiment Geo-Magnetic Release" classified "SECRET." This three-page document was written more than eight months before Smith's now famous "TOP SECRET" Project Magnet memo to his superiors within the Department of Transport. It describes the research that was going on that led to Project Magnet.

The object of the experiment being described in the document was "to check qualitatively certain theoretical points concerning the possibility of converting geo-magnetic energy into electrical energy." It is this geo-magnetic energy that, Smith would months later conclude, might be propelling the flying saucers. It is also this geo-magnetic energy theory that Smith would trade with American officials in exchange for information they had on the flying saucers.

The conclusion of this paper was that energy had been generated by the "collapse of the earth's field" using a "core of ferro-magnetic material," but that more advanced equipment should be built to more accurately measure the effect. The document can be viewed at:

http://www.presidentialufo.com/march_50_report.htm

2. The second five-page document, undated and without security markings, is the most interesting of the set. It ties in the idea that "magnetic sink" can be produced and that it might closely link into the flying saucers that were widely being reported.

More importantly, the paper describes how Project Magnet came to be and the reasons behind the classification of the program.

"At the time when the flying saucers first captured public attention the writer was engaged in a part-time investigation of the behavior of electro-magnetic fields, and it seemed just possible that, if the saucers actually were space ships, they might be using the very magnetic principles being studied. Authority was requested and obtained to set up a classified project with the Department of Transport to pursue this matter further."

"The project was classified for several reasons. The exchange of

information with other parallel classified projects could thereby be facilitated; scientific personnel working along unorthodox lines prefer to work in camera, until their results can be proven; and further-more, in the event that a new technology should be uncovered, its implications would have to be carefully assessed before pertinent information could be made public."

This document can be viewed at:

www.presidentialufo.com/flying_saucer_review.htm

3. The next seven-page document is actually six different assignment papers all classified "SECRET." They are very technical in nature. The titles of the papers included "Theoretical Investigation of Different Boundary Conditions in Maxwell's Electromagnetic Equations"; "Investigations of Mechanical Forces Associated with Electron Drift or Currents in Solid Bodies"; "Magnetic Domain Resonance in Magnetic Materials"; "Magnetic Wave Motion in Magnetic Materials"; "Investigation of Possibility of Magnetic Sink"; and "Single magnetic Poles."

4. The fourth discovered document is a fourteen-page paper titled "Project Magnet." The paper is a highly technical review of the experiments conducted by Wilbert Smith and J. Thompson "to investigate as many aspects of magnetic phenomena as possible with the object of determining whether magnetic sink exist, domain resonance occur, and any correlations between them."

Although this paper was not marked as classified other documents clearly show that the activities behind Project Magnet remained classified from December 1950 till 1979.

5. The final document in the newly discovered material is a draft report of the "Interim Project Magnet Report" dated October 18, 1952. It was the final version of this report that Mrs. Murl Smith stated, "had sat on the desk of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent for three months" until Wilbert Smith and the Prime Minister agreed "the time was not right" for it's release. The copy of the final report found in the government files remained classified well into the 1970s.

As one can see from the diagram the conclusion of the report included the observation that the "saucers are real." Many observations about the flight and visual characteristics were being analyzed to determine the gap that existed with present day physics knowledge.

This document can be viewed at:

www.presidentialufo.com/interim_magnet_report.htm

Perhaps there is a hopeful possibility here in the conquest of outer space. Interplanetary activity may well give us planetary peace. Once we discover Martian spaceships hovering over Earth's air-space, we will all come together.

"How dare they threaten us like this!" we shall shout, as one, at a really United Nations! Former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson in a speech receiving his Nobel Prize for Peace in 1957.

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Diamond-Shaped Object Over Calgary

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:40:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 07:40:34 -0400
Subject: Diamond-Shaped Object Over Calgary

<http://www.canoe.ca/CalgaryNews/cs.cs-10-04-0034.html>

Diamond-Shaped Craft Sighted Over Calgary
By Melissa Ridgen

Calgary Sun

10-4-2

Area 51, move over - Deer Run may be taking over as destination of choice for visitors from outer space.

A southeast Calgary family saw a strange sight in the sky Tuesday evening, hours before a northern lights display danced overhead.

Tammy Woodward's boyfriend came into their Deer Run home around 7 p.m., to get her to look at an odd object he'd spotted in the sky.

"The sun was just going down and the sky was perfectly clear except for this thing," said Woodward. "We saw what looked like a small piece of really bright-white cloud but it was moving way too fast to be a cloud," said Woodward, whose two children also saw it.

"It was going really fast, west-northwest. It was diamond-shaped and it was gone from sight over other houses in about 10 seconds," the 34-year-old said.

Environment Canada meteorologist Bill McMurtry is at a loss as to what the family saw.

It could have been an aircraft, satellite or meteorite - but he doubts it was, because the latter two aren't visible while it's light out, and most people know a plane when they see one.

On Sept. 6, 1991, three people in the city's Monterey Park reported three amber, diamond-shaped lights moving in the eastern sky.

An unexplained spectacle was also witnessed in Edmonton, according to the Alberta UFO Study Group. On Sept. 13, a person in Edmonton saw 10 yellow-white lights moving "fast like a fighter jet" to the northeast, then disappearing 30 seconds later.

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Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Le Chevalier

From: Remy Le Chevalier <remy.lechevalier@cp.finances.gouv.fr>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 15:59:14 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 11:39:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Le Chevalier

>From: Gregory Gutierrez <greguti@free.fr>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 05 Oct 2002 19:12:37 +0200
>Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO]

>I've found sources about the investigation by Claude Poher for

<snip>

>It seems that Poher wrote a complete report for the GEPAN at the
>time (in 1973) but

<snip>

>Claude Poher is still alive so eventually we could contact him
>and ask him once again about this story.

Hello List,

This seems unlikely. I understood from an interview of Poher published in the French magazine "Phenomena" a while ago (possibly 1998 ?) that he didn't want to be associated with UFO research or even hear about it any more.

I think he was even asked about the subject of UMMO and didn't want to talk about it.

Best Regards.

RL

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Bob Pratt's Website Online

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 09:16:50 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 11:42:02 -0400
Subject: Bob Pratt's Website Online

I haven't seen it mentioned here yet, but Bob Pratt's personal website is now online. For many years, Pratt was an ardent investigator for the National Enquirer tabloid newspaper, and although we all have likely the same opinion of that paper's style and handling of UFOs, most people don't know that Pratt's actual investigations were thorough, detailed and substantive. Even according to Bob, what was printed often bore no resemblance to what he submitted to the editor. I have many transcripts of his interviews with UFO witnesses, and his subsequent write-ups, and I can say that his journalism was at a level far above what we usually see today.

Bob's website is chock full of his stories of case investigations, hair-raising flights over the Brazilian jungles, meetings with extraordinary people and the way ufology developed over the years.

At the very least, it's a great autobiography of one of ufology's most prominent advocates. How many names of regular posters on UFO mailing lists can you find in the stories and acknowledgements? Okay, so he spelled "Edmonton" wrong.

Bob Pratt's autobiography can be found at:

<http://www.bobpratt.org>

Nobody in particular

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Re: UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 12:37:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 16:34:10 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK - Maccabee

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 08:21:48 +0200
>Subject: UFO Picture Causes Controversy In UK

>Source: Sky News, October 5, 2002,

><http://www.sky.com/skynews/article/0,,30000-1066335,00.html>

>Go the site to see the photo!

>Stig

>Did Aliens Visit Britain?

**

>This is the photograph which has caused Britain's latest UFO
>inquiry.

>UFO believers say it is proof of a close encounter with aliens.

>The picture was apparently taken by a parent from Tonbridge,
>Kent, who said he grabbed a camera after hearing his son call
>out that there was something strange in the sky.

>It was posted to a local newspaper by a person who gave a false
>name.

False name - not a good start for this investigation.

Obvious crude similarity to Trent object.....

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Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 18:23:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 17:34:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight

>From: Chris Rolfe <astratech@supanet.com>
>To: ufologyinuk@smartgroups.com, editor@uforesearch.org
>Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2002 11:05:11 -0400
>Subject: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight [UK]

>Graham Birdsall of UFO Magazine is on the Richard & Judy
>programme tonight at 5 to 6pm on Channel 4 TV [UK], talking
>about the Tonbridge photo.

>Chris Rolfe of UFO Monitors East Kent will be on Meridan Tonight
>News programme at 6:00pm talking about CCTV footage of a
>possible FT taken back in July, 1998.

Yet another amazing contribution to Ufology in the U.K.?

More like "utter garbage"

Geoff Richardson

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Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure? - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 15:05:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 17:47:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure? - Velez

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 18:52:23 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

Hi Nick,

You wrote:

>Hi Everyone!

>I listened to John Velez on Errol's 'Strange Days... Indeed' UFO
>radio program about the disappointing response to the petition
>to get the United Nations to encourage member states to release
>all information about UFOs to the public. It reminded me of
>something I had just read a few days earlier.

>Going through the personal correspondence of the famous Canadian
>investigator of flying saucers, Wilbert B. Smith, I found many
>incredible statements which he made in his letters. One of these
>to a Mr. Caswell dated February 23, 1959 is quoted below in
>part.

>"For your information every nation on this planet has been
>officially informed of the existance of the space craft and
>their occupants from frome elsewhere, and as nations they must
>accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official
>position which they may take. There is nothing more to be done
>along these lines, and efforts in this direction is effort
>wasted."

Maybe so, but it never hurts to try.

>r, one wonders if the public is really ready for the revelations
>about UFOs.

That's what the problem has been all long Nick. A 'few' have
taken it upon themselves to decide whether we (the people)
should know what is going on. When it comes to something like
this, that some other species/race is here on our world, is
something that everyone should know.

If it affects us all then we all have a 'right' to know.

>Jackie Gleason was also
>shown dead aliens by his friend Richard Nixon during the last
>days of his Presidency

I've been hearing this one for years. Does anybody know if
there is any truth to it? I've always considered it a kind of
'urban legend.' I'm just curious if any one knows anything
about this particular walnut.

>and Dr. Eric Walker in his letter to
>researcher William Steinman dated September 23, 1987 alleges

>that four human looking ETs successfully intergrated into our
>society and that these aliens are well known to most of us.

Hah! I know who they are...

1. Dan Quayle
2. Christopher Walken
3. Keith Richards
4. Tiny Tim (returned to Zeta Reticuli)

>I have some reservations about Dick. ;o)

So do all healthy, heterosexual males. Nothing to be apologetic about. ;o)

>I guess the point I want to make is that if we quickly dismiss
>such things as nonsense and too weird to accept, well, maybe we
>may not be ready for the truth which may be stranger still.

Who decides when we will be "ready"? I've never been able to figure out what the criteria for "ready" is. Maybe we need to vote on it! Majority rule. It's pure speculation, but have a feeling that more people would want to know than not.

>What are your thoughts about having a small group of members
>from within the ufological community or a cross-section of
>society to be informed of the whole truth first and then have
>them decide if the potential risks of UFO disclosure outweighs
>the benefits to our society? Maybe this has already happened.

MJ-12?

>Let us speculate that it was learned that aliens first came to
>Earth aboard their spacecraft (the Moon?) many thousands of
>years ago and now not only share our world but also played a
>major role in our history.

>Should such a secret continue to be kept?

No. Although it would be simpler to make the scenario one where we simply know that we are being visited. Let's leave the hollow Moon full of aliens theory on the back-burner for now for the purpose of this little survey.

Regards,

John Velez

Sign the International Petition to the United Nations
for disclosure of information pertaining to UFOs.

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Cocaine Blamed In Sees' Death

From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 15:41:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 18:42:54 -0400
Subject: Cocaine Blamed In Sees' Death

Source: The Press Enterprise - Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

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Cocaine blamed in Norry death

By the Press Enterprise staff

NORTHUMBERLAND -- A Northumberland man whose body was found in the woods here in August died because of cocaine, police said in a release Friday.

While Northumberland County Coroner James Kelley would not qualify the death as an overdose, the press release listed Todd Sees' cause of death as "cocaine toxicity."

Police said the manner of death is accidental.

Kelley said he could not release the amount of cocaine in Sees' blood because his death was still under investigation.

Point Township police could not be contacted Friday for further comment about what they were investigating.

The family of Sees, 39, reported him missing on Aug. 4. Searchers found his body in the evening of the next day.

In the past month, while police were waiting for the results of toxicology tests, a group of UFO Web sites published anonymous reports that a UFO may have been involved in the death. Officials called the reports "ridiculous."

Kelley, along with Point Township Police Chief Gary Steffen and Sgt. Seth Cotner, met with the Sees family Thursday night to inform them of the toxicology results, police said.

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Re: Vallee On Crop Circles - Maccabee

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>CROP CIRCLES: "SIGNS" FROM ABOVE OR HUMAN ARTIFACTS?
>(by Jacques Vallee)

>Some personal speculations on a fractal theme The key to
>investigating anomalies often lies in asking the right questions
>rather than pondering a long list of assumed answers and
>fighting over hypotheses. The crop circles that have adorned
>English fields in the last couple of decades are a good example
>of this principle. Many well-intentioned "paranormal"
>investigators and New Age enthusiasts have immediately posited
>that the circles must be caused by Aliens, while the general
>opinion of journalists and academics tended to state they were
>the product of hoaxes. Indeed two retired men were featured in
>the world media as the confessed authors of many circles. Over
>the years several interested researchers - including this author
>- have met with and interviewed self-described "artists" who had
>generated some complex crop formations as a new type of display
>where the landscape is used as a canvas to shock popular
>consciousness and stimulate reaction. There is no question that
>at least some of the formations - including some remarkably
>complex ones - are their handiwork.

>This leaves most of the formations unexplained, especially those
>that have appeared in a very short time or under conditions of
>very high mathematical accuracy. Drawing a bicycle or a spider
>in a wheat field is one thing, the

I think it was the summer of 1990 when suddenly the agriglyphs
went from being mostly circular constructions (combinations of
circles, arcs, etc) to constructions that included straight
edges, lines, pathways, "key" shapes, etc.

>Mandelbrot set of fractal geometry is quite another. When
>sophisticated formations started appearing in the English
>countryside several teams of UFO investigators (who came from a
>background of soil and trace studies related to the familiar
>imprints often left behind after sightings such as Delphos or
>Trans-en-Provence) began to take notice. Rather than jumping to
>conclusions about the origin and purpose of the formations they
>drew up a list of fundamental questions that went like this:

>(1)Is there a change in the nature of the formations over time?

>(2)What is it, exactly, that happens to the vegetation inside
>the affected areas?

>(3)Is there anything special about the location of the
>phenomenon?

>To seek information on these topics they established a protocol
>to gather vegetation samples and sent them to a number of
>laboratories for microscopic studies. The results, which have
>been discussed at meetings of the Society for Scientific
>Exploration and other public events, have never seemed of
>sufficient interest for the media (or, indeed, the ufological
>mainstream) to take notice, perhaps because they conflicted with
>the sensational nature of other hypotheses.

Collin Andrews was one of the main drivers toward a scientific analysis. The Fund for UFO Research supporter Project Argus in the late 1980s or early 90's (I don't recall) to gather data. However, it wasn't until Lefty Leavengood got involved that plant studies really began. Of course, even before that the investigators could tell when stalks were broken and when they weren't.... and it was the cases with unbroken stalks (how do you bend a plant "permanently" without breaking it/) and the cases with different "lays" (counterclockwise lay of the grain over a region of clockwise lay, for example) that really raised the questions.... because these by themselves ruled out the "stick and rope" method... long before the Doug and Dave show.

>The answers are as follows:

>The early formations were simple circles, then circles with
>satellites. In later years more and more sophisticated and
>precisely-drawn geometric figures appeared.

>Vegetation is bent because the nodes are exploded. The stalks
>are not broken and indeed the plants are often reported to start
>growing again.

Up to here we have a recitation of the data. Now comes the suggested explanation.

>All the significant formations were observed in an area in close
>proximity to major research facilities of the British defense
>establishment, often in controlled airspace.

>So much for Aliens and Druids. These studies point to the crop
>formations as the result of sophisticated electronic warfare
>experiments conducted by defense contractors. The answer to
>question (1) provides the first clue:

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>wheat field can yield precision information within the diameter
>of one stalk over hundreds of feet, an ideal test situation.

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Here he is saying that the answer to the first question above (Is there a change in the nature of the constructions as time goes on?) is an indication of improvement British defense technology. At first the patterns were simple.

Then they got complex.... ergo the technology improved.

As a researcher involved with military lasers (or microwave beams) I would say that "calibrating" a beam weapon by drawing a pattern in a grain field would be by far the LEAST likely method. (A) they would use a "target board" or some special device to measure beam steering accuracy, not a field of grain and (B) if in the unlikely event they decided to use a grain field they wouldn't use a privately owned field... they would "grow their own".

I am, I must admit, flabbergasted that Jacques would extrapolate from the factual presence of a military establishment set up for electronic warfare to the use of weapons to draw pictures in farmers' grain fields. "Electronic Warfare" does not mean beam weapons.. The terminology refers to detecting the enemies signal transmissions and either listening in or jamming (such as radar jamming).

>The answer to question (2) narrows down the type of energy that
>can be responsible, because the amount of heat radiation that
>needs to be coupled into one node of a stalk of wheat to
>vaporize the water content is a known quantity, as laboratory
>tests in France and in the United States soon established.

Here he is saying that the assumed beam is heating the stalk,
and it takes a certain amount of heat energy to raise the
temperature enough to cause softening at the bottom of the
stalk.. (But too much energy would burn the plant, so a narrow
range of energies is needed.) He uses the experimental evidence
of plant softening to deduce that infrared or microwave heating
is involved... see below.

>The answer to question (3) points to the likely authors of the
>tests.

>It is tempting to jump to the conclusion that some sort of
>space-based weapon is being developed. I am reluctant to assume
>this because of the cost involved. Even if satellites represent
>the ultimate platform for such a weapon, which does not seem
>obvious to me, the calibration tests can be carried out far more
>cheaply from a conventional aircraft.

The idea of a satellite-borne laser or microwave beam that could
have the necessary power and pointing accuracy to create precise
crop constructions is... unreasonable.

It would require hundreds of kilowatts of electrical power
(perhaps megawatts) because the constructions (agriglyphs)
would have to be "burned" into a field in a matter of seconds...
but there are no space power systems capable of handling that
level of power. Even if there were such power supplies and
microwave or laser beams they would have to have extremely
accurate pointing to create sharply delineated constructions.
However, the atmosphere causes scintillation... this could make
the beam wobble as it is drawing the outline of an agriglyph.
But agriglyph outlines are very precise.

More generally, I think the idea of something 'beaming down' and
creating an agriglyph fails for two other fundamental reasons:

A) the plants are softened near the bottom... in fact over a
short range of heights near the bottom (a few inches above the
earth), yet the heating source is presumed to come from above
creating the following problem: how to heat the bottom without
similar or greater heating of the top (or softening of the
whole stalk).

B) Assuming one could find a way to concentrate the heat near
the bottom, what would cause the "lay" of the grain to be
anything other than randomly one way or another, or to follow
the direction of any wind at the time. Worse yet, how do you get
a "layered lay" of the crop in which the bottom layer may be
clockwise and the upper layer counterclockwise... or, as in
some cases, stalks woven together.....

I think Jacques is correct in rejecting the satellite
alternative.

>In those cases when witnesses on the ground have seen formations
>in the process of being created, they have described a reddish
>glow at ground level, with the vegetation bent over in a matter
>of minutes.

This is the first I have heard of a "reddish glow". I wonder if
these are night time sightings. I am aware that there have been
witnesses who have said they have seen constructions appear
quickly (in daytime?).

>This would be consistent with a beam directed at the field
>from a hovering dirigible, painting a figure very much in the
>same way as an electron beam 'paints' a digital image on a
>computer screen.

Well, yes... and no.... If you had a dirigible you could have
the beam weapon close to the field (say a few miles up maybe)
and therefore wouldn't have to worry about atmospheric
distortion (a problem for the satellite based weapon).

However, you still have the problem of providing the power, which means a heavy power source which would need a large dirigible. The weight would be a function of the number of kilowatt seconds or megajoules it would take to soften the plants over a whole agriglyph, keeping in mind that the stalk is tiny - a few mm thick - compared to the spacing between stalks - many centimeters - so the "efficiency of coupling" to the stalks is low?. Then there isn't the problem of getting the power down to the ground level (a few inches above the ground) without frying the tops of the plants... or softening the whole stalk all the way from the top to the bottom. And then there is the problem of the "lay". Simply heating the plants could cause them to fall any-which-way... or the way the wind happened to be blowing. How do you "comb" the plants into a nice circular or linear formation?

>From conversations I have had with the investigators involved,
>the beam would be unlikely to be a simple infrared beam. Instead
>a combination of laser and microwave transmitters may be
>involved, or a form of maser.

A maser generates microwave radiation. Powerful microwaves would probably be generated, not by a maser but by some other source (klystron, gyrotron, etc.) A microwave antenna is then needed to direct the microwave beam. To get a precise beam that has a small diameter at the surface of the earth would require a sizeable antenna (several feet in size, at least) and the antenna would have to be steerable with great accuracy.

The addition of a laser would probably not be necessary if the microwave beam were powerful enough. A high powered infrared laser, such as the few weapon level lasers that exist in the world (like 2 or 3?... and each is the size of a small house) would fry a plant all the way from the top to the bottom.

> Perhaps the increasingly sophisticated tests are designed,
>precisely, to discover optimal combinations.

IMHO this is speculation based on a faulty hypothesis

>This leaves several issues pending: Why don't witnesses see the
>supposed hovering platforms if they simply fly over the
>countryside? What about the "confessions" of the two retired men
>who claimed they made the circles with a two-by-four and a piece
>of string? And why do the experiments continue at a point where
>the technology seems to have reached a high level of perfection?
>I only have tentative answers to this new set of questions: Many
>years ago I gave a lecture on UFO research at Oxford University.
>One of the people attending, a physics faculty member, told me
>of an interesting personal experience. His hobby was to fly
>gliders over the English countryside. On one occasion, on a
>bright afternoon, he was astonished to see his plane reflected
>in a surface that appeared to be motionless in the atmosphere.

>He actually flew around the object and determined it was a
>perfectly reflecting cylinder. It is obvious that such a device
>would have "low-observable" characteristics - a visual stealth
>platform.

So Vallee is suggesting that "invisible" blimps over the field carry high powered beams that are being "calibrated" by having them draw complex patterns in farmers' grain.

Sorry... I don't buy that!

>What is suspicious about the two older men's "confession" is
>that it appeared simultaneously on the front pages of
>international papers and on CNN the same day. Any published
>author familiar with the difficulty of getting media attention
>will know that it takes a very powerful public relations firm to
>get a story to the front page of the Wall Street Journal and the
>New York Times, Le Figaro and many other papers the same day.
>Where did the two pensioners get the kind of clout that would
>spin their claim around the planet? The result was
>instantaneous: The press and, more importantly, most scientists
>lost all interest in the story for 10 years.

This is a good point... his best so far! Why didn't the D&D "admission of guilt" just get ignored along with all the other comments that were flying around about agriglyphs back in the early 90's?

Is it just that the press finally found an answer "they" liked... and, better yet, someone to interview who claimed to have the answer? The fact that an explanation which on the face of it is ridiculous (D&D weren't making dozens of circles each year... they weren't making constructions in other countries... they broke the stalks when they stomped on them... etc...) could be accepted by the mainstream press is, unfortunately, very common... especially in UFO related stuff.

In the New Zealand sightings case of Dec. 1978... one story was Venus, then the next day Jupiter, then light reflected from birds, and light reflected from cabbages(!)... the press had a field day with garbage explanations.

In the Japan Airlines case of Nov 1986, the FAA investigated and concluded that the FAA ground radar didn't detect anything. The mainstream press sucked that up and printed it without pointing out that the FAA didn't even mention the visual sightings by the 3 crewmen, nor did the FAA mention the detection by the radar on the plane. When CSICOP publicized the "Mars and Jupiter" explanation the press simply parroted that explanation in complete disregard for the detailed descriptions of the "things" that were in front of the airplane for many minutes... and which reoriented them selves from one above the other to side by side... something Mars and Jupiter would have a hard time doing.

The facile explanations, publicized widely, cause the press and public to lose interest right away. (Consider the Roswell "weather balloon" explanation as one of the earliest examples of the press accepting the "acceptable" explanation without asking any tough questions.) This raises the question Jacques hints at... are the surreptitious "forces" involved in assuring that 'cover up' explanations are widely circulated whenever there is a really 'good' sighting?

Of course, we have the granddaddy of them all... Roswell and the weather balloon explanation.

>Why do the tests continue? I admit I have no good answer to
>this. It seems farfetched to assume that they have become more
>sociological than technological in nature, yet this could
>provide an explanation. Soon or later the truth will be known,
>and it can be used to discredit the community of paranormal
>researchers who have rushed to decipher alien scripts in the
>formations, or have hypothesized a return of the Druids, earth
>lights or messages from Gaia without first testing the basic
>physics of the situation. It may also be that such hypotheses
>have been coldly planted among the New Age milieu as part of a
>psychological warfare experiment, and that the real nature of
>the crop formations can thus be hidden from serious attention
>for a very long time.

The above are musings based on, in my opinion, a faulty premise.

>Why would one need to develop such a beam? Destruction of
>incoming missiles (or simple confusion of their electronics)
>would be an obvious purpose, but several projects are already
>under way to produce such weapons, notably at Boeing and other
>defense contractors. But we may be wrong in assuming that the
>beam itself is a weapon; it might be used simply to guide a much
>larger amount of energy (contained plasma, or the fireball
>created by a nuclear explosion, for example) to its ultimate
>destination. The type of threat that is present in today's world
>includes targets that one may not want to blow up, but rather to
>fuse inside a fireball. Such a target might be a biological
>laboratory, or a chemical factory, where dispersion of a
>pathogen is undesirable.

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The above are interesting musing independent of the agriglyph problem.

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Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure? - Kaeser

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>Jackie Gleason was also shown dead aliens by his friend
>Richard Nixon during the last days of his Presidency

>I've been hearing this one for years. Does anybody know if
>there is any truth to it? I've always considered it a kind of
>'urban legend'. I'm just curious if any one knows anything
>about this particular walnut.

Hi John-

I believe that Jackie Gleason's widow mentions this episode in a biography of her late husband. It's only a small tangent, but it's fairly well known that Gleason was very interested in UFOs and reportedly had a home built in the shape of one.

Information can also be found at:

<http://www.skywatch-international.org/gleason.htm>

or

http://j_kidd.tripod.com/b/195.html

It is also mentioned in the following, but the links to more detailed information appear to be broken (and may have linked to the article above):

<http://www.cosmiverse.com/paranormal081401.html>

Is there any truth to the Gleason/Nixon tale? Gleason and Nixon both had homes in Florida and played golf together as friends. I can't imagine that Gleason would have missed the opportunity to ask the President about UFOs, but I also can't imagine that was possible to get a civilian into such a highly classified area.

It would seem that all the known witnesses are deceased, and it remains an interesting tale that will probably never be verified.

Steve

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>A new Billy Meier-style UFO case is likely to attract attention
>shortly. A Jay Solomon in Pennsylvania has a number of UFO
>photos that are now on the web.

>See:

><http://www.thecomingoftan.com/default2.html>

>George P. Hansen

Hey Listers....

Oh these are convincing photos. So's the manequinn wearing sunglasses.

Some people have too much free time.

Mike Woods

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Bruce, I agree with you and just wanted to add my two cents. I posted this response to speculations that military satellites were behind crop formations:

It has recently come to my attention that some individuals are advancing the idea that crop glyphs are being made by the military (branch is unspecified) and laid down by using a laser or maser beam from an orbiting satellite.

Aside from the waste of taxpayer expense such behavior is explained in terms of perpetrating the concept that an alien presence is responsible for the crop glyphs.

History has shown that the military has repeatedly denied any evidence of extraterrestrial visitation and does not affirm it, not even for disinformation purposes (what purpose?).

Let us think about this. A satellite is in a 100-mile orbit around earth (an example). It is travelling at a velocity that maintains its orbit - approximately 18,000 mph or 26,400 feet per second so that to make a simple circle of 100 feet in diameter, the laser would operate for a 1/264th of a second, but NO, that would make a line across the earth. It would have to have a beam that spread into a circle with a 50-foot radius instantly - and that is just a simple circle.

England is usually very foggy.

The biggest issue for a free space laser is fog. While the laser beam transmits through fog, the moisture particles are so small and dense and like many tiny prisms to distort and dissipate the signal. This problem makes the light with information distort and produces an error bit.

Although the liquid content of a heavy shower is 10 times that of a dense fog, the radius of a raindrop is about 1000 times that of a fog droplet. This is the primary reason that attenuation via rain is 100 times less than that of fog.

The effects of snow on a laser transmission fall somewhere in between those of fog and rain, depending on the degree of water particles in the snow.

Even more devastating to holding your writing utensil on target is Shimmer: This is the direct result of a combination of factors, including atmospheric turbulence, air density, light refraction, cloud cover, and wind. The combination of factors will cause a similar disturbance when a laser beam is transmitted through the atmosphere.

Then there is the matter of laser energy. The power density required at the target site has to be precise so as not to ignite a dry crop and yet penetrate the atmosphere. Even by penetrating the atmosphere and attenuating below ignition temperatures, how is the beam focused on the lower point of stalks?

Some of these arguments also apply to masers.

What about using UAVs? More probable than satellites, but still having problems as a hypothesis. UAVs are also in motion, though more controlled than a satellite.

Most of these alternate hypothesis come from those who outright state their disbelief in the ET-origin hypothesis or support some other exotic hypotheses involving earth energies or extra-

dimensional entities.

The crop glyphs (other than the confirmed hoaxes) remain a mystery to be further investigated, but I think it is highly unlikely that we will find a military source behind this phenomenon.

-Bill Hamilton

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NAS: Lie Detectors Can Be Fooled

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Of interest to the List. Over the years some skeptibunkers have lived, and now died on polygraph results.

Source: Reuters.com

<http://tinyurl.com/998aj>

Lie Detectors Can Be Fooled, Panel Decides

Tue Oct 8, 2:17 PM ET
By Maggie Fox

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Lie detectors may sometimes work in specific cases with specific questions, but they are of little use in general screening, for government employment for example, an independent panel said on Tuesday.

After interviewing polygraph experts at the CIA (news - web sites), FBI (news - web sites) and other agencies, the panel of the National Academy of Sciences (news - web sites) determined that it is possible to fool a lie detector, especially if the subject is being screened for general criminal or spy activity and not for some specific act.

The academy committee, appointed at the request of the Department of Energy (news - web sites), decided that polygraphs cannot be relied on for mass screening of federal employees because they can falsely suggest an honest employee is lying and can be fooled by someone who is trained to do so.

"The US federal government, through a variety of agencies, carries out thousands of polygraph tests each year on job applicants and current employees, and there are inevitable disputes that are sometimes highly publicized when someone 'fails' a polygraph test," the panel, made up of professionals who have never worked with lie detectors, wrote in its report.

"Over 19 months, the committee held a series of meetings, visited polygraph facilities at several government agencies, and examined large numbers of reports and published papers," it added. "We attempted to listen carefully to people representing both sides in the debate on polygraph accuracy, and we then stepped back and reviewed the evidence ourselves."

Sometimes polygraphs can work, they decided - although something better is clearly needed.

"We conclude that in populations of examinees such as those represented in the polygraph research literature, untrained in countermeasures, specific-incident polygraph tests can discriminate lying from truth telling at rates well above chance, though well below perfection."

But the lie detector can be fooled by someone who has training - which, in the case of government agencies, would be precisely the people they are trying to screen out.

"Certain countermeasures apparently can, under some laboratory conditions, enable a deceptive individual to appear nondeceptive and avoid detection by an examiner," the report reads.

"Overconfidence in polygraph screening can create a false sense of security among policy makers, employees in sensitive positions, and the general public that may in turn lead to inappropriate relaxation of other methods of ensuring security," it adds.

"Its accuracy in distinguishing actual or potential security violators from innocent test takers is insufficient to justify reliance on its use in employee security screening in federal agencies."

The report noted that sometimes a person appears to be lying on a polygraph when in fact he or she is anxious - especially if that person is from a "socially stigmatized" group.

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Re: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?' - Haith

From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 10:10:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 08:06:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?' - Haith

>From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 10:54:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?'

>>From: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Saturday, October 05, 2002 7:34 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?'

>>Source: Foxnews.com

>><http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,64678,00.html>

>>Friday, October 04, 2002

>>Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?

>>Saturday October 5 at 11 p.m. ET and Sunday, October 6 at 4 a.m. ET
>>Hosted by Rick Folbaum

>>From the first moment we looked up at the stars, we've wondered
>>if there is life beyond our planet. Over the years, an entire
>>sub-culture has grown up to study the phenomena - They call
>>themselves "Ufologists" and Fox in Focus examines their most
>>compelling stories and tapes from around the world. From the
>>convincing to the bizarre, UFOs: Proof of Life? reveals both the
>>science and the fiction behind the headlines.

>>For those of you who would like to go even further beyond the
>>headlines here's some additional information about one of the
>>people featured in our special:

>>Pamela Stonebrooke claims to have had a sexual relationship with
>>an extra-terrestrial. Her story is that one night, she woke up
>>and found herself making love to a gorgeous man. This man, then
>>transformed into a reptilian being. Stonebrooke, aka the
>>"Intergalactic Diva" is now a professional singer in the Los
>>Angeles area and has written a book about her alien encounters.
>>The book is called: Experiencer: A Jazz Singer's True Account
>>of Extraterrestrial Contact.

>>You can also find out more at Ms. Stonebrooke's Web site:
>><http://www.intergalacticdiva.com/>

>Greetings all.

>I'm anxiously awaiting comments about the broadcast on FOX.

>IMHO, it appeared to be fairly balanced (as is Fox's claim). I
>did in all honesty miss the first 20 minutes of the broadcast.

Hi Scott,

Here's a critique of the show from another List. You may find it interesting.....

I have permission from the writer of the review for it to be posted with his name. He's Bob VanDerCLOCK and his email is:

almike13juno@aol.com

Bob is ex-military, an author and a hard working UFO researcher, especially regarding Roswell.

Hi Art and List,

My upcoming lecture sponsors clued me in about this show so I watched it and taped it as well.

My pros and cons on the show:

Cons first:

Way too much emphasis on the exploitation factor...who cares how many little green men trinkets are sold? Besides there are capitalists looking to exploit every known form of PSI, that's a given, so it should 've been given courtesy mention only.

The Army's Project Mogul "disclosure" was in 1994 (9/8/94 to be exact) not 1995.

The first use of crash test dummies was in 1953 not 1954.

Poor coverage of "The Air Force's first UFO Investigation, Project BlueBook" (wrong) and no mention of the famous Bolender Memo (1969, just weeks before BlueBook closed) saying that national-security related UFO incidents (quote) "Are not part of the BlueBook system".

I sent an e mail to FoxNews .com and ridiculed them for what they DIDN'T tell you about Walter Haut; that an 80 year old General Roger Ramey told Haut, years after, that the materials found at the Roswell crash were "not from this world"...shouldn't THAT critical anecdote have been mentioned, given Haut's only other involvement at all was issuing 1947 press releases to the local media and becoming a cofounder of the Roswell UFO Museum?

Fox tried to put 100 pounds into a five pound bag...covering a tsunami of UFO topics while providing in depth detail on almost none of them.

No mention of Colonel Corso whatsoever...seems Eisenhower's National Security Advisor's comments on Roswell might have just been "relevant"? No mention of the extraordinary comments of Top Secret Canadian engineer Wilbert Brockhouse Smith, Corso's chief Roswell contact and whose amazing 1950 Classified paper relating to Geomagnetism was just released in its entirety only weeks ago. No mention of Dr. Robert Sarbacher who was Smith's main US Gov't contact on all of this. Scant mention of pilot-related UFO encounters, some 3600 of which are documented, with more coming.

Bothering to even mention a sex-related claim from a jazz singer...typical FOX "titillate" factor...poor judgement on the producer's part.

No mention of Friedman, Randle, Schmidt, or Good, some of the best UFO researchers around, and therefore bereft of their many years of expertise on the subject.

No mention of what happened when a legal case regarding the existence of UFOs nearly went to the Supreme Court (1983) and how the Fed. District Court Judge, initially in favor of disclosure, changed mid-case and supported suppression of same.

No mention of what happened when an American Professor sued the NSA/CIA on clearly Constitutional grounds regarding disclosure of the books on the "Black Budget" and how the entire case somehow "switched" and ended up the NSA suing the Professor for the right to suppress...which the NSA won, of course.

The pros;

Decent coverage of the Alien Implant problem being investigated by Dr. Roger Leir.

Fair mention of the Roswell Museum though again too much emphasis on their "Gift Shoppe" and not enough of what the facility represents.

Fairly generous review of abductions, Budd Hopkins, etc.

Good mention of the Edwards AFB Incident, 1965... but why not have Chuck Sorrells, who lived it at the time, come on and relate his remembrances?

They covered the 1961 Hill couple's abduction case reasonably well but in so doing, totally blew the opportunity to reveal that Betty Hill of the famous abduction case of 1961 was given a "Star System" chart by her captors and this module was eventually verified completely by astronomer Marjorie Fish... pretty important point since Betty knew about nothing of Astronomy prior.

The telecast was in my view NOT connected in any way to government disinformation and in that regard I praise FOX.

Generally a balanced presentation all around but I wish Philip Klass the great debunker had been on...lately he has been inadvertently exposing his true nature and I would've enjoyed a few laughs at his expense.

They rightly stayed away from too much "Space Cadet-Conspiracy Buff" stuff.

I would've liked the whole sandwich instead of about a third of it, but the effort was ok... have seen far worse.

Cheers

Dave

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Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

From: Eleanor White <raven1@mail.nas.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 06:04:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 08:09:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 15:05:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 18:52:23 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

<snip>

>>"For your information _every_ nation on this planet has been
>>officially informed of the existance of the space craft and
>>their occupants frome elsewhere, and as nations they must
>>accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official
>>position which they may take. There is nothing more to be done
>>along these lines, and efforts in this direction is effort
>>wasted."

>Maybe so, but it never hurts to try.

Actually, if all nations _do_ know, then that makes the
international petition light years _more_ significant and
important.

Eleanor White

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Re: Vallee On Crop Circles - Haith

From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 12:56:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 09:45:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Vallee On Crop Circles - Haith

Below, with his permission to post, is a piece sent to me by Montague Keen, who from 1990 to early 1994 was on the UK's Council of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies and acted as their scientific advisor.

From: MKeen7225@aol.com
To: visions@ntlworld.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2002 4:34 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Interesting speculation by Jacques Vallee, but littered with misunderstandings and dubious assumptions. Here goes:

The massive publicity accorded Doug and Dave's exploits in Sept. 1991 arose from a world exclusive claimed and staged managed by the Today Newspaper (decd).

The Mandelbrot set, found in a field several miles south of Cambridge, UK, in '92, was almost certainly the work of a Cambridge maths student although I (as about the only person who was able to locate and examine it before it was combined) got quite excited about it at the time.

"Vegetation is bent because the nodes are exploded. The stalks are not broken and indeed plants are often reported to grow again." The first statement is a misleading summary of W.C. Levengood's work from 1990 onwards, when he found apparently exploded microscopic pits (not to be confused with much larger, surface stomata) in the parenchyma tissue of some nodes of grass plants (mainly wheat and barley) from formations in Southern England, and concluded that the plants had been struck by a powerful force which vaporised the moisture instantaneously, and was therefore inconsistent with a man-made hoax. Whether the stalks are broken, and whether the plants recover, depends on the growth stage, or degree of senescence (and hence turgidity or brittleness) of the stems, i.e. the moisture content and degree of lignification. Up to a certain stage in their development, plants will normally recover and grow upwards after crushing. Levengood's methodology and conclusions were later challenged, chiefly by me, but the most recent discoveries, of which Vallee is apparently unaware, look as though the old pioneer might be vindicated after all.

The statement that all significant formations have been observed in areas close to major defence research facilities is highly questionable. It all depends, among other things, on what you mean by significant. One might be forced to the desperate hypothesis advanced by Terence Meaden in defence of his vortex theory, that all formations bearing characteristics inconsistent with it were hoaxes. This is to fit the facts to the theory, not the theory to the facts. Vallee's assertion is bland, and not supported by evidence. In any event, the implications are that there are scores of such establishments in England, all of

them interested and involved in this highly specialised and totally secret method of creating criminal trespass on farmers' crops; and that these tests had been carried out furtively for twenty years or more from invisible space ships of which there has been neither disclosure nor suspicion.

Moreover, formations have been reported from scores of countries where even the British defence establishment's writ doesn't run. We don't know how many of them are mad-made on the ground, of course, but it's pushing things to argue that they must all be spurious because they're not within easy reach of a secret British weapons development, research or testing establishment.

All very negative, especially since the alternative hypothesis must be even more incredible if the everything's-a-hoax assumption is found unacceptable. But I trust this moderate clarification may help to confuse the issue -:)

Montague Keen

Dave Haith

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Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight

From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 15:07:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 14:33:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight

>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 08:45:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridian Tonight [UK]

>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 18:23:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight [UK]

>>>From: Chris Rolfe <astratech@supanet.com>
>>>To: ufologyinuk@smartgroups.com, editor@uforesearch.org
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2002 11:05:11 -0400
>>>Subject: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridain Tonight [UK]

>>>Graham Birdsall of UFO Magazine is on the Richard & Judy
>>>programme tonight at 5 to 6pm on Channel 4 TV [UK], talking
>>>about the Tonbridge photo.

>>>Chris Rolfe of UFO Monitors East Kent will be on Meridan Tonight
>>>News programme at 6:00pm talking about CCTV footage of a
>>>possible FT taken back in July, 1998.

>>Yet another amazing contribution to Ufology in the U.K.?

>>More like "utter garbage"

>I personally know Chris, I personally have a copy of the FT
>video, and am currently making attempts to find the source of
>the photo. I have many friends who live in Tonbridge & Tunbridge
>Wells, I have also investigated nearly a dozen sightings in that
>area, so I know the place well.

>The only thing I didn't see was the Richard & Judy show, I was
>busy at work re-building a downed server and probably wouldn't
>have made the effort to watch them as they annoy me intensely.

>So please, define what/who/etc you mean by "utter garbage".

I was not referring to a programme concerning Chris - I did not
even post the comment to relate to Chris.

Regards

Geoff

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Latest From Rich Dolan

From: Richard Dolan <keyhole@rochester.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 14:03:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 14:38:36 -0400
Subject: Latest From Rich Dolan

Greetings all,

It has been several months since I last updated my website. Sorry, but once every few months seems to be the best I can do these days. The main news is in the form of a linked article:

<http://keyholepublishing.com/Walking%20A%20Tightrope.htm>

entitled "Walking A Tightrope". This article continues some themes I discussed in a previous piece, "What Are They?" This time, I discuss some of the dangers we face as a civilization over the next twenty years; dangers which could well result in an infrastructure collapse. If we can hang on, however, the development of advanced machine intelligence will give us a very wild ride indeed. Either way, the civilization we have now will be unrecognizable - within the next generation or two. Big changes are coming. There are some relevant UFO themes here, as well. This article will appear in the December/January 2003 issue of UFO Magazine.

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

To read the article and the rest of my website, click here:

<http://keyholepublishing.com>

Please feel free to respond with your own thoughts on this.

The other news is that I will be appearing on the Sci Fi channel this Friday, October 12 for the new "In Search Of ..." series, at 10 p.m. EST (although you should check your local listings for other possible times). This interview was originally taken in June of 2001, intended for the FOX network. FOX decided against it at the eleventh hour, and the show sat for a year until Sci Fi purchased all 8 episodes. I don't know whether any new ones will be shot.

Overall, I was happy with the interview, as I remember it, but do recall that the producers asked me several leading and sensationalistic questions, as you might expect. I don't expect to be quoted out of context (not too badly, at any rate), but frankly, I am curious how they will portray what I said to them about the concealment of UFO information within the classified world.

In case you're wondering, Leonard Nimoy is not the host of this version; people who watch the X-Files, however, will easily recognize Mitch Peleggi. Anyone who saw the premier episode last week will notice that it has a decidedly FOX look and feel to it.

I will be also appear on the Sci-Fi channel for a two-hour documentary on the Roswell controversy. This will appear a total of 8 times, I believe, starting on November 22 at 8 p.m. This was a very professionally done documentary, from what I observed

at the studio. A high caliber group of people was involved in this every step of the way.

Finally, I'll be in New Jersey to attend a UFO conference (Bordentown) during this coming weekend and will be doing a book signing at the Barnes & Noble book store in Clifton, NJ on Monday, October 14 between 4 and 7 p.m. If you're in town, stop by!

Best regards,

Rich Dolan

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Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 18:20:17 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 15:32:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Bourdais

>From: Gregory Gutierrez <greguti@free.fr>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 00:15:27 +0200
>Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO]

>>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@tiscali.it>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 05 Oct 2002 18:09:01 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Gonzalez Manso

Hello Gregory and the List,

You wrote:

>I require the right to be intrigued and captivated by this work.
>And thus the right of trying to find who really wrote these
>letters (a bunch of writers? Pena alone? Pena then his
>followers? Someone else? Ummits for the planet Ummo, at the end,
>why not!).

<snip>

>And that's why I do question the "Jordan Pena did it"
>explanation: did he have the talent to do this alone or even
>with friends? I was serious when I said I wanted to know the
>biography of this man! What he did, what he published, what were
>his own beliefs and his fights? I want to know if the content of
>the letters actually fit the character and personality of Pena
>as we could picture it through his works and activities.

I have quoted already (and you must have read me) the book of Jean Pollion in which he reveals the contents of a letter written in 1998 by Jordan Pena to the Spanish specialist of Ummo Ignacio Darnaude. Pollion got a copy of the letter, in which Pena confesses that he had "technical and financial help from a North-American organization" (p. 97 of the book).

Pollion tries to minimize this new confession by stressing that he contradicts himself, having claimed in 1993 that he had acted alone. This is funny because his first confession had been dismissed by the Ummo fans, arguing that he could not have written all the letters alone.

Actually, everybody guessed that, but all what is known about Ummo and Pena confirms his main role in the hoax!

Here are two references of interesting revelations on Jordan Pena, for those who, like Gutierrez, want for more information on Pena. The first one is an article by Spanish ufologist Manuel Carballal, which was published by Scott Corrales in his review "Inexplicata". Its title:

"The Ummo Affaire: Sects, Saucers, Sex and Secret Services"

It is on the Inexplicat web site:

http://www.inexplicata.com/samizdat/winter97/ummo_affaire.html

According to this author, Pena was connected to the Spanish secret services SECED and CESID. He quotes Javier Sierra as having a similar opinion. If true, it is not necessarily in contradiction with Pena's confession (secret services often work together, don't they?).

In the same text, you will learn how Spanish ufologists discovered in 1988, by pure chance, the friendship between Jordan and his accomplice Ortuno, who admitted it.

Another interesting text was written by Scott Corrales and was published in the "Ohio UFO Notebook" Number 22, Year 2001. The title: "People are strange: Unusual cults examined"

A good part of it is devoted to another hoax of Jordan Pena, called the "Pirophos" cult. See the paragraph:

"Pirophos, UMMO's Little Brother"

It was a sort of psycho-social experiment imagined by Pena to take the measure of human credibility.

Pena succeeded in convincing a number of people of the existence of a "Great God Pirophos", by producing before them a strange blue light in a dark room.

Jordan Pena explained later to an interviewer that it was "a basic yet uncommon triboluminescent phenomenon which requires the use of habitual and easily digestible substances".

The funniest point is that Pena had later a hard time explaining to some of the believers (not all) that it was a hoax: they would not believe it!

BTW, Scottt, if you read this, could you confirm the story to the List?

The same with Ummo: some people still "want to believe"!

You also wrote:

>But on the other hand, I think the Ummit case doesn't need the
>ufo community in order to survive. Look at the book by Jean
>Pollion in which a whole chapter is dedicated to "Ummo and the
>ufologists" (Pollion is very critical about ufologists). The
>books by Jean-Pierre Petit, in the 90s, are also quite negative
>about the ufologists. Ummologists don't appreciate ufologists
>and ufologists don't like ummologists.

Yes, Pollion is full of contempt for ufology and ufologists in his book. He makes clear that he is far above the lot.

For instance:

Page 27: "A litterary style of treatment of information was born: ufology. Fortunately, the subject exhausted itself".

In his chapter 3, "Ummo and Ufology", Pollion contends that we still don't know with certainty if we deal with material phenomena, or only optical, or "parapsychological, or unkwown psychological actions in the head of witnesses." (p 101) He dismisses even classic cases such as Trans-en-Provence and "L'Amarante" in France (thoroughly studied, and confirmed by the official GEPAN in the 80's).

And he excludes, of course, a case like Roswell (p 101), and abductions as well:

"I exclude the "abductions", the nature of which belongs more, in my opinion, to psychological disorders" (p 103).

Pollion explains that he got involved in ufology by reading the book of Jean-Pierre Petit about Ummo, After that he spent all his free time studying Ummo, and it is clear that he has studied little else than Ummo, regarding Ufos.

And now the Gutierrez confession :

>Compared to the huge popular success of Roswell,
>the Ummo case is a little piece of shit. But
>I find it far more interesting, The Ummo story is better
>written, thanks to the author :)

Gregory, The Roswell Case is not a "story".

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 12:06:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 15:37:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure? - Clark

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 18:51:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 15:05:33 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>Jackie Gleason was also shown dead aliens by his friend
>>Richard Nixon during the last days of his Presidency

>>I've been hearing this one for years. Does anybody know if
>>there is any truth to it? I've always considered it a kind of
>>'urban legend'. I'm just curious if any one knows anything
>>about this particular walnut.

>I believe that Jackie Gleason's widow mentions this episode in a
>biography of her late husband. It's only a small tangent, but
>it's fairly well known that Gleason was very interested in UFOs
>and reportedly had a home built in the shape of one.

Jackie Gleason was indeed a UFO buff. He also had a keen interest in psychic phenomena. His views, while sympathetic, were also hard-headed, and he was not a credulous enthusiast. (See, for example, the amusing account in Long John Nebel's *The Way Out World* concerning Gleason's confrontation with contactee George King.) He subscribed to two magazines with which I have been associated, *Fate* and *International UFO Reporter*.

In the latter context, I have a small anecdote related to the above crashed-saucer tale. One day in the mid-1980s, when CUFOS' office was still in Glenview, Illinois, and (the now-deceased) Sherman Larsen ran it, someone from Gleason's office called to inquire about the status of JG's IUR subscription. After digging out the requested information, Larsen couldn't resist asking about the story that Nixon had shown Gleason alien bodies. Gleason's spokesman said that was a fiction that an ex-wife had made up to get attention and sell her book.

On the other hand, one of Gleason's biographers claims that it was probably a tall tale JG concocted to tell his wife, to explain away a tryst with one of his girl friends.

For a number of reasons, I find the story pretty hard to believe. It seems highly unlikely that even a President could bring an unauthorized civilian into a secure site holding secrets of the alleged magnitude. Since no independent evidence seems to exist and the source of the anecdote is of uncertain reliability, the story should be regarded, in my judgment, as little more than yet more saucer folklore.

Jerry Clark

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EMBLA 2002 - Hessdalen Optical & Ground Survey

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Massimo Teodorani, Ph.d astrophysicist has released his report 'EMBLA 2002 - An Optical and Ground Survey in Hessdalen'.

This report presents the results from the August 2002 field expedition in Hessdalen, Norway, a joint collaboration between Italian and Norwegian scientists in order to study the unidentified light phenomena reoccurring in the valley.

The high-energy plasma hypothesis has been considerably weakened from this years optical measurements and analysis of light distribution, which suggests two possible interpretations:

- 1) A silicon electro-heated ball-lightning -like 'lightball' which can optically simulate a solid (object).
- 2) A uniformly illuminated solid (object).

Also, results from ground analysis where the light phenomena has been observed close to the ground is presented. Very light above normal radioactive detection could be made, target sample was taken from this source and analysis revealed the presence of a perculiar and somewhat anomalous spheroidal iron particle.

The complete report can be found at:

http://www.hessdalen.org/reports/EMBLA_2002_2.pdf

For more information:

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Re: Vallee On Crop Circles - Pope

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>All the significant formations were observed in an area in close
>proximity to major research facilities of the British defense
>establishment, often in controlled airspace. So much for
>Aliens and Druids. These studies point to the crop formations
>as the result of sophisticated electronic warfare experiments
>conducted by defense contractors.

Dave and List,

I was interested to see the article by Jacques Vallee that you kindly posted, and the subsequent comments on this article from Bruce Maccabee and Bill Hamilton.

This theory and similar ones have been around for some years now. As far back as 1991 it was being put to me by various researchers that crop formations might be caused by the testing of a directed energy weapon, using either laser, particle, plasma or microwave beams. I would often respond to such researchers with a question, asking them where they thought such a weapon might best be tested. On one of the many remote and secure military ranges/danger areas? Or on farmers' fields?

On a related issue, several researchers have highlighted what they believe is evidence of military involvement in the crop circle phenomenon, citing the fact that military aircraft are often seen around formations. In fact, there are several prosaic reasons for this, including the fact that military aircrew are as likely as anyone else to be fascinated by these formations. Additionally, once the location of any spectacular formation is known, like any other prominent feature visible from the air, it can be a useful navigational marker that can be used to help check position during a flying training sortie.

I do not dismiss out of hand an exotic explanation for some formations, but I am not a fan of the directed energy weapon theory, or of the various conspiracy theories alleging government and military involvement in the phenomenon.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN
THE NETHERLANDS

"A UFO like a ball of light frightened last Saturday night (September 28, 2002) a Dutch couple, Pieter Vosters and Judith van Heerwaarden, who live in Bladel (eastern part of Noord-Brabant province, not too far from Eindhoven--P.H.) in the southeast of the Netherlands."

"The couple told the police the strange ball pursued them during a period of three quarters of an hour (45 minutes) while they were driving their car on the road from Valkenswaard to Bladel."

"'I am a very hard-headed man in these things,' said real estate agent Pieter Vosters, 40, 'And I know people will think we are mad. But what we saw was real. The light followed us all the time. It reacted immediately to our movements. And I really didn't drink too much.'"

"According to Vosters, the white ball radiated a bright light and flew at a high altitude. 'First I thought it was a kind of laser show for a discotechque. We even started to make jokes about it. But when it kept on following us, I thought to myself: Something is wrong here.'"

"'We stopped the car on the side of the road. The light stopped as well and stayed above us while it was turning around in circles (spinning--J.T.). This happened about six times more. When we stopped, the thing stopped as well.'"

"'When we turned left in the direction of Bladel, the light did the same. It was a very bright light. I told my wife (Judith) to step on the gas. But it kept on pursuing us at a very high speed. The speed was so high, the object now looked like a streak of light. By this time, we were convinced it couldn't be a laser. My wife became frightened. I was afraid to go home.'"

"Vosters said the UFO disappeared when his wife stopped their BMW not far from their house."

"The Dutch investigations group, UFO Werkgroep-Nederland (UWN), has started an extensive investigation of the strange light phenomena that was reported last weekend by a couple who live in Bladel, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands."

"On Saturday night (September 28, 2002), in Utrecht, 40-year-old Linda Schajik was also followed by" the UFO.

"Late Saturday night, at about 12:30 a.m. (actually, that would have been early Sunday morning, September 29, 2002--J.T.) Linda had to walk home because she missed the last bus."

"I saw a flat, luminous white spot slantingly above me," Linda reported, "It had a gray luminous tail, and the tail went up and down like a windscreen (windshield in the USA--J.T.) wiper. I was not surprised when I saw it. But the light kept on following me. When I turned to the right, the light did the same. And when I stopped, the light stayed above me, while it was turning around in small circles (spinning). I was not afraid. On the contrary, I found it fascinating. I stopped a few times, sometimes as long as 15 minutes. The light stayed above me, gently hovering like some kind of guardian angel who would escort me safely to my house."

"I thought: What do you want from me? As I took two steps to the left, it also made a fast movement. Can you imagine this? After an hour, I walked up my street. It was spinning for a short while above my little apartment. A man on the balcony asked me what I was looking at. When I told him about the light, he immediately closed the door. Perhaps he thought I was mad."

On Monday, September 30, 2002, at 10:30 p.m., Edmond Kruk reported, "I was alone in my garden" in Hoorn, a town in Noord-Holland province. "That night the sky was very bright here. I saw something that could be a UFO. At this time, I was just smoking a cigarette in my garden when I saw a strange, red flying thing passing by at an unusually fast speed. It only lasted for ten seconds, and then it was gone. The thing was flying faster than a normal jet plane and was also much bigger. It also was higher in the sky, flew very stable, and, in a very strange way, it looked like 'slow motion' because it was that big."

Describing the UFO, Edmond added, "I thought it looked like a 'game pad' (Gameboy in the USA--J.T.) with five points of red light on either side. The UFO came from the east, passed Hoorn, and then went to the west, towards Alkmaar."

"Some 20 seconds after that, a white flying ball went the same way at the UFO, as if it was following the red UFO." (See the Netherlands newspaper De Telegraaf for September 30, 2002, "UFO frightened Dutch couple;" and for October 1, 2002, "More sightings of the mysterious UFO." The Kruk story was an Email Form Report. Many thanks to Peter Hoeke of UFO Werkgroep-Nederland for the newspaper articles.)
(Editor's Comment: Taking the three stories together, it sounds as if the small white UFO was a probe sent out by the red UFO. The probe may have been monitoring Pieter Vosters and Linda Schajik for some unknown purpose. It's interesting to note that both Vosters and Schajik are 40 years old. Were the UFOs up to something in the Netherlands back in 1962?)

CHILCA: UFO CAPITAL OF PERU

"Of all the officers in all the armed forces of the world, perhaps none has a more unusual job than" Cmdr. Julio Chamorro of the Fuerza Aerea Peruana (FAP, or Peruvian Air Force--J.T.) "to investigate--and perhaps prove--the existence of UFOs."

"As head of the Office to Investigate Aerial Phenomena, Chamorro directs a seven-member team in charge of studying what he calls 'anomalies that could cause problems with aviation.'"

"Ostensibly, the Office investigates planes that veer off course and hang gliders that steer too close to military bases, but that's not the crux of their work. Of the hundreds of calls received each month by the Office, Chamorro says at least half are to report UFO sightings. And Chamorro says many are credible."

"There are several mysteries that we believe are highly important and which merit our full attention," Chamorro said, "If we can arrive at definitive conclusions, our work will be highly beneficial to Peru"

and all of humanity. Just think about the technological advances if we can definitively prove the existence of (alien) spacecraft."

"Chamorro estimates that 60 percent of Peru's population has seen an unexplainable event in the sky. Most of the calls he receives can be explained, but he says about a dozen each month are credible sightings with no easy explanations."

"There is, for example, the video taken in Chulucanas," in the department (state) of Piura, 470 kilometers (282 miles) north of Lima, Peru's capital. "Taken at the end of 2001, Chamorro says it shows a huge ship sitting in the sky for nearly two hours. 'The ship makes no noise and did not move. You can see the shape, which includes even windows,' Chamorro said."

"Chulucanas has a long history of UFO sightings, he added."

"Chamorro's office was officially organized two years ago, but the Peruvian government's interest in UFOs goes back" much earlier "and there is archaeological evidence that ancient cultures were also hooked on other-worldly phenomena."

"Miles-long geometric designs in the desert of Nazca, south of Lima, or a winged god in the north are evidence for Chamorro that past cultures" in Peru "not only mastered science and math but had an inkling that space might hold more than the sun and moon."

"In Chilca," 78 kilometers (46 miles) "south of Lima, on the Pacific coast, Mayor Ruma Nueda is hoping to capitalize on the town's fame as one of the hottest spots for UFO sightings."

"There's big money in sightings,' Rueda said, 'We can become the next Roswell. Looking to the (UFO) seekers may be Chilca's best bet for dealing with the very worldly problems of economic decay and poverty.'"

"Like many people in Chilca, Rueda says he has seen unidentified objects in the skies above his town. In February 1998, Rueda says, he was chatting with his brother one night right outside his house when a large, boomerang-shaped object appeared over a ridge that juts into the sea just beyond Chilca. He says the UFO moved slowly and made no noise."

"Six similarly-shaped smaller objects were nearby. 'The mother ship and the six other vehicles hovered for a few minutes and then headed out to sea,' Rueda said, 'I had always heard about UFOs, but this was my first sighting. For me, it was undeniable proof that there was life outside our planet.'"

"Chilca also has its own tiny piece of UFO history. In the town's one-room museum, Rueda keeps a miniscule swath of Incan textile wrapped in brown paper for safekeeping."

(Editor's Note: Actually, the "coast cultures" of Peru, famous for their textiles, predated the Incas by one to two thousand years.)

"The textile depicts an oddly-shaped, non-human figure with antennas. Rueda says the figure is similar to the extraterrestrial supposedly found in Roswell (New Mexico) in (July) 1947 and forms the core of UFO attractions that have put Roswell on the map."

"This proves we are not the first people to sight UFOs here. The ancient Peruvians who inhabited Chilca also had sightings and possibly contact,' he said."

"Chamorro says (UFO) sightings form part of Peru's culture, and even the government has gotten into the act on and off during the years." (See the Miami Herald for September 28, 2002, "Peruvians reach discovery and profit in UFOs."

Many thanks to Thomas Buyea and Rev. Billy Dee for forwarding this newspaper article.)

BIGFOOT ON THE PROWL IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

"The incident took place in Derry Township in Westmoreland County," located about 25 miles (40 kilometers) east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. According to ufologist and researcher Stan Gordon, "It took some time to reach the location, which was remote and was made up of many acres of dense woods."

"The event took place on or about Wednesday, September 11, 2002," Stan reported, "at around 6 p.m. The young man appeared to be a very serious individual and revealed the details of what had occurred. The sighting took place just as the sun was going down. He was riding his bicycle on the family property" near Derry (population 2,991) when he heard crashing sounds originating from a wooded area. There were sounds as if something was hitting a log and branches breaking."

"He stopped to listen when his attention was drawn towards a field and a tree line 300 feet (90 meters) away, where he saw 'a big brown human-looking thing but very tall.'"

"The creature was moving along the area, and there were some clearings where the creature could be observed at times. The witness described the creature as generally man-like, but 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall and covered with dark brown hair. The creature was broad-shouldered, had very long arms, and the head was not perfectly round but somewhat cone-shaped. The creature, which took very long steps, was occasionally swinging its arms as it moved, and was slightly bent forward as it walked."

"It leaned over when it walked," the witness said."

"The boy hurried to tell his father what he had seen. They both went back to the location, but nothing more was observed" on this occasion.

"Then, on Friday, September 27, 2002, at about 2 p.m., the wife of the caller (i.e. the man who reported the sighting to Stan Gordon--J.T.) was driving up a road near the (same) wooded area where the first sighting had taken place. She heard a sound like limbs of trees breaking, coming from the left, and she stopped."

"There are a lot of deer in those woods, and she was concerned that some deer were about to run across the road and would hit her vehicle. She was talking to her husband on her cell phone at the time."

"Suddenly, about 133 feet (40.3 meters) away, she was startled to see a creature emerge from a clearing in the woods. She said that what she saw was tall and man-like, and was estimated at about 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall. It was covered all over with long brown hair, which looked to be about 12 inches (40 centimeters) in length. The creature's arms hung to the knees, and long hair was hanging down from the arms. The creature had 'big shoulders.'"

"The (female) witness watched as the creature moved from the tree line and crossed the field for a distance of at least 100 feet (30 meters). The creature was slightly hunched as it moved, took big steps and quickly covered a lot of distance. The creature did not swing its arms as it moved across the field."

"At the end of the field was a barbed-wire fence. What amazed the witness was that the creature never slowed down or hesitated as it approached the fence. It crossed the fence without breaking stride. The witness watched as the creature moved its leg over the fence. 'It just walked over the fence.'"

During his on-site investigation, Stan Gordon "measured the height of the barbed-wire fence where the creature had crossed." The top strand of wire was "44 inches (110 centimeters) off the ground. The creature never headed towards the (witness's) vehicle. The woman was describing to her husband via the cell phone what she was seeing. She said that suddenly she became scared and felt the need to 'leave quickly.'"

Stan adds, "I had made many trips to this general area in 1973, when a major outbreak of Bigfoot sightings was occurring. Not far away is the Chestnut Ridge. Historically, numerous alleged Bigfoot sightings have occurred at locations near the ridge, which extends from Preston County, West Virginia through Westmoreland, Indiana and Fayette counties here in Pennsylvania." (Many thanks to Stan Gordon of Pennsylvania UFO/Forcean Hotline for these reports.)

SILVER SPHERE UFO SEEN IN
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

On Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at 3:42 p.m., Keith L.

Pertain was "at the intersection of Twenty-First and Garnett in Tulsa, Oklahoma" when "I witnessed an object in the south rising toward the zenith. It was spherical in shape and silvery in color. I saw no wings or jet contrail. My best estimate of height (altitude--J.T.) was several hundred feet, and its speed perhaps just below supersonic."

"It was visible only for about five to ten seconds; then it vanished just a few degrees south of the zenith. Its apparent diameter from my vantage point on the ground was that of the planet Venus at its peak brightness. However, Venus is not in the south, and this was in broad daylight. The weather was clear, with just a few large cumulous clouds. No storms present." (Email Report)

SEVEN UFOs SPOTTED BY A FAMILY IN NILES, OHIO

On Saturday, August 31, 2002, at 10:50 p.m., J.W. reported, "At a family get-together" in Niles, Ohio (population 20,932) "we sat around a campfire, reminiscing, joking, etc. During a lull in the conversation, I leaned back in my chair to stare at the stars."

All at once, J.W. "observed five 'Stealth-like' objects crossing the sky directly above. The objects were all of similar size. They appeared vee-shaped, large aircraft size, and in a 'single file' formation. They were spread perhaps two lengths behind each other. They had a luminous energy (aura--J.T.) to them, yet emitted no white or colored light of any kind, not any kind of sound."

"After the five had disappeared from view, two more like (similar) objects followed, passing overhead in the same direction, to the north (towards Lake Erie--J.T.)"

J.W. described the UFOs as "blackish-gray, vee-shaped, like a flying wing. Estimated altitude of 20,000 feet (6,000 meters), flying one to two times as fast as a commercial jet seen at the same altitude."

Niles, Ohio is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Youngstown. (Email Form Report)

YELLOW UFO SIGHTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

According to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike, this sighting took place near Houston, British Columbia, Canada. "On Thursday, October 3, 2002, the witness was on the telephone with her daughter. She was looking out her kitchen window, which faces the Telkwa mountain range. She noticed a strange, pale, yellow-coloured object traveling slowly below the horizon (ridge in the USA--J.T.) of the mountains. She said it (the UFO) was 'completely round.' The sky was clear except for some low cloud/fog in some areas."

"The witness told her daughter to hold on, dropped the telephone and ran outside onto their patio deck to get a better look at it. At this time, the object rose up against the skyline but still continued along its (flight) path, which was in a southwesterly direction heading towards the Morice River Road."

"She said there were no wings or propellers which would indicate the object being a normal aircraft."

Houston, B.C. (population 3,934) is on Provincial Highway 16 and is about 500 miles (800 kilometers) north of Vancouver. (Many thanks to Brian Vike for this report.)

MYSTERIOUS DOOR FOUND INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID

"Scientists exploring the interior of the Great Pyramid in Egypt sent a robot into the northern shaft during" late September "discovering another 'blocking stone.'"

"The 'door' appears to be identical to the other one in the shaft that was already known. The doors are equidistant (65 meters or 208 feet) from the Queen's

Chamber. It is the third such block discovered within the shaft of the pyramid."

"The announcement of the discovery was made Monday, September 23, 2002, "by Farouk Hosni, Egypt's Minister of Culture, and Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary-General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities."

"A specially-developed combination (tracked vehicle) of robotics, cameras and lighting technology, developed by iRobot of Boston," Massachusetts, USA "yielded the new information."

"Until the discovery, no one knew that the northern shaft extended to the north as far as the southern shaft goes to the south. Prior explorations of the northern shaft have failed because, unlike the southern shaft, the northern shaft has a number of (these doors or) blocks and sharp corners."

"Dr. Hawass suggested that the layout of the northern shaft may have been designed to avoid intersecting with the pyramid's Grand Gallery." (See National Geographic News for September 23, 2002, "Third 'Door' found in the Great Pyramid." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this article.)

(Editor's Comment: There may also be branch shafts further along the northern shaft. In addition, Illuminati founder Adam Weishaupt may have been right when he said there were additional undiscovered chambers in the pyramid. The "sharp corners" in the shaft could have been designed to avoid such chambers. Clearly there is more to the Great Pyramid than meets the eye.)

LARGE METEOR CRASHES IN SOUTHERN SIBERIA

"Residents of several villages in the region of Irkutsk" in Russia, witnessed with a mixture of awe and fear the fall of an enormous luminous object in southern Siberia. (Russian) scientists identified the object as a meteor."

"Several witnesses to the skyfall immediately reached for the telephone and contacted the Institute of Solar Physics of the Western Siberia Department of the Russian Academy of Science. The Emergency Situations Ministry (Russia's answer to the USA's Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA--J.T.) was notified due to the commotion that the object's fall caused among the region's population."

"According to residents of the villages of Bodaibo, Balajniniski, Mama and Kropotkin, the alleged meteorite left a long trail in the sky before crashing violently in the taiga (Siberian forest--S.C.)."

"Witnesses more than 100 to 150 kilometers (60 to 90 miles) away from the point of impact noted that when the object crashed, it caused a large tremor similar to that of an earthquake, amid a deafening noise."

"They also remarked that following the impact, sporadic flashes of light were seen in the forested hills."

"Guelii Zherebtsov of the Institute of Solar Physics noted that the celestial body must have been a very large meteorite. He added that preparations are being made to visit the impact site, located between the villages of Balajniniski and Kiajta." (See Spain's EFE News Agency report for October 3, 2002, "Large meteor strikes western Siberia." Many thanks to Scott Corrales and Gloria Coluchi for sending along the EFE report.)

READER FEEDBACK:

THAT'S "SOTE," JOE

Robert Fischer (France) writes, "In the report about 'Seagulls attack joggers in southern France,' I would tell you that the name of the city is Sote and not Sate. The town is also the one where the graves of Georges Brassens, a French singer, and Paul Valery, a French novelist, are located. Keep on informing me!"

From the UFO Files...

1954: A MAJOR UFO FLAP
IN FRANCE

One of the biggest European UFO flaps of all time took place nearly half a century ago in France. Sunday, October 3, 1954, was the high water mark of this outbreak of UFO sightings.

"There were more than 30 good sightings that day. Almost all of them occurred between 7:20 and 9:30 p.m., and they were grouped largely in two relatively small areas on the map."

"The first sighting was reported at Chereng, a country village between Lille and Tournai," on France's border with Belgium, "some six miles (10 kilometers) east of Lille. The weather was clear, the sky cloudless."

"Suddenly, at 7:20 p.m., strollers a little to the west of the village saw in the sky a kind of luminous shape, traveling at a low altitude and at full speed. When it reached the height of the footbridge spanning the little Marque River, the object stopped, emitted what seemed to be sparks, and descended."

"The witnesses broke into a run and headed for the bridge. But, at their approach, the object immediately gained altitude and disappeared just as it had arrived. The whole scene had lasted scarcely more than ten seconds, in total silence."

"At 8 o'clock, Mlle. Anne-Marie Perrut, daughter of a policeman at Marcoing, 35 miles (56 kilometers) south of Chereng, was looking out of her window when her attention was drawn to a strange spectacle. Several hundred yards (meters) from the police station, above the Gouillet woods, a luminous object hung motionless in the air. It was circular and orange-red in color. A little below this immobile object, and as though suspended from it, she saw a small spot of light with a kind of see-saw movement."

"Mlle. Perrut watched for a moment, distrusting her own eyes; then she called her father, who at first refused to be disturbed. After several minutes, as the object was still there, Anne-Marie begged so insistently that her father finally consented to come. Then it was the policeman's turn to ask himself if he were seeing things, for there was the object, just as his daughter had been telling him. M. Perrut routed out his colleagues, policemen Faucambergue, Delande and Bleuzot and their families; soon there were twenty witnesses."

"After a moment, while the strange visitor continued to remain motionless above the Gouillet woods, the policemen sought other witnesses. They stopped bicyclists who passed the police station. All could see the same spectacle. The luminous ball did not take off; but it was seen from time to time to rise or descend somewhat, apparently in a vertical line."

"Shortly after 8:30 p.m., the object underwent a sudden transformation; the spot of light suspended below it disappeared, while the ball itself assumed a shape like that of a cigar, or a disk viewed edgewise. According to the police, it was then possible to estimate its altitude at 1,800 to 2,000 feet (540 to 600 meters). Almost immediately after its metamorphosis, the object moved away horizontally in the shape of a crescent, as if the disk had bent over; it then returned to the same spot, remained there for a few moments, and finally took off at great speed in the direction of Villiers-Plouich, about three and a half miles (6 kilometers) to the south of Marcoing; there, as it disappeared, it threw out a beam of light so intense as to illuminate the sky several seconds after the object itself had disappeared. The time was 8:45 p.m."

"The next sighting began several minutes later, at a point 33 miles (55 kilometers) southwest of Marcoing."

"Several minutes after 8:45 p.m., while the Marcoing witnesses saw the object disappear toward the southwest, an automobile driven by Mme. Nelly Mansart of No. 8 Rue de la Marliere (in the department of Somme--J.T.), was leaving Herissart. With Mme. Mansart were two other Amiens residents, M. and Mme. Delarouzee."

"As the car was about to turn left into the Amiens road, the three motorists suddenly saw, at low altitude, a luminous ball in the sky, its color a brilliant orange.

On closer observation, its shape seemed to be 'like a mushroom hat.'

(Editor's Note: "Mushroom hats" were considered haute couture by the women of the middle 1950s. These wide-brimmed hats looked like mushrooms without their stems. Yes, kids, your great-grandmothers actually wore these things back then.)

"The upper part of the 'mushroom' appeared to vibrate as it changed color from violet to greenish, while short 'cables' of some kind hung from the bottom surface. The witnesses estimated the object's dimensions at 20 or 25 feet (6 or 8 meters), its distance at 150 yards (135 meters)."

"Mme. Mansart made the turn at the crossroad. She then perceived that the object, now almost at ground level, had turned and was following her car, always at the same distance. The three motorists grew frightened. Mme. Mansart speeded up, the sooner to reach Rubempre, a village about a mile (1.6 kilometers) away, in the hopes that the mysterious visitor would be intimidated by the houses and go away. In fact, it slanted off and disappeared."

"But hardly were the travelers clear of the village than they again saw behind them, still almost level with the ground and no distance away, the tenacious 'mushroom.' It had detoured the village and now regained the road."

"The next village was Pierregot, a mile or so distant. The three motorists began to wonder what this importunate follower wanted of them, and how it would end. At the outskirts of Pierregot, the same maneuver; it slanted off and disappeared."

"Mme Mansart continues, 'As we left Pierregot, seeing that the object had rejoined us once again, I stopped the car. The 'saucer' continued on for three or four hundred yards, and then it stopped, too, going around in circles, almost on the ground. I waited a moment, then started the car again. It (the UFO) again took up its position and the pursuit.'"

"It was only when we entered Rainneville, six miles (10 kilometers) from Amiens, that we saw the 'saucer' leave us, and this time for good. It turned off toward the west, picked up speed, and disappeared with dizzying rapidity in that direction."

"This astounding adventure all occurred in four or five miles (6 or 8 kilometers) of driving, and in less than six minutes. It was 9:05 p.m." (See the book Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery by Aime Michel, S.G. Phillips Inc., New York, N.Y., 1958, pages 112 to 117.)

Well, 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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Chupacabras Reappears Near Aguas Buenas Puerto Rico

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Another Mysterious Attack: Chupacabras Returns
by
Sara M. Justicia Doll
for Primera Hora

Only two weeks after being blamed for the deaths of several domestic animals in Ponce, the enigmatic Chupacabras reappeared this time in the Caguitas Centro sector of Aguas Buenas.

"When I got home I looked at the cage and didn't see the rabbits. I went downstairs quickly and saw the scene: I had a nervous attack and had to take some pills," said Amarillis Flores, who returned home yesterday morning after having spent the weekend at her daughter's house.

Amarillis, who was in charge of the residence, was alarmed when she saw that her grandchildren's pets - two white rabbits, a black duck, a rooster and a hen - lay petrified at the bottom of their cages, located at the rear of the backyard. Neighbor Salvador Rosario said that on Sunday night he noticed that the dogs were very restless, but dismissed the possibility that the canines could have been the cause of the animal deaths, as the cage would require a strength greater than a dog's to tear through the screen.

"Two dogs have been missing since Saturday--a dachshund named Oreja and a poodle named Negri," added Rosario, a retired schoolteacher. The scene was macabre: a duck, still agonizing, displayed two holes on its back through which its blood was apparently extracted. The equidistant holes could also be seen on the rooster's back and on that of the hen. The rabbits' front paws had been severed; two geese and another duck survived the carnage. "They couldn't have been dogs, because they would have dragged the animals away. It was a two-legged chupacabras," said Flores, meaning that it was either the mythical creature that no one has been able to identify, or it was a human being.

Inside the cage, where the smell of decomposition prevailed, there was no trace of blood and its gate had not been forced. The wire fencing hadn't been pierced or ripped by something with considerable strength, according to the affected parties.

When interviewed by PRIMERA HORA, veterinarian and zoologist Pedor N=Fanéz noted that the incidents ascribed to the "Chupacabras" - a character believed by many to have wings, flies swiftly and has nocturnal habits - could be the work of stray dogs, apes or exotic animals not native to Puerto Rico. The specialist in exotic wildlife stated that during the drought season, some types of rats and mice tend to suck the blood of others to survive.

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The Argentine Susques Crash

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Report From Police Comission Investigating Collision Of Object
In Susques

by Mariana Choquevilca

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With a laconic "we found nothing", the police invesigation sent out to look into the curious claim of a resident of Susques appears to have ended.

The woman claimed having seen a shiny object fall from the sky and produce a small tremor and a loud report.

Now, faced with new claims from settlements far removed from Susques, a new group of police investigators has been comissioned.

Following a new hypothesis, they are tracing a triangle between Susques, San Juan de Quillaques and El Toro - the area in which they will search for the mysterious object that upset the quiet community.

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>>Subject: Re: Vallee On Crop Circles

>Bill wrote,

>>England is usually very foggy.

>All the time - you can barely see the streets paved with gold
>through it - and trying to find a respectable hot chestnut
>seller can be hell in those pea-soupers.

>Bill - it is rarely foggy in England. I can't recall a single
>day's fog in the last two years here. Too many Sherlock Holmes
>and Dickens books methinks!

Oh, thanks. I meant to delete that as I had already been
informed of this when I first posted it. These movies with all
that London fog went to me head!

Bill

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UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE HIGH:

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world. Features this week are: New Planet like object found past Pluto, Possible ET habitats on Europa, New York sightings and a daylight disc photo, Pennsylvania man died from cocaine, North Carolina red and white lights, Florida pilot sees UFO and fireball, Ohio streaking light, Illinois teardrop craft, Tennessee spheres and space formation, Texas lost time, Colorado light, California flying triangle video, Oregon UFO chases airliner, Washington UFOs, Hawaii green fireball, Ireland flying triangle, Netherlands 12 UFOs, Italy white teardrop, Azerbaijan disk, India boomerang, and Australian UFO shoots past office building. Boeing plans to build biggest Pelican.

NEW SOLAR SYSTEM BODY REVEALED

CalTech astronomers have discovered an object more than half Pluto's diameter in the Kuiper Belt. This belt is the collection of primordial icy bodies that circles our Sun beyond the orbit of Neptune and represents the "leftovers" of planetary formation. "This helps to displace the opinion that Pluto is a planet," says Brian Marsden of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, who thinks Pluto is instead the largest Kuiper Belt object found so far. The size of the new object, named Quaoar, was measured by the Hubble Space Telescope. It is about 1250 kilometers in diameter, making it the largest object found in the Solar System since Pluto itself in 1930. Mike Brown and Chad Trujillo of Caltech first spotted Quaoar in June after months of surveying the Kuiper Belt with an automated 1.2-metre telescope. They announced their discovery on Monday at the Division of Planetary Sciences meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. October 2, NewScientist.com news service

POSSIBLE ET HABITATS ON EUROPA

Galileo space probe data suggests there's an ocean on Jupiter's moon Europa, which is Earth-like and could harbor life. The moon's icy crust is relatively thin, with cracks and vents, which would allow gases, heat and organic matter to reach water underneath. This is same situation that probably exists on Mars. Europa's Ocean may be like the icy bodies of water on Earth, such as the Arctic Ocean, which is our smallest ocean and occupies the area around the North Pole. It's exposed to air and

heat through its cracking and melting ice. Another similar body of water is Lake Vostok in Antarctica, which is one of the deepest-known bodies of fresh water on Earth and resembles the ice-covered oceans that are being discovered elsewhere in the Solar System. It may even harbor undiscovered forms of life. Dr. Cynan Ellis-Evans says, "These new interpretations suggest that a European ocean could be dynamically interacting with the moon's surface atmosphere over short time scales that increases opportunities for life to exist and evolve." Clouds of sulfur spewing from Io, another of Jupiter's moons, could be reaching Europa. "If we're getting a sulfur source going into the lake it's an exciting possibility," he says. "It increases the opportunity for life." One theory is that a meteorite carrying microbes could have crashed into Europa. NASA is considering sending a robotic probe to Europa to drill through the ice and look for life. Another possible ET habitat is a planet orbiting around another star that has a circular orbit, meaning it could be Earth-like. Researcher Chris McCarthy says, "Now it's seeming like there is a sizable and well-populated class of giant planets that have circular orbits." This newly discovered planet orbits a star called Tau Gruis, which is about 100 light-years away. Thanks to London Sunday Telegraph October 6, 2002

NEW YORK UFO SIGHTINGS

STATEN ISLAND -- On September 28, 2002, at exactly 8 PM the witness reports, "Myself and my landlord witnessed a strange bright white light moving northeast. We live directly in the flight path of JFK and LGA and we can easily distinguish types of aircraft. I served at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts and based on my experience, what we saw last night was no aircraft. Firstly, its altitude could not have been more than a 3000 feet, and it was traveling quite slowly. We reside in Emerson Hill and have a great view. This object was emitting a singular bright white light, and had no port, starboard, or tail blinking lights. It made no sound as we watched it fly right over the house and then up the coast. This is the second sighting in the last month. The other was a satellite moving faster than anything we've ever seen, all moving in exactly the same trajectory at the same distance away from each other again moving in a northeasterly direction. The object we saw last evening was no aircraft, we don't know what it was and have been unable to receive help from the FAA, Coast Guard or local media.

CENTER MORICHES -- We were at a birthday party on September 28, 2002, where there was no alcohol or any other mind altering substance being used. I'm an 47 year old female with a BA in Human Relations. The other two witnesses are male about 40 and 50 years of age. We noticed aircraft in formation at 8:15 PM, and the first was a plane with the usual red/green blinking lights, heading west, following that was a white light moving about the same speed, not fast but steady, but with no blinking lights. One of the other eye witnesses made the observation that it was much too close to the first object to be a plane, because they're not allowed to fly so near each other. The third object was the same short distance away following the 2nd object and was also a white light with no blinking lights. We watched until they were out of our view. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

NEW YORK CITY -- Paul Greco was driving his car on FDR Drive near 96th Street at 4:45 PM, when he saw a disk shaped UFO moving at 20 to 30 miles an hour on June 21, 2001. He was in heavy traffic when he noticed a dull orange craft moving near the highway an above some apartments buildings. Paul grabbed his camera and took several pictures as he drove along. He zoomed in to get a close up while dodging cars and took a shot of the craft just as it flew behind a building. He showed his photographs during my recent briefing to the Yonkers MUFON meeting. He missed the close up shot, but the best photo is on my website. Thanks to Paul Greco and a wonderful MUFON audience. See: [<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php?id=73>]FF
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PENNSYLVANIA TODD SEES DEATH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY -- Point Township Police Chief Gary Steffen announced that 39-year-old Todd Sees, who was found dead August 6, 2002, near his home after a two-day manhunt, died from a cocaine overdose. "The immediate cause of death has been determined to be cocaine toxicity. The manner of death is listed

as accidental." Toxicology analysis was done by Northumberland County Coroner James Kelley. These tests were requested after the autopsy back in August failed to determine Todd See's cause of death. Unanswered questions remain: why would a healthy outdoorsman and husband, and father of two sons go on a Sunday morning hunting trip on August 4 and ingest enough cocaine to kill himself? Further, what is behind the "eyewitness reports" about four witnesses seeing a silver disk over Montour Ridge and seeing a man "drawn up into it?" Thanks to Linda Howe
<http://www.earthfiles.com>

Editors Note: The witness reports of a UFO to Peter Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center may have had no connection with the unfortunate death of Todd Sees.

NORTH CAROLINA RED AND WHITE LIGHTS SEEN

HOLDEN BEACH -- On the evening of September 19, 2002, the witness reports, "My husband I were fishing at 9 PM, when we noticed on the horizon at low cloud level bright red large lights. Early in the sighting one of the red lights split into two and faded. After we watched these lights for about ten minutes my husband stood up to walk down to the surf to reel his fishing line in and suddenly just beyond the surf and very close to us, four white lights lit up one at a time in a row as if they were attached to something. These lights stayed lit for about 4 seconds and faded out and the red lights on the horizon lit up again. One at a time the red lights would light up and fade after about 4 seconds. I ran into the house to get binoculars and told my father in law to come out and watch. He came out with me. My husband told us, "Two more red lights had lit up in the sky." As soon as I sat down two more red lights lit up and one of the lights emitted a beam from the side of it and within the beam were small white lights in a row. After the last two red lights we saw nothing else for the rest of the night. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

FLORIDA FIREBALL OR UFO?

DAYTONA BEACH APPROACH -- On October 4, 2002, an Embry-Riddle pilot was flying northbound at 10:40 PM, and in contact with Air Traffic Control (ATC) on 132.65. He broadcast very excited, "I just had a near miss." ATC asked him what type of aircraft he saw and where it was? The pilot responded, "It was not an aircraft, it was just a short way off my right wing. It came upon me very suddenly and soared upward and was about the size of a baby carriage." ATC asked him if it could have been a bird? The pilot responded "No it was no bird, it soared upward fast; I have no idea what it was!" The controller related some unusual sights he had seen during his career flying USAF C-130s, and he tried to calm the pilot, but he remained a bit excited about what he had seen, insisting that it was a strange unsettling sight. Eventually the ATC handed him off to 125.8, another Daytona Beach Approach frequency. Thanks to Allan Stern

KEY WEST -- The witness was out walking his two year old before bedtime on September 28, 2002, when he saw flying behind a neighbor's house and over the sea was a large object traveling southeast. It was losing altitude as if on approach to the Boca Chica Naval Air Base at about 8:45 PM. It traveled too fast for a plane, too slow for a meteor, and seemed a bit orange colored, bright and fuzzy around the edges. 'We've never seen anything like this.

VERO BEACH -- On September 28, 2002, the witness was standing at the bus stop at 7:06 AM, when he looked up and saw a fiery object hovering above me. He reports, "I watched it for about 1 to 2 minutes, then it flew backwards." At that time I was distracted by someone coming out of their house and I looked towards that direction, then when I looked back up at the object it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

OHIO BRIGHT STREAKING LIGHT NEAR COLUMBUS

WESTERVILLE -- The witness was driving northwest on a non-lighted country road on September 23, 2002, when he saw at about 75 degrees in the northwest sky, an oval light that was about half the size of the full moon. It flew west to north for about two seconds after it appeared and shot across the sky at 10:22

PM. The brightness was as bright as the full moon but moved too fast to be a plane. It vanished into the darkness without leaving a streak in the sky. It happened so quickly, but I will never forget the intensity. This is the first time I have ever experienced this type of phenomenon. Thanks to Peter Davenport

ILLINOIS TEARDROP CRAFT WITH REVOLVING LIGHTS

RIVER FOREST -- My father and I were outside in our backyard on September 28, 2002, with our binoculars and telescope to try and see the stars. When all of a sudden this teardrop craft just shoots on by traveling towards the west with about 8 dark yellow lights revolving lights around it in opposite direction of its movement. It moved so quickly we cant describe it any more detail.

TAYLORVILLE -- We were traveling west on September 21, 2002, with my daughter, my neighbor, her stepson and my grandson. Our ages range from 8 to 49. I first noticed what I thought was a large bright star in the lower sky at 7 PM just after sunset. I thought it was a star, but I started seeing up to 7 at once. They were very bright silver and moved after a few minutes and appeared to have tails and were flying over Springfield. We called our husbands on the cell phone who were in the truck just ahead of us, and they saw them too. These were not airplanes because they sat in one place to long, moved, then changed formation and stayed there. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

TENNESSEE SPHERES PHOTOGRAPHED IN DAYLIGHT

GERMANTOWN -- While photographing cloud formations on September 28, 2002, the witness noted a shining object in western sky and obtained a photograph at 4:40 PM. The object was near faint clouds at about six thousand feet. The witness states, "There was a metallic flash of light, and I computer magnified the image to 20x and it consists of at least two silver spheres connected together by possibly a third sphere or other object." It is a small image which is viewed from one end of the object with the opposite end offset to the right and therefore visible in the picture. The area between the end spheres is obscured by the near end.

MEMPHIS -- At 7:51 PM, my mother and I were in her back yard watching the space station flying directly over head from a southwest to a northeast direction on September 28, 2002, The entire time we were viewing the object, we were also viewing another object following the International Space Station keeping the same distance always. The station looked bigger and whiter than the second vehicle being smaller with dimmer white light. The two could have been at different altitudes? If one were to take both fists, join them together at the thumb knuckles and hold them up to the sky at arms length, and another doing the same as you, with both sets of fists touching pinkie fingers, side-by-side, that was the approximate distance by which the second vehicle was trailing the station and matching it's speed. We were both stone cold sober.

(NUFORC Note: Witness is correct. ISS passed just south of Memphis at 19:49-19:54 hrs. on this date. We do not know what the second object was in formation with the ISS, but it may have been a Russian "Progress" resupply capsule. A sighting of the ISS was reported from Victorville, CA, on the same night, which also mentioned the second light, which appeared to be trailing behind the ISS, and it was small in apparent size. See <http://www.heavens-above.com/>

TEXAS UFO APPROACHED CAR THEN LOST TIME

ALAMO -- The witness had stepped out of her house to take the kids to pick up some hamburgers on September 24, 2002, and when I looked at the field next to our house I saw two big bright lights hovering at 8 PM. I stared at them and asked my kids if they were seeing what I was seeing and they told me yes. As we got in the van and I started to drive the UFO started moving in our direction. My kids were just starring at it and it had a lot of lights. It was just moving along next to us but in the sky. Suddenly it past us and then it went side ways and headed back towards us and there it was next to us again. No sound ever came out of it like an airplane or helicopter. It was silent with little movement. As we got to Burger King it disappeared. When

we got home I asked the kids to draw what they had seen and the drew a plate like image with lights on it.

GRAPEVINE -- The witness first spotted a UFO at friend's house at 8:00 PM in the southwestern sky on September 25, 2002. The object was a blinking dot of white and blue light that dropped down from about 40,000 feet in about five seconds and was gone. My vehicle was acting strangely with the gauges not reading the correct data. Before arriving to my friend's house, I had filled up my car full of gas and was heading south on Highway 121. At 8:30 PM the highway lights went out, an encompassing bright white light flashed before me. Before I knew it, I was suddenly heading west on Interstate 30 and the time was now 9:30 PM. The distance between the point I was at on 121 South to the point I found myself at on 30 West is ten miles and does not take one hour to travel and my gas tank is empty.

ARLINGTON -- I walked outside on September 23, 2002, and looked up and saw what seemed like a Stealth Bomber airplane at 8:30 PM, but the lights were very dim. The plane looked like it was huge with about ten lights in a symmetrical pattern. It was flying very slow.. and no noise was heard. After I lost it over the apartment roof. I ran to watch it some more but it had disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

COLORADO ROUND SILVER OBJECT

COLUMBINE -- While my wife and I were hunting six miles north of Columbine when we saw a round silver object in the sky on September 21, 2002, that remained in one place for over 30 minutes starting at 1 PM. I took a compass reading on it and it was at 135 degrees from north in the southeastern sky 30 degrees above the horizon. I was looking through my binoculars at an eagle when I noticed the object. The sky was very blue and clear and there was definitely something in the sky. I handed the binoculars over to my wife and she thought it looked like a balloon, but this object did not move for over 30 minutes. We continued to view this object at 3 to 5 minute intervals and it did not move. Several high flying jets flew near this objects, but the jets appeared to be much lower than this object based upon the jet wash trails. After 40 minutes, we could not find the object again in the same portion of the sky. We scanned the area for several minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CALIFORNIA 100 PEOPLE SAW ORANGE GLOWING SAUCER.

DANVILLE -- It was very dark outside at 10:30 PM, and we all looked up to see a bright neon orange saucer moving at a very slow rate on September 20, 2002. It hovered for less than two minutes and disappeared beyond the hills. It seemed like it was spinning very fast and was actually glowing. There were rays of light shining off of it. I was with about 100 people outside a park and all you could hear was screaming from all of my friends. There was a small dome on top of the saucer. The bottom of the saucer was smooth and rounded. My friend took pictures. There were ten search planes in my area after it happened that were flying very low and we also saw a military jet fly by. Thanks to Virgil Staff, Western Regional Direction for the Mutual UFO Network, for the follow-up investigation.

LONG BEACH -- On September 23, 2002, at 9:15 PM, the witness heard a loud jet and looked up to see lights flashing. The witness stated, "I could not believe what I was looking at, I could see a light shaped triangle flashing and changing colors from red to white, to green, then to blue." I called my wife and daughter who also saw them. There was another triangle of lights flashing and changing colors all at the same time. I saw a total of 11 lights, 3 triangles, and 2 single lights in front of two of the triangles. I also counted two jets flying back and forth at a high rate of speed observing the lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport

THE SANCTUARY -- James reports that four separate groups at the Sanctuary saw four flying triangles over the Sanctuary and a multitude of other craft during CSETI training. Dr. Steven Greer and 30 guests were witness to the sightings. The triangle was witnessed by all four groups and filmed by three and there is excellent footage. Steve Mareno with PSI Applications, Dr. Greer's group, Bill, Fern and family and another family were all present. This makes four independent groups all of which

witnessed, three of which filmed the triangles. The first triangles shut down the cameras. None worked. The last large one allowed three of the groups to film it. I do not know what it takes to validate the ongoing activity and contacts but to any reasonable mind this should be a clincher. Thanks to James.

OREGON SIGHTING OF GREEN UFO CHASING AIRLINER

ROGUE RIVER -- Jeff Moore a former SR-71 air force mechanic phoned to report, Out of the south came a streaking object green colored object that caught up with a commercial airliner and started playing tag on September 25, 2002, at 10 PM and departed east. It flew to the left and right of the aircraft. Some of the passengers must have seen the UFO. Because of this sighting Jeff got his Night-vision scope and started watching the skies. There is a regular flight path for airliners flying overhead. Another UFO was picked up in the Night-vision scope about 8:15 PM, on September 28, he and his wife saw a high speed object that appeared lower than the airplane but passed just underneath the commercial airliner. Thanks to Jeff Moore.

WASHINGTON HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

SPOKANE -- At 4:51 AM, I was looking at a cluster of 7 stars just ahead of the constellation of Orion on September 20, 2002. I was trying to see how many I could count when three objects streaking south crossed the sky. There were no lights, though the objects were whitish-gray in color. They were not illuminated. These things were moving at supersonic speed, faster than any fighter ever flown on this planet, but were slower than shooting stars. Suddenly, the middle object shot left, then right again, splitting the other two. No craft on earth can make that turn at those G-forces. All three objects were gone within five seconds. It was the dandiest thing I've ever seen. These were not lights, nor even lighted craft; these were craft that were illuminated only by moonlight. They were solid yet there was no trail left and no sound. [<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php?id=73>]FF
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SEATTLE -- The witness spotted streaking objects with a smoke steam tail that appeared just above the horizon, just before sunrise on September 28, 2002. He said, "The first appeared at 6:50 AM, and the second at about 7:10 AM. I observed both with a low-power telescope and could see the plume of smoke/steam trailing as the objects burned in descent. Both appeared first as brilliant points of light, becoming comet-like in appearance as they descended. My guess is that they were satellite debris. Both left cloud remnants that were brightly illuminated by the rising sun.

HAWAII GREEN FIREBALL FALL FROM THE SKY.

HONOLULU -- We were having party at my back yard on September 28, 2002, and three of us saw a "green fireball" fall down from the sky very fast at 9:27 PM. It was very bright and clear. The fireball seemed to have a round/circle shape. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

FLYING TRIANGLE HOVERS OVER IRELAND

A young woman called to report that she and her son had been witness to a very peculiar flying triangular-shaped object, with lights in its corners, on September 23, 2002. It was hovering near their home, and in the vicinity of a nearby highway. Mother and son witnessed the peculiar object for several minutes, at which time it suddenly accelerated, and moved out of their sight very quickly. Thanks to [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

NETHERLANDS TWELVE UFOs WITH BEAUTIFUL COLORS

OOSTERHOUT -- On September 19, 2002, the witness noticed some beautiful colors in the sky at 10:23 PM. He states, "It was beautiful, all those colors and shapes; I've never seen anything like this before." It was first something like a square, then it began to change into a perfect bowl. Nothing stepped out of those 'ships', but I'm sure it was something extraterrestrial. It's just unbelievable, I can't describe it. It had an aura around it, that was amazing. It kept on changing colors, the beauty of it was unbelievable!

ITALY WHITE BODY TEARDROP SHAPED UFO

GENOA -- The witness reports seeing a white teardrop shaped object high in the western sky at 7:30 PM, on September 20, 2002. He says, "I was watching it with a non powerful telescope, and it did not seem to have a rough surface. Unfortunately, the teardrop got covered by clouds soon after I discovered it.

AZERBAIJAN DISK

NAXCIVAN -- The witness reports, "My friends own the Internet Cafe and I closed up late that night. It had been raining, but the rain stopped as I left the cafe at 3:30 AM, on September 25, 2002. It was a very dark night, and I looked up and saw a big X like a disc hovering above us. WOW, it was very big. It was so big that it didn't allow the rain to fall on us. I think it was 500 to 600 meters in diameter and it was hovering over the city. I saw one man shoot his pistol about eight times at the object, and it started to move away. Then it started to rain again. The police came and arrested the man. I'm 100% sure this was a UFO.

INDIA FLYING BOOMERANG SIGHTED

NEW DELHI -- This to inform you that on September 20, 2002, at 2000 hours, I noticed an amazing thing in sky and for a moment I was in doubt what it was, but I was able to realize that it could be a UFO. Because, this thing was totally different from any type of airplane or spaceship I have known so far. Also the thing was certainly not an airplane it was too large. The shape of the UFO was triangular, basically it was in a shape of boomerang. I could see the lights on that boomerang in zigzag form. If you want some more detail just contact me.

AUSTRALIA UFO SHOOTS UP PAST OFFICE BUILDING

ADELAIDE -- On September 30, 2002, on Monday, at 1 PM a large circular object, grey/white in color was seen by the witness shooting straight up. It went out of view as it shot up past the third floor of the office building as the witness walked past. While facing north the object shot directly past the office window. The object moved so fast, no specific details were observed apart from its general colour/shape/size. The object seemed about 75 meters from the building and was about 10-40 meters in diameter. The more I thought about this, the stranger the sighting seemed. As I say it, I said to my colleague "Hey, did you see that?" My colleague turned around just in time to miss the event -- everyone else in the office on that floor seemed preoccupied. The US Ambassador was a guest speaker in our building two days later. Thanks to Sue in Australia.

BOEING PLANS TO BUILD BIGGEST-EVER PELICAN

Joe Stefula reports Boeing plans to build the world's largest aircraft called the Pelican, capable of delivering battle tanks directly into a war zone. Its wingspan will be more than 500 feet compared to an 747 wingspan of 195 feet. It will be able to fly 14,000 tons of cargo more than 10,000 miles and will be designed to fly 50 feet above the ocean, using the buoyant aerodynamic effect of flying close to the water to provide its maximum economic range. It will be able them to deliver thousands of troops, tanks and aid anywhere in the world in a fraction of the time presently taken by cargo ships. The Pelican has the capacity to carry up to 17 main battle tanks, which each weigh more than 50 tons.

The largest military cargo aircraft in service at present is the Russian Antonov 225, which has a range of 2,800 miles. The Pelican would land and take off on civilian or military runways like a conventional aircraft but it has up to 38 sets of landing gear and 76 tires to spread the weight more evenly. Powered by four advanced turboprop engines, it would be capable of cruising over land at up to 20,000 feet, although its maximum effectiveness would be over water. Blaine Rawdon, the Pelican project manager, said: "It will be much faster than ships at a fraction of the operational cost of commercial aircraft.

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NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Pat Marcatillio is holding a UFO conference in Bordentown, NJ on October 12 and 13 at the Days' Inn. Ingo Swann, David Jacobs, Tom Van Flandern, Jim Moseley, Bruce Maccabee and others will be speaking. Details are at--<http://www.drufu.org>.

SCIFI.COM -- "Join me for an online chat Wednesday, October 9, at 9 p.m. ET, 6 p.m. PT, at [<http://www.scifi.com/>]Sci.Fi.com We'll discuss UFO sightings and I'll be available to answer your questions.

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Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Gonzalez Manso

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 23:25:52 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 05:56:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO] - Gonzalez Manso

>From: Gregory Gutierrez <greguti@free.fr>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2002 00:15:27 +0200
>Subject: Re: Symbols [UMMO]

>Finally, add to it the impressive work of Pollion on the Ummo
>language (which is not a language as English or French, but a
>codified language to describe things without any hint of
>subjectivity, just like machines or computers speaking together)
>and you have here something like 1500 pages of savage and
>intriguing piece of literature

Let me offer an example taken from their very first message:

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According to them, they use a bi-language. They say that they can express two trains of ideas simultaneously, one through the phonemes themselves and the other through an statistical-mathematical function related with their repetition

Its translation into English would be:

We come from Ummo and we have made this voyage to study your culture/ We do not want to harm you, be reassured.

We come from Ummo/We have arrived with our craft south of France.

We come from Ummo/We need food urgently.

Do you find anything unusual? The answer, next time.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Gleason [was: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?]

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 12:06:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 18:51:05 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2002 15:05:33 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

>>>Jackie Gleason was also shown dead aliens by his friend
>>>Richard Nixon during the last days of his Presidency

>>>I've been hearing this one for years. Does anybody know if
>>>there is any truth to it? I've always considered it a kind of
>>>'urban legend'. I'm just curious if any one knows anything
>>>about this particular walnut.

>>I believe that Jackie Gleason's widow mentions this episode in a
>>biography of her late husband. It's only a small tangent, but
>>it's fairly well known that Gleason was very interested in UFOs
>>and reportedly had a home built in the shape of one.

>Jackie Gleason was indeed a UFO buff. He also had a keen
>interest in psychic phenomena. His views, while sympathetic,
>were also hard-headed, and he was not a credulous enthusiast.
>(See, for example, the amusing account in Long John Nebel's The
>Way Out World concerning Gleason's confrontation with contactee
>George King.) He subscribed to two magazines with which I have
>been associated, Fate and International UFO Reporter.

>In the latter context, I have a small anecdote related to the
>above crashed-saucer tale. One day in the mid-1980s, when CUFOS'
>office was still in Glenview, Illinois, and (the now-deceased)
>Sherman Larsen ran it, someone from Gleason's office called to
>inquire about the status of JG's IUR subscription. After digging
>out the requested information, Larsen couldn't resist asking
>about the story that Nixon had shown Gleason alien bodies.
>Gleason's spokesman said that was a fiction that an ex-wife had
>made up to get attention and sell her book.

>On the other hand, one of Gleason's biographers claims that it
>was probably a tall tale JG concocted to tell his wife, to
>explain away a tryst with one of his girl friends.

>For a number of reasons, I find the story pretty hard to
>believe. It seems highly unlikely that even a President could

>bring an unauthorized civilian into a secure site holding
>secrets of the alleged magnitude. Since no independent evidence
>seems to exist and the source of the anecdote is of uncertain
>reliability, the story should be regarded, in my judgment, as
>little more than yet more saucer folklore.

>Jerry Clark

Jerry and list,

I, too, find the story hard to believe on similar grounds. No way would Gleason have been allowed access to such super-secret information. I am not even aware of any evidence that Nixon was interested in UFOs and/or took them seriously.

Gleason also was a member of NICAP and was eager to have every publication we ever issued. I, too, received phone calls from his secretary or representative inquiring about publications. There is no doubt about his strong interest.

Yet, even when NICAP fell on hard times and was desperately trying to raise money to continue, Gleason never contributed anything over and above his \$5.00 or \$7.50 membership.

Steve Allen once contributed \$25 through the intervention of a mutual friend. Ray Walston ("My Favorite Martian") contributed more than both of them combined!

My experience is that celebrities generally are cheapskates.

- Dick

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UFO Sightings Connected To Lakes?

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Killer Lakes Waiting for More Victims

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The civilized world shuddered when informed about a terrible crime in October 1994. The Young and attractive American, Susan Smith from North Carolina deliberately (as the court discovered later) let her car containing her two sons roll down a boat ramp into John D. Long Lake. Susan's two children, were fastened with security belts and drown. Susan later had to stand trial and she was sentenced to life imprisonment for the premeditated murder.

However, tragic stories at the lake still continued to occur after that tragedy. Two years later, a car containing three adults and four children fell into the lake from the same boat ramp. Witnesses said the car spontaneously rolled down the ramp between the memorials to Susan's drowned sons and dropped into the water. All seven occupants drowned.

Local citizens are convinced that John D. Long Lake has been spell-bound a very long time. Judicial authorities ignore this fact and won't review Susan Smith's case.

Whitney Lake in Texas is considered the most ruthless American lake. Police have found dozens of cars on its bottom which have rolled into the water spontaneously, despite the fact the parking brakes were on. No passengers were found in the cars. Local citizens say they often see UFOs in the area and have found spots burnt out after UFO landings near the lake.

America's close neighbor Canada is also filled with predatory lakes. Here is one true story which was studied several times by specialists. American and Canadian newspapers wrote extensively about the accident and video clips were shown on TV. In June 1966, an elderly couple and their teenage son went fishing to Anion Lake situated among deserted sand-pits. Upon settling down on the lake shore unbelievably sinister darkness covered them. They were overcome by a foul odor and suddenly the boy disappeared. Despite all efforts, the boy wasn't found in the darkness. Instantly, the sky began to clear up and the parents saw their son. He told his parents he had seen some round plane, but couldn't recollect what happened next. Within a few days, the boy fell seriously ill and suffered from mental problems for the rest of his life.

Lake Nahuel Huapi, surrounded with snow-clad mountain peaks in the Argentinean Andes, is 26,000 square kilometers in size and has a depth of 400 meters. The lake constantly emits a strange light and a monster known to people since the 18th century is said to be living there. King of Spain, Charles IV, organized an expedition to catch the monster, but it brought no success. In 1997, Argentinean speleologist Julio Aguaro discovered large round paw prints 50 centimeters in diameter. Scientists calculated the weight of the strange creature to be several tons. Local police told the scientists they had seen the monster several times and heard him growling.

The mountain ridge Cordillera Azur (Blue Lakes) in South America runs parallel to the Andes and abounds with cold lakes and lagoons where South American Indians speaking the Quechua language live. Artists like this place because of its picturesque beauty. Recently, photographers and ufologists created great interest to the area as well. Lake Hyalo is in an out-of-the-way place, in a waterlogged area where people seldom come. Several years ago UFO's picked the place for visits. Scientists visited the place and found out that UFO's actually haunted the lake. Local Indians observe UFO's almost regularly at 6 a.m. and within 3:00 -- 4:00 p.m. Several times, they observed luminous objects drop in the water or fly out of the lake. The objects were round, oval, rectangular or circular and they easily penetrated the water. Sometimes, these objects would hover over the lake or slowly move along the mountain sides, then suddenly soar up and disappear. Indians quite naturally believe that these are the evil doings of witches and sorcerers.

Lake Erie is one of America's Great Lakes. A nuclear power plant is situated on the lake shores near Perry. The scientific center studying UFO's often gets information from people who witness unidentified luminous objects of different shapes and sizes near the nuclear power plant. All reports were thoroughly investigated and confirmed. We would like to tell the most interesting one.

A woman who wished to remain anonymous, drove her car past Perry on March 4, 1998. Suddenly she saw an object resembling a dirigible hover above the lake; lights were glowing on both sides of the object. It was slowly hovering in the air at the height of about 100 meters. When the woman drove home she told the story to her husband. The couple immediately left for the lake. Lake Erie was covered with ice, but the ice cracked under the dirigible's weight when it landed on the lake and began to receive small luminous objects on board. Some time later, the object disappeared; it seemed that it went under the water or merely vanished. Is it possible the dirigible moved to some parallel world hidden from people's eyes?

Translated by Maria Gousseva

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EW: THEMIS Upgrades Cydonia Flame War

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>> THEMIS UPGRADES CYDONIA FLAME WAR
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artwork: Fortress Cydonia (Mars Matchstick version)
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/cydonut/ewMarsMatchstickThumb.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - In the midst of a heated debate about the authenticity of recent infrared (IR) data, the THEMIS team at Arizona State University has released yet another image of the controversial Cydonia region on Mars. The last time ASU released a Cydonia image Richard Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission asserted their own version of the data revealed an elaborate sunken city on Mars.

THE CYDONIA CLIFF

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/ewCydoniaCliff2002.jpg>

The new Cydonia image will be of special interest to Mars anomaly researchers because it provides a view on an enigmatic feature known as The Cliff. According to Mars anomalists, The Cliff is interesting because it appears to be a structure erected on top of the ejecta of a nearby crater.

Normally, you would expect the debris from an impact crater to cover a nearby landform like The Cliff, or so the argument goes. Researchers say that The Cliff's straight-line feature suggests that it was built on top of the ejecta, sometime after the crater was formed.

The new THEMIS visual image may tell researchers a great deal more about this proposed scenario, because it provides one of the most detailed high-level views on this enigma to date. It looks like the crater ejecta may have simply flowed around The Cliff.

THE THEMIS SUNKEN CITY CONTROVERSY

Twenty years of animosity toward NASA erupted in an all out Internet flame war when Richard Hoagland of The Enterprise Mission accused Mars Odyssey scientists of releasing fraudulent infrared images of Mars Cydonia.

Not long after a photographic composite of thermal imaging strips was posted online by the Arizona State University THEMIS team, Hoagland came forward with his own version of the data asserting that he now had incontrovertible evidence of a full-scale subterranean cityscape on Mars.

There are disturbing questions about the provenance of the data that Team Enterprise has put forth in support of their claims. But researchers who worry about where that data came from also question what was done to it before it was distributed.

Mark Carlotto from the Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR) was politely dismissive about TEM's elaborate claims. Team Enterprise responded by characterizing Carlotto and SPSR as "self-serving."

BURNING BOATS & BRIDGES BEHIND THEM

Now that the results of Carlotto's investigation have turned out to be at variance with their own conclusions, Team Enterprise seemingly wants to pull his pants down and Moon everybody with an online article saying: They told him how to conduct his investigation, he didn't do it that way, so obviously he doesn't know what he's talking about.

"We have no desire to pillory Carlotto any further here," says TEM, "His own demonstrable lack of true scientific curiosity has more than accomplished that... we can no longer endorse his methods, his competence, or even his intellectual honesty on any issue pertaining to this continuing extraterrestrial artifacts investigation."

Hoagland should know better. Nobody enjoys this kind of undignified behavior in an ostensibly scientific context. Fellow Cydonia researchers can only wonder at the recent hostility expressed by Team Enterprise.

Humorously speaking, if TEM wants to burn their boats and bridges behind them, that's fine with me. I'll tag along at a safe distance, just in case those boys run out of matches.

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THEMIS: Cydonia Landscape

<http://themis.la.asu.edu/zoom-20021009a.html>

(ASU) - Note the lobes of ejecta emanating from the large crater in the upper right of the THEMIS image. This style of ejecta is thought to arise when an impact occurs into water or ice-rich material, indicating that at least at the time of the impact such material was present.

THE ELECTRIC WARRIOR

October 9, 2002

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Design for a disc-shaped plane

The hit of an international investment fair in Vladivostok was a project by an inventor from the Maritime Territory, Yuri Bezrukov, to create a new aircraft that would transport up to 5 passengers, weigh 1200 kilograms and would be about six meters in diameter.

Driven by two engines the aircraft will fly at an altitude of 4 kilometers at a speed of up to 700 kilometers per hour. And it will be able to fly non-stop one thousand kilometers. The machine is designed for vertical take-off and vertical landing. But it will need dozens of times less fuel than the current vertical take-off aircraft.

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Russian Design For A Disc-Shaped Plane

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Stig

Design for a disc-shaped plane

The hit of an international investment fair in Vladivostok was a project by an inventor from the Maritime Territory, Yuri Bezrukov, to create a new aircraft that would transport up to 5 passengers, weigh 1200 kilograms and would be about six meters in diameter.

Driven by two engines the aircraft will fly at an altitude of 4 kilometers at a speed of up to 700 kilometers per hour. And it will be able to fly non-stop one thousand kilometers. The machine is designed for vertical take-off and vertical landing. But it will need dozens of times less fuel than the current vertical take-off aircraft.

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Hollywood's Billy Zane Stars in Movie Shot in Bulgaria

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Hollywood star Billy Zane arrives in Sofia on Tuesday to join the rest of the cast in his newest movie. The film tells a story that features the mysterious crop circles found in grain fields all over the world and often connected to extraterrestrial activity. The first footage was shot on Monday in the American College in Sofia and at the Sofia-Plovdiv highway. With Zane onboard, the cinema people will move to a maize field near the town of Radomir. The movie casts Bulgarian actors. Producers of the new Zane's movie from U.S. company UFO from have made thirteen movies in Bulgaria. However, the co-producers from one of Europe's largest producing companies, Senator, work in the country for the first time.

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Re: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?' - Caput

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>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2002 10:54:16 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Fox in Focus! UFOs: Proof of Life?'

<snip>

Thank you Dave and Bob. I agree it fell short of the coverage and efforts that this subject deserves, but I think it was an honest effort.

Scott

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Space Center Houston Review

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Space Center & Me
Or, how I learned to stop caring and accept the dumb
by Dylan Otto Krider

A bird's-eye view of bullshit.

"Crop Circles"

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Every clique has an "out" group that insiders make fun of. For stoners, it's kickers; for kickers, it's hipsters. When I was a research assistant during my brief stint as an astrophysics major, our whipping boys of choice were the UFO believers and perpetuators of the theory that aliens built the pyramids. Our views of these "pseudoscientists" varied from mild amusement to fear their wackiness could bring about the end of civilization.

Ironically, the first story I ever wrote for the Houston Press turned out to be on the Roswell exhibit at Space Center Houston. I had expected the alien angle to be simply a way to lure people in, at which point they would discuss NASA's search for microbes on Mars. What I found instead was the center's CEO calling the few informational plaques on display "wall candy," used to justify his latex masks and spaceships. He had no problem peddling NASA conspiracy; it was the science he took issue with.

The argument for privatizing Space Center was that the organization could become more efficient without compromising its original mission. Every compromise that followed has been excused as "what the people want." There was "Extreme Sports," then a tribute to farts and burps called "Grossology" (the least offensive, since it passed on real information about biology). But none could equal the Roswell exhibit -- until now.

It would not be possible to come up with an exhibit more at odds with everything a research institution like NASA stands for than "Crop Circles." A TV documentary -- which, scientists complained to The Dallas Morning News, creatively edits their "this is crap" answers to make them look like supporters of this kind of madness -- plays in the background. The walls display official-looking newspaper clippings, which use fancy terminology like "plasma" and "magnetic fields." Exactly two of them express what most scientists believe, which is that those groups that admitted to pressing down the cornstalks with boards weren't lying. They are adjacent to an article that says "scientists" are angry that these "hoaxsters" trivialize the idea of alien

origins. (No, scientists fear crop circles delegitimize honest scientific pursuits like SETI.)

Where have these articles appeared in print? Nowhere. They were written by the exhibit curator, taken mostly from the book *Vital Signs*, by Andy Thomas.

Among the quotes used to push the idea of alien creation is Carl Sagan's "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." What Space Center fails to mention is that Sagan devoted much of his career to debunking claims of UFO visitation. This particular quote is from Sagan's "Baloney Detection Kit"; it's given as an example of common logical fallacies pseudoscientists use to sell you a line of bullshit.

For Space Center, the mandate to "bring people in" has gone beyond movie tie-ins. They now feel obligated to trump up and sell ideas that NASA scientists give absolutely zero credence. And they're getting more visitors as a result. But understand: Space Center Houston has nothing to do with science. It's about selling tickets, even if they have to sell out NASA to do it.

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Re: Math vs. Moore - Gates

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Subject: Re: Math vs. Moore - Gates

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>Subject: Math vs. Moore [was: Rudiak vs. Moore]
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 01:52:31 -0700

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>>Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2002 19:51:21 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Rudiak vs. Moore - Fleming

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2002 19:12:58 -500
>>>Subject: Rudiak vs. Moore

<snip>

>Moore built his table for Flight #4 out of two sets of basic
>wind data. One was the winds determined from an Orogrande
>weather station 32 miles south of Alamogordo. However, this only
>went to 46,000 feet. So Moore spliced in wind data from Flight
>#5 the next day in the upper atmosphere between 46,000 and
>60,000 feet. I have no major problem with that. You go with what
>you got.

If I make an observation here. Apparently Bruce and Printy don't seem to mind the fact that Moore spliced data from two flights to come up with his conclusion, wrong as it is. That being the case, is it acceptable for a pro-UFO person to mix and match data (even if its only 24 hours old) and advance a pro-UFO theory?

Obviously if this was a pro-UFO case the skeptibunkers would be all over this blathering about how untrustworthy data is when you mix and match, they would then be advancing the notion that we could only trust the data that happened the same day; naturally, if any data even hinted at being analyzed wrongly, as Moore did, they would be all over the inconsistency claiming it negates the case, blah, blah, blah.

Can't you just hear it all???

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Gleason - Gates

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 12:06:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Are We Really Ready For Disclosure?

<snip>

>For a number of reasons, I find the story pretty hard to
>believe. It seems highly unlikely that even a President could
>bring an unauthorized civilian into a secure site holding
>secrets of the alleged magnitude. Since no independent evidence
>seems to exist and the source of the anecdote is of uncertain
>reliability, the story should be regarded, in my judgment, as
>little more than yet more saucer folklore

Keep in mind that I think the Gleason story is in the same league as mass landings in the desert SW on April 24th 1997, and the much claimed and talked about ET landing that was going to happen on a mountain top in Arizona in Dec of 2000.

Slight disagreement with Jerry. If a President of the United States wanted to take his best buddy to some AFB to show them something Top Secret, who would be in authority to stop the President?

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridian Tonight

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 15:07:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFOs On Richard & Judy Ch.4 & Meridian Tonight [UK]

Good Morning Geoff

Thank you for your reply, both on and off-List.

>>So please, define what/who/etc you mean by "utter garbage".

>I was not referring to a programme concerning Chris - I did not
>even post the comment to relate to Chris.

>Geoff

I take it from your comment then that your reference to "utter garbage" was to the Richard & Judy show, in which case I heartily agree.

Regards

Sean
Who at present thinks the "new" Tonbridge photo is a fake!

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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EW: Carlotto Finds Possible Ruins on Mars

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Subject: EW: Carlotto Finds Possible Ruins on Mars

From: The Electric Warrior ()

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>> CARLOTTO FINDS POSSIBLE RUINS ON MARS
martian enigmas

image: Martian Rubble
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/mol/CarlottoMarsRubble.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - Even if you've had your fill of the recent controversy involving infrared images captured by Arizona State University's Mars Odyssey team, it wouldn't hurt to take a look at one more shot of Cydonia.

Mark Carlotto, whose New Frontiers in Science Web site examines Martian enigmas like the Face on Mars, has published an analysis of the region based on a second multispectral image by THEMIS. As Carlotto tells it, not only should the existence of a second THEMIS image settle issues of authenticity raised by the Enterprise Mission, it also raises further questions about the possibility of extraterrestrial design on Mars.

Carlotto used two different bands of imaging data that were just different enough to produce a stereo image of an area that includes the Mars Face as well as a rock-strewn area some 120 kilometers to the south.

The broken features appear to lie in rectangular arrangements that suggest intelligent design. "On Earth, in the Middle East for example, it would certainly be seen as a possible archaeological site," writes Carlotto. "But it is on Mars."

BUILDING CONSENSUS

Building a case for artificiality on Mars that even NASA can't dismiss takes time, and Carlotto would probably tell you he thinks he's doing his part. He isn't doing too bad. His new online article shows a side-by-side comparison of the new THEMIS data and the highly controversial data set released last July.

The July data is said to contain indisputable evidence of a subterranean cityscape on Mars. The only problem with that conclusion is that it relies on a special version of the THEMIS data which Richard Hoagland says the Enterprise Mission acquired under mysterious circumstances.

TEM's assertions also come with so much more. In a recent interview Hoagland went so far as to say that the mysteries of Cydonia point to an extraordinary ancient heritage for humans that somehow reaches all the way back to Mars. "In a way, I see

the ultimate confirmation of our heritage on Mars as essential to ushering in a new day here on Earth," Hoagland told Dark Planet.

Carlotto's work has never carried that much baggage.

To understand the context of Carlotto's investigation it helps to recall statements by the SETI Institute's Dr. Jill Tarter. "It's possible that there could be, in fact, within our solar system, some evidence of ET technology," Tarter recently told Space.com. "They may be here."

Tarter didn't say exactly where we might find evidence of extraterrestrial activity in our own solar system, noting only that we haven't gathered that much information. Carlotto and the Society for Planetary SETI Research say it's worthwhile looking on Mars. That's why Carlotto finds his apparent Martian rubble so interesting. "Will this new discovery be dismissed as another optical illusion, like the Face about 120 kilometers to the north?"

Carlotto closes his article by inviting planetary scientists at ASU, JPL and NASA to consider the possibility that the growing list of weird alignments and symmetries may not be coincidence after all. He also asks why Cydonia has been targeted so often so early in the mission if no one is taking it seriously: "Perhaps this recent interest in Cydonia is an indication that someone already has."

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(New Frontiers in Science) - Will this new discovery be dismissed as another optical illusion, like the Face about 120 kilometers to the north? Or might some brave planetary scientist at ASU, JPL, or NASA finally consider the possibility that the growing list of 'coincidences' of symmetries, alignments, and enigmatic features may not be a coincidence after all. Perhaps this recent interest in Cydonia is an indication that someone already has.

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Einhorn Defense To Invoke Paranormal

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Posted on Wed, Oct. 09, 2002 Einhorn defense to invoke
paranormal Inside By Jennifer Lin Inquirer Staff Writer

One courtroom wag at the Ira Einhorn murder trial dubbed it the X-Files defense.

And as a legal tack, it's a doozy.

With the trial shifting to the defense today, Einhorn will argue that he was framed for the beating death of Holly Maddux because he knew too much about secret mind-control weapons. Einhorn has maintained that unknown persons put a trunk with Maddux's mummified body in his closet, resulting in his arrest in 1979.

"He thinks he stepped on toes in doing this mind-control research and paranormal, psychological research," said William Cannon, Einhorn's lawyer.

"But he's going to have to sell that to the jury," Cannon said yesterday. "He absolutely has to be able to give to the jury the possibility that people wanted to embarrass him and put him in a predicament where he would basically be out of the way.

"If he can't do that," Cannon added, "he has no hope for an acquittal, because the body in the trunk is too overwhelming as a piece of circumstantial evidence."

In a nine-page, handwritten essay that Einhorn wrote last month - titled "A Snapshot of My 70s" - he gives a preview of what's to come when he takes the witness stand, possibly as soon as tomorrow.

He painted himself as "a social change agent, consultant, futurist and learner" who was on the verge of greatness when he was arrested.

"I was busted for a murder I did not commit and all my work on mind control and free energy became history," Einhorn wrote from his cell.

In the essay, which was circulated via e-mail to supporters and the media before the Common Pleas Court trial, Einhorn dropped more names than a gossip columnist - from City Councilman W. Thacher Longstreth to futurist Alvin Toffler and a mysterious "Prince of Iran."

He portrayed himself as a peripatetic '70s activist, involved in the antiwar movement and black empowerment, as well as investigating the CIA and the heroin trade, UFOs, and President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

But he explained how his trouble began with his exploration into "psychotronic mind-control weaponry." So-called psychotronic weapons, popular in science fiction, allegedly harness telepathic power and radio waves to control and influence people from afar.

George Smith, a technology writer in Pasadena, Calif., who edits the online Crypt Newsletter, said these weapons simply do not exist.

Smith, who focuses on issues involving national security and technology, said psychotronic weaponry was a pop subject during the Cold War era that gave way in the 1990s to talk of "electromagnetic pulse guns."

With both, Smith said, no one has been able to take talk and theories and construct actual weapons, subject to scientific scrutiny.

"You never see any examples of any devices that can do the kinds of things that are described," Smith said. "It's the domain of charlatans and the gullible."

He added that in the '60s and '70s, military and intelligence agencies did fund research on such paranormal topics as telepathy, but those projects went nowhere. "The evidence is that the FBI and CIA can't get inside everyone's head and don't have psychotronic powers," Smith said.

"Psychotronic? Never heard of it," said Lt. Col. Jimmy Wyrick, executive officer of the U.S. Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Sciences in Washington. "Sounds kind of far-fetched."

At the Washington office of the publisher of Jane's Defence Weekly, a magazine about military news and weaponry, editors opted to steer clear.

"We do not have any information on this topic, or any editors who could verify whether such weaponry exists," said Melissa Golding, a Jane's spokeswoman.

Einhorn, however, said he believed his life was in danger because of his mind-control research. He said he received reports from inside the Soviet Union about mind-control devices "so chilling that I only shared some of the content, not the actual reports, with two people."

Einhorn also wrote that he had enlisted the former president of the Franklin Institute, Bowen Dees, to work with him on a conference in honor of Nikola Tesla, an inventor and electrical engineer. Einhorn claimed that Tesla worked on mind-control and free-energy devices that created energy without using fuel.

Dees, now retired in Southern California, was surprised to learn of his mention in Einhorn's statement.

"Ira was an interesting character," said Dees, who headed the institute from 1970 to 1982. "But my interaction with him was minimal."

Einhorn wrote that in the '70s, he also got involved in the "Geller project," a reference to Uri Geller, the spoon-bending psychic. Einhorn said that through this work, he became convinced of the possibility of "free energy devices... that would solve our energy problem."

"Unfortunately, all new technology can be used as weaponry as well as for human benefit," Einhorn wrote. "I was soon up to my ears in a multi-pronged intelligence game that is still waiting to be unravelled."

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>vertical take-off aircraft.

Powered, no doubt, by magic or wishful thinking. This sounds
like a re-run of the high performance PR 1955 version of the
AVRO disc which, of course, never got beyond ground effect (i.e,
never really got off the ground).

- Dick

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Re: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair -

From: "Richard Hall" <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 18:50:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair -

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 02:50:44 +0200
>Subject: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair'

>Source: AP Wire via Bayarea.com,

><http://www.bayarea.com/mld/bayarea/4238723.htm>

>Stig

>Posted on Tue, Oct. 08, 2002

>Spider webs float through Santa Cruz

>SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - Long, floating spider webs are bobbing
>through the skies of Santa Cruz this week, confusing some
>community members concerned about biological weapons, UFOs and
>other phenomena.

>The gossamer-thin, shimmery "sky webs" are between 18 inches and
>several feet long, and have been seen drifting through the sky,
>sailing along the coastline and, at times, catching on fences or
>draping on trees.

>The webs come from young spiders that launch themselves on their
>homemade parachutes after hatching to be blown to a new home.

>Independent television producer Bob Andruszkiewicz said he
>called police after becoming worried about biological weapons,
>"but then I thought, why would they pick Santa Cruz?"

>People looking for UFOs have called the gossamer webs "angel
>hair" and "aerial anomalies." Web sites say it could be an
>indication of extraterrestrial beings or a spirit presence.

>No such thing, said University of Wyoming molecular biology
>professor Randy Lewis, a leader in spider web research.

>"It's not a government plot or anything," he said. "This is just
>a way for spiders to get out and find a new place to live."

>In Wyoming, said Lewis, dozens of the webs can be seen
>floating across the prairie in the spring.

>"Nobody out here would probably even think about it," he said.

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Back in the 1950s when NICAP first began studying 'Angel's Hair'
reports in conjunction with CSI of New York, the first thing we
noticed is what Isabel Davis referred to as the "Octoberishness"
of the reports. October is spider migration season in North

America.

- Dick

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Re: Gleason - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 11:07:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 18:53:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Gleason - Sandow

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 01:23:59 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gleason

>Slight disagreement with Jerry. If a President of the United States wanted to take his best buddy to some AFB to show them something Top Secret, who would be in authority to stop the President?

There's an eye-opening story in the memoirs of Charles Colson, one of Nixon's aides.

One evening, Colson was the ranking staff member on duty at the White House. He was also young and new to his job. Around 9 PM, Nixon decided he wanted to go to a show. What was available? Maybe something at the Kennedy Center, they all thought. So they tried to call the Kennedy Center to find out what was playing.

That was their first problem. The box office was closed. The administrative office was closed. Finally they reached a restaurant at the Kennedy Center. Whoever answered the phone had trouble believing the president's staff was on the line, but eventually Colson learned that one of the military bands was performing that night.

Very suitable for the president, but now there was a second problem. They had to let the theater know that the president was coming. The band had to be told to play "Hail to the Chief" when the president entered his box. (A curious American custom that list members from other countries are free to giggle at!) This disrupted the concert. Nobody was happy.

The next morning, the chief of staff, Haldeman, came into work and heard about what happened. He reprimanded Colson for letting Nixon cause all that trouble. Nixon, Haldeman said, shouldn't have been allowed to go to the concert. "The president rattles the bars of his cage," Haldeman said. "But we can't let him out."

Presidents aren't nearly as free as we might imagine. Nixon couldn't simply go by himself to bring his buddy to see the alien bodies, or whatever he's supposed to have done. The Secret Service would have to go along. Whoever carried the nuclear "football" - the device that allows the president to authorize the use of nuclear weapons, should that be necessary - would have to go, since this person never leaves the president's immediate vicinity. The military base where the bodies allegedly were would have to be notified. A visit from the president is one of the biggest events that could happen on the base. The base commander would have to be notified. Plans would have to be made. Any movement the president makes has to involve an astonishing number of people, and the arrangements have to be made by staff aides, whose chief can effectively delay, hamper, or even forbid some of the things the president wants to do.

High officials tend to be very effective bureaucratic infighters. The commander of the base where the alien bodies supposedly were might not have liked the idea of the president bringing a civilian in, and could oppose it, both overtly and by sheer stubborn inaction. The president could argue with his aides (including such high-ranking people as the national security advisor, who might also be appalled by something like the Gleason visit). The aides will argue back. The president can't turn everything into a confrontation. Like anyone in a bureaucratic situation, even the top people, he or she depends on good working relations with subordinates. Only rarely can a president, or any CEO, simply order something to be done when most or all of other top officials are against it.

There's also President Truman's comment, about what his successor Eisenhower would find when he took office. "He was the commander in chief of the Army," Truman said, or words to that effect. "When he gave orders, they were obeyed. When he's here, he's going to sit at that desk and tell people what he wants done - and nothing will happen."

Greg Sandow

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Crisis At CUFOS

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 18:58:11 -0400
Subject: Crisis At CUFOS

Listfolk:

The continued existence of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) is in question. By "continued existence" I mean that CUFOS as it has existed since 1973, when Dr. Hynek and Sherman J. Larsen created it, may fold within the next few weeks.

That was the issue discussed at length in the board meeting I attended in Chicago last Saturday (October 5). Revenue has been down significantly, and soon it will no longer be possible to keep the office - with its extensive files and resources, a world-class collection - open. Already discussions have opened with a university which has expressed interest in the materials.

CUFOS' principal revenue source is International UFO Reporter (IUR), published four times a year for \$25. IUR is often described as the best UFO magazine in the English language, with its emphasis on sober research and analysis. Like most (possibly all) other UFO journals, however, our subscription base has eroded over the years, a victim of the Internet and other forces beyond our control.

Without a substantial number of new subscriptions and renewals to IUR, CUFOS will be reduced to a kind of skeletal state, at worst surviving only as a website with occasional articles and reviews under the IUR title. The archives, with their convenient central location in Chicago, have been used by ufologists from all over the world, but they will no longer be available at their old address.

Allen Hynek started CUFOS as a scientific clearing house for reliable UFO data. He died in 1986, but those of us who survived him have done our best to keep his mission alive. We're now turning to you to make it possible to continue.

If you haven't seen IUR lately, here are the tables of contents for the past two issues:

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Air Traffic Staff See 'Ghost Planes'

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Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 19:10:30 -0400
Subject: Air Traffic Staff See 'Ghost Planes'

BBC News online, 10 October 2002

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/2316085.stm>

AIR TRAFFIC STAFF SEE 'GHOST PLANES'

"Ghost planes" are appearing on computer screens at the new national air traffic control centre at Swanwick.

It is believed the phantom aircraft, which appear over the North Sea, are caused by screens showing incorrect radar data.

It is the latest glitch to hit the =A3623m centre in Hampshire since it opened in January.

A spokesman for National Air Traffic Services (Nats) insisted safety was not being compromised by the non-existent planes. Staff warned

The Nats spokesman said: "The ghosting problem has affected only a few screens and only affects an area of the North Sea. "Safety has not been compromised, but, nevertheless, we felt it right to issue a notice to employees."

Nats has now warned controllers at Swanwick of the problem and told them to keep aircraft further apart than normal if the phenomenon occurs.

The problem is only one of a number encountered by the multi-million pound centre.

Recently controllers said they were concerned they might misread the height of planes because of difficulty in reading numbers on their screens.

Controllers have said the latest "ghost" problem did not occur at their centre in West Drayton, west London - the centre that Swanwick is replacing.

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Secrecy News -- 10/10/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/10/02

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** CIA ON IRAQ THREAT
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NATIONAL ACADEMY ON POLYGRAPH TESTING

The polygraph is a flawed instrument that is "intrinsically susceptible to producing erroneous results," according to a new report of a National Academy of Sciences panel.

The report, prepared for the Department of Energy, is likely to lead to the rescinding of polygraph requirements that were adopted in 1999 to address security defects at the DOE national laboratories.

The authors distinguish between the use of the polygraph for generic security screening -- which they find unwarranted -- and its use in investigations of specific incidents -- for which they find experimental support in some circumstances.

Methodologically, polygraph screening is not a scientific procedure that adheres to fixed standards. Thus, "we have seen no indication of a clear and stable agreement on criteria for judging answers to security screening polygraph questions in any agency using them," the National Academy report stated.

Admittedly, polygraph screening "may be useful" for "detering security violations, increasing the frequency of admissions of such violations, deterring employment applications from potentially poor security risks, and increasing public confidence in national security organizations."

However, the utility of the polygraph for these purposes "derives from beliefs about the procedure's validity, which are distinct from actual validity or accuracy."

By contributing to the exposure of such unfounded beliefs, the new report ironically tends to subvert this type of polygraph utility.

The full text of the new report, "The Polygraph and Lie Detection," is available in a rather inconvenient format here:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309084369/html/>

The executive summary may also be found on the Antipolygraph.org site here:

<http://www.antipolygraph.org/nas/exec.pdf>

Last year, Congress required the Energy Department to prescribe new polygraph regulations that "take into account" the findings of the NAS study within six months of its release. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2001/poly.html>

Accordingly, Senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici called on Energy Secretary Abraham to heed the study's conclusions.

"Given the findings of the Academy's study and the continuing dissatisfaction with DOE's existing polygraph program, we urge you to place high priority on the development of a new, significantly scaled-back program that focuses on the use of the polygraph as an interrogation tool and not for employee screening," the Senators wrote on October 8.

Polygraph screening of current and prospective employees is most widespread within U.S. intelligence agencies, where it is generally a precondition for employment involving access to intelligence information. As such, it serves as a ritual of initiation and can generate a sense of camaraderie.

The polygraph examination also functions to acculturate employees into the values of the intelligence bureaucracy.

So, for example, the Central Intelligence Agency has lately asked examinees questions such as "Do you have any friends in the media?" The preferred answer, it is clear, is No.

CIA ON IRAQ THREAT

A U.S. attack on Iraq could prompt Saddam to use chemical or biological weapons, an action that otherwise has a low probability, according to a new declassified CIA finding.

"Baghdad for now appears to be drawing a line short of conducting terrorist attacks with conventional or CBW against the United States. Should Saddam conclude that a US-led attack could no longer be deterred, he probably would become much less constrained in adopting terrorist actions," according to the CIA.

The new declassifications came in an October 7 letter from DCI George Tenet to Senate Intelligence Committee chair Sen. Bob Graham. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/10/dci100702.html>

In a peculiar statement issued the next day, DCI Tenet insisted that "There is no inconsistency between our view of Saddam's growing threat and the view as expressed by the President in his speech." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/10/dci100802.html>

PENTAGON BIOWEAPON TESTS ON AMERICANS

The Pentagon conducted numerous previously undisclosed tests of highly toxic biological and chemical agents around the country on unwitting military personnel during the 1960s, according to newly declassified data released this week.

Even by the standards of the time, the tests represent an astonishing lapse in scientific and moral judgment. The surprisingly muted reaction to the disclosures so far may be an indication of scandal fatigue or may simply reflect low expectations of government integrity.

The Pentagon experiments were the subject of a hearing before a House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on October 9. See:

<http://veterans.house.gov/hearings/schedule107/oct02/10-9-02/witness.html>

The hearing was followed by a Pentagon briefing, transcribed

here:

http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2002/t10092002_t1009ha.html

Supplementary material is available here:

http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/current_issues/shad/shad_intro.shtml

APPEALS COURT RULES ON SECRET HEARINGS

A federal appeals court held that the Bush Administration may continue to impose blanket secrecy on immigration hearings involving persons deemed by the Attorney General to have knowledge of, or connections with, the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The new decision overturned a lower court ruling which held that secrecy should be considered on a case by case basis and that blanket secrecy was impermissible.

The appeals court noted without embarrassment that it found op-ed columnist Michael Kelly's critique of the lower court ruling to be "powerful."

The appeals court ruling may be found here:

<http://www.ca3.uscourts.gov/recentop/week/022524.pdf>

The Washington Post critically assessed the decision in an October 9 editorial "Keeping Quiet" which is available here:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A63343-2002Oct8.html>

INTELLIGENCE RESPONSE TO PAST TERRORIST ATTACKS

National security secrecy that is intended to protect the nation can instead become a threat to the nation when it is employed mindlessly by U.S. intelligence agencies.

That is one of the findings that emerged from the congressional Joint Inquiry's continuing dissection of the events leading up to September 11.

"Poor information systems and the high level of classification prevented FBI field officers from using NSA and CIA data" needed for counterterrorism, the Joint Inquiry staff found.

See staff director Eleanor Hill's October 8 statement on "The Intelligence Community's Response to Past Terrorist Attacks Against the United States from February 1993 to September 2001" here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_hr/100802hill.html

FISA MISTAKES DESCRIBED

In numerous cases in recent years, FBI agents exceeded their legal authority and conducted surveillance activities that were unauthorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), according to a newly released FBI memo.

The reported mistakes included the unauthorized videotaping of a meeting, unauthorized searches, and other excesses.

"To minimize the possibility for [future] errors we instituted new procedures that would help ensure both accuracy and oversight," wrote FBI Deputy General Counsel M.E. Bowman to Congressman William D. Delahunt, who requested the information.

Rep. Delahunt's June 14 inquiry is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/del061402.pdf>

Mr. Bowman's August 7 reply, with attached documentation, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/ec.pdf>

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Re: Chupacabras Reappears Near Aguas Buenas Puerto

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 13:19:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 19:20:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras Reappears Near Aguas Buenas Puerto

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 15:59:13 -0400
>Subject: Chupacabras Reappears Near Aguas Buenas Puerto Rico

>Source: Primera Hora (Newspaper)
>Date: October 7, 2002

>Another Mysterious Attack: Chupacabras Returns
>by
>Sara M. Justicia Doll
>for Primera Hora

>Only two weeks after being blamed for the deaths of several
>domestic animals in Ponce, the enigmatic Chupacabras reappeared
>his time in the Caguitas Centro sector of Aguas Buenas.

>"When I got home I looked at the cage and didn't see the
>rabbits. I went downstairs quickly and saw the scene: I had a
>nervous attack and had to take some pills," said Amarillis
>Flores, who returned home yesterday morning after having spent
>the weekend at her daughter's house.

>Amarillis, who was in charge of the residence, was alarmed when
>she saw that her grandchildren's pets - two white rabbits, a
>black duck, a rooster and a hen - lay petrified at the bottom of
>their cages, located at the rear of the backyard. Neighbor
>Salvador Rosario said that on Sunday night he noticed that the
>dogs were very restless, but dismissed the possibility that the
>canines could have been the cause of the animal deaths, as the
>cage would require a strength greater than a dog's to tear
>through the screen.

You would think that after all these strange animal attacks that
someone somewhere would have attempted a DBA study under the
assumption that the Chupa/whatever would have left some of its
own body fluids behind, perhaps in the puncture wounds on the
victims.

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Re: EMBLA 2002 - Hessdalen Optical & Ground Survey

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 13:19:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 19:23:35 -0400
Subject: Re: EMBLA 2002 - Hessdalen Optical & Ground Survey

>From: Christoffer Walther <cw@r00t.dk>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 09 Oct 2002 20:05:07 +0200
>Subject: EMBLA 2002 - Hessdalen Optical & Ground Survey

>Massimo Teodorani, Ph.d astrophysicist has released his
>report 'EMBLA 2002 - An Optical and Ground Survey in Hessdalen'.

>This report presents the results from the August 2002 field
>expedition in Hessdalen, Norway, a joint collaboration between
>Italian and Norwegian scientists in order to study the
>unidentified light phenomena reoccurring in the valley.

>The high-energy plasma hypothesis has been considerably weakened
>from this years optical measurements and analysis of light
>distribution, which suggests two possible interpretations:

>1) A silicon electro-heated ball-lightning -like 'lightball'
>which can optically simulate a solid (object).

>2) A uniformly illuminated solid (object).

<snip>

>The complete report can be found at:

>>http://www.hessdalen.org/reports/EMBLA_2002_2.pdf

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Thanks for posting this notification. This is a very important paper because it shows the results of a scientific experimental and analytical program designed to understand the Hessdalen lights.

However, the paper has its problems (including some use of English which makes it difficult to understand).

I do not think they have correctly estimated the power level that is radiated. They have treated the image size as if were geometrically related to the actual object size while not taking into account the image growth caused by brightness. For example a dim light 10 cm in diameter will make an image of a certain size in on optical system. The size will be close to that consistent with the geometric ratio (object size/distance) = (image size/focal length).

$O/D = I/F$ or $I = FO/D$.

This is the "geometric" image size.

Now suppose this light source becomes very bright. The image made will grow in size, perhaps doubling or tripling or more. The growth of image size with brightness is well known by astronmers who realize that no star is large or close enough to form a resolved image; each star is a "point" source. However,

the star images on a photographic plate do vary in size and this is a result of the varying brightness from star to star. Vega makes an image much bigger than one of the nearby faint stars, for example. (A person can see this effect in his/her eye without the use of photographic film.) (The same image growth effect occurs in CCD type cameras).

They have relied on the point spread function of an image PSF to estimate the size and shape of the object itself. However, this PSF is also a function of brightness and it can be distorted by excessive film exposure that saturates the film and makes a "flat top" in the PSF curve. They assume that a flat top PSF is an indicator of a "real object of some size" that is being geometrically imaged according to the above equation. However, as just pointed out, the flat top could simply be a result of overexposure caused by an object too small to resolve ("point" source) that is very bright.

Note operational definitions:

resolved source: a dim resolved source makes an image of some size according to the geometric relation; if this source gets bigger the image will grow somewhat, but the main thing is that even if it gets almost too dim to make an image, the image still has size (diameter) on the film/CCD

unresolved source ("point source"): the image size is totally a result of its brightness; as it gets dimmer the image size shrinks continually, finally disappearing altogether at a "point" (a resolution area, grain size, pixel size) on the film/CCD plane

The Hessdalen images could have been made by very bright "point" sources, i.e., sources that might be cm in size and can't be resolved by the optical systems that were used since the distance was like 9000 m (or more).

I think they overestimated the power that was radiated. My own crude estimate (crude since I don't have some of the needed information) is that the light radiates several hundred candelas (lumen/steradian), equivalent to much less than the 100 kW they have estimated.

The spectrum they present is made up of three nearly disconnected ranges of optical power (energy), a red range, a green range and a blue range (range = bandwidth in microns of wavelength, for example) This is comparable to the "Bubba" spectrum recorded in Gulf Breeze in Feb. 1992, which, however, had much more red (it was a red-appearing light) than any other color.

<http://brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Bubba/GBBUBBA.html>

scrolln down to the comparison of the UFO spectrum with a flare spectrum).

The Hessdalen analysis has shown that the light has characteristics other than what would be expected for a plasma. However, their analysis of the image growth, which they assume to be "plasma growth", without color change is, in my opinion, faulty because, as I pointed out above, image growth is a result of brightness growth, not necessarily size growth. (They argued that the light was growing in size without cooling off, which a plasma presumably would do (cool as the size increases).)

Their comments about the need for a well funded expedition are right on the money (or lack of money).

I look forward to reading further reports on the Hessdalen research.

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Date Correction For Sci Fi

From: Richard Dolan <keyhole@rochester.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 16:21:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 19:29:59 -0400
Subject: Date Correction For Sci Fi

Hi, all...

It was pointed out to me that I gave a confusing date for my appearance on the Sci Fi channel. The correct day and date is Friday, October 11. In other words, tomorrow night.

Sorry for any confusion.

Rich Dolan

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Re: Crisis At CUFOS - Dabrowski

From: **Andrew Dabrowski** <dabrowsa@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 18:50:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 21:13:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Crisis At CUFOS - Dabrowski

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 11:15:59 -0500
>Subject: Crisis At CUFOS

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>Please help us. We need you.

>Jerry Clark
>CUFOS officer
>IUR co-editor

It would help if CUFOS could accept credit card orders on-line.
Having to print out order forms and send them by snail-mail is
rather old-fashioned and cumbersome.

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Andrew Dabrowski | ...it is a ghost's right / his element is so fine / being
Bloomington IN USA | sharpened by his death / to drink from the wine breath /
dabrowsa@indiana.edu | while our gross palates drink from the whole wine. -Yeats

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Re: Crisis At CUFOS - Kerth

From: Linda Kerth <LINDAKERTH@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 19:33:03 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 21:12:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Crisis At CUFOS - Kerth

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 11:15:59 -0500
>Subject: Crisis At CUFOS

>Listfolk:

>The continued existence of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO
>Studies (CUFOS) is in question. By "continued existence" I mean
>that CUFOS as it has existed since 1973, when Dr. Hynek and
>Sherman J. Larsen created it, may fold within the next few
>weeks.

>That was the issue discussed at length in the board meeting I
>attended in Chicago last Saturday (October 5). Revenue has been
>down significantly, and soon it will no longer be possible to
>keep the office - with its extensive files and resources, a
>world-class collection - open. Already discussions have opened
>with a university which has expressed interest in the materials.

>CUFOS' principal revenue source is International UFO Reporter
>(IUR), published four times a year for \$25. IUR is often
>described as the best UFO magazine in the English language, with
>its emphasis on sober research and analysis. Like most (possibly
>all) other UFO journals, however, our subscription base has
>eroded over the years, a victim of the Internet and other forces
>beyond our control.

>Without a substantial number of new subscriptions and renewals
>to IUR, CUFOS will be reduced to a kind of skeletal state, at
>worst surviving only as a website with occasional articles and
>reviews under the IUR title. The archives, with their convenient
>central location in Chicago, have been used by ufologists from
>all over the world, but they will no longer be available at
>their old address.

>Allen Hynek started CUFOS as a scientific clearing house for
>reliable UFO data. He died in 1986, but those of us who survived
>him have done our best to keep his mission alive. We're now
>turning to you to make it possible to continue.

>If you haven't seen IUR lately, here are the tables of contents
>for the past two issues:

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>Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective by Keith Basterfield
>Was There a Second Estimate of the Situation? by Michael Hall
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>Please help us. We need you.

>Jerry Clark
>CUFOS officer
>IUR co-editor

Hi, Jerry

Sorry (and saddened) to hear of IUR's plight.

I let my subscription lapse some years ago, and now feel very guilty about it.

I will subscribe, but it would really make it much easier if you could set up on-line payments! I could, for example, forward you some money via PayPal (which I understand just requires an e-mail address, but you might have to open an account on that end, most likely free or low cost). Do you think you could investigate this? If not (or if you already have and decided against it), let me know and I'll mail you a check.

Thanks,

Linda Kerth
<lindakerth@aol.com>

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Re: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair'

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 20:46:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 21:22:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair'

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 14:47:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair'

>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2002 02:50:44 +0200
>>Subject: Spider Webs Spark Theories Of 'Angel Hair'

>>Source: AP Wire via Bayarea.com,

>><http://www.bayarea.com/mld/bayarea/4238723.htm>

>>Stig

>>Posted on Tue, Oct. 08, 2002

>>Spider webs float through Santa Cruz

>>SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - Long, floating spider webs are bobbing
>>through the skies of Santa Cruz this week, confusing some
>>community members concerned about biological weapons, UFOs and
>>other phenomena.

>>The gossamer-thin, shimmery "sky webs" are between 18 inches and
>>several feet long, and have been seen drifting through the sky,
>>sailing along the coastline and, at times, catching on fences or
>>draping on trees.

>>The webs come from young spiders that launch themselves on their
>>homemade parachutes after hatching to be blown to a new home.

<snip>

>Back in the 1950s when NICAP first began studying 'Angel's Hair'
>reports in conjunction with CSI of New York, the first thing we
>noticed is what Isabel Davis referred to as the "Octoberishness"
>of the reports. October is spider migration season in North
>America.

For those researchers interested in this topic Keith Basterfield
has compiled, "A Catalogue And Analysis Of Australian 'Angel
Hair' Cases" at

<http://project1947.com/kbangel.htm>

Keith analyzes the cases in a number of ways including location,
time of year, time of day, duration and many other criteria
including those cases where spiders have been found at the
sites.

Also provide are cases where analysis of the material revealed
that it originated with spiders. Keith also some relevant notes

on spiders.

Murray Bott wrote a supplement to Keith's work, "New Zealand Reports of 'Angel Hair' in relation to the UFO Phenomenon"

Finally, a small amount of additional links are provided after the end of the Murray's article.

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New Roper Poll/Sci Fi Channel Press Release

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2002 07:56:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2002 07:56:15 -0400
Subject: New Roper Poll/Sci Fi Channel Press Release

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Is the Government Hiding Facts On UFOs & Extraterrestrial Life?;
New Roper Poll Reveals that More Than Two-Thirds of Americans
Think So

Entertainment Editors and Consumer/Lifestyle Writers

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 15, 2002--With last week's
detection of a miniplanet in our own solar system, can the
discovery of extraterrestrial life be far behind?

A national opinion poll released today found that 72% of
Americans believe the government is not telling the public
everything it knows about UFO activity and 68% think the
government knows more about extraterrestrial life than it is
letting on.

Americans are not only suspending their disbelief at the movies,
but they are also suspending it in the real world. Sponsored by
SCI FI Channel, the poll revealed that men consistently more
than women think such information should be shared with the
public. Also, the younger you are the stronger your belief that
the government is withholding information about UFOs and
extraterrestrial life. According to the poll, 80% of 18-24 year
olds, 75% of 25-34 year olds, and 73% of 35-49 year olds say
that the government is hiding information about UFOs.

"There is a reason why six of the top 10 grossing motion
pictures probe the topic of science fiction," said Bonnie
Hammer, SCI FI Channel's President. "People are curious,
intrigued by the possibility of other life forms, and want to
know more. At that point the entertainment stops and reality
steps in." Hammer is currently developing Steven Spielberg's 20-
hour epic science fiction miniseries TAKEN. Scheduled to
premiere in December on SCI FI Channel, TAKEN is a sweeping
drama that weaves together the lives of three families over four
generations and their crucial roles in the history of the UFO
phenomenon and government conspiracy.

Americans' overall trust in the government is also an issue. The
poll revealed that while just over half (53%) of Americans say
that their level of trust in the government has remained stable
over the past five years, nearly a third (29%) say that they
trust the government less than they did five years ago.

Most Americans say that the government does not share enough
information with the public in general (55%) and that by and
large when national security is not at risk, the U.S. government
should not withhold information about UFO sightings (60%) and
potential encounters with extraterrestrial life (58%).

This study was conducted by RoperASW among a representative
sample of 1,021 adults ages 18 and over. The telephone
interviews were conducted from August 23rd through August 25th,
2002. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3%.

RoperASW, with offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia, is a leading provider of world class market research. RoperASW is part of NOP World, one of the world's largest market research companies.

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Bova: Existence Of UFOs Nice But Evidence Lacking

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2002 08:38:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2002 08:38:16 -0400
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Naples Daily News - Florida

Ben Bova: The existence of UFOs would be nice, but the evidence is lacking

Sunday, October 13, 2002

By BEN BOVA, Special to the Daily News

Because I write science fiction, many people think I "believe" in UFOs.

I do, in a way. I believe that there are many unidentified objects flying through our skies. I do not believe, however, that there is one scintilla of evidence showing that UFOs are the spacecraft of visiting extraterrestrial creatures.

Most UFO sightings turn out to be perfectly natural objects: jet planes, falling stars, balloons and such. After nearly half a century of following UFO reports and investigations, I think that the UFOs that haven't been explained are most likely natural objects, too.

But the UFO "faithful" believe that we are being visited by aliens, and the government is covering up the fact. Why the government would try to cover up alien visitors is something I don't understand. How a government that leaks like a sieve could possibly cover up such a story for nearly half a century is beyond my comprehension.

Remember Watergate? The federal government, for all its power and the paranoia of the Nixon White House, couldn't keep a third-rate burglary secret for very long.

But the UFO faithful believe there's an ongoing cover-up. And they are right, in at least one case. There was a government cover-up in the most famous UFO report of them all: the crashed "flying saucer" and alien crew members that were found at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. The cover-up lasted nearly 50 years, but when it was at last revealed most UFOlogists were bitterly disappointed.

In July 1947, just outside of Roswell, after a severe thunderstorm the night before, rancher William W. "Mack" Brazel found in the desert wreckage of a crashed aircraft of a type none of the local residents could identify. Even military officers from nearby Roswell Army Air Field seemed stumped. Soldiers collected the wreckage and within a day or two it was flown to Wright Field, in Dayton, Ohio, a major facility that included several government laboratories.

A few days after the wreckage was picked up by the Army, public relations officer Lt. Walter G. Haut issued a news release that referred to the wreckage as "a disk." Over the following days, the story grew: The "disk" was definitely a flying saucer. Three alien crewmen had been recovered, two of them dead and the third badly injured. They had all been bundled off by the Army in great secrecy.

Shortly after Haut's report of finding a "disk," the Army issued

another news release claiming that the wreckage was nothing more than a weather balloon. Cover-up! charged the UFO faithful, and for nearly half a century Roswell has stood as the classic example of the government hiding "the truth" about flying saucers.

Then, in 1994, the government finally admitted that there had indeed been a conspiracy to hide the truth about the Roswell wreckage. It wasn't a weather balloon. But it wasn't an alien spacecraft, either.

In 1947, the Army was testing a series of very-high-altitude balloons that were equipped with electronics and listening devices to "eavesdrop" on possible Russian nuclear bomb tests. The Roswell wreckage was of one of those balloon sets with its seemingly strange equipment. The Army wanted to keep the program secret, hence the cover story about a weather balloon.

Karl T. Pflock, who describes himself as a "pro-UFOlogist," investigated the Roswell incident over many years, at first as a believer in the alien flying saucer story. But the deeper he probed, he says, the more the story unraveled. There were no alien crew members, alive or dead. Much to his personal disappointment, Pflock came to the conclusion that the Roswell UFO never existed, although a Pentagon cover-up certainly did, for nearly half a century.

When I was the editor of Omni magazine, we worked hard to track down UFO stories. They always somehow vanished into smoke and air. One day a gentleman came into my office bearing a sliver of metal which, he claimed, had been scraped from the hull of a flying saucer. "It's unlike any metal on Earth," he kept repeating.

It struck me, and the rest of the editorial staff, that it might be pretty difficult to scratch off a sliver of such a metal. We suggested that we take it to a reputable metallurgy laboratory for analysis. The visitor was very reluctant to do so. At last, after several hours, we persuaded him to go to Boston with one of our editors and have the sample analyzed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He agreed only after we promised to pay all the expenses for the trip.

MIT reported that the metal was ordinary aluminum, the stuff of cooking pots and skillets. It may have come from the hull of a flying saucer; aluminum is a good structural metal for flying vehicles. But it certainly was not "unlike any metal on Earth." I believe that life exists beyond Earth. I believe that intelligent life must exist somewhere in the vast universe of stars and galaxies. I recognize that there is, as yet, no evidence to support this belief of mine.

Precisely because I am a "believer," in this sense, I remain guardedly skeptical about claims of UFOs and alien abductions. It is all too easy to fall for unsupported stories that tell us what we want to believe. I would like to see some scrap of hard, palpable evidence; maybe as much as a person would take to traffic court to prove he wasn't illegally parked when he got a ticket.

During the American Civil War, when reports from the battlefields were often unreliable, many newspapers used a headline that warned their readers that the story they were about to read might not be accurate. The headline was "Good News, If True." That is how I feel about UFO reports. It would be wonderful to know that we are being visited by intelligent aliens. But I doubt that it's true.

Naples resident Ben Bova's futuristic "Grand Tour" novels deal with humans exploring the solar system. He gives commentary over WGCU-FM every Tuesday morning. Dr. Bova's web site address is:

<http://www.benbova.net>

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Re: CUFOS Crisis - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2002 13:08:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2002 05:30:46 -0400
Subject: Re: CUFOS Crisis - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2002 14:56:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: CUFOS Crisis

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: <UFOupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: CUFOS Crisis
>>Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2002 12:12:04 -0500

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2002 22:55:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: CUFOS Crisis

John and patient, gentle Listfolk:

I have no idea what the purpose of Rimmer's posts on this subject is. If he has evidence that CUFOS is guilty of reckless spending, rank incompetence, financial wrongdoing, and/or secret pocket-lining, I would sure love to hear about it. I have participated in CUFOS board meetings since the mid-1980s and have had regular access to the organization's financial records, which are passed out and discussed at each meeting. The man who prepares them, John P. Timmerman, worked as a professional accountant all his life, sometimes with the assistance of another accountant. Correct me if I'm wrong -- my memory isn't what it used to be -- but I can't seem to recall seeing John Rimmer there or hearing his analysis of our finances based on actual data.

Let me put it this way, John, if you sincerely want to help, rather than indulge yourself in what could easily be read as sleazy innuendo, you are hereby invited to fly to Chicago for some actual field investigation. Arrangements will be made to pick you up at the airport, from which you will be driven to our office on West Peterson Avenue. You may then examine our operation with your own eyes, look over our financial records, and actually educate yourself on the matter before you pop off your mouth next time.

Jerry Clark

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Information On Michigan Sightings

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@peoplepc.com>
Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2002 18:49:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2002 08:08:54 -0400
Subject: Information On Michigan Sightings

Hello List members,

Below you'll see some reports listed at NUFORC. I've requested from Mr. Davenport more information on these but I'm curious if anyone here has anything more on these particular sightings. I've recently been contacted by a witness in this same area, with a sighting on this same date, so I'd like to get some background on these if possible. Any help anyone could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Here's the report I received and below that are NUFORC's listings for this date. Please cc me offlist so I can respond much quicker.

Sincerely,

Todd Lemire
<http://www.michiganufos.com>

-----beginning of report-----

myself and 2 others were traveling north on I-75 on april 14th 1996. we were on our way home(st . ignace)from the pontiac supercross which ended around 11:30 p.m. on the 13th. at approx. 3 a.m. i noticed a large slow moving "football shaped" light moving from my left to my right through my windshield. the object was quite a ways away. we were somewhere around gaylord. i was driving, and the others were sleeping. i watched it for a while , trying to figure out what it was. i then woke up one of the others and they viewed it as well. i don't remember exactly how long i had viewed it but i would have to say at least 5 minutes. it then disapeered to the east. i think i m ight have lost it in the trees. then that was it. it was pretty amazing . i got home around 4 a.m. and went to sleep. i woke up a bit later and had to be to work. i came home for my lunch break at around 12:30 p.m on the 14th. i had spoken to nobody about this,nor had the others.in fact, they were still sleeping when i got home for my lunch break. this is where it gets weird.when i got home "this person who i am sure wants to remain anonymous" and just happens to be a sheriff, was telling others this story of an amazing encounter that he and his friend had had last night! we will call him bob. bob and his friend were driving along us-2 near brevort lake. i asked him what time, and he said that it was around 3 in the morning. he was not on duty. his story is pretty amazing. i then decided to call the state police and ask them if they had had any reports. they made me feel stupid. if you are interested, i can get ahold of "bob" and ask him to give me a detailed description of what he and his friend had seen.

thanks

-----end of report-----

Source of below reports - National UFO Reporting Center

4/14/96 22:00 St. Johns MI

FAA employee reports seeing 20x tiny, "pinpoints of gold or yellow color" lights streak overhead. Multiple clusters. 11/2/99

4/14/96 03:10 Petoskey MI
MI Hwy. Patrol off. w/ partner on Hwy. 31 see 2x glowing obj. overhead. Obj. had "long, burning tail, like rooster tail." 2nd car saw. 11/2/99

4/14/96 03:10 St. Ignace MI
Man, wife, 2 adults witness 2 very bright objs. pass across sky, followed by 4 smaller lights. Huge tail 1 mi. long. Steady pace. 11/2/99

4/14/96 03:05 Cheboygan MI
MI State Trooper calls to rept. that 2 troopers in Cheboygan, MI, will call on 02MY96 to rept. 14AP96 sighting of amber lights. 1/11/02

4/14/96 02:05 Petoskey MI
Emmet Co. Deputy describes multiple reports of cluster of lights "w/ flame behind it" from MI State Patrol, deputies, local police. 11/2/99

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Re: Criticism Of New Drive For UFO Disclosure -

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@privat.dk>
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 17:10:52 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 13:21:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Criticism Of New Drive For UFO Disclosure -

Source: Wired News

<http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,56004,00.html>

Stig

Outing UFO Clues Good for Ratings

By Mark Beard

02:00 AM Oct. 25, 2002 PDT

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Fox Mulder would be proud of a group of Washington insiders who are throwing their weight behind the UFO movement.

Former Chief of Staff John Podesta and a former Capitol Hill staffer this week called on the government to release secret evidence from UFO crash sites.

The Coalition for Freedom of Information, directed by Washington lobbyist Edwin Rothschild, hopes to acquire UFO documents and debris for scientific analysis.

Rothschild said neither he nor Podesta, who joined in the announcement, has heard any new rumors about UFOs from the Oval Office or Capitol Hill.

"But people and pilots worldwide have seen things that shouldn't be there," Rothschild said, "and we ought to know what these things are."

Rothschild said he wants to encourage a sustained, scientific study of UFO materials. But Rothschild may be more interested in strengthening his ties with the Sci Fi Channel, which is funding the Coalition for Freedom of Information.

Sci Fi also happens to be a client of PodestaMattoon, the lobbying and PR firm where Rothschild works.

Sci Fi is using the CFI connection to promote its new UFO miniseries Taken. The show, produced by Steven Spielberg, will air in December.

And here's a twist worthy of The X-Files: PodestaMattoon is run by John Podesta's brother, Tony, which may explain John's participation in the launch of CFI.

John Podesta did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

While schilling for Sci Fi, CFI promises to use its connections to muscle the UFO debate into the mainstream. Indeed, CFI is girding itself for a row with the Air Force over CFI's Freedom of Information Act request for documents from its official UFO investigations.

"I've done this type of work before," Rothschild said, "and I've found that some people don't listen unless you file a lawsuit against them."

CFI is especially keen for documents about an object the Air Force may have recovered at a crash site in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in December 1965. Witnesses who saw the Kecksburg object described it as saucer-shaped and marked with strange writing.

"For all we know, that writing might have been Cyrillic," Rothschild said. "It might have been a Soviet vehicle. The point is we just don't know."

But the public may never see the Kecksburg object, or any other UFO, for that matter.

"They'd have an easier time getting the government to haul out an alien cadaver than any piece of a ship," said Ryan Wood, who runs The Majestic Documents, a UFO research site.

Wood heads up a group of real-life versions of the X-Files Lone Gunmen who seek to authenticate UFO-related government documents.

Wood believes the government may be hiding UFO evidence because of its military value.

But one of Wood's associates has another more mundane explanation for the missing data.

"With all the bureaucracy surrounding FOIA requests," UFO researcher Nick Redfern said, "the material could just be sitting around somewhere, in a dusty old office."

Scientists, including the skeptics, say they'd welcome full disclosure of UFO evidence.

"It's unlikely that an interstellar spacecraft has ever struck the earth," said Tom McDonough, Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence coordinator for the Planetary Society. "But let's look at whatever evidence there is. Then we can debate about its origins."

But Rothschild said that hard-core skeptics, especially in the media, are killing the UFO debate.

"We're working against a big ridicule factor here," he said, "and that isn't going to lead to any kind of outcome."

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North 39 x West 76 Meteor?

From: Judith Simons <jsimons@bcpl.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2002 06:48:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2002 09:55:45 -0500
Subject: North 39 x West 76 Meteor?

Last evening, at approximately 7:35 p.m., a Maryland couple saw a streak of white light like a shooting star, but with larger dimensions. The sky flashed with light nearly simultaneously.

The driver described the streak as white light and as wide as his thumb at arm's length.

The light appeared to "fall like a brick" and both he and his wife say it appeared to impact just over the ridge in front of the car.

The wife said it was so big it reminded her of watching the times square ball coming down on New Year's Eve.

These people are friends, not given to exaggeration, and both are successful visual artists, so I believe their estimate to be accurate.

At the time of the event they were driving north and saw the streak at the 10:30 position (with 12:00 as almost due north.) Another witness, located about 8 miles away saw the sky light up, but did not see the streak.

The couple's approximate location in the car: North 39=B0 33.845' by West 76=B0 39.346'

The other witness's approximate location: North 39=B0 36.257'

We would appreciate any addition information concerning this event.

Judith Simons

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Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar 11-09-02

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <Ifinfo1@aol.com>

Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2002 09:02:23 -0500

Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2002 09:02:23 -0500

Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar 11-09-02

Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2002 10:06:34 -0500

Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar 11-09-02

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

Jim Mortellaro And Budd Hopkins Discuss An Important New
Abduction Case With Extensive Medical Evidence

Saturday, November 9, 2002

In March 2002, while driving to visit a friend in the hospital, Mr. Mortellaro experienced a period of inexplicable missing time. When he returned home hours later, feeling ill and confused, he fainted in his kitchen. His wife, alarmed and noticing blood on his face and clothing, called 911 and Jim was rushed to the hospital. In the emergency room, attended by his family physician of many years as well as by ER personnel and a police officer-observer, the bleeding was discovered to be issuing from his nasal cavity and his bladder. There were no outward signs of the cause of these injuries.

The story Jim will present in our seminar is an extraordinary account of a traumatic abduction that night, as well as the story of his physicians' growing interest in the case because of the puzzling nature of his internal injuries and their nearly miraculous healing within a few days' time. As a result, a group of internists, neurologists, psychologists and other medical specialists have formed an independent task force to investigate the UFO abduction phenomenon as reported by Mr. Mortellaro and numerous other people from their combined patient pools.

This independent medical panel represents a first in the long history of UFO abductions. Mr. Mortellaro, a highly credentialed, articulate and entirely credible witness will present his story together with Budd Hopkins, the principal investigator in the case, along with audio and visual material detailing what may well turn out to be a landmark event in the history of abduction research.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on November 9th at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the tenth floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York, NY.

The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors, and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served.

A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free exchange of research, ideas, and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

Want to know more about Budd Hopkins and his nonprofit scientific research organization, as well as past and future IF events? Please visit our website=[E2=C7=A6](#)

Intruders Foundation Website:
www.intrudersfoundation.org

Upcoming Events: December 7, 2002

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(Check the IF website for additional information.)

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Re: Chile: Researchers Battle Over Vet's Conclusions

From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2002 08:14:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2002 11:43:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Chile: Researchers Battle Over Vet's Conclusions

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2002 10:52:07 -0500
>Subject: Chile: Researchers Battle Over Vet's Conclusions

>The following is a communique recieved from the CHILE C.I.O.
>research group in regard to the conclusions reached by
>veterinarian Arturo Mann on the alleged "monito de monte"
>corpse. The communique was issued by Eric Martinez on October
>26, 2002 and quotes from a zoology broadcast on Chile's
>Megavision TV station. Sebastian Jimenez, a veterinarian and
>director of the Santiago de Chile Zoo, was the interviewee. It
>turns out that the creature has been given the name TOY (no
>reason given).

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>COMMUNIQUE FROM C.I.O CHILE

>Sebastian Jimenez: "No conclusions in this regard could be made
>beyond a reasonable doubt."

>What is more, he added: "Some are going around saying its a
>little mouse, a marsupial, monito, etc. "but that he could not
>identify it beyond being a mammal, and that it needs further
>research."

>In regard to the statements made by veterinarian Arturo Mann, it
>is 10% (sic) that he does not know what he is saying. Therefore,
>it cannot be final.

>Furhtermore, oither veterinarians do not agree on what the
>[creature] might be.

>The "EL MERCURIO" Newspaper dated October 25, 2002 says the
>following in an article on the subject: veterinarian Pedro
>Katan, of the University of Chile, could not determine the
>species it belonged to."

>In an interview for TVN (Television Nacional de Chile) on
>October 25, 2002 with Eric Martinez (Research Director for CIO
>CHILE) and Arturo Mann, Eric Martinez asked the following
>question off camera:

>"Arturo, if it was a marsupial, would it have to have a tail?"

>Arturo's reply: "Yes."

>Eric Martinez asked: "So what happened to TOY's tail?" [bold in
>the original--SC]

>Arturo's reply: "Well...um...maybe it fell off."

>It is worth noting that it isn't Arturo Mann who says "it's
>final", but the OVNIVISION news section.

>The question is: why such a heading? Isn't it better to wait for
>analyses, as OVNIVISION's own director said on the Megavision
>news broadcast, that "it was necessary to wait for the DNA exams

>before reaching a conclusion."

>The only analysis performed by Mr. Arturo Mann was a visual one,
>without a magnifying glass or any instrument that might have
>aided him [in reaching a] better diagnosis.

>How could he identify a given animal, if other veterinarians are
>unable to?

>[...]

>No consideration appears to have been given to the diverging
>opinions of other specialists, who also examined TOY...

>[...]

>Why was the opinion of the other specialists not published in
>this article, which is contrary to that of Arturo Mann?

>There are three specialists who examined TOY!!! [bold in the
>original--SC]

>Two of them have said they cannot identify it.

>One has identified it 90% and doesn't know what the remaining
>10% might be.

>But the reply given by Mr. Arturo Mann is precisely employed to
>define a case such as this one..... Why?

>Eric Martinez
>Director of Research
>C.I.O. Chile
>Ph: (cell) 09-857-72110

For those interested in what a monito de monte looks like:

http://www.capel.net/chile/monito_del_monte.htm

How anyone could describe this little guy as humanoid is beyond
me. Is there a picture of this thing anywhere yet Scott? BTW, I
always enjoy your work, Scott.

Bill Stockstill

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Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & Extraterrestrials

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2002 21:27:08 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 Oct 2002 04:15:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & Extraterrestrials

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 09:56:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & Extraterrestrials

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 14 Oct 2002 22:29:30 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & Extraterrestrials

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 12 Oct 2002 21:10:09 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & Extraterrestrials

>>>This famous IFO was actually the planet Venus, as
>>>determined by Robert Sheaffer many years ago and
>>>published in The Humanist, July-August 1977, p. 46.

>>>The problem was that Carter was mistaken about the
>>>date when recounting it years later. Sheaffer got to the
>>>bottom of it.

>>>Please see:

>>>http://www.debunker.com/texts/carter_ufo.html

<snip>

>It is certainly possible for a person to make an error regarding
>a date while hastily filling out a form and still be quite
>accurate in remembering what he/she saw at a particular moment,
>especially if that event imprinted on the mind.

Hi, Jerry:

The point about the date error was that on the correct date
Venus was visible in the direction Carter looked. Also it
allowed Sheaffer to locate other people who were also present:
they didn't recall seeing anything unusual. This suggests
strongly that what Carter saw was not brighter than the Moon or
exhibiting the bizarre motions that he reported.

The argument that any witness is not capable of mistaking Venus
for a UFO ignores 50 years of IFOs by "qualified" people who
probably also saw Venus many times before.

That's why it's so often called an Identified Flying Object.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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