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Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & ETs - Printy

From: Tprinty2@aol.com
Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 21:20:52 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Dec 2002 22:27:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & ETs - Printy

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 11:52:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter The Nobel Prize & ETs

>Whoa,

>Tim. Where did you read that? That old saw was pretty much
>discarded. Even Hynek who proposed it off the cuff realized his
>mistake later. Navy balloon probably. Venus no.

>Read it again.

>Don Ledger

I am not referring to Mantell's sighting. Randle makes reference to sightings made that evening (Incidents 30, 32, 48), which were apparently Venus. I never stated that Mantell's event was Venus.

See, I did read all of Randle's paper.

Tim Printy

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 11:31:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 18:17:39 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>>>Frank had admitted on December 13, 1999, at his home with 4
>>>>witnesses present that he had told lies about his involvement
>>>>during an earlier interview with me, with Kevin Randle and Don
>>>>Schmitt also present. I had noted other problems with Frank's
>>>>story earlier to Kevin, Don, Kent Jeffrey, Bob Wood.

>>Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>>>>I am confused by this paragraph because it seems to suggest
>>>>that on December 13, 1999, I was present when Frank admitted
>>>>to telling lies. While I have little doubt about the veracity
>>>>of this statement, I was not present and hadn't seen Frank
>>>>since September 1998.

>>First let me apologize for my rather inelegant statement above.
>>My excuse was having to get to the store very early because they
>>were selling DVD players for \$30. American (what is that in
>>Canada now, about a thousand bucks?).

><snip>

>About \$45 Kevin. Geez it ain't that bad. Your prices are very
>high. particularly your food and lumber.

>BTW - What store was that? Walmart?

Last year, same time, the major US stores were unloading super
cheap DVD players. What was interesting is that within 2-3
months the stores got back 60 percent of them for various
reasons. I knew one of the managers whose comment was that he
would never own one, however consumers are attracted to low
prices like moths to flames. Bottom line with the so called
cheap DVD is when you buy, make sure you have a 1 year warranty
because you may need it.

An even better story last year was when a washer died. The new
one was purchased just after November 1st and Sears had a 30 day

guarantee that if the price went lower, they would honor the low price and refund the difference. Interestingly the price on that washer went up by \$100.00 the day after thanksgiving.

Cheers,

Robert

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Washington Post 'Taken' Article

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Spielberg's 20 hour miniseries is being heavily promoted, and the Science Fiction Channel has apparently put a lot of effort in getting the public to watch:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A43406-2002Nov26.html>

A Tale of UFOs and Alien Abduction

By Alan James Frutkin
Special to The Washington Post
Sunday, December 1, 2002; Page Y06

First-person accounts of alien abductions are still the stuff of supermarket tabloids. But in the hands of Steven Spielberg, those stories become a major TV event. At least, that's what the folks at cable's Sci Fi Channel are hoping.

Beginning on Monday at 9 p.m., the cable network premieres "Taken," a 20-hour, 10-episode miniseries about UFO sightings, extraterrestrials, and alien abductions. Spielberg is the executive producer.

The miniseries follows three families over the course of 60 years. It begins during World War II, when U.S. bomber pilots flying over France reported what may have been the first contemporary sightings of unidentified flying objects. The action also centers on Roswell, N.M., where, legend has it, a UFO crashed in 1947.

In fact, "Taken's" storyline is based primarily on legends that have emerged regarding the subject of extraterrestrials. "It's a modern mythology," said Leslie Bohem (pronounced Bo-heem), the executive producer who wrote the series. "If you say all of this is true, that's amazing. If it's not true, it's even more incredible."

More incredible, Bohem added, because "for thousands of years, people have been telling similar versions of the same story."

Bohem said he was drawn to the project because of its subject matter and its scale. "Taken" was four years in the making and cost roughly \$40 million. At 20 hours, it is the longest miniseries ever to air on TV.

But with the project spanning nearly six decades, and four generations of families, "Taken's" size also proved daunting. Actors who figure prominently in the early episodes soon move offscreen once their characters' descendants come into view. Filmmaker Tobe Hooper ("Poltergeist"), who directed "Taken's" premiere episode, said that during filming, he shot almost 300 screen tests for future roles in the series.

"It was one of those situations where if you had examined it and asked questions before you went into it, you may have found it overwhelming," the director added, chuckling. "So it was better to just put the parachute on and jump. If it opens, it opens."

Size isn't "Taken's" only distinction. The Sci Fi Channel will air the first five installments this week-- one two-hour episode Monday through Friday at 9 p.m.--and five more installments next week, Monday through Friday, as well. It's an unusual scheduling move, but Sci Fi President Bonnie Hammer said it's worth the risk.

"To dilute this as a weekly series over ten weeks would take away some of its specialness," she added. "It's an experiment, but we really believe that high risk equals potentially high rewards."

Clearly, the reward Hammer is looking for is ratings--big enough, once and for all, to put the oft-neglected cable network on the map.

"Unfortunately, many people over the years have believed that the Sci Fi Channel is not necessarily for them," Hammer said. "Even if they enjoy science fiction, they don't equate themselves with being science fiction aficionados."

Sci Fi has tasted success in the past. In 2000, the cable network's first miniseries, "Frank Herbert's Dune," drew its largest audience to date, averaging approximately 4.5 million viewers.

With Spielberg's name attached to "Taken," Hammer said she hopes the miniseries will reach an even larger audience, creating "an awareness that we haven't had before about the bigness and the quality of what we do."

And quality is the word most often tossed around when speaking of "Taken." Hooper said that each installment of the special effects-laden series looks more like a feature film than a typical TV show. He added that the visual style of each episode also reflects the decade in which it takes place. For example, the first show has a sepia-toned look, the second highlights the Technicolor style of the 1950s, and the third has more of a 1960s black-and-white TV look.

Despite all of its technical wizardry, Hooper said the strength of the series still comes from its character-driven storylines. Rather than have his actors mimic the cardboard-cutout style of many sci-fi films, he said, "I wanted these people to be real, and to be responding to the reality of their situations."

In creating realism out of what remains for many a surreal subject, Bohem said he zeroed in on three different aspects of the so-called mythology, represented by the show's three families. First, there are the Keys, a typical American family torn apart after several of its members are abducted. Young Allie Keys, played by Dakota Fanning, is the series's narrator. Then there are the Crawford, a military family.

But the Clarkes, Bohem said, reflect a traditionally under-represented subject: debunkers. "It's one of my favorite parts of the mythology," he said. "Guys who, for complex reasons, are dedicated to proving it was all a bunch of hooey."

Of course, the subject of alien abductions is nothing new to television. Bohem noted that for nine seasons, Fox's "The X-Files" covered that subject matter admirably. So when it came time to portray the military's purported role in the coverup of alien sightings, Bohem wanted to take a different tack than that of "X-Files" creator Chris Carter.

Whereas Carter depicted a paranoid government afraid to let the public know the truth even as officials cut deals in the back room with aliens, Bohem said his portrayal of the government is a bit more humanistic. "Even if they're vicious, ruthless and dangerous, they're trying as hard as we are to figure out who the aliens are," he said.

Actor Joel Gretsch ("The Emperor's Club," "Minority Report") plays Capt. Owen Crawford, an ambitious military man, and one of the most surprising villains. And even though Crawford is seen only through episode four, Gretsch said his storyline underscores the program's reliance on dramatic storytelling rather than gimmickry.

"There is a Crawford legacy that's passed on to his children,"

he said of Crawford's villainy. "And it just goes to show you that whatever karma you put out there will come back to bite you in the butt."

Both Bohem and Hooper acknowledged that such intricate storylines are the trademark of a Spielberg, whose feature r=E9sum=E9 includes "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and "Back to the Future." Spielberg was unavailable for an interview for this story, but Bohem said the filmmaker was involved with the series every step of the way.

"If I was stuck on something, I always knew I was working with someone who'd come up with something great," he said, adding that the initial idea for the miniseries came from Spielberg himself. "Steven Spielberg doesn't put his name on something if he doesn't believe in it."

Now, Sci Fi hopes viewers believe in it. And while airing the series consecutively for two weeks might be asking a lot of the audience, the network also has devised several back-up plans, among them, weekend marathons. On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, Sci Fi will air the first five episodes on both days, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The following weekend, it will air the first five shows on Saturday, Dec. 14, and the second five on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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SIGHTINGS IN ITALY: OCTOBER

The statistical data on UFO sighting reported to the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) has been updated for last month.

There were 38 observations which occurred during the month of October, thus bringing to 615 the total for the first ten months of this year, as compared with the 778 comprehensive total for 2001. As a result, the absence of great "waves" notwithstanding, the ongoing year is likewise proving to be as rich in reports.

Besides the cases for 2001 and 2002, this month's statistics also include data for the Year 2000 (already updated since those initially made known a few weeks ago): the observations of that year totaled 327, which doesn't even take into account the summer "peak" of the subsequent two-year period.

Major data (in particular, the monthly list of cases), tables, and statistical graphs featuring distribution data based on month, time, region and type, are made available on the CISU Website (www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi2002.htm).

[Collaboration by Giorgio Abraini]

"ULTIMATUM TO EARTH": THE RELEASE OF THE BOOK

The new book by Giuseppe Stilo, "Ultimatum alla Terra", is being shipped to all those who purchased it by advanced order.

The latest book project from Edizioni UPIAR for the Italian Center for UFO Studies is entirely devoted to the second great historical wave of sightings over Italy, that occurring in 1952 and heretofore largely ignored, the complete relevance of which is now emerging, thanks to the archive research conducted by Operazione Origini ("Operation Origins").

Two hundred eighteen observations of flying saucers in our country; 1,800 news reports and articles published in Italian newspapers; and a good 542 pages of text featuring 39 illustrations: these are the main numbers contained in this volume. Which like its predecessor, "Scrutate i cieli!" ("Watch The Skies!"), dedicated to the Wave of 1950, does not limit

itself, however, to the Italian scene, but widens the focus to include the rest of the globe (USA excluded). This makes it possible to place this formidable year in its proper context, inbetween the birth of contactism, the global UFO wave, Nazi myths, the first ufologists, and the first humanoids.

Effectively with the release of this book, the promotional discount drive comes to an end. As a result, the present volume is now on sale also on the Internet at www.upiar.com for the full price of 27.89 Euro (20% discount for CISU members), or as a special offer along with "Scrutate i cieli!" (for 42 Euro, minus CISU discount if applicable).

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino;
www.arpnet.it/ufo/stilo52.htm]

CISU 2003 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The month of November marks the beginning of the "CISU 2003" Membership Drive for new subscriptions to the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU).

The annual membership fee for the new year remains unchanged at 21 Euro for "Regular Collaborators" (31 for "Supporters" and 77 for Members "In Good Standing"), and entitles one to receive four issues of the quarterly "UFO - Rivista di informazione ufologica" ("UFO Magazine of Ufological Information") besides access to the library, archives and services of the Center, plus major discounts on publications published or distributed by the CISU and Cooperativa UPIAR.

New members who pay their membership fee prior to 31 December will additionally receive for free the issues for 2002 released between their payment and year-end.

For more information, the Membership Form is available on the Internet at the following Website: www.cisu.org/cisu2003.htm.

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>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 18:17:39 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 14:25:23 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

>>>>>From: Fred Clark <Ufoufo51@aol.com>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002 10:16:00 EST
>>>>>Subject: Frank Kaufman?

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>>>Frank had admitted on December 13, 1999, at his home with 4
>>>witnesses present that he had told lies about his involvement
>>>during an earlier interview with me, with Kevin Randle and Don
>>>Schmitt also present. I had noted other problems with Frank's
>>>story earlier to Kevin, Don, Kent Jeffrey, Bob Wood.

>Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>>>I am confused by this paragraph because it seems to suggest
>>>that on December 13, 1999, I was present when Frank admitted
>>>to telling lies. While I have little doubt about the veracity of this
>>>statement, I was not present and hadn't seen Frank since
>>>September 1998.

As I have previously noted, At Frank Kaufmann's home in Roswell on December 13, 1999, I was present, by Frank's invitation, with Linda Howe, Dennis Balthaser (a bit late)and Don Schmitt. I asked Frank point blank "Did Blanchard go to the supposed crash site with you?". His answer was "No". I asked "Did Marcel go with you to the crash site?" His answer was no. I wrote about this meeting in my notes shortly thereafter and within a few months in my MUFON 2000 paper. I had also written up my interview with Frank in my room at the Roswell Inn with Kevin and Frank present on July 2, 1995. I was not allowed to tape that interview. I expressed concern then at the strange claim that Marcel and Blanchard had gone out with Kaufmann. In 1999 he admitted his claim was a lie. I sent copies of my notes of the 1999 meeting to Dennis, Linda and Don and asked for their corrections. There were none.

I have previously expressed concern about the lack of evidence of Frank's supposed 1947 military background,at the notion of a

flatbed truck being able to get to the supposed crash site and back to base in the wee hours of the morning, at the meaning of Frank's pictures with big shots. . I noted in the MUFON 2000 paper that Frank's UFO drawing matched those of the TR3A which appeared in Popular Mechanics (Dec. 1991) and an earlier issue of Av. Week and Space Tech.

>First let me apologize for my rather inelegant statement above.
>My excuse was having to get to the store very early because they
>were selling DVD players for \$30. American (what is that in
>Canada now, about a thousand bucks?). Anyway, what I meant was
>that while I have little doubt that Frank Kaufmann has invented
>his tales, I wasn't present and I seriously doubt he made any
>sort of admission to Friedman, Schmitt or Howe.

>Now that I've had a chance to go back and look at Stan's notes
>in the MUFON Symposium book for 2000, I can point out that,
>according to him, he visited Frank with Don Schmitt (not exactly
>the epitome of credibility) and Linda Howe. My name is
>conspicuously absent from that list. In the world of Ufology,
>this is now a false claim. (Remember, in Ufology, there are no
>honest mistakes, merely false claims that we use to bludgeon
>each other.)

I didn't say you were there. I said Frank admitted in 1999 that he had not told the truth at the meeting in 1995 at which you were definitely present, Kevin. You may recall that after your shouting and ranting, I told you to either be quiet or leave. You remained. That was also the meeting after which, with just you and me, you claimed that you could refute all the 38 items on my list of false claims by you and Don which I had listed in my 1995 MUFON paper "Roswell Revisited" which you had just seen. You will recall that, at my urging, you were kind enough to read a quote from your book "A History of UFO Crashes" four times before finally realizing that you had falsely claimed that you had shown there was nothing to crashed saucer claims from Spitzbergen, Aztec, or Roswell in the 1980 Ron Story UFO Encyclopedia. There was nothing about Roswell in that book. You claimed that something different had been in your head than was in the book. I noted I was not psychic.

>There is nothing in that part of Stan's MUFON speech that
>suggests that Frank Kaufmann told him, Schmitt or Howe that he
>told lies about his involvement.

This is simply untrue. In the paper (bottom of p. 200 in the Symp. Proc.) "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial at his home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don Schmitt. I explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him. NO. Did Marcel go with you? NO. "In 1995 he had claimed that he had awakened both in the middle of the night and they had all gone together. Perhaps Kevin has forgotten that I had also asked wouldn't they have waited for a spotter plane before Blanchard would leave his post without knowing what was there. Frank said there were no spotter planes. But others have said there were. I had also raised questions about Frank's response when asked by Japanese researchers what the wreckage looked like and he said just as Jesse Marcel Jr. , described it, though Jesse had NOT been at the crash site and Frank had claimed to have been there. I have also raised questions as to why Frank felt free to talk openly about one of the most classified and significant events in history ,but he couldn't tell who his contacts were. , etc ad nauseum.

>If true, however, the question
>is, why would he sit on all this information for almost three
>years?.

Kevin, the meeting was in December 1999. I wrote my MUFON 2000 paper in the spring of 2000. . a few months later. not 3 years.

>Why didn't he publish this admission, along with the
>audiotapes that surely one of them would have made?

It was a friendly gathering at Frank's home. No tapes were made. They also were not made in my room with you Frank and Don and myself present. You guys wouldn't allow it.

>If he had an
>admission that Kaufmann was making it up, why not tell the world
>then? Why come forward now and say that he told me. .

I didn't say I told you. I came forward in my MUFON paper to say he admitted that Blanchard and Marcel had NOT gone out with him Perhaps you will recall that I have also complained about Frank's claiming he was buddy-buddy with Major Marcel, but that Dr. Marcel had no recollection of him though Jesse, Jr. did recall Cavitt, Yeagher, Rickett. .

>Instead, Stan seems to rely on the suggestion that Scanlon had >not been the commander of ADC, that other, higher ranking >generals were in fact the commanders. This is, I suppose, >somehow to lead us to the conclusion that Frank had invented his >tales. Why not just tell us simply that Frank had admitted that >he wasn't involved? This smacks of the recent statement that Don >Schmitt had never lied to Stan.

Way off base here, Kevin. I noted previously and in the 2000 paper that Scanlon's last position at ADC which ended in early 1948 was as Public Affairs man at Mitchell Field in NY and there were no ADC radar systems in NM in 1947(with or without Scanlon). Frank had long ago stated he knew nothing about Radar. Scanlon as PA guy would certainly have not been ordering somebody who knew nothing about radar to visit nonexistent facilities at White Sands.

I did not say Schmitt had never lied to me. What I said was that he had not told me he had degrees from anywhere. He did not lie to me about his academic credentials. This was significant because I have a deserved reputation for checking on credentials (yes, I did call about yours)and would have checked if he had given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office, that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

>Scanlon, it seems, enjoys the same sort of intelligence >background that Donald Menzel enjoys. If those intelligence >connections make a case of MJ-12, then why aren't Scanlon's >intelligence credentials of equal importance? He was a guy >tapped by Hap Arnold to help development Air Force intelligence >during the war. Wouldn't Arnold have thought of him immediately >if he needed a reliable man to fly into Roswell?

Hap Arnold was not head of the US Army Air Force in 1947 (Spaatz was, with Vandenberg under him). Scanlon was in Public Affairs not Intelligence after the war. It is claimed (p. 168) in your "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell" that Generals Ramey, McMullen, Kenny and Scanlon were superiors to the men at Roswell. A Public relations guy in ADC was over SAC people at Roswell?? I find that difficult to believe.

>And if Scanlon >knew Kaufmann, wouldn't he be likely to call on him to assist? >And if this is not logical, then why should we accept the idea >that Menzel's wartime service somehow qualified him for >membership on MJ-12?

As I noted in " TOP SECRET/MAJIC" it was primarily Menzel's post WW 2 intelligence work that was so significant including his 1960 (the war ended in 1945) statement to JFK that he, Menzel, had a longer connection with the NSA (founded in 1952) and its Navy Predecessor than anybody else (30 years). He also noted his postwar high security work with the CIA and 30 companies, and his being Commander of Naval Reserve Communications Unit no. 1 in Cambridge post war. Obviously it didn't hurt that he was world class in cryptography before during and after the war. Scanlon was head of Flight Training Wings from October 1942 until at least late 1944.

Certainly Menzel's Intelligence qualifications (not noted before I dug them out at Harvard) were far superior to Scanlon's. Try reading the Menzel Chapter in TSM sometime to refresh your memory.

>And wouldn't this suggestion that Scanlon was not the commander >of ADC, which I never heard Frank claim, be a false assumption? >If Frank didn't make the claim, then what relevance does the >fact have? And more importantly, where did it come from?

>Kaufmann? Schmitt?

I frankly don't know where that claim came from. Perhaps a Lister has heard it as well?

>The point here is that Stan didn't publish anything suggesting
>that Kaufmann had admitted to lying. All we are told is that
>Kaufmann met with Stan, Howe and Schmitt.

Admitting that neither Blanchard nor Marcel went out with him when he had previously told you, Don, and me that they had, is an admission of lying as spelled out in my paper. Read it again. I have also referred to the McKnight letter which certainly suggests Frank was telling tales.

>And we know that Stan
>doesn't like the Kaufmann tales because he has told us that
>repeatedly, but Stan never supplied a good reason for rejecting
>them, even when Kaufmann had apparently handed him that >reason.

Frank certainly was aware of my complaints about him as he referenced in an August 7, 1995, letter to me, things I had said about him in my September 26, 1994 paper " The Roswell Incident, the USAF, and the NY Times", in a Nov. 18, 1994, letter to you, in letters to Paul Davids on Dec. 20, 1994, and January 3, 1995, and to Jack Rodden on January 7, 1995 . I presume some of this input to him came from you.

>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"
>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>trusted?

I think that both Glenn Dennis and Gerald Anderson made real contributions to the story despite your great antipathy to both.

You will recall that Gerald passed a polygraph (Frank never took one) and that a medical technician realled the nurse and described her as Glenn did without any prompting from me. They, (G and G), both independently described a strange combination of a red haired officer and a black sergeant.

I happen to think much of the world is gray.

You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your privilege.

Stan Friedman

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>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 22:45:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
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>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 19:10:26 +0000
>>>>Subject: Magonia Supplement 43

>>I gather you and Roberts and Clark believe there are no black
>>budget programs in the UK or anywhere else.

>Stan --

>Please cite chapter and verse where 'Roberts and Clark' [sic]
>have said they believe there are no black budget programs in the
>UK or anywhere else.

>You will have a job because we have never said any such thing,
>in fact rather the opposite.

>To quote your own words, please don't put words in *my* mouth!

>And yes, UK Government can and does with-hold documents and
>information on UFOs. Our book has proved there was a cover-up in
>this country - see Jenny Randles' review in the latest IUR. The
>question is, a cover-up of what?

>Best,

>Dave Clark*e*

My apologies for the wrong spelling.

The whole tone of the book implies that there really isn't
anything that has been hidden now that you have dug out quite a
lot of material.

I wish to point out General Bolender's 1969 comment that reports
of UFOs which could effect national security were not part of
the Blue Book System.

I expect that there is compartmentalization in the UK as well as
in the USA and that the most significant military cases didn't
make it into the files you have seen. I am glad that you looked.

Stan Friedman

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>Apologies for the frequent snips, but I am homing in on some
>aspects of the original thread which were interspersed with
>material about which I have no comment to offer:

><snip>

>>Harney seems to feel that indeed all the above data hasn't been
>>kept secret. This from a country that just got a FOI system
>>going. Why was it needed if everything was available?

>>Yes, I had forgotten absence of evidence is evidence for
>>absence.

><snip>

>By the same token, I hope that you would agree that absence of
>evidence is not proof of anything?

Of course, but I have never said it was.

>>12,000 people worked in Secret at Bletchley Park with no public
>>admission for more than 20 years.

>>And secrets can't be kept?

><snip>

>In the case of Bletchley park, there were easily understood
>reasons for the requirement of secrecy. The reasoning behind any
>withholding of information offering conclusive proof of the ETH
>would not, in my opinion, convince people like David Shayler for
>instance to keep quiet?

>>I pointed out that information about UFOs is clearly being
>>withheld unless one is foolish enough to believe that the only
>>info about UFOs in these documents is what is not whited out and
>>the rest is Sources and Methods. Why was it filed under UFOs?

>>Please note that the 1996 version of the NSA Affidavit to Judge
>>Gesell is only about 20% blacked out compared with 80% in the
>>early version. But the UFO documents can only be 2-4% open? But
>>nothing about UFOs is being covered up? Not every observation
>>of an auto involves a license plate. But the make and model and
>>colour can be very useful.

><snip>

>Just because information is withheld, it does not mean that such

>information amounts to conclusive proof of the ETH, which seems
>to me to be the inference which you are making- do you find it
>difficult to accept that there could be other information which
>the authorities would prefer to withhold, for instance, the
>participation of the U.K. in certain enquiries/operations?

I am not inferring that any particular bit of evidence amounts to conclusive proof of the ETH. I am saying that the blacked out and whited out portions of CIA and NSA UFO documents mean that the government is withholding information about UFOs. Court decisions are based on a whole web of info not on a single bit of conclusive data.

>>I show the documents to demonstrate that UFO information is
>>being withheld despite claims by the US government and sceptics
>>to the contrary . That I am effective in my presentations does
>>not detract from the fact that UFO information is being
>>withheld. Remember that I also show the blacked out CIA UFO
>>documents on which one can read 8 useless words. The CIA IS
>>withholding UFO information like it or not. Effective
>>showmanship or not.

><snip>

>>Have you forgotten that during the cold war both Russia and the
>>US withheld information from the public that each knew the other
>>government was aware of... overflights of U-2 aircraft?.
>>Reconnaissance aircraft of the other side were shot down when
>>getting too close. No public discussion.

>>Remember that FOI has many restrictions including National
>>Security. I provide a whole page in my Final Report on Operation
>>Majestic 12.

>>Surely it is not possible that you believe that the government
>>of the UK will not withhold any classified information?

>>Stan Friedman
>>in awe of the naiveite

>I have in my possession (probably in contravention of the
>Official Secrets Act) a copy of a pamphlet which I was issued
>with during military training. It is classified "Restricted".
>You may think that this contains something like infantry
>tactics, or other low-grade classified information, but it is
>actually about electrical safety!

>The UK military are absolutely paranoid about security
>classifications, yet I struggle to see the need for information
>about how to wire a domestic mains plug or how far apart earth
>rods should be placed to be classified at all.

>I have visited the PRO several times, and read/copied
>declassified Secret and Top Secret documents. Also, during my
>army career, I was frequently exposed to similarly classified
>material. In many cases, there is an obvious reason for the
>classification, but in others, such as the Flying Saucer Working
>Party document, there is apparently no rhyme or reason for the
>classification.

>What I am getting at is that I accept the various Governments
>are withholding information about UFOs, but much of that
>information is bound to be of a trivial nature. Of the material
>that is withheld but is not trivial, it most likely relates to
>operational systems or processes which they may have good reason
>to keep classified. There is no reason to think that they are
>withholding absolute proof of the ETH.

What possible basis is there for the "most likely" above?? If they have any data on recovered crashed saucers and alien bodies, that would certainly appear to be absolute proof of the ETH.

>Furthermore, if people like Shayler can blow the whistle on
>assassination plots against Ghadaffi (qs) by MI6 because of
>"moral issues", I think it even more likely that someone would
>reveal secrets relating to UFOs for those same "moral issues".

>Joe McGonagle

>Overwhelmed by the paranoid state (of people's minds and

>nations)!

I am sure many government people who do know what is going on about UFOs feel it is perfectly justified. If they know, for example, that UK or USAF or Soviet aircraft attacking UFOs have been shot down they might be very reluctant to let the public and other pilots know. I, for one, don't want technical data out on the table.

Stan Friedman

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>>absence.

>>I gather you and Roberts and Clark believe there are no black
>>budget programs in the UK or anywhere else.

>>The DCI admitted 6 years ago because of a court case that his
>>black budget that year was 26.6 \$Billion.

>>Have you read Tim Weiner's excellent book "Blank Check"?

>>The stealth fighter was developed and 50+ built over 10 years
>>for about 10 Billion\$ in secret. The NRL Corona Elint satellite
>>was launched in 1960 after a dozen failures. Its existence was
>>not admitted until 1995 when they wanted to brag about their
>>accomplishments and of course the technology had been greatly
>>improved.

>>12,000 people worked in Secret at Bletchley Park with no public
>>admission for more than 20 years.

>

>>And secrets can't be kept?

>Secrets can certainly be kept where the government has total
>control over a project as in the cases above. Unless Mr Friedman
>has some startling new evidence, the US government does not
>control UFOs

Please remember Carroll Bolender's comment about reports of
UFOs which could effect National Security not being part of the
Blue Book system.

The US and the UK do control the publicizing of sophisticated
national security information obtained by military and
intelligence systems such as the Air Defense Commands, the NSA,
The CIA, The NRO, OSI, ONI, etc.

Think of passes down the runway at a SAC base near the nuclear
weapon storage facility.

They have also been rather effective in shaping public views and
certainly the press with their false and misleading statements.

Note my 5 page response to a USAF Colonel's totally misleading letter to a senator in TOP SECRET/MAJIC.

Also while there have been many multiple witness sightings, the flying saucers don't seem interested in showing up during the world Soccer matches or other activities involving worldwide TV coverage.

Too bad.

Stan Friedman

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>>>Magonia Supplement 43 is now available on the Magonia website.
>>>Here is John Harney's Editorial:
>>>One of the points I made, and not for the first time, was about
>>>the impossibility of the evidence for ET spacecraft being kept
>>>secret. The ETH, at least as it is interpreted by many
>>>ufologists, depends on persuading people to believe that it is
>>>possible to keep the saucers secret. Stanton Friedman commented:

>>>"The naivety shown by the notion that we would have access to
>>>radar and spy satellite info, re space and airborne uncorrelated
>>>targets produced by the Aerospace Defense Command and NRO
>>>satellites and collected by NSA while listening to their foreign
>>>equivalents is monumental.

>>>"Just note that more than 95% of the 156 UFO documents released
>>>by the NSA are whited out. No way that is all sources and
>>>methods data."

>>Harney seems to feel that indeed all the above data hasn't been
>>kept secret. This from a country that just got a FOI system
>>going. Why was it needed if everything was available?

>Where did I say that everything was available?

>>Yes, I had forgotten absence of evidence is evidence for
>>absence.

>Stan, "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence" sounds
>great, especially if you can say it without getting the giggles,
>as you no doubt can, but it doesn't actually mean anything.

It actually means a lot, especially when noisy negativists
(present company excepted, of course,) say there is no evidence
when what they mean is "I have done little looking and seen even
less, so there must not be any evidence there".I discussed this
in my MUFON Journal Column recently

>>I gather you and Roberts and Clark believe there are no black
>>budget programs in the UK or anywhere else.

>>The DCI admitted 6 years ago because of a court case that his
>>black budget that year was 26.6 \$Billion.

>>Have you read Tim Weiner's excellent book "Blank Check"?

>>The stealth fighter was developed and 50+ built over 10 years
>>for about 10 Billion\$ in secret. The NRL Corona Elint satellite
>>was launched in 1960 after a dozen failures. Its existence was
>>not admitted until 1995 when they wanted to brag about their
>>accomplishments and of course the technology had been greatly
>>improved.

>>12,000 people worked in Secret at Bletchley Park with no public
>>admission for more than 20 years.

>>And secrets can't be kept?

>>Neither the Aerospace Defense Command nor the NRO, nor the NSA
>>publish their findings. They literally spend billions a year and
>>secrets can't be kept??

>Perhaps I have not made myself clear, so I'll try again. Yes, I
>know governments have Black Budgets and keep military projects
>secret for many years, but I wasn't referring to them. I was
>writing about UFOs.

>With UFOs we have to make a distinction between the UFOs
>themselves and investigations of them. Governments can conduct
>secret UFO investigations, but so can anybody. If you
>investigate a UFO report you can keep this secret or publish
>your findings, as you wish, but you can't keep the UFO itself
>secret, because other people may have witnessed it or conducted
>investigations. The point is that governments can keep military
>projects secret because they have control of the situation.
>They have no control over UFOs, which can appear anywhere, at
>any time; they thus have no chance of keeping them secret.
>Convincing evidence could fall into the hands of any government,
>organisation, or individual, but this is less likely to happen
>with a tightly controlled military project.

Governments have control of the best means for monitoring, often
with sophisticated instrumentation, UFOs. They control the
instruments and vehicles. They have also been very successful at
keeping the media unaware of the facts. Disinformation is
rampant. The UFOs keep doing their thing.

>>>I replied, pointing out that he hadn't told us
>>>how UFO information gathered from radar or satellites, by
>>>governments and private organisations, amateur or professional,
>>>everywhere in the world is kept secret.

>>I have seen no such reply. But the answer is obvious:

>>Through the standard procedures involving security clearances,
>>need to know, well protected communication systems, etc.

>>There is no comparison between the government capabilities and
>>private ones. Who competes with the NRO or ADC?

>>Who has private or amateur fleets of very sophisticated
>>aircraft and satellites to monitor air and space intruding
>>vehicles?

>Ah, so the UFOs are specially designed to be detectable only by
>highly sophisticated equipment carried on high-performance
>aircraft available only to those organisations which can
>guarantee to keep the evidence which they obtain secret?

Nonsense. The best information can most easily be obtained by
government controlled instrumentation especially when closed
communications systems can spread the word so more data can be
obtained.

>>>I also wondered how he
>>>knew what was in the whited out parts of the UFO documents, as
>>>he implies that this hidden information concerns evidence for
>>>alien spacecraft.

>>Please don't put words in my mouth.

>I didn't; I wrote "implies" not "states" - see above.

>>I pointed out that information about UFOs is clearly being
>>withheld unless one is foolish enough to believe that the only
>>info about UFOs in these documents is what is not whited out and

>>the rest is Sources and Methods. Why was it filed under UFOs?

>Information about UFOs, or information about UFO
>_investigations_?

A combination of the observations that have been made which in turn tells them something about the UFOs, maybe accelerations, maneuverability, electromagnetic signatures, etc.

>>Please note that the 1996 version of the NSA Affidavit to Judge Gesell is only about 20% blacked out compared with 80% in the early version. But the UFO documents can only be 2-4% open? But nothing about UFOs is being covered up? Not every observation of an auto involves a license plate. But the make and model and colour can be very useful.

>>>If the sceptics indulge in "research by proclamation" as Friedman constantly tells us, then surely he is indulging in research by showmanship in waving whited-out documents at UFO conferences.

>>I show the documents to demonstrate that UFO information is being withheld despite claims by the US government and sceptics to the contrary. That I am effective in my presentations does not detract from the fact that UFO information is being withheld. Remember that I also show the blacked out CIA UFO documents on which one can read 8 useless words. The CIA IS withholding UFO information like it or not. Effective showmanship or not.

>>The purpose of a presentation is to communicate. Perhaps that is why my Leeds talk was rated 10/10. I communicated facts and data... apparently with showmanship.

>>>Anyway, I intend to press for a plausible explanation as to how every government in the world has managed to preserve the Secret of the Saucers for over 50 years. I will probably have to wait a long time.

>>More absurdity. As explained above there are standard procedures for dealing with classified information on a need-to-know basis by people with appropriate clearances. Have you ever held a clearance?

>Yes, but you can't classify information unless you control it. You can keep your UFO investigations secret, but anyone can do that. But you don't know what the UFOs are going to do tomorrow, so you can't keep them secret.

Of course you can, and you can have contingency plans in case the UFOs take things into their own hands. It seems clear that after 55+ years they are not interested in doing interviews on our TV shows.

>>What is this nonsense about every government in the world? I certainly never said that. The number of governments with sophisticated ADCs, spy satellites, sophisticated monitoring aircraft, etc is a small number. I doubt if Bolivia or Paraguay or a whole slew of African nations have such systems.

>So every government in the world falls neatly into one of two categories with regard to obtaining and disclosing UFO evidence. These are (a) countries with sophisticated surveillance systems, satellites, aircraft, radar, etc., all of which are guaranteed to obey the USA in its policy of keeping the saucers secret, and (b) those countries which are unable or unwilling to keep such secrets, but lack the amazingly sophisticated equipment apparently necessary to obtain vital UFO evidence. Thus the secret of the saucers is safe. How convenient.

As I have noted elsewhere all governments are interested in maintaining their hold on power. The sophisticated ones are certainly interested in trying to duplicate the technology, they are interested in making sure their enemies don't learn what they know, they are concerned that if an announcement is made that some UFOs are alien spacecraft, that there will be a major push for an earthling orientation.

No government on Earth of which I am aware wants such an orientation. Nationalism is the only game in town. No country wants to admit to its own people and its enemies that it can't

control overflights by others without permission, that it can't control abductions of its own people. Of course they may be able to collect big bucks by turning over any crashed saucers or Russian spacecraft etc to the USA or UK. I think of the Virginia case in Brazil. Major democracies such as the USA, UK, Canada also don't want to admit they have been lying for 55+ years

>>Have you forgotten that during the cold war both Russia and the >>US withheld information from the public that each knew the other >>government was aware of... overflights of U-2 aircraft?. >>Reconnaissance aircraft of the other side were shot down when >>getting too close. No public discussion.

>Yes, if the Russians knew and the US knew they knew and both >sides mutually decided to keep this information from the public >then what's the problem? They had joint control of the >situation. They were not dealing with something unknown and >unpredictable.

>>Remember that FOI has many restrictions including National >>Security. I provide a whole page in my Final Report on Operation >>Majestic 12.

>>Surely it is not possible that you believe that the government >>of the UK will not withhold any classified information?

>Of course they withhold classified information, but there is no >good reason to believe that they have any startling evidence >about UFOs.

Considering the close ties between the US and the UK, and the tough Official Secrets act the UK has had, and a certain commonality of interests around the world and the much greater past resistance to FOI in the UK, I would say there are very good reasons.

Stan Friedman

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Rimmer Exposed

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:59:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:25:13 -0500
Subject: Rimmer Exposed

Hello List Savants,

I would like to reply to John Rimmers' recent attack on the work of Dick Hall and Stanton Friedman. Rimmer, and continue the theme of my recent posting concerning Rimmer and Magonia magazine. The Brentford Polonius as he is known) is an imposter. There are rumours that when he goes home from Brentford to his leafy dell he takes off his Ealing Film English mask of silly prat-falling amateur mundanity and becomes an intelligent and well-informed Englishman. But whilst at work in Brentford, his sheer cheek in attacking books that have and are changing the entire landscape of modern history is big enough to be placed alongside the Albert Memorial, built in a time close to his heart, a time from which his genes have not yet made their salmon leap.

Smog-shrouded Brentford is a place surrounded by gas works and car marts where scepticism is manufactured by Rimmer as a completed automated continuous-process industry, just like the manufacture of cement. Fogs, mists, and broken roads surround this womb of scepticism, a philosophy made for the Dickensian alleys, workhouses, savage intellectual suppression of all the instincts of the free and the brave and the true. One can still image Rimmer's crabbed Magonia clerks crouched over ledgers making calculations that must make the universe add up at the end of a days accounting.

Brentford is a place where it could imagined that Jack the Ripper still stalks alleyways, and indeed Dick Van Dyke might pop out from a smoking chimney stack. It is one of Blake's Dark Satanic Mills, a place known for the manufacture of windscreen wipers, an area that sees few visitors, and is difficult to locate on any map and manufactures items of phony depressing Englishness to throw at all believers in the magical, the transcendental, the romantic, the beautiful, the extraordinary, the fantastic, and especially the believers in aliens, abductions, and UFOs. These items, that usually take the form of the school essays published in Magonia magazine are manufactured just as natives in the Nile Delta produce carvings that they say have come from catacombs under the Great Pyramid. In Rimmer's old English consumer range there is a similar process of artificial aging applied.

Magonia magazine celebrates the finest rationalist panics and contains only the grief of the failed and the anger of the terminally unpublishable. It represents the dark, dismal, and mundane soul of a lost England well described by D.H. Lawrence. Most of its contributors (and certainly the Editor have the mental level of town councillors and the sense of wonder of a toilet for the disabled. Reading it is enough to make even the saintly child of Nature look for the nearest tall building to jump down from. Remember America, Rimmer's Britain is a place where even whispered comments about any kind of modernity can still be are looked upon as plots to slit the throat of the Queen. The great aped ordinary is as mysterious a conspiracy as any supposed alien activity. Magonian writing reminds us of Fanny by Gaslight, Arsenic and Old Lace, and satin covers for the legs of the grand parlour piano should the vicar call.

My last post to this List (just over a week ago) contains a

more detailed account of Rimmer, his strange activities, and his even stranger magazine. List members might like to take a look at that.

Colin

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PRG Update - 11-30-02

From: **Stephen Bassett** <Disclosure2003@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:28:54 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - 11-30-02

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Update - November 30, 2002
[Sent to combined PRG/X-PPAC/D2003 Mail Lists]

Taken
www.scifi.com/taken

Spielberg's "Taken" miniseries begins on Monday night. The schedule is out and quite interesting. Sci Fi Channel will air each episode three times a night PLUS the episode from the night before. That is 78 hours of "Taken" over a period of 12 days. They aren't just airing this miniseries - they are burning it into the public's brain. Also, this approach will ensure that "Taken" will likely be the most home-copied program in history. Millions of copies of the program will be made in the first two weeks.

It is important to be of two minds with this program. There is no question that considerable license has been taken (pun intended) with the known facts to produce dramatic effects that will create ratings. Some of the viewers will be confused. This is unavoidable. It is the trade off for the advocacy funding, CFI, the Washington representation.

The Roswell documentary has brought key research to a much broader audience. The "Abduction Diaries" was balanced. These diaries can easily be expanded.

The press simply need to be told that the known facts about the extraterrestrial presence are in partial measure not accurately reflected in the fictional work. Period. There is nothing new about that. It has happened many times with many issues. If they want to understand the facts about abductees/contactees/experiencers, the books and the research are there for their perusal.

Even if "Taken" had not strayed one iota from researched elements of the phenomena, it would still be fiction and the disclosure process must not be driven by fiction. There are actually people in this country who are more comfortable with the state of the nation because they like what they see on "West Wing." This is madness and a trend which does not need to be repeated with disclosure. Real policy, real truth, real hearings, real engagement, real journalism, real governance. Accept no substitute.

That said, having attended the SciFi / CFI original press conference, the GWU symposium, the New York symposium and the Washington, DC screening (which was absolutely first class), there have not been any red flags about the Sci Fi Channel's motives and agenda. I believe they want to make money AND serve the public's interests. If anything happens to change my view, you will know immediately.

IUFO Conference - Laughlin, NV - February 2-8, 2002
<http://www.ufocongress.com/index1.html>

Given all that has happened in the past year and all that may happen over the next two months, I strongly encourage all to consider being in Laughlin Nevada for the winter IUFO conference. There will be a particular need for side meetings between researchers and activists, as well as a need to get as many interviews done with any media and documentarists in attendance. The timing is just about perfect. It is still PRG's view that Disclosure can and should happen in the first half of 2003.

I will be in Laughlin the entire week of February 2 - 8 and will likely book additional time before and after the conference for possible meetings in Arizona, New Mexico and California. Please contact PRG if you want to set up a meeting or media interview for that time period.

Photos for the PRG/D2003 Gallery

If anyone has any photos from the Bay Area UFO Expo that would look good in the PRG photo gallery, please email or mail a high resolution copy to PRG. Also, if anyone has any photos relating to the D2003 campaign or from last year's IUFO conference in Laughlin, same request. Thanks.

Some new photos are up at the PRG Gallery at:
www.paradigmclock.com/Gallery/Thumbs_Page.htm

The D2003 Gallery will go up as soon as a few more photos come it.

Pre-disclosure Indicators

All future PRG updates will include this section in which any items which PRG views as "pre-disclosure" indicators will be listed with dates where applicable. A "pre-disclosure" indicator is an event which would seem appropriate if formal disclosure is close at hand.

A section will soon go up at the D2003 website where these indicators will be archived and expanded upon. Feel free to forward to PRG any items you consider as candidates.

2001
Postponement of the mini-series "Taken" until after the mid-term elections

May 2002
James Garvin, chief scientist for the NASA Mars Exploration Program initiates an unexpected approach to Richard Hoagland and Peter Gersten. Invitations to future meetings and to submit proposals to NASA are extended.

October 2002
Two separate sources confirm to PRG that Discovery Communications has withdrawn and not excepting new pro-UFO documentaries. This is quite unusual. Discovery Communications is controlled by cable magnate, John Malone out of Denver, through his interest in Liberty Media Corporation.

October 22, 2002
Former White House Chief of Staff to Clinton, John Podesta, inserts himself into the issue.

November 2002
Berkeley physicist and proponent of "warp drive," Jack Sarfatti receives a huge funding infusion, an invitation to a White House dinner and a request from Senate Majority Leader, Tom DeLay, to serve on a committee.

November 29, 2002
UK opens its own 'X-file'
www.cnn.com/2002/WORLD/europe/11/29/uk.ufo/index.html
<http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foi/story/0,9061,850145,00.html>

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

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

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Re: Do Abductee's Families Discover Them Gone? -

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 20:08:59 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:31:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Do Abductee's Families Discover Them Gone? -

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 14:15:10 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Do Abductee's Families Discover Them Gone?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 11:59:37 -0500
>>Subject: Do Abductee's Families Discover Them Gone?

<snip>

>>Probably very rare, but have there been cases where a family
>>member, roommate, or house guest actually saw the abduction
>>and/or return take place?

<snip>

You may already know, but remember the Travis Walton case:
several co-workers sat in a truck and watched Travis as he was
struck and knocked backward by some sort of blue beam of energy
from a low-hovering saucer-shaped craft. When this happened, the
driver of the truck panicked and drove away. After coming to
their senses, the driver and other men decided to go back and
look for Travis, but he was gone. He was missing for five days.
When he returned, he eventually recalled being examined by greys
aboard a circular-shaped craft of some kind.

This case has been documented in Travis Walton's book. Some of
the details are really quite interesting.

Tom Bowden

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:31:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:34:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 21:49:03 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002 16:58:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

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>Out of all the abductees I have worked with (something like 150;
>I've lost count), two were psychological basket cases, and even
>there it was not clear whether their condition was the cause or
>effect of an "abduction." More to the point, a very high
>percentage clearly were entirely sane and grounded individuals,
>deeply upset and perplexed by their experiences.

Hi, Dick:

Just wondering... how did you determine the two were "basket cases" and what instruments did you use to determine a "very high percentage" were "entirely sane and grounded individuals"?

Furthermore, how did you distinguish which ones were genuine abductees and which ones were not?

I know you, like many others, are only trying to help but what if even ten were not genuine abductees but rather suffering from delusions or some other types of encounters with the unknown? What kind of 'support' will these individuals find in your support group or as part of your research?

It may be all well and good to provide some kind of help for those experiencing abductions but what may be happening to those who are treated as abductees but are not? Do you have any idea of the amount of suffering caused for those who experience phenomena in their lives and are labeled as "abductees" when no one really knows what's going on?

I do. I've experienced various kinds of phenomena since childhood. When I began seeking answers 10 years ago, I was sent to several types of support groups. In each group, I was told the phenomena I experienced was this or that and labeled according to whatever the group was into at the time. Of course, when I joined an 'experimenter' support group, everyone was certain I was an abductee although I kept insisting that I had no memories of having ever been abducted. Their answer for this was that I had no memories because...the memories had been erased or 'blocked' when I was abducted. Of course.

Yep, I did the whole nine yards from hypnosis to keeping a journal of my encounters with the unknown. Since most of my friends at the time were fellow members of the support group, anything I shared with them was interpreted according to the abduction scenario. Eventually I felt pressured to conform to the group's consensual beliefs or risk being rejected by the group. When you feel alone in the face of the unknown, you seek

others who might understand, even if it doesn't make sense. Not really finding the answers I sought, I soon found myself alienated from the group (excuse the pun).

I finally left the group. Later I heard my departure was blamed on the "aliens" controlling me and blocking me from seeking the truth (which was usually used to explain the loss of any group member).

Not only did I not find the answers I wanted from these various support groups, I was left more confused and alone than before I sought their help. Not only did the phenomena I encountered continue, it increased. On a warm night in June, 1997, as I watched a huge object hover behind my house, I finally understood just how alone I really was. If I called my old friends, they'd just say it was there to abduct me. If I called the military, they'd just say they don't investigate UFO reports. When I called the FAA, they laughed. And when I called the National UFO Reporting Center I got ...the answering machine.

Dick, I know you are only trying to help but ask yourself if you are qualified to help when no one really knows what is going on. If even one of the individuals in your support group and/or research is not really an abductee, what harm might you (and others) be doing in the long run?

People encounter many kinds of phenomena. We can help them learn how to help themselves but we must do no harm.

A. Hebert

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Bolide Lights Up Morning Sky in Eastern US

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 09:41:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:37:04 -0500
Subject: Bolide Lights Up Morning Sky in Eastern US

A local radio station was having a lot of fun regarding this story today. I thought some might find it of interest.

<http://www.wtopnews.com/?sid=25146&nid=25>

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Bolide Lights Up Morning Sky

Updated: Monday, Dec. 2, 2002 - 8:26 AM EST.

WASHINGTON - The bright light many people saw streaking across the sky early morning Monday was a bolide or fireball, said Geoff Chester, a spokesman at the U.S. Naval Observatory.

"This is basically a large meteor. We're talking about a rock here that's on the order of size of a suitcase or something like that. It's been orbiting the sun for billions of years," Chester said.

"In reality, this object is entering the Earth's atmosphere. At an altitude of between 80 to 100 miles or so it is vaporizing and leaving a very bright trail of light behind it," Chester said.

"In a way it's kind of similar to the Leonid meteors that we just had a couple of weeks ago. Instead of being a little bit of fluff that sputtered off a comet that we run into every year, this is just a random, fairly large rock that runs into the Earth's atmosphere," he said.

WTOP callers in Virginia and Maryland reported seeing the natural phenomenon between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Callers described it as a very big ball of blue-ish green with a tail 300 to 400 yards long.

"It was absolutely beautiful. It looked like it was going to hit the ground," said one listener who called from Culpeper County, Va.

She described it as a lot longer than the meteors seen during the recent Leonid meteor showers.

One Waldorf, Md., caller said when people saw it, they started pulling off the road.

Chester said the last time a bolide was seen was on July 23, 2001, between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. People reported seeing it from New York to Virginia.

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 11:08:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:38:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Kaeser

>From: Robet Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 00:32:43 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>Last year, same time, the major US stores were unloading super
>cheap DVD players. What was interesting is that within 2-3
>months the stores got back 60 percent of them for various
>reasons. I knew one of the managers whose comment was that he
>would never own one, however consumers are attracted to low
>prices like moths to flames. Bottom line with the so called
>cheap DVD is when you buy, make sure you have a 1 year warranty
>because you may need it.

When DIVX died there was a glut of DVD players that were DIVX compatible that went on sale for very low prices. I don't know if this relates to the low prices seen recently, but since VHS is now being supplanted by DVD there's likely to be a lot of older models going on sale.

Steve

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 13:50:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 13:50:14 -0500
Subject: Archive Top 20 'Reads' - 11-02

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Clarke

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 17:51:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 16:13:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Clarke

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:26:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 16:25:01 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

Hi Stan,

>The whole tone of the book implies that there really isn't
>anything that has been hidden now that you have dug out quite a
>lot of material.

That is a matter of interpretation - we make the point that the MoD have destroyed, or claim to have destroyed, 99 percent of the Air Intelligence material relating to UFOs pre-1962.

They claim that UFO files have been retained since 1967, but I recently learned that the MoD had destroyed, as late as 1990, two briefing files for the House of Lords UFO Debate of 1979. These included briefings from RAF intelligence and defence intelligence to Lord Strabolgi, who was to present the Government's case in the Lords.

They also routinely destroy logbooks and radar recordings before they even enter the public records system.

The question is - are they trying to hide something, or is this just bureaucratic bungling? Knowing how the civil service works, I'd opt for the latter. But if you are a conspiracy theorist, you can interpret the situation in a completely different way, and sell more books no doubt.

>I wish to point out General Bolender's 1969 comment that reports
>of UFOs which could effect national security were not part of
>the Blue Book System.

>I expect that there is compartmentalization in the UK as well
>as in the USA and that the most significant military cases
>didn't make it into the files you have seen. I am glad that you
>looked.

You may be surprised to find I agree with you! We can only comment on the material we did find, everything else is just speculation. *But* there was evidence in the material we found to support your assertion that some 'reports of UFOs which would effect national security' did bypass the system that produced the files now available at the PRO.

A classic example is the visual report by two Meteor pilots from RAF Little Rissington in 1952 that was corroborated by radar plots, leading to a major air defence alert involving GCHQ and US intelligence. Yet not a single reference to this incident has survived in the files released at the PRO!

Full details of this case will appear in UFO Magazine (UK) early in the New Year.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 12:52:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 16:15:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Sandow

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:31:40 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 21:04:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 16:34:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:31:40 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 21:49:03 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002 16:58:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

><snip>

>>Out of all the abductees I have worked with (something like 150;
>>I've lost count), two were psychological basket cases, and even
>>there it was not clear whether their condition was the cause or
>>effect of an "abduction." More to the point, a very high
>>percentage clearly were entirely sane and grounded individuals,
>>deeply upset and perplexed by their experiences.

Amy,

You snipped out some information that would have partially answered your questions. I share your concerns about harmful effects on "abductees" (real or imagined) by careless investigators, as you would know of you had read my writings on that subject. Primarily, I recommend to you an inexpensive paper titled "Testing Reality" available from the Fund for UFO Research. I will insert a few comments below.

>Hi, Dick:

>Just wondering... how did you determine the two were "basket cases" and what instruments did you use to determine a "very high percentage" were "entirely sane and grounded individuals"?

Using my observational powers and knowledge of psychology and human behavior based on being Senior Abstracts Editor for the American Psychological Association. It doesn't take a professional to recognize people who are having difficulty functioning as human beings and whose behavior and vocalizations are bizarre. I always worked (past tense; I no longer work with abductees except superficially with referral information) professional psychologists, one of whom was discussed at some length in my posting to Greg Sandow on this list. No evidence was found of any serious psychopathology.

>Furthermore, how did you distinguish which ones were genuine abductees and which ones were not?

I never said I did. The term "genuine abductee" is not that meaningful to me. If a person thinks or suspects they have been abducted and it is causing them problems, I am nonjudgmental about whether it "really" happened.

>I know you, like many others, are only trying to help but what
>if even ten were not genuine abductees but rather suffering from
>delusions or some other types of encounters with the unknown?
>What kind of 'support' will these individuals find in your
>support group or as part of your research?

If they were suffering from delusions, probably no help at all.
But I am not unsophisticated about recognizing possibly
delusional people.

>It may be all well and good to provide some kind of help for
>those experiencing abductions but what may be happening to those
>who are treated as abductees but are not? Do you have any idea
>of the amount of suffering caused for those who experience
>phenomena in their lives and are labeled as "abductees" when no
>one really knows what's going on?

This is another of many false premises on your part. I never
labelled anyone anything or suggested to anyone that they had
been abducted by aliens. (Read "Testing Reality".) I always
emphasized that "no one really knows what's going on." \

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That was very bad practice on their part, something I cautioned
against in "Testing Reality."

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>alienated from the group (excuse the pun).

>I finally left the group. Later I heard my departure was blamed
>on the "aliens" controlling me and blocking me from seeking the
>truth (which was usually used to explain the loss of any group
>member).

I'm glad you posted this because it confirms what I have been
warning people about all along. I am aware of many examples of
harmful effects on people reporting abductions by opinionated,
unscientific would-be investigators.

>Not only did I not find the answers I wanted from these various
>support groups, I was left more confused and alone than before I
>sought their help. Not only did the phenomena I encountered
>continue, it increased. On a warm night in June, 1997, as I
>watched a huge object hover behind my house, I finally
>understood just how alone I really was. If I called my old
>friends, they'd just say it was there to abduct me. If I called
>the military, they'd just say they don't investigate UFO
>reports. When I called the FAA, they laughed. And when I called
>the National UFO Reporting Center I got ...the answering
>machine.

>Dick, I know you are only trying to help but ask yourself if you
>are qualified to help when no one really knows what is going on.
>If even one of the individuals in your support group and/or
>research is not really an abductee, what harm might you (and
>others) be doing in the long run?

You're repeating yourself. No group, no assumptions about the
nature of reported abductions, no planting of ideas in their
heads, no harm done.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 17:16:34 -0500
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>might be.

Greg,

I completely agree with and endorse this statement. It also dovetails with and complements what I just independently posted in response to Amy. Your final paragraph sums it up better than I was able to do. - Dick

P.S. It never ceases to amaze me, and to challenge my world view, that musicians, poets, sculptors, writers, etc. often behave more scientifically, logically, and open-mindedly than do most [and I do mean MOST] scientists.

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Re: Rimmer Exposed - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 22:52:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 18:36:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Rimmer Exposed - Rimmer

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:59:41 -0000
>Subject: Rimmer Exposed

>Hello List Savants,

>I would like to reply to John Rimmers' recent attack on the work
>of Dick Hall and Stanton Friedman. Rimmer, and continue the theme
>of my recent posting concerning Rimmer and Magonia magazine. The
>Brentford Polonius as he is known) is an imposter. There are
>rumours that when he goes home from Brentford to his leafy dell
>he takes off his Ealing Film English mask of silly prat-falling
>amateur mundanity and becomes an intelligent and well-informed
>Englishman. But whilst at work in Brentford, his sheer cheek in
>attacking books that have and are changing the entire landscape
>of modern history is big enough to be placed alongside the
>Albert Memorial, built in a time close to his heart, a time from
>which his genes have not yet made their salmon leap.

I should just like to make it clear that, contrary to rumours
currently circulating on the Internet, I do not pay Mr Bennett
to write this stuff to make me seem more interesting.

--

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
"Today Brentford, tomorrow the World"

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 23:25:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 18:40:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Rimmer

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:47:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 17:55:26 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 22:45:12 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>><snip>

>>>Harney seems to feel that indeed all the above data hasn't been
>>>kept secret. This from a country that just got a FOI system
>>>going. Why was it needed if everything was available?

>>>Yes, I had forgotten absence of evidence is evidence for
>>>absence.

>>>I gather you and Roberts and Clark believe there are no black
>>>budget programs in the UK or anywhere else.

>>>The DCI admitted 6 years ago because of a court case that his
>>>black budget that year was 26.6 \$Billion.

>>>Have you read Tim Weiner's excellent book "Blank Check"?

>>>The stealth fighter was developed and 50+ built over 10 years
>>>for about 10 Billllion\$ in secret. The NRL Corona Elint satellite
>>>was launched in 1960 after a dozen failures. Its existence was
>>>not admitted until 1995 when they wanted to brag about their
>>>accomplishments and of course the technology had been greatly
>>>improved.

>>>12,000 people worked in Secret at Bletchley Park with no public
>>>admission for more than 20 years.

>>>And secrets can't be kept?

>>Secrets can certainly be kept where the government has total
>>control over a project as in the cases above. Unless Mr Friedman
>>has some startling new evidence, the US government does not
>>control UFOs

>Please remmember Carroll Bolender's comment about reports of
>UFOs which could effect National Security not being part of the
>Blue Book system.

>The US and the UK do control the publicizing of sophisticated
>national security information obtained by military and
>intelligence systems such as the Air Defense Commands, the NSA,
>The CIA, The NRO, OSI, ONI, etc.

There is no dispute that any government can restrict information

about its own activities, including any investigation of UFO reports it receives. However, your allegations of government cover-up go much further than this.

You claim, in effect, that governments, and in particular the United States government, is able to cover up knowledge of the actual existence of extraterrestrial craft visiting Earth.

For this to be effective we must assume one or more of the following:

The craft are only visiting The USA and one or two of its more trusted allies, e.g., the United Kingdom.

That in order to control information about the existence of these craft, the US government is able to ensure that they will not crash in countries, or make contact with governments, which are hostile to the USA and its allies and might not share its views on the advisability of publicly recognising these visitors.

Both of these imply some form of co-operation between the intelligences behind these craft and the US government. Is this in fact what you are claiming?

<snip>

>Also while there have been many multiple witness sightings, the >flying saucers don't seem interested in showing up during the >world Soccer matches or other activities involving worldwide TV >coverage.

Yes, I wonder why this is? In all other respects they seem quite unconcerned about where they happen to appear. Presumably this is because of the agreement they must have with the US government.

However, as you will have gathered from the debate earlier this year about Trindade Island, I am rather less sanguine than you about these so-called 'multiple witness sightings'.

>Too bad.

Yes, it would completely wreck the penalty shoot-outs.

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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>I was able to do. - Dick

Thanks,, Dick. Of course, I feel the same way about your posts.
I just about always agree, and admire how you put things.

>P.S. It never ceases to amaze me, and to challenge my world
>view, that musicians, poets, sculptors, writers, etc. often
>behave more scientifically, logically, and open-mindedly than do
>most [and I do mean MOST] scientists.

I guess the lesson is - avoid stereotypes! I've often thought
that many scientists think artistically, and that their research
is as creative as anything any artist does.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

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>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>>>>>Subject: Frank Kaufman?

><snip>

>>>>Frank had admitted on December 13, 1999, at his home with 4
>>>>witnesses present that he had told lies about his involvement
>>>>during an earlier interview with me, with Kevin Randle and Don
>>>>Schmitt also present. I had noted other problems with Frank's
>>>>story earlier to Kevin, Don, Kent Jeffrey, Bob Wood.

>>Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>>>>I am confused by this paragraph because it seems to suggest
>>>>that on December 13, 1999, I was present when Frank admitted
>>>>to telling lies. While I have little doubt about the veracity
>>>>of this statement, I was not present and hadn't seen Frank
>>>>since September 1998.

>As I have previously noted, At Frank Kaufmann's home in Roswell
>on December 13, 1999, I was present, by Frank's invitation, with
>Linda Howe, Dennis Balthaser (a bit late)and Don Schmitt. I
>asked Frank point blank "Did Blanchard go to the supposed crash
>site with you?". His answer was "No". I asked "Did Marcel go
>with you to the crash site?" His answer was no. I wrote about
>this meeting in my notes shortly thereafter and within a few
>months in my MUFON 2000 paper. I had also written up my
>interview with Frank in my room at the Roswell Inn with Kevin
>and Frank present on July 2, 1995. I was not allowed to tape
>that interview. I expressed concern then at the strange claim
>that Marcel and Blanchard had gone out with Kaufmann. In 1999 he
>admitted his claim was a lie. I sent copies of my notes of the

>1999 meeting to Dennis, Linda and Don and asked for their
>corrections. There were none.

But how were we supposed to figure this out from what you have written before. The MUFON paper reports that Kaufmann told you that Marcel and Blanchard did not accompany him out to the site, but there is nothing in that paper that suggests Frank admitted lying to you, which is the claim now and which is a different matter. And since I do not have copies of your notes, I have no way of confirming this information. I'm merely suggesting that there was nothing in the published record to suggest that Frank ever admitted lying to you about any aspect of this.

>I have previously expressed concern about the lack of evidence
>of Frank's supposed 1947 military background, at the notion of a
>flatbed truck being able to get to the supposed crash site and
>back to base in the wee hours of the morning, at the meaning of
>Frank's pictures with big shots. . I noted in the MUFON 2000
>paper that Frank's UFO drawing matched those of the TR3A which
>appeared in Popular Mechanics (Dec. 1991) and an earlier issue
>of Av. Week and Space Tech.

Yes, and I saw the drawings before the Popular Mechanics article, but I think Av Week might have beat him. So, if asked, I could say, honestly, that Frank's drawings might have been inspired by Av Week. Won't Phil Klass be thrilled?

>>First let me apologize for my rather inelegant statement above.
>>My excuse was having to get to the store very early because they
>>were selling DVD players for \$30. American (what is that in
>>Canada now, about a thousand bucks?). Anyway, what I meant was
>>that while I have little doubt that Frank Kaufmann has invented
>>his tales, I wasn't present and I seriously doubt he made any
>>sort of admission to Friedman, Schmitt or Howe.

>>Now that I've had a chance to go back and look at Stan's notes
>>in the MUFON Symposium book for 2000, I can point out that,
>>according to him, he visited Frank with Don Schmitt (not exactly
>>the epitome of credibility) and Linda Howe. My name is
>>conspicuously absent from that list. In the world of Ufology,
>>this is now a false claim. (Remember, in Ufology, there are no
>>honest mistakes, merely false claims that we use to bludgeon
>>each other.)

>I didn't say you were there. I said Frank admitted in 1999 that
>he had not told the truth at the meeting in 1995 at which you
>were definitely present, Kevin. You may recall that after your
>shouting and ranting, I told you to either be quiet or leave.
>You remained. That was also the meeting after which, with just
>you and me, you claimed that you could refute all the 38 items
>on my list of false claims by you and Don which I had listed in
>my 1995 MUFON paper "Roswell Revisited" which you had just seen.
>You will recall that, at my urging, you were kind enough to read
>a quote from your book "A History of UFO Crashes" four times
>before finally realizing that you had falsely claimed that you
>had shown there was nothing to crashed saucer claims from
>Spitzbergen, Aztec, or Roswell in the 1980 Ron Story UFO
>Encyclopedia. There was nothing about Roswell in that book. You
>claimed that something different had been in your head than was
>in the book. I noted I was not psychic.

No, but from reading your sentence, it wasn't clear what you meant. It seemed to suggest that I was.

I remember the 1995 meeting, held in the Roswell Inn but I do not remember ranting and shouting... But isn't this in the same meeting where you made the false claim I had been an English major in college (See, once again we are not allowed mistakes, just false claims. And for those keeping score at home, I'm an Army captain.).

And didn't I write an article published in the MUFON Journal in which I challenged these 38 false claims which included such gems as "That S.T. Friedman know all about an RS alien tissue sample." I still don't know what this means. Or the laughable "Testimony from anonymous caller is fully trustworthy." I don't know where I might have ever suggested it. And what is the relevance of this now? Didn't we go over it at the time when you made these false claims?

And I have explained to you four times what the sentence meant

and while it might have been constructed a little better, your interpretation is your interpretation and not mine.

>>There is nothing in that part of Stan's MUFON speech that
>>suggests that Frank Kaufmann told him, Schmitt or Howe that he
>>told lies about his involvement.

>This is simply untrue. In the paper (bottom of p. 200 in the
>Symp. Proc.) "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial at his
>home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don Schmitt. I
>explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him. NO. Did
>Marcel go with you? NO. "In 1995 he had claimed that he had
>awakened both in the middle of the night and they had all gone
>together. Perhaps Kevin has forgotten that I had also asked
>wouldn't they have waited for a spotter plane before Blanchard
>would leave his post without knowing what was there. Frank said
>there were no spotter planes. But others have said there were. I
>had also raised questions about Frank's response when asked by
>Japanese researchers what the wreckage looked like and he said
>just as Jesse Marcel Jr. , described it, though Jesse had NOT
>been at the crash site and Frank had claimed to have been there.
>I have also raised questions as to why Frank felt free to talk
>openly about one of the most classified and significant events
>in history, but he couldn't tell who his contacts were, etc ad
>nauseum.

What you wrote is, "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial
at his home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don
Schmitt. I explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him.
NO. Did Marcel go with you? NO. There were a number of his
excellent paintings on the wall. During the same visit Linda
Howe..."

First, has anyone ever taught you how to write a paragraph?

Second, how are we supposed to interpret from those sentences
that Kaufmann admitted lying to you? It certainly doesn't say
that to me. In fact, it doesn't say that anywhere in that
report.

And I frankly don't remember Kaufmann saying there were no
spotter planes at Roswell.

>>If true, however, the question
>>is, why would he sit on all this information for almost three
>>years?.

>Kevin, the meeting was in December 1999. I wrote my MUFON 2000
>paper in the spring of 2000. . a few months later. not 3 years.

Yes, but you didn't say that Kaufmann admitted lying to you
until recently, which is nearly three years. Your MUFON paper
doesn't say he admitted lying to you which would have been an
important revelation at the time. Now, it's just another bit of
evidence that is no longer of importance.

>>Why didn't he publish this admission, along with the
>>audiotapes that surely one of them would have made?

>It was a friendly gathering at Frank's home. No tapes were made.
>They also were not made in my room with you Frank and Don and
>myself present. You guys wouldn't allow it.

Such power I exert. Wouldn't allow you to tape your interview
with Kaufmann... and you made no tape of your interview in which
Kaufmann said that he lied... We are stuck with your
interpretation of Frank's words with Frank conveniently dead so
he can't refute it.

>>If he had an
>>admission that Kaufmann was making it up, why not tell the world
>>then? Why come forward now and say that he told me. .

>I didn't say I told you. I came forward in my MUFON paper to say
>he admitted that Blanchard and Marcel had NOT gone out with him
>Perhaps you will recall that I have also complained about
>Frank's claiming he was buddy-buddy with Major Marcel, but that
>Dr. Marcel had no recollection of him though Jesse, Jr. did
>recall Cavitt, Yeager, Rickett. .

As I pointed out, your sentence wasn't the clearest ever written. Maybe I should just write it off as another false claim... rather than the simple lack of clarity it is.

>>Instead, Stan seems to rely on the suggestion that Scanlon had >>not been the commander of ADC, that other, higher ranking >>generals were in fact the commanders. This is, I suppose, >>somehow to lead us to the conclusion that Frank had invented his >>tales. Why not just tell us simply that Frank had admitted that >>he wasn't involved? This smacks of the recent statement that Don >>Schmitt had never lied to Stan.

>Way off base here, Kevin. I noted previously and in the 2000 >paper that Scanlon's last position at ADC which ended in early >1948 was as Public Affairs man at Mitchell Field in NY and there >were no ADC radar systems in NM in 1947(with or without >Scanlon). Frank had long ago stated he knew nothing about Radar. >Scanlon as PA guy would certainly have not been ordering >somebody who knew nothing about radar to visit nonexistent >facilities at White Sands.

There were radars at White Sands in 1947 for crying out loud. You decided they must have been ADC radars though I don't know why.

>I did not say Schmitt had never lied to me. What I said was that >he had not told me he had degrees from anywhere. He did not lie >to me about his academic credentials. This was significant >because I have a deserved reputation for checking on credentials >(yes, I did call about yours)and would have checked if he had >given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee >Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he >had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office, >that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the >phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story >from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had >been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

So if he didn't lie to you about his credentials, does this mean the lie doesn't count? That he said it in print but not to you means that he didn't lie about it? And don't you think it laughable that he walked around the museum in Roswell pointing out what he believed to be the hoaxes?

Yes, I admit it. I defended my friend because it seemed he was being unfairly attacked. I did write a letter in support of him because I believed what he told me and didn't believe that he would be so bold in his lies. And the minute I learned the truth, I made sure to correct the record.

>>Scanlon, it seems, enjoys the same sort of intelligence >>background that Donald Menzel enjoys. If those intelligence >>connections make a case of MJ-12, then why aren't Scanlon's >>intelligence credentials of equal importance? He was a guy >>tapped by Hap Arnold to help development Air Force intelligence >>during the war. Wouldn't Arnold have thought of him immediately >>if he needed a reliable man to fly into Roswell?

>Hap Arnold was not head of the US Army Air Force in 1947 (Spaatz >was, with Vandenberg under him). Scanlon was in Public Affairs >not Intelligence after the war. It is claimed (p. 168) in your >"The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell" that Generals Ramey, >McMullen, Kenny and Scanlon were superiors to the men at >Roswell. A Public relations guy in ADC was over SAC people at >Roswell?? I find that difficult to believe.

My mistake. Spaatz was the Air Force guy... Arnold had been the Air Force guy during the war. But my point is that Scanlon had the sort of background you would expect for someone called in on this. He had helped design Air Force intelligence... And he had been to Roswell, was familiar with the area and the situation. So even though his assignment in 1947 was to public relations, he had a long background in intelligence. And, if we think about it, how good was that cover? We're still arguing about it and Scanlon has been dead for twenty years.

>>And if Scanlon >>knew Kaufmann, wouldn't he be likely to call on him to assist? >>And if this is not logical, then why should we accept the idea >>that Menzel's wartime service somehow qualified him for >>membership on MJ-12?

>As I noted in "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" it was primarily Menzel's post
>WW 2 intelligence work that was so significant including his
>1960 (the war ended in 1945) statement to JFK that he, Menzel,
>had a longer connection with the NSA (founded in 1952) and its
>Navy Predecessor than anybody else (30 years). He also noted his
>postwar high security work with the CIA and 30 companies, and
>his being Commander of Naval Reserve Communications Unit no. 1
>in Cambridge post war. Obviously it didn't hurt that he was
>world class in cryptography before during and after the war.
>Scanlon was head of Flight Training Wings from October 1942
>until at least late 1944.

>Certainly Menzel's Intelligence qualifications (not noted before
>I dug them out at Harvard) were far superior to Scanlon's. Try
>reading the Menzel Chapter in TSM sometime to refresh your
>memory.

While I'll agree that Menzel's intelligence qualifications were
different, I won't agree that they were superior.

>>And wouldn't this suggestion that Scanlon was not the commander
>>of ADC, which I never heard Frank claim, be a false assumption?
>>If Frank didn't make the claim, then what relevance does the
>>fact have? And more importantly, where did it come from?
>>Kaufmann? Schmitt?

>I frankly don't know where that claim came from. Perhaps a
>Lister has heard it as well?

My point exactly. Say what you will about Kaufmann, but I never
heard this coming from him. Wouldn't this fall under the
umbrella of another false claim? Or is it a simple mistake?

>>The point here is that Stan didn't publish anything suggesting
>>that Kaufmann had admitted to lying. All we are told is that
>>Kaufmann met with Stan, Howe and Schmitt.

>Admitting that neither Blanchard nor Marcel went out with him
>when he had previously told you, Don, and me that they had, is
>an admission of lying as spelled out in my paper. Read it again.
>I have also referred to the McKnight letter which certainly
>suggests Frank was telling tales.

I simply don't remember him saying that. Maybe he said something
else and you misremember it. And, even if he did, how does this
translate into a statement that he had lied, based on what you
wrote in that paper? Maybe he made a simple mistake. Must
everything in UFOlogy be a false claim and a lie?

And the McKnight affidavit comes from a man who wasn't there in
1947, who was four years old in 1947, and suggested that he had
never heard of anything happening on the ranch owned by
relatives. Not exactly proof positive.

But once again, while you were raising questions, you were not
saying that Kaufmann was lying.

>>And we know that Stan
>>doesn't like the Kaufmann tales because he has told us that
>>repeatedly, but Stan never supplied a good reason for rejecting
>>them, even when Kaufmann had apparently handed him that
>>reason.
>Frank certainly was aware of my complaints about him as he
>referenced in an August 7, 1995, letter to me, things I had said
>about him in my September 26, 1994 paper "The Roswell Incident,
>the USAF, and the NY Times", in a Nov. 18, 1994, letter to you,
>in letters to Paul Davids on Dec. 20, 1994, and January 3, 1995,
>and to Jack Rodden on January 7, 1995. I presume some of this
>input to him came from you.

Presume all you want, I'm confused by this. Are you suggesting
that I was Frank's ghost writer on this? Are you suggesting that
Frank was incapable of responding to your attacks?

>>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"

>>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>>trusted?

>I think that both Glenn Dennis and Gerald Anderson made real
>contributions to the story despite your great antipathy to both.

Yeah, just like the contribution Frank Kaufmann made...

>You will recall that Gerald passed a polygraph (Frank never took
>one) and that a medical technician realled the nurse and
>described her as Glenn did without any prompting from me. They,
>(G and G), both independently described a strange combination of
>a red haired officer and a black sergeant.

Gee, talk about selective use of data... Anderson passed a polygraph test but admitted to forging a telephone bill to make me look bad... Actually, he forged two telephone bills, and a diary, and a letter from the family to prove he was telling the truth. Let's see, he claimed to be a Navy SEAL when he was not. He changed details of this sighting... milky blue eyes to black... and which of his crash sites do you accept? The one near the VLA? The one north of highway 60? Horse Springs? And were three dead and one injured or was it two dead, one dying and one relatively uninjured... Did he take the sociology class instead of Dr. Buskirk's anthropology class? Why is it that he will not allow for independent verification of his claims? Oh yeah, he passed a polygraph test.

And just what was in that package of material that you sent to Anderson before you interviewed him? And, given his track record, what makes you think that he didn't read it before you talked to him? And, couldn't that be the source of the contamination with the Glenn Dennis tale?

As for this nurse, just what name is she given today? Obviously it's not Naomi Self. And, are you one of the researchers who wouldn't listen when Dennis told us all that he'd give us a name but it wouldn't be her name? Are you one of the researchers who ran off in search of Naomi Self even though Dennis had made it clear to us that Self wasn't her name? Or, at least claims today that he tried to make it clear... but only after we proved the negative. There was no Army nurse names Naomi Self.

>I happen to think much of the world is gray.

Was Kaufmann ever in this gray basket?

>You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your
>privilege.

I actually think the world is filled with color which is a much more pleasant way of seeing it. But then I write science fiction... coming in April, "Signals", from Ace Books.

KRandle

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Friedman

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>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

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>Both of these imply some form of co-operation between the
>intelligences behind these craft and the US government. Is this
>in fact what you are claiming?

Not at all, John. As I have said in another post on this thread,
all governments have a common interest in covering up whatever
solid knowledge they have. Major ones want to learn new
technology, to keep others from learning what they have learned,
and to avoid admitting their air space can be violated with
impunity.

None of which I am aware want their citizens to start thinking
of themselves as Earthlings because it would reduce their power.
So far as I know the aliens haven't taken sides, they haven't
seriously attacked any governments, why should smaller nations
worry about them? If US or Soviet Space surveillance systems pick
up one crashing, then contact the country and offer a reward.

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>>Also while there have been many multiple witness sightings, the
>>flying saucers don't seem interested in showing up during the
>>world Soccer matches or other activities involving worldwide TV
>>coverage.

>Yes, I wonder why this is? In all other respects they seem quite
>unconcerned about where they happen to appear. Presumably this
>is because of the agreement they must have with the US
>government.

I haven't said anything about any agreement between the Aliens
and various governments. Is there one? They are here to do their
thing. I would think that primarily they want to be left alone.
I have heard of a number of instances in which military craft
attacking UFOs have been destroyed. As a former radar operator
told me after a US plane disappeared while being tracked as it
approached a UFO, the word went out: don't shoot, take pictures.

It wouldn't take much monitoring of earth to determine that we
have a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare.
A Russian article in an English language Russian magazine
stressed how important it was that we be able to distinguish
between a flying saucer and the other guy's missiles so as to
avoid starting a 3rd World war. I do suspect as discussed by
Hansen (The Missing Times) that there has been government
influence on the major media to avoid taking the subject very
seriously.

>However, as you will have gathered from the debate earlier this
>year about Trindade Island, I am rather less sanguin than you
>about these so- called 'multiple witness sightings'.

You certainly are. That is your privilege though I suspect you
are very much in a minority of those who have studied the facts
about the case. Especially since no one has come forward who was
there to say the case was a hoax. When the press reports a crowd
of 47,000 at a sports event, I don't need to have a list of the
names of all attendees to accept that that is pretty close to
correct. Obviously Trindade is not the only multiple witness
case.

>>Too bad.

>Yes, it would completely wreck the penalty shoot-outs.

>--

>John Rimmer

>Magonia Magazine

>www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

It is not a tie game, John.The ayes have it by a big
margin.Remember that ITV program?

Stan Friedman

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Subject: Current Cydonian Imperative Poll

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Do you foresee a manned mission to Mars...

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- o ...within 30 years.
- o ...within 50 years.
- o ...no time this century, if ever.

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--Mac Tonnies

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Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
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Greetings List

On 28th Novemember Stan Friedman wrote

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
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>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>I will have more to say about the claim I am told was made that
>MJ-12 is a fraud once I see the program.

>My paper noted above does point out that despite Jan Aldrich's
>recent false claim that the GAO must have been mistaken, that
>the GAO found examples of the use of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED on
>documents from the same time frame as the Cutler Twining memo,
>that they indeed had.

Stan,

I recall that Jan asked that you provide an "Independantly Verifiable Copy" of such a Document containing "TOP SECRET RESTRICTED" Classification.

Stan my enquiry to you (and Jan) is:

Have you provided Jan with such a document yet? - Or do you wish to ignore this request and hope that it will go away?

Until then Stan your claim is nothing more than that - A claim without any form of verifiable evidence

>I also noted that not all TS documents have TS Control numbers,
>again despite Jan's false claim to the contrary.

Again Stan:

Have you provided Jan with any "Independantly Verifiable Copy" of such a document.

>In Jan's defense I must note that his excellent security related
>background seemed to relate to classified military documents not
>to NSC, White House, Industrial classified documents, tc.

Stan:- it is obvious Jan has shown that you dont know as much about security classifications as you often try and make out you do (A little learning is a dangerous thing here)

You continue your barrage against Jan to imply that his background knowledge doesnt cover "NSC, White House, Industrial classified documents, etc."

Stan my question here is - What evidence do you have here that your own knowledge is better (than Jan's or anyone elses) in this area. Any attempt to claim that you have visited so many archives etc you must come away with something to verify any bold claims on "Security Classifications" etc.

Stan - so far I suggest "Claims - Many, Evidence - None"

You must remember that when you make such bold claims that there are in fact other researchers out here (many on the "Updates List") who are equally (or more) familiar with "Security Classifications" and "Archives Searches" etc.

In any "Court of Law" - Civil or Criminal the prosecuting agency must be able to prove their case "beyond reasonable doubt"

In Ufology the sometimes quoted statement "The absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence" is just a "slick catch phrase" made by people who havent a scrap of evidence to support their case.

I would certainly welcome your release (to Jan Aldrich and others) of any "Independantly Verifiable Documents" as outlined above.

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Ombudsman "MOD Blocked Rendlesham File Release"

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3 December 2002

UFO CASE 'BLOCKED' BY MOD

Details of one of Britain's most famous UFO scares was among information repeatedly suppressed by government defence chiefs, according to a Westminster watchdog. Parliamentary Ombudsman Ann Abraham said the Ministry of Defence (MoD) broke open government rules three times in recent months over cases including the Rendlesham Forest UFO scare.

Complaints about the MoD's refusal to list countries prioritised for arms sales or reveal details of an armed services survey were also up-held.

Former defence minister Peter Kilfoyle said the examples outlined in the report on the Ombudsman's work between May and October were symptomatic of a "culture of secrecy" in the MoD.

"It is one of those departments that have always opposed freedom of information and are not very attuned to what is required in a modern, open and accountable government," he said.

"Other departments and Whitehall as a whole have a problem with openness but the MoD is on of the more incorrigible cases of government by secrecy," he said.

Details of the alleged sighting at a Norfolk RAF base more than 20 years ago were released last week after the Ombudsman ruled the MoD were wrongly suppressing them.

The "Rendlesham File" concerns a sighting of a "glowing" triangular object by US Air Force police in Rendlesham Forest, near RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

The documents have only previously been made available to around 20 people who used the American Freedom of Information Act to gain access to them.

In the early hours of 27 December, 1980, a number of US Air Force men witnessed the object hover in the darkness, transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

While the actual documents had not been released, the details were widely known, the Ombudsman said in her report.

"Given their age and the fact that these documents contained no information not already in the public domain, the Ombudsman saw no reason why they could not be disclosed," the report said.

The Ombudsman also partially upheld complaints against the Cabinet Office, DVLA, Driving Standards Agency and the Department for Work and Pensions, the report revealed.

Restrictions on the MoD's "Rendlesham File" were dropped as part of an opening-up of the inner workings of Whitehall.

Ministers are attempting to lift the official veil of secrecy by repealing or amending a raft of legislation banning access to information.

Government departments will now be required to release information on the internal workings of Whitehall, including minutes of meetings of top civil servants.

Ministers say they will repeal or amend up to 100 items of legislation which are currently prohibited from disclosure.

*** For the full text of the Ombudsman's judgement go to:

www.ombudsman.org.uk/pca/

click 'What's New' and then 'Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration - Access to Official Information - Investigations Completed May-October 2002.

Ministry of Defence - Case A29/02 - Refusal to release information relating to the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident can be found on pgs 9-11 of the file in pdf format.

"Mr E" who made the complaint is of course Eric Morris of the British UFO Studies Centre.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Washington Post Review Of TAKEN

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All

Tom Shales at the Washington Post never seems to like the same programs that I do, which I generally find to be the case with most "critics". However, his review of TAKEN would seem to place it in a class by itself. Having only seen the first two segments, I can only hope it's as powerful as he seems to indicate.

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Source: The Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61897-2002Dec1.html>

Sci Fi's 'Taken' Grabs You and Doesn't Let Go

By Tom Shales
Washington Post Staff Writer
Monday, December 2, 2002; Page C01

"Taken" is mammoth, imaginative and thrilling in more than one sense of that word. It's certainly the most ambitious sci-fi epic ever produced for cable TV, or maybe any kind of TV -- a 20-hour miniseries that constitutes a landmark for the Sci Fi Channel, which will air it over the next two weeks. It might even qualify as cable's "Roots."

Be warned, however, that even though children figure prominently in the plot -- the last six hours are dominated by a beguiling star-child named Allie -- the miniseries includes graphic and nightmarish violence that makes it unsuitable for little kids.

The official full-length title is "Steven Spielberg Presents Taken." Yes, that old dreamy-eyed spacenic Spielberg is back, but he didn't exactly produce the miniseries, nor did he direct any of the episodes. He is one of the executive producers and he "presents" it -- starting tonight at 9 on Sci Fi, continuing for nine weeknights and ending Friday, Dec. 13.

Although it deals with aliens from outer space, these are by no means the friendly neighbors who dropped by for "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" or, by a long shot, the cuddly and homesick sweetie of "E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial." Even so, "Taken" has many Spielbergian traits, mixing intense suspense with a stubbornly sentimental streak. Emblematically, the final chapter is a riveting combination of the heart-pounding and the tear-jerking, and there'll be a spectacular light show as well.

To buy the show, you have to buy the premise, one that is hardly new: For years, aliens from another world have been swooping down and scooping up Earth people, taking them to some sort of medical laboratory in space, experimenting on them and then depositing them back in their homes. "Taken" envisions an entire UFO subculture consisting of multiple abductees, their families and others who qualify as believers, and a covert part of the military-industrial establishment that mercilessly pursues the

takers and the taken for their own nefarious schemes.

The aliens are highly advanced and yet even after 50 years of tinkering with earthlings, they still feel the need to do more "tests," which include inserting snarky tentacles up their victims' noses so as to implant tiny mysterious doohickeys in their frontal lobes -- creating a species of "test subjects" who can be re-snatched and re-studied and even re-snarked at any time. But then they don't just want to examine us. They want to interbreed. And do.

A story spanning half a century and telling the sometimes interweaving tales of three alien-involved Earth families isn't easy to summarize. At times, "Taken" seems refreshingly challenging and at others, simply hard to follow. But the scope of it is awesome and the tension levels sometimes astronomical. The aliens aren't "monsters" as in a '50s sci-fi horror film, but they haven't come down to Earth just to say howdy and borrow a cup of sugar, either.

The first episode, "Beyond the Skies," was directed by Tobe Hooper ("Poltergeist") and opens high over Germany in June of 1944. American pilots fighting an aerial battle are bedeviled not only by Nazi fighter planes but also by strange blue lights whizzing all around them. On seeing the blue lights, one American pilot says -- in a line of dialogue that does not ring true -- that the good guys may as well "surrender right now" because they have "no chance of beating that." Jeez, the lights haven't done much but zoom about and twinkle at this point.

Returning home from the war to a typically Spielberg idealized American town -- that is, something derivative of Norman Rockwell and Frank Capra -- Capt. Russell Keys (Steve Burton) is haunted by nightmares in which German doctors perform ghastly surgery on him. Eventually he realizes those aren't Germans in his dreams; they're spindly, prying gray aliens, and he's in some kind of hovering hospital.

However menacing they become, the aliens never achieve the status of pure evil represented by Col. Owen Crawford (Joel Gretsch), a vicious and murderous Air Force officer. He takes over the military's investigation of UFOs after a saucer is found in Roswell, N.M. -- where many people believe a saucer really did once land. There are five seats in the craft, but only four dead aliens are found at the crash site.

Meanwhile, in the countryside near Lubbock, Tex., a woman named Sally Clarke finds a beguiling stranger hiding in a shed, a man who identifies himself only as John. Sally and John not only hit it off, they get it on. Sally becomes pregnant. What she didn't know but rather suspected is that John is an alien in human form. Sally's half-alien son has the power to give people awful migraine headaches -- and to make them see "all their memories and all their fears" flash blindingly before them.

As is the case throughout the miniseries, the casting of Sally and John -- two of the most pivotal characters -- is ideal, Sally played by the angelically pretty Catherine Dent and John played by the angelically handsome Eric Close. You'll think you've seen the last of John by Part 2, but don't be too sure. He'll be back. So will Sally's little farm in Lubbock.

The loathsome Col. Crawford chases aliens with a berserk vengeance, largely because he fears their advanced technology will fall into the hands of the Soviets. He's a Cold Warrior of the old school, determined to capture any Americans who, like Russell Keys, appear to have been abducted and tinkered with. Crawford is one of the vilest villains in movie memory. I kept watching because I wanted to see him killed, or at least die a miserable death. Later, though, in next week's episodes, an equally villainous figure will emerge: Heather Donahue as Mary, a similarly obsessed and misguided scientist who doesn't mind being described as "one cold and nasty bitch" by Gen. Beers (James McDaniel), one of the Army's more effective alien-pursuers.

Mary wouldn't necessarily mind shooting her own boyfriend in the back, either.

In the third episode, "High Hopes," set in 1962 (and airing this Thursday), Col. Crawford authorizes brain surgery on an abductee

he's managed to kidnap -- a man who becomes open-minded in a very literal sense. This sequence may be the most terrifying I've ever seen in a movie made for television, one that roughly recalls the moment when madness overtook the Nazis who opened that forbidden crate in Spielberg's "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

There are plenty of scares to come, but perhaps none to equal this grimly chilling pip.

Along the way, real names are dropped -- Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy (derisively called a "pretty boy" by Col. Crawford) and Nixon -- and past decades are evoked with loving or amusing details, like the song "Purple People Eater" playing on the radio, or a clip from what looks like the stone-age space-age adventure show "Captain Video" on an old black-and-white TV set. Sally touchingly tells her part-alien son Jacob, "Oh, I love you -- every day and twice on Sundays," a sentiment that will echo through the years.

Allie enters the story in the seventh episode, and she also narrates many of the other chapters. Dakota Fanning, who plays her, has the perfect sort of otherworldly look about her, an enchanting young actress called upon, as is Allie, to carry a great weight. Matt Frewer, so long ago "Max Headroom," shows up, too, as a slightly daffy but fiercely determined scientist named Dr. Wakeman.

Obviously the miniseries has similarities in theme and treatment to many other works for film and TV, including "The X-Files" (though it's not nearly that pretentious or morbid), but it also has a sanguine spiritual appeal that makes it particularly welcome in particularly troubled -- even, arguably, hopeless -- times. "Taken" is a fascinating and fantastic adventure set against a panorama of America in the second half of the 20th century. It asks a lot of viewers just in terms of couch duty, but once you get hooked, you may find yourself on the edge of that couch much of the time.

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Re: UFO Documents on MOD Website - Clarke

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Subject: Re: UFO Documents on MOD Website - Clarke

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 23:06:40 -0000
>Subject: UFO Documents on MOD Website

>Various UFO documents are now available on the Ministry of
>Defence website. These comprise a brief policy statement on the
>issue, a 1951 report from the so-called Flying Saucer Working
>Party, and papers from the file on the Rendlesham Forest
>incident (a.k.a. the Bentwaters incident).

><snip>

>The release of this material has been a big story in the UK
>today. Georgina Bruni, whose work with former Chief of the
>Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton led to the release of much of
>this material, has spent much of the day recording television
>and radio interviews.

Nick --

If it is the case that the work of Bruni and Hill-Norton "led to the release of much of this material", then how do explain this statement, by the Permanent Secretary of State for the MoD, published today by the Parliamentary Ombudsman:

"...The Permanent Secretary responded on 11 April [2002] and outlined the background to [Eric Morris'] complaint, together with a history of the MOD's approach to information requests relating to the Rendlesham Forest incident.

The Permanent Secretary detailed how the release of documents contained within the 'Rendlesham file' *had first been considered* [my emphasis] in response to a request in May 2001 from a different correspondent.

At that time five documents from the file had been with-held: three under Exemption 2 and two under Exemption 1. The Permanent Secretary said that the two papers with-held under Exemption 1 were subsequently released following an internal review."

My first request for the Rendlesham file, under the Code of Practice for Access to Government Information, was made on 7 February 2001. The application was accepted and copies of the 174 documents were released to me on 11 May 2001, exactly as the Permanent Secretary to the MoD reports to the Ombudsman.

I subsequently appealed against the decision to with-hold the two documents with-held under Exemption 1 (National Security). On 2 October 2001 Michael Tonnison, MOD's Director of Information Exploitation, accepted my appeal and released the two documents that were subsequently posted on www.flyingsaucery.com

Eric Morris of BUFOSC then took up the case and complained to the Ombudsman against the decision to with-hold the remaining 3

briefing papers. He won the case too, hence the decision announced today.

There is no mention in the Ombudsman's report of Georgina Bruni or Lord Hill-Norton. I've no doubt that their influence helped bring these matters to a head, but it was mine and Eric's applications under the FOIA that released this information to the public.

As for the Flying Saucer Working Party document, you might remember the interview you gave Andy Roberts and me in London back in April 2001, shortly after we had engineered the release of this historic file from the MoD Records Officer.

One of the questions we asked - on tape - was: "Do you know anything about the intelligence study that was done in 1950-51?"

Your answer was: "Not a lot, no. I certainly haven't seen it."

You quite clearly had *never even heard of* the Flying Saucer Working Party, until we revealed its existence here on UFO UpDates in October that year.

Is it not about time Nick that, to paraphrase Gary Anthony, you took your head out of the clouds and acknowledged that fact?

Or has working for the MoD provided you with good training in how to avoid answering awkward questions?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2002 10:20:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

<snip>

>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"
>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>trusted?

Kevin, Stan and List,

Regarding Glenn Dennis and the "missing nurse, I am perplexed by
the information given about Eilen Fanton, both in the "Roswell
Report. Case Closed" (pages 82-83), and by Karl Pflock in his
last book, at pages 138-139.

She seems to correspond on several point to the description made
by Glenn Dennis. Could it be that at least part of his original
story was accurate ? Or is there a solid argument against that,
apart from the false name Naomi Selff ?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - McGonagle

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:38:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 16:54:33 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 22:45:12 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

<snip>

Thanks for the response, Stan. I see that you are corresponding on-List in several threads at this moment, so I'll try to avoid any lengthy discussion here.

>>Just because information is withheld, it does not mean that such information amounts to conclusive proof of the ETH, which seems to me to be the inference which you are making- do you find it difficult to accept that there could be other information which the authorities would prefer to withhold, for instance, the participation of the U.K. in certain enquiries/operations?

>I am not inferring that any particular bit of evidence amounts to conclusive proof of the ETH. I am saying that the blacked out and whited out portions of CIA and NSA UFO documents mean that the government is withholding information about UFOs. Court decisions are based on a whole web of info not on a single bit of conclusive data.

<snip>

I am sorry, I read your comments about the obliterated information in the context of your belief that Roswell represents military possession of alien technology, ergo the withheld information must relate to that premise. I see from your comments that that is not what you meant.

>>What I am getting at is that I accept the various Governments are withholding information about UFOs, but much of that information is bound to be of a trivial nature. Of the material that is withheld but is not trivial, it most likely relates to operational systems or processes which they may have good reason to keep classified. There is no reason to think that they are withholding absolute proof of the ETH.

>What possible basis is there for the "most likely" above?? If they have any data on recovered crashed saucers and alien bodies, that would certainly appear to be absolute proof of the ETH.

This assumption is based on the fact that the military must use their defence systems and procedures in order to evaluate the

capabilities and activities of unidentified aircraft (or indeed natural phenomena that may mimick intelligent control, etc). There is very little in the released records concerning the technology or procedures in use by the UK military in this respect. As an example, Fylingdales and B.M.E.W.S. is mentioned in passing as having been consulted, but nothing is disclosed about what systems were checked within those departments, how long it took to obtain a response from them, or how much was determined by any traces. Another example is the involvement of DI55 being mentioned in some documents, but hardly any information about the systems, procedures, capabilities and role of DI55.

It seems reasonable that any such similar information is likely to be withheld, for possibly justifiable reasons.

The real point is that there is real evidence that Fylingdales, DI55 and B.M.E.W.S. exist in spite of the secrecy surrounding them, and that they are consulted in some UFO cases, but there is no trace of any similar evidence for the possession of any extraterrestrial artifacts. Of course, it is possible that the US doesn't share such information with the UK, but UK military technology is equally capable (or incapable) of establishing the nature of UFOs.

<snip>

>I am sure many government people who do know what is going on
>about UFOs feel it is perfectly justified. If they know, for
>example, that UK or USAF or Soviet aircraft attacking UFOs have
>been shot down they might be very reluctant to let the public
>and other pilots know. I, for one, don't want technical data out
>on the table.

I don't disagree with what you say above, but the key to the statement is the word "many". It is your premise that at least one UFO (as in Alien flying machine) has been in the possession of the military for over 50 years. During that period, many thousands of people will have come into contact with that information in a military or Government role. It seems extraordinary to me that in all that time, not one Shayler-type personality has been charged with attempting to disclose it.

There have been trials in the US and the UK of spies who passed information relating to cryptography, the submarine sensor network, military satellite technology, Nuclear technology, etc., yet none concerning captured ET technology? Not a single whistle-blower worthy of a trial?

This seems to me to be the most damning indictment of the crash/retrieval scenario.

Regards,

Joe McGonagle

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CNN Entertainment On 'Taken'

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Spielberg Presents UFO Encounters
'Taken' a 10-part miniseries on alien subject

Monday, December 2, 2002 Posted: 11:36 AM EST (1636 GMT)

Taken

LOS ANGELES, California (AP) -- The sky's no limit for Sci Fi Channel's "Taken," which is big by just about any measurement.

The 10-part miniseries dramatizes more than five decades of alien-abduction and UFO mythology. It clocks in at 20 hours. Ten directors worked on it. The budget was a reported \$40 million.

And here's the clincher: Steven Spielberg, a sizable name when it comes to movies and aliens, is the guiding hand behind the series showing on 10 consecutive weeknights (December 2-6; December 9-13) starting Monday.

Spielberg, whose famed otherworldly musings are "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," approached Sci Fi Channel in 1998 about an epic alien project.

"With a storytelling legend behind you, you're not going to throw it away on a four- or six-hour miniseries," said Sci Fi President Bonnie Hammer. "We wanted to give him time to tell the story ... and we were willing to go along for the ride."

The filmmaker's cachet is not squandered: The miniseries' full title is "Steven Spielberg Presents: Taken."

It is in the tradition of such grand 1970s dramas as the 24-hour "Centennial," both in length and in the compressed airing. Other recent miniseries, such as HBO's "Band of Brothers," have been spun out week to week.

"We wanted to create a true event as opposed to a weekly series," Hammer said. "In a sense, it's a bit of an experiment scheduling it this way, but there's a level of excitement attached to it because we're breaking some rules."

A family and its contacts

"Taken" is, rather remarkably, the work of one writer, Leslie Bohem ("Dante's Peak," "Twenty Bucks"), who also served as executive producer along with Spielberg.

Starting in 1945, the drama follows four generations of the Keys, Crawford and Clarke families and their part in extraterrestrial encounters that affect both Earthlings and aliens.

In the first episode, World War II fighter pilot Russell Keys (Steve Burton) is in a dogfight over France when an eerie blue

light envelops his plane, saving him and his crew but with lasting and dire effects. Also central to the tale is government research into a spacecraft that made a crash landing near small -- but destined for fame -- Roswell, New Mexico.

The saga is narrated by 10-year-old Allie (Dakota Fanning), a girl with an intriguing family tree and a crucial role to play for humanity.

Co-stars include Eric Close, Catherine Dent, Matt Frewer, Michael Moriarty and James McDaniel -- and a spaceship-sized load of visual effects supervised by James Lima ("Strange Days," "Space Jam").

The film strives for emotional depth as well as sci-fi razzle-dazzle, said Bohem, who spent more than three years crafting "Taken" with guidance from Spielberg.

"Our initial conversations were, 'What's intriguing about this [the subject], how do we treat it with respect, how do we make it seem as real as possible,' " Bohem said.

Spielberg posed his own question to Bohem: If tales of blank-eyed, spindly alien invaders who spirit away humans aren't true, then why are stories told by alleged abductees so similar?

"I glibly said, 'Your movies,' " Bohem recalled.

Explaining the draw

In a statement, Spielberg said he's uncertain about whether Earth has received visitors but insists "I know there is life off this planet."

Does Bohem believe aliens have been booking regular Club Earth tours? Maybe, which means "God's got a bigger canvas" and our view of the universe must change, he says.

But the writer admits favoring a negative answer.

"I find it even more compelling if it's not true. Then the question of why we are all drawn to these stories and have been for so long comes to the fore, and I think that is the even more profound question."

In line with that, Bohem saw the miniseries as a means of examining the broader concept of being taken, not just by invaders but by "love, by lust, by power, by drugs, by alcohol."

"I believe what will keep people tuned in, hopefully, is that the characters are very compelling and you watch these characters evolve and age before your eyes and give birth to special children who themselves have a purpose in our story," he said.

While Bohem was the sole writer, each two-hour chapter of "Taken" used a different director, among them Tobe Hooper ("Poltergeist") on Episode 1 and Jeremy Kagan ("The Journey of Natty Gann") on Episode 7.

"They did it the opposite way it's often done," said Breck Eisner, who directed the second episode. "They had one writer write everything, every word. I think they thought, 'Let's try a couple different visions from directors and get multiple points of view.' "

Spielberg is cited by those involved as the unifying force, offering counsel and suggestions -- among them his vision of an alien spaceship interior that is "not quite within comprehension, blown-out and unclear," Eisner said.

"What could be better than directing a project that Spielberg is producing, based on alien mythology. For me, a sci-fi fan, it's the greatest thing you can imagine," Eisner said.

For 10-year-old Sci Fi Channel, the miniseries represents a splashy way to try and expand its audience beyond die-hard science fiction fans, Hammer said.

There's some evidence the strategy might pay off. A November 22 feast of UFO and alien documentaries, a promotional platform for

"Taken" with Spielberg serving as host, made Sci Fi the No. 1 adult-targeted cable channel during prime time.

Bohem, however, is looking for rewards beyond ratings: the audience's recognition of a united, self-reliant world that must function without the expectation of help from more-evolved aliens.

"It's important to me you come away from this comforted by the fact that we're all in this together, but not comforted by the fact there's somebody showing up on Thursday from Alpha Centauri with all the answers.

"They won't be coming on Friday, either."

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'Antigravity'? Beamship

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"Antigravity???" Beamship Press Release
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"Beam Me Up Scotty" Anti-gravity: Fact or Fiction?

Dearborn High video/computer students are the first high school students in the world to build an "antigravity???" machine for 2002-2003 Metro-Detroit Science Fair.

Yes, you can say impossible. Yes, you can say it defies Newton's 3rd law of gravity. Yes, you can say it's done with smoke and mirrors. Nevertheless three teenage Dearborn High students, Luke Duncan, 16, Ethan Rein, 17, and Jim Bergren, 16, built and flew an "antigravity???" aircraft last Sunday in the school video/computer studio.

It has no fans, no jets, and no engines. It makes no sound, and yet it flies. In fact the first time that the students flew the craft it went up so fast and high that in future flights the craft had to be tethered or it just kept going up and up. The only power that is supplied to the beam ship is a thin electrical conducting wire that connects to the fuselage of the balsa wood and aluminum foil craft.

At first the students thought that it was working on a theory called the ion wind, whereby electrons fly through the air displacing air molecules thereby creating a small wind effect. Yet recently a similar craft was built at Purdue University and put in a vacuum chamber but it still flew. Oops, there goes another theory.

The students have been working via phone and internet with physicists and inventors all over the world to help them with their project including the Russian physicist Dr. Podkletnov who now lives in Finland, The French Inventor Jean-Louis Naudin, American inventor Russell Anderson, President of Applied Electrogravitics, American Antigravity's Tim Ventura, their teacher Mr. Russ Gibb, Michigan Technology Teacher of the Year 2000, as well as many other people who have been building and working on lifters for years. Please note, that many respected investigators of the antigravity phenomenon dispute that beamship/lifter technology is an antigravity phenomenon and say outright that it is not antigravity. Students Luke, Jim, and Ethan say "We don't know for sure what causes the craft to fly and are simply investigated the different theories."

Interestingly, this year is the 100-year anniversary of the Wright brothers first flight and also in the early 1900s, Nikola Tesla, the electrical genius, and physicist George S. Piggot

were doing experiments on anti-gravity.

If you would like to see the craft take off and fly visit www.wdhsvideo.org and click on the picture of the craft, or contact Mr. Gibb at 313-730-3104.

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Re: Roswell Had Victims? - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:36:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2002 16:50:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Had Victims? - Gonzalez

>From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 23:47:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell Had Victims?

In reference to this thear, you may be interested to know that in the last issue of the British "The Skeptic" (Vol. 15 n=BA 3), David Humbling proposes an intriguing answer to the Roswell's alien corpses.

David mentions Nick Cook's book "Zero Point" where he presented a secret 1947 memorandum by Lt General Twining, listing six traits for the flying discs sighted in UFO encounters:

1. metallic or light reflecting
2. no trail
3. circular or elliptical
4. formation flying
5. no associated sound
6. level speed above 300 knots

Twining states that "it is within the present US knowledge... to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7.000 miles at subsonic speeds".

David Humbling writes:

"The (reconnaissance) balloons (sent over Russia) match the description in the 1947 memo very closely. They were circular, appeared metallic, flew silently leaving no trail and flew in formation. Their level speed was not quite 300 knots, thought in the jetstream they could shift a respectable 250 mph.

However, the biggest clue is the fact that the man in charge of the balloon spying program was one general Nathan Twining -the same Twining who wrote the original memo.

(...) One notably discrepancy is that the memorandum talks about "manned craft", whereas the balloon programmes we know about were unmanned (...). If a manned balloon lost pressure at high altitude, the unfortunate crew would rapidly die from the lack of oxygen. Their bodies would be freeze-dried by the effects of extreme cold and very low pressure. How these shrunken, frozen mummies would appear is anyone's guess (...). Any fatalities would probably have led to the termination of a secret manned balloon program...

Fascinating. Not for a moment do I believe this is THE explanation for the alleged Roswell aliens (I am satisfied those are only rumours and hoaxes) but the possibility of a high altitude manned balloon project should be considered.

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Re: Security Classifications - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:38:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2002 16:52:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Friedman

>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:20:15 +1300 (NZDT)
>Subject: Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

>Greetings List

>On 28th November Stan Friedman wrote

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>I will have more to say about the claim I am told was made that
>>MJ-12 is a fraud once I see the program.

>>My paper noted above does point out that despite Jan Aldrich's
>>recent false claim that the GAO must have been mistaken, that
>>the GAO found examples of the use of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED on
>>documents from the same time frame as the Cutler Twining memo,
>>that they indeed had.

>I recall that Jan asked that you provide an "Independantly
>Verifiable Copy" of such a Document containing "TOP SECRET
>RESTRICTED" Classification.

Murray please refer to what I have said

1.The GAO stated on page 80 of their 456 package re their Roswell effort ".....In several instances we noticed the classification TOP SECRET RESTRICTED used on several documents. This is mentioned because in past references to this classification (Majestic 12) we were told it was not in use during this period."

2. I also noted that I spoke with 3GAO people who told me the material was classified and they could not make copies of it. Is that clear?They had clearances for just about everything.I did not and do not.

3. Jan came up with the interesting claim that they must have seen TOP SECRET RESTRICTED DATA, rather than TOP SECRET RESTRICTED without providing any basis for this claim.The GAO people certainly were aware of TSRD.

4. Furthermore we have to ask what other classification besides TOP SECRET RESTRICTED was noted as not in use at the time with regard to Majestic 12. I didn't put in the Majestic 12, it is in the GAO report. I was quite familiar with Restricted Data tacked on to classified nuclear related documents because I wrote and handled many such documents.No, I did not consider trying to break into theNational Archives and force them to release these documents to me.I stated these same points on page 203-204 of the MUFON 2000 Symposium Proceedings.

>Stan my enquiry to you (and Jan) is:

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>Have you provided Jan with such a document yet? - Or do you wish
>to ignore this request and hope that it will go away?

I covered this point in my MUFON 2000 paper and in my posting.
The GAO people say the material in question was still
classified. They could not provide copies of it. Is there some
reason for thinking they were lying?

>Until then Stan your claim is nothing more than that - A claim
>without any form of verifiable evidence

Read what the GAO said. They qualify as expert witnesses who
were there with the proper clearances.

>>I also noted that not all TS documents have TS Control numbers,
>>again despite Jan's false claim to the contrary.

>Again Stan:

>Have you provided Jan with any "Independantly Verifiable Copy"
>of such a document.

I noted that I has published 2 such documents in my 1990
'Final Report on Operation Majestic 12', pages B-4 and B-5. Both
TOP SECRET memos were 1 page and each was from Robert Cutler and
both were found in the Twining papers at the Library of Congress
Manuscript Division. Anybody can go see them and xerox copies
there as I did. Furthermore in discussions with Archivists at
the Eisenhower Library, the Marshall Archives and the Truman
Library I was informed that often there were not TS Control
numbers on White House TS documents. Clearly this was
understandable if it was a one page item from General A to
General B as opposed to a 20 page report of which there were 20
copies distributed.

>>In Jan's defense I must note that his excellent security related
>>background seemed to relate to classified military documents not
>>to NSC, White House, Industrial classified documents, tc.

>Stan:- it is obvious Jan has shown that you dont know as much
>about security classifications as you often try and make out you
>do (A little learning is a dangerous thing here)

That is an interesting proclamation backed up by what?

>You continue your barrage against Jan to imply that his background
>knowledge doesnt cover "NSC, White House, Industrial classified
>documents, etc."

What I said was that Jan's " excellent security related
background seemed to relate to classified military documents,
not to NSC etc." Which items that he mentioned relate to NSC
etc? The White House and NSC are not military groups. In other
words the background he provided doesn't allow you or me to
evaluate how familiar he was with NSC White House etc documents.
Or are you psychic?

>Stan my question here is - What evidence do you have here that
>your own knowledge is better (than Jan's or anyone elses) in
>this area. Any attempt to claim that you have visited so many
>archives etc you must come away with something to verify any
>bold claims on "Security Classifications" etc.

Let's see now, I spoke with several archivists, I published TS
documents which did not have TS Control numbers, I quoted from
and can provide copies of the GAO page 80 and I have been to 19
different Archives. In earlier discussions on this same matter
Iy quoted from The Record Group 341 56 page Preliminary
Inventory of the Records of HQ USAF Records Group 341 to
clearly establish that that group did NOT come even close to
containing only declassified TOP SECRET documents all with
control numbers.as had been claimed.

>Stan - so far I suggest "Claims - Many, Evidence - None"

>You must remember that when you make such bold claims that there
>are in fact other researchers out here (many on the "Updates
>List") who are equally (or more) familar with "Security
>Classifications" and "Archives Searches" etc.

>In any "Court of Law" - Civil or Criminal the prosecuting agency
>must be able to prove their case "beyond reasonable doubt"

>In Ufology the sometimes quoted statement "The absence of
>evidence is not the evidence of absence" is just a "slick catch
>phrase" made by people who havent a scrap of evidence to support
>their case.

That is plain nonsense as I noted in my MUFON Journal column.

>I would certainly welcome your release (to Jan Aldrich and
>others) of any "Independantly Verifiable Documents" as outlined
>above.

Go get the above referenced items. They have been noted before.
Also how about providing some evidence that the GAO was mistaken
and tell me how much time Jan has spent at those 19 government
archives. This discussion is beginning to sound as silly as Joe
Nickell's claim that the EBE is fraudulent because the data
format violates the government style Manual. In fact there are
many examples of that same format..

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Re: Washington Post Review Of 'Taken' - Velez

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SECRECY NEWS
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NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER ON CLASSIFICATION ANTICIPATED

A long awaited Bush Administration executive order on national security classification and declassification policy may be completed "by the end of the year." But contrary to the fears of some and the hopes of others, the Bush order will not fundamentally reject the substantial reforms of cold war secrecy policy that were adopted in President Clinton's 1995 executive order 12958, which yielded an avalanche of declassified historical documents.

The pending draft order was briefly described in the minutes of a September 23 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee that were approved for release on December 2.

The forthcoming Bush order will be a "revision rather than a rewrite" that will preserve the basic structure of executive order 12958, according to remarks attributed to William Leary of the National Security Council staff. In particular, the new order will retain "the 25 year rule" which dictates that most classified documents are to be declassified as they become 25 years old.

However, historian Robert Schulzinger, chair of the State Department Advisory Committee, warned that "The high point in declassification has passed, and a revised executive order will be less transparent."

The newly released minutes also provide a status report on publication of the State Department's official "Foreign Relations of the United States" (FRUS) series; the ongoing re-review of declassified documents at the National Archives that was mandated under the 1999 Kyl/Lott amendment to search for inadvertent disclosures of classified information; and other details of historical document declassification. The minutes confirm that one classified document was actually published in a FRUS volume "many years ago," to the dismay of Energy Department reviewers.

A copy of the newly released Historical Advisory Committee minutes is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac0902.html>

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENTS STRESS SECRECY

Efforts to defend and expand executive branch secrecy prerogatives are a recurring feature of the Bush Administration's interactions with the other branches of government.

The Administration's assertive posture is particularly evident in Presidential signing statements on new legislation, which routinely include rebuffs of even the most innocuous congressional mandates on disclosure of information to the public or the Congress.

Nearly every Presidential statement on legislation involving national security, defense, or foreign policy now seems to include a disclaimer, warning that the Administration will implement a new law only as it sees fit.

The latest of many examples is President Bush's statement on the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, which he signed on December 2.

"A number of provisions of the Act establish new requirements for the executive branch to furnish sensitive information to the Congress on various subjects, including sections 221, 1043, 1065, [and several others]," President Bush's signing statement observed.

However, the President advised, "The executive branch shall construe such provisions in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to withhold information the disclosure of which could impair foreign relations, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties." See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021202-12.html>

This does not necessarily entail any violation of law, but it does signify a continuing consolidation of executive branch authority at the likely expense of congressional oversight, as well as public accountability.

A GLIMPSE AT INTELLIGENCE LIAISON

Liaison relationships between U.S. intelligence agencies and their counterparts in other countries are typically among the most important and the most secretive of intelligence activities. Questioned about them in public, the CIA can hardly be bothered to respond even with a "no comment."

But occasionally the foreign counterpart agency has reasons of its own to shed light on its intelligence liaison with the United States, such as a desire to advertise, for foreign or domestic advantage, the close relationship the country purportedly enjoys with U.S. intelligence.

Something like that may explain an unusually chatty account of relations between CIA and Lebanese security officials that appeared in the Beirut newspaper An-Nahar last week.

The newspaper reported the questions posed by Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet and his staff concerning possible al Qaeda infiltration into Lebanon, and the responses given by Lebanese officials.

"As a result of the discussions, Tenet and his aides expressed satisfaction with stability in Lebanon and with the cooperation of the Lebanese security services with the CIA station in the American Embassy in Beirut. This is a constant and accurate cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The Lebanese authorities deal seriously with the information they receive from the CIA station, and they regularly supply the station with information within the anti-terror plan."

See "Tenet Given Assurances that No al-Qa'ida Cells Infiltrated Lebanon," by Nicholas Nasif, published in An-Nahar, November 28 (translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service) here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/11/an112802.html>

COMMISSION WILL MONITOR DECLASSIFICATION IN CZECH REPUBLIC

In an act of unusual bureaucratic sophistication, the Czech Republic's Chamber of Deputies has established a new parliamentary Commission to monitor declassification of former communist secret police files, and to receive appeals from members of the public whose requests that have been denied.

"Citizens who would be denied access to [secret police] files by state bodies will be able to turn to the commission which will rule whether the files will not be made available or whether a citizen will be able to see them in spite of state bodies' negative stand," according to a report from the CTK news agency.

See "Chamber sets up commission to watch StB files declassification," November 27:

<http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/view-id.php4?id021127F01259>

It is probably not entirely coincidental that popular confidence in the Chamber of Deputies has increased significantly in recent months, with 59% of the respondents reporting that they trust the institution. This is the highest figure reported in eight years, according to another CTK story.

INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT EXPLORED IN GUATEMALA, ARGENTINA

The most basic questions of national security policy are also matters of urgent practical concern in developing democracies in Latin America and elsewhere.

Guatemala's national security organization, policy and doctrine are examined, from first principles to current realities, in an interesting new book of essays entitled "Seguridad democratica en Guatemala: desafios de la transformacion" edited by Bernardo Arevalo de Leon, Patricia Gonzalez, and Manolo Vela. The book is published by the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) / Sede Guatemala (2002). For price and ordering information, send email to:

flacsoguate@flacso.edu.gt

Related resources on Guatemala and intelligence are available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/guatemala/index.html>

A comparative analysis of intelligence oversight in Europe and South America is offered in "Control Publico de la Actividad de Inteligencia: Europa y America Latina, una vision comparativa" by Jose Manuel Ugarte. A copy of the paper, which was presented at a conference in Buenos Aires last month, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/argentina/ugarte2.html>

INTERNATIONAL FOI LAW

An impressive collection of freedom of information laws from around the world has been compiled by Prof. Alasdair Roberts of Syracuse University. His online library also includes documents reflecting the impact of NATO directives on the information policies of new NATO member nations, as well as several hard-to-find "security of information agreements" that govern the exchange of classified information between countries. See:

<http://faculty.maxwell.syr.edu/asroberts/foi/security.html>

LATEST UK PRO RELEASES

An unusually meaty release of British historical records from World War II and the early Cold war is described in the latest monthly announcement from the Public Record Office here:

http://www.pro.gov.uk/releases/nov2002_mi5/intro.htm

SECRECY IN THE NEWS

William M. Arkin provides some new substance to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's offhand remark November 18 that the Defense Department continues to exercise the intended functions of the aborted Office of Strategic Influence (SN, 11/27/02).

In fact, Arkin writes, the Pentagon's information policy "blurs or even erases the boundaries between factual information and news, on the one hand, and public relations, propaganda and psychological warfare, on the other. And, while the policy ostensibly targets foreign enemies, its most likely victim will be the American electorate."

See "The Military's New War of Words," by William M. Arkin, Los Angeles Times, November 24 (flagged by cryptome.org), here:

<http://www.latimes.com/la-op-arkin24nov24001455,0,4926254.story>

"The Bush administration is developing a parallel legal system in which terrorism suspects -- U.S. citizens and noncitizens alike -- may be investigated, jailed, interrogated, tried and punished without legal protections guaranteed by the ordinary system, lawyers inside and outside the government say," according to the Washington Post.

See "In Terror War, 2nd Track for Suspects," by Charles Lane, Washington Post, December 1:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A58308-2002Nov30.html>

The Justice Department's churlish interpretation of the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act is critiqued in "At Justice, Freedom Not to Release Information," by James V. Grimaldi, Washington Post, December 2:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A58419-2002Nov30.html>

"A Republican Senator [Pat Roberts of Kansas] who has been highly critical of the Congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks is in line to lead the Senate Intelligence Committee" in the next Congress, according to the New York Times.

Expectations for vigorous oversight are correspondingly low.

See "Shuffling at the Top is Set for Intelligence Committees" by Carl Hulse, New York Times, December 2:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/02/politics/02PANE.html>

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Defining An Abduction Case

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

Hello All,

In hopes of starting a fruit-bearing discussion on the subject of defining UFO abduction cases, I offer the following:

'Something' has been happening to me and to many others for all of our lives. 'Something' involving "UFOs" and their occupants. (Whoever or whatever they may be.) There are enough physical components to the phenomena to justify the serious consideration of serious, thoughtful people. There are enough of those people on this List. Enough to help to resolve the contentious issue of 'what' defines an abduction case.

To kick things off, I'd like to suggest the details surrounding the Betty and Barney Hill case as a starting point.

1. Two people who were awake (conscious) and on their way home encounter an "unidentified" aerial object/phenomena.
2. The 'UFO sighting' is one where there is close proximity to the object and the event 'seems' to be focused on the individuals involved.
3. There is contact/interaction with the occupants of the "UFO."

If we just stop right there, all of the reports that begin with "I had a dream" would be eliminated right out of the box. Because of the Internet, cases such as; the Walton case, the 'Allagash Four,' the Debbie Jordan-Kauble case and many others get lost in a din of obfuscating background noise. Noise which only serves to push back the time when a serious, multi-disciplinary investigation into these abduction reports can begin.

We need an investigation that will 'hopefully' provide a few answers that can be relied on to one degree or another. As it stands now, we know nothing and we have no prospects of learning anything new in the near future. We haven't even taken the time to work out a set of diagnostic criteria that will help to define an 'abduction' case.

I have started the "list" with three suggestions. The more experienced and knowledgeable researchers on this List can refine, redefine, add to or alter it in any way they wish. In any way that they can 'agree' on!

Please, speaking for myself and on behalf of many 'involvees' get the work started that will eventually lead up to a 'formal' and independent investigation of our reports. If I have no power to make the abductions stop, I would at the very least like to know exactly what the hell has been happening to me and now to my loved ones for all of my life.

I will now join the ranks of the 'lurkers.' I hope somebody picks up the ball and runs with it.

John Velez
'UFO' Abductee

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NEW CATTLE MUTILATION IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA

"In the El Oso wilderness of the department of Aguirre, a cow was found with mutilations of the head and genitalia. This event is quite similar to the discovery made in June of this year (2002) in the Quimilioj pasture 16 kilometers (10 miles) south of Garza in the department of Moreno," near Santiago del Estero in northern Argentina.

"The mutilated animal was discovered last Sunday (November 10, 2002) in a field 32 kilometers (20 miles) south of Malbrun and is the property of Oscar Suarez."

"Suarez told (the newspaper) El Liberal: 'The cow was missing the hide off its maxillaries (jawbones), the tongue and left eye, one ear and four teats, but the remainder (of the animal--S.C.) was quite sound even though it had been dead for several days.'"

"He likewise stated that no locals saw or heard anything unusual for several kilometers around. The owner is startled because 'it's odd that no carrion animals, no vultures or crows, have turned up, which they do whenever a carcass is present.'"

"The cow's body was inside the El Oso ranch along an internal road that runs parallel to the barbed-wire fence. 'On Wednesday the (November) 6th, we let the animal out of its pen, and I found it on Sunday the (November) 10th. It had apparently been dead for some two days.'"

"Another detail that drew Suarez's attention is that when he returned on Wednesday (November 13, 2002) to where the animal was found, it was still intact and had not yet decomposed in spite of the days elapsed and the intensely hot weather."

(Editor's Note: Right now it's early summer in Argentina and the other countries of the southern hemisphere.)

"This is the first time something like it has happened in the region," Suarez said.

"He dismissed the possibility that cattle rustlers could have been involved 'because when they are involved, they take the meat and all of the animal's useful organs for sale, but that didn't happen here since the cow was whole with all of its hide.'"

"As a casual remark, Oscar Suarez related that a local advised him that this could be either the work of a Martian or the Devil, 'but locals saw nothing strange.'"

(See the Argentinian newspaper El Liberal of Santiago del Estero for November 15, 2002. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.) (Editor's Comment: WELCOME to South America--Still a Target Week here at UFO Roundup. As with last week, alien activity remains at an all-time high on the big southern continent.)

MORE UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN CHILE

On Thursday, November 21, 2002, "at 10 p.m., Luis Sepulveda Castro, a security guard at a corporate warehouse" in San Vicente de Tagua Tagua in Chile "left the building to look at the sky and was able to see a strange object moving in a northwest to southwest direction."

"Using binoculars, he was able to make out the following details: (1) the object was spherical in shape with a red-colored base (lower hemisphere--J.T.) giving off intermittent green flashes from its upper section (upper hemisphere); and (2) the object moved very slowly."

Sepulveda's "observation had a total duration of 45 minutes."

In the city of Angol, in southern Chile, yet another UFO sighting was reported. Angol has been the site of an ongoing UFO flap for the past two years.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, "Juan Carlos Beltran Gonzalez, 37, was in the dining room at the Alberto Larraguibel Morales Sports Facility, having lunch with his friends, Cristian Aguilar Flores, 30, a traveling salesman, and Miguel Albaran Poblete, 22, a college student. Two unnamed security guards were also present."

Suddenly, "the witnesses saw a luminous orange object in the sky from whose edges there emitted a ruby (red) light. The witnesses calculated that the object was flying over 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) in elevation (altitude--J.T.) and moved in a west to east direction," heading for the Andes mountains.

"The object remained suspended overhead until 2:30 p.m., when it suddenly changed course toward the south. Then, abruptly, it changed course once more toward the northwest, forming a triangle (path) in the sky as it followed this route. The object gradually disintegrated as it vanished from sight." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Guillermo Aguilera y Raul Gajardo para esos informes.)

SPHERICAL UFO SEEN IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

On Friday, November 23, 2002, "multiple observers spotted a UFO flying over Caracas," the capital of Venezuela.

"According to the report, the sighting, which occurred on Friday night, November 23, 2002, involved witnesses in different parts of the city. They saw a spherical UFO approximately 40 meters (133 feet) in diameter."

"One witness, Zuly Suju, said the UFO had rotating lights along its equator and temporarily hovered over their neighborhood before departing to the west." (See NotioVNI for November 24, 2002. Muchas gracias a Martha Rosenthal y Daniel Munoz para eso informe.)

NORAD SCRAMBLES F-16s TO INTERCEPT A UFO

"The military command responsible for the defense of North American airspace scrambled fighter jets in response to unverified reports of an airborne condensation trail, or contrail, moving from the Caribbean (Sea) to the United States, defense officials said Thursday," November 28, 2002.

"Lt. Col. Michael Humm, a Pentagon spokesman, said the incident happened Wednesday," November 27, 2002, "and

the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo. was continuing to investigate."

"The reported contrail stirred concern that it could have indicated the presence of an unauthorized jet aircraft in or approaching American airspace. After the September 11 (2001) attacks, the Pentagon has taken greater precautions to monitor U.S. airspace."

"A contrail is created by vapor from a jet engine in the presence of cold air."

"The jets that were scrambled to attempt to intercept and identify the source of the contrail found nothing, said Lt. Cmdr. Curtis Jenkins, a NORAD spokesman. He said NORAD had developed no new information since the initial report at 3 p.m. Wednesday. NORAD is reviewing data from its tracking radars in search of evidence, he said."

"A Pentagon statement said NORAD received unverified reports of 'what appeared to be a contrail of unknown origin,' originally in the vicinity of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean."

"'Initially, it was reported to be heading northwestward toward the United States,' the statement said. 'Commercial airline pilots later reported the contrail over Florida and later over Indiana. Thereafter, no other sightings were reported.'"

"The reported contrail was never verified by visual or radar contact, the Pentagon statement said." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for November 29, 2002, "Fighter jets scrambled to intercept reported contrail, but find nothing," page 6A.)

HOVERING UFO SIGHTED IN THE UKRAINE

On Monday, November 18, 2002, at about 6 a.m., "a bright object was noticed hovering stationary over the eastern part of the Crimean Autonomous Republic," in the southern Ukraine. The UFO was spotted east-southeast of Simferopol, a large city on the Black Sea peninsula called the Crimea.

"The object was several times brighter than the planet Venus and was approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. At 6:10 a.m., it suddenly vanished, like an electrical lamp being switched off. The last detail clearly indicates that it was a UFO and not Venus just covered by cloud--the object died out very sharply, not gradually."

Ukrainian ufologists believe that "alien activity could be present here (something like 'portals' used by UFOs detected above the Iograf Mountains north of Yalta and near Northern Demerdzhi Mountain--A.A.), as well as some kind of 'alien navigation beacon' very likely serving to indicate approaches to those portals."

An area of interest to Ukrainian ufologists is the east slope of Mount Ayju-Dag in the Crimea, where just such an "alien beacon" is believed to be hidden. "I myself saw three strange dots of light on the eastern slope of Mount Ayju-Dag in 2001, and there are absolutely nothing like houses, frontier guard posts, etc. in the area," ufologist Anton A. Anfalov reported.

Local scientists said the bright light was the star Sirius, but Anfalov pointed out that Sirius and planets such as Venus, Jupiter and Mars were all in other parts of the sky when the sighting occurred. (Many thanks to Anton A. Anfalov of Ukrainian UFO Research Association (UKUFAS) for this report.)

UFOs CONTINUE ACTIVITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

On Saturday, November 23, 2002, two separate witnesses "reported seeing some strange lights on Thron Hill mountain," just west of Terrace, British Columbia, Canada, which has been the site of numerous UFO sightings during 2002.

"Five people witnessed the UFOs," ufologist Brian Vike reported, "The weather conditions were good--clear but rather windy. One of the witnesses said the object or light was approximately double the size of the planet

Venus. White in color. All of the witnesses watched the light for approximately 10 to 15 seconds while it grew smaller in size and disappeared."

Sightings have also been reported in remote regions outside the Telkwa River valley. On Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 10:25 p.m., two men were driving on a dirt road in Topley Landing, just south of Granisle, B.C. As they were driving along the beach at Babine Lake, they spotted a strange light a mile (1.6 kilometers) away, hovering over the old Bell Copper mine.

The witnesses "observed a large, glowing, orange-gold, almost saucer-shaped object hovering right over the top of the old Bell Copper mine. At this point, they pulled over to have a look and try to figure out what they were seeing. As they watched the object hover, it would rise up very slowly and come to a complete stop, move sideways and then stop, and drop down roughly to the same height from the ground" where the witnesses had first seen it.

"At one point, the light moved out over the lake and stopped for a few seconds, then went back over the mine once more."

"They estimated that the UFO 'was about the size of the moon, maybe a hair smaller.' They said the ground area around the object was 'lit up for some distance.' Also, due to the brightness of the craft, it cast a reflection in the lake. The men watched the event for approximately seven minutes." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for these reports.)

ORANGE UFO SIGHTED IN LEMOYNE, PENNSYLVANIA

On Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at 7 p.m., eyewitness J.H. saw a strange light approaching from the east in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania (population 3,995), just west and across the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg, the state capital.

"An orange light object similar to an aircraft approach light appeared and slowly moved in a southwesterly direction," he reported, "The object disappeared and then reappeared within about five seconds. The object then moved southward, and its altitude became lower. I lost track of the object behind some trees in the foreground. It had a white light and a blue light. The orange object finally seemed to drop behind the treeline and disappeared." (Email Form Report)

TWO SAUCERS SEEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

On Wednesday, November 13, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., eyewitness A.T. saw two faintly luminous saucers hovering above her property in Smithfield, North Carolina (population 11,510), located on Interstate Highway I-40 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Raleigh.

"It was in my backyard," she reported, "I had got up off my bed because I saw some lights in the sky. I thought that it was a plane. So I got up and saw two disk-shaped objects hovering in my backyard. They had different colored lights that wrapped around them. The colors were green, yellow, red, white and pink. Then they stayed there for awhile. And then they went to the right. They were going slow, then picked up speed. They were at eye level. They were really going slow, then slowly picked up speed." (Email Form Report)

FAST-MOVING UFO SPOTTED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

On Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 11:20 p.m., eyewitness A.W. and her brother were about to make a quick trip to the video store in Omaha, Nebraska (population 390,000) when she spotted something unusual in the sky.

"I went out to my brother's car so we could drop off a movie at the video store," she reported, "And he was

only heating up the car. So I just went to the end of the driveway. I just looked up and saw something moving extremely fast across the sky. It was very bright, like pure white, or maybe it only seemed that white because there are not many stars you can see from where I live."

"It was very far away, farther away than planes, and I only saw it for a moment. Like, if I would have blinked, I would've missed it. It's hard to say how large it was. I didn't see anything but a bright light, like a comet. But it wasn't a comet because I've seen those before, and this was much different. It was bigger. It reminded me almost of a wide toothpick shape. And then it was just gone, as if nothing was ever there in the first place. Like I said before, it was going a whole lot faster than a jet would." (Email Form Report)

FLURRY OF EARTHQUAKES HAS CALIFORNIA NERVOUS

"The ground started shaking last Sunday morning," November 24, 2002, beneath San Ramon, California (population 44,722) "about 35 miles (56 kilometers) east of San Francisco, but there was little concern. The quake measured 3.9 on the Richter scale and left barely a picture on the wall askew. People in California tend to save their worry for 'the big one'--something catastrophic, like the quake that destroyed much of San Francisco in 1906."

"But when another small quake struck" in San Ramon "Sunday night (November 24), and another Monday morning (November 25), and another and another and another--by Friday (November 29, 2002) the United States Geological Survey had registered what it called a 'swarm' of more than 120 quakes--nervousness set in."

"'Earthquakes are primal-fear things,' said Stephanie J. Hanna, the Geological Survey's communications chief for the Western (USA) region. 'They don't kill as many people as you think, but when terra firma isn't anymore, it scares people down to the deepest level.'"

"Technically the San Ramon earthquakes are regarded as 'background seismicity' because they did not occur on a main fault. But San Ramon is not far from the Calaveras fault, one of three major faults in the San Francisco Bay area that scientists consider most likely to produce a big earthquake."

"More significantly, the San Ramon quakes have happened on a small, previously unknown fault that crosses the Calaveras seven miles (11 kilometers) beneath the (Earth's) surface, potentially triggering quakes on the Calaveras as well."

"'I grew up in San Ramon and normally you have an earthquake and it passes,' said Parshaw Vaziri, the outreach director at the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center in Berkeley. 'To have it be repetitive for so many days has people thinking. There is a fear that this is going to lead to something bigger.'" (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for December 1, 2002, "Swarm of small quakes has California buzzing," page 16A.)

(Editor's Note: San Ramon is also the site of Mount Diablo, which is sacred to the indigenous peoples of the region. It's been the site of many Fortean events during the past two centuries.)

READER FEEDBACK:

LISA MEITNER WAS NEVER
A NAZI SCIENTIST

David Strassler writes, "Lisa Meitner, despite her contributions to nuclear theory, did not participate in the production of the atom bomb, neither did she believe her discoveries would have much use. The creation of the bomb took her by surprise. After the war, she denounced the use 'war technicians have put to our discoveries.'"

"I wouldn't be writing you if not for your huge error of referring to her as a Nazi scientist. She was a Jew and in 1938 fled Germany to Sweden because of the

antisemitic persecutions."

From the UFO Files...

1910: UFO VISITS A RANCH IN
CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS

Although the USA's "Airship Flap" of 1909-1910 has been pretty well documented by Charles Fort, John A. Keel, Lucius Farrish and, for New England at least, by your UFO Roundup editor, there were a few other cases of the period that have since turned up. Such as the sighting in Crystal City, Texas.

This event is notable not for its UFO but for what happened later on to one of its youthful witnesses.

Today Crystal City (population 7,190) is a pleasant bedroom community just east of Highway 83, in Zavala County, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) south of Uvalde. But ninety years ago, Crystal City "was a raw frontier town in South Texas so desolate that the coyotes howled nightly at the city limits."

Owning a small "brush country" ranch near Crystal City was a man named William Oscar McClung. He was a child of many ethnicities--Irish, German, Swedish on his father's side and Comanche (the real name for this indigenous people is Nermernuh--J.T.) and Osage on his mother's side. McClung lived on the ranch with his wife Willie and several children.

In December 1910, the ranch was visited by Mrs. McClung's brother, Isaac, his wife Hester and their four-year-old son, Bobby. Isaac's nickname was "Uncle Cue," short for "Mordecue," which is how the McClung children pronounced his middle name, Mordecai. Cue was a frontier doctor by trade, recently licensed by the Texas Department of Public Health, and he often dropped by the ranch for a visit.

One night in mid-December 1910, Bobby was sound asleep with his cousins in the stucco-walled bedroom "when he was awakened by a tremendous detonation." Wide-eyed, he "found the whole room bathed in a weird light." Running to the window, he saw a luminous spherical object hovering in the air above his uncle's corral, where horses whinnied and cattle bellowed in terror.

Frightened, Bobby ran into the kitchen. Hearing hard footsteps, he turned and saw his tall, black-haired father rush out of the guest bedroom. "What the hell is going on!?" the doctor shouted.

Then he saw his Uncle Bill stride into the kitchen, a fearsome figure in his faded red union suit, battered Stetson, boots and gunbelt. Working the lever on his Winchester, he snapped, "Grab a gun, Cue. It's them no-account Bruntons, and they're a-fixin' to run us off."

The doctor grabbed a double-barreled shotgun. "What did they do--dynamite the house!?"

Taking up position beside the door, Uncle Bill pushed it open with the barrel of his Winchester. "We'll find out."

Bobby watched as the door swung open, and a fading unearthly light spilled into the kitchen. And then it was gone. All that remained was the sound of frenzied animals out in the corral.

While the women and children remained indoors, Bill and Cue, guns in hand, circled the house and then checked the barn. They found nothing amiss.

"Hearing nothing further, they went back to bed."

But they weren't the only ones who had seen something strange. People all over Zavala County had seen the glowing object.

"The next day, eyewitnesses reported that a meteorite 'about the size of a barrel' had exploded and burned itself out in the earth's atmosphere."

And so the incident in Crystal City was soon forgotten. But not by Bobby. Twenty-one years later, in 1931, he wrote about it to his friend and fellow fantasy author, Howard Phillips Lovecraft.

"Bobby" is better known by the name that appears on his by-line...Robert E. Howard, the creator of Conan the Barbarian. (See Dark Valley Destiny: The Life of Robert E. Howard by L. Sprague de Camp, Catherine Crook de Camp

and Jane Whittington Griffin, Bluejay Books Inc., New York, N.Y., 1983, pages 59 and 60.)

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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>>>>>Frank had admitted on December 13, 1999, at his home with 4
>>>>>witnesses present that he had told lies about his involvement
>>>>>during an earlier interview with me, with Kevin Randle and Don
>>>>>Schmitt also present. I had noted other problems with Frank's
>>>>>story earlier to Kevin, Don, Kent Jeffrey, Bob Wood.

>>>>>I am confused by this paragraph because it seems to suggest
>>>>>that on December 13, 1999, I was present when Frank admitted
>>>>>to telling lies. While I have little doubt about the veracity
>>>>>of this statement, I was not present and hadn't seen Frank
>>>>>since September 1998.

>>As I have previously noted, At Frank Kaufmann's home in Roswell
>>on December 13, 1999, I was present, by Frank's invitation, with
>>Linda Howe, Dennis Balthaser (a bit late)and Don Schmitt. I
>>asked Frank point blank "Did Blanchard go to the supposed crash
>>site with you?". His answer was "No". I asked "Did Marcel go
>>with you to the crash site?" His answer was no. I wrote about
>>this meeting in my notes shortly thereafter and within a few
>>months in my MUFON 2000 paper. I had also written up my
>>interview with Frank in my room at the Roswell Inn with Kevin
>>and Frank present on July 2, 1995. I was not allowed to tape

>>that interview. I expressed concern then at the strange claim
>>that Marcel and Blanchard had gone out with Kaufmann. In 1999 he
>>admitted his claim was a lie. I sent copies of my notes of the
>>1999 meeting to Dennis, Linda and Don and asked for their
>>corrections. There were none.

>But how were we supposed to figure this out from what you have
>written before. The MUFON paper reports that Kaufmann told you
>that Marcel and Blanchard did not accompany him out to the site,
>but there is nothing in that paper that suggests Frank admitted
>lying to you, which is the claim now and which is a different
>matter. And since I do not have copies of your notes, I have no
>way of confirming this information. I'm merely suggesting that
>there was nothing in the published record to suggest that Frank
>ever admitted lying to you about any aspect of this.

Just above my (p.200 MUFON 2000) quote of Frank saying (12/99)
he hadn't gone out to his supposed crash site with Marcel and
Blanchard, is my discussion of his having told you, me, and Don
that he had (July 95). His later comment is clearly a refutation
of his earlier one. The paper was published in July 2000. I say
that is equivalent to his saying he had previously lied. If it
makes you feel better, he admitted that what he had previously
said wasn't true.

>>I have previously expressed concern about the lack of evidence
>>of Frank's supposed 1947 military background, at the notion of a
>>flatbed truck being able to get to the supposed crash site and
>>back to base in the wee hours of the morning, at the meaning of
>>Frank's pictures with big shots. . I noted in the MUFON 2000
>>paper that Frank's UFO drawing matched those of the TR3A which
>>appeared in Popular Mechanics (Dec. 1991) and an earlier issue
>>of Av. Week and Space Tech.

>Yes, and I saw the drawings before the Popular Mechanics
>article, but I think Av Week might have beat him. So, if asked,
>I could say, honestly, that Frank's drawings might have been
>inspired by Av Week. Won't Phil Klass be thrilled?

Are you saying that you saw Frank's drawings before Dec. 1991?

>>>First let me apologize for my rather inelegant statement above.
>>>My excuse was having to get to the store very early because they
>>>were selling DVD players for \$30. American (what is that in
>>>Canada now, about a thousand bucks?). Anyway, what I meant was
>>>that while I have little doubt that Frank Kaufmann has invented
>>>his tales, I wasn't present and I seriously doubt he made any
>>>sort of admission to Friedman, Schmitt or Howe.

Don't forget Balthaser. Why do you doubt it? Four witnesses
isn't enough for you? We know Frank wasn't in good health and
knew he had cancer . He might have felt guilty for lying.

>>>Now that I've had a chance to go back and look at Stan's notes
>>>in the MUFON Symposium book for 2000, I can point out that,
>>>according to him, he visited Frank with Don Schmitt (not exactly
>>>the epitome of credibility) and Linda Howe. My name is
>>>conspicuously absent from that list. In the world of Ufology,
>>>this is now a false claim. (Remember, in Ufology, there are no
>>>honest mistakes, merely false claims that we use to bludgeon
>>>each other.)

>>I didn't say you were there. I said Frank admitted in 1999 that
>>he had not told the truth at the meeting in 1995 at which you
>>were definitely present, Kevin. You may recall that after your
>>shouting and ranting, I told you to either be quiet or leave.
>>You remained. That was also the meeting after which, with just
>>you and me, you claimed that you could refute all the 38 items
>>on my list of false claims by you and Don which I had listed in
>>my 1995 MUFON paper "Roswell Revisited" which you had just seen.
>>You will recall that, at my urging, you were kind enough to read
>>a quote from your book "A History of UFO Crashes" four times
>>before finally realizing that you had falsely claimed that you
>>had shown there was nothing to crashed saucer claims from
>>Spitzbergen, Aztec, or Roswell in the 1980 Ron Story UFO
>>Encyclopedia. There was nothing about Roswell in that book. You
>>claimed that something different had been in your head than was
>>in the book. I noted I was not psychic.

>No, but from reading your sentence, it wasn't clear what you
>meant. It seemed to suggest that I was.

>I remember the 1995 meeting, held in the Roswell Inn but I do
>not remember ranting and shouting... But isn't this in the same
>meeting where you made the false claim I had been an English
>major in college (See, once again we are not allowed mistakes,
>just false claims. And for those keeping score at home, I'm an
>Army captain.).

Why would what you majored in have come up in a meeting whose
purpose was for me to interview Frank? your article in Story's
encyclopedia says your degree was in Anthropology.

>And didn't I write an article published in the MUFON Journal in
>which I challenged these 38 false claims which included such
>gems as "That S.T. Friedman know all about an RS alien tissue
>sample." I still don't know what this means. Or the laughable
>"Testimony from anonymous caller is fully trustworthy." I don't
>know where I might have ever suggested it. And what is the
>relevance of this now? Didn't we go over it at the time when you
>made these false claims?

Matter of fact you and Don had noted testimony from an anonymous
caller and considered it reliable.

Yes, you wrote a MUFON Journal article in response. And I wrote
an 8 page response (Nov.10,1995) refuting your refutation.

>And I have explained to you four times what the sentence meant
>and while it might have been constructed a little better, your
>interpretation is your interpretation and not mine.

Let the Listers decide: The quote comes after your discussion of
the Frank Scully book..."In fact, in 1980 I provided Ron Story
with the segment on the hidden alien bodies and crashed saucers
for "The UFO Encyclopedia". In it I made it clear that none of
the reports of crashed saucers had ever withstood objective
investigation. The road was strewn with the remains of those
stories, starting with the Aztec, New Mexico, case and working
its way to the Spitzbergen report, and the events near Roswell,
New Mexico". "A History of UFO Crashes" Kevin Randle. 1995.
There was no mention of Roswell in your Encyclopedia article.

>>>There is nothing in that part of Stan's MUFON speech that
>>>suggests that Frank Kaufmann told him, Schmitt or Howe that he
>>>told lies about his involvement.

>>This is simply untrue. In the paper (bottom of p. 200 in the
>>Symp. Proc.) "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial at his
>>home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don Schmitt. I
>>explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him. NO. Did
>>Marcel go with you? NO. "In 1995 he had claimed that he had
>>awakened both in the middle of the night and they had all gone
>>together. Perhaps Kevin has forgotten that I had also asked
>>wouldn't they have waited for a spotter plane before Blanchard
>>would leave his post without knowing what was there. Frank said
>>there were no spotter planes. But others have said there were. I
>>had also raised questions about Frank's response when asked by
>>Japanese researchers what the wreckage looked like and he said
>>just as Jesse Marcel Jr. , described it, though Jesse had NOT
>>been at the crash site and Frank had claimed to have been there.
>>I have also raised questions as to why Frank felt free to talk
>>openly about one of the most classified and significant events
>>in history, but he couldn't tell who his contacts were, etc ad
>>nauseum.

>What you wrote is, "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial
>at his home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don
>Schmitt. I explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him.
>NO. Did Marcel go with you? NO. There were a number of his
>excellent paintings on the wall. During the same visit Linda
>Howe..."

>First, has anyone ever taught you how to write a paragraph?
Nope. Though what followed was relevant to Frank's reliability.

>Second, how are we supposed to interpret from those sentences
>that Kaufmann admitted lying to you? It certainly doesn't say
>that to me. In fact, it doesn't say that anywhere in that
>report.

He said that what he had said earlier wasn't true. I think that

is very close to saying he had previously lied to us.

>And I frankly don't remember Kaufmann saying there were no
>spotter planes at Roswell.

I certainly do and it is in my notes as well.

>>>If true, however, the question
>>>is, why would he sit on all this information for almost three
>>>years?.

>>Kevin, the meeting was in December 1999. I wrote my MUFON 2000
>>paper in the spring of 2000. . a few months later. not 3 years.

>Yes, but you didn't say that Kaufmann admitted lying to you
>until recently, which is nearly three years. Your MUFON paper
>doesn't say he admitted lying to you which would have been an
>important revelation at the time. Now, it's just another bit of
>evidence that is no longer of importance.

Admitting that what he had previously told me wasn't true is not
admitting he had lied??? What would you call it?

>>>Why didn't he publish this admission, along with the
>>>audiotapes that surely one of them would have made?

>>It was a friendly gathering at Frank's home. No tapes were made.
>>They also were not made in my room with you Frank and Don and
>>myself present. You guys wouldn't allow it.

>Such power I exert. Wouldn't allow you to tape your interview
>with Kaufmann... and you made no tape of your interview in which
>Kaufmann said that he lied... We are stuck with your
>interpretation of Frank's words with Frank conveniently dead so
>he can't refute it.

Sorry, but there are my notes of both meetings and the fact that there were
three others present, none of whom had had corrections for that statement
when they received copies of my notes.

>>>If he had an
>>>admission that Kaufmann was making it up, why not tell the world
>>>then? Why come forward now and say that he told me. .

>
>>I didn't say I told you. I came forward in my MUFON paper to say
>>he admitted that Blanchard and Marcel had NOT gone out with him
>>Perhaps you will recall that I have also complained about
>>Frank's claiming he was buddy-buddy with Major Marcel, but that
>>Dr. Marcel had no recollection of him though Jesse, Jr. did
>>recall Cavitt, Yeagher, Rickett. .

>
>As I pointed out, your sentence wasn't the clearest ever
>written. Maybe I should just write it off as another false
>claim... rather than the simple lack of clarity it is.

>
>>>Instead, Stan seems to rely on the suggestion that Scanlon had
>>>not been the commander of ADC, that other, higher ranking
>>>generals were in fact the commanders. This is, I suppose,
>>>somehow to lead us to the conclusion that Frank had invented his
>>>tales. Why not just tell us simply that Frank had admitted that
>>>he wasn't involved? This smacks of the recent statement that Don
>>>Schmitt had never lied to Stan.

>
>>Way off base here, Kevin. I noted previously and in the 2000
>>paper that Scanlon's last position at ADC which ended in early
>>1948 was as Public Affairs man at Mitchell Field in NY and there
>>were no ADC radar systems in NM in 1947(with or without
>>Scanlon). Frank had long ago stated he knew nothing about Radar.
>>Scanlon as PA guy would certainly have not been ordering
>>somebody who knew nothing about radar to visit nonexistent
>>facilities at White Sands.

>There were radars at White Sands in 1947 for crying out loud.
>You decided they must have been ADC radars though I don't know
>why.

Scanlon was ADC though not apparently connected with any radars
in NM.

>>I did not say Schmitt had never lied to me. What I said was that
>>he had not told me he had degrees from anywhere. He did not lie

>>to me about his academic credentials. This was significant
>>because I have a deserved reputation for checking on credentials
>>(yes, I did call about yours)and would have checked if he had

>>given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee
>>Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he
>>had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office,
>>that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the
>>phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story
>>from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had
>>been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

>So if he didn't lie to you about his credentials, does this mean
>the lie doesn't count? That he said it in print but not to you
>means that he didn't lie about it? And don't you think it
>laughable that he walked around the museum in Roswell pointing
>out what he believed to be the hoaxes?

I didn't say the lies to whomever, (you MM or whatever) didn't
count. I said he hadn't lied to me about his credentials. So I
hadn't checked because he had never claimed to me he had any
degrees.

>Yes, I admit it. I defended my friend because it seemed he was
>being unfairly attacked. I did write a letter in support of him
>because I believed what he told me and didn't believe that he
>would be so bold in his lies. And the minute I learned the
>truth, I made sure to correct the record.

>>>Scanlon, it seems, enjoys the same sort of intelligence
>>>background that Donald Menzel enjoys. If those intelligence
>>>connections make a case of MJ-12, then why aren't Scanlon's
>>>intelligence credentials of equal importance? He was a guy
>>>tapped by Hap Arnold to help development Air Force intelligence
>>>during the war. Wouldn't Arnold have thought of him immediately
>>>if he needed a reliable man to fly into Roswell?

>>Hap Arnold was not head of the US Army Air Force in 1947 (Spaatz
>>was, with Vandenberg under him). Scanlon was in Public Affairs
>>not Intelligence after the war. It is claimed (p. 168) in your
>>"The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell" that Generals Ramey,
>>McMullen, Kenny and Scanlon were superiors to the men at
>>Roswell. A Public relations guy in ADC was over SAC people at
>>Roswell?? I find that difficult to believe.

>My mistake. Spaatz was the Air Force guy... Arnold had been the
>Air Force guy during the war. But my point is that Scanlon had
>the sort of background you would expect for someone called in on
>this. He had helped design Air Force intelligence... And he had
>been to Roswell, was familiar with the area and the situation.
>So even though his assignment in 1947 was to public relations,
>he had a long background in intelligence. And, if we think about
>it, how good was that cover? We're still arguing about it and
>Scanlon has been dead for twenty years.

>>>And if Scanlon
>>>knew Kaufmann, wouldn't he be likely to call on him to assist?
>>>And if this is not logical, then why should we accept the idea
>>>that Menzel's wartime service somehow qualified him for
>>>membership on MJ-12?

>>As I noted in" TOP SECRET/MAJIC" it was primarily Menzel's post
>>WW 2 intelligence work that was so significant including his
>>1960 (the war ended in 1945) statement to JFK that he, Menzel,
>>had a longer connection with the NSA (founded in 1952) and its
>>Navy Predecessor than anybody else (30 years). He also noted his
>>postwar high security work with the CIA and 30 companies, and
>>his being Commander of Naval Reserve Communications Unit no. 1
>>in Cambridge post war. Obviously it didn't hurt that he was
>>world class in cryptography before during and after the war.
>>Scanlon was head of Flight Training Wings from October 1942
>>until at least late 1944.

>>Certainly Menzel's Intelligence qualifications (not noted before
>>I dug them out at Harvard) were far superior to Scanlon's. Try
>>reading the Menzel Chapter in TSM sometime to refresh your
>>memory.

>While I'll agree that Menzel's intelligence qualifications were
>different, I won't agree that they were superior.

What, if any were Scanlon's? When did Hap Arnold call on him?
Incidentally Arnold resigned in 1946 because of poor health.

>>>And wouldn't this suggestion that Scanlon was not the commander
>>>of ADC, which I never heard Frank claim, be a false assumption?
>>>If Frank didn't make the claim, then what relevance does the
>>>fact have? And more importantly, where did it come from?
>>>Kaufmann? Schmitt?

>>I frankly don't know where that claim came from. Perhaps a
>>Lister has heard it as well?

>My point exactly. Say what you will about Kaufmann, but I never
>heard this coming from him. Wouldn't this fall under the
>umbrella of another false claim? Or is it a simple mistake?

>>>The point here is that Stan didn't publish anything suggesting
>>>that Kaufmann had admitted to lying. All we are told is that
>>>Kaufmann met with Stan, Howe and Schmitt.

>>Admitting that neither Blanchard nor Marcel went out with him
>>when he had previously told you, Don, and me that they had, is
>>an admission of lying as spelled out in my paper. Read it again.
>>I have also referred to the McKnight letter which certainly
>>suggests Frank was telling tales.

>I simply don't remember him saying that. Maybe he said something
>else and you misremember it. And, even if he did, how does this
>translate into a statement that he had lied, based on what you
>wrote in that paper? Maybe he made a simple mistake. Must
>everything in UFOlogy be a false claim and a lie?

How could his describing in detail his coming over the pass from
White Sands and waking both Blanchard and Marcel and their all
going to his crash site together be a simple mistake? Marcel and
Blanchard were key actors in the drama in which he placed
himself at the center.

>And the McKnight affidavit comes from a man who wasn't there in
>1947, who was four years old in 1947, and suggested that he had
>never heard of anything happening on the ranch owned by
>relatives. Not exactly proof positive.

Where is there any evidence that Scanlon was there in 1947... as
opposed to 1942? The McKnight affidavit also noted that there
was no way to get to Frank's crash site except by horseback in
1947. But Frank had some sort of army vehicle and then a big
flat bed truck dashing out and back cross country???

>But once again, while you were raising questions, you were not
>saying that Kaufmann was lying.

He admitted that a key part of his story was NOT true. It was a
lie is a reasonable interpretation.

>>>And we know that Stan
>>>doesn't like the Kaufmann tales because he has told us that
>>>repeatedly, but Stan never supplied a good reason for rejecting
>>>them, even when Kaufmann had apparently handed him that
>>>reason.

>>Frank certainly was aware of my complaints about him as he
>>referenced in an August 7, 1995, letter to me, things I had said
>>about him in my September 26, 1994 paper " The Roswell Incident,
>>the USAF, and the NY Times", in a Nov. 18, 1994, letter to you,
>>in letters to Paul Davids on Dec. 20, 1994, and January 3, 1995,
>>and to Jack Rodden on January 7, 1995 . I presume some of this
>>input to him came from you.

>Presume all you want, I'm confused by this. Are you suggesting
>that I was Frank's ghost writer on this? Are you suggesting that
>Frank was incapable of responding to your attacks?

I am stating that you and he were aware of my concerns.

>
>>>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>>>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>>>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>>>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>>>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>>>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"

>>>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>>>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>>>trusted?

>>I think that both Glenn Dennis and Gerald Anderson made real
>>contributions to the story despite your great antipathy to both.

>Yeah, just like the contribution Frank Kaufmann made...

>>You will recall that Gerald passed a polygraph (Frank never took
>>one) and that a medical technician recalled the nurse and
>>described her as Glenn did without any prompting from me. They,
>>(G and G), both independently described a strange combination of
>>a red haired officer and a black sergeant.

>Gee, talk about selective use of data... Anderson passed a
>polygraph test but admitted to forging a telephone bill to make
>me look bad... Actually, he forged two telephone bills, and a
>diary, and a letter from the family to prove he was telling the
>truth.

No evidence provide re the altter items. You will recall I
obtained the real bill from the phone company.

>Let's see, he claimed to be a Navy SEAL when he was not.
>He changed details of this sighting... milky blue eyes to
>black... and which of his crash sites do you accept? The one
>near the VLA? The one north of highway 60? Horse Springs? And
>were three dead and one injured or was it two dead, one dying
>and one relatively uninjured.

More fiction.

>.. Did he take the sociology class
>instead of Dr. Buskirk's anthropology class? Why is it that he
>will not allow for independent verification of his claims? Oh
>yeah, he passed a polygraph test.

5 people who were in the anthro class reviewed Gerald's picture
from the yearbook and say he wasn't in the class. Despite your
repeated claim to the contrary, one of them, Larry Henning,
never told you Gerald was in his class.

>And just what was in that package of material that you sent to
>Anderson before you interviewed him? And, given his track
>record, what makes you think that he didn't read it before you
>talked to him? And, couldn't that be the source of the
>contamination with the Glenn Dennis tale?

Hardly, Kevin. I had heard from Dennis in his vehicle a couple
of weeks before I talked to Gerald. The material I sent Gerald
gave my background information, the response from various
colleges to my lectures and other material to establish that I
was not a tabloid writer. There was nothing in it at all about a
nasty red haired officer and a black sergeant., much as you
would like that scenario to be true. It is fiction. I hadn't
written about that at that point. Just as I hadn't told the
medical technician Naomi's description as provided by Glenn.
Despite that fact, he described her the same as Glenn had. Just
as I was very careful to ask the ERA guy who remembered Menzel
suddenly leaving one summer for a classified project what year
it was rather than asking him if it was 1947. Fortunately it
was. I submit I have published a great deal less fiction than
you have over the years and will match track records any time.

>As for this nurse, just what name is she given today? Obviously
>it's not Naomi Self. And, are you one of the researchers who
>wouldn't listen when Dennis told us all that he'd give us a name
>but it wouldn't be her name? Are you one of the researchers who
>ran off in search of Naomi Self even though Dennis had made it
>clear to us that Self wasn't her name? Or, at least claims today
>that he tried to make it clear... but only after we proved the
>negative. There was no Army nurse names Naomi Self.

Remember that I was the first to talk to Glenn and at that time
he had not said her name wasn't Naomi Self. The medical
technician recognized the name and described her.

>>I happen to think much of the world is gray.

>Was Kaufmann ever in this gray basket?

Of course he was, until I heard more and more claims that didn't make sense.

>>You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your >>privilege.

>I actually think the world is filled with color which is a much >more pleasant way of seeing it. But then I write science >fiction... coming in April, "Signals", from Ace Books.

Congratulations. How many fiction books is that now? Surely over 80? I have always said you were good at creating scenarios.

People who want copies of my 1995 list of Kevin's false claims, of Kevin's MUFON J. response, and my 8 page letter and my Kaufmann meeting notes (July 1995 and December 1999), please send a snail mail address. (off list would probably be best).

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Re: Roswell Had Victims? - Anthony

From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 00:16:59 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 08:40:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Had Victims? - Anthony

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
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>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:36:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Had Victims?

>>From: Gary Anthony <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
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>>Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 23:47:45 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Had Victims?

In reference to this thear, you may be interested to know that in the last issue of the British "The Skeptic" (Vol. 15 n=BA 3), David Hambling proposes an intriguing answer to the Roswell's alien corpses.

David mentions Nick Cook's book "Zero Point" where he presented a secret 1947 memorandum by Lt General Twining, listing six traits for the flying discs sighted in UFO encounters:

1. metallic or light reflecting
2. no trail
3. circular or elliptical
4. formation flying
5. no associated sound
6. level speed above 300 knots

Twining states that "it is within the present US knowledge... to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7.000 miles at subsonic speeds".

David Humbling writes:

"The (reconnaissance) balloons (sent over Russia) match the description in the 1947 memo very closely. They were circular, appeared metallic, flew silently leaving no trail and flew in formation. Their level speed was not quite 300 knots, thought in the jetstream they could shift a respectable 250 mph.

However, the biggest clue is the fact that the man in charge of the balloon spying program was one general Nathan Twining -the same Twining who wrote the original memo.

One notably discrepancy is that the memorandum talks about "manned craft", whereas the balloon programmes we know about were unmanned. If a manned balloon lost pressure at high altitude, the unfortunate crew would rapidly die from the lack of oxygen. Their bodies would be freeze-dried by the effects of extreme cold and very low pressure. How these shrunken, frozen mummies would appear is anyone's guess (...) Any fatalities would probably have led to the termination of a secret manned balloon program...

Fascinating. Not for a moment do I believe this is THE explanation for the alleged Roswell aliens (I am satisfied those are only rumours and hoaxes) but the possibility of a high altitude manned balloon project should be considered.

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

Hi Luis, List,

In reference to your post to Updates regarding 'Roswell Had Victims' with my header at the top of your response mail, I cannot see anything from my mail relevant to your post. However the article you refer to is interesting and not without some merit, thanks for posting it.

Sincerely

Gary Anthony

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Re: Security Classifications - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 08:43:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Gates

>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:20:15 +1300 (NZDT)
>Subject: Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

>Greetings List

>On 28th Novemember Stan Friedman wrote

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

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>>I will have more to say about the claim I am told was made that
>>MJ-12 is a fraud once I see the program.

>>My paper noted above does point out that despite Jan Aldrich's
>>recent false claim that the GAO must have been mistaken, that
>>the GAO found examples of the use of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED on
>>documents from the same time frame as the Cutler Twining memo,
>>that they indeed had.

>Stan,

>I recall that Jan asked that you provide an "Independantly
>Verifiable Copy" of such a Document containing "TOP SECRET
>RESTRICTED" Classification.

>Stan my enquiry to you (and Jan) is:

>Have you provided Jan with such a document yet? - Or do you wish
>to ignore this request and hope that it will go away?

>Until then Stan your claim is nothing more than that - A claim
>without any form of verifiable evidence

As I recall the GAO claimed in its report that they actually ran
across documents with that classification on it even though the
classification did not exist.

In the Eisenhower Presidential library I went through many boxes
of formerly highly classified documents as part of cold war
history research. I ran across documents with that were formerly
Top Secret restricted (Non Restricted Data documents) and other
such. According to my notes the documents were not necessarily
classified "by the book" but was a mix which represented what
different people in the administration did. The bottom line on
all of that is even if the document was incorrectly marked, it
still was a classified document and treated as such.

When this issue popped up awhile back I thought I may have
gotten copies of documents with the TS Restricted on it. I am
still looking as I have time through 20 or so thousand pages of
documents. I ran across documents (archives) that were formerly
TS but had NO document control numbers. Before anybody unloads

the next breath about how the declassifiers may have blanked them out, etc etc, bottom line is many of these were the "original" documents and what was in fact on the document was very plainly visible.

While back somebody was first claiming that all TS documents had to have a control number on every page. When that was proven wrong, the claim switched to 'well only the cover sheet..' Using that bit of logic the MJ-12 EBD would only need to have some kind of cover sheet to make it apple pie, a ok. There are TS documents that do not have so called and allged cover sheets. I have seen others were the package is marked TS but when you remove the attached document (leaving on the cover sheet) the classification is Secret, or whatever.

If you go to:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB21/06-01.htm>

you will find a complete copy of the TS Presidential directive that launched the gulf war in 91'. It is marked TS but no control numbers. When I inquired about that back afte it was declassified I was told that was "not uncommon" in Presidential NSC level documents.

Go to:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB74/U2-06.pdf>

You will find a 1 page TS letter from Andrew Goodpaster, with no cover sheet and no TS control numbers, although you can see the TS classification and, naughty, naughty, it was stamped TS twice at the top and bottom.

Go to:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB45/>

download document 2.

This is a 2 page TS letter from President Eisenhower to SecDef Thomas Gates. No control numbers or even a hint of somebody blackening out a control number, or other.

Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/U2Incident/MemConfDDEonNov241954.pdf>

You will find a 1 page TS document with no control numbers.

Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/U2Incident/MemofordirectorofCIAreTelenet82559page1.pdf>

You will find a "cover sheet" for a Talent code word document. The cover sheet is marked "Top Secret" but no control numbers. however the document itself has the control numbers on the upper right hand side of each page.

Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/Sputnik/MemoofConferencewithPresKillianKistiakowskyFeb61958page1>

You will find a TS Memorandum of conversation with the President but no control numbers.

Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/Sputnik/>

MeetingwithBronketalOct81957.pdf

Apparently this was not classified, but Dr. Bronk apparently had a close relationship with the President that he could call him in and have him read a statement the President was going to give.

In the DDay section you have a incoming msg to General Marshall with Top Secret in the Upper left and right corners of the document, eyes only, and a Top Secret on the center bottom

Go to:

<http://www.cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/nsam.htm>

Click on number click on number 36
"Improving the Security of Nuclear Weapons In NATO" which you will notice it is signed by McGeorge Bundy not the President AND Top Secret only appears at the bottom of the page, not the top, AND it is not written on White House stationary nor does it have a control number.

Now click on number 37 "Saceur Procedures for Ordering use of Nuclear Weapons 4/16/61" and you will notice that Top Secret appears on both top and bottom of page, not written on White House stationary, and NO TS control number.

Click on number 154 "U.S. Nato Alert procedures" which was classified TS but no control numbers

Go to:

<http://www.ford.utexas.edu/library/document/nsdmnssm/nsdm276a.htm>

in which you will find a copy of a 3 page Ford Administration National Security decision Memorandum number 276 entitled having to do with Nuclear weapons. Notice that the document is classified TOP SECRET/Restricted Data, but NO TS control numbers are on it. Also it was signed by Henry Kissenger who claimed that he never had a Q clearance which would be required for Top Secret/Restricted Data.

Now if you skim through some of the related nuclear NSDM's you will find they are all correctly marked either Secret/RD or TS/RD...that is until you get to number 300 which relates to nuclear weapons and it is classified Top Secret/Sensitive

>>I also noted that not all TS documents have TS Control numbers,
>>again despite Jan's false claim to the contrary.

I don't believe Jans claim is false. What it boils down to is based upon "his" working experience this is how the classification world turned. This is similar to the folks in the PR department of the Pentagon who denied for years that the Stealth fighter did not exist. Based upon their knowledge, understanding and what they were told it did not exist.

If somebody wants to really, independently verify what Stan and I have said, get on a plane and go to the Presidential library(s). Spend awhile going through thousands of pages of formerly highly classified documents and you will find what has been said is correct.

The bottom line is documents were not always marked apple pie, by the book correct and folks treated them as classified documents.

Cheers,

Robert

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GWU Symposium Photo Gallery

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 03:47:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 08:45:14 -0500
Subject: GWU Symposium Photo Gallery

Hello All,

Thanx to Leslie Kean sending me copies of several photos that she took at the symposium, I have been able to add several new pix to the symposium photo page I created.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/symposium.html>

At the bottom of the page a link has been added to an audio file of the report on the symposium that played on program number 214 of Strange Days... Indeed. There are several clips of the speakers that you can listen to.

For those of you who could not attend, "If Mohammed cannot come to the mountain, the mountain will come to Mohammed!" This little web offering is as close as I can come to bringing the event to _you._

Many thanx to EBK for the webspace and his expert sound editing services.

Enjoy,

John Velez

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 08:31:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 09:11:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Friedman

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 17:51:41 -0000
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:26:38 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 16:25:01 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>Hi Stan,

>>The whole tone of the book implies that there really isn't
>>anything that has been hidden now that you have dug out quite a
>>lot of material.

>That is a matter of interpretation - we make the point that the
>MoD have destroyed, or claim to have destroyed, 99 percent of
>the Air Intelligence material relating to UFOs pre-1962.

>They claim that UFO files have been retained since 1967, but I
>recently learned that the MoD had destroyed, as late as 1990,
>two briefing files for the House of Lords UFO Debate of 1979.
>These included briefings from RAF intelligence and defence
>intelligence to Lord Strabolgi, who was to present the
>Government's case in the Lords.

>
>They also routinely destroy logbooks and radar recordings before
>they even enter the public records system.

>The question is - are they trying to hide something, or is this
>just bureaucratic bungling? Knowing how the civil service works,
>I'd opt for the latter. But if you are a conspiracy theorist,
>you can interpret the situation in a completely different way,
>and sell more books no doubt.

>>I wish to point out General Bolender's 1969 comment that reports
>>of UFOs which could effect national security were not part of
>>the Blue Book System.

>>I expect that there is compartmentalization in the UK as well
>>as in the USA and that the most significant military cases
>>didn't make it into the files you have seen. I am glad that you
>>looked.

>You may be surprised to find I agree with you! We can only
>comment on the material we did find, everything else is just
>speculation. *But* there was evidence in the material we found
>to support your assertion that some 'reports of UFOs which would
>effect national security' did bypass the system that produced
>the files now available at the PRO.

>A classic example is the visual report by two Meteor pilots from
>RAF Little Rissington in 1952 that was corroborated by radar

>plots, leading to a major air defence alert involving GCHQ and
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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 06:24:21 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 09:35:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Hamilton

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

>Hello All,

>In hopes of starting a fruit-bearing discussion on the subject
>of defining UFO abduction cases, I offer the following:

>'Something' has been happening to me and to many others for all
>of our lives. 'Something' involving "UFOs" and their occupants.
>(Whoever or whatever they may be.) There are enough physical
>components to the phenomena to justify the serious consideration
>of serious, thoughtful people. There are enough of those people
>on this List. Enough to help to resolve the contentious issue of
>'what' defines an abduction case.

>To kick things off, I'd like to suggest the details surrounding
>the Betty and Barney Hill case as a starting point.

>1. Two people who were awake (conscious) and on their way home
>encounter an "unidentified" aerial object/phenomena.

>2. The 'UFO sighting' is one where there is close proximity to
>the object and the event 'seems' to be focused on the
>individuals involved.

>3. There is contact/interaction with the occupants of the "UFO."

All 3 of the above fit my experience with Pamela in March 1993
on Highway 375 in Nevada, yet to this day I am unsure of what
transpired.

John, this is what I have attempted to do to strengthen the
signal from all the noise. I think we need to start with the
cataloging of encounter cases from the CE-3 level where humanoid
occupants have been sighted in the vicinity of landed craft and
classify the details. Next, the CE-4 experiences like the 3-
point one above. Last on my list would be bedroom visits only
or recalled dreams. Then, any CE-5/CE-4/CE-3 combo where humans
have initiated an encounter event.

Also, documenting of any and all physical traces or physical
evidence.

Patterns are important as well. The astounding Brazil abduction
on Rense's sight is out-of-pattern and is now denounced as a
hoax. Reed's story was like that. Consistency of pattern is
important, but we must also recognize changes in pattern or
consistent departures from it.

Whatever we have after a solid study is the core of the evidence
which could be very convincing.

At some stage we need to go beyond some conclusion about the
reality and nature of these abductions and find out who? what?
why?

Very best to you John,

Bill H

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 07:19:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 09:39:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Connors

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
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Hello John,

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>We need an investigation that will 'hopefully' provide a few
>answers that can be relied on to one degree or another. As it
>stands now, we know nothing and we have no prospects of
>learning anything new in the near future. We haven't even taken
>the time to work out a set of diagnostic criteria that will help
>to define an 'abduction' case.

You are a very reasonable fellow and advocate for Abductees in general. Your posts on UFO Updates and appearances on various media programs have been educational and more than reasonable and logical in your approach to the personal and overall abduction phenomena research as it currently stands. You are an excellent advocate and educator of the abduction phenomenon from a personal viewpoint.

However, even though you are an ardent supporter of most current abduction researchers and especially to Budd Hopkins, your personal view has been expressed to wanting other researchers to become involved in this area of research.

If memory serves, you have stated in the past that the current abduction researchers are either not enough or haven't given you what you want and, (paraphrased), "you desire new blood to become involved in abduction research, especially among the seasoned researchers."

Over a year ago I offered to begin a Baseline for abduction research. I asked one question addressed to all abductees on this List to answer it in a private email to me and that I would correlate and make recommendations from those replies on how the baseline should be presented and then go from there. I received a total of 1 response from an abductee. Because of this I decided not to involve my self or my time in abduction research. But, I still take the abduction scenario as a serious research avenue by those who pursue it.

It is my opinion that because of your advocacy, suggestions and approach on this list and through media sources, that you are more than qualified to research abduction phenomena. Just because you are an abductee, does not mean you are unqualified to be an abduction researcher, even though you may feel that being an abductee disqualifies you.

It is the approach you take to research that is most important and not that you have experienced abduction personally. Science

is rife with examples of people who have experienced something that caused them to go on and research to fruitful conclusions. There are many outstanding UFO researchers who have personally observed a UFO which gave rise to their effort to research the phenomenon.

What it boils down to in my opinion, is that you want others, who do not have the full insight into the phenomena as you do, to do the work you are capable of doing. I believe that you should stop insisting that others do the work, do it yourself and ask for assistance from other researchers as you need it.

I can't think of any researcher I know who doesn't do the work themselves and ask for assistance from their peers they feel comfortable with when they need it. I guess what I am saying is this:

Stop yelling from the tree tops for somebody else to do your work. Get your research going and bring the rest of us enlightenment regarding the abduction phenomenon. Take what you personally have experienced and approach it from a position 180 degrees away from the personal aspects of emotion. Don't sell yourself short. You are just as capable of doing quality abduction research as the "seasoned" researcher.

Wendy Connors

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Canada's National Post On Rendlesham

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 10:47:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:23:18 -0500
Subject: Canada's National Post On Rendlesham

Cnanada's National Post for today, December 4, 2002, page A3, contains a large serious article about the MOD having to release the files on Rendlesham. Unfortunately one of Billy Meier's phony pictures is used for the visual, but I doubt if the writer had any say in that decision. The author of the article is given as Peter Goodspeed at:
pgoodspeed@nationalpost.com

Thanks to all the UK people, Dave Clarke, Georgina Bruni et al who pushed the MOD, and Eric Morris for his actions as well. It would be interesting to know who else picked up on the story.

I had a call from a Halifax radio station guy who will interview me about the article and related matters at 12:40PM today.

Stan Friedman

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Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:26 -0500
Subject: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

Source: BBC OnLine

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in Suffolk in 1980 were suppressed in order to avoid public panic. BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we should abandon the UFO "myth".

UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly exist.

But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the mysteries of space.

At best, they were a delusion, wishful thinking by some who didn't want to know better.

At worst they were, in some instances, a con as unscrupulous people exploited others.

We have had UFOs for more than 50 years now. During that time, we are supposed to have had innumerable sightings of alien craft in our atmosphere, numerous encounters with strange beings as well as a great many abductions.

Fuzzy logic

And what have we got to show for it? Remarkably little - a few amazing stories told by those who claim to have been witnesses and abductees, as well as a fuzzy photographs and videos, and of course, lots of fakes.

Is it not strange that of all the photos and film shot of UFOs are poor and inadequate. You might have thought that at least one of them would be a close-up and in focus.

Indeed, the aliens can be small or tall, the spacecraft saucer or triangular shaped but the one constant thing in all UFO sightings and alien encounters is that nobody has any evidence that can be looked at.

One can talk to researchers, or read their books, and be told that they did have hard evidence, sometimes in the form of alien artefacts.

But enquire a little more, or read on, and one always gets to the part where the evidence vanishes for some reason or another that sometimes involves somebody dressed in black stealing it.

Faced with this lack of evidence the alien advocates have to

rely on the last resort of a failed argument: conspiracy.

Only the gullible

There must be something in it, they say, as they unearth another secret memo or report that in fact sheds no new light on the reality of the phenomenon.

The fact that governments got involved is no evidence that there was anything in the UFO phenomenon.

Nor indeed are the many books being published about UFOs.

Putting to one side that they frequently contradict each other - all the plethora of books show is how gullible people are.

And there we have the reason why the UFO phenomenon lingers on.

So after 50 years we have no evidence to speak of, lots of books and a handful of extremely vocal pundits.

Couldn't someone beam them up?

[UFO UpDates thanks Brian Straight for the lead]

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Kochhar

From: Vivek Kochhar <vimalexp@vimalexports.com>
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 07:05:39 +0530
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:03:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Kochhar

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As a UFO researcher from India... I can assure all that not much data & material is available here to continue my research.

However, I can say that I'm evidently doing some research on the the phenomenon called abduction.

I need some more info in this regard and would appreciate if someone can give me the list of the websites where I can find some interesting cases, papers & documents relating not only to abduction but also sightings.

UFOs have been my personal interest since 19th August 1988 when I was a witness to a sighting. But unfortunately, as I mentioned before, no help has been available to me since, of any sorts.

The skeptics maybe right in their beliefs, but they should not forget that a belief is just a belief till it is proven to be right or wrong. So just wait till a few of them see what others have and then they will realise "What were we thinking?"

Regards

Vivek Kochhar

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 11:47:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:09:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Ledger

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Hi Stan and David,

As you will both probably know - Stan has lived long enough in
Canada to have learned this - there is far greater opportunity
for governments under the Canadian and British parliamentary
systems to bury, hide or outrightly destroy government material
than I would suggest is the case in the American government.

Prime Ministers wield greater power in their countries than does
the President of the United States in his. Their positions are
near dictatorial.

I have no doubt that once it is decided that something should
not be made public in either the UK or Canada, then it will not
be made public. There are no penalties to be borne by the
Minister in any instance and they are pretty much shameless in
their ability to deny or blow off any criminal activity with
impunity.

If it is in the government's best interest to lie - then they
will do so, particularly when it comes to their own political
hides. You can at least impeach a president in the United
States. Here and in the UK you have to wait for the next
election and pray for damage control.

As a civil servant for the last 33 years, be it known that if
there are documents destroyed, that it is under direction of the
system from above. These people are not mindless clones and have

consciences. Mind you there are those with little imagination or no interest in what damage they do, but it's usually under direction.

If someone takes a hit for some inexcusable action, then it will be at a lower level so that the minister, his/her deputies and directors can wiggle out from under.

The members of parliamentary government answer to their own party first, not their constituents. They pretty much vote as they are told, along party lines and uphold usually every shady activity their Prime Minister gets involved in - for the sake of the party.

The party comes first-always. It's not conducive to good government and the party to have talk of situations beyond their control. If they are beyond their control, they hide the fact and present a controlled face to the electorate - to save the party and their own self-interest.

The poor voter is pretty much left to hang and swing in the wind.

Best,

Don Ledger

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UFO 'Fleet' Reported over Buenos Aires?

From: **Scott Corrales** <Lornis1" <lornis1@earthlink.net>>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 11:44:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:13:13 -0500
Subject: UFO 'Fleet' Reported over Buenos Aires?

SOURCE: www.ovni.net
DATE: December 4, 2002

UFO 'Fleet' Reported Over Buenos Aires?

BUENOS AIRES 11/28/02, 8:30 a.m -- An intense "UFO wave" rolled over Capital Federal. Two witnesses saw a variety of phenomena.

Using a camera described as "broken and out of date" one of them was able to photograph a fleet of three objects descending over the northeast section of Capital Federal.

No apparent electrical anomalies were reported in the witness's area.

Minutes earlier, another object flashed for several minutes over the vicinity of Chacarita and Belgrano at an altitude of 1500 meters.

"Arturo and I saw the entire phenomenon," says witness.

He employed a Sony 360 Nightshot "reduced to VHS and paused" (in his own words) to record the images.

"The camera's date is in error, showing 11-27-2002," adds Ricardo E. D'Angelo, the main witness.

"What can be seen in the video sequence is some 15 frames of one UFO, hitherto unseen, which crossed the skies from South to North on a lengthy journey, seconds before the formation was observed. But upon reaching a point equidistant from the other two (not seen until that moment), it stopped completely for only brief seconds."

To see the video:

<http://groups.msn.com/glaucoart/Documentos/VIDEOS-VIDEOS-VIDEOS-VIDEOS-/flo2002.mpg>

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 09:27:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:19:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Warren

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

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>1. Two people who were awake (conscious) and on their way home
>encounter an "unidentified" aerial object/phenomena.

>2. The 'UFO sighting' is one where there is close proximity to
>the object and the event 'seems' to be focused on the
>individuals involved.

>3. There is contact/interaction with the occupants of the "UFO."

>If we just stop right there, all of the reports that begin
>with "I had a dream" would be eliminated right out of the box.
>Because of the Internet, cases such as; the Walton case, the
>'Allagash Four,' the Debbie Jordan-Kauble case and many others
>get lost in a din of obfuscating background noise. Noise which
>only serves to push back the time when a serious, multi-
>disciplinary investigation into these abduction reports can
>begin.

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>stands now, we know nothing and we have no prospects of
>learning anything new in the near future. We haven't even taken
>the time to work out a set of diagnostic criteria that will help
>to define an 'abduction' case.

>I have started the "list" with three suggestions. The more
>experienced and knowledgeable researchers on this List can
>refine, redefine, add to or alter it in any way they wish. In
>any way that they can 'agree' on!

>Please, speaking for myself and on behalf of many 'involvees'
>get the work started that will eventually lead up to a 'formal'
>and independent investigation of our reports. If I have no power
>to make the abductions stop, I would at the very least like to
>know exactly what the hell has been happening to me and now to
>my loved ones for all of my life.

>I will now join the ranks of the 'lurkers.' I hope somebody
>picks up the ball and runs with it.

Hello John, and All,

To assist with your quest in "better defining" a "UFO Abduction, might I add a couple of points:

1. Webster's describes abducting as, "to carry off (as a person) by force." "Recollection" of being taken by force would seem to be 'prerequisite' in the definition.

2. Since there is evidence that 'recalling' said events (e.g., the Hill's case) is a problem, then perhaps 'verification of missing time' would be in order, to help discern if the memory has been 'affected'.

In addition, I think as people 'chime-in' on your request, it is important to remember you are asking for "diagnostic criteria" of a UFO abduction, and 'not evidence of'.

Although physical proof, i.e., marks on the body, evidence of intruders in a room etc., is supportive of an 'abduction' I don't believe those are 'prerequisites' for the 'formal definition' you seek. Rather, that when an abduction case is established by the 'future agreed upon definition', then there should be a 'separate diagnostic criteria' established for seeking the evidence of said abduction as well.

Best Regards,

Frank

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Re: Phony Credentials? [was: Re: Frank Kaufmann]

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 11:40:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:25:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Phony Credentials? [was: Re: Frank Kaufmann]

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 16:53:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 20:18:06 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

><snip>

>>There have been so many instances in this field where people
>>have flaunted false credentials and hard copies of those
>>credentials don't materialize (i.e.: the person(s) won't supply
>>the documents, the documents were lost, et al), the big bag
>>gov't has come along and rounded them all up erasing them in the
>>process, and/or the credentials are bogus. I've ran into all of
>>the above as I'm sure many of you out there have.

>>Let's not forget the past of some other folks using bogus
>>documents or alleging to have doctorate degrees or other
>>educational credentials:

><snip>

>Let me add Guy Kirkwood (aka Mel Noel and Noel Bryce Cornwall)
>who was never a jet jockey for the USAF, who never flew DC-8s
>for United Airlines, who did not graduate from Cheshire Academy,
>who was not threatened by Don Dornan, etc ad nauseum.

>How about Dan Fry and Frank Stranges whose PhD's are phony as 3
>dollar bills?

>How about Michael Wolf Kruvant who had none of the 6 degrees he
>claimed and whose 75 Plus employee research Institute was in his
>head?

>How about Bob Lazar with no degrees from MIT or CIT?

Unfortunately, to this list it now appears we may have to add
the name of William C. Levengood, who up to now has enjoyed a
fairly unblemished reputation as a plant biologist. It seems he
bolstered that reputation, and his crop circle work, by placing
the word 'Dr.' before his name, and/or not objecting when others
did so.

Acting on a tip from a well-known UFO 'Internal Affairs
Division', I asked Levengood, point-blank, if his Doctorate were
legitimate. He insisted that it was, and said it was a "Ph.D.
equivalent," handed out by the National Academy of Science.

A few quick calls to the NAS by others on this List revealed
that they do not hand out any kind of degrees nor their
equivalents, not being an academic institution.

I frankly don't know how this reflects on his crop circle
research, and perhaps he has a legitimate degree somehow, but no
one I know has ever heard of a 'Ph.D. equivalent', and everyone I

know insists "You either got-or-you-haven't-got a doctorate." I for one will have to take Mr. Levengood's future research with a grain of salt.

==JJS==

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Houran

From: Jim Houran <JHouran@siumed.edu>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 13:26:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:36:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Houran

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

I am an established social science researcher, but largely a new investigator to the Roswell case. I am interested only in empirical and verifiable data. That is to say, hearsay and speculation do not interest me, and I see these variables essentially bastardizing the case and making it difficult to filter out what reliable information there truly is for 'Roswell'.

The exchange between Randle and Friedman, who are both generally respected investigators, underscores the fact that progress in the case is stunted because the field cannot agree on what the available evidence is.

This leads me to a request.

I would like to know, from anyone on the List, which eyewitnesses from the Roswell case are actually deemed reliable and whose testimony is open to scrutiny.

To make this clear, I would greatly appreciate a list of witnesses who are identified and whose testimony is documented clearly (and dated) and which is available publicly.

Lastly, have the tapes of the hypnosis sessions of Jesse Marcel, Jr. which were facilitated by Kent Jeffrey been made public?

Thanks to all,

James (Jim) Houran

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 14:44:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:41:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 07:19:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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>>the time to work out a set of diagnostic criteria that will help
>>to define an 'abduction' case.

>You are a very reasonable fellow and advocate for Abductees in
>general. Your posts on UFO Updates and appearances on various
>media programs have been educational and more than reasonable
>and logical in your approach to the personal and overall
>abduction phenomena research as it currently stands. You are an
>excellent advocate and educator of the abduction phenomenon from
>a personal viewpoint.

>However, even though you are an ardent supporter of most current
>abduction researchers and especially to Budd Hopkins, your
>personal view has been expressed to wanting other researchers to
>become involved in this area of research.

>If memory serves, you have stated in the past that the current
>abduction researchers are either not enough or haven't given you
>what you want and, (paraphrased), "you desire new blood to
>become involved in abduction research, especially among the
>seasoned researchers."

>Over a year ago I offered to begin a Baseline for abduction
>research. I asked one question addressed to all abductees on
>this List to answer it in a private email to me and that I would
>correlate and make recommendations from those replies on how the
>baseline should be presented and then go from there. I received
>a total of 1 response from an abductee. Because of this I
>decided not to involve my self or my time in abduction research.
>But, I still take the abduction scenario as a serious research
>avenue by those who pursue it.

>It is my opinion that because of your advocacy, suggestions and
>approach on this List and through media sources, that you are
>more than qualified to research abduction phenomena. Just
>because you are an abductee, does not mean you are unqualified
>to be an abduction researcher, even though you may feel that
>being an abductee disqualifies you.

>It is the approach you take to research that is most important
>and not that you have experienced abduction personally. Science
>is rife with examples of people who have experienced something
>that caused them to go on and research to fruitful conclusions.
>There are many outstanding UFO researchers who have personally
>observed a UFO which gave rise to their effort to research the
>phenomenon.

>What it boils down to in my opinion, is that you want others,
>who do not have the full insight into the phenomena as you do,
>to do the work you are capable of doing. I believe that you
>should stop insisting that others do the work, do it yourself
>and ask for assistance from other researchers as you need it.
>
>I can't think of any researcher I know who doesn't do the work
>themselves and ask for assistance from their peers they feel
>comfortable with when they need it. I guess what I am saying is
>this:

>Stop yelling from the tree tops for somebody else to do your
>work. Get your research going and bring the rest of us
>enlightenment regarding the abduction phenomenon. Take what you
>personally have experienced and approach it from a position 180
>degrees away from the personal aspects of emotion. Don't sell
>yourself short. You are just as capable of doing quality
>abduction research as the "seasoned" researcher.

Hi Wendy,

Thank you so much for your very kind words. It means a lot to me
coming from someone that I like and respect. :)

Do it myself eh? Hmmm, your comment above was correct, I have
always considered that any work I may do in regard to
'abduction' would end up being tinged by questions about my
objectivity. That being a 'subject' kind of automatically
excludes/ precludes me from getting involved in 'doing'
research.

The other equally important, maybe more important reason
I have not done it myself is, I have no formal academic training
in terms of conducting any-kind of formal research... into
anything. I simply wouldn't know if I was 'doing it right'.

But hey, sure, I'll take it on - if I have to. I had been appealing
to, or as you so eloquently put it; "shouting from the treetops"
for established and respected researchers (such as yourself
and Jan) to become involved in the abduction side of the 'UFO'
phenomenon.

I will see what I can do about presenting everyone with a set of
criteria that will help to define the elements of of a 'UFO'
abduction case. Maybe it'll help to reduce the noise level to
the point where more salient cases involving multiple witnesses
and physical evidence can be focused upon by the larger research
community. I'll keep you (and the List) posted.

As I always do when taking on any project, I will try to
surround myself with the best minds/advisors I can wrangle up. :)

BTW, I must have missed your 'abduction question' post of a year
ago or I would have responded. If you have a copy on your hard
drive somewhere, please send it to me and I promise to respond
to it asap. Sorry I missed it.

Again, thank you for your vote of confidence. Sometimes I get
punchy from the noise and harangue of the Internet and I just
want to pack my bags and split. Support from people like you
goes a long way toward helping to restore my sometimes waning
stores of energy for this kind of public work.

It ain't 'easy' for anybody involved.

Warmest regards,

John

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 14:50:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:46:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - White

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 07:19:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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>abduction research as the "seasoned" researcher.

John, if you can come up with case documentation which requires someone to read each case and fill in a computer database from the reads, and from which queries can be answered by way of the database software, I volunteer.

I have a PC with plenty of disk space and horsepower, and I am an experienced database manager and computer programmer. It would be a privilege to work as your data entry operator on this important project.

I am semi-retired and could devote 2 to 3 full days per week on this.

Once you have a substantial number of records analyzed and entered into a computer database, it is easy to get an incredible number of accurate answers very quickly.

Furthermore, you can get answers which were never even thought of during the data entry phase.

Eleanor White

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GWU Symposium On SCI FI Channel Sunday

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 14:02:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:48:20 -0500
Subject: GWU Symposium On SCI FI Channel Sunday

Notice...

SCI FI Channel 12/13/2002 3:00 a.m. ET/PT

SCI FI presents an original, one-hour special, a compilation of highlights from two recent SCI FI-sponsored symposiums in New York and Washington, DC.

On November 8, SCI FI sponsored Interstellar Travel and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Science Fiction or Science Fact, hosted by The George Washington University, moderated by Ray Suarez of The News Hour with Jim Lehrer. On November 19, SCI FI sponsored The UFO Abduction Phenomenon: A Symposium, at The Regency Hotel in New York City, moderated by veteran news correspondent Morton Dean.

This special will premiere on Friday, December 13 at 3:00 a.m. and will be repeated at the following times:

Sunday, 12/22/02 at 2:00 a.m.
Friday, 12/27/02 at 7:00 a.m.
Saturday, 12/28/02 at 5:00 a.m.

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 08:06:16 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:55:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Harrison

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

Hi John

The balls rolling [smile] - List members be kind

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>'what' defines an abduction case.

I have to agree John it would appear we deal with a lot of cases that start with "I had a dream....". I'm not dismissing the fact that a lot of cases start this way and I'm not saying they are less important. But what I am saying is they are very hard to investigate. Its like investigating the Twilight Zone so to speak and there's not disrespect intended with this comment. Its just a general observation and a comment that most investigators say from time to time.

Its frustrating for abductees/contactees. Its like "give me some physical evidence please give me Confirmation I'm not going crazy and this is really happening"

I think I'm safe in saying that 95% of abductees seek physical evidence for their own confirmation and sanity.

John, you know and I know there's lots of people out there that have conscious memory of abductions/contact and as an investigator I find these case a lot simpler to work with - and I say "simpler" but nevertheless I work with both. I find the collection of evidence easier, the answering of questions put forward seem to come more naturally.

>To kick things off, I'd like to suggest the details surrounding
>the Betty and Barney Hill case as a starting point.

Its very hard to change the below points with out throwing the baby out with the bath water and yes guys I've brought up that word that most hard-nosed nuts and bolts investigator love to hate [Metaphysical evidence] sorry but times are changing.

John I would like to see as an investigator a definition of evidence into categories like:

[Physical evidence] = [Metaphysical evidence]

e.g [conscious] = [unconscious]

[Physical evidence] body marking, ground traces and so on

[Metaphysical] aspects of an abduction which we all know can't be answered in factual terms, but in saying this is nonetheless important as physical evidence is. You see science may inform us of how the Universe works, but why it exists at all is a metaphysical question. The same may be said about the abduction phenomena.

>the Betty and Barney Hill case as a starting point.1
>[Physical evidence] Two people [factual and can be proven]
>[Physical evidence] were (conscious) [factual and can be proven]
>[Physical evidence] and on their way home [factual and can be proven]

for the other part of point 1 to fit into the physical evidence category, more information is needed. Can you see how I'm working this?

So List members, I ask, does the other part of point 1 fit into a [Physical evidence category] or a [Metaphysical evidence category]?

>*encounter an "unidentified" aerial object/phenomena.

John, let's see what reaction there is to my comments and my attempt to breakdown point 1.

Kind regards,

Diane Harrison

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 22:24:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:59:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:32 -0500
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>Source: BBC OnLine

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

>'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

>Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in
>Suffolk in 1980 were suppressed in order to avoid public panic.
>BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we
>should abandon the UFO "myth".

>UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly
>exist.

>But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>mysteries of space.

>At best, they were a delusion, wishful thinking by some who
>didn't want to know better.

>At worst they were, in some instances, a con as unscrupulous
>people exploited others.

>We have had UFOs for more than 50 years now. During that time,
>we are supposed to have had innumerable sightings of alien craft
>in our atmosphere, numerous encounters with strange beings as
>well as a great many abductions.

>Fuzzy logic

<snip>

Well, he obviously is an ill-informed, faithist debunker who undoubtedly has never investigated a single substantial case nor read any of the serious literature by people who have, instead adopting the "fuzzy logic" of his kind who use "mythology" as a convenient excuse to avoid the issues.

- Dick

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Filer's Files #49 -- 2002

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 17:16:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 18:09:56 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #49 -- 2002

FILER'S FILES #49 -- 2002, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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UFO SIGHTINGS MOVE TO MIDWEST AND WEST

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Features this week are: You can help, stop missile attacks, Aliens are tourists, NORAD launches fighters against contrail, Vermont UFO photographed, Eastern bolide, Maryland strange bright cloud, Virginia UFO photo, Georgia UFOs photographed, Ohio cylinder videotaped, Indiana hovering craft, Michigan flying triangle, Wisconsin flying triangle, Minnesota pilot sees UFO, Nebraska lights, Colorado two UFOs, California flying triangle, Western states see Russian space debris, Canada lights and UFO goes in lake, Brazil silver cylinder, Uruguay and Argentina, and Chile cattle mutilations, English sighting, UK releases Rendlesham UFO report, Italian sighting, and Australia UFO sighting. Announcing the Grand Opening of our website with 100 stores for all your Holiday shopping at fantastic prices. FILER.unfranchise.com

HELP WATCH FOR PORTABLE MISSILE ATTACKS

The FBI has warned airports that portable rocket launchers could be used against airliners in the US. During the holidays you are likely to pickup or leave off a loved one at your local airport, so consider watching out for suspicious persons or objects. Notify authorities if you see someone suspicious. Ufologists have videotaped UFO and missile like objects near airports. There is a high risk because hand held rocket launchers are relatively small weapons about the size of a shotgun, easy to purchase and easy to hide. Small surface-to-air missiles, like the Russian SA-7 Grail, or American Stinger can be carried by a single person and fired from bazooka-like tubes. Thousands of illegal immigrants cross our borders each day and some could be carrying portable rocket launchers. The US Border Patrol says 25,050 illegal immigrants were arrested by agents in just the Tucson sector of Arizona during October, this is 4,000 more than last year. It is not known how many millions infiltrated into the US each year.

Many terrorist groups have access to the shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that can be purchased for as little as \$5000. Their relatively small size and couple-mile range makes them ideal weapons for terrorists targeting airliners. Terrorists in the spring used an SA-7 to try to shoot down a US airliner taking off from the Saudi capital of Riyadh. A shoulder-launched Strela was used in an attack by rebels in Chechnya that brought down a Russian MI-26 army helicopter in August killing 118 people.

An Israeli Boeing 757-300 Arkia passenger jet with 261 people aboard narrowly evaded two heat-seeking Strela missiles on takeoff from Mombassa, Kenya on November 26th. Two SA-7, heat-seeking missiles were fired from a four-wheel drive vehicle one

mile from the airport. During my flights into Israel, I learned they were working on programs to protect their airliners from missile attacks with equipment similar to what we use on our combat aircraft. The plane may have launched decoy flares and was not hit, but passengers reported hearing explosions. Rafael an Israeli arms manufacturer has developed scramblers which throw missile-guidance systems off course. The Israeli aircraft was likely equipped with antimissile technology, while US commercial aircraft are not.

That's where you come in. Terrorists would likely hide within a couple miles of the end of the runways. With a car you can greatly increase the security of your loved ones by checking out these areas prior to their flight. Normally the missiles are fired just after takeoff or just before landing. If you see anything suspicious notify the authorities. Honking your horn, flashing of headlights, yelling and if necessary ramming a terrorist vehicle's wheels can be effective, but dangerous. Many people do not understand, we are at war and you can play a part.

ALIENS ARE TOURISTS

David O'Hara writes, "Let me propose a thought I've had for quite awhile about the UFO phenomena. If you look at the general behavior of the craft and the "occupants" as reported by the people of Earth, who have seen them, somewhere between the lines is a behavior pattern that suggests an advanced society many orders of magnitude ahead of us. But the daft operation of this equipment that these alien folk indulge in and the use of this advanced technology to just erratically cruise our skies, indicates we have a bunch of tourists on a lark to the quaint 3rd rock from the sun. They may be giving their kids the keys to the "car" so the little devils can finish up that science project that's overdue. We are not the center of attention of some cosmic overlords instead we are some yokel out worlders on some third rate tour guides list of "interesting sights" Thanks to David O'Hara -- david_ohara@msn.com.

NORAD SCRAMBLES FIGHTERS TO INVESTIGATE CONTRAILS

On November 27, 2002, at 4 PM, (EST) North American Aerospace Defense Command received unverified reports of a contrail of unknown origin in the vicinity of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean. F-16 fighters were scrambled from several bases to intercept the unknown that was heading northwest toward the US. Commercial airline pilots later reported the contrail over Florida and later over Indiana. A contrail is a white trail of condensed water vapor that sometimes forms in the wake of an aircraft. No visual or confirmed radar contact was made with the actual source of the contrail. Since the September 11, 2001, attacks, the Pentagon has taken greater precautions to monitor U.S. airspace.

VERMONT UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

My name is Ellie Quigley and last month in October my aunt and I were driving up to Vermont from CT. While my Aunt was driving, I was taking pictures of the colorful foliage. In one of my pictures, I noticed later when we got home, there are weird streaks in view. When I took the picture I didn't even notice it. I took the picture thru the windshield of the rental car we were in. The is at Filer's Files UFO CENTER PHOTOS, Thanks to Ellie Quigley

EAST AND MIDWEST BOLIDE LIGHTS UP MORNING SKY

On December 2, 2002, a bright light many people saw streaking across the sky between 5 and 5:30 AM, early Monday morning was a bolide or fireball, said Geoff Chester, a spokesman at the US Naval Observatory. "This is basically a large meteor. We're talking about a rock here that's on the order of size of a suitcase or something like that. The object entered the Earth's atmosphere at altitude of between 80 to 100 miles and vaporized leaving a very bright trail of light behind it."

MARYLAND BRIGHT UNEXPLAINED CLOUD

BALTIMORE -- Bill Bean sent me a video tape of a strange cloud he videotaped on October 6, 2002, at 6:35 PM just after the sun set. Virtually all the clouds in the sky except one appeared cloudy and dark. One was bright and very strange in appearance

as if electrified plasma. Thanks to Bill Bean. Photographs at:
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VIRGINIA UFO IMAGED

WHITE HALL -- On November 9, 2002, I took my family to the reservoir at Sugar Hollow just outside of Shenandoah National Park. I was using a digital camera to take photos of the kids and scenery at 11:51 AM and did not notice any object in sky while on site. Later I reviewed the images on the computer and noticed a distant object in one scenic mountain shot.

A dome-shaped triangular object appears in only one shot taken at 11:51 AM. The other shots I took were probably spaced 30 seconds to several minutes apart, most of which were in the same general direction as the shot with object. If this is indeed an object and not some kind of digital noise, I estimate that its position places it somewhere over the National Park. I think object is slightly blurred, which would indicate very high rate of speed given distance to object and sunny conditions. If it were a balloon, however, I would have likely imaged it in one or more photos I took before and after the one that recorded the object. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

GEORGIA CHEMTRAILS CONTAIN UFOs

MACON --Annamarie Johnstone reports that daylight photos of chemtrails taken by Mr. Heard on November 26, 2002, contain anomalous objects. A cylinder shaped object is sighted between V chemtrails. His photos show 3, 6, and 7 show disc shaped objects. Thanks to Annamarie Johnstone PhD.

OHIO CYLINDER VIDEOTAPED

PORTSMOUTH -- Dave Crisp wrote, "While I was video taping chemtrails in Southern Ohio on November 20, 2002, I was looking up and noticed this white cylinder traveling somewhat slower than a jet aircraft.=B4 Flying east, I did not think it was anything. Actually, I thought it was a plane. I am near-sighted. So, at the time I thought "Big deal, maybe it's a jet connected with the chemtrails, I'll get it on film." After looking at it closely, it was not anything I have seen. Taken on November 20th, 2002 at 3pm. No sound. No lights. I would guess moving 400 mph. Slow for a UFO. I do have a good video of it. Thanks to Dave Crisp.

INDIANA HOVERING CRAFT

HAMMOND -- A craft silently hovered above normal air traffic heading to Chicago at 8:15 PM on November 13, 2002. It was motionless for ten+ minutes, and then it began to move silently to the southwest, stopped, and remained motionless for an additional 7 or 8 minutes. They moved very slowly and totally silent toward the north until I could not see it, because it went behind the tree line. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

MICHIGAN FLYING TRIANGLE DOES A COMPLETE U-TURN

MILAN -- Two high school students were heading home in their mini-van at 9:30 PM, when one saw a big triangle shaped craft over downtown on November 15, 2002. The student reports, "It was really low, and was flying well below the extremely low clouds. It was triangle shaped, with alternating red, blue, and pulsing white lights on each angle. It did this weird dead stop, and just did a complete V turn in the opposite direction. It sped off really fast but turned around again, like it was circling something. I've seen things like this before, one time an object almost exactly the same passed over my house, just above my tree, then three others followed, but I have never seen one do a turn like that and then speed up. Anyway, I soon went in, but as far as I know, it's still circling down town. It may be coincidence, but last night 3 brothers were killed in a fire close to downtown, where they flew. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

WISCONSIN FLYING TRIANGLE

EAU CLAIRE -- Larry D. reports, "I am filing this report for my daughter Amy, who saw a flying triangle on November 25, 2002,

directly over our house. The triangle was low on the horizon, 3 blocks southeast of the airport flying ESE lower than a normal landing pattern. It was roughly half again as fast as most jets that land over us and its shape was "stealthy", but an equilateral triangle, not a pointy triangle. It made no noise and was seen for three seconds and gave my daughter "the chills" seeing it. Its color was a medium gray, not black. I showed her a photos of the F-117 and she felt this was more triangular, and flatter on top. I drew several drawings and she chose one which has a small soft bump in the middle of the flat wing section. The speed and location of this plane are totally out of the norm. This is the landing area for the airport, and there is no cross low flying traffic allowed for safety, so my only opinion left is a triangular UFO. Thanks to UFOWisconsin Report

MINNESOTA PILOT OBSERVES DELTA-SHAPED UFO

SAVAGE -- MUFON's Bill McNeff reports, "A pilot observed a delta-shaped object in clear skies on October 14, 2002, flying south at 1:22 AM". The object had three soft white lights at its vertices which shone downward. It was about forty feet in width flying at about 1500 feet altitude and at 150 knots. The pilot stated, "It flew straight and level for about five seconds, then rolled right to a 45 degree angle which caused the downward lights to shine brighter, as they were directed more toward me - the object then rolled left back to a straight and level position without making a sound." The object never appeared to change course or altitude during this rolling activity and was lost on the horizon. The object was observed passing in front of the beams of light from the Mystic Lake Casino. The observer is familiar with the air traffic around Minneapolis International Airport, about 20 miles to the northeast. This object did not conform to any recognizable aircraft navigational lighting or flight patterns. The sudden rolling activity and lack of sound is very uncharacteristic for commercial aircraft. Thanks to Bill McNeff at w.mcneff@worldnet.att.net

NEBRASKA LIGHTS MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEEDS

MULLEN -- For four nights after work my boyfriend and I have been driving home and have seen lights making loops, bouncing and doing all sorts of strange maneuvers. On November 9, 2002, it kept up with our car at perfect speed and got very close at 11:00 PM. I got scared but once we reached town we watched it move around for several hours. On November 9th, we saw at least five of these lights that seemed red, white, and blue. We looked into the video camera and it was an assortment of all colors changing very fast every few seconds. We watched this for several hours again and it was still there when we left. I have this on video showing it moving at incredible speeds and changing colors rapidly. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

COLORADO TWO UFOS

GRAND JUNCTION -- I was walking towards the supermarket on Rood Avenue just minutes before sunset on November 14, 2002. It was still very light out but there was an orangish coloration on the mountains. There was a "starish" metallic shine in the clear sky that faded in about ten seconds, but I could see that it was a metallic object going away a lot slower than a jet. There were two pods melded together at 7 to 10,000 feet altitude and another one apparently appeared!! I looked elsewhere and saw no other objects in the sky except a second one, that looked like the first one except closer. I looked closely at the second object: still that weirdness to it that didn't quite look like a jet with apparently two pods with those two bubbly portions left and right. Think of a shorter and fatter cigar shapes craft hanging horizontally in the sky but with two pods for each side bulging out. It also appeared to be subtly change shape. A closer inspection of the object revealed a slight faint spray exhaust coming out of the tail like a jet fuel spray. Then they both suddenly were GONE! Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

CALIFORNIA FLYING TRIANGLE

SAN PEDRO -- The witnesses observed 7 to 10 red flashing lights in a triangular shape moving silently and slowly due south at 7:00 PM, on November 13, 2002. Many other small planes in relatively the same area were moving much more quickly than this

object.

HACIENDA HEIGHTS -- The boyfriend was driving his sick girlfriend home who was laying down in the back seat on November 13, 2002. The witness reports, I looked towards Turnball Canyon at 6:15 PM, and saw a huge round strange orange object with lots of red and white lights around it. It was round like an upside down charcoal gray bowl with red lights around the rim. I could see some white lights underneath the object like it was searching for something. There were little white lights just enough to see very dim. I yelled "Is that a UFO?" My boyfriend freaked as he saw it moving. This thing was huge maybe as big as an air balloon, when you look at it while it is still on the ground. Out of excitement, terror, or amazement I started tearing. Just as fast as I took that look is how fast it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]
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Editor's Note: There seems to be a fleet of Flying Triangle aircraft flying low over the US. I wonder if they belong to us? They might be a new type of dirigible.

RUSSIAN ROCKET REENTERS ATMOSPHERE IN NORTHWEST

SEATTLE (AP) - A ball of fire streaking across the sky on November 28, 2002, was seen throughout the Northwest. The burning light came from a Russian rocket body re-entering the Earth's atmosphere about 6:15 a.m. Witnesses said it had a long tail, which seemed to break into two pieces and appeared to move more slowly than a shooting star, but faster than a plane..

CANADA LIGHTS AND UFO DIVES IN LAKE

TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- On November 23, 2002, Brian Vike received a telephone call around 5:15 p.m. from two separate witnesses explaining that they just had witnessed some strange lights over Thron Hill Mountain. Five people watched moving lights near some large towers. One of the witnesses said the bright white light was double the size of the planet Venus. The witnesses watched the light for 10 to 15 seconds until it grew smaller and disappeared. The witnesses mentioned the sky was clear except for a large cloud which hung over the mountain where the lights were spotted. Since it was so stormy and windy, the witnesses all found it weird that the cloud stayed in the same position and did not move until all the lights were gone. Fifteen minutes later two lights showed up over the same area, and blinked out in less than a minute.

ONTARIO, CANADA -- The witnesses were having a party at a lake in Northern Ontario several years ago, when an object was observed dropping down from the night sky and straight into the lake. He explained that all of them were amazed at what they just saw. The next morning, "early" all of the witnessed said they noticed military helicopters flying over and around the area. The fellow I talked with was surprised to see nothing in any newspaper about what they all witnessed. Thanks to Brian Vike UFO Field Investigator, HBCC UFO Research & Canadian Communicator

BRAZIL CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SIGHTED

RIO GRANDE DO SUL -- A silvery cigar-shaped UFO was sighted in several cities near the border with Uruguay on November 1, 2002. Hundreds of people saw a silver UFO flying rapidly over the cities of Gravatai, Cachoeirinha, and Canoas. The same day, at 4:35 PM, a silver UFO was spotted in Praia do Cassino, a town on the South Atlantic shore. Eyewitness Eduardo Enderle Oliveira reported, "I was playing ball on the beach with my son and his friend when the boys sighted something unusual in the sky and saw it was a metallic fuselage in the form of a cigar. There were no wings. I called the attention of several beachgoers to this object, which flew at a very high altitude overhead. There was a brilliant gleam in the sky, most likely a reflection of the sun, and, as it departed, it resembled a brilliant sphere which gradually diminished in size."

On November 18th, dozens saw a UFO over Casimiro de Abreu. The object was videotaped by Sergio Chapelin. On November 22nd, at 8:50 PM, "witnesses observed the overflight of a ring-shaped object over port city Santos with rapidly alternating yellow, white and blue lights around the rim. The object flew southeast,

and was seen by hundreds of people. Thanks to the Brazilian newspaper O Globo 11/19/02, Eduardo Enderle Oliveira, Rodrigo Branco of Ufologia Brasileira, and UFO ROUNDUP Vol.7, #48, 11/26/02 Editor: Joseph Trainor <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

URUGUAY REPORTS UFOs AND MUTILATIONS

LAGUNA DEL SAUCE -- On November 2, 2002, in a rural area in Maldonado province, "a man who works in the (rain) forest claims to have seen a V- shaped object with two white lights on it. It was moving backwards." Two days later they found several mutilated calves" near that location. "It seemed as if something had extracted the flesh and the organs from the animals. There were no brains, no tongues, no flesh, and the cowhide was affected only in the place where the anus should be." On November 8, 2002, a mutilation took place in Establecimiento Stella Maris. Many ranchers feel the cases are related to extraterrestrials, while the government authorities blamed a kind of wasp or a red mouse that could attack cows. Thanks to Carlos Barboza of eso informe.

ARGENTINA CATTLE MUTILATIONS

CONCEPCION DE LA SIERRA -- Julio Frette a veterinarian stated that there were four more mutilation cases" in northern Misiones province during August. He added that they were not reported earlier due to the ignorance of the parties who made the discoveries. At the town of Apostoles, a rancher found a mutilated animal and set it on fire." A zebu hybrid cow was found dead, and strange incisions were found on its body. "The animal suffered the mutilation of its internal organs, tongue, jaw, ear, larynx, pharynx, rectum, large intestine, genitals, and esophagus. The abdominal cavity was open and a calf missing. One of the incisions was perfectly cauterized. The tissue rapidly acquired an almost shiny black coloration. Police officers, the owner, and the veterinarian examined the bovine. The carcass gave off intense odor and there were no sign of a struggle by the animal.

MALBRUN -- A mutilated animal was discovered on November 10, 2002, in a field on the property of Oscar Suarez, who said, "The cow was missing the hide off its jawbones, one ear the tongue, left eye, and four teats." Thanks to Scott Corrales and Liliana Nunez, Institute of Hispanic Ufology

CHILE CATTLE MUTILATION

EL OSO WILDERNESS -- Diario "El Liberal"reports a cow was found with a mutilated head and genitalia on November 15, 2002, in the Aguirre Department. The mutilated animal was discovered last Sunday in a field 33 km south of Malbr=Eln, and is the property of Oscar Suarez. Suarez told EL LIBERAL: "The cow was missing the hide off its maxillaries, its tongue and left eye, an ear and four teats, but the remainder was quite sound even though it had been dead for several days. Thanks to Guillermo Aguilera and Raul Gajardo Leopold and Diario "El Liberal.

ENGLAND CRAFT HOVERS

COVENTRY -- The witness reports, "I was watching the stars at 1:03 AM on November 15, 2002, while walking home and saw something shoot across the sky, that I thought was a shooting star." Then I realized it was not a shooting star as the craft hovered for five seconds before shooting off, at a speed that I could hardly tell it had gone. The craft when it was stationary seemed to glow green in color, and left a green streak as it left from my vision. One of my friends who was with me claims to have seen the exact same thing.

UK RELEASES RENDLESHAM FILE UFO' REPORT

Ministry of Defence's restricted "Rendlesham File, a detailed account of a UFO near a Suffolk RAF base more than 20 years ago was finally released by the British Government under the Freedom of Information Act. The sighting of a glowing triangular 'strange glowing object' in Rendlesham Forest near RAF Woodbridge in the early hours of December 27, 1980, is described in colorful detail. US Air Force men witnessed the object hover in the darkness, transmitting blue pulsating lights, and sending nearby farm animals into a frenzy. In the report entitled "Unexplained Lights," Lt. Col. Charles I Halt, Deputy Base

Commander at RAF Bentwaters, witnessed an object emitting a "red sun-like light" moving through the trees. USAF security police patrolmen first spotted "unusual lights".and three patrolman investigated and saw a strange glowing triangular metallic object in the forest. It was two to three meters across the base and two meters high. "It illuminated the entire forest with a white light and a pulsing red light on top with a bank of blue lights underneath. " As the patrolmen approached the hovering object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy."

The UFO was spotted an hour later near the back gate to the base. Next morning Lt. Col. Halt and his men discovered three circular depressions, seven inches in diameter, in the ground. Radiation measuring 0.1 milliroentgens was recorded in the depressions -- a level 10 times higher than normal. "Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. "Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed that moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights for an hour. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light." The UFO did not show up on RAF radar. "No evidence was found of any threat to the defense of the United Kingdom

ITALIAN UFO SPOTTED BY WATCHMAN

ORBASSANO --The Italian Center for UFO Studies reports, "A clamor was raised all over Italy because of a mysterious object sighted by a night watchman in Turin, in the early hours of September 28, 2002. The watchman said, "The UFO phenomenon was preceded by control monitors in the surveillance cabin failing, and at the same time that the electronic-controlled gate opened by itself in the truck rest-area at 4:27 a.m. The young man went outside to investigate and felt something akin to a slight breeze, which was accompanied by a whistling noise. He then found himself enshrouded in a beam of light emanating from above. He saw a luminous disc approximately 3 meters in diameter rotating on itself, which streaked out of sight after a few seconds, as if swallowed up by the sky. The monitor then came back on. The frightened watchman then telephoned the Carabinieri and appeared shaken when the patrol squad arrived.

There were 38 observations in October, for a total of 615 sightings in Italy for the first ten months of this year. Thanks to UFOTEL, Edoardo Russo, <http://www.proz.com/translator/723>

AUSTRALIA FOUR SILVER OVALS AND FLYING TRIANGLE

ALICE SPRINGS -- Researcher Conway Costigan reports he received a call from three witnesses who observed four silver oval craft high in the daytime sky that emerged from a cloudbank on November 27, 2002. The craft were traveling in a diamond formation. While they were viewing this they heard a 'snap' noise and a white triangular object with rounded corners and dark ovoid highlights on the top surface seemed to appear from nowhere. This craft was suspended under a large parachute. It drifted out of sight of the witnesses. The four silver craft appeared to trail it for a few seconds and faded from sight. The witness who is in the aeronautics industry estimates the white triangular craft is roughly the size of a 747 jumbo jet in length. This was a one-shot and I can't phone this guy back. I did verify that the call originated from Australia, although I don't know how they got my number. They said that they were familiar with my attempts to analyze sightings Thanks to Conway Costigan.

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>Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in
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>BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we
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>UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly
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>But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>mysteries of space.

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UFOs In 15th Century Paintings
By Richard Owen
December 04, 2002

ITALY'S Old Masters were recording flying saucers and UFOs in their paintings as far back as the 15th century, according to a scientist in Rome.

Roberto Volterri argues that artists dating back to 1406 included evidence of "strange objects in the sky" for later generations to see. He says that far from being the product of the paranoid Cold War years, UFOs were documented but overlooked because they were often extraneous to the subject of the painting and could only be explained as "testimonials of something seen or heard about".

Volterri, 56, an archaeologist by training, specialises in the measurement and analysis of metallic objects. He said he had spent his working life in a thoroughly down-to-earth environment of cold and rational calculation and sophisticated and precise instruments, but he was convinced science did not have all the answers.

"I have been fascinated by the inexplicable since I was a boy," he said. "Scientists tend to dismiss what cannot be rationally explained as belonging to the realm of fantasy. But it is the job of science to examine what seems mysterious, not to dismiss it out of hand."

He has published a book, *As the Ancient Chronicles Relate*, in which he claims to show that past generations have also wondered whether there is life beyond that on earth.

Perhaps the most striking example is *The Madonna and St John*, attributed to Fra Filippo Lippi (1406-1469) and kept at the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. In it a man and a dog are clearly gazing up at a UFO-type object behind the Virgin Mary's shoulder. No less baffling is a painting by Masolino da Panicale (1383-1447), *The Miracle of the Snow*, painted in 1429 and kept at the Capodimonte Museum in Naples. "The painting shows a real event in Rome in the second half of the fourth century AD," Volterri said. "But what are these strange, dark, elongated clouds in the shape of UFOs?"

Volterri said he had compared these with photographs taken in 1955 in Namur, Belgium, which purport to show cigar-shaped UFOs. By contrast, *Glorification of the Eucharist*, by Bonaventura Salimbeni (1567-

1613), in the church of San Lorenzo in San Pietro, at Montalcino near Siena, shows "what looks very like a satellite such as the Russian Sputnik".

Volterri said that in *La Tebaide*, by Paolo Uccello (1397-1475), objects in the sky were identical to photographs taken of supposed UFOs in the US in the 1950s and 60s.

But Martin Kemp, professor of the History of Art at Oxford University, said the "Renaissance UFOs" had a perfectly rational explanation.

"Many artists used their imaginations to represent celestial or sacred powers," he said. "The objects in Masolino da Panicale's painting were not UFOs at all but merely clouds schematised to fit in with his perspective."

The Times

The Australian

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Book Follows Feds' Eye On UFOs

Do UFOs fly through the night sky? Do aliens walk among us? More importantly, is the American government hiding such knowledge from the public?

John Greenewald Jr., creator of the government conspiracy website The Black Vault, purports to answer such questions in his newly released book, Beyond UFO Secrecy. The self-published book draws on formerly classified government documents the author obtained through freedom of information requests.

Obviously, a hunger that goes beyond The X-Files exists for such knowledge. Just released, Greenewald's book already has shown up on Amazon's list of the top 25,000 books -- out of the 2 million books it sells -- and it has been ordered from every U.S. state and six countries, according to Greenewald.

The author claims his book shows that a UFO cover-up is undeniable, and he attempts to use government documents to prove it. The 21-year-old author has dug up UFO reports submitted to the U.S. government, most of them dating back decades.

The first report Greenewald uncovered was that of the 1976 'Iran Incident', in which two American fighter jets scrambled over Tehran after spotting a UFO with pulsing strobe lights and what appeared to be a smaller vessel with the so-called mother ship. At one point, the Defense Intelligence Agency report details how one of the pilots lost power and communications and initiated a dive to escape the UFO.

Even more interesting than such reports, however, are the files Greenewald dug up from the 1950s, in which the CIA's Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects discusses "debunking" programs designed to reduce public interest in flying saucers.

Such debunking programs were to consist largely of educational films showing first the UFO and then the explanation. The anti-UFO propaganda sprang from the government's concern that the emergency reporting channels would be overwhelmed with false information, and that the public would be subject to mass hysteria and "greater vulnerability to possible enemy psychological warfare."

Greenewald also shows, with documents obtained through Canada's Access to Information Act, that the North American Aerospace Defense Command still collects information on UFOs even though it insists it does not.

Does Greenewald prove that UFOs regularly zip around in U.S. airspace? Yes, in a way. Beyond UFO Secrecy documents past UFO reports and demonstrates that the government took the reports seriously enough not only to collect them, but also to debunk

them.

But does the book prove that UFOs exist? That would be going too far.

Most of Greenewald's book consists of government attempts to explain what UFOs were. In one report, the CIA panel wrote: "It was interesting to note that none of the members of the Panel were loath to accept that this earth might be visited by extraterrestrial intelligent beings of some sort, someday. What they did not find was any evidence that related the objects sighted to space travelers."

The book suffers from poor writing and weak arguments. It is full of awkward phrasing and eccentric punctuation. Greenewald often interprets the UFO documents clumsily, and -- perhaps lazily -- fills the book with reproductions of the files in all their blacked-out glory.

Overall, it's a book for those who already believe the truth is out there.

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UFO Sightings Are No Secret

(Published Monday, December 2, 2002, 5:55 AM)

By Rick Bentley

THE FRESNO BEE

Manuel Amparano talks about sighting an unidentified flying object at 3:32 a.m. May 13, 1978, as if it happened only days ago. Coming face-to-face with a UFO creates vivid memories.

Amparano's sighting is one of the most detailed of the many accounts of UFO sightings in the Fresno area documented over the years in The Fresno Bee and on Web sites.

The Fresno resident was working as a Kerman police officer.

"It was just a routine patrol," Amparano says of the encounter 24 years ago.

His early morning sweep took him past Kerman High School. At Del Norte and California avenues, Amparano saw "a circular-type thing, similar to a round fireball or a setting sun, about 100 to 150 feet off the ground."

He knew local teens had been setting palm trees on fire, and he thought he had caught some young vandals red-handed.

"Then I realized there were no palm trees in the area. The fire seemed to be inside of an oak or maple tree. This thing started lifting up," Amparano says.

The officer started adjusting the spotlight on his patrol car to get a better look at the object. But just before he turned on the light, there was a bright blue flash. Then the object made a sharp turn and moved away toward the southwest at a rapid speed.

Amparano had not left his car. And the windows were rolled up because it was a cold evening. He did not hear any other noise except for the engine of his car.

The Air National Guard, weather bureau and the Fresno Air Terminal told Amparano nothing unusual showed up on any of their radar screens that night. The encounter might have been dismissed as an optical illusion, if not for the burns Amparano suffered on his face and chest.

"It was like a sunburn when you fall asleep at the pool. There were white blisters on the parts of my body facing that light. I also had trouble with sunlight. It was like right after you have your eyes checked and they are sensitive to light. That lasted about a week," Amparano says.

Doctors at Fresno Community Hospital told Amparano the burns

appeared to be caused by microwaves.

An immediate search of the cotton field where the sphere had been sighted revealed no evidence. But for years, nothing would grow in a round area in the field. Today the spot is part of an almond orchard.

Amparano went back to work a few days later. The only after-affect of the close encounter was calls from "a lot of women who wanted to have lunch and dinner with me." He continued to work in local law enforcement until 1992, when he was hurt while breaking up a bar fight.

He's had more than two decades to think about that glowing sphere. Amparano is certain it was a UFO.

"What I am not certain about is whether it was some kind of government project or something from out there," Amparano says.

Other newspaper and Web site accounts of local UFO sightings include:

March 14, 1980: Two residents near the Fig Garden Village shopping center see a bright yellow ball dripping flames. The object is identified as a candle under a helium-filled balloon.

May 20, 1980: Mary Phillips, Caruthers, spots a disc-shaped object with red and green lights floating northwest over Fresno. The Lemoore Naval Air Station receives two calls about the object.

May 29, 1997: At about 10 p.m., a Fresno woman, identified at "Mrs. Liv S," reports that while looking at a clump of stars in the southeast portion of the sky, one of the stars begins to move in an odd fashion.

Sept. 22, 1998: A Fresno couple, identified as Vikki and Joseph R., spot at 9:40 p.m. a triangular-shaped object with lights set at regular intervals. The object appears to be a pyramid shape. It makes no sound.

July 23, 2002: About 9:45 p.m., one member of a family camping at Sequoia National Park points out a huge craft in the form of a V with red lights flying slowly over. They are able to see the object for about two minutes. It makes a humming sound. Numerous campers see the craft.

July 23, 2002: At 10:30 p.m., four Exeter churchgoers see a huge UFO in the shape of a triangle with red lights rimming the edge of it. The ship flies south.

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Sceptic owes me a million, says Big Brother psychic

A psychic who correctly predicted the winner of Celebrity Big Brother says a leading sceptic owes him \$1 million.

American James Randi has agreed to pay the sum if anyone can prove that psychic powers exist.

Gary Fowler claims he has done just that, after successfully predicting Mark Owen would win Celebrity Big Brother, before the line-up of the show was even announced.

He delivered his prediction to The Northern Echo newspaper offices two weeks ago. The newspaper says the envelope containing the prediction was kept in a locked safe in its offices, until the winner was announced.

Northern Echo features editor Nick Morrison, who opened the envelope, said: "When he gave me the envelope, he was certain it was right. There was never any doubt in his mind.

"I am very sceptical of these things and I have to say I was pretty surprised when he was proved correct."

Mr Fowler, who lives in Teesside, claims to have had a childhood reminiscent of the hit film Sixth Sense, telling his mother from an early age that he "saw dead people".

He told The Northern Echo: "At five, I used to wake up in the middle of the night and see figures of spirits. I thought it was normal until my mother didn't seem to know what I was talking about. It began to frighten me."

Mr Fowler said he communicates with spirits on the other side, who tell him about the future, which is how he predicted the Big Brother winner.

Mr Fowler claims he knows about huge events that will unfold within the next year, and he says he has information for world leaders.

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The Strange Case Of The Suffolk Spaceship

It is Britain's most celebrated UFO encounter: the sighting in 1980 of 'alien' craft in a Suffolk forest. Now, it has been revealed that the Government tried to hush up the affair. So what, asks Mark Lucas, really happened in the strange case of the Rendlesham Incident?

Brenda Butler paused at the barbed-wire fence separating us from the field where the spaceship had landed. It was 2am. In the gloom I could just see the outline of the 60-year-old grandmother and UFO expert as she watched her partner, Peter, disappear into the darkness. He had gone in search of Marek, another of our party, who had stepped over the barrier and walked into the field a minute earlier.

Not long afterward, a lone figure loomed out of the darkness, stumbling over the ploughed earth towards us. Peter was back. "It's your mate," he whispered to me urgently. "He's passed out."

Half a mile behind us, down the Forestry Commission logging-road known as track 10, was RAF Woodbridge. This small Second World War airfield used by the US Air Force until 1993, hidden in the depths of Rendlesham Forest, in Suffolk, had been back in the news recently after two decades of anonymity with the release of the Ministry of Defence's Rendlesham Files. Now available for public inspection, the files contain information about Britain's most celebrated UFO sighting; their release was followed on Monday by the parliamentary ombudsman's announcement that the MoD had repeatedly suppressed information about what had happened in the forest. Particular secrecy has surrounded a "restricted file", the contents of which have been whispered about for years.

Over three nights around Christmas 1980, it is said, several spaceships visited the airbase after one of their number ran into trouble and had to stop and make repairs. What makes the Rendlesham Incident unique is the subsequently released memorandum from the base's deputy commander, Lt Col Charles Halt, to the Ministry of Defence. In the memo, Halt, who was later promoted to full colonel, described how two airmen, investigating strange lights in the forest, came across a "metallic, glowing object", which "manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared", whereupon the animals on a nearby farm went "into a frenzy". Two nights later, he reported, the object returned. Halt was out in the forest with a patrol when they saw a "red, sun-like object". After they had followed the light through the trees, it divided into five, and part of it "beamed down a stream of light from time to time". Here, at last, was the evidence that the ufologist community had been waiting for: official endorsement of an extraterrestrial encounter.

On the third night, Halt made a tape on his micro-cassette recorder, covering several hours on just less than 19 minutes of

tape. The greater part is taken up by Halt's patrol of four officers assessing the site of a suspected landing, checking radiation levels and having trouble with their electrical equipment.

In the last few minutes of the tape, at around 2am, the men start to see lights moving through the trees. Their initial composure suddenly gives way to breathless panic: "It's coming this way. It's definitely coming this way... There's something very, very strange," says the deputy commander at one point.

At 3.15am, the light-show is still going on as Halt exclaims: "Here he comes from the south! He's coming in towards us now!"

Right beside him, another officer says: "Shit!", and a moment later, beams of light start hitting the ground around them.

"This is unreal," Halt gasps.

Almost 22 years have passed since the Rendlesham Incident, but the enthusiasm of ufologists has only intensified in that time, with one author calling the area "Black Hole Disneyland". Several books and hundreds of websites about the events either confirm Rendlesham's status in the international ufologist community as being second only to Roswell in importance, or debunk the notion that anything out of the ordinary happened at all.

The first book to be published, entitled Skycrash, was co-written by my guide on the expedition into the forest, Brenda Butler, who has spent two or three nights a week out in Rendlesham Forest since the alleged landing.

I had phoned Butler, who could hardly be described as a sceptic, in the hope of discovering more about this tantalising chapter in the history of UFO sightings and official secrecy. But it soon became apparent that I would need someone to show me the landmarks in the 3,500-acre forest, so I asked if I could accompany her on one of her sky-watches. As their popularity had increased, she had had to divide the group into two parties that patrolled different areas of Rendlesham; she was happy for me to join hers. On the night we were due to meet, I had been fortifying myself at a party when I ran into a hypnopsychotherapist, Marek Sinski. When the quietly intense 40-year-old learnt of my plans, he expressed a strong desire to come along, too.

We met Butler at midnight beside the barrier to track 10. Behind me was the perimeter fence of the airfield; the disused runway lights loomed into the night sky. Ahead, the logging-road stretched away like a canyon, with its black walls of 70ft-tall Corsican pines. By the dull glow of a car's interior light, I could make out the small, dark woman surrounded by three regulars on her sky-watches - Terry, Paul and Jonathan - and her partner, Peter Parish. Her pure-white German shepherd, Mason, galloped around us, chasing his ball.

As we set off down track 10 on foot, Butler spoke, in her soft Suffolk accent, of some of the experiences she had had here, seeing glowing orbs and meeting extraterrestrials. "Last year, the yeti was down here," she said matter-of-factly, "looking very, very sad." The yeti, she explained, had followed the group on many occasions: "We had some people from Blackpool down here, and they also saw him. He freaked them out, actually."

Butler indicated a drain cover to our right. "It leads to an underground installation," she said. One day she was sitting on top of it when she "lost" four hours, a phenomenon known as missing time. We turned down a side-track. After a hundred yards, Parish led the way into the undergrowth off to the side, and we scurried through, bent over to avoid low branches, which we politely warned one another about, and only straightening up when we emerged into a clearing. "This", said Butler, "is Colonel Halt's landing-place."

We sat in silence, contemplating the events that took place there more than two decades ago: Halt and his fellow officers had been taking radiation readings and measuring imprints in the ground when they suddenly saw a bright light moving near by.

"What can you feel?" Butler asked.

My new friend Sinski broke the silence. "It's strong, isn't it?" he said.

Butler's dog, Mason, began dashing around us, growling happily. "He always goes mad where there's energy or there's been contact," she remarked. "On several occasions he's been chased by strange lights which engulf him." Her online journal goes into more detail: "Mason had disappeared for several minutes", it states, of one typical evening, "during the time when Brenda spoke in an unknown language. He returned covered in red, green and blue fibre-optic-type lights, and licked each person, still in the circle, by placing his paws on their shoulders."

Leaving Col Halt's place, we returned to the small avenue, veering right toward track 12. As we walked in single file along the narrow pathway, I asked Butler about her life. She had been a clairvoyant, she told me, with her own circle, and had been involved "in a lot of things - paranormal, ghosts, poltergeists" ever since being contacted by an alien named Ra when she was five.

"I've been abducted on several occasions," she added. Her kidnappers, she had learnt since undergoing regressive hypnosis, were the "greys" - "classic" small aliens. She now worked in a home for people with learning difficulties.

We came out into a clearing at the edge of the forest and saw the flash of the Orfordness lighthouse on the horizon. "This is Larry Warren's landing-place," Butler declared, indicating a field. It was then that Sinski stepped over the barbed-wire fence and strode purposefully into the darkness.

Larry Warren's extraordinary book *Left at East Gate* was published in 1993. The former airman, a member of the security forces at RAF Woodbridge, claimed to have witnessed the overall commander of the twin-base complex, Squadron Leader Gordon Williams, conversing with extraterrestrials. After that, said Warren, a New Yorker, he was taken to an underground installation and introduced to an alien "who had an accent I couldn't identify". His description of the visitors had clearly struck a chord with Butler: "Little tiny ETs dressed in white jumpsuits!" she exclaimed. "I've seen them myself!"

"Do you ever worry that people may think you're a bit strange?" I asked her.

She cheerfully dismissed my suggestion. "I don't care what they think," she replied. "It's better than sitting at home drinking coffee and watching television day in, day out." But if I was finding things weird, Sinski was taking to it all like a duck to water.

When Butler's partner came out of the field to tell us that the psychotherapist had passed out, ufologists were quickly dispatched to carry him back, but he returned with them on foot without saying a word, and in the awkwardness of the situation, we found ourselves moving on.

As we struggled through a dense patch of undergrowth, I recalled the 1956 Incident - in which up to 18 objects apparently combined to form a single radar echo, which was then clocked, and witnessed from the air and on land, doing roughly 12,000mph over the airbase - and wondered why UFOs were rarely seen nowadays.

"You're joking, aren't you?" Butler asked, before telling me about her last sighting, less than three weeks previously. Unfortunately, her partner had turned his flashlight on the spaceship, and it had disappeared.

"I won't be doing that again," he told me, sheepishly.

As we headed down track 12, Butler explained why she had had contact there. "There's a portal," she said: "they come through on interdimensional energy." On occasion, the ETs had pulled her hair, put things in her pockets and hit Parish on the back of the head. One night, the Dark Shadow pushed her backward, and she fell over on to her partner, who collapsed on top of their companion, Terry. "We have a laugh with them," she said.

At 3am, we returned to the Woodbridge runway lights at track 10. Leaving Butler deep in conversation about UFO organisations' finances with the second group, which had appeared from track 1, Sinski and I walked over to our cars, discussing the night's events. There was a hesitancy in his manner, but finally he leant toward me: "Something very important happened here tonight," he told me, though an explanation would have to wait until morning.

Driving home, I pondered the various theories that had been used to explain the incidents, mostly by people who weren't present. Georgina Bruni, author of the most recent book about the events, *You Can't Tell the People*, believes that there were three nights of activity, with a full-blown close encounter of the third kind. At the other end of the spectrum is Ian Ridpath, editor of *The Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy*. In his view, excited airmen were merely chasing the beam of the Orfordness lighthouse, and the starlike objects of Halt's memo "were just that - stars."

Ridpath's scepticism is persuasive. In particular, he has shown that it is at least possible that when Halt's patrol came out of the forest, they, like the first night's witnesses, were confused by the lighthouse. But another airman says: "If Charles [Halt] says a beam of light shone down at his feet, then a beam of light shone down at his feet. You can take that to the bank."

Halt retired from the air force in 1991 and now lives in Virginia, in the USA. I managed to obtain an e-mail address for him and wrote several times without response before he was finally persuaded to answer. He was, he told me rather pointedly, "tired of being pestered" by what he described as "most unusual people".

Though he refused to talk about the Rendlesham Incident, we began a tentative exchange on the neutral subject of the airbase's history as a "crash-recovery" runway for damaged aircraft returning from raids over occupied Europe. He told me that "more than one young cop" swore he had seen East End Charlie - the ghost of a Second World War airman - from the guardhouse at East Gate, where the events of December 1980 had begun. "On one particular Friday night, late," he recalled, "I drove out the back gate, and the guard was trembling so badly, I ended up having a replacement sent out." In 1983 - 32 years after the Americans took over the airbase - they discovered that dynamite had been buried under the runway in case it was overrun by invading Germans. Despite the clean-up operation, Halt wrote, "we never were completely sure that all the explosives had been removed."

Sinski appeared after breakfast the following day, and we settled down to talk. I asked why he had been apparently unconscious in Larry Warren's landing-place, but he was annoyed that I'd thought he might have been. "I had a very powerful experience," he explained, "and I was recovering." He told me of a message he had received while out in the field. He assured me that, although it might not have meant much to someone like me, there were people for whom it was of great importance. "I can confirm that it is the greys out there, and that they are the ones responsible for the abductions," he told me, in his quietly compelling manner. "What they have been doing up until now has been very, very bad. I learnt last night that they are changing their ways."

In search of further guidance, I approached Reg Presley, lead singer with the Sixties pop group The Troggs and now an expert in the paranormal, and asked for his opinion of the Rendlesham Incident. He was very interested in the case and said that they were "all good sightings". Clearly not a man who had trouble believing in the possibility of abductions, he even mentioned his surgeon friend who removed pieces of alien hardware from people's feet and hands. "You wouldn't believe what he took out of them," he reflected, adding that the objects had "the teeniest-weeniest little wires".

The MoD has finally made a decision on the airbase after its nine years of neglect and has announced that two army regiments will be moving in after a =A3100m refit. The soldiers may be surprised at some of the visitors - alien and otherwise - they receive outside the perimeter fence. "Once you start coming here," Butler told me, "you can't keep away." For, although Woodbridge's role as an airbase may have been in doubt, its

status as a UFO tourist shrine has never looked more assured.

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UFO Denials Never Die
by
Billy Cox

Beneath the fictional guise of "Taken," the 20-hour UFO series under way on cable's Sci-Fi Channel, is a rock-hard initiative no one's been able to pull off in more than 30 years -- a renewed government study of unidentified flying objects.

But a chat with Air Force veteran Bud Evans, 78, provides some insights into the longstanding resistance to official candor. Evans was on the front lines of the Cold War when, confronted with state-of-the-art military hardware, the phenomenon apparently replied with an ostentatious display of arrogance.

Now retired in Indialantic, Evans opens an old scrapbook and turns to some aging newspaper articles with headlines such as "P-51 Blows Up, Killing Hero Over Franklin" and "Chase for Flying Disk Blamed in Crash Death." The only reason he saved them, he says, is because he knew the pilot, Thomas Mantell, when the two served briefly together in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Mantell's death in 1948 sparked the beginning of a controversial Air Force inquiry into unidentified flying objects that ended with the termination of Project Blue Book in 1969. Although Mantell reported pursuing a metallic-looking object before he presumably lost consciousness at 33,000 feet, the official explanation was that he died chasing planet Venus -- in the middle of the afternoon. When the Navy's high-altitude Skyhook balloon project was declassified several years later, Skyhook was substituted as the guilty culprit.

Either way, Evans never gave UFOs much thought until 1949, when he was a flight commander with the 9th Fighter Squadron in Misawa, Japan. Situated directly across from the Soviet Union, the unit belonged to the 49th Fighter Group, which was replacing its World War II-era P-51 Mustangs with brand-new F-80 jet fighters. That's where Evans got scrambled after something that appeared to be openly mocking American training exercises.

While vectoring toward an aerial gunnery target -- a 30-foot long, 8-foot tall banner with bulls-eye markings, suspended by an 800-foot cable from a P-51 tow ship -- two pilots making separate approaches radioed, "We've got a target, but no tow ship." Ground radar confirmed the unknown bogey and dispatched Evans for a look-see, but the intruder disappeared before he could reach it.

During debriefings, the pilots described the rectangular UFO as three times the size of the gunnery target. Upon flanking this broad, flat object no more than a few inches wide, they also noted it resembled translucent glass, as they could see the silhouettes of each other's planes on opposite sides. The thing bolted forward suddenly, then "went straight up and out of sight," Evans says.

Not long afterward at Misawa, with the band and honor guard assembled in anticipation of the midmorning arrival of the Fifth Air Force brass for a base inspection, a rectangular object dropped in from the east and cruised directly above the runway. "I knew as soon as I saw it that this is what the guys had seen before, and it was right ahead of where the C-54 (ferrying the headquarters team) was going to come," Evans recalls. "It was quite large."

Although his recollections contrast somewhat with Evans, the essential details of what Indian Harbour Beach resident Clyde Good saw on Misawa match up. "It was coming in pretty slow, and at first, we all thought it was a tow target, but we couldn't see what was holding it up," says the 83-year-old, retired lieutenant colonel.

"So I'm looking for its power source, and there were no props, no jet engines, no visible means of propulsion, and it doesn't make a sound. But it was definitely under the control of somebody or something, because then it pulled straight up, like a bat out of hell, and took off. Just disappeared."

Some time afterward, Evans and a wingman were scrambled by ground radar to intercept an intruder flying at erratic speeds over northern Hokkaido. Evans missed it, but his colleague, Lt. James Harvey, reported it was a huge but thin, broad rectangle that allowed him to get close enough for a good look before it vanished in a blink, vertically, through the cloud cover.

What Evans and Good also agree on is the incidents were all classified and eyewitnesses were ordered to shut up. But if their Misawa encounters ever made it into the public domain, neither Evans nor Good are aware of it.

"They all knew about it because they sent three, four people in from FEAF (Far Eastern Air Forces) headquarters to interview people and file their reports," says Good. "I'd sure like to know more about it, because it was extraordinary, it was something you never forget, and I'm not going to live forever. But nobody ever talks about it. It's like everyone's in denial."

So, like, what's new?

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 16:26:22 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 19:28:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Tonnies

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 23:03:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

<snip>

>>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>>mysteries of space.

>The only one hear that is delusional is this so-called
>scientist. I'm sure he really did his UFO homework before he
>wrote this garbage. If we need to get rid of anything it's that
>cult called SETI. What a waste of money that 'science' is.

While I agree completely that this "scientist's" ideas about
UFOs are unfounded at best, I would argue that SETI and ufology
are not mutually exclusive.

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Re: Security Classifications - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 19:39:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:23:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Maccabee

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 01:43:31 EST
>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:20:15 +1300 (NZDT)
>>Subject: Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

<snip>

>Go to:

><http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/U2Incident/MemConfDDEonNov241954.pdf>

>You will find a 1 page TS document with no control numbers.

I did look at this document. It is a memorandum of a meeting with Eisenhower.

Amusing to find two 'familiar names' as an attendees:

Lt. General Charles Cabell
Gen. Nathan Twining

Any ufologist who doesn't recognize these names had better bone up on his/ her history (read The UFO FBI Connection, for example)

Also present were Allen, Dulles, General Putt, General Goodpaster)

This document indicated authorization to begin the process of constructing the first U-2 plane.

Goodpaster wrote the memorandum... and he was a Bad Boy!

He (or someone) stamped Top Secret, at top and bottom but no indication it was part of the military classification system (no numbers). Hard to determine the year of declassification.

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CI: Unusual Oval Formations Resemble Enormous

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 17:45:07 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:25:25 -0500
Subject: CI: Unusual Oval Formations Resemble Enormous

Cydonian Imperative
12-4-02

Unusual Oval Formations Resemble Enormous "Eggs"
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

The Mars Global Surveyor image below shows a number of highly unusual formations that resemble partially buried eggs. This image was forwarded to me as is; I've left the commentary on the right side of the image intact.

[image]

While these formations appear quite singular in shape, their placement is reminiscent of features comprising the so-called "Monolith Graveyard" discovered by the late Dean Wetmore (see below). It's even possible that the new image is a close-up of Wetmore's anomalies, in which case I'll clarify this point in a forthcoming installment. (Unfortunately, Wetmore's website is inactive, and I've been unable to establish whether or not these are indeed the same features seen in far superior resolution. My suspicion is that the photos represent two distinct regions.)

[image]

The Monolith Graveyard.

[image]

The "monoliths" reconstructed. Image courtesy John Dyck.

It's unclear if the newly discovered features represent geology or biology. The egg-like appearance certainly invites exotic speculation. It's clear that these are not sand dunes in any meaningful sense. It's conceivable that they're artificial objects, although nothing in their arrangement points decisively to an archaeological interpretation. (If the "eggs" were grouped in pairs or positioned to form geometric shapes, for example, artificial origin would be a major contending possibility.)

I hope to have more information on these novel formations soon.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:57:03 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:27:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 23:03:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:32 -0500

>>Source: BBC OnLine

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

<snip>

>The only one hear that is delusional is this so-called
>scientist. I'm sure he really did his UFO homework before he
>wrote this garbage. If we need to get rid of anything it's that
>cult called SETI. What a waste of money that 'science' is.

>How much of our tax dollars
>are thrown down the drain to these 9 to 5 scientists while us
>broke tax payers are supposed to make the biggest discovery of
>all time in our spare-time a few bucks?

Tom:

You should take your own advice and do your own homework before
you spout off.

According to the SETI website, at:

<http://www.seti.org/>

"Project Phoenix, the Earth's most comprehensive hunt for
extraterrestrial intelligence, has continued only through
private contributions".

>It's the typical stuff you hear from a professional astronomer.

And your example is just another of the uninformed, anti-
government and anti-science rantings that we get from saucer
believers.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

"Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk" - Curley Howard, "Men in Black", 1934.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 23:13:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:29:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

>Source: BBC OnLine

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

>'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

>Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in
>Suffolk in 1980 were suppressed in order to avoid public panic.
>BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we
>should abandon the UFO "myth".

>UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly
>exist.

>But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>mysteries of space.

>At best, they were a delusion, wishful thinking by some who
>didn't want to know better.

>At worst they were, in some instances, as unscrupulous
>people exploited others.

>We have had UFOs for more than 50 years now. During that time,
>we are supposed to have had innumerable sightings of alien craft
>in our atmosphere, numerous encounters with strange beings as
>well as a great many abductions.

>Fuzzy logic

>And what have we got to show for it? Remarkably little - a few
>amazing stories told by those who claim to have been witnesses
>and abductees, as well as a fuzzy photographs and videos, and of
>course, lots of fakes.

>Is it not strange that of all the photos and film shot of UFOs
>are poor and inadequate. You might have thought that at least
>one of them would be a close-up and in focus.

Obviously Whitehouse knows little about the subject. Here he is
caught in circular logic

IF there were real UFOs there would be some clear photos of
UFOs. There are clear photos of objects reported to be UFOs but,
of course, they are fakes.

Therefore there are no clear photos of UFOs.

Therefore there are no UFOs.

If ever real UFOs appear there will be some clear photos of
UFOs. (But if any such photos appear they will turn out to be
fakes..... etc.)

I believe Whitehouse's article is bunk.

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Vice-Presidential UFO Letter Surfaces

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 23:41:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:31:17 -0500
Subject: Vice-Presidential UFO Letter Surfaces

A new, Vice-President Johnson, UFO letter has surfaced. This is one of a couple rare White House UFO letters in existence. The September 21, 1961 letter was addressed to Canadian UFO researcher Ronald Anstee.

Anstee, who told me years back about the letter, lent the original to someone in Europe and never got it back. The Johnson library provided a copy of the letter from their files.

www.presidentialufo.com/johnson_pictures.htm

One more Vice President Johnson letter may have been found and will be posted when confirmed. It like the first letter deals with flying saucer contactee George Adamski.

Grant Cameron

www.presidentialufo.com/news_update.htm

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 22:17:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:33:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Deardorff

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 14:44:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 07:19:49 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

>><snip>

>>>In hopes of starting a fruit-bearing discussion on the subject
>>>of defining UFO abduction cases, I offer the following:

>><snip>

>>>We need an investigation that will 'hopefully' provide a few
>>>answers that can be relied on to one degree or another. As it
>>>stands now, we know nothing and we have no prospects of
>>>learning anything new in the near future. We haven't even taken
>>>the time to work out a set of diagnostic criteria that will help
>>>to define an 'abduction' case.

>>Over a year ago I offered to begin a Baseline for abduction
>>research. I asked one question addressed to all abductees on
>>this List to answer it in a private email to me and that I would
>>correlate and make recommendations from those replies on how the
>>baseline should be presented and then go from there. I received
>>a total of 1 response from an abductee. Because of this I
>>decided not to involve my self or my time in abduction research.
>>But, I still take the abduction scenario as a serious research
>>avenue by those who pursue it.

>I will see what I can do about presenting everyone with a set of
>criteria that will help to define the elements of of a 'UFO'
>abduction case. Maybe it'll help to reduce the noise level to
>the point where more salient cases involving multiple witnesses
>and physical evidence can be focused upon by the larger research
>community. I'll keep you (and the List) posted.

Hello John,

Excuse me for chiming in, I just wish to remind you that you
needn't feel you're starting from scratch here. One "standard"
in this endeavor that you could try to beat is the one set forth
by Budd, Dave Jacobs and Ron Westrum in that 1992(?) Roper poll.
There, the 5 key characteristics they settled for as being
components of a good many abduction events are:

(1) waking up paralyzed with the sense of a strange figure or
presence in the room;

(2) experiencing a period of an hour or more of lost time;

(3) experiencing yourself moving or flying through the air without knowing how or why;

(4) seeing unusual, unexplained lights or balls of light in a room; and

(5) discovering puzzling scars on your body without knowing how they were acquired.

In "science," you build on what came before, which in this example is the Unusual Personal Experiences booklet put out by the Bigelow holding Corp in 1992. Perhaps there are better starting points? They were going from the specific to the general, but perhaps you'd wish to just get a satisfactory general definition.

Regards,

Jim

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CI: Disclaimer!

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:25:43 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:34:39 -0500
Subject: CI: Disclaimer!

Cydonian Imperative
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http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/e01_e06/images/E03/E0300157.html

<http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/html/e03001/e0300157.html>

See image at: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

Shortly after writing the previous piece, perusal of the MSSS source image (see links above) revealed that the "eggs" are less than spectacular. The anonymous image posted on the Cydonian Imperative site may be a deliberate deception, although I doubt it; the terrain is remarkably amenable to visual "flip-flopping" (the same perceptual trick that can make craters appear dome-shaped).

The "egg" image is processed in a way that strongly suggests convex, egg-shaped features, fooling several experienced viewers. Chalk this 'discovery' up to Mars' exotic geology, coupled with some rather misleading image processing. My apologies for the false alarm.

--Mac

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 01:34:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 08:37:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 21:04:35 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:31:40 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 21:49:03 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002 16:58:08 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>Just wondering... how did you determine the two were "basket
>>cases" and what instruments did you use to determine a "very
>>high percentage" were "entirely sane and grounded individuals"?

>Using my observational powers and knowledge of psychology and
>human behavior based on being Senior Abstracts Editor for the
>American Psychological Association. It doesn't take a
>professional to recognize people who are having difficulty
>functioning as human beings and whose behavior and vocalizations
>are bizarre.

Hi, Dick:

Let me see if I understand what you are saying. You determined
the two claimed abductees you worked with were "basket cases"
based on your observational powers and knowledge of psychology
you learned through reading abstracts for the American
Psychological Association? Further, you claim it doesn't take a
professional to recognize those who are dysfunctional? (I'm not
repeating you or myself, I'm summarizing.)

Good Lord! You mean I wasted 6 years of my life studying,
training and practicing (and learning to write not just
psychological abstracts but also the research and reports that
go with them) to become a psychotherapist for nothing?! It never
occurred to me that all I had to do to pass those exams and earn
those degrees was to read a bunch of abstracts. Sure wish
someone had told me this before I did all that work. <wink>

Next time you have a pain in your neck, Dick, or severe
headaches, don't worry about seeing a professional. Just find
someone who has read a lot of medical abstracts and have them
diagnose your maladies. Why dish out all that money for a
professional? Who needs 'em?

Usually when someone tells me "it doesn't take a professional",
they don't have the necessary degrees or training in the area
they are addressing. Do you have a degree in psychology, Dick?

>I always worked (past tense; I no longer work with
>abductees except superficially with referral information)
>professional psychologists, one of whom was discussed at some
>length in my posting to Greg Sandow on this list. No evidence
>was found of any serious psychopathology.

As I said before, lack of evidence of serious psychopathology does not mean someone is beyond fabricating their experiences. Well adjusted people can think they have been abducted even though they weren't. Have you watched TV lately, Dick?

With all the programs about UFOs and abduction scenarios on TV, at the movies, etc. I'd be surprised if people were not associating various odd experiences in their past with aliens and flying saucers. It doesn't mean they were abducted. It means the media can and does influence some people to believe they were abducted when they were not. If a mere Halloween radio program can convince people to go out and shoot anything that moves, it doesn't take much to convince some people they have been abducted.

Even professional psychologists may find themselves at a loss when it comes to abduction phenomena. There are no criteria for working with claimed abductees. Most of it is being made up as we go. There are no tests that can establish, beyond doubt, that someone is telling the truth. There are no surveys that can determine who is more likely to be a genuine abductee and who is not. In the end, it all boils down to a matter of opinion, professional and otherwise.

It takes more than just interviewing and/or hypnotizing people who claim to have been abducted to get an idea of just how bizarre this phenomenon really is. Sometimes it means getting up in the middle of the night and going to be with someone who calls you on the phone nearly hysterical because they see beings creeping down the hall (with objects hovering nearby and burn marks in the yard)... again. Sometimes it means touching the scars up and down their legs where they dug implants out of their legs with a knife to let them know you are not afraid of their fear. And sometimes it means returning, day after day, to listen to their stories even though you see little balls of light darting through the walls when all you really want to do is get the hell out of there.

It takes a lot of compassion to understand what these people must be going through. Once you have encountered the more physical aspects of these phenomena, you no longer focus on hypnotic regressions or taped interviews. Once you actually see phenomena manifest before you, writing books is the least of your concerns. And once you encounter phenomena up close and in person, you learn what it means to be really terrified. (Now you know why I stopped doing abduction research. That and the lack of support even among those of the abduction community.

There is a lack of scientific research in this area mainly because few people are willing to put their claims to the test. If you question or probe, you're not believing every word they say and therefore, not doing research. Catch 22.)

>>Furthermore, how did you distinguish which ones were genuine
>>abductees and which ones were not?

>I never said I did. The term "genuine abductee" is not that
>meaningful to me. If a person thinks or suspects they have been
>abducted and it is causing them problems, I am nonjudgmental
>about whether it "really" happened.

It didn't matter to you whether or not they had actually had the experiences they claimed? There is a difference between being open minded and being nonjudgmental. You keep an open mind while looking for evidence to indicate the truth. Somewhere along the line you have to decide whether you think they have been abducted or not, based on the evidence. Otherwise you might go around claiming to have worked with dozens or hundreds of abductees even though you never really knew who had been abducted and who only claimed to have been abducted but were not.

>>I know you, like many others, are only trying to help but what
>>if even ten were not genuine abductees but rather suffering from
>>delusions or some other types of encounters with the unknown?

>>What kind of 'support' will these individuals find in your
>>support group or as part of your research?

>If they were suffering from delusions, probably no help at all.
>But I am not unsophisticated about recognizing possibly
>delusional people.

That's right, you read psychological abstracts about human
behavior.

>>It may be all well and good to provide some kind of help for
>>those experiencing abductions but what may be happening to those
>>who are treated as abductees but are not? Do you have any idea
>>of the amount of suffering caused for those who experience
>>phenomena in their lives and are labeled as "abductees" when no
>>one really knows what's going on?

>
>This is another of many false premises on your part. I never
>labelled anyone anything or suggested to anyone that they had
>been abducted by aliens. (Read "Testing Reality".) I always
>emphasized that "no one really knows what's going on."\
>

How about restating some of your contentions here? (I'd love to
read your "Testing Reality" but couldn't find it on the
internet. Is it posted someplace convenient for all to read?)

>>I do. I've experienced various kinds of phenomena since
>>childhood. When I began seeking answers 10 years ago, I was sent
>>to several types of support groups. In each group, I was told
>>the phenomena I experienced was this or that and labeled
>>according to whatever the group was into at the time. Of course,
>>when I joined an 'experiencer' support group, everyone was
>>certain I was an abductee although I kept insisting that I had
>>no memories of having ever been abducted. Their answer for this
>>was that I had no memories because...the memories had been
>>erased or 'blocked' when I was abducted. Of course.

>That was very bad practice on their part, something I cautioned
>against in "Testing Reality."

Sadly, not everyone has read your article, Dick.

>>I finally left the group. Later I heard my departure was blamed
>>on the "aliens" controlling me and blocking me from seeking the
>>truth (which was usually used to explain the loss of any group
>>member).

>I'm glad you posted this because it confirms what I have been
>warning people about all along. I am aware of many examples of
>harmful effects on people reporting abductions by opinionated,
>unscientific would-be investigators.

I, on the other hand, am aware of many examples of so-called
scientific, would-be investigators and researchers who have
caused great harm to various individuals who claimed to have
been abducted. I have had numerous discussions with LPC's who
have written books on their "work" with abductees and who never
distinguished between those who may have been delusional and
those who may have had genuine abduction encounters. Many times
so-called investigators, researchers and yes, even therapists,
interview people who claim to have been abducted just to gather
enough cases to write about in their next book. If you think
this is not wide-spread, think again.

>>Dick, I know you are only trying to help but ask yourself if you
>>are qualified to help when no one really knows what is going on.
>>If even one of the individuals in your support group and/or
>>research is not really an abductee, what harm might you (and
>>others) be doing in the long run?

>You're repeating yourself.

Yes, Dick, I do this to make a point sometimes. But no need to
worry, Mr. Editor, I do not use this psycho-literary tool when I
write abstracts and research. ;>

>No group, no assumptions about the
>nature of reported abductions, no planting of ideas in their
>heads, no harm done.

You hope.

Nice talking with you, Dick.

Amy

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 00:21:16 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:48:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Bowden

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 22:24:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:32 -0500
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>Source: BBC OnLine

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

>>'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

>>Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in
>>Suffolk in 1980 were suppressed in order to avoid public panic.
>>BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we
>>should abandon the UFO "myth".

>>UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly
>>exist.

>>But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

>>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>>mysteries of space.

>>At best, they were a delusion, wishful thinking by some who
>>didn't want to know better.

>>At worst they were, in some instances, a con as unscrupulous
>>people exploited others.

>>We have had UFOs for more than 50 years now. During that time,
>>we are supposed to have had innumerable sightings of alien craft
>>in our atmosphere, numerous encounters with strange beings as
>>well as a great many abductions.

>>Fuzzy logic

><snip>

>Well, he obviously is an ill-informed, faithist debunker who
>undoubtedly has never investigated a single substantial case nor
>read any of the serious literature by people who have, instead
>adopting the "fuzzy logic" of his kind who use "mythology" as a
>convenient excuse to avoid the issues.

What this science writer needs is a good abduction experience --
without the amnesia. But is there really such a thing as a
"good" abduction experience?

Tom B.

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Miniature UFO Sighting

From: Larry Hatch <larry@LARRYHATCH.NET>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 00:31:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:52:25 -0500
Subject: Miniature UFO Sighting

Hello all:

I just got the message below thru my website. It has an air of sincerity to it as you will see, and a curious feature, new to me, which encouraged me to write back for more details.....

"Going threw the mountains of B.C. summer of 1973 in a VW van, with friend whose Grandfather was an insurance inspector for the railroad, Glen had all these neat places to see and relate too as far as railways are concerned. Well, one nite up in the high mountains it was getting dark, so we decided to find somewhere to sleep.

Great stars and mountain views everywhere, decided to sleep outside of the van. It was we we hours of the night when I decided to get up and pee. Standing away from the area where Glen and I had camped, Glen being over about 25 feet away from where I was, I looked over and around and to my amazement there was a small kind of almost like an oil platform [those huge kind in the North Sea].

It was miniture ,about 2 feet by 2.5 feet by 2 feet high , there I was starring into it with total recall, smoke and lights and all kinds of devices working on it and in it, this is what it seemed to appear to be doing ,or at least appearing to doing something that I do not know what, it wa truely the one sighting that, to this day I just can't understand what it was.....

Does This Sound Familliar To You In Any Way????

We were outside of Golden area of British Columbia in the high mts.

Thanks for your great siite, reading is a pleasure. If you need more details please e-mail <[<on.the.edge@\(deleted -LH\)>](mailto:on.the.edge@(deleted -LH))>

"- Michael and Nancy "

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Well, none of this sounded at all familiar to me. I wrote back asking if there were any moving parts: wheels, levers etc. which might give further clues. I haven't gotten any response to that yet.

I must add that the return email address <[<on.the.edge@xxxx>](mailto:on.the.edge@xxxx)> does not inspire confidence. Regardless, does anybody know of a sighting much like this one? A miniature oil platform working away (hovering?) near some campsite in the Canadian Rockies? That's a new one on me.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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UK Government Secrecy

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 10:07:29 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:54:46 -0500
Subject: UK Government Secrecy

Although this story is unrelated to UFOs directly, it is a strong example of the lengths which the UK Government will go to in order to protect what it regards as sensitive information.

[Extract from the Guardian newspaper website]

http://www.guardian.co.uk/Northern_Ireland/Story/0,2763,853957,00.html

"MoD secures gag as agent sues

Richard Norton-Taylor
Thursday December 5, 2002
The Guardian

The Ministry of Defence has obtained a sweeping injunction preventing the media from disclosing allegations made by a former agent for British military intelligence in Northern Ireland"

More details of the case in question can be found at:

<http://cryptome.org/fru-claimant2.htm>

but you may need to be quick, I expect the UK Government will be seeking a U.S. injunction to remove the page.

I have verified with the solicitors firm that they are representing Samuel Jay Rosenfeld in a case against the MOD this morning. I have also validated the name and address of Samuel Jay Rosenfeld by checking the telephone directory and I can confirm that a Brigadier Peter Everson is listed as being employed at the Defence Intelligence and Security Centre at RAF Chicksands as the Chief Executive.

Regards,

Joe

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Man Abducted In Brazil - Hoax!

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 09:50:53 -0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:23:39 -0500
Subject: Man Abducted In Brazil - Hoax!

Please my friends, this is very important.

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
Vice-Presidente da Entidade Brasileira de Estudos Extraterrestres (EBE-ET)
Bras=EDlia/Brasil

www.ebe-et.com.br

From: A. J. Gevaerd (Revista UFO)
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 8:01 PM
Subject: Man Abducted In Brazil - HOAX

Dear friends:

Please let everybody know that this is a campaign to promote the biggest UFO hoaxer of all times in Brazil, Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who has actually created a sect of fanatics around him, composed of people who blindly believe in his alleged ET contacts and healing powers, none of them ever confirmed.

The man has been repeatedly exposed as hoaxer and many people from his sect, after waking up to reality, have come forward to describe Urandir's tricks. His last great attempt to go public in Brazil and overseas happened last year, when he invented that a UFO had crashed at his friend's farm. It was only another of his hoaxes, perpetrated to attract people to his activities, to which they are invited to join if they pay a considerable amount of money. His history is all fake and the man is fastly becoming a millionaire with his obscure agenda, supported by thousands of fanatics. Urandir is largely rejected by 99% of the Brazilian UFO Community, who perfectly knows that he is nothing but a hoaxer. This story bellow is NOT to be taken seriously, as no responsible UFO researcher has been allowed to scrutinize the scenario and the alleged case.

A. J. Gevaerd,
Editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine
gevaerd@ufo.com.br

<http://rense.com/general32/abduct.htm>

Man Abducted In Brazil -
Amazing Photos Of Scene
By Felipe Castelo Branco
11-29-2

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Hello Jeff....I would like to share a couple of photos of the traces found after an abduction took place in a farm house near the city of Campo Grande, about 1300 kilometers north of Rio

de Janeiro. The event was witnessed by 28 people present in the farm (I was there as well), who saw the big "disc of light" (maybe 50 meters in diameter) hover silently above the house about 100 meters high... then the disc shot down a blueish beam of light on the house and "abducted" a man who was lying on his bed. This was around 8:00 pm and when we broke in the bedroom, there was this intense ozone smell. We were all very amazed to have witnessed such a phenomena. The man who was abducted returned after 48 hours and had a lot to say about his experience (it was his 3rd abduction). Our group has been studying the UFO phenomena in this area for the past 6 years.

Regards,

Felipe

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Houran

From: Jim Houran <JHouran@siumed.edu>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 07:41:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:39:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Houran

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 14:44:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>I will see what I can do about presenting everyone with a set of
>criteria that will help to define the elements of of a 'UFO'
>abduction case. Maybe it'll help to reduce the noise level to
>the point where more salient cases involving multiple witnesses
>and physical evidence can be focused upon by the larger research
>community. I'll keep you (and the List) posted.

Hi, all:

Probably the best way to conceptualize a baseline (i.e., core) abduction experience is to apply Rasch scaling techniques to the responses of 'genuine' abductees and those who are not genuine.

As I and several co-authors have shown repeatedly in peer-reviewed, published studies on NDEs, haunt-poltergeist experiences, paranormal belief and experiences, transliminality, and even celebrity worshippers, Rasch scaling can determine if there is a core probabilistic hierarchy of events that underlies all genuine experiences and which is not tainted by extaraneous sources of error, such as age, gender, or even culture-based response biases.

Rasch analyses can also determine if the 'dis-genuine' abductees interpret questions differently than genuine abductees.

If anyone is interested in pursuing this, I would be happy to facilitate these analyses, as long as I had access to a large (N around 300) database of 'genuine' versus 'dis-genuine' abductees in order to administer certain questions.

Best Wishes,

Jim Houran

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Taken Comes To The BBC In 2003

From: Philip Mantle <philipmantle@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 14:13:10 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:45:59 -0500
Subject: Taken Comes To The BBC In 2003

You might be interested to know that the 10 episode TV mini-series 'Taken', produced by Steven Spielberg, will be screened on BBC 2 the second week of January 2003. This epic series deals entirely with alien abductions and is already going down great guns in the USA.

Philip Mantle

www.beyondpublications.com

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 15:56:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:51:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - King

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:57:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 23:03:45 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>How much of our tax dollars
>>are thrown down the drain to these 9 to 5 scientists while us
>>broke tax payers are supposed to make the biggest discovery of
>>all time in our spare-time a few bucks?

>Tom:

>You should take your own advice and do your own homework before
>you spout off.

>According to the SETI website, at:

><http://www.seti.org/>

>"Project Phoenix, the Earth's most comprehensive hunt for
>extraterrestrial intelligence, has continued only through
>private contributions".

Bob:

FYI, for a long time they were funded by tax dollars. Thank God
that waste of money stopped. Of course the cult that listens to
radio noise will debunk every single UFO photo/video,
eyewitness. Because if any of these clowns admits UFOs could
already be here. Than they would be out of a job now wouldn't
they? Conflict of interest for these people to support any
research outside of their own project.

>>It's the typical stuff you hear from a professional astronomer.

>And your example is just another of the uninformed, anti-
>government and anti-science rantings that we get from saucer

>believers.

It's clear you don't know what you're talking about! How do you know I don't work for the government? You label me anti-government because I think our money is wasted on SETI? I'm anti-science because I think our money is wasted on SETI? The SETI cult is not science there is no proof any of what their doing could work.

While people like you sit and around and wait for astronomers to give official word of alien existence, the rest of us don't really care for their opinion. It figures you would stick up for this guy, it speaks volumes about you.

Tom King
ufovideo.com

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 17:19:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:54:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Jim Houran <JHouran@siumed.edu>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 13:26:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

<snip>

>I would like to know, from anyone on the List, which
>eyewitnesses from the Roswell case are actually deemed reliable
>and whose testimony is open to scrutiny.

>To make this clear, I would greatly appreciate a list of
>witnesses who are identified and whose testimony is documented
>clearly (and dated) and which is available publicly.

>Lastly, have the tapes of the hypnosis sessions of Jesse Marcel,
>Jr. which were facilitated by Kent Jeffrey been made public?

To Jim Houran, Kevin, Stan and the List

First, regarding the tapes:

In the MUFON UFO Journal of January 1998, Robert Durant wrote that he "was among a handful of ufologists to whom Mr Jeffrey sent copies of the video tapes". But several days later he "received a telephone call from Mr Jeffrey abruptly requesting that I return the tapes".

He complied the same day without making a copy, as requested. So you should ask now Mr Kent Jeffrey, presumably.

But you have a full report by Robert Durant in three issues of the Mufon Journal (Jan. to March 1998) answering the previous paper of Kent Jeffrey, in the Mufon Journal of July 1997, and

thoroughly contradicting it. And convincingly, in my opinion!

I met with Dr Marcel in Dec. 1997, and he told me something like this : "I don't understand Kent. I know what I saw and they were extraordinary fragments".

Regarding the reliability of certain Roswell witnesses, I would like to risk some remarks.

First, congratulations to Kevin Randle and Mark Rodegheir for their outstanding article in IUR, which I just read on the CUFOS web site.

A question which troubles me is the possibility that some witnesses may have been sincere at first but may have become unreliable later. For what reason ? First, the desire to boost their story. This might be the case for Jim Ragsdale. But there may be other reasons!

Another one could be pressure for commercial reasons (Ragsdale again). But there might be yet another reason : pressure from people in charge of protecting the secret.

The first example is, of course, William McBrazel, with two stories, the second one under military escort, with some details such as the weight of the debris : less than five pounds! Are there other witnesses of that kind ?

I noted with interest that Kevin, in his IUR article on Kaufmann, recalled that "He always picked up the check, claiming that someone else paid for it. The implication was that the government was watching and Frank was just doing his job". Well, what kind of job was he doing ?

This reminds me of what John Carpenter, whom I met in Laughlin in march 2000, told me about Gerald Anderson. He had met him recently and Anderson was in excellent health and mood. His attitude was the one of a man satisfied to have done his job well. Carpenter was the hypnotherapist who had regressed Anderson and who had supported him during several years. Now he was convinced that he had played a role.

A question remains : could he have given, maybe like Kaufmann and even Ragsdale, some true information, cleverly mixed with lies ? The trick is then to make a very interesting story, but which will be discredited sooner or later. I suspect two possible scenarios here : "amplifying disinformation", or gradual release of information, under tight control.

The case of Glenn Dennis might be yet another one. He would have told the truth basically, but protected the identity of the nurse. He may also have had his memory somewhat mixed up, after forty years. I already noted in a previous post :

Regarding Glenn Dennis and the "missing nurse", I am perplexed by the information given about Eileen Fanton, both in the "Roswell Report. Case Closed" (pages 82-83), and by Karl Pflock in his last book, at pages 138-139.

She seems to correspond on several points to the description made by Glenn Dennis. Could it be that at least part of his original story was accurate ? Or is there a solid argument against that, apart from the false name Naomi Selff ?

Gildas Bourdais

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Hola Young Bob, Tom, All,

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Which only serves to strengthen/make Tom's original point! Dr.
Michio Kaku (who is a shade smarter than the three of us put
together) made the same point Tom made in his presentation at
the GWU symposium regarding the government funding of UFO
research.

On a personal note: as a contributing tax-payer I'd rather see
some of my tax dollars go into 'formal' UFO research projects as
opposed to; spending it on another crate of \$200. a-piece

hammers or 'another' destructive weapon that is only intended to kill off human beings.

Some of the best and brightest we have, assembled in DC and called for the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. Get with the program Bob. Your thinking on the UFO phenom is stuck in the paleolithic age.

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No, it wasn't. Tom made a good and valid point. It is only your myopia regarding anything connected to the UFO question that prevents you from seeing the validity of his comments yourself.

Your own comments are the kind of dogmatic, 'I have all the answers' 'the earth is flat' kind of knee-jerk response that we are used to getting from intellectually constipated skeptics with a thinking disorder.

>Clear skies,

Clear the prejudice and cobwebs from your head!

>"Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk"

Never forget Bob, as the great Stooge himself once intoned; "He who nyuks last, nyuks best! :)

Regards,

John Velez
The last nyuker

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 11:49:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:59:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 06:24:21 -0800
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

>>Hello All,

>>In hopes of starting a fruit-bearing discussion on the subject
>>of defining UFO abduction cases, I offer the following:

>>'Something' has been happening to me and to many others for all
>>of our lives. 'Something' involving "UFOs" and their occupants.
>>(Whoever or whatever they may be.) There are enough physical
>>components to the phenomena to justify the serious consideration
>>of serious, thoughtful people. There are enough of those people
>>on this List. Enough to help to resolve the contentious issue of
>>'what' defines an abduction case.

>>To kick things off, I'd like to suggest the details surrounding
>>the Betty and Barney Hill case as a starting point.

>>1. Two people who were awake (conscious) and on their way home
>>encounter an "unidentified" aerial object/phenomena.

>>2. The 'UFO sighting' is one where there is close proximity to
>>the object and the event 'seems' to be focused on the
>>individuals involved.

>>3. There is contact/interaction with the occupants of the "UFO."

>All 3 of the above fit my experience with Pamela in March 1993
>on Highway 375 in Nevada, yet to this day I am unsure of what
>transpired.

>John, this is what I have attempted to do to strengthen the
>signal from all the noise. I think we need to start with the
>cataloging of encounter cases from the CE-3 level where humanoid
>occupants have been sighted in the vicinity of landed craft and
>classify the details. Next, the CE-4 experiences like the 3-
>point one above. Last on my list would be bedroom visits only
>or recalled dreams. Then, any CE-5/CE-4/CE-3 combo where humans
>have initiated an encounter event.

>Also, documenting of any and all physical traces or physical
>evidence.

>Patterns are important as well. The astounding Brazil abduction
>on Rense's sight is out-of-pattern and is now denounced as a
>hoax. Reed's story was like that. Consistency of pattern is
>important, but we must also recognize changes in pattern or
>consistent departures from it.

>Whatever we have after a solid study is the core of the evidence
>which could be very convincing.

>At some stage we need to go beyond some conclusion about the
>reality and nature of these abductions and find out who? what?
>why?

Hi Bill, All,

I agree wholeheartedly with everything you said, Bill. I'm going to try to take this on because it needs doing. Apparently if I don't do it myself, it'll never materialize. Would anybody interested in making a contribution please forward your thoughts and suggestions to my private e-mail address.

This undertaking should rightfully be one that reflects an 'informed' consensus. Several List members have already made some sound suggestions. I will be contacting some of you (privately) for help with this important task.

Thanks to all,

John Velez

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 13:17:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 13:02:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Ledger

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 23:13:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>Source: BBC OnLine

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

>>'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

>>Government papers suggest that details of a "UFO scare" in
>>Suffolk in 1980 were suppressed in order to avoid public panic.
>>BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse says we
>>should abandon the UFO "myth".

>>UFOs in the sense of unexplained lights in the sky certainly
>>exist.

>>But flying saucers, that is, alien spacecraft, never have.

>>It really is about time we put down the whole UFO-spaceship
>>thing as part of the past; part of an old-fashioned view of the
>>mysteries of space.

>>At best, they were a delusion, wishful thinking by some who
>>didn't want to know better.

>>At worst they were, in some instances, a con as unscrupulous
>>people exploited others.

>>We have had UFOs for more than 50 years now. During that time,
>>we are supposed to have had innumerable sightings of alien craft
>>in our atmosphere, numerous encounters with strange beings as
>>well as a great many abductions.

>>Fuzzy logic

>>And what have we got to show for it? Remarkably little - a few
>>amazing stories told by those who claim to have been witnesses
>>and abductees, as well as a fuzzy photographs and videos, and of
>>course, lots of fakes.

>>Is it not strange that of all the photos and film shot of UFOs
>>are poor and inadequate. You might have thought that at least
>>one of them would be a close-up and in focus.

>>Obviously Whitehouse knows little about the subject. Here he is
>>caught in circular logic

>>IF there were real UFOs there would be some clear photos of
>>UFOs. There are clear photos of objects reported to be UFOs but,
>>of course, they are fakes.

>>Therefore there are no clear photos of UFOs.

>>Therefore there are no UFOs.

>If ever real UFOs appear there will be some clear photos of
>UFOs. (But if any such photos appear they will turn out to be
>fakes..... etc.)

>I believe Whitehouse's article is bunk.

Certainly Whitehouse's article is one of the most amateurish pieces of crap I've ever come across. I also get a little suspicious when someone writes such an ill-informed diatribe. What's he got to be upset about? How does it bother him. Does he have some idea that UFO reports, the people that report them, and those that investigate them are somehow doing damage to public order? Why the rant?

How come we don't get this same reaction to people reporting images of the Virgin Mary in the coffee stains on a T-shirt, or in one case here, a rain-stain on the side of a Tim Horton's [coffee and donut outlet in Canada]. People burning candles and singing hymns to a rain stain. Now there's brain-damaged goods for you.

As for the attack on science - that's a fallacy. Consider the number of pedigreed scientists that are, and have been looking at the UFO question. I for one encourage good science, not ill informed nay-sayers.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Meier Photo [was: Canada's National Post On

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:14:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:13:45 -0500
Subject: Meier Photo [was: Canada's National Post On

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 10:47:25 -0400
>Subject: Canada's National Post On Rendlesham

>Cnada's National Post for today, December 4, 2002, page A3,
>contains a large serious article about the MOD having to
>release the files on Rendlesham. Unfortunately one of Billy
>Meier's phony pictures is used for the visual, but I doubt if
>the writer had any say in that decision. The author of the
>article is given as Peter Goodspeed at:
>pgoodspeed@nationalpost.com

Hello Stan and List,

I suppose if Meier had the money for lawyers, and the disposition for it, he could sue those who use his photos without his permission, and those who slander him.

The photo that ended up in Goodspeed's article is from Meier's 8 March 1975 Ober-Saedelegg series, being the photo called the 'logpile scene'. It and the other seven surviving photos in that series remain standing as genuine, never having been in any credible sense refuted (just as his other series stand unrefuted, save for some of the many photos from his 5-day space trip that he was informed were tampered with during development, and which he therefore disavowed a few years ago).

The photo in question is the one that Wendelle Stevens had physicist Neil Davis of Design Technology analyze - a 2nd or 3rd generation print - that Davis found consistent with the UFO craft being a large object in the distance. Upon eyeballing several of the other photos in this series, in which the craft moved up to twice as far away as in the logpile scene, I've found the 'haze effect' to be noticeable.

In my website I display some Meier-case photo material that doesn't require the original color transparencies for analysis of genuineness, considering that they were taken in 1975-76.

Jim Deardorff

<http://www.tjresearch.info/ufology.htm>
<http://www.tjresearch.info/moretrees.htm>
<http://www.tjresearch.info/bachtel.htm>
<http://www.tjresearch.info/BillyYes.htm>
<http://www.tjresearch.info/hasenbol.htm>

"If you can't attack the data, attack the people."

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 14:39:40 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:15:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 11:32:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:57:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 23:03:45 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>Tom wrote:

>>>How much of our tax dollars
>>>are thrown down the drain to these 9 to 5 scientists while us
>>>broke tax payers are supposed to make the biggest discovery of
>>>all time in our spare-time a few bucks?

>Bob responds:

>>You should take your own advice and do your own homework before
>>you spout off.

>>According to the SETI website, at:

>><http://www.seti.org/>

>>"Project Phoenix, the Earth's most comprehensive hunt for
>>extraterrestrial intelligence, has continued only through
>>private contributions".

>Which only serves to strengthen/make Tom's original point!

Hi, John:

Huh?

>Dr. Michio Kaku (who is a shade smarter than the three of us
>put together) made the same point Tom made in his
>presentation at the GWU symposium regarding the
>government funding of UFO research.

If he did, then he ain't as smart as you think. John, please
read the original posts over again.

The SETI program uses private funds, not tax money.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

And one of the other Stooges, Larry Fine (Louis Fienberg), said,
"Wake up and go to sleep"

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 14:56:49 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:17:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 15:56:55 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:57:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>FYI, for a long time they were funded by tax dollars.

Only at the beginning, and it was worth every penny.

>Thank God that waste of money stopped. Of course the cult
>that listens to radio noise will debunk every single UFO
>photo/video, eyewitness.

Cult? Coming from ufoology, that's a joke.

>Because if any of these clowns admits UFOs could
>already be here. Then they would be out of a job now wouldn't
>they?

An interesting observation. It probably explains why few if any
one in ufology dares to actually try to obtain instrumented
records of UFOs. They prefer to wallow in the vicarious thrills
of abuctees and other "experiences", if they aren't out peddling
books and lecturing to the faithful.

>It's clear you don't know what you're talking about! How do you
>know I don't work for the government?

Why would I care? I was commenting on your anti-guv'mint
hysteria, not where you get your paycheck.

>While people like you sit and around and wait for astronomers to
>give official word of alien existence, the rest of us don't
>really care for their opinion.

Yup, I knew that. That's why is described your comment as
uninformed.

>It figures you would stick up for this guy, it speaks volumes
>about you.

Thank you, sir. As one cult member to another, it sure is nice
that we can still appreciate each other.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:37:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:20:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 01:34:11 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 21:04:35 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 00:31:40 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 21:49:03 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002 16:58:08 -0500
>>>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>Just wondering... how did you determine the two were "basket
>>>cases" and what instruments did you use to determine a "very
>>>high percentage" were "entirely sane and grounded individuals"?

>>Using my observational powers and knowledge of psychology and
>>human behavior based on being Senior Abstracts Editor for the
>>American Psychological Association. It doesn't take a
>>professional to recognize people who are having difficulty
>>functioning as human beings and whose behavior and vocalizations
>>are bizarre.

>Hi, Dick:

>Let me see if I understand what you are saying. You determined
>the two claimed abductees you worked with were "basket cases"
>based on your observational powers and knowledge of psychology
>you learned through reading abstracts for the American
>Psychological Association? Further, you claim it doesn't take a
>professional to recognize those who are dysfunctional? (I'm not
>repeating you or myself, I'm summarizing.)

Amy,

I perceive that we have a much larger area of agreement than of
disagreement, so don't understand why you persist in misreading
and then misrepresenting my comments repeatedly. In effect, you
berate me for the sins of others and then you seem to try to
cast everything I say in the worst possible light. I will
insert some responses below, but will snip out repetitive or
unimportant stuff to spare the readers. - Dick

>Good Lord! You mean I wasted 6 years of my life studying,
>training and practicing (and learning to write not just
>psychological abstracts but also the research and reports that

>go with them) to become a psychotherapist for nothing?! It never
>occurred to me that all I had to do to pass those exams and earn
>those degrees was to read a bunch of abstracts. Sure wish
>someone had told me this before I did all that work. <wink>

Your sarcasm aside, this is not at all what I said, suggested,
or implied. I didn't *read* abstracts at the American
Psychological Association (APA), I created them from the
scientific literature after reading the articles. In fact, it
was many a psychology graduate student and PhD who admitted to
me that they simply *read* our abstracts rather than the
original articles while doing research for their theses.

<snip>

>Usually when someone tells me "it doesn't take a professional",
>they don't have the necessary degrees or training in the area
>they are addressing. Do you have a degree in psychology, Dick?

(1) My vita can be read at my web site (www.hallrichard.com);
(2) During the NICAP years we had an academic PhD visit and ask
for an audience of professionals to whom he could disclose
important information about UFOs. We provided an audience of
scientists, engineers, lawyers, and two very highly placed
behavioral scientists, one the clinical director of a major
Washington-area insitution. When our PhD identified himself as
God (or inconsistently at times as at God's right hand;
schizophrenic God?) and began a lecture on numerology, it didn't
take our PhD clinician or M.D. psychiatrist to tell that we were
dealing with a severely mentally ill person. Does it take a PhD
psychologist to figure out that a certain heavyweight boxer
doesn't have both oars in the water? That's what I mean by
"basket cases"; pathology that is obvious to any thinking
person, or certainly to one familiar with the psychology
literature and who has interacted extensively with
psychologists.

>>I always worked (past tense; I no longer work with
>>abductees except superficially with referral information)
>>professional psychologists, one of whom was discussed at some
>>length in my posting to Greg Sandow on this list. No evdience
>>was found of any serious psychopathology.

>As I said before, lack of evidence of serious psychopathology
>does not mean someone is beyond fabricating their experiences.
>Well adjusted people can think they have been abducted even
>though they weren't. Have you watched TV lately, Dick?

I never said it meant that. But I don't follow your argument
that well-adjusted people are likely to think they have been
abducted. And by the way, Amy, what do you mean by "abducted"?
Is this a circular argument in which you are assuming that
anyone who claims to have been abducted has to be fantasizing or
lying?

>With all the programs about UFOs and abduction scenarios on TV,
>at the movies, etc. I'd be surprised if people were not
>associating various odd experiences in their past with aliens
>and flying saucers. It doesn't mean they were abducted. It means
>the media can and does influence some people to believe they
>were abducted when they were not. If a mere Halloween radio
>program can convince people to go out and shoot anything that
>moves, it doesn't take much to convince some people they have
>been abducted.

You need to re-read your literature: That is not what happened
with the Orson Welles broadcast. One of my brothers who is a PhD
social psychologist and who has taught classes on panic and
rumors has written a very interesting article about this popular
misbelief.

>Even professional psychologists may find themselves at a loss
>when it comes to abduction phenomena. There are no criteria for
>working with claimed abductees. Most of it is being made up as
>we go. There are no tests that can establish, beyond doubt, that
>someone is telling the truth. There are no surveys that can
>determine who is more likely to be a genuine abductee and who is
>not. In the end, it all boils down to a matter of opinion,
>professional and otherwise.

Who said that I, we, anyone could establish the truth about

abductions beyond a doubt? You keep setting up such false premises and then getting exercised about them.

>It takes more than just interviewing and/or hypnotizing people
>who claim to have been abducted to get an idea of just how
>bizarre this phenomenon really is. Sometimes it means getting up
>in the middle of the night and going to be with someone who
>calls you on the phone nearly hysterical because they see beings
>creeping down the hall (with objects hovering nearby and burn
>marks in the yard)... again. Sometimes it means touching the
>scars up and down their legs where they dug implants out of
>their legs with a knife to let them know you are not afraid of
>their fear. And sometimes it means returning, day after day, to
>listen to their stories even though you see little balls of
>light darting through the walls when all you really want to do
>is get the hell out of there.

As I said, I have worked with over 150 abductees so I have experienced some of this. I am well aware how bizarre the whole phenomenon is. That's why it scares me.

>It takes a lot of compassion to understand what these people
>must be going through. Once you have encountered the more
>physical aspects of these phenomena, you no longer focus on
>hypnotic regressions or taped interviews. Once you actually see
>phenomena manifest before you, writing books is the least of
>your concerns. And once you encounter phenomena up close and in
>person, you learn what it means to be really terrified. (Now you
>know why I stopped doing abduction research. That and the lack
>of support even among those of the abduction community.

I appreciate your compassionate concern for abductees, but you are not the only one who is compassionate. And what has writing books" got to do with it in this context? I stopped doing abduction research primarily because of too much vicariously experiencing the phenomenon, and for other reasons as well.

>There is a lack of scientific research in this area mainly
>because few people are willing to put their claims to the test.
>If you question or probe, you're not believing every word they
>say and therefore, not doing research. Catch 22.)

There is a lack of research funding that would allow good scientific research. And I don't understand your last sentence at all. If you are implying that I or other serious investigators are "believing every word they say," that is simply untrue.

>>>Furthermore, how did you distinguish which ones were genuine
>>>abductees and which ones were not?

>>I never said I did. The term "genuine abductee" is not that
>>meaningful to me. If a person thinks or suspects they have been
>>abducted and it is causing them problems, I am nonjudgmental
>>about whether it "really" happened.

>It didn't matter to you whether or not they had actually had the
>experiences they claimed? There is a difference between being
>open minded and being nonjudgmental. You keep an open mind while
>looking for evidence to indicate the truth. Somewhere along the
>line you have to decide whether you think they have been
>abducted or not, based on the evidence. Otherwise you might go
>around claiming to have worked with dozens or hundreds of
>abductees even though you never really knew who had been
>abducted and who only claimed to have been abducted but were
>not.

Now this is really twisting my words around. I didn't say that it "didn't matter to me." Of course it matters, but how does one tell? Do you think it's all fantasy and imagination? I don't. I see nothing unscientific in reserving judgment until more and better data are available before making up my mind in any given case. From what I have read in the literature and personally experienced, it seems very unlikely to me that any significant percentage of abductions are merely fantasy or imagination. How did you determine that, Amy? What tests have you conducted, and where is the output of your research for peer review?

>>>I know you, like many others, are only trying to help but what
>>>if even ten were not genuine abductees but rather suffering from
>>>delusions or some other types of encounters with the unknown?

>>>What kind of 'support' will these individuals find in your
>>>support group or as part of your research?

>>If they were suffering from delusions, probably no help at all.
>>But I am not unsophisticated about recognizing possibly
>>delusional people.

>That's right, you read psychological abstracts about human
>behavior.

You do carry your false premises and misreadings to the bitter end.

>>>It may be all well and good to provide some kind of help for
>>>those experiencing abductions but what may be happening to those
>>>who are treated as abductees but are not? Do you have any idea
>>>of the amount of suffering caused for those who experience
>>>phenomena in their lives and are labeled as "abductees" when no
>>>one really knows what's going on?

>>This is another of many false premises on your part. I never
>>labelled anyone anything or suggested to anyone that they had
>>been abducted by aliens. (Read "Testing Reality".) I always
>>emphasized that "no one really knows what's going on."\
>>

>How about restating some of your contentions here? (I'd love to
>read your "Testing Reality" but couldn't find it on the
>internet. Is it posted someplace convenient for all to read?)

As I said in a previous post, it is available from the Fund for
UFO Research (www.fufor.com); the price is \$5.00 plus postage.

<snip>

>Nice talking with you, Dick.

>Amy

Take care, Amy. But please do read what I say more carefully
before sounding off.

- Dick

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>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 07:19:49 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:47:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Defining An Abduction Case

>>Hello John,

><snip>

>>Stop yelling from the tree tops for somebody else to do your
>>work. Get your research going and bring the rest of us
>>enlightenment regarding the abduction phenomenon. Take what you
>>personally have experienced and approach it from a position 180
>>degrees away from the personal aspects of emotion. Don't sell
>>yourself short. You are just as capable of doing quality
>>abduction research as the "seasoned" researcher.

>John, if you can come up with case documentation which requires
>someone to read each case and fill in a computer database from
>the reads, and from which queries can be answered by way of the
>database software, I volunteer.

>I have a PC with plenty of disk space and horsepower, and I am
>an experienced database manager and computer programmer. It
>would be a privilege to work as your data entry operator on this
>important project.

>I am semi-retired and could devote 2 to 3 full days per week on
>this.

>Once you have a substantial number of records analyzed and
>entered into a computer database, it is easy to get an
>incredible number of accurate answers very quickly.

>Furthermore, you can get answers which were never even thought
>of during the data entry phase.

>Eleanor White

Eleanor,

This is a very generous offer, and leads me to volunteer as well. I am a very experienced abstractor/indexer and have worked on major national and international databases. Although I am not likely to have the time to do all the abstracting, what I can do is draft a Thesaurus of indexing terms, create some sample abstracts, and outline abstracting procedures for anyone who has the time. I even have experience in training abstractors. In fact, the format I used in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, might be

a good way to go about it. I am the copyright owner, and can send you those cases abstracts electronically to incorporate in a database provided you can handle WordPerfect 5.1.

- Dick

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Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:34:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:24:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43 - Rimmer

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 22:09:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 43

>As I have said in another post on this thread,
>all governments have a common interest in covering up whatever
>solid knowledge they have. Major ones want to learn new
>technology, to keep others from learning what they have learned,
>and to avoid admitting their air space can be violated with
>impunity.

Unfortunately, in more than fifty years the US, British and
Russian/Soviet governments don't seem to have learned anything
of practical use at all.

>None of which I am aware want their citizens to start thinking
>of themselves as Earthlings because it would reduce their power.
>So far as I know the aliens haven't taken sides, they haven't
>seriously attacked any governments, why should smaller nations
>worry about them? If US or Soviet Space surveillance systems pick
>up one crashing, then contact the country and offer a reward.

Is this likely to work with, e.g.: Iraq, Libya, North Korea,
Iran, or, for that matter, India, Pakistan or even France?

>I haven't said anything about any agreement between the Aliens
>and various governments. Is there one? They are here to do their
>thing. I would think that primarily they want to be left alone.
>I have heard of a number of instances in which military craft
>attacking UFOs have been destroyed. As a former radar operator
>told me after a US plane disappeared while being tracked as it
>approached a UFO, the word went out: don't shoot, take pictures.

Would it be too much to ask for references to these cases
involving military craft destroyed by UFOs? I mean direct
reports with quotations and named people, dates and places, not
"a story I heard from some guy when I was in the army".

>It wouldn't take much monitoring of earth to determine that we
>have a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare.
>A Russian article in an English language Russian magazine
>stressed how important it was that we be able to distinguish
>between a flying saucer and the other guy's missiles so as to
>avoid starting a 3rd World war. I do suspect as discussed by
>Hansen (The Missing Times) that there has been government
>influence on the major media to avoid taking the subject very
>seriously.

This is hardly surprising. I should hope that the Russian
military as much as the American or the British, would be very
careful indeed about what it starts shooting at. Everyone agrees
that unidentified flying objects exist, not everyone is as sure
as you are that they are extraterrestrial spacecraft. Defence
establishments pay huge amounts of money (often through 'black
projects') to acquire sophisticated surveillance and detection
systems that will distinguish between enemy missiles and a wide
range of other "unidentifieds". > >>However, as you will have
gathered from the debate earlier this >>year about Trindade

Island, I am rather less sanguin than you >>about these so-called 'multiple witness sightings'.

>You certainly are. That is your privilege though I suspect you >are very much in a minority of those who have studied the facts >about the case. Especially since no one has come forward who was >there to say the case was a hoax. When the press reports a crowd >of 47,000 at a sports event, I don't need to have a list of the >names of all attendees to accept that that is pretty close to >correct. Obviously Trindade is not the only multiple witness

I won't go into this at length here, as I have written about this in some detail in the forthcoming 'Magonia Supplement'. Just one point: being in a minority doesn't make you wrong (or is Mr Friedman indulging in 'research by referendum' again?).

If a UFO landed in the centre spot at a World Cup match, I would not expect the names of everyone present in the crowd. I would expect at least a couple of dozen direct eyewitness reports. Not unreasonable, surely?

>It is not a tie game, John. The ayes have it by a big >margin.

Oh, dear, research by referendum again!

>Remember that ITV program?

Which one? Coronation Street?

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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FOIA Request to FAA - 12-05-02

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Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 17:41:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 08:31:51 -0500
Subject: FOIA Request to FAA - 12-05-02

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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: December 5, 2002

In the aftermath of the July 26, 2002, UFO fly-over and subsequent USAF jet-interceptor chase near Waldorf, Md., a number of persons have dispatched to your headquarters certain freedom-of-information requests for access to all FAA-generated and FAA-received records pertaining to this incident.

In light of your agency's protracted delay in fulfilling these requests about such a vital public issue as UFO reality (and our government's response thereto), I hereby submit this letter as an FOIA request that you promptly send me a copy of the following records:

(1) All FAA-generated and FAA-received records about the Waldorf Incident that any FAA personnel have shared, to date, with the National Institute for Discovery Science (pursuant to the recently inaugurated NIDS-FAA agreement for such transfer of FAA-acquired UFO-encounter reports).

(2) The entire contents of the FAA FOIA case file being maintained on each of the above-cited FOIA requests about the Waldorf Incident (said records to include all agency records-search tasking documents, intra-/inter-agency coordination papers, correspondence, document-review papers, memoranda for record, e-mail messages, memoranda of telephone conversations, document-transmittal slips, technical reports, administrative-processing notes, FOIA-decision appeal letters, and minutes/audio tapes of meetings/teleconferences).

(3) All congressional correspondence in which your agency has become a party as regards the aftermath of the Waldorf Incident.

(4) All FAA-USAF interaction/coordination documents relating to the Waldorf Incident.

Since I make this request on behalf of the public's growing interest in acquiring full, prompt knowledge of how certain FAA personnel respond to UFO-related events, developments, and trends, I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it. Please note that I'm sending you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy

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Is Somebody Taping 'Taken'?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 15:51:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 09:40:57 -0500
Subject: Is Somebody Taping 'Taken'?

Hi all,

I'm an ex-pat American living in Ontario and no longer get the SCI-FI network as I did in the States.

Does anyone know if I could borrow, buy, barter or steal taped episodes of "Taken" ? I'm desperate to see the series, with all the web hoo-hah surrounding it.

Thanks,

Dave Ferreira

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 09:47:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

I'm going to snip some of this to keep it from becoming very long. I hope clarity will follow...

>><snip>

>>Yes, and I saw the drawings before the Popular Mechanics article, but I think Av Week might have beat him. So, if asked, >>I could say, honestly, that Frank's drawings might have been >>inspired by Av Week. Won't Phil Klass be thrilled?

>Are you saying that you saw Frank's drawings before Dec. 1991?

I'm saying that I believe I saw the drawings before they came out in Popular Mechanics, but not before they were noted in Av Week. That certainly could be the source of his inspiration... Though the timing is such that he might have already seen the Popular Mechanics. It's a very close thing.

>>>>First let me apologize for my rather inelegant statement above. >>>>My excuse was having to get to the store very early because they >>>>were selling DVD players for \$30. American (what is that in >>>>Canada now, about a thousand bucks?). Anyway, what I meant was >>>>that while I have little doubt that Frank Kaufmann has invented >>>>his tales, I wasn't present and I seriously doubt he made any >>>>sort of admission to Friedman, Schmitt or Howe.

>Don't forget Balthaser. Why do you doubt it? Four witnesses >isn't enough for you? We know Frank wasn't in good health and >knew he had cancer . He might have felt guilty for lying.

My question is did he admit to lying to you, at that time, or did he amend his story which is not quite the same thing. Did he say, in his Frank Kaufmann voice, "Well, I lied about that. Marcel and Blanchard didn't accompany me out to the site?" Or, did he just change the story, which is not an admission of lying.

And, if he admitted lying, why did none of the others ever mention this?

Or, are we simply left with your interpretation of the situation...

<snip>

>>No, but from reading your sentence, it wasn't clear what you >>meant. It seemed to suggest that I was.

>>I remember the 1995 meeting, held in the Roswell Inn but I do >>not remember ranting and shouting... But isn't this in the same >>meeting where you made the false claim I had been an English >>major in college (See, once again we are not allowed mistakes, >>just false claims. And for those keeping score at home, I'm an >>Army captain.).

>Why would what you majored in have come up in a meeting whose >purpose was for me to interview Frank? your article in Story's >encyclopedia says your degree was in Anthropology.

Because, as you were ranting about what I had written in "The History of UFO Crashes," (which you are still ranting about so long after publication of it) you said something about me being an English major in college (checked that out real good didn't you?) and I said that my undergraduate studies had been in Anthropology, and you started to say, "No wonder you and Tom Carey..."

The implication there was that we both had studied Anthropology, though Tom, if I remember was a physical anthropologist and I was more oriented toward archaeology.

Are you now making the false claim this didn't happen?

>>And didn't I write an article published in the MUFON Journal in >>which I challenged these 38 false claims which included such >>gems as "That S.T. Friedman know all about an RS alien tissue >>sample." I still don't know what this means. Or the laughable >>"Testimony from anonymous caller is fully trustworthy." I don't >>know where I might have ever suggested it. And what is the >>relevance of this now? Didn't we go over it at the time when you >>made these false claims?

>Matter of fact you and Don had noted testimony from an anonymous >caller and considered it reliable.

Well, that's not quite the same thing is it? Besides, I knew (know) who that specific anonymous caller was (is) and have actually interviewed him in his office... Tom Carey, I believe, knows who it is.

This in comparison to the anonymous cowboy who told Robert Drake about the crash on the Plains you have reported a number of times. The difference here is that I, in fact, know the anonymous source while you are using testimony from an second-hand source who is quoting an anonymous source. Interesting...

>Yes, you wrote a MUFON Journal article in response. And I wrote >an 8 page response (Nov.10,1995) refuting your refutation.

So it's come around to me again has it? I could write a refutation of your refutation of my refutation of your original 38 false claims. Is there a point to that? I pass on my turn.

>>And I have explained to you four times what the sentence meant >>and while it might have been constructed a little better, your >>interpretation is your interpretation and not mine.

>Let the Listers decide: The quote comes after your discussion of >the Frank Scully book..."In fact, in 1980 I provided Ron Story >with the segment on the hidden alien bodies and crashed saucers >for "The UFO Encyclopedia". In it I made it clear that none of >the reports of crashed saucers had ever withstood objective >investigation.The road was strewn with the remains of those >stories, starting with the Aztec, New Mexico, case and working >its way to the Spitzbergen report, and the events near Roswell, >New Mexico". "A History of UFO Crashes" Kevin Randle. 1995. >There was no mention of Roswell in your Encyclopedia article.

Inelegant, yes. Confusing, yes. But please note the period. It

doesn't actually say that Roswell was mentioned in Story's Encyclopedia, but does say that the road is strewn with the remains of those saucers. Interpret away.

>>>>There is nothing in that part of Stan's MUFON speech that
>>>>suggests that Frank Kaufmann told him, Schmitt or Howe that he
>>>>told lies about his involvement.

>>>This is simply untrue. In the paper (bottom of p. 200 in the
>>>Symp. Proc.) "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial at his
>>>home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don Schmitt. I
>>>explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him. NO. Did
>>>Marcel go with you? NO. "In 1995 he had claimed that he had
>>>awakened both in the middle of the night and they had all gone
>>>together. Perhaps Kevin has forgotten that I had also asked
>>>wouldn't they have waited for a spotter plane before Blanchard
>>>would leave his post without knowing what was there. Frank said
>>>there were no spotter planes. But others have said there were. I
>>>had also raised questions about Frank's response when asked by
>>>Japanese researchers what the wreckage looked like and he said
>>>just as Jesse Marcel Jr. , described it, though Jesse had NOT
>>>been at the crash site and Frank had claimed to have been there.
>>>I have also raised questions as to why Frank felt free to talk
>>>openly about one of the most classified and significant events>>>in
history, but he couldn't tell who his contacts were, etc ad
>>>nauseum.

>>What you wrote is, "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial
>>at his home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don
>>Schmitt. I explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him.
>>NO. Did Marcel go with you? NO. There were a number of his
>>excellent paintings on the wall. During the same visit Linda
>>Howe..."

>>First, has anyone ever taught you how to write a paragraph?

>Nope. Though what followed was relevant to Frank's reliability.

Well, at least we agree on that... you don't know how to write
a paragraph. Stream of consciousness disappeared in the 1980s.

>>Second, how are we supposed to interpret from those sentences
>>that Kaufmann admitted lying to you? It certainly doesn't say
>>that to me. In fact, it doesn't say that anywhere in that
>>report.

>He said that what he had said earlier wasn't true. I think that
>is very close to saying he had previously lied to us.

Actually it doesn't say that. It says that Kaufmann once suggested
he had awakened Blanchard and Marcel and they accompanied
him out to the site. Later it says they didn't. Mistakes happen,
though this would be a major mistake and certainly would raise
a red flag... But again, there is no admission that he lied and
no suggestion that such was the case.

>>>If true, however, the question
>>>is, why would he sit on all this information for almost three
>>>years?.

>>>Kevin, the meeting was in December 1999. I wrote my MUFON 2000
>>>paper in the spring of 2000. . a few months later. not 3 years.

>>Yes, but you didn't say that Kaufmann admitted lying to you until
>>recently, which is nearly three years. Your MUFON paper
>>doesn't say he admitted lying to you which would have been an
>>important revelation at the time. Now, it's just another bit of
>>evidence that is no longer of importance.

>Admitting that what he had previously told me wasn't true is not
>admitting he had lied??? What would you call it?

Well, if I was defending Frank, which I really don't want to do,
given what we know now, I would suggest that in your close
questioning of him, either he was confused and made a mistake,
or you were confused about what he said and made a mistake.

My point here, once again, is that you didn't make it clear, and
didn't start calling him a liar until he was conveniently dead.
You said that you had made the allegation, but you didn't. You

presented your version of the events but you didn't say Kaufmann admitted lying... a wholly different and important point.

On the flip side, I labeled Anderson a liar early and have repeated that statement many times, hoping he would sue. Discovery is a wonderful thing.

<snip>

>>>Way off base here, Kevin. I noted previously and in the 2000 >>>paper that Scanlon's last position at ADC which ended in early >>>1948 was as Public Affairs man at Mitchell Field in NY and there >>>were no ADC radar systems in NM in 1947(with or without >>>Scanlon). Frank had long ago stated he knew nothing about Radar. >>>Scanlon as PA guy would certainly have not been ordering >>>somebody who knew nothing about radar to visit nonexistent >>>facilities at White Sands.

>>There were radars at White Sands in 1947 for crying out loud. >>You decided they must have been ADC radars though I don't know >>why.

>Scanlon was ADC though not apprently connected with any radars >in NM.

Ahh, so you assumed that because Scanlon was assigned to ADC that any radar facilities he would have known about in New Mexico would have been ADC and that the ADC, if concerned about something in New Mexico wouldn't have been able to request the use of another's radars that happened to be in New Mexico.

And, you admit there were radars at White Sands. This is splitting a truly fine hair.

>>>I did not say Schmitt had never lied to me. What I said was that >>>he had not told me he had degrees from anywhere. He did not lie >>>to me about his academic credentials. This was significant >>>because I have a deserved reputation for checking on credentials >>>(yes, I did call about yours)and would have checked if he had

>>>given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee >>>Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he >>>had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office, >>>that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the >>>phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story >>>from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had >>>been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

>>So if he didn't lie to you about his credentials, does this mean >>the lie doesn't count? That he said it in print but not to you >>means that he didn't lie about it? And don't you think it >>laughable that he walked around the museum in Roswell pointing >>out what he believed to be the hoaxes?

>I didn't say the lies to whomever, (you MM or whatever) didn't >count. I said he hadn't lied to me about his credentials. So I >hadn't checked because he had never claimed to me he had any >degrees.

You know, I sat in a room when Schmitt made claims about his educational background and you were there. So, he did say those things to you.

On the other hand, did Bob Lazar make his claims of education to you, or did you just jump in...

And did you ever check Gerald Anderson's claim that he had a degree in microbiology, which he made to you on the tape you made of your first interview with him? And if not, why not... and wouldn't learning he had no degree in microbiology have worried you greatly?

<snip>

>>While I'll agree that Menzel's intelligence qualifications were >>different, I won't agree that they were superior.

>What, if any were Scanlon's? When did Hap Arnold call on him? >Incidentally Arnold resigned in 1946 because of poor health.

I thought I had provided all this before. See Piercing the Fog

(John F. Kreis, 1996, published by Air Force History and Museums Programs,) for a more complete analysis. According to Kreis, "Arnold [the aforementioned Hap Arnold] brought Brig. Gen. Martin Scanlon back from his post as military air attache in London to become the first AC/AS, Intelligence (A-2)..." Which puts Scanlon at the top of what was becoming Air Force Intelligence.

While in London, his job was to observe (spy) on the creation of the German Air Force and British development of its Air Force... This was in the 1930s.

This goes on to talk about the coordination between G-2 (Army Intelligence) and Air Force intelligence, determining what the Air Force needed, as opposed to what the Army needed.

But you know, this really isn't that important in this discussion, especially since we now know that Kaufmann's testimony was unreliable. My point was obviously lost on you.

>>>>The point here is that Stan didn't publish anything suggesting >>>>that Kaufmann had admitted to lying. All we are told is that >>>>Kaufmann met with Stan, Howe and Schmitt.

>>>Admitting that neither Blanchard nor Marcel went out with him >>>when he had previously told you, Don, and me that they had, is >>>an admission of lying as spelled out in my paper. Read it again. >>>I have also referred to the McKnight letter which certainly >>>suggests Frank was telling tales.

>>I simply don't remember him saying that. Maybe he said something >>else and you misremember it. And, even if he did, how does this >>translate into a statement that he had lied, based on what you >>wrote in that paper? Maybe he made a simple mistake. Must >>everything in UFOlogy be a false claim and a lie?

>How could his describing in detail his coming over the pass from >White Sands and waking both Blanchard and Marcel and their all >going to his crash site together be a simple mistake? Marcel and >Blanchard were key actors in the drama in which he placed >himself at the center.

Oh, I don't know. Maybe like Glenn Dennis deciding the nurse's name wasn't Naomi Self... or that she had been killed in a plane crash that killed five Army nurses... or that Anderson said that three aliens were dead and then two were dead, one injured and one relatively uninjured... or that he received telepathic communications from the creature.

>>And the McKnight affidavit comes from a man who wasn't there in >>1947, who was four years old in 1947, and suggested that he had >>never heard of anything happening on the ranch owned by >>relatives. Not exactly proof positive.

>Where is there any evidence that Scanlon was there in 1947... as >opposed to 1942?

Scanlon didn't have to set foot in New Mexico to run the operation (which is not to say that Frank didn't make this claim). Besides, aren't we getting hung up here. We now know that Frank was making it up. I was merely suggesting that, at the time Frank involved Scanlon, meaning when he told me, I learned that Scanlon had a background in intelligence. Now this seems to be more of a serendipitous situation than anything else. The point is, Scanlon had a background in intelligence and could have been involved because of it. But, since we know Kaufmann was making this up, it really is of no importance now.

>The McKnight affidavit also noted that there >was no way to get to Frank's crash site except by horseback in >1947. But Frank had some sort of army vehicle and then a big >flat bed truck dashing out and back cross country???

Let's see if I understand this. The Army, which crossed Europe and fought in the Pacific, which crossed all sorts of rugged terrain without the use of roads, was stymied by the New Mexico Desert?

<snip>

>>>Frank certainly was aware of my complaints about him as he
>>>referenced in an August 7, 1995, letter to me, things I had said
>>>about him in my September 26, 1994 paper " The Roswell Incident,
>>>the USAF, and the NY Times", in a Nov. 18, 1994, letter to you,
>>>in letters to Paul Davids on Dec. 20, 1994, and January 3, 1995,
>>>and to Jack Rodden on January 7, 1995 . I presume some of this
>>>input to him came from you.

>>Presume all you want, I'm confused by this. Are you suggesting
>>that I was Frank's ghost writer on this? Are you suggesting that
>>Frank was incapable of responding to your attacks?

>I am stating that you and he were aware of my concerns.

Ahhh.... It has no relevance, then.

>>>>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>>>>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>>>>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>>>>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>>>>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>>>>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"
>>>>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>>>>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>>>>trusted?

>>>I think that both Glenn Dennis and Gerald Anderson made real
>>>contributions to the story despite your great antipathy to both.

>>Yeah, just like the contribution Frank Kaufmann made...

>>>You will recall that Gerald passed a polygraph (Frank never took
>>>one) and that a medical technician recalled the nurse and
>>>described her as Glenn did without any prompting from me. They,
>>>(G and G), both independently described a strange combination of
>>>a red haired officer and a black sergeant.

>>Gee, talk about selective use of data... Anderson passed a
>>polygraph test but admitted to forging a telephone bill to make
>>me look bad... Actually, he forged two telephone bills, and a
>>diary, and a letter from the family to prove he was telling the
>>truth.

>No evidence provide re the altter items. You will recall I
>obtained the real bill from the phone company.

I'm not sure what you mean here. Altter items? If you mean other
items, there certainly is evidence, from the forensic test you
arranged showing that Uncle Ted's diary couldn't have been
written before 1974, but no evidence it wasn't written in 1990,
the second telephone bill that he passed around when you, and
John Carpenter met with him on September 19, 1992, (See John
Carpenter's "Gerald Anderson: Disturbing Revelations" MUFON UFO
Journal, March 1993) which is evidence that Gerald had created
other documents. We have his ever shifting tale of the Plains of
San Agustin saucer which fits so nicely with your outdated
scenario.

And you may recall that I obtained the real bill from the
telephone company long before you did and published it in IUR
(Missing Time, August 1992).

>>Let's see, he claimed to be a Navy SEAL when he was not.
>>He changed details of this sighting... milky blue eyes to
>>black... and which of his crash sites do you accept? The one
>>near the VLA? The one north of highway 60? Horse Springs? And
>>were three dead and one injured or was it two dead, one dying
>>and one relatively uninjured.

>More fiction.

Ahh, a proclamation. Well, yes, it is fiction, but from Gerald
Anderson, all on tape so we don't have to wade through the
personal notes of the interviewer. (A crappy tape, I admit, but
a tape... and tell us about the tape of your first interview
with Anderson in which you tell him not to talk to me...)

You know full well that Gerald is listed on the Navy SEALs' Wall
of Shame since you are partially responsible for his being
there. You've heard the tape where he said the alien eyes were
not blue like the blue of human eyes, but a milky blue. I even

showed you a copy of "Transformation" with the milky blue eyes on the cover.

So, which part of that is fiction and who is the author of the fiction? Don't you think it time to retire the Gerald Anderson story since it is filled with lies and forged documents?

>>.. Did he take the sociology class
>>instead of Dr. Buskirk's anthropology class? Why is it that he
>>will not allow for independent verification of his claims? Oh
>>yeah, he passed a polygraph test.

>5 people who were in the anthro class reviewed Gerald's picture
>from the yearbook and say he wasn't in the class. Despite your
>repeated claim to the contrary, one of them, Larry Henning,
>never told you Gerald was in his class.

Henning did tell me that Anderson was in the class, but you see, this red herring (it's so close to Henning that I couldn't resist) is irrelevant. In reality, I actually talked to the people at the Albuquerque High School, as did Dr. Buskirk. While I was on the telephone, They looked at his record and told me he had taken the class. Get it, they reviewed the transcript and told me he was in the class. I searched for another way to disclose this information after you alerted Gerald to the problem and he threatened to sue everyone. Now, it no longer matters because those people are out of harm's way. The real evidence comes from the high school... Prove me wrong, get an independent copy of his transcript and not the doctored version you flashed around (which btw, is another forged document we can credit to Anderson). Didn't you ever suspect it was faked, given that he would not allow you to verify it with the school?

<snip>

>>As for this nurse, just what name is she given today? Obviously
>>it's not Naomi Self. And, are you one of the researchers who
>>wouldn't listen when Dennis told us all that he'd give us a name
>>but it wouldn't be her name? Are you one of the researchers who
>>ran off in search of Naomi Self even though Dennis had made it
>>clear to us that Self wasn't her name? Or, at least claims today
>>that he tried to make it clear... but only after we proved the
>>negative. There was no Army nurse names Naomi Self.

>Remember that I was the first to talk to Glenn and at that time
>he had not said her name wasn't Naomi Self. The medical
>technician recognized the name and described her.

And I talked to him within weeks and he gave the name to me. Are you suggesting that he didn't give the name to you? Didn't he trust you?

>>>I happen to think much of the world is gray.

>>Was Kaufmann ever in this gray basket?

>Of course he was, until I heard more and more claims that didn't >make sense.

Oh, you mean like those made by Gerald Anderson? Telepathic communications? 509th over on the Plains. Aircraft landing on the highway. Really... and you say Kaufmann made claims that didn't make sense.

>>>You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your
>>>privilege.

>>I actually think the world is filled with color which is a much
>>more pleasant way of seeing it. But then I write science
>>fiction... coming in April, "Signals", from Ace Books.

>Congratulations. How many fiction books is that now? Surely over
>80? I have always said you were good at creating scenarios.

Gee, I don't know... do you want to know how many books were written, how many sold, or how many published? It's three different numbers. And does writing science fiction disqualify me from UFO research? (Btw, the second book in that series, Generation Ship, will be out in the fall, 2003)

Wouldn't lying be more of a disqualification?

>People who want copies of my 1995 list of Kevin's false
>claims, of Kevin's MUFON J. response, and my 8 page letter and
>my Kaufmann meeting notes (July 1995 and December 1999), please
>send a snail mail address. (off list would probably be best).

Yes, those of you interested in this old and tired fight, write to Stan and request copies of everything. Given that Kaufmann has been proven to be a liar, isn't it time to move on... And who really cares that Stan came up with what he believes to be 38 false claims that Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle made... or didn't that change to the point where I had inherited them all?

But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories and move on?

KRandle

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Re: Phony Credentials? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 23:48:40 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 10:11:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Phony Credentials? - Gates

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 11:40:43 -0700
>Subject: Phony Credentials? [was: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed]

<snip>

>Unfortunately, to this list it now appears we may have to add
>the name of William C. Levengood, who up to now has enjoyed a
>fairly unblemished reputation as a plant biologist. It seems he
>bolstered that reputation, and his crop circle work, by placing
>the word 'Dr.' before his name, and/or not objecting when others
>did so.

>Acting on a tip from a well-known UFO 'Internal Affairs
>Division', I asked Levengood, point-blank, if his Doctorate were
>legitimate. He insisted that it was, and said it was a "Ph.D.
>equivalent," handed out by the National Academy of Science.

>A few quick calls to the NAS by others on this List revealed
>that they do not hand out any kind of degrees nor their
>equivalents, not being an academic institution.

>I frankly don't know how this reflects on his crop circle
>research, and perhaps he has a legitimate degree somehow, but no
>one I know has ever heard of a 'Ph.D. equivalent', and everyone I
>know insists "You either got-or-you-haven't-got a doctorate." I
>for one will have to take Mr. Levengood's future research with a
>grain of salt.

Hi Jim,

One does wonder what a 'Ph.D. Equivalent' is. Gives new meaning
to Piled Higher and Deeper....

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 09:55:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 10:17:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Sandow

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:50:27 +0000
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>This is a very generous offer, and leads me to volunteer as
>well. I am a very experienced abstractor/indexer and have worked
>on major national and international databases. Although I am not
>likely to have the time to do all the abstracting, what I can do
>is draft a Thesaurus of indexing terms, create some sample
>abstracts, and outline abstracting procedures for anyone who has
>the time. I even have experience in training abstractors. In
>fact, the format I used in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, might be
>a good way to go about it. I am the copyright owner, and can
>send you those cases abstracts electronically to incorporate in a
>database provided you can handle WordPerfect 5.1

Dick, it occurs to me that - if you somehow had the time - you'd be doing a great service if you'd write abstracts of key papers in the abduction literature. There's a lot of important work that's not well enough known. I've seen people from all sides of the abduction debate weigh in with opinions they might have modified if they'd read some of what's out there. Some people don't yet know things that have been found out; others reinvent the wheel, going over ground that's already been thoroughly covered. I've recently seen a couple of people search the web for information, and then cry out with puzzlement or dismay when they don't find it. We could use a guide to abduction literature - simply a listing of what's been written, with an abstract of what each entry says.

As a start, I'd love to see these things covered:

- all of Eddie Bullard's papers, plus his 1987 study for FUFOR
- the proceedings of the 1992 abduction conference (already abstracted in the published volume?)
- some Budd Hopkins papers that have only been published by the Intruders Foundation
- several papers on the psychology of abductees (I supplied a brief bibliography to someone on this list who asked me for it)
- Stuart Appelle's crucial 1996 paper from JUFOS, critically looking at the abduction evidence, and at the theories of skeptics and believers

And these are only things I know about, or that come to my mind at this moment. There's got to be much more that, given the problem I've set forth, I've never heard about.

Greg Sandow

Books should be abstracted, too. Some important ones aren't available. For instance Jim Schnabel's "Dark White," a valuable (if somewhat frivolous) look at the early days of abduction research.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Velez

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 10:14:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Velez

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 00:21:16 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 22:24:25 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 16:34:32 -0500
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>Source: BBC OnLine

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>>>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

>>>'Why I believe UFOs are bunk'

<snip>

>>Well, he obviously is an ill-informed, faithist debunker who
>>undoubtedly has never investigated a single substantial case nor
>>read any of the serious literature by people who have, instead
>>adopting the "fuzzy logic" of his kind who use "mythology" as a
>>convenient excuse to avoid the issues.

>What this science writer needs is a good abduction experience --
>without the amnesia.

Hiya Tom,

You wrote:

>But is there really such a thing as a "good" abduction experience?

Depends on how much anal stimulation you like while your semen
is being taken and weird 'things' are being shoved up your nose.

Regards,

John Velez ;)

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Ray L. Wallace, 1918 - 2002

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Lovable trickster created a monster with Bigfoot hoax

By Bob Young
Seattle Times staff reporter

Bigfoot is dead. Really.

"Ray L. Wallace was Bigfoot. The reality is, Bigfoot just died," said Michael Wallace about his father, who died of heart failure Nov. 26 in a Centralia nursing facility. He was 84.

The truth can finally be told, according to Mr. Wallace's family members. He orchestrated the prank that created Bigfoot in 1958.

Some experts suspected Mr. Wallace had planted the footprints that launched the term "Bigfoot." But Mr. Wallace and his family had never publicly admitted the 1958 deed until now.

"The fact is there was no Bigfoot in popular consciousness before 1958. America got its own monster, its own Abominable Snowman thanks to Ray Wallace," said Mark Chorvinsky, editor of Strange magazine and one of the leading proponents of the theory that Mr. Wallace fathered Bigfoot.

Pranks and hoaxes were just part of Mr. Wallace's nature.

"He'd been a kid all his life. He did it just for the joke and then he was afraid to tell anybody because they'd be so mad at him," said nephew Dale Lee Wallace, who said he has the alder-wood carvings of the giant humanoid feet that gave life to a worldwide phenomenon.

It was in August 1958 in Humboldt County, Calif., that Jerry Crew, a bulldozer operator for Wallace Construction, saw prints of huge naked feet circling and walking away from his rig.

The Humboldt Times in Eureka, Calif., ran a front-page story on the prints and coined the term "Bigfoot."

According to family members, Mr. Wallace smirked. He had asked a friend to carve the 16-inch-long feet. Then he and his brother Wilbur had slipped them on and created the footprints as a prank, family members said.

His joke soon swept the country, which was fascinated by rumors of Himalayan Abominable Snowmen in the 1950s, Chorvinsky said.

"The Abominable Snowman was appropriated by Ray Wallace. It got into the press, took on a life of its own and next thing you know there's a Bigfoot, one of the most popular monsters in the world," he said.

Mr. Wallace continued to milk the prank for years. He offered to sell a Bigfoot to Texas millionaire Tom Slick and then backed out when Slick made a serious bid. Mr. Wallace later put out a press release saying he wanted to buy a baby Bigfoot for \$1

million, said Loren Coleman, who has written two books about Bigfoot. Mr. Wallace also cut a record of supposed Bigfoot sounds and printed posters of a Bigfoot sitting peaceably with other animals, said Chorvinsky, who received several hundred pages of correspondence from Mr. Wallace.

But Mr. Wallace's chief contributions to bigfootery were films and photos he supposedly captured of the creature in the wild.

There were depictions of Bigfeet eating elk and frogs, of a Bigfoot sitting on a log and of a Bigfoot munching on cereal.

"Ray's contribution was study into the actual behavior of Bigfoot, what it eats, how it acts," said Ray Crowe, director of the International Bigfoot Society in Hillsboro, Ore.

Chorvinsky believes the Wallace family's admission creates profound doubts about leading evidence of Bigfoot's existence: the so-called Patterson film, the grainy celluloid images of an erect apelike creature striding away from the movie camera of rodeo rider Roger Patterson in 1967. Mr. Wallace said he told Patterson where to go _ near Bluff Creek, Calif. _ to spot a Bigfoot, Chorvinsky said.

"Ray told me that the Patterson film was a hoax, and he knew who was in the suit," Chorvinsky said.

Michael Wallace said his father called the Patterson film "a fake" and said he had nothing to do with it. But he said his mother admitted she had been photographed in a Bigfoot suit. "He had several people he used in his movies," Michael Wallace said.

Mr. Wallace never received proper credit in the Bigfoot community, Chorvinsky said. "He got it off the ground, and he kept getting glossed over. He's been consistently marginalized or ignored by authors," Chorvinsky said.

Why? "Because it hurts the case for Bigfoot if you talk too much about Ray Wallace," he replied.

The Wallace family's revelation does not faze some Bigfoot experts, and the debate about Bigfoot's existence rages on.

"These rumors have been circulating for some time," said Jeff Meldrum, an associate professor of anatomy and anthropology at Idaho State University.

Meldrum said he has casts of 40 to 50 footprints that he concludes, from their anatomical features, come from authentic unknown primates.

"To suggest all these are explained by simple carved feet strapped to boots just doesn't wash," he said. Even if the Wallace family's claims are true, Meldrum added, there are historical accounts of Bigfootlike creatures going back to the 1800s. "How do you account for that?"

It's easy, replied Chorvinsky; the historical accounts were mistakes, myths or hoaxes. "I would like to see the evidence beyond the anecdotal. Jeff Meldrum's job is show us the beef, something beyond old newspaper articles."

As for Meldrum's claim about authentic footprints, Chorvinsky said: "Jeff Meldrum is not an expert in creating hoaxes. I was a professional magician and special-effects film director; anything can be faked."

Michael Wallace said family members knew about his father's hoax but never let on.

"The family just sat back and grinned," he said. "He didn't mean to hurt anyone."

To them, it was just another one of Mr. Wallace's jokes. Like the time he dropped a powerful firecracker down the chimney of a bunkhouse while loggers played cards inside. Or the time he convinced his crew that wild cats with bushy tails were living in forest treetops.

To his family, Bigfoot was a small part of Mr. Wallace.

A rugged rogue with a big laugh and generous heart, Mr. Wallace was born in Clarksdale, Mo., and came West as a boy. He spent much of his adult life taming the country. He built part of Highway 1 in coastal California, he cut trees when they were so big that trucks carried one-log loads, and he opened a free petting zoo near Chehalis.

In 1942, he married Elna Sorensen and moved around the Pacific Northwest as his company built logging roads and cut timber. His four adopted sons spent much of their childhood in logging camps.

"Sometimes we lived in the middle of nowhere. You couldn't ask for a better life as a kid," said Michael, his oldest son, now a home builder in Castle Rock.

In 1961, he settled down in Toledo, Lewis County. Shortly after, he opened a free zoo, the Wild Animal Farm, off Interstate 5. It stayed open for about 13 years. His wife ran an adjacent hamburger stand to help support the zoo. "I didn't have normal pets," said Michael Wallace. "I had cougars, raccoons, deer and bear cubs."

Mr. Wallace would sometimes give free hamburgers and milkshakes to families that looked poor, his son said.

"He loved children and wanted to adopt every kid he saw. He was a good provider. If he wasn't playing a practical joke, he was always working."

Nephew Dale Lee Wallace added: "He always told us to believe in the good Lord and stay married. He was always preaching things like that."

His son is convinced Mr. Wallace is still relishing his biggest practical joke. "I know he's just cracking up," said Michael Wallace.

Mr. Wallace was preceded in death by son Gary, who died in a logging accident. Besides his wife and son Michael, Mr. Wallace is survived by sons, Larry, of Winlock, and Richard, of Toledo; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances may be donated to Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

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Fife UFO Witnesses Respond To Appeal

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Fife UFO Witnesses Respond To Appeal

UFO investigators have had an "absolutely astonishing response" to an appeal for witnesses to a string of alleged close encounters in north-east Fife, writes Michael Alexander.

Lee Close, chief investigator with the Anglo Scottish UFO Research Agency (ASUFORA), revealed today that since last Thursday the group had received 11 phone calls and four e-mails concerning unexplained sightings over the past few years.

As a result of the newspaper publicity he said ASUFORA had also now been asked to take part in a documentary about UFOs and alien abductions in Scotland.

Meanwhile, a number of independent UFO investigators across Scotland have also come forward wanting to collaborate their efforts and join the team.

Mr Close said, "There has been an astonishing response since last week. We have had at least 10 sightings reported to us from the Fife area.

"These include a sighting in Dundee in 1994, one over RAF Leuchars, Burntisland on November 28, and Ballingry on the June 1.

"There have also been sightings in Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and several other locations including Freuchie."

ASUFORA made its appeal for witnesses last week following a new report of a UFO sighting in the Freuchie area.

Six years ago two local women made headlines around the world after claiming they encountered aliens at Drummy Wood, Freuchie.

Now UFO enthusiasts are being drawn to the area in renewed numbers following a new "sighting" by a retired US army captain and his family during a visit to the area last summer.

Mr Close said it was now his team's job to assess whether the latest reports could be explained by astronomical or aircraft factors, or whether there might be something more supernatural at work.

Sighting-report forms had now been sent out to all the individuals and he was awaiting replies.

Mr Close said he was still keen to hear any other reports, including photographic and video evidence.

And he again offered assurances that anyone who did so would be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

He said ASUFORA was also hoping to expand as a professional group and was looking for equipment and financial support.

He added, "We are currently looking for things like electromagnetic field detectors, access to Geiger counters, digital cameras, night vision field glasses and recording equipment."

Anyone with information or who can help can phone the ASUFORA hotline on 07796 095480.

Further information can be found at www.geocities.com/asufora or by e-mailing Lee Close on asufora@hotmail.com

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UK Daily Mail Rendlesham UFO Article

From: Dave Haith visions@ntlworld.com
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Subject: UK Daily Mail Rendlesham UFO Article

In today's (Dec 6, 2002) UK's Daily Mail is a full page feature by Nick Craven under a composite picture of a grey alien standing in front of saucer hovering over trees.

The subheadline is 'Revealed: the UFO sighting the Government kept quiet for 20 years' with a main headline 'The day the aliens landed... in Suffolk'

The article reads:

The young airmen ran through the forest towards the strange glow in the trees fearing it might be a crashed aircraft.

Suddenly the whole area was covered in a brilliant white light from above, where an unearthly triangular craft seemed to float silently above the trees.

Frozen in terror, the servicemen watched as the object hovered for a while, appearing to observe them, then shot off faster than any aircraft they had ever seen.

This was not Hollywood's latest venture into science fiction, but the genuine account of U.S. airmen at a Suffolk RAF base more than 20 years ago.

In December 1980, Rendlesham Forest near RAF Woodbridge was, according to alien watchers, the site of Britain's most celebrated UFO sighting, which the Government has tried to keep quiet ever since.

This week the Ministry of Defence was criticised by the Parliamentary Ombudsman for repeatedly refusing to reveal the contents of the secret 'Rendlesham File' despite much of its contents being released in America under the U.S.. Freedom of Information Act.

Now the Ministry of Defence has finally - and reluctantly - released the Rendlesham files to public view under the British version of the Act, so we can - officially - learn exactly what a group of military witnesses saw in the forest on that chilly night 22 years ago. It makes for astonishing reading. Between Christmas 1980 and New Year, two incidents occurred on successive nights near the US Air Force nuclear base at RAF Woodbridge.

They were reported in a remarkable memo by the Deputy Base Commander Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, under the innocuous title 'Unexplained Lights'. He told how three military policemen saw light in the trees outside the back gate of the airfield and set off, fearing a crash.

Lt Col Halt wrote: "They reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest...described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and 2m high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light."

"The object itself has a pulsating red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath.

"The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy".

The next day Lt Col Halt joined a patrol which found three depressions on the forest floor where the object had been sighted. Radiation readings of ten times the normal level were found around the site.

Not all Lt Col Halt's account has the hallmark of military efficiency. He got the date of the incident wrong, recording the initial sighting as December 27 when it was the 26th.

While checking the area, the officer recorded what he found on a Dictaphone, but the tape was to record something far more dramatic when the strange lights returned after nightfall.

The breathless officer can be heard saying: "There's no doubt about it, there's a strange flashing red light ahead...pieces of it are shooting off...this is weird. It's like the pupil of an eye looking at you, winking."

Later on he observed: "We got two strange objects, half moon shape, dancing with coloured lights on them...Yeah, they're both heading north. He's coming in towards us now...Now we're observing what appears to be a beam coming down to the ground."

In the background there are excited shouts from members of the four-man patrol and another officer exclaims: "Look at the colours.....s**t!"

"This is unreal" gasps Lt Col Halt.

Over the years, as the memo leaked out, other former officers went public, backing up the story. Most notable was another USAF security patrol-man, Larry Warren. According to his account, there were not just lights, but something far more incredible. He said the triangular object appeared right in front of him and he felt nauseous as the hairs on the back of his neck stood on end.

He claims to have seen three 'aeronaut entities' communicating telepathically with the senior officer. The aliens were 3ft tall and resembled "kids in snowsuits". He said they floated on bluish/gold balls of light out of their craft.

According to Warren, the next morning, he and the other airmen were checked over with a Geiger counter and instructed to sign statements which merely mentioned seeing 'unusual lights'. They were told by senior officers not to discuss the incidents.

Other parts of his story emerged during subsequent hypnotic regression, it seems - itself a highly controversial technique by which to divine the truth. In this account, following his close encounter, he was abducted by aliens and taken under the base to a network of tunnels. The aliens told him they used the tunnels to get to the North sea.

Warren's account, published in a book in 1997, merely allowed the sceptics to rubbish the Rendlesham incident as fantasy, obscuring the fact that something inexplicable happened that night, and that the witnesses, far from being anorak stargazers, were seasoned Air Force personnel.

Ian Ridpath, editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy, is not convinced. He believes the men were merely seeing the revolving beam of the Orford Ness lighthouse five miles away. The depressions in the earth were merely rabbit diggings, he said, and the radiation was of naturally occurring levels. Additionally he discovered that a very bright meteor has been visible in southern England that night.

"UFO hunters will continue to believe that an alien spaceship landed in Rendlesham Forest" concludes Ridpath, dismissing it as "a marvellous product of human imagination".

Brenda Butler, one of the regular band of 'sky watchers' who spend their nights in Rendlesham Forest, doesn't mind being

accused of using her imagination or of being called downright 'nutty' when she tells people how she has been abducted by aliens three times.

The chirpy, 58 year old grandmother from Leiston, near Woodbridge, spends three nights a week in the woods with other devotees, and says she has seen spacecraft on no fewer than five occasions.

"People say that I'm mad, but I just tell them they should keep an open mind until they've seen it for themselves" she said. "There's a portal between our world and that of the aliens. They come through on interdimensional energy."

The most recent investigation into Rendlesham was led by the unlikely figure of glamorous society internet gossip columnist Georgina Bruni, who interviewed more than 100 witnesses for her book, You Can't Tell The People.

"I started out as a sceptic" said Miss Bruni, 51, who became interested in the case five years ago.

"But after speaking to the people who saw it, I am sure this was an event of biblical proportions and it was not of this world. "I'm less convinced by accounts of abductions by aliens and whatever but something very strange happened here and the Government, by trying to deny it and put the lid on it, have given the conspiracy theorists a field day."

So what really happened at Rendlesham - was it just a case of over-excited Americans indulging in group hallucination? Did trained military personnel really mistake a lighthouse for a moving spaceship? None of the solutions seems to hold much water and we are forced to file the incident under 'unexplained'. Rendlesham has been described as 'Britain's Roswell' - the alleged incident in which an alien spacecraft was recovered near the town of New Mexico in 1947 after crashing.

The U.S. government says it was a weather balloon but that only fuelled the fascination of Hollywood producers and the UFO-logists still further.

Initially the MoD denied that anything out of the ordinary had been reported at Rendlesham. Years later Georgina Bruni says she tackled Lady Thatcher about UFOs at a charity event and was told: "You must have the facts and you can't tell the people". That seems to have been the official line on UFOs for years and has helped maintain the sinister X-Files aura about the whole area.

After all, no good mystery is complete without attendant conspiracy theories. The Truth May Be Out There but there's no fun in searching for it unless you have to cut through a blanket of official denials and cover-ups, is there?

One day, even the MoD might learn that lesson.

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Dave Haith

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 15:32:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Phony Credentials? - Hall

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 23:48:40 EST
>Subject: Re: Phony Credentials?

>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 11:40:43 -0700
>>Subject: Phony Credentials? [was: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed]

>>Unfortunately, to this list it now appears we may have to add
>>the name of William C. Levensgood, who up to now has enjoyed a
>>fairly unblemished reputation as a plant biologist. It seems he
>>bolstered that reputation, and his crop circle work, by placing
>>the word 'Dr.' before his name, and/or not objecting when others
>>did so.

>>Acting on a tip from a well-known UFO 'Internal Affairs
>>Division', I asked Levensgood, point-blank, if his Doctorate were
>>legitimate. He insisted that it was, and said it was a "Ph.D.
>>equivalent," handed out by the National Academy of Science.

>>A few quick calls to the NAS by others on this List revealed
>>that they do not hand out any kind of degrees nor their
>>equivalents, not being an academic institution.

>>I frankly don't know how this reflects on his crop circle
>>research, and perhaps he has a legitimate degree somehow, but no
>>one I know has ever heard of a 'Ph.D. equivalent', and everyone I
>>know insists "You either got-or-you-haven't-got a doctorate." I
>>for one will have to take Mr. Levensgood's future research with a
>>grain of salt.

>Hi Jim,

>One does wonder what a 'Ph.D. Equivalent' is. Gives new meaning
>to Piled Higher and Deeper....

Robert,

I have a B.A. in Philosophy, and a PhD Equivalent (PhDE) in
Ufology. (-;

Dick

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Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:04:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 15:33:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Hall

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 09:55:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:50:27 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

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>>well. I am a very experienced abstractor/indexer and have worked
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>>is draft a Thesaurus of indexing terms, create some sample
>>abstracts, and outline abstracting procedures for anyone who has
>>the time. I even have experience in training abstractors. In
>>fact, the format I used in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, might be
>>a good way to go about it. I am the copyright owner, and can
>>send you those cases abstracts electronically to incorporate in a
>>database provided you can handle WordPerfect 5.1

>Dick, it occurs to me that - if you somehow had the time - you'd
>be doing a great service if you'd write abstracts of key papers
>in the abduction literature. There's a lot of important work
>that's not well enough known. I've seen people from all sides of
>the abduction debate weigh in with opinions they might have
>modified if they'd read some of what's out there. Some people
>don't yet know things that have been found out; others
>reinvent the wheel, going over ground that's already been
>thoroughly covered. I've recently seen a couple of people search
>the web for information, and then cry out with puzzlement or
>dismay when they don't find it. We could use a guide to
>abduction literature - simply a listing of what's been written,
>with an abstract of what each entry says.

>As a start, I'd love to see these things covered:

>-all of Eddie Bullard's papers, plus his 1987 study for FUFOR

>-the proceedings of the 1992 abduction conference (already
>abstracted in the published volume?)

>-some Budd Hopkins papers that have only been published by the
>Intruders Foundation

>-several papers on the psychology of abductees (I supplied a
>brief bibliography to someone on this list who asked me for it)

>-Stuart Appelle's crucial 1996 paper from JUFOS, critically
>looking at the abduction evidence, and at the theories of
>skeptics and believers

>And these are only things I know about, or that come to my mind
>at this moment. There's got to be much more that, given the
>problem I've set forth, I've never heard about.

>Greg Sandow

>Books should be abstracted, too. Some important ones aren't
>available. For instance Jim Schnabel's "Dark White," a valuable
>(if somewhat frivolous) look at the early days of abduction
>research.

Greg,

I agree. This fits exactly with my concept of an abduction literature database. In the past I have advocated a "Quick Alert" system for important UFO-related literature.

However, since the Corporate Axis of Evil has pretty well wiped out my retirement funds, I can't afford much more pro bono work and am already straining it a bit to offer what I did. It will have to be a very spare time activity for me, and paying work will have to come first at all times.

- Dick

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:16:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:12:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 14:56:49 EST
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 15:56:55 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 22:57:03 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

<snip>

>>Thank God that waste of money stopped. Of course the cult
>>that listens to radio noise will debunk every single UFO
>>photo/video, eyewitness.

>Cult? Coming from ufoology, that's a joke.

>>Because if any of these clowns admitts UFOs could
>>already be here. Than they would be out of a job now wouldn't
>>they?

>An interesting observation. It probably explains why few if any
>one in ufology dares to actually try to obtain instrumented
>records of UFOs. They prefer to wallow in the vicarious thrills
>of abuctees and other "experiences", if they aren't out peddling
>books and lecturing to the faithful.

A statement by the uninformed?

There already are "instrumented records of UFOs." And they are
studiously collected. Read White Sands Proof at my web site as
an example.

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:14:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:37:43 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 01:34:11 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

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Dick, I have always admired your knowledge of UFO phenomena and your accomplishments in the field of UFO studies. However, in our current discussion you avoid the issues, make obvious attempts to twist my statements into the opposite of what I am saying, and have continually wandered off into past events that have nothing to do with the discussion at hand. Since we both have other work to do, I will summarize and attempt to bring this thread to a conclusion.

>Amy,

>I perceive that we have a much larger area of agreement than of >disagreement, so don't understand why you persist in misreading >and then misrepresenting my comments repeatedly.

I'm not sure we agree as much as you think, Dick.

Neither am I misreading or misrepresenting your comments. What you have said is there in black and white. On 11-30-02, you claimed to have worked with "something like 150" abductees, only two were "psychological basket cases", and "a very high percentage clearly were entirely sane and grounded individuals". On 12-2-02, I asked how you determined, 1) most of the 150 individuals were abductees (rather than suffering from encounters with other phenomena not necessarily abduction related or only individuals who claimed to have been abducted but were not), 2) only two of the 150 were "psychological basket cases", and 3) a very high percentage were sane and grounded individuals.

You replied by referring me to an article you wrote, your "observational powers and knowledge of psychology and human behavior" based on your position as "Senior Abstracts Editor for the American Psychological Association" and claimed "it doesn't take a professional" to recognize mental illness (or, as you stated, "difficulty functioning as human beings and whose behavior and vocalizations are bizarre"). You further claimed "no evidence was found of any serious psychopathology" among the individuals you worked with (past tense) and you are "nonjudgmental" about whether those you worked with were actually abducted or not ("whether it 'really' happened").

I then asked if you had a degree in psychology and asked if you could restate your contentions from your article you keep referring to (since the materials are not readily available and the discussion will be long since forgotten by the time I obtain and read your article).

>(1) My vita can be read at my web site (www.hallrichard.com);

Now you tell me to read your vita on your web site instead of answering my question directly about whether you have a degree in psychology. Since I see no mention of a degree in psychology listed in your "vita" nor a degree in any field, I presume you do not have a degree in psychology.

I requested information about your educational background, skill level and training to assess your qualifications for recognizing individuals with any form of psychopathology. I'm sorry but reading, writing and editing psychological abstracts are not qualifications for diagnosing psychopathology or establishing sanity in individuals who claim to have been abducted (IMHO).

Therefore, as far as I can tell, the answers to my three original inquiries are:

1. You were "nonjudgmental" about whether or not the abductees you worked with were actually abductees (by whatever definition you reference that term). So you did not determine which individuals may have actually had abduction experiences, which ones may have had experiences with other non-abduction related phenomena or which ones only claimed they had been abducted but were not.

2. You do not have a degree in psychology or official qualifications for determining the presence of psychopathology in any of the individuals you worked with who claimed to have been abducted. Therefore, you determined only two were "basket cases" based on your opinion rather than any official qualifications for making such determinations.

3. Your statement that "a very high percentage clearly were entirely sane and grounded individuals" is also based on your opinions rather than any qualifications you may have to assess the presence or lack of psychopathology in the individuals you worked with.

You need to read your own statements more carefully, Dick, and consider the difference between what you know and what you only think you know about abduction phenomena.

In fact, we all need to re-evaluate the information currently available about abduction phenomena and ask ourselves how much is based merely on opinion and how much is based on scientific, unbiased research. I asked myself that question then packed up all my books and papers about abduction phenomena and put them in storage. I've started over from scratch.

Amy

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 12:09:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:17:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - White

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:50:27 +0000
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 14:50:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

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I don't have it but Microsoft Works can handle it. These days,
cross pollination is much easier than the early days of the PC -
most major software can read and often write files in
competitor software format. Word Perfect 5.1 is a nifty piece of
software.

By the way, regards John Velez' concern about appearing biased
by way of being both an experiencer and a researcher, this has
advantages too. Similar advantages would accrue if, say, the
9/11 investigation panel included civilians, as some in the
buildings who escaped, and some who participated in the rescue
and cleanup efforts.

For example:

- A bona fide experiencer is much more likely to be able
to filter out the cases where the experience might not
fit a true UFO abduction case. "More sensitive
antennae".
- A bona fide experiencer is likely to work the hardest
at doing a clean, rigorous project, and sustaining the
long hours of work required.
- A bona fide experiencer like John Velez, who has
experience in media and public speaking is most likely
to be able to clarify the descriptions from other cases
where the original language is vague or hard to
comprehend. After all, abductees weren't selected
because of their writing ability.

As to those who doubt the finished work's validity, that's easy
to handle. Simply make all the case files (anonymized), the
database, and the database query logic available to the entire
world. As work proceeds, those handling the data would almost
instinctively realize that every small piece of work they do may

be scrutinized and would take the necessary care to anticipate scrutiny, and prepare the work for it.

This is, after all, what scientists do when they do peer review.

After the compilation, analysis and report is complete, the ball is in the court of the world's scientists. If they don't review it, then their opinions can be rebutted.

After all, lots of people working in behavioural sciences have behavioural problems, yet they aren't barred from working in their fields.

Eleanor White

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Re: Meier Photo - Young

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 12:19:19 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:18:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Meier Photo - Young

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:14:56 -0800
>Subject: Meier Photo [was: Canada's National Post On Rendlesham]

Hi, Jim:

In your opinion, is there any Meier picture which is a hoax?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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A (Renewed) CIA Mea Culpa

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 15:44:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 16:22:46 -0500
Subject: A (Renewed) CIA Mea Culpa

In a letter to Larry W. Bryant dated Nov. 26, 2002, CIA FOIA chief Kathryn I. Dyer expresses the following:

"This is in response to your 22 July 2002 letter regarding your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act for the 'Intelligence Advisory Board memorandum of July 17, 1947.' We have informed the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) that, with respect to your appeal regarding the Intelligence Advisory Board memorandum, the record had been previously released in its entirety as part of another collection and, therefore, could be released in full to you. We trust you have received a copy from NARA.

In your letter you point out, correctly, that you do not have an unpaid fee balance for processing your request number F-1978-01025. We apologize for failing to note this fact, and we have taken appropriate action to correct our electronic system."

LWB Note: Indeed, the glacially responsive NARA folks, in response to my recent FOIA lawsuit against their protracted delay, finally did manage to cough up an uncensored version of the memo's agenda item No. 3 (which, alas, we now know has no mention of either the Roswell Incident or MJ-12 machinations).

So, to what does the declassified item refer?

Well, it and its now-declassified, multipage attachment refer to a discussion about the proposed employment of military reserve officers as intelligence-gathering agents.

Does this setback in the eternal quest for ANY Roswell/MJ-12 documentary smoking guns mean that all is said and done?

Stay tuned.

Information is PROPERTY, and public information is PUBLIC property. -- LWB

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 19:24:19 -0500
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>Robert,

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>Ufology. (-;

>Dick

Ahem...

It's good that my degrees aren't a B.S., an M.S. [more of same],
and a Ph.D. [piled higher and deeper].

An artsy crowd, ain't we?

Clear skies,
Bob Young
B.A., Eng.

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Amy,

This is truly a breathtakingly false, inaccurate, and entirely self-serving "summation" - and I speak as a very experienced abstractor/summarizer. And to top it off you (Ms. Pot) accuse me (Mr. Kettle) of "attempting to twist [your] statements..."

I have given you (and the long-suffering List) very full and complete answers, which for unknown reasons you choose to ignore, deny, and pretend that I haven't. I will leave it to List members to decide who is talking facts and sense here and who is not.

You now rank right up there with Bob Young as not deserving any further answer.

"Avoiding issues????"

How long are you going to avoid reading "Testing Reality" which I have repeatedly steered you toward?

Lot's of luck, Amy. I agree that this thread should be brought to a conclusion since there is no communication going on between you and me, but hopefully anyone else who has bothered to read it will learn something.

- Dick

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 19:29:33 -0500
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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 12:19:19 EST
>Subject: Re: Meier Photo

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 11:14:56 -0800
>>Subject: Meier Photo [was: Canada's National Post On Rendlesham]

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No; none from his photo series of 1975: March, 3, 8 & 18, June 14, July 9; 1976: March 8, 14, 29.

Please let me know if you find any way the photos/movies I discuss in my website files could have been credibly hoaxed.

Jim Deardorff
<http://www.tjresearch.info>

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Secrecy News -- 12/06/02

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 19:32:00 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/06/02

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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COURT RULES ON ENEMY COMBATANTS

The President has wide latitude as commander in chief to designate someone like suspected "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla an enemy combatant and to detain him indefinitely without trial, even though Padilla is an American citizen captured on American soil, and even though Congress has not formally declared a state of war, a federal court ruled this week.

It is "simply wrong" to "assume that indefinite confinement of one not convicted of a crime is per se unconstitutional," wrote Judge Michael B. Mukasey of the Southern District of New York in his December 4 ruling.

On the other hand, contrary to the Bush Administration's position, Padilla must be permitted access to an attorney so that he may be able to challenge the grounds for his detention before a court of law, Judge Mukasey found.

"Padilla's need to consult with a lawyer to help him do what the [habeas corpus] statute permits him to do is obvious," Judge Mukasey wrote.

The legal issues involved are of such fundamental importance that they will be of interest to many. Judge Mukasey's 105 page ruling may be found here:

<http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/rulings/02CV04445.pdf>

RUMSFELD ON YEMEN, FOIA

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld deflected questions this week about U.S. policy concerning military operations such as the November 3 strike in Yemen that killed six reputed al Qaeda targets.

Will the U.S. undertake this kind of lethal action only with the permission of the target country? asked Pam Hess of UPI at a press briefing on December 3. When is killing preferred to capture and interrogation? And why was the Yemen mission a CIA operation rather than a DoD one?

"Those are very good questions," Secretary Rumsfeld genially replied.

However, he said, "I don't even concede there was a Yemen

mission."

Doesn't the public have some kind of right to know? Sure, Rumsfeld said.

In fact, he noted, "I was one of the authors of the Freedom of Information Act. Yeah, back in the 1960s. I really was. I was one of the co-authors of that legislation."

"That's why it doesn't work," said an identified reporter.

See excerpts from the December 3 Pentagon press briefing here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/12/dod120302.html>

FOIA LOSES TRACTION

Within the letter of the law, the executive branch has considerable leeway in its interpretation of statutes such as the Freedom of Information Act. In the Bush Administration, all of that interpretive leeway, and then some, has been used to withhold information, including information that previously had been released to requesters.

A letter to the editor in the Washington Post today cites several examples of the growing resistance to disclosure. See "What Our Government is Hiding" by James F. Kerrigan here:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A16436-2002Dec5.html>

In a properly functioning system of checks and balances, it would be up to Congress to address such wholesale shifts in FOIA practices, and to enact appropriate remedies. But Republicans who were formerly skeptical of big government now favor minimal restraints on executive authority. So congressional action on this front appears increasingly unlikely.

BUSH OBSERVES EID AL-FITR

President Bush visited the Islamic Center of Washington yesterday, where he removed his shoes, and spoke in honor of Eid al-Fitr, the celebration at the end of the Islamic month of Ramadan.

By doing so, he was conspicuously distancing himself from those on the political and religious right who are generally hostile to the Islamic world, while strengthening the kind of American pluralism that embraces Muslims as much as anyone else. It is the sort of thing Presidents are supposed to do, but it was nevertheless a good and decent gesture.

See "President Commemorates Eid al-Fitr" on the White House web site here:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021205-5.html>

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Re: Meier Photo - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 21:09:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Meier Photo - Hall

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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><http://www.tjresearch.info>

Jim,

Omigod, please don't force me to agree with Bob Young anymore.
Meier is so obviously a fraud that I have to question your
critical faculties. Excuse me. In the words of a colleague at
Congressional Information Service (these days known as
Lexis/Nexis) I am not only "over the hill" but I am accelerating
down the other side. I don't care to hear this utterly unfounded
revisionist history of what any scholarly or educated person
would conclude is clear-cut BS.

- Dick

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A Question Of The Real

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:19:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 21:12:49 -0500
Subject: A Question Of The Real

Hello List Savants,

I always find Dave Clarke's comments apt, well-informed and to the point. But I would like to ask him a question. As co-author of a book recently published, why did he chose to reveal a cover-up of something he does not believe exists in the first place?

If he did choose to reveal the cover-up of nothing at all, then he is to be congratulated in constructing a conceit worthy of John Donne, Borges, or even the Brentford Polonius. This is a metaphysical quibble worthy of the Schoolmen and Occam's old Friars. I do hope David lets us know if he gets letters from folk who oppose him, that is people who believe that there was no cover-up of nothing at all in the first place. But as King Lear said to Cordelia, "nothing shall come of nothing..."

Or can we assume that dear David is, like Cardinal Manning long ago, already contemplating the road to Rome? Confession is of course, even within technological and scientific cultures, still quite a valid spiritual option. Therefore he need not live in fear and trembling as he contemplates confusing aspects of what T.S. Eliot called the Calamitous Annunciation. Surely List brethren and sisters all will all understand if one of our Prodigal Sons decides to leave the white-washed chapels of his agony and decides once more to entire the mysterium. If Dave has any sense he will drag the Brentford Polonius with him kicking and struggling as yet he might, and kneel before the The Truth.

In these Last Days there is still time for both forgiveness and absolution, even for those deepest in sin. Remember: a refusal to Believe is not the Unforgivable Sin, if only because some poor confused fools would disbelieve anything out of a spiritual need that has lost itself and in is in desperate need of divine solace.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing!

Blessings of the Season to all List Savants, Gurus, Priestesses, and Hierosarches!

Colin

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Moderator Re: Billy Meier

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:40:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:40:54 -0500
Subject: Moderator Re: Billy Meier

We are starting to go over old ground on the Meier threads.

There are about 666 messages currently available at the UFO UpDates Archive regarding Meier at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/>

scroll down and use the Google Search and set the radio-button to 'Search virtuallystrange.net'.

Please do not submit anything further on Meier until you are certain that your topic on the case has not previously passed across subscribers screens over the past seven years.

Thank you,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 22:17:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:46:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

<snip>

>There already are "instrumented records of UFOs." And they are
>studiously collected. Read White Sands Proof at my web site as
>an example.

I consider radar an instrument as well and would suggest Jim
McDonald's radar cases.

The US taxpayer has still been contributing to SETI.
Contributions of appreciated stock (Bill Allan of Microsoft,
Hewlett Packard guys etc,) are tax deductible at current value.
If sold, there would be considerable capital gains taxes. The
public foots the bill for the difference.

Maybe Listers from the UK can help me out here. Isn't Dr. David
Whiteside, the BBC science-on-line guy who made these stupid
comments, the same guy with whom I tangled on TV in Manchester,
UK, in about March of 1995 and when Tim Good, Nick Pope and I
"debated" three men on the con side, a Psychologist, a
Physicist and Dr. Whiteside on the ITV broadcast in June of
1997?

That is the one where 100,000 people called in to say yes or no
to the question of alien visitations. 92% of the callers and
"only" 73 % of the studio audience said yes.

If it was Dr. W, he also claimed that there wasn't anything in
NM but sand, and when I said it was the only place on Earth in
July, 1947, where an alien visitor could study all 3
technologies indicating soon (100 years) Earthlings could be
leaving... nuclear weapons, V- 2 rockets, and powerful radar,
suggested that they could have gone to Russia.

I had to point out that not only were 2 of the 3 US nuclear
weapons labs in NM, but also White Sands, Kirtland and Roswell
and that the Soviets didn't test their first A-Bomb until August
1949.

If it was he, he hasn't learned anything since.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 22:37:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:53:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Fleming

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 13:17:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Ledger

<snip>

>Certainly Whitehouse's article is one of the most amateurish
>pieces of crap I've ever come across. I also get a little
>suspicious when someone writes such an ill-informed diatribe.
>What's he got to be upset about? How does it bother him. Does he
>have some idea that UFO reports, the people that report them,
>and those that investigate them are somehow doing damage to
>public order? Why the rant?

I think this guy may have very good reason to rant. The BBC has invested heavily in debunking for years.

A good example is the hoax they spread about the closure of the "British UFO Bureau", which isn't at all the big organization that its name and the BBC implied, and which didn't actually close according to the British UFO Magazine. (The UFO Bureau member whom the BBC interviewed said that they had misquoted him).

Now you've got to admit, the folks that came up with this "end of the UFO era" scam were pretty darn clever. The BBC was also involved in a number of crop circle hoaxes and, of course, in promoting NASA's media campaign against planetary SETI.

But despite all this high-quality debunking, there still seems to be a rising tide of mainstream media reports on UFOs, probably fueled in part by the Sci-Fi Channel taking on the issue in a big way.

I'd be mad, too, if I had devoted years of hard work to misleading the public, and that's all the thanks I got.

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:57:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Speiser

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:37:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 01:34:11 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>You need to read your own statements more carefully, Dick, and
>consider the difference between what you know and what you only
>think you know about abduction phenomena.

>In fact, we all need to re-evaluate the information currently
>available about abduction phenomena and ask ourselves how much
>is based merely on opinion and how much is based on scientific,
>unbiased research. I asked myself that question then packed up
>all my books and papers about abduction phenomena and put them
>in storage. I've started over from scratch.

<snip>

I feel I must jump in here. Not that Dick needs me to defend him, but I do not possess a degree in anything, not even an associates, I don't think I can even pronounce "curriculum vitae" correctly, yet I firmly believe I can recognize a basket-case when I see one - and I've seen plenty. (Remember, I once chaired a Moseley Conference). I resent the idea that psychologists think that recognizing mental illness is their exclusive domain. As a matter of fact, if it weren't for us lay people telling certain individuals we meet that "You maybe oughta get a check-up from the neck-up," there wouldn't BE very many psychologists or psychiatrists. Just because I can't write a paper on border deficit disorder doesn't mean I don't know when someone's a few french fries short of a happy meal.

And on another point, Amy, you seem to talk about the triichotomy between abductees, people who think they are abductees but are experiencing some other phenomenon, and people who claim to be abductees but aren't, as if there exists some protocol for making this distinction, that somehow Dick and/or others are not privy to. It's thus far proven impossible to prove that someone has been abducted; just how in the heck can it be proven that someone hasn't been?

==JJS==

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 03:05:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 14:59:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 22:11:55 +0000
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>>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>I will leave it to
>List members to decide who is talking facts and sense here and
>who is not.

Yes, let's leave it to others to decide for themselves.

>You now rank right up there with Bob Young as not deserving any
>further answer.

I, who think there are UFOs and genuine abductees, now rank up there with Bob Young? Move over, Bob, it's a whole new ball game. ;>

>Lot's of luck, Amy. I agree that this thread should be brought
>to a conclusion since there is no communication going on between
>you and me, but hopefully anyone else who has bothered to read
>it will learn something.

Lots of luck to you too, Dick.

Amy

(B.A. psychology, 1981, M.Ed. counseling-psychology, 1992 -
University of North Texas, in case you're wondering)

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UFO Sightings OZ Files 07.12.02

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Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:01:33 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:14:21 -0500
Subject: UFO Sightings OZ Files 07.12.02

UFO Sightings OZ Files 07.12.02

30.11.02 BELLATA N.S.W 2117hrs (Source: 1800 Freecallin National Hotline Callin Code: 02763) Date: 30/11/02 Day: Saturday Time: 9.17am DST Location: Bellata area (between Moree and Narrabri) Classification: CE2 (sound during experience was very audible and real) Duration of sighting: 2 minutes approx Light colour: orange/white
Apparent size: Lights appeared 6 foot apart at apparent perspective
Shape: Unknown
Noise: Magnified sound of ocean roaring x 25 plus times in quadraphonic surround sound
Objects observed: Six lights flying in formation
Activity when object seen: On 100,000 acre property opening gate
Other witness's: Wife
Name: John Farr

Report

John is a professional shooter and was opening a gate on the 100,000 acre property he was working on when he noticed six orange/white lights moving in formation heading West/Southwest of his position. The lights formed a rectangular pattern with the bottom three lights slightly in front of the top three. The objects held this formation during the course of the sighting. John has been a professional shooter for 25 years and has spent 70% of nights in paddocks but noticed that these lights seemed out of place in the night sky. John viewed the lights through the scope of his gun at one point, but the lights only appeared bigger, without definition of shape. The lights were of an intermittent nature, with some on and some off as they "ripped across the night sky" faster than any plane or jet in John's many observations of same. As the objects approached approximately 12 o'clock high, John noticed a noise he first thought was the wind. As the objects moved from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock, the sound increased to such an extent that John in a somewhat frightened state went into his four wheel drive to put the spot lights on fearing "something" was going to ram him. John described the sound "Like something coming at you". At this point it became the sound and not the lights that created most consternation for John and his wife. John described the sound as "surrounding him" and being like "the roar of the sea magnified 25 to 40 times". Interestingly, John stated that the sound did not hurt his ears and did not contain the harsh shrill of jets, nor did the windows of his four wheel drive rattle. The noise grew to a frightening crescendo before reducing in volume as the lights moved to 3 o'clock, this noise lasted for 20 to 30 seconds. At the peak of volume, John felt that the noise was terrestrial in nature and it was only after he made the correlation of the lights moving away and the sound decreasing that he made a connection. The noise was so loud at one point "you could not hear yourself talk". Due to John's experience with night time skies, low flying jets, meteors, satellites and general familiarity with the night sky, as well as the sounds of the bush, due to his vocation and 25 years of experience, I find this an interesting case. I would estimate 80% of cases report no noise, 15% report low humming or whirring and only 5% where the noise becomes the overwhelming experience of the encounter.

Obviously I found John to be sincere and logical in his reasonings, and find no reason to doubt his summation of events. The exact date of this sighting should be confirmed by Wednesday, when John checks his diary. Regards Doug Moffett
AUFORN Director N.S.W

Hi Everyone

I've been very busy transcribing interviews again for those that may have missed this. Doug did a great Job for us all and with his enthusiasm for the subject the ABC enthusiastically placed The Australian UFO Research Network and story on their webpage for all of OZ to read.... giving us some great coverage. Well done Doug.

Again if you're going to pass this on to any other e-mail List all we ask is that you credit the source of the information and the investigators as a lot of work goes into sightings like these.

I hope you enjoy this report.

UFO Seen On The New England Highway
Report by Doug Moffett AUFORN Director NSW
Transcribed by Diane Harrison

25.11.02 EDGEROI N.S.W
(Source: 1800 Freecallin National Hotline Callin Code: 02760)
Date: 25/11/02 Day: Monday Time: 8.40pm DST
Location: Edgeroi (between Moree and Narrabri)
Classification: CE1 (50 mtrs) approx
Duration of sighting: 3 seconds approx
Light colour: red/green
Apparent size: Two road lanes wide
Shape: Unknown
Noise: None
Objects observed: Single
Activity when object seen: Driving
Other witness's: Girlfriend
Name: Peter G
Referred to: Doug Moffett

-----Initial Report-----

Peter was driving down the Newell Hwy at 8.40pm DST on the 25th of November just before Edgeroi (just outside of Narrabri), with his girlfriend in his truck. They had the windows down and were talking, the radio was not on. There was no vehicles in front of him and a car a long way behind. Peter suddenly noticed an object to his left hand side. The object had two red at the front, two red lights at the back and two green lights on the edges of the middle, no shape could be determined. The object was approximately 50 mtrs away from the truck at about telegraph pole height.

When first noticed by Peter the object was travelling at right angles to the ground, with the lights at a North/South configuration. It appeared to Peter that the object was either taking evasive action to miss the truck or was trying to show him something. When Peter got the attention of his girlfriend (who had not sighted the object due to it's incredible speed) the object had now flattened out to a more conventional East/West configuration and only the rear red lights could be seen, this was viewed through the open driver's side window on the right hand side. The geography of the area in question consists of very flat plains. The object maintained it's very low altitude over the plains to disappear within 1.5 to 2 seconds over the horizon. Peter stated that the object was like "something out of "Star Wars" and was the quickest thing he had ever seen". No noise was heard during the sighting.

The object was estimated to be about the size of two road lanes by Peter. Peter rang Coonabarrabran Observatory, Police and various observatories before calling Williamtown Air Base, who referred Peter to the Hotline Number. When Peter got to Edgeroi, he had cold shivers for three hours after the encounter. Previous to this encounter, Peter had not given any thought at all to possible ET visitation, he is now convinced he saw something totally unexplainable. Due to the sincerity of the witness and the facts pertaining to this case I have no doubt Peter saw a genuine UFO. My personal belief is that Peter saw an

ET craft. Peter is going to call back in the next few days to the general store in Edgeroi to see if there are any other reports and will phone the Hotline if there is. I did not feel comfortable asking Peter about missing time/abduction scenario's as he was experiencing difficulty dealing with what had just happened to him as it was, perhaps later.

Regards Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW

Do you believe? Call Mulder and Scully,
we've got an X-file!
ABC Radio New England North West Presenter: Kate Sieper
Wednesday, 27 November 2002
<http://www.abc.net.au/newengland/stories/s736045.htm>
this URL may not be available any more

They say the truth is out there, but for residents of the North West region of New South Wales, it might be a bit closer than they thought!

A truck driver travelling north of Narrabri on Monday night says he spotted a low-flying object he can't explain, "I was heading north... and this thing came from the left hand side, about telegraph pole height. I was in its path, and it swooped around front of me... it was amazing the pace it went, and then it just sort of flattened out and took off on the right hand side, and disappeared along the flat", 'Peter the Truckie' says, "I thought it might have been an aircraft, from an airforce base, so I rang Williamstown Air Force base, and they said 'no, it wouldn't be flying that low', and I rang Parkes telescope and the observatory in Canberra just to find out I'm not going bloody silly!"

Peter was put in contact with Doug Moffatt, from the Australian UFO Research Network, who says, "this is a particularly dramatic case and find it impossible to come up with any conclusion of some sort of terrestrial background".

ABC Radio New England North West interview with Doug Moffett

ABC presenter Kate Sieper: Hi Doug, Peter had a really interesting Sighting.?

Doug: "Yes a lot of people do see thing in the sky but not as dramatic as this"."This is pretty dramatic case and I one of the good thing about it is because if the particular facts of the case find near impossible to come up with an answer or a conclusion of or come up with a terrestrial back ground". "When it crossed the road and took of Peter and his girl friend viewed it for one or two seconds and it was travelling at telegraph pole height". "And was moving across the plains, which is a dead flat area and you can virtually see to the horizon, which is around about thirty miles away". "So if you do the math's at that it would have to have been moving at fifteen miles per second which equate to 54,000 to 108,00 miles per hour well that sure get rid of a lot of possibilities".

Kate: How about some I don't know hum! some sort of weather balloon maybe getting caught up the midstream of the truck then zipping in front of the truck, hum! then just blowing away.?

Doug: "Well I think with the description with the lights and that, weather balloons don't have lights on them that I'm aware of " "And with that configuration, two at the front and two at the back, and two green in the middle would make it a rectangular type shape object and one would imagine". And it seemed to travel away at tremendous speed and distance". "Peter watched it as it disappeared over the distance". "So and the width of it being the size of two road lanes wide, would make it difficult to come up with any terrestrial explanation".

Kate: Ann mentioned she saw something like this 28 years ago and to have Peter describe it now, do you think there were sighting of this nature in this area.

Doug: "No I don't think so, but Barrabra in particular there seems to be, if you like is a hotspot a hotspot of activity and has been over the years". "Why I don't know", "I've been to Barrabra about a year or so ago with the my organisation to speak to locals up there because so many of them had stories and quite amazing stories". "A large percentage of people that live

there have had sightings and what we call close encounters".
"This meaning they were very close to the object and in Peters case it was only fifty meters away". "So a large percentage of the population in a small town like Barrabra, sightings were incredibly high to other places".

"So it would appear there seems to be a connection to that New England area and in particular". "With Barrabra it seems to be there are lots of reports". "But then again there could be other towns that are having similar reports and as you were saying and its very true that people tend to keep these stories to themselves because of the ridicule that they are quite often subjected to".

"Some one can be a totally credible figure until they mention something like this and they become incredible their bubble bursts their credibility bubble bursts". "Everyone that knows Peter", "and he sound's a very credible person and to me he sounds very sincere and a genuine person". "I have doubt what so ever that what he saw was what he saw". "He sounds like a very down to earth sought of guy and people that know him would say he would never make up something like this and that Peter would know what he was talking about".

Kate: Doug where does these sighting lead and what do the UFO Research Network do with these reports.

Doug: "What we are trying to do at the moment is to correlate them into a database and this is a lot work". "We are all volunteers and we have all got to put bread on the table and do this all from home and have our own lives as well". "Its slow going but we are trying to get together a data base and a workable data base were we can do things, like for instance categorizing the sighting by the lights like in Peter case there was red and green and in Ann's case hers was red and green as well". "The area it was in at the time, the date it was in, once we get all that information and there are thousands and thousands of reports and then we start to plot something and try and have a better understanding of what this phenomenon is". "It up to each ones personal opinion as to wether these are ET craft or not and I don't have evidence to support that".

Thank you Doug Moffett for these

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kind regards

Diane Harrison

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Houston, B.C. & Vancouver, B.C. Video Clips

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 02:26:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:16:27 -0500
Subject: Houston, B.C. & Vancouver, B.C. Video Clips

Good Day List

I made some reports on sightings this year and I also did receive video and still photos of some of the sightings. Well I finally have the video clips up on my site for everyone to have a look at, and are very welcome to comment on if they would care to.

The video clips are of a sightings in Houston, British Columbia and one from Vancouver, British Columbia. I have placed the reports with the URLs for each of the video clips, so I hope everyone will figure it out.

The URL below is a direct link to the page on my site where you can then check each of the clips out:

<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/videoclips.html>

I would really like to thank John Cope for taking the images from VHS and placing them to a format so everyone can view the clips on my site.

Take care

Brian
HBCC UFO Research
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Editor: Canadian Communicator
(Paranormal Journal)

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Re: A Question Of The Real - Clarke

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 11:33:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:27:12 -0500
Subject: Re: A Question Of The Real - Clarke

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:19:26 -0000
>Subject: A Question Of The Real

>I always find Dave Clarke's comments apt, well-informed and to
>the point. But I would like to ask him a question. As co-author
>of a book recently published, why did he chose to reveal a
>cover-up of something he does not believe exists in the first
>place?

Hi Colin,

Thanks... However, I'm not sure what you mean by "a cover-up
of something he does not believe exists in the first place."

I'll try to be to the point, as always, by saying yes, I think
we have established there was a cover-up of *something*. And no,
I don't believe there is sufficient evidence to suggest that
what was being covered up was ET spacecraft, if that is what
you are implying.

But why does that mean that the process of research and
investigation was wasted? Isn't the pursuit of knowledge
important, particularly knowledge that has been suppressed? And,
more importantly, why do research in the first place if you
already know 'the answer' ? I don't know the answer, hence the
need for further research.

But I have always believed that, behind all the hoaxes, rumours
and illusions, there is some unknown phenomena lurking behind
the UFO mystery. That has always been my position - check out
some of my earlier writings with Paul Devereux etc. My research
into the British Government archives has simply underlined this
suspicion - that there were a number of completely baffling
reports, many from military personnel, a number supported by
instrumental evidence such as radar, that could not be
explained. In these circumstances, and whilst fighting a Cold
War, the MoD's policy of evasiveness and obfuscation seems
quite logical, after all there was a (Cold) war on.

But the documentary (and oral) evidence that has survived has
convinced me that there is, despite what MoD claim, substantial
material that is of interest to scientists within this data. Two
scientists, one of whom is an astronomer of international
repute, are now aware of this material and supporting further
work in the MoD archives. Just two cases that have altered my
perspective the most are the Farnborough test pilot sightings,
detailed in the Flying Saucer Working Party report, and the
Little Rissington incident which followed.

You can read our book from many different standpoints, and it's
amusing to see how some have concluded it is a debunking
exercise whilst others have taken a completely opposite
viewpoint. Actually, it is a snapshot of ongoing research, and
is meant as a historical overview of work to date. As new
evidence comes to light, opinions and conclusions change. But
that is a situation that can, from my perspective, only be

arrived at by hard work.

So what is all this "something he does not believe exists" malarkey?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Spielberg's TAKEN Sets Record For SciFi Channel

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 10:10:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:29:08 -0500
Subject: Spielberg's TAKEN Sets Record For SciFi Channel

The SciFi Channel has indicated that TAKEN has set at least one record for the number of viewers turning to the cable network. It would be interesting to see how many households followed the show through the week.

<http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/art-main.html?2002-12/05/15.00.sfc9>:00am

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Taken Sets Ratings Record

The Dec. 2 premiere of the SCI FI Channel's original miniseries Steven Spielberg Presents Taken broke ratings records for the network, pulling in a rating of 4.9 and an audience of 3.9 million households, SCI FI announced. That represented the largest viewing audience in the channel's history, breaking the previous record held by part one of Frank Herbert's Dune by 28 percent. Taken premiered at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Dec. 2 and continues to run nightly over the next 10 weekdays.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the success of the premiere night of Taken," Bonnie Hammer, president of the SCI FI Channel, said in a statement. "It is simply an incredible testament to everyone involved in this project, all of whom lent support to what was an unparalleled creative risk. From our partnership with DreamWorks, our team at SCI FI, the strength and loud 'event-of-the-year' support from our affiliates and, finally, the understanding from advertisers that this was a high-cachet, can't-miss opportunity, we're incredibly grateful."

The premiere of Taken drew more than 6 million viewers and scored across every rating demographic: The show came in first for the night in basic cable in households (4.9) and persons 18-49 (3.1) and first among all cable networks (including premium) in persons 25-54 (4.0) from 9-11 p.m.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 12:26:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:31:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Maccabee

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 13:17:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 23:13:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>Source: BBC OnLine

>>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2538959.stm>

>>>Tuesday, 3 December, 2002, 14:32 GMT

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>Certainly Whitehouse's article is one of the most amateurish
>pieces of crap I've ever come across. I also get a little
>suspicious when someone writes such an ill-informed diatribe.
>What's he got to be upset about? How does it bother him. Does he
>have some idea that UFO reports, the people that report them,
>and those that investigate them are somehow doing damage to
>public order? Why the rant?

What else do you expect from a "believer?"

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Re: Phony Credentials? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 12:26:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:34:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Phony Credentials? - Maccabee

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 23:48:40 EST
>Subject: Re: Phony Credentials?

>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>Subject: Phony Credentials? [was: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed]

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:17:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:38:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>and move on?

Kevin, Stan and the List,

Or were they playing roles?

And in that role, could parts of their stories be true?

I asked some questions like that in my previous message (of 12-5-02).

I would like you two brave researchers on Roswell to stop
quarreling a moment and discuss such questions!

Or reject them and tell us why.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 12:38:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 15:43:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Tonnies

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Bruce,

Good catch! The distinction can be subtle, but it's almost
always symptomatic of someone who doesn't know how to think for
himself.

<http://mactonnies.com/skeptic.html>

--Mac

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Re: Phony Credentials? - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 13:53:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 16:14:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Phony Credentials? - Speiser

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Subject: Re: Phony Credentials?

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>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 23:48:40 EST
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Sorry, I did not mean to imply that Levengood does not have a
legitimate degree of some kind, just that he does not have a
Ph.D.

Here is his CV (however you pronounce it):

LEVENGOOD, W.C. -- Biophysicist
M.S. in Biophysics, Univeristy of Michigan, 1970
M.A. in Bioscience, Ball State University, 1961
Research physicist at the Institute of Science and
Technology and the Dept. of Natural Resources,
U. Michigan, 1961-1970; Director of Biophysical
Research for private-sector companies, 1970-83.
Published 50 scientific papers, including eight in
the prestigious journal Nature; three papers
(1994; 1995; 1999) present results from studies of
crop circle plants and soils. Currently pursuing
various research interests at his laboratory (Pine-
landia Biophysical Laboratory) in Grass Lakes, MI.

Note that he does not list "Ph.D. Equivalent." But we all know

that he has allowed himself to be addressed as "Doctor" without correction. This is unlike Stan Friedman, whom everyone wants to call "Doctor" yet he corrects them instantly. (Stan, why don't you just get a PhDE so you don't have to correct people? :-)

==JJS==

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SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

From: **Larry Landsman** <LL1157@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 17:05:48 -0500
Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 11:33:44 EST
>Subject: Re: Randle On 'Coast'

>>From: Lester Hahn <lesterhahn@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 21:02:22 -0600
>>Subject: Randle On 'Coast'

>>Dear Mr. Randle:

>>Given that you were the main consultant on the Sci-Fi Roswell
>>special and overhearing your comments this past Saturday night
>>on Coast, where you mentioned the recommendations you made
>>regarding the archaeological expedition to the crash site, did
>>you ever suggest seeking the expertise of an FAA crash
>>investigator to assist with the project.

>Good Morning, All -

>There really is nothing for such a crash analysis at the moment.
>All we have is a pasture in the high desert and no real sign of
>debris.

>Yes, the Sci Fi Channel investigation found a subsoil
>disturbance that could be the remains of the gouge, but at the
>moment there is nothing for expert analysis from the FAA point
>of view. I have consulted with aircraft accident experts inside
>the military, but without photographs of the debris strewn about
>or with all sides of the crash long gone, they couldn't
>contribute much.

>KRandle

I'd like to introduce myself.

As SCI FI's Director of Special Projects, I've been closely following UFO UpDates for the latest and greatest news from the world of ufology.

SCI FI has especially been interested in the feedback from the community about Steven Spielberg's TAKEN, as well as our recent documentary THE ROSWELL CRASH: STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE. I've been keenly following the reaction to the Roswell special in particular since I was the individual who contracted the University of New Mexico to conduct the dig, as well as the creative executive on the show (I directed MPH throughout the show's development).

I've been dismayed and quite surprised to read some of the comments regarding the veracity of the show due to the fact we decided to work with (and consult) certain Roswell researchers.

As you may or may not know, SCI FI and MPH Entertainment have attempted to conduct its work with professional impartiality and

balanced reporting (throughout the scientific dig and the production phase of the documentary). We feel the results are evident in the show itself and have received much kudos from the ufo community at large.

Nonetheless, on behalf of SCI FI, I find myself having to respond to some inaccuracies and misperceptions that have been posted (see above) in an attempt to set the record straight.

It was I who originally contacted Don Schmitt last May on behalf of SCI FI (having worked on SHOWTIME's ROSWELL) to offer up some of the Channel's resources to the current ongoing investigation. We were well aware that Don and Tom's efforts represented the only ongoing active research currently underway. We were also well aware of their close affiliation to the International UFO Museum and Research Center and, despite the trouble Don had many years ago, we thought (and still do) that Tom and Don have conducted some excellent research since their partnering.

Furthermore, from day one, we were well aware of the very acrimonious falling out between Don and Kevin Randle. In addition, we were also well aware of the earlier effort by representatives of CUFOS to try to conduct some archaeological exam of the debris field. Don never ever "lied" to anyone at SCI FI or UNM about that project, as some have claimed on UFO Updates. Once again, we want to officially state our strong support of researchers Don Schmitt and Tom Carey.

Just to correct any further misperceptions, the only UFO research 'consultants', in any sense of the word, that we worked with on THE ROSWELL CRASH was Don, Tom, Dave Rudiak and the IUFOMARC. Of course, we interviewed many folks for the show but our main source of info on the Roswell Incident itself (other than previously published works), as well as our source for new eyewitnesses, was through our relationships with Tom, Don and David. We simply could not have pulled the show together without them.

Thanks again for allowing us at SCI FI to "set the record straight."

Larry Landsman
Director, Special Projects
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Magonia Supplement 44

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 21:31:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 17:08:57 -0500
Subject: Magonia Supplement 44

Here's John Harney's Editorial from Magonia Supplement 44. The complete Trindade article, and Martin Kottmeyer writing about a strange smoking UFO can be found on the Magonia Website at:

www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms44.htm

EDITORIAL

In this issue, John Rimmer takes a look at one of the great "classics" of ufology, the Trindade Island case. It is an excellent example of the will-to-believe in action among ufologists, especially the type which Jim Moseley refers to as "Serious Ufologists".

These people took it for granted that the story and the photographs were genuine because there were so many witnesses that it was inconceivable that it could be explained as a hoax or a misperception of some mundane object or phenomenon. They did not ask who these witnesses were and they did not ask to see the statements they presumably made to official and amateur investigators. Not only did they not ask but when John Rimmer raised the question on the UFO UpDates mailing list, he found that such questions were not exactly welcome. Doubt was being cast on a ufological article of faith. However, those who were distressed by this attempt to debunk this great classic case were no doubt relieved when Jerome Clark announced that important new evidence would soon become available which would show that it could not possibly have been a hoax. We are eagerly awaiting this event and we earnestly hope that we do not have to publish too many gentle reminders in this newsletter before this promise is fulfilled.

Posted by John Rimmer Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms44.htm

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hall

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Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 21:55:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 17:12:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hall

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:17:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>>and move on?

>Kevin, Stan and the List,

>Or were they playing roles?

>And in that role, could parts of their stories be true?

>I asked some questions like that in my previous message
>(of 12-5-02).

>I would like you two brave researchers on Roswell to stop
>quarreling a moment and discuss such questions!

>Or reject them and tell us why.

Gildas and List,

This "organized disinformation" scenario, which I have encountered before, from other French Ufologists, is not one of those peculiarly French perspectives like worship of Jerry Lewis. (-; I have thought along similar lines at times. But, you must always be aware that in any given case the simpler explanation of individual dishonesty may be the explanation.

On the other hand, if you hypothesize that there is a grand-scale cover-up, then just such disinformation tactics become something reasonable to think about. Discrediting of key witnesses and key cases would be the primary goal.

- Dick

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ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH

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Contents:

- Conference In Florence
- SEPRAs Does Not Close Down
- European UFO Journal Wins An Award

CONFERENCE IN FLORENCE

On Saturday, 23 November, the 17th National Conference of Ufology took place, as announced and organized by the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

At the conference, which was closed to the public, there participated some thirty-odd scholars hailing from throughout Italy, who discussed on ten or so subjects related to various ongoing study projects, catalogs, investigations and activities: from Italian cases of USOs (underwater UFOs), to encounters of the third kind; from this past summer's Italian mission in the Norwegian valley of Hessdalen, to Project Sassalbo (which organizes the surveillance of a similar, suspected scene of recurring luminous phenomena); from progress made on the national caselog database, to evidence of activity at the local branches, not to mention the histogrammic analysis of the Italian Wave of 1952, and of catalogs devoted to socio-ufological aspects in music and advertising.

The conference program and report syntheses may be reviewed at the CISU Website:

<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/17conveg.htm>

SEPRAs DOES NOT CLOSE DOWN

Nobody knew about it, but SEPRAs, the official French ufological body, had been at risk of being shut down.

Founded in 1977 as part of CNES (French National Center for Space Studies), the group for the study of unidentified aerospace phenomena was then reconfigured, in 1988, as a service for analyzing phenomena of atmospheric re-entry, then subsequently returned to broadening its reach to "rare aerospace phenomena" in 2000 following a failed attempt, in 1993, to assume a European status, at the initiative of the then-European parliamentary representative, the physicist Tullio Regge.

In the wake of internal pressure on CNES to suppress SEPRAs, the general director of the body last year entrusted responsibility for its evaluation to an external consultant who, at one time, had been a collaborator of GEPAN: Fran=E7ois Louange, He gathered

the opinions of thirty-odd scientific personalities (inside and outside of CNES) at high military, political and journalistic levels.

The conclusion, presented to CNES at the beginning of this year and then copied to the various other interested entities (e.g., CNRS, Academy of Sciences, the gendarmerie, civil aviation), was exactly the opposite of that which had motivated it: practically all those questioned agreed on the fact that it is necessary that SEPRA's activities continue and this may also have only been the result of public need but, more important yet, there exist phenomena which are still misunderstood and of interest to science. Louange even suggested an increase in the financial resources allocated to SEPRA, so as to allow the carrying out of investigations: something which is presently impossible.

[Le Figaro, 20 November; Liberation, 21 November; Europe 1, 27 November; Ovni-Sciences, 20-27 November; in collaboration with Roberto Labanti]

EUROPEAN UFO JOURNAL WINS AN AWARD

The "European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies" has received the "Cuadernos de Ufologia Award" for 2002.

The prize is awarded by the Fundacion Anomal=EDa, a Spanish law foundation having the scope of gathering funds for financing or awarding projects and UFO works of a scientific nature.

The magazine, founded in 1999 and published in Great Britain by the UFO group established within Totton College - within its official course of studies on UFOs - aims at furnishing of a common European forum to students. On the editorial committee are some of the most noted ufologists of the "Old Continent," some of whom are fellows from the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

[Press Release by the Fundaci=F3n Anomal=EDa; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi]

Collaborators on this edition were: Renzo Cabassi and Roberto Labanti.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

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Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Young

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 22:17:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

<snip>

>The US taxpayer has still been contributing to SETI.
>Contributions of appreciated stock (Bill Allan of Microsoft,
>Hewlett Packard guys etc,) are tax deductible at current value.
>If sold, there would be considerable capital gains taxes. The
>public foots the bill for the difference.

Hello, Stan:

Yes, that would be true about all charitable donations to qualified educational and scientific groups. 'Bout the same as the money donated to the Fund for UFO Research, I guess, which I believe funded your research a couple of times?

Are you suggesting that the U.S. should eliminate charitable gift tax benefits?

>on the ITV broadcast in June of 1997?

>That is the one where 100,000 people called in to say yes or no
>to the question of alien visitations. 92% of the callers and
>"only" 73 % of the studio audience said yes.

Stan, as a trained scientist you realize of course that such self-selected surveys don't mean much. TV shows like to use this to whip up "personal involvement" among the audience. Keeps them tuned in for the soap-suds ads.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Is Bigfoot Really Dead?

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 19:24:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Dec 2002 11:59:13 -0500
Subject: Is Bigfoot Really Dead?

In response to many inquiries of "Loren, what do you think?" -
please see:

December 9, 2002
Is Bigfoot Really Dead?
Insights into the Wallace Hoax

which is the first item at:

<http://www.lorencoleman.com>

Thank you.

Happy Holidays to all,

Loren

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <CathyM@ukf.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Dec 2002 12:01:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Reason

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

Hello Jim, Amy, Dick and all

>I feel I must jump in here. Not that Dick needs me to defend
>him, but I do not possess a degree in anything, not even an
>associate's, I don't think I can even pronounce "curriculum
>vitae" correctly, yet I firmly believe I can recognize a basket-
>case when I see one - and I've seen plenty. (Remember, I once
>chaired a Moseley Conference). I resent the idea that
>psychologists think that recognizing mental illness is their
>exclusive domain. As a matter of fact, if it weren't for us lay
>people telling certain individuals we meet that "You maybe
>oughta get a check-up from the neck-up," there wouldn't BE very
>many psychologists or psychiatrists. Just because I can't write
>a paper on border deficit disorder doesn't mean I don't know
>when someone's a few french fries short of a happy meal.

I have been reluctant to jump in too, but I guess if it's ok for Jim, it's probably ok for me too.

I don't have anything against Dick Hall either, in fact, he sent me a very encouraging email soon after I joined this List - which I haven't forgotten. I just hope he isn't about to regret doing that.

It doesn't matter to me how many degrees one has - I've known plenty of people with MB/MD degrees who shouldn't have been allowed anywhere near real patients. It matters a lot, though, when someone claims to be able to identify a "basket case" (an interesting dx, btw, which I'm sure you won't find in the DSM IV) on the basis of casual inspection - no matter how many degrees they claim to have.

Anyone who seriously believes they can do this should take a look at David Rosenhan's article: "On being sane in insane places" (Science 179 pp 250-258).

If they still believe they have this magical power, I'd like them to answer the following questions.

- 1) How would they distinguish between cognitive distortion due to underlying organic dysfunction, and cognitive distortion due to post-traumatic sequelae;
- 2) How would they distinguish between unusual behavior due to psychiatric disorder and unusual behavior due to personal eccentricity (check out the case of Joyce Brown for an example of exactly this problem);
- 3) How would they make the distinction in (2) when both psychiatric disorder and personal eccentricity occur in the same person (you'd be surprised how often this happens);
- 4) How would they distinguish between psychiatric pathology and non-pathological psychiatric phenomena (such as hearing voices);

5) How they would dx Bipolar Disorder, given that I've lost count of the number of BP patients who in effect dx'd themselves, despite having previously been hospitalized during manic episodes;

6) How they would differentiate "Basket Case Syndrome" from schizophrenia, bipolar, borderline personality disorder (which may not even exist, incidentally) PTSD, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome;

7) How they would distinguish "Basket Case Syndrome" from malnutrition, the effects of organic disease, or the side-effects of anti-psychotic drugs prescribed to individuals dx'd with major psychoses.

I could go on (at great length) but I will spare you your ears and your computer screens.

Cathy

(Getting ready to join Bob and Amy in the skeptics' dugout)

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Documentary To Revisit Kelly Little Men Legend

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Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Kentucky New Era
December 6, 2002

New documentary to revisit Kelly Green Men legend

By MICHELE CARLTON

An independent production company in Glendale, Calif., plans a trip to Hopkinsville this month to research the 1955 invasion of "little green men" in the community of Kelly for a documentary.

Barcon Productions will be filming eyewitness accounts for a film entitled "Monsters of the UFO" to be released next summer.

"We interview witnesses and what they saw and then base our film on their accounts," said documentary producer Lisa McIntosh in a telephone interview from Glendale Thursday afternoon. "We'll try to recreate exactly what they saw."

The local legend took root when residents of the small town reported the landing of a spaceship near the home of Cecil "Lucky" Sutton home on the Old Madisonville Road at the edge of Kelly on Aug. 21, 1955. Sutton and other family members said 12 little men landed in a spaceship and then battled them at the house for hours.

Although the invaders are now known as the "little green men of Kelly," the original stories did not paint them green. Sutton and others actually said the creatures were silver.

Most of the Sutton family members who said they fought the aliens off with shotguns are deceased. However, McIntosh said former State Trooper Russell Ferguson, who investigated the Suttons' reports, has agreed to be interviewed on camera about the event.

"We are still looking for others," McIntosh said.

McIntosh and Barcon Productions owner Barry Conrad plan a trip to Kentucky as soon as they secure more interviews with witnesses to the Kelly event who are willing to speak on camera.

"We were both familiar with the Kelly story. When we decided to do this project, it was one of the stories we were just dying to work on," McIntosh said. "We were completely taken by it. It's truly an amazing story."

The documentary will focus on three stories involving close encounters with unexplained phenomenon. In addition to the Kelly green men, the documentary will explore first-hand accounts of the Mothman legend in Point Pleasant, W.Va., and the Flatwoods Monster in Flatwoods, W.Va. McIntosh said filming in the West Virginia locations is complete.

Barcon Productions specializes in producing documentaries on the

paranormal. The company has produced shows featuring psychic talk show host James Van Praagh and "California's Most Haunted," a documentary on haunted houses in the Golden State.

McIntosh said "Monsters of the UFO" may air on cable television next summer. The Sci-Fi and Discovery channels are possible markets for the documentary, she said. Michele Carlton can be reached by telephone at 887-3235 or by e-mail at mcarlton@kentuckynewera.com.

Thanks to <http://www.anomalist.com>

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- Sightings In Italy: November Update
- New Book by Roberto Pinotti
- Multimedia Show In Turin

SIGHTINGS IN ITALY: NOVEMBER UPDATE

The usual monthly statistical recap of reports of UFO sightings gathered by the Italian Center for UFO Studies have been put on line.

Sightings occurring during the month of November and recorded to date were 30. This confirms a decrease for the autumn period, compared with that of the summer. There was only one close encounter (in Puglia); about one-third of the reports turned out to be caused by astronomical objects; and a good 40% came from Lombardy.

Major data, and, in particular, the monthly lists of cases, tables and statistical graphs featuring distribution by month, time, region and type together with that for the previous two years are also available, as always, on the CISU Website: (www.arpnet.it/ufo/cases2002.htm).

The month just ended brought the total of cases for the year 2002 to 663. It therefore seems reasonable that, in the final tally, the current year will not lag very far behind the preceding one which, with its nearly 800 sightings, was already a notably "rich" year.

The increase in the annual mean number of cases gathered reflects also the higher level of efficiency of the telematic working group on the Italian caselog, which was formed by the CISU last year for real-time monitoring of sightings in our country.

[Communication by Giorgio Abraini]

NEW BOOK BY ROBERTO PINOTTI

The latest literary effort from Roberto Pinotti is in bookstores.

It's entitled "I messaggeri del cielo - Testimonianze extraterrestri nell'antichità" ("Messengers In The Sky: Extraterrestrial Evidence In Ancient Times"). It includes an update of his previous book from 1991, "Angeli, dei, astronavi" ("Angels, Gods, Spaceships"), devoted to space archeology,

clipeology, and pre-Arnold UFO reports.

It's published by Oscar Mondadori, totals 277 pages (including illustrations), and sells for 7.80 Euro.

[Report by Paolo Fiorino]

MULTIMEDIA SHOW IN TURIN

"Catch sight of...: avvistamenti - segni e segnali di altra provenienza" ("Catch Sight Of...: Sightings - Signs & Signals Of Another Origin"): this is the title of the multimedia art exhibit inspired by UFOs, which will take place in Turin from 13 through 16 December.

The show, assembling the works of over 20 painters, sculptors and artists will be held in the wide locale of the "C9space" in Turin, Via Mantova 38. Admission is free, and hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday through Monday.

Admission will also be free to the two lectures scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday ("Crop Circles: Art Becomes Alien") and on Sunday ("UFOs On The Movie Screen"). A fee is asked for the multimedia show, which will accompany the inauguration on Friday evening, at 9 p.m., which will feature video-shows and a concert by the electro-pop group "Essential."

[Collaboration by Giorgio Giorgi, Maria Grazia Fiore and Valerio Vigliaturo;
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<snip>

>Maybe Listers from the UK can help me out here. Isn't Dr. David Whiteside, the BBC science-on-line guy who made these stupid >comments, the same guy with whom I tangled on TV in Manchester, >UK, in about March of 1995 and when Tim Good, Nick Pope and I >"debated" three men on the con side, a Psychologist, a >Physicist and Dr. Whiteside on the ITV broadcast in June of >1997?

>That is the one where 100,000 people called in to say yes or no >to the question of alien visitations. 92% of the callers and >"only" 73 % of the studio audience said yes.

Stan and List,

I don't know about your 1995 TV appearance in Manchester, but the 1997 event did not involve Dr. David Whiteside. The show was entitled "Strange But True? Live" and aired on June 27 1997. You, Tim Good and I debated with Professor Frank Close (a physicist), Dr. David Hughes (an astronomer) and Dr. Chris French (a psychologist). The motion was "Do you believe aliens have already visited Earth?"

The viewing audience was estimated at just under 7 million, and over 100,000 calls were made to the telephone lines. Of these calls, 92% agreed with the motion and 8% disagreed.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: A Question Of The Real - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 13:05:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Dec 2002 12:11:35 -0500
Subject: Re: A Question Of The Real - Bennett

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 11:33:41 -0000
>Subject: Re: A Question Of The Real

>I have always believed that, behind all the hoaxes, rumours
>and illusions, there is some unknown phenomena lurking behind
>the UFO mystery. That has always been my position - check out
>some of my earlier writings with Paul Devereux etc. My research
>into the British Government archives has simply underlined this
>suspicion - that there were a number of completely baffling
>reports, many from military personnel, a number supported by
>instrumental evidence such as radar, that could not be
>explained.

Thank you David for making your position clear. Half way along
road to Rome is better than all the way along the road to
Brentford.

Best wishes,

Colin

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 17:52:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 12:34:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 07 Dec 2002 21:55:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:17:19 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>>>and move on?

>>Kevin, Stan and the List,

>>Or were they playing roles?

>>And in that role, could parts of their stories be true?

>>I asked some questions like that in my previous message
>>(of 12-5-02).

>>I would like you two brave researchers on Roswell to stop
>>quarreling a moment and discuss such questions!

>>Or reject them and tell us why.

>Gildas and List,

>This "organized disinformation" scenario, which I have
>encountered before, from other French Ufologists, is not one of
>those peculiarly French perspectives like worship of Jerry
>Lewis. (-; I have thought along similar lines at times. But, you
>must always be aware that in any given case the simpler
>explanation of individual dishonesty may be the explanation.

>On the other hand, if you hypothesize that there is a grand-
>scale cover-up, then just such disinformation tactics become
>something reasonable to think about. Discrediting of key
>witnesses and key cases would be the primary goal.

Dick and List,

French film buffs made mistakes. But they were not mistaken in
promoting American filmmakers in the whole world! And Jerry
Lewis did some likeable movies too.

I agree that we must first look for the simpler explanation. But

in the case of Roswell, we may have some doubts when counting so many dubious witnesses and stories, contradicting each other : what a mess! And yet if we keep calm about that, we still have very strong witnesses and a very strong case. So the idea of disinformation must come to mind.

What about the most recent one, the story of the alleged cameraman! Philip Mantle and Michael Hesemann supported it in their book "Beyond Roswell". In that case, we don't even know who is the real author of the story.

I don't think we need to hypothethize on a "grand-scale" cover-up. Just plain cover-up of the Roswell crash would do.

However, the idea of a deep, long term cover-up is not unreasonable either, in the context of a half-century of official denial.

Gildas

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A Possible Roswell/RAF Connection

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 12:37:24 -0500
Subject: A Possible Roswell/RAF Connection

Hello List Savants,

I am writing a book on Captain Ruppelt and his time at Grudge and Blue Book, and I am developing the many sub-plots that existed both before and during his time. I have come across some information that could possibly lead to an interesting new aspect of the Roswell issue.

From approximately 1946-1955, the RAF leased over 87 B-29 Superfortress bombers (called Washingtons by the RAF), from American stocks as stopgap aircraft to supplement the serving but obsolescent Lincoln bombers, that were lengthened re-builds of the wartime Lancaster with American engines. These Washingtons were intended to be the core of Britain's atomic deterrent prior to the introduction in 1955 of the first modern jet-powered V-Bomber, the Valiant. With the first British test of a crude nuclear device in Australia in 1952, it was obviously going to be some time before the British were going to be able to put an airborne weapon into operational service. The superb new jet-powered Canberra (1950) would not do because it had only a medium tactical range for Soviet penetration, and in any case the American nuclear bombs of this time would not fit into its fuselage. The Canberra (later the US B57) could hit the Soviet armour coming down the North German plains, but it could hardly reach Soviet strategic centers. The Canberra's role was an important one, since at this time on the ground (due to 95% demobilisation), there was only a handful of M47, M48, and British Comet tanks to stop approximately 5000 Stalin 2s and T34/85s! Centurion could stop them, but there were no more than a dozen or so in Europe at this time.

It is almost certain therefore that some nuclear bombs were also leased with the British B-29s, possibly with arming keys held in American hands, as was the case with the later nuclear-tipped U.S. Corporal rockets based in Europe. However, I have not been able to trace this necessary modification and operational arrangement, which must have been somewhat complex, to say the least. Of the nuclear role there can be no doubt, if only because many Washingtons based in Britain had black anti-flash radiation paint on their underbellies, and so it must have been planned for a few to attack at a very low altitude, indicating a possible hi-lo tactic to fox radar.

Possibly the leasing was top secret, if only to get around American law. Certainly the later two-key arrangement of the WAC Corporal (and also Honest John) was a way of getting round the MacMahon Act that forbade the export of American nuclear information.

Immediately after the Japanese surrender, there were no nuclear weapons immediately available in the US, but technicians and scientists managed to clobber together a few non-standard lab-workshop prototypes for the first Bikini tests in mid 1946, these test bombs being dropped by 509th elements from Pacific bases, as were many others. The very first standard production bombs of any practical use to the newly formed USAF as part of Curtis Le May's equally young Strategic Air Command were the Mk

111 and Mk IV plutonium fusion bombs. These had ongoing modifications, particularly of the arming devices, case-shaping, and weight. 120 Mk 111s were produced from April 1947 to April 1949, and 550 of the Mk IV. Yield of both types varied from 18 to 49 Kilotons. Pending the delivery of the first B-50 bombers to the SAC in late June of 1949, the main delivery weapon was still the B29, which laboured somewhat under the weight of the Fat Man models, and all that that meant in terms of operational efficiency. B-50s were steadily delivered to the 509th in Roswell from mid 1949 to 1950, but the B-29 was still retained in large part because of endless problems with the B-50. The Fat Man shape for instance could not be altered all that quickly because of the spatial configuration of the implosion lens, and the manufacturers, because of secrecy, failed to liaise properly with Boeing on other important detailed issues

As we know, the 509th squadron that delivered the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs came straight from Tinian (where Ruppelt himself flew out on bombing missions with 444th group) and was based at Roswell AAF base as one of the only two spearhead bomb groups (the other was the 93rd) of Curtis Le May's SAC. In the excitement about Roswell, it has hardly been mentioned that the base was the one and only nuclear weapon training establishment in the US immediately after the War until the 509th moved to Pease AFB, now Walker, where they fly the B2 Spirit. Training and support, design and modification of aircraft and prototypes, selection of crews, Intelligence liaison and transport of factory-fresh weapons from the Hanford plant and Los Alamos, all these things must have come together in Roswell in these very early days.

I now come to my point. My question is this: 87 Washingtons in all were leased by Britain. Assuming ten-man crews, plus reserve crews makes for 1000 men all told, and assuming at least a three-to-one ratio of ground crews and support (not a low number, considering the operational storage of a nuclear weapon, since arming procedures alone must have taken many to train on), this makes for 3000 men all told, not including special RAF Regiment base security staff. Now the facilities for handling and training for the B-29 were non-existent in the UK. The aircraft had not seen action in Europe, and the nuclear weapons themselves were still crude, heavy, and fairly large devices requiring unique and specialised storage and handling facilities. This effort and these resources involved no less than the entire re-creation of the entire RAF offensive bomber force with new aircraft and new equipment!

My question is this: did any of the RAF servicemen flying Washingtons train at Roswell? To negotiate the leasing of nuclear weapons and aircraft from America plus support and training was the equivalent to acquiring the most advanced technology of the time as part of a complete weapons system. The high level of political and military negotiations alone must have been both substantial and lengthy, certainly from early 1947 onwards, with the concept stages emerging as early as 1946.

If there was only a small RAF liaison team in Roswell during this time, it would be an interesting new light on this period, particular as some of these RAF ground and aircrews might well be very much still alive and perhaps available for interview. I think hardly that the few US bases in the UK at this time would have had the facilities, the time, or indeed the inclination to train such a considerable and strategically important RAF force. In any case, they were 24-hour instantaneous attack squadrons (conventional bombing was hardly considered), and could hardly have been shackled by an extremely complex training programme for another national.

In terms of nuclear arming procedures alone (the original detachable initiator device is still a closely-guarded secret some fifty years later) I do not think that RAF personnel could have managed without going to Roswell at this time for courses and intensive training, particularly if co-operative keying was involved. My opinion is that there is a very good possibility that an RAF team may well have been at Roswell in 1947, and other RAF teams may well have been liaising with higher staffing levels within US government and Pentagon strategic planning in relation to Roswell activities. Certainly Air Marshall Hugh Dowding's son (who by the way met Adamski in 1959) was involved for some time with the highest level of USAF/RAF planning, and was attached to the Pentagon as part of a long-standing team presence.

Certainly the Washington was an untried aeroplane as far as the RAF were concerned and it was designed to carry an unprecedented weapon of apocalyptic power. Training on RAF bases in Britain would have been a risky business. Running through many averages, at a peacetime rate, it would have taken certainly some three years to train 87 bomber crews plus all their support, ready for operational deployment in 1950. The 509th was the nucleus of all such training, and technical manuals from Roswell-derived experience must have abounded on RAF bases during this time. If US Roswell teams did train these men then we have a presence at Roswell during the crucial years that we have not known about previously.

Well List Savants I hope you find these questions interesting.

If anyone has any kind of information on this matter of Roswell RAF staff or crews, it would be appreciated and it will be acknowledged in my forthcoming book on Ruppelt, An American Demonology. I must admit this is a very long shot indeed, but as the Bishop said to the Actress, it is perhaps worth a try, and someone somewhere might just have an interesting story to tell. I look forward to any such replies, and will keep the List informed of any developments.

Colin

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Re: Security Classifications - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 21:47:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 12:42:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Aldrich

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 01:43:31 EST
>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:20:15 +1300 (NZDT)
>>Subject: Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

>>Greetings List

>>On 28th Novemember Stan Friedman wrote

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

Greetings

As I have said before it seems that whenever we start discussing this topic, it is like a video game with everything reset to zero.

Several years ago, I went through more than 50 problems with SOM 1-01. This was not an extensive survey of the alleged Top Secret manual that supposedly tells teams how to plan and conduct recovery operations of crashed UFOs.

One of the objections, not the main fatal one, but a valid objection was that the SOM 1-01 did not follow established security procedures for the time frame for marking and controlling classified information.

Since then various comments debunking these security procedure have appeared here. Somehow if someone can find an example of a document that does not follow established procedures that negates every reference to such procedure and renders what appears a violation, a true document.

Security procedures are proscribed by in general terms in various Presidential Executive Orders. In the modern post-World War II era, these executive orders have been changed a number of time Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon, Carter, and Reagan all made sweeping changes. Markings and controls of document change to reflect the orders. Further, agencies issue implementing directives that establish specific procedures and additional requirement to be followed in that agency.

Top Secret material is much more stringently controlled than other classified material. It required continuous accountability from production to destruction a fact that seems lost on many so-called researchers and apparently on the fabricators of MJ-12 documents.

I can't say that I am much impressed with the Woods' research on SOM 1-01 but there are two things that they have shown which are

important, the copy originated at Kirtland AFB and that it had a TO (Technical Order) number. Since it was from an Air Force base, it should have had proper controls as specified in Air Force regulations at the time. It did not as I have previously observed. The indication is that it was an active document, not a historical document retired to inactive status or in an archives somewhere.

(Aside: The TO number and the placement indicates that the cover of SOM 1-01 might have been fabricated from the cover of an already existing joint Army-Air Force technical manual. When I visited Carlisle Barracks, I did look for such a manual, the administrative listing of Army Technical Manuals (TM) indicated several likely candidates, but did not indicate if there was an associated TO number. Attempts to find some of the candidate in the Army Historical Institute's TM library unfortunately was not conclusive as many manuals are superceded or rescinded manuals from this era are missing. Also, the collection is not complete. Maxwell AFB does not have a collection of old TOs.)

See further comments below.

>><snip>

>>>I will have more to say about the claim I am told was made that
>>>MJ-12 is a fraud once I see the program.

>>>My paper noted above does point out that despite Jan Aldrich's
>>>recent false claim that the GAO must have been mistaken, that
>>>the GAO found examples of the use of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED on
>>>documents from the same time frame as the Cutler Twining memo,
>>>that they indeed had.

>>Stan,

>>I recall that Jan asked that you provide an "Independantly
>>Verifiable Copy" of such a Document containing "TOP SECRET
>>RESTRICTED" Classification.

>>Stan my enquiry to you (and Jan) is:

>>Have you provided Jan with such a document yet? - Or do you wish
>>to ignore this request and hope that it will go away?

>>Until then Stan your claim is nothing more than that - A claim
>>without any form of verifiable evidence

>As I recall the GAO claimed in its report that they actually ran
>across documents with that classification on it even though the
>classification did not exist.

>In the Eisenhower Presidential library I went through many boxes
>of formerly highly classified documents as part of cold war
>history research. I ran across documents with that were formerly
>Top Secret restricted (Non Restricted Data documents) and other
>such. According to my notes the documents were not necessarily
>classified "by the book" but was a mix which represented what
>different people in the administration did. The bottom line on
>all of that is even if the document was incorrectly marked, it
>still was a classified document and treated as such.

Well, Murray, the Top Secret, Secret, and Confidential
Restricted documents are just pouring in here at the rate of
zero a week.

>When this issue popped up awhile back I thought I may have
>gotten copies of documents with the TS Restricted on it. I am
>still looking as I have time through 20 or so thousand pages of
>documents. I ran across documents (archives) that were formerly
>TS but had NO document control numbers. Before anybody unloads
>the next breath about how the declassifiers may have blanked them
>out, etc etc, bottom line is many of these were the "original"
>documents and what was in fact on the document was very plainly
>visible.

Once again we have reset back to zero. I discussed this before!
In implementing TS controls, the commands have some leeway, the
document should have some unique identification that can be
logged if it is in multiple copies than it should be identified
by a copy number. Now the AAF, and then the USAF, HQ staff
controlled and logged their TS messages from the Pentagon

Classified Message Center using the message number and the message copy. Other copies of the messages provided to the various members of the AAF/USAF staff were noted by copy number with their disposition on the back of the AAF/USAF record copy message. So there is no formal log nor is there on each message the words "Top Secret Control Number." However, the implementation is proper under the directives at the time.

>While back somebody was first claiming that all TS documents
>had to have a control number on every page.

Can you tell me who claimed this? It certainly wasn't me.

>When that was proven
>wrong, the claim switched to 'well only the cover sheet..' Using
>that bit of logic the MJ-12 EBD would only need to have some
>kind of cover sheet to make it apple pie, a ok. There are TS
>documents that do not have so called and allged cover sheets. I
>have seen others were the package is marked TS but when you
>remove the attached document (leaving on the cover sheet) the
>classification is Secret, or whatever.

How you can determine this from material in archives is beyond me.

>If you go to:

><http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB21/06-01.htm>

>you will find a complete copy of the TS Presidential directive
>that launched the gulf war in 91'. It is marked TS but no
>control numbers. When I inquired about that back afte it was
>declassified I was told that was "not uncommon" in Presidential
>NSC level documents.

This document has gone through two archives, the Presidential Library and the National Security Archive, at George Washington University. Further this html version does not reproduce the whole page, so it is not possible to see the whole document, nor the backs of the pages, nor any cover or title page, nor any logs. I don't pretend to be an expert on presidential papers. Perhaps some one should consult the presidential libraries to find out how the document was controlled. However it is a numbered National Security Directive, I would think it would start there!

>Go to:

><http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB74/U2-06.pdf>

>You will find a 1 page TS letter from Andrew Goodpaster, with no
>cover sheet and no TS control numbers, although you can see the
>TS classification and, naughty, naughty, it was stamped TS twice
>at the top and bottom.

Again some of the page is not reproduced which seems to be the filing instructions. It seems that this document is indeed given an unique number "MR 78-41 #19." Since it is probably the only copy, it requires no "Copy--of --copies." Again to belabor the obvious, how do you know that there was no cover sheet. Cover sheet for the whole file. Unless one can see the context of the file, this speculation is useless. As for the stamping of the document twice on both the bottom and top, get real! There could be several reasons for this including someone trying to make appearance in the file neater.

>Go to:

><http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB45/>

>download document 2.

>This is a 2 page TS letter from President Eisenhower to SecDef
>Thomas Gates. No control numbers or even a hint of somebody
>blackening out a control number, or other.

>Go to:

><http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/U2Incident/MemConfDDEonNov241954.pdf>

>You will find a 1 page TS document with no control numbers.

Again, is there some unique number associated with this document and is there an indication of what copy of how many copies exist? My previous discussion applies.

>Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/U2Incident/MemofordirectorofCIAreTelenet82559page1.pdf>

>You will find a "cover sheet" for a Talent code word document
>The cover sheet is marked "Top Secret" but no control numbers.
>however the document itself has the control numbers on the upper
>right hand side of each page.

>Go to:

<http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/Sputnik/MemoofConferencewithPresKillianKistiakowskyFeb61958page1>

>You will find a TS Memorandum of conversation with the President
>but no control numbers.

>Go to:

><http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/dl/Sputnik/>

>MeetingwithBronketalOct81957.pdf
>Apparently this was not classified, but Dr. Bronk apparently had
>a close relationship with the President that he could call him
>in and have him read a statement the President was going to
>give.

>In the DDay section you have a incoming msg to General Marshall
>with Top Secret in the Upper left and right corners of the
>document, eyes only, and a Top Secret on the center bottom

>Go to:

><http://www.cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/nsam.htm>

>Click on number click on number 36
>"Improving the Security of Nuclear Weapons In NATO" which you
>will notice it is signed by McGeorge Bundy not the President AND
>Top Secret only appears at the bottom of the page, not the top,
>AND it is not written on White House stationary nor does it have
>a control number.

Again unique number, and unique copy number. No problem to log and control this document.

>Now click on number 37 "Saceur Procedures for Ordering use of
>Nuclear Weapons 4/16/61" and you will notice that Top Secret
>appears on both top and bottom of page, not written on White
>House stationary, and NO TS control number.

>Click on number 154 "U.S. Nato Alert procedures" which was
>classified TS but no control numbers

Again see my comment directly above. Also, please note that each one of these are tabbed. Perhaps the whole file has a TS control number assigned. Again, just looking at these individual pages without the context of the control scheme is meaningless.

>Go to:

><http://www.ford.utexas.edu/library/document/nsdmnssm/nsdm276a.htm>

>in which you will find a copy of a 3 page Ford Administration
>National Security decision Memorandum number 276 entitled having
>to do with Nuclear weapons. Notice that the document is
>classified TOP SECRET/Restricted Data, but NO TS control numbers
>are on it. Also it was signed by Henry Kissenger who claimed
>that he never had a Q clearance which would be required for Top
>Secret/Restricted Data.

The White House has its own clearance and access procedures. Obviously the National Security Advisor has to have access to nuclear weapons data!

>Now if you skim through some of the related nuclear NSDM's you

>will find they are all correctly marked either Secret/RD or
>TS/RD...that is until you get to number 300 which relates to
>nuclear weapons and it is classified Top Secret/Sensitive

>>>I also noted that not all TS documents have TS Control numbers,
>>>again despite Jan's false claim to the contrary.

>I don't believe Jans claim is false. What it boils down to is
>based upon "his" working experience this is how the
>classification world turned. This is similar to the folks in the
>PR department of the Pentagon who denied for years that the
>Stealth fighter did not exist. Based upon their knowledge,
>understanding and what they were told it did not exist.

>If somebody wants to really, independently verify what Stan and
>I have said, get on a plane and go to the Presidential
>library(s). Spend awhile going through thousands of pages of
>formerly highly classified documents and you will find what has
>been said is correct.

>The bottom line is documents were not always marked apple pie,
>by the book correct and folks treated them as classified
>documents.

While you may have gone through large numbers of documents which
are not active, you apparently have not researched how the White
House or the Executive branch controlled and safeguarded such
documents. So you have missed the whole point.

Now let us look at some documents in Stan's Final Report on
Operation Majestic 12. If one looks at pages E-11, E-12 and E-13
all are stamped Top Secret however none have any classified
information. They are all transmittal or cover letters to Top
Secret documents. As such they are stamped Top Secret. It is
also noted that they are considered unclassified when separated
from their Top Secret attachment. (It should be noted that all
three of the letter are from then CIA Director Allan Dulles to
Col. Goodpaster, White House Staff Secretary. So all letters are
essentially the same in that they transmit a Top Secret
document.) However, it should be noted that the letter on page
E-11 plainly has "T. S. #158734/c, Copy #1." Why? Well,
speculation is just that, but my experience tells me that either
as a record management or security manager decision, it was
decided to retain the cover letter with the TS document in the
file instead of separating them.

I suppose that one could conclude, probably wrongly, that
controls were applied to various documents in a haphazard
manner.

Aside:

Please note that the AF Intel Record and Routing sheets
concerning AIR 203 at

<http://project1947.com/fig/48docdex.htm#top>

are all filed together under one TS control number. However, the
draft and interim reports referred to in these R & R sheets are
not in the file. The same is true for most files in AF HQ
intelligence UFO correspondence files either classified or
unclassified. Generally what is contained there are some
letters, memoranda for records, and many transmittal documents
without the reports, enclosures or attachments.

As with the letter should in Stan's report on pages E-12 and E-
13 it would be possible to concluded that TS documents can be
found without TS control numbers or properly controlled.

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>Kevin, Stan and the List,

>Or were they playing roles?

>And in that role, could parts of their stories be true?

Hi Gildas,

Reminds me of the post earlier on this List about the death of Ray Wallace who started the bigfoot story using carved wooden feet. Now apparently the guy enjoyed a good prank and milked it for all of its worth.

As to Kaufman, who knows what may have motivated him to fabricate a tale about crashed saucer... but it was still a fabricated tale... why should we still be discussing the merits, or possible merits, of it?

Gee, I would prefer discussing the merits and possibilitys of the jewel encrusted helmet.... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Questions From A New Subscriber

From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 02:00:20 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:02:00 -0500
Subject: Questions From A New Subscriber

Hi, my name is Laurel, I'm new to this List. I've been deeply interested in the UFO subject since the 1970's but been "out of the loop", so to speak, for a few years, so I'm trying to catch up (just ordered Corso Roswell book from Amazon).

I've got a few immediate questions and would really welcome any comments/feedback on the following:

1. Does anyone know the Real Reason radio host Art Bell is going off the air soon? His paranoia or a publicity ploy, or perhaps this has something to do with his recent conversation with Richard Hoagland (related verbatim on an Art Bell internet site)?
2. I'd like any opinions re: The Project Grudge 13/Blue Book papers which Bill English put on tape, were then prepared by John Lear and forwarded to Bill Cooper in 1988, I believe. Does anyone believe these papers have any validity (why Bill Moore labeled them a fraud I don't know)?

I am especially concerned about a portion of these papers which describe the abduction and mutilation of a Sgt. Jonathan P. Lovette at the White Sands missile testing range in New Mexico in 1956 - do any of you give this material any credence? Any conjectures about the "grey's" purposes for obtaining human body parts/blood?

Thanks,
Laurel

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From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 14:28:40 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:12:22 -0500
Subject: European UFO Journal Press Release

Please find herewith a letter from the editor-in-chief of the European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies (EJUFOAS), soliciting papers, informing the new, reduced pricing structure, and more. EJUFOAS is published from the Psychology Department, Totton College, United Kingdom and it has an European-wide range of editors, included Dr David Clarke, Dr Massimo Teodorani, Edoardo Russo, etc.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Member, EJUFOAS Board

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 12:24:54 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:14:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:17:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>>and move on?

>Kevin, Stan and the List,

>Or were they playing roles?

No.

>And in that role, could parts of their stories be true?

In one sense yes, meaning simply that they built their stories on the Roswell case. But their stories are all invention, based on what they perceived the truth of Roswell to be. Their stories should be rejected.

>I asked some questions like that in my previous message (of 12-5-02).

Yes you did, and I believed that I had answered them in my other posts. Let me elaborate.

Frank Kaufmann claimed to be a master sergeant and had a document to prove it. He was not a master sergeant and the document was faked.

Gerald Anderson claimed to be a Navy SEAL, but the SEALs, on their website, exposed him as a faker. While he might have been in the Navy, he was not a SEAL.

Frank Kaufmann showed various documents and had others that suggested he was telling the truth, but those documents were faked.

Gerald Anderson showed various documents, including his telephone bill, a second telephone bill, Uncle Ted's diary, and so on but those documents were faked.

Both of these men spun tales that put them into the center of the Roswell case, but all attempts at verification have now failed. I believe that there is no reason to accept the testimony of either as reliable and no reason to believe that either was some sort of disinformation agent put into place to

bring down the Roswell case. Both were opportunists who injected themselves into the case and spun tales. The faked documents, the contradictory nature of their stories, and the ever shifting tales have proven this.

Jim Ragsdale's tale is now just laughable. Originally, it made some sense and seemed to corroborate some of the Kaufmann tale. But he told of gold helmets (can anyone think of a worst metal for a helmet), a jewel encrusted throne inside the crashed flying saucer, and made changes in his original story (he didn't get close but saw the bodies in the distance to he was down there pulling the helmets from them). The changes in his story were clearly induced by the monetary rewards offered and are of such a contradictory nature that they should now be completely and utterly rejected.

Glenn Dennis told a nice little story about his nurse friend who was involved in a preliminary autopsy and provided many of us with her name. At one point, he even chastised me because we had yet to find her after he had confided the name to me. Now that Vic Golubic, among others, have proved that Naomi Self (or the variations on it offered at other times) was not her name and Dennis has suggested that he never gave us the real name, his story should be rejected. Still worse, he claims he told us he hadn't given us the real name but we ignored his warning, and this, I think takes the wind out of his missing nurse tale. That he has been caught in this major distortion and tried to alibi by blaming the researcher suggests to me that we should not believe anything else that he has to say on the topic.

He also told us that she had been killed in an aircraft accident that killed five Army nurses. I checked the New York Times Index, specifically those reports relating to aircraft accidents, from July 1947 through December 1954, and there was no aircraft accident that killed five Army nurses. Don Berliner checked the Stars and Stripes (sort of a military newspaper) with similar negative results... conclusion, that part of the story was not true.

Later, in an interview published in the MUFON UFO Journal, Dennis said that he believed that she had been discharged from the Army and had become a nun... again without any proof that such was the case or that anyone named Naomi Self had ever been an Army nurse.

Nor do I believe that the government has been involved in any sort of disinformation campaign here. I believe that each of these men invented his story out of whole cloth for the exposure it would give him and the limited monetary rewards he might enjoy.

If we want to understand Roswell and UFOs, it is best to eliminate these tales, relegating them to the footnote status they deserve. I don't know how to make it any clearer than this. They were not involved in the 1947 events, they did not possess any knowledge about those events that suggests they were on the inside, they have been caught and then changed their stories. They were not part of a disinformation campaign. This suggestion is the last desperate attempt to retain some of the tale rather than rejecting it totally, as we should.

>I would like you two brave researchers on Roswell to stop
>quarreling a moment and discuss such questions!

I have done that repeatedly, but clearly the answers are not the ones you wish to hear.

>Or reject them and tell us why.

As I have done repeatedly. I once spent an hour explaining, carefully, why the Gerald Anderson telephone bill was a fake, providing all the evidence necessary. The man looked at me and asked, "How do you know the government didn't fake the phone bill to make Anderson look bad?"

The answer was that the government couldn't have possibly anticipated that this particular bill would be of any importance and intercepted it before it got to Anderson. The only person on the face of the planet who could have faked it was Anderson as the evidence showed.

I realized at that point that there were some who would never accept the truth unless Anderson admitted it. Which he did. And we still have to discuss him...

KRandle

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Re: A Possible Roswell/RAF Connection - Clarke

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:00:12 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:18:16 -0500
Subject: Re: A Possible Roswell/RAF Connection - Clarke

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 00:01:03 -0000
>Subject: A Possible Roswell/RAF Connection

>If anyone has any kind of information on this matter of Roswell
>RAF staff or crews, it would be appreciated and it will be
>acknowledged in my forthcoming book on Ruppelt, An American
>Demonology. I must admit this is a very long shot indeed, but as
>the Bishop said to the Actress, it is perhaps worth a try, and
>someone somewhere might just have a an interesting story to
>tell. I look forward to any such replies, and will keep the List
>informed of any developments.

Hi Colin,

May I suggest that you try placing an advert in the RAF veterans magazine 'AIRMAIL', appealing to any crews who trained at Roswell to get in touch. The mag is widely read by former RAF airmen and women in retirement across the world. I recently placed an advert there asking for info on UFO/radar cases from the '50s and received dozens of replies.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 19:18:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:39:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hall

>From: Catherine Reason <CathyM@ukf.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 01:59:20 -0000
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>Hello Jim, Amy, Dick and all

>>I feel I must jump in here. Not that Dick needs me to defend
>>him, but I do not possess a degree in anything, not even an
>>associate, I don't think I can even pronounce "curriculum
>>vitae" correctly, yet I firmly believe I can recognize a basket-
>>case when I see one - and I've seen plenty. (Remember, I once
>>chaired a Moseley Conference). I resent the idea that
>>psychologists think that recognizing mental illness is their
>>exclusive domain. As a matter of fact, if it weren't for us lay
>>people telling certain individuals we meet that "You maybe
>>oughta get a check-up from the neck-up," there wouldn't BE very
>>many psychologists or psychiatrists. Just because I can't write
>>a paper on border deficit disorder doesn't mean I don't know
>>when someone's a few french fries short of a happy meal.

>I have been reluctant to jump in too, but I guess if it's ok for
>Jim, it's probably ok for me too.

>I don't have anything against Dick Hall either, in fact, he sent
>me a very encouraging email soon after I joined this List -
>which I haven't forgotten. I just hope he isn't about to regret
>doing that.

>It doesn't matter to me how many degrees one has - I've known
>plenty of people with MB/MD degrees who shouldn't have been
>allowed anywhere near real patients. It matters a lot, though,
>when someone claims to be able to identify a "basket case" (an
>interesting dx, btw, which I'm sure you won't find in the DSM
>IV) on the basis of casual inspection - no matter how many
>degrees they claim to have.

Cathy,

No need to cut and run for the shelter. I pretty much agree with
you, but I didn't say anything about "casual inspection" and I
certainly didn't claim to be a psychological diagnostician in
regard to all kinds of subtleties.

Please re-read my post where I defined, very carefully, what I
meant by a "basket case".

[see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m30-022.shtml>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m02-010.shtml>

-- ebk]

And also for what I was talking about, the root cause is irrelevant. It makes no never mind to me why Mike Tyson bites people's ears off and assaults everyone in public. I was talking *recognition* only. I stand by what I said.

>Anyone who seriously believes they can do this should take a
>look at David Rosenhan's article: "On being sane in insane
>places" (Science 179 pp 250-258).

>If they still believe they have this magical power, I'd like
>them to answer the following questions.

>1) How would they distinguish between cognitive distortion due
>to underlying organic dysfunction, and cognitive distortion due
>to post-traumatic sequelae;

>2) How would they distinguish between unusual behavior due to
>psychiatric disorder and unusual behavior due to personal
>eccentricity (check out the case of Joyce Brown for an example
>of exactly this problem);

>3) How would they make the distinction in (2) when both
>psychiatric disorder and personal eccentricity occur in the same
>person (you'd be surprised how often this happens);

>4) How would they distinguish between psychiatric pathology and
>non-pathological psychiatric phenomena (such as hearing voices);

>5) How they would dx Bipolar Disorder, given that I've lost
>count of the number of BP patients who in effect dx'd
>themselves, despite having previously been hospitalized during
>manic episodes;

>6) How they would differentiate "Basket Case Syndrome" from
>schizophrenia, bipolar, borderline personality disorder (which
>may not even exist, incidentally) PTSD, ADHD, Asperger's
>Syndrome;

>7) How they would distinguish "Basket Case Syndrome" from
>malnutrition, the effects of organic disease, or the side-
>effects of anti-psychotic drugs prescribed to individuals dx'd
>with major psychoses.

>I could go on (at great length) but I will spare you your ears
>and your computer screens.

>Cathy

>(Getting ready to join Bob and Amy in the skeptics' dugout)

Your posts have been thoughtful and helpful.

- Dick

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Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 11:47:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:45:10 -0500
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Myers

>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
>Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 11:33:44 EST
>>Subject: Re: Randle On 'Coast'

>>>From: Lester Hahn <lesterhahn@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 21:02:22 -0600
>>>Subject: Randle On 'Coast'

<snip>

>I'd like to introduce myself.

>As SCI FI's Director of Special Projects, I've been closely
>following UFO UpDates for the latest and greatest news from the
>world of ufology.

>SCI FI has especially been interested in the feedback from the
>community about Steven Spielberg's TAKEN, as well as our recent
>documentary THE ROSWELL CRASH: STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE. I've been
>keenly following the reaction to the Roswell special in
>particular since I was the individual who contracted the
>University of New Mexico to conduct the dig, as well as the
>creative executive on the show (I directed MPH throughout the
>show's development).

>I've been dismayed and quite surprised to read some of the
>comments regarding the veracity of the show due to the fact we
>decided to work with (and consult) certain Roswell researchers.

>As you may or may not know, SCI FI and MPH Entertainment have
>attempted to conduct its work with professional impartiality and
>balanced reporting (throughout the scientific dig and the
>production phase of the documentary). We feel the results are
>evident in the show itself and have received much kudos from the
>ufo community at large.

>Nonetheless, on behalf of SCI FI, I find myself having to
>respond to some inaccuracies and misperceptions that have been
>posted (see above) in an attempt to set the record straight.

>It was I who originally contacted Don Schmitt last May on behalf
>of SCI FI (having worked on SHOWTIME's ROSWELL) to offer up some
>of the Channel's resources to the current ongoing investigation.
>We were well aware that Don and Tom's efforts represented the
>only ongoing active research currently underway. We were also
>well aware of their close affiliation to the International UFO
>Museum and Research Center and, despite the trouble Don had many
>years ago, we thought (and still do) that Tom and Don have
>conducted some excellent research since their partnering.

>Furthermore, from day one, we were well aware of the very
>acrimonious falling out between Don and Kevin Randle. In
>addition, we were also well aware of the earlier effort by
>representatives of CUFOS to try to conduct some archaeological
>exam of the debris field. Don never ever "lied" to anyone at SCI
>FI or UNM about that project, as some have claimed on UFO
>Updates. Once again, we want to officially state our strong
>support of researchers Don Schmitt and Tom Carey.

>Just to correct any further misperceptions, the only UFO
>research 'consultants', in any sense of the word, that we worked
>with on THE ROSWELL CRASH was Don, Tom, Dave Rudiak and the
>IUFOMARC. Of course, we interviewed many folks for the show but
>our main source of info on the Roswell Incident itself (other
>than previously published works), as well as our source for new
>eyewitnesses, was through our relationships with Tom, Don and
>David. We simply could not have pulled the show together without
>them.

>Thanks again for allowing us at SCI FI to "set the record
>straight."

Larry,

Let's drop phrases like "acrimonious falling out" or "the trouble Don had many years ago" and get to the issue - which is the credibility of Don Schmitt. While I could rehash Schmitt having lied about his employment, educational background and his Roswell research, I'm not going to nor do I think I have to.

The fact of the matter here is Don Schmitt has no credibility in this field and many are worried that his association with any effort in further investigating Roswell or other UFO cases will backfire right in the face of the UFO community. Larry, I did e-mail you for comment about this, but did not receive a response back for whatever reason.

If the Sci Fi dig does find anything relating to Roswell, you know as well as I that every skeptic and toilet-seat debunker out there is going to jump right on the Schmitt credibility wagon and ride it until the wheels smoke and burn down everything else around it. If Sci Fi begins to generate any serious inquiry from the media as well, do you not think that they're going to inquire about Schmitt's background and his false claims? What will you say then? Will you tell them it was just an "acrimonious falling out" or just a bit of "trouble Don had many years ago" ? No one is going to go for downplaying or spin on this.

While you've "been dismayed and quite surprised" by some of the comments generated by people on this List, many of the people on this List have also been dismayed and quite surprised that Sci Fi chose to use Schmitt in any of its UFO programming. What's even more dismaying to me is that you, being in charge of the project and having worked with both Schmitt and Randle on the Roswell movie, were fully aware of the past actions of Schmitt and how his actions severely damaged the Roswell case and Ufology in general.

While the archeological dig and the GWU UFO symposium are steps in the right direction, which I applaud, utilizing a known liar as one of your consultants is guaranteed to cripple your efforts. Whether you care or not, your choice has already had a negative impact with many ufologists at the expense of your credibility. Like many out there, I am hoping that Sci Fi will be able to vastly contribute to Ufology in a positive and productive manner. I just hope we do not start seeing a rash of the usual suspects and other UFO frauds making the rounds on Sci Fi.

"Spielberg's TAKEN Sets Record For SciFi Channel"

I think we know where Sci Fi's interest in UFOs is heading. After all, this is show biz. Sci Fi will get its ratings and advertisers, a few months of media coverage and specials about UFOs might follow, and then Ufology will, once again, fade into the background and await the next round...

Hope I'm wrong, but I doubt I am as we've seen this so many times before. Perhaps Sci Fi will surprise us all... hopefully

it will.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
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Another Approach

From: Roy Norris <rnorris@charter.net>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:51:56 -0500
Subject: Another Approach

I have been a frequent reader of this List for a number of years and have had an interest in UFO phenomena since the fifties. I have been the CEO of a major aircraft manufacturer, held a Top Secret Clearance (no, I don't have any inside information), and have had two UFO sightings in my life. I have read widely on the subject and studied the evidence. Like many of you, I am disappointed in the progress that has been made in determining the route cause of this phenomenon and making that information available to the public at large despite enormous efforts, much of it by participants on this list.

I just finished re-reading all of Major Donald Kehole's books and it is amazing that there has been so little progress in the last 50 years on this incredibly important subject. We are asking the same questions (and getting no answers) and using the same methods as we did in the early 50's. Isn't 50 years of very little progress indicative of the fact that our investigative methods are inappropriate to the task?

(Don't bother to tell me the phenomena aren't real or are explained as mis-identifications of common celestial objects, balloons, aircraft, or other natural phenomena. I have seen two of these things, know aircraft and their capabilities pretty well, am an avid amateur astronomer and not likely to mistake Venus for anything other than Venus, and have a good solid engineering education!)

It seems to me that real progress could be made through a different approach: amassing sufficient scientifically significant measurements to, once and for all, establish that many of the phenomena have characteristics that cannot be explained by conventional theory and may possess features indicating a machine under intelligent control using propulsion and control mechanisms of a heretofore unknown means.

Since it is difficult to predict where UFO phenomena will occur, I have in mind a mobile data collection vehicle that could travel to where they are occurring and that at a minimum could acquire and record the following data:

- 1) Changes in the local electric field
- 2) Changes in the local magnetic field
- 3) A gravimeter to sense any changes in the local gravitational field.
- 4) A HF/VHF/UHF spectrum analyzer
- 5) A low dispersion optical spectrograph to catch a flash spectrum of any object observed
- 6) A high dispersion optical spectrograph to allow detailed analysis of emission lines
- 7) An X-Ray spectrophotometer to evaluate energy levels and energy transition of any processes involved
- 8) Conventional movie and still cameras

9) A basic radar capability perhaps based around a simple and inexpensive consumer marine radar with recording capability

The coincidental recording of the above data would provide tremendous insight into the nature and processes involved in these phenomena. An X-Ray or Gamma Ray photometer in particular could yield valuable information on power generation methods by looking at energy transition levels.

Such a system could be assembled using surplus equipment for under fifty thousand dollars and if placed in the vicinity of a UFO sighting could yield a wealth of information that could significantly advance our knowledge and potential to scientifically characterize these phenomena.

The problem then becomes one of placing our monitoring vehicle where a UFO sighting is likely to occur. Although there is no sure predictor, there is some indication that UFO sightings are frequently repeated over a period of time (ie, the Hudson Valley sightings or the Gulf Breeze sightings for example). Also, UFO's have shown a propensity in the past to show up around certain military installations, and nuclear facilities.

With all of the effort that has been expended on post sighting investigation, Freedom of Information Act endeavors, cataloging of UFO reports, Roswell research, publishing of hundreds if not thousands of UFO books, why has not this rather simple and straight forward approach been undertaken? Someone like Lawrence Rockefeller could fund this out of pocket change. It could be funded at a fraction of the cost of The Disclosure Project. Why has no one (publicly) pursued this very obvious and straight forward path to further our knowledge??

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Anton Anfalov?

From: **Albert Rosales** <Garuda79@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 15:15:12 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:54:00 -0500
Subject: Anton Anfalov?

Hello everyone, I am looking for information as to email or postal address to Mr Anfalov, I am desperately trying to contact him ref exchange of information.

Thank you.

Albert

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Re: European UFO Journal Press Release - Hayes

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 20:33:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:56:16 -0500
Subject: Re: European UFO Journal Press Release - Hayes

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 14:28:40 +0100 (CET)
>Subject: European UFO Journal Press Release

<snip>

>If you have any questions about the journal or find that
>the attachment does not work, please do not hesitate to
>contact me at:

>ejufoas@totton.ac.uk

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Regards,

John Hayes

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Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

From: Gord Heath <gwheath@shaw.ca>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:38:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:57:39 -0500
Subject: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

Does any List subscriber know if there are any archives of Frank Edwards radio broadcasts from 1953?

I am specifically searching for a transcript or recording of a program in late November 1953, in which he interviewed two pilots.

If anyone knows where I may be able to locate this material, please contact me:

Gord Heath

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Re: Abductions & Ufology

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 22:11:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 17:39:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 19:18:23 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Catherine Reason <CathyM@ukf.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 01:59:20 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

<snip>

>>I don't have anything against Dick Hall either, in fact, he sent
>>me a very encouraging email soon after I joined this List -
>>which I haven't forgotten. I just hope he isn't about to regret
>>doing that.

>>It doesn't matter to me how many degrees one has - I've known
>>plenty of people with MB/MD degrees who shouldn't have been
>>allowed anywhere near real patients. It matters a lot, though,
>>when someone claims to be able to identify a "basket case" (an
>>interesting dx, btw, which I'm sure you won't find in the DSM
>>IV) on the basis of casual inspection - no matter how many
>>degrees they claim to have.

>Cathy,

>No need to cut and run for the shelter. I pretty much agree with
>you, but I didn't say anything about "casual inspection" and I
>certainly didn't claim to be a psychological diagnostician in
>regard to all kinds of subtleties.

>Please re-read my post where I defined, very carefully, what I
>meant by a "basket case".

>[see:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m30-022.shtml>

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m02-010.shtml>

See also:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m06-004.shtml>

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Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 22:23:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 17:42:14 -0500
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Hall

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 11:47:36 -0800
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
>>Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 11:33:44 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Randle On 'Coast'

>>>>From: Lester Hahn <lesterhahn@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 21:02:22 -0600
>>>>Subject: Randle On 'Coast'

>>I'd like to introduce myself.

>>As SCI FI's Director of Special Projects, I've been closely
>>following UFO UpDates for the latest and greatest news from the
>>world of ufology.

>>SCI FI has especially been interested in the feedback from the
>>community about Steven Spielberg's TAKEN, as well as our recent
>>documentary THE ROSWELL CRASH: STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE. I've been
>>keenly following the reaction to the Roswell special in
>>particular since I was the individual who contracted the
>>University of New Mexico to conduct the dig, as well as the
>>creative executive on the show (I directed MPH throughout the
>>show's development).

>>I've been dismayed and quite surprised to read some of the
>>comments regarding the veracity of the show due to the fact we
>>decided to work with (and consult) certain Roswell researchers.

>>As you may or may not know, SCI FI and MPH Entertainment have
>>attempted to conduct its work with professional impartiality and
>>balanced reporting (throughout the scientific dig and the
>>production phase of the documentary). We feel the results are
>>evident in the show itself and have received much kudos from the
>>ufo community at large.

>>Nonetheless, on behalf of SCI FI, I find myself having to
>>respond to some inaccuracies and misperceptions that have been
>>posted (see above) in an attempt to set the record straight.

>>It was I who originally contacted Don Schmitt last May on behalf
>>of SCI FI (having worked on SHOWTIME's ROSWELL) to offer up some
>>of the Channel's resources to the current ongoing investigation.
>>We were well aware that Don and Tom's efforts represented the
>>only ongoing active research currently underway. We were also
>>well aware of their close affiliation to the International UFO
>>Museum and Research Center and, despite the trouble Don had many

>>years ago, we thought (and still do) that Tom and Don have
>>conducted some excellent research since their partnering.

>>Furthermore, from day one, we were well aware of the very
>>acrimonious falling out between Don and Kevin Randle. In
>>addition, we were also well aware of the earlier effort by
>>representatives of CUFOS to try to conduct some archaeological
>>exam of the debris field. Don never ever "lied" to anyone at SCI
>>FI or UNM about that project, as some have claimed on UFO
>>Updates. Once again, we want to officially state our strong
>>support of researchers Don Schmitt and Tom Carey.

>>Just to correct any further misperceptions, the only UFO
>>research 'consultants', in any sense of the word, that we worked
>>with on THE ROSWELL CRASH was Don, Tom, Dave Rudiak and the
>>IUFOMARC. Of course, we interviewed many folks for the show but
>>our main source of info on the Roswell Incident itself (other
>>than previously published works), as well as our source for new
>>eyewitnesses, was through our relationships with Tom, Don and
>>David. We simply could not have pulled the show together without
>>them.

>>Thanks again for allowing us at SCI FI to "set the record
>>straight."

Mr. Landsman,

Although the Roswell documentary has definite merits and, as
documentaries go, was much above average, I agree completely,
wholeheartedly, 150% with what Royce says here. "Acrimonious
falling out" doesn't hack it. Don Schmitt has lost all
credibility in the UFO field due to his mendacity; Kevin Randle
is admired for his truth-telling, honesty, and willingness to
admit past errors. I have personally been in the middle of some
of this and interacted with both of them in regard to Roswell
investigations and know whereof I speak.

- Dick Hall

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:45:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 18:46:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 13:00:54 -0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 22:17:50 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>>Maybe Listers from the UK can help me out here. Isn't Dr. David
>>Whiteside, the BBC science-on-line guy who made these stupid
>>comments, the same guy with whom I tangled on TV in Manchester,
>>UK, in about March of 1995 and when Tim Good, Nick Pope and I
>>"debated" three men on the con side, a Psychologist, a
>>Physicist and Dr. Whiteside on the ITV broadcast in June of
>>1997?

>>That is the one where 100,000 people called in to say yes or no
>>to the question of alien visitations. 92% of the callers and
>>"only" 73 % of the studio audience said yes.

>Stan and List,

>I don't know about your 1995 TV appearance in Manchester, but
>the 1997 event did not involve Dr. David Whiteside. The show was
>entitled "Strange But True? Live" and aired on June 27 1997.
>You, Tim Good and I debated with Professor Frank Close (a
>physicist), Dr. David Hughes (an astronomer) and Dr. Chris
>French (a psychologist). The motion was "Do you believe aliens
>have already visited Earth?"

Thanks much Nick. Spot on. It was indeed David Hughes on both
shows though Whiteside was just as ignorant and arrogant.
Frankly I only remembered the David part.

>The viewing audience was estimated at just under 7 million, and
>over 100,000 calls were made to the telephone lines. Of these
>calls, 92% agreed with the motion and 8% disagreed.

I should add that there were, intentionally, other debunkers on
the show and in the audience, which may account for why the
audience believer-vote was "only" 73%, taken before the debate.
I suppose we could say we clobbered them. By the way the total
audience number, which I had not recalled, is more than twice
the number that saw the recent all time most popular SCI-FI
Documentary show about Roswell.

Stan Friedman

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Researchers Accuse ASU's THEMIS Of Fraud

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 19:09:34 -0500
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<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/2002-12-05/news.html/1/index.html>

December 5, 2002

To Spite the Face

Researchers accuse ASU's THEMIS of fraud and cover-up on latest image of 'Face on Mars'

BY QUETTA CARPENTER

Under the surface of Mars lies an ancient, nuclear-powered city left by Martian citizens. At least, that's what a group of space researchers think. And they're trying to prove it by invoking a little-known remnant of President Clinton's last days called the "Data Quality Act" that went into force in October of this year. The filing, dated October 31, 2002, gives NASA 40 days to address the complaint that there is faulty data on Arizona State University's THEMIS Web site.

THEMIS (Thermal Emission Imaging System) is the crown jewel of ASU's science department that takes and analyzes images from an infrared camera on NASA's Odyssey satellite and releases them to the public. THEMIS also conducts expansive educational programs for students, scientists and interested observers. But its reputation is now being trashed in almost every Mars or space-related Web site on the Internet with headlines like, "Is NASA Capable of Lying?" and "Odyssey Slaps the Face on Mars."

The heated controversy that has incited the faithful conspiracy congregation - led by a charismatic "preacher" named Richard Hoagland - concerns one image that was released in July of this year, and the software manager at THEMIS, Noel Gorelick.

The image in question is the first high-resolution infrared image of a region called Cydonia - which houses the so-called "Face on Mars." This has been the most hotly contested region of Mars since a 1976 Viking image showed what clearly appeared to be a human face on the planet's surface. But subsequent images from NASA have cast a web of suspicion on the region, the "face," and the other structures surrounding it, inciting almost epic conspiracy theories all over the world.

The reason the infrared, or "IR," images are so important is that they show temperatures, allowing for a more definitive analysis of the origin of structures on Cydonia.

Hoagland claims to have proof that ASU's Gorelick swapped the July 24 Cydonia image for a manipulated one in order to keep people off the scent - or get them on it. And Hoagland's arguments are not falling on deaf ears - starting a five-month feeding frenzy on the Web and on a popular conspiracy radio talk show hosted by Art Bell. The image in question has been viewed 120,000 times from a link on MSNBC mentioning Hoagland's beef with THEMIS.

Given his involvement with unorthodox scientific research, Hoagland is surprisingly difficult to throw into the crackpot category. His lengthy dissertations are reminiscent of the Lone Gunmen from The X-Files, but his r=E9sum=E9 doesn't read like a

typical conspiracy theorist. He was the recipient of the Angstrom Medal for Excellence in Science in Stockholm, Sweden, a colleague of Carl Sagan, and a former science adviser to CBS News and Walter Cronkite.

His pet project, The Enterprise Mission - where he goes by "The Captain" - monitors all of the data from NASA and does research in excruciating minutia. Its early '90s school education program, The Enterprise Classroom, received a Points of Light Award from Barbara Bush and was featured on NASA's Spacelink -- even getting a visit from the space shuttle Atlantis crew. But Hoagland and The Enterprise Mission's research now focuses almost exclusively on SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence).

According to Hoagland, an image of the Cydonia region was released on July 24 via Web download to Keith Laney, a NASA Ames Research Center consultant who works with The Enterprise Mission. Laney claims that he did not alter the image, but when he compared it to the image on the THEMIS Web site, he realized the two were different.

"Science, if you do it right, does not lie," says Hoagland. "But here, the evidence tells a different story than [the people at THEMIS] do."

Enter vast conspiracy theory.

Hoagland and his horde say that there is little surprise when NASA releases misleading or purely false images. Several images have been released of the Cydonia plane since the original Viking expedition - some making the "face" appear completely flat as though nothing is there, and others that present alternate views that look less human. Hoagland thinks these images have been released to kill public interest in the issue.

And Hoagland doesn't think it's just Mars. He also has theories of cover-up conspiracies on Europa (a moon of Jupiter), the dark side of Earth's moon, Mars moon Phobos, and a host of other topics.

As far as Hoagland is concerned, NASA is not trustworthy on anything because of a study produced by the Washington, D.C., think tank The Brookings Institute in 1963, before the Viking expedition. This report, known as The Brookings Report, asserts that the government should hide evidence of life on other planets - if it finds any - to avoid religious and overall societal breakdown. Assuming that this report was made a part of internal NASA policy, Hoagland now dedicates himself to searching for any and all possible manipulations of NASA images and information. "The people of this country pay good money for this research, and they should get what they pay for," says Hoagland. "The pattern of deception would only exist if there was something there."

It is Laney and Hoagland's assertion that ASU's Gorelick "bamf'ed" or redirected Laney to the "real" Cydonia image in order to send up a red flag that THEMIS' information was being purposefully flawed. Hoagland admits it sounds bizarre, but asks, "If we're crazy - or have consciously perpetrated a fraud here - why bother? Who's ultimately going to listen to seriously ill people for long?"

And many people are still listening to Hoagland.

THEMIS officials contradict Hoagland's allegations. "There is no scientific validity to anything Hoagland says about this," claims Dr. Philip Christensen, the principal investigator at THEMIS. "Their image is completely fabricated. It takes about six steps on Photoshop to make our image look like theirs."

Hoagland wants THEMIS to release the image exactly as it comes to them, with no processing. "If they have nothing to hide, why won't they show us the raw data?" Hoagland demands.

Christensen has a simple answer. "The reason we don't release the so-called raw-data' is that you can't read raw data. We give people as close to unaltered as humanly possible, short of saying, Here's a line of ones and zeroes."

But Hoagland believes ASU's Gorelick has a motive for the

alleged image-swap. "Read between the lines. It's all code," he claims. Hoagland's basis for this belief is anomalous image dates, and a collection of numbers he feels to be significant indicators of a complex code. "The image is 333 pixels across and 1,947 pixels long. Those numbers have meaning - they are very important.

"Forget what's in the image; look at the other things. It's a meta-message."

Realizing how cloak and dagger he sounds, Hoagland remarks, "When you're dealing with Spooksville, you have to be a little James Bond." Hoagland maintains that Gorelick logged more than 1,000 hours on The Enterprise Mission Web site during the controversy over the image. "Why would he do that?" Hoagland wants to know. "It's bizarre unless he is playing a very sophisticated game."

Gorelick himself (who goes by the handle "bamf" on Web chat rooms) says that the accusations are "totally false." Gorelick admits to frequenting both Hoagland's site and other Mars-related sites for personal interest reasons, but is less than happy with being characterized as a fraud and a liar. "I think it shows paranoid delusion," remarks Gorelick when asked whether he was sending secret messages to Hoagland and Laney. "Laney claims I was goading him into [analyzing the image]. But I wasn't even talking to him."

As far as Laney's image, Gorelick says, "My opinion is that Laney invented that image through intentional or unintentional manipulation," and believes Hoagland's crew is using him as a scapegoat in order to legitimize their cause. "Hoagland is getting good results with this sensationalism. He gets money, resources, and he's on the radio all the time."

Christensen echoes Gorelick's sentiment, saying, "Anything we do, that group is going to complain about it. You can't win."

But these protestations are not taken at face value by Hoagland's camp. "Why put this stuff out - unless it's a cry for help? They want to get caught," says Hoagland.

Hoagland says ASU's Gorelick, and others like him, are unhappy with the fact that they cannot release complete data to the public - and this "bamf'ed" image is his way of fighting back. "It only takes one white crow to prove that not all crows are black," Hoagland explains. "That's what I think [Gorelick] is trying to give us - one white crow."

Gorelick laughs in response, "I actually like this part. He gives me more credit than I am probably worthy of - that I could engineer such a thing."

In any case, Gorelick says that THEMIS is not bound by the federal Data Quality Act. "It's not a NASA Web site, it's an ASU Web site. And it's not a NASA image, it's an ASU image.

"Even if it were relevant, we would respond that Laney's data was incorrect and that the Web site has the correct image - or more likely claim it's frivolous."

An answer on the filing is due on December 11. Hoagland is hopeful, saying, "If [Gorelick] sent Laney to a bamf to get another image, he has to admit what he did."

Either way, the response is unlikely to satisfy Hoagland. "If you begin to believe that the government can lie, why would they keep their grubby hands off of this?" Hoagland asks.

But THEMIS and her crew are not alarmed. Says Christensen, "[Hoagland] can go on and on for a long time - but every now and again there's some interesting conjecture. The scientific community needs someone to keep them thinking on their toes."

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Re: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:35:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 20:20:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

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>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:38:42 -0800
>Subject: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

>Does any List subscriber know if there are any archives of
>Frank Edwards radio broadcasts from 1953?

<snip>

>Gord Heath

Hello Gord,

I'm not really sure, but I think I have the largest collection of Frank's newscasts in existence. Here is a list of what I have available. Please contact me off-list for arrangement of copies.

Frank Edwards Broadcasts:

August 25, 1952. William Squyres gives an interview to Edwards about his encounter with a Disc and Humanoid.
Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:04:51.

November 25, 1952. Lt. David C. Brigham's T-6 Trainer and 2 F-84 jets flying next to him north of Misawa, Japan, are paced by a flying disc.
Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:02:00.

December, 1952. Edwards reports on the New Delhi crash and the USAF DC-6 crash on December 14, 1952 in the Gulf of Mexico. He comments on aircraft damaged by flying saucers.
Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:02:13.

1953. Exact broadcast date unknown. Edwards brings on Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe to give an update on recent cases he has been told about through his contacts at the Pentagon, etc.
Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:02:19.

1953. Exact broadcast date unknown. Keyhoe vs USAF Secrecy report. Sen. Case questions Brig. Gen. Joe Kelly about censorship issue and Bob Considine's inability to view the Tremonton, UT film at WPAFB.
Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Very Good.
Running Time: 00:02:07.

1953. Exact broadcast date unknown. Report on Project Twinkle.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:04:38.

1953. WPAFB Censorship Announcement by the USAF.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:00:34.

1953. Large flying disc over England.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:01:19.

Edwards reports on the windshield pitting mystery in the U.S. and England. Also springs the famous Houston TV signal hoax whereby an alleged TV stations signal was returned and picked up by viewers in England three years after the station stopped broadcasting. This is an excessively rare sound clip.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:02:47.

Unknown date. Pilot sightings and ship sighting of UFOs.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:03:09.

Medley of 1954 newscasts. Includes report from Maj. Donald Keyhoe on Secretary of Defense Talbot sighting, artificial satellites and Air Force being put on alert.

Other clips include Gen. Nathan Twining's UFO/Mars quote, Pilot cases, Ground Observer Corps Filter Center requirements regarding UFOs, death of a military pilot chasing a UFO, jets scrambling for radar observed UFOs, etc.

Source: Connors.
Sound Quality: Good.
Running Time: 00:16:50.

Wendy Connors
Faded Discs/SHG

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Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight -

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Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight -

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>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog
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>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157@aol.com>
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>>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
>>>Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

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Richard Hall wrote:

>Mr. Landsman,

>Although the Roswell documentary has definite merits and, as
>documentaries go, was much above average, I agree completely,
>wholeheartedly, 150% with what Royce says here. "Acrimonious
>falling out" doesn't hack it. Don Schmitt has lost all
>credibility in the UFO field due to his mendacity; Kevin Randle
>is admired for his truth-telling, honesty, and willingness to
>admit past errors. I have personally been in the middle of some
>of this and interacted with both of them in regard to Roswell
>investigations and know whereof I speak.

Richard, Royce, and all-

I think the point is that there are few researchers that are actively pursuing the Roswell event at this point, and probably with good reason. The subject has been argued back and forth for years, and there's no resolution in sight. Whether it's popular among most researchers or not, Don Schmitt and Tom Carey have been active in the investigation of Roswell. I have great respect for other researchers who have been actively involved in this research in the past, but I know of little active involvement by them currently. Obviously, there may be research that I'm not aware of.

I'm not necessarily pleased that Don Schmitt was involved, but do we really want to let this discussion fall back into one of personalities. If diehard skeptics want to point to Don's involvement, then so be it. If the SciFi Channels program has brought out new information and made good points for the general public, then it shouldn't matter which researchers were involved. I didn't hear any new information presented by Don, but certainly the involvement of an archeologist from the University of New Mexico was a plus, as was David Rudiak's memo interpretation. Do we want to harp on the involvement of someone whom isn't trusted, rather than the aspects that may prove to be

a positive step in this.

As far as the SciFi's using this as a stepping stone to higher ratings, I have to question why that's a problem. Even if they fade into the background (which I hope will not be the case), they've already brought Roswell back into the discussion and I believe that's a positive step. They had the resources to make this happen, and since this program had relatively high ratings, they might be interested in continuing this effort with information provided by other researchers.

Having met him, I believe Larry Landsman has a real interest in this genre, and the SciFi Channel has already expressed interest in pursuing this further (not necessarily Roswell, but other facets of the genre as well). I would add that Larry is not operating in a vacuum, and has been in touch with several other major researchers as well. Concerns regarding Schmitt's involvement were expressed early on, but the general feeling has been that the SciFi Channel's involvement in the field could be a positive step. I would hope they don't decide to back away from this genre because some researchers continue to kick sand in their face.

IMO, the question of whether Roswell was the result of a crashed craft (as opposed to a balloon) will rise or fall based on the evidence and information presented, not the person who brings it to light.

My 2-cents.

Steve

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Re: Another Approach - Kaeser

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Subject: Re: Another Approach - Kaeser

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>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
>Subject: Another Approach

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>Such a system could be assembled using surplus equipment for
>under fifty thousand dollars and if placed in the vicinity of a
>UFO sighting could yield a wealth of information that could
>significantly advance our knowledge and potential to
>scientifically characterize these phenomena.

Hi Roy-

I'm glad to see a relatively fresh viewpoint with many good ideas, but I think your last paragraph explains why a full blown scientific probe hasn't taken place. It's really a question of money.

A vast majority of the research into sightings, as well as FOIA requests and analysis, has been funded through volunteer efforts and relatively meager donations from several major benefactors. I would speculate that you couldn't scrape together the amount of money you mention if you combined the bank accounts of all three major research groups in the U.S. Given the current state of the economy, I think there's little in the way of large donations to hope for. I also think the ongoing costs of maintenance and analysis by qualified individuals would add to your total. Unless there's a benefactor who would be interested in setting up a trust fund of some sort, I'm not sure how you'd make it happen.

Steve

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Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable

From: Michael Brownlee <eostrust@mindspring.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 20:31:02 -0500
Subject: Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable

With the recent publication of The Allies of Humanity: An Urgent Message About the Extraterrestrial Presence in the World Today

<http://www.alliesofhumanity.org/index.html>

Marshall Summers became the first major spiritual teacher to declare that the increasing appearance of UFOs and other related phenomena is symptomatic of nothing less than a subtle and heretofore unopposed invasion by extraterrestrial forces who seek to exploit Earth's resources entirely for their own benefit.

Summers has just released an important and timely statement about the impending war, providing a very different perspective than can be found in the debate now raging throughout the world.

A brief excerpt:

"...the United States could win its war with Iraq, at great costs, only to lose a greater war later on. What I am proposing is that we are all being marched to war by forces from beyond our world who seek to divide and weaken the human family for the benefit of the Intruders. Our fears, prejudices, self-doubts and desire for revenge are all being manipulated and used by the Intervention and we are not seeing it. Like Cortez, the Intruders will play us against one another as they slowly build their presence and influence within our world waiting for the time when we are too weak and distracted to resist..."

Summers' message deserves careful consideration and thoughtful response. Read the entire white paper at:

<http://www.alliesofhumanity.org/message.htm>

Michael Brownlee
<http://www.newthreshold.blogspot.com>

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 22:56:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 14:53:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>I'm going to snip some of this to keep it from becoming very
>long. I hope clarity will follow...
snip>

Yes, this has become much too large. Since only one lister has requested the materials I offered about Frank, your false claims, etc, no point in wasting space.

<snip>

>

>

>>Don't forget Balthaser. Why do you doubt it? Four witnesses
>>isn't enough for you? We know Frank wasn't in good health and
>>knew he had cancer. He might have felt guilty for lying.

>

>My question is did he admit to lying to you, at that time, or
>did he amend his story which is not quite the same thing. Did he
>say, in his Frank Kaufmann voice, "Well, I lied about that.
>Marcel and Blanchard didn't accompany me out to the site?" Or,
>did he just change the story, which is not an admission of
>lying.

>

>And, if he admitted lying, why did none of the others ever mention
>this?

>

>Or, are we simply left with your interpretation of the situation...

We are left with my notes and the agreement of those who were there that they were accurate.

I don't see how you can possibly deny that what he said in 1999 means he was lying in 1995.

><snip>
>
>>>No, but from reading your sentence, it wasn't clear what you
>>>meant. It seemed to suggest that I was.
>
>>>I remember the 1995 meeting, held in the Roswell Inn but I do
>>>not remember ranting and shouting... But isn't this in the same
>>>meeting where you made the false claim I had been an English
>>>major in college (See, once again we are not allowed mistakes,
>>>just false claims. And for those keeping score at home, I'm an
>>>Army captain.).
>
>>Why would what you majored in have come up in a meeting whose >>purpose
was for me to interview Frank? your article in Story's
>>encyclopedia says your degree was in Anthropology.
>
>Because, as you were ranting about what I had written in "The
>History of UFO Crashes," (which you are still ranting about so
>long after publication of it) you said something about me being
>an English major in college (checked that out real good didn't
>you?) and I said that my undergraduate studies had been in
>Anthropology, and you started to say, "No wonder you and Tom
>Carey... "
>
>The implication there was that we both had studied Anthropology,
>though Tom, if I remember was a physical anthropologist and I
>was more oriented toward archaeology.
>
>Are you now making the false claim this didn't happen?
>
>>>And didn't I write an article published in the MUFON Journal in
>>>which I challenged these 38 false claims which included such
>>>gems as "That S. T. Friedman know all about an RS alien tissue
>>>sample. " I still don't know what this means. Or the laughable
>>>"Testimony from anonymous caller is fully trustworthy. " I don't
>>>know where I might have ever suggested it. And what is the
>>>relevance of this now? Didn't we go over it at the time when you
>>>made these false claims?
>
>>Matter of fact you and Don had noted testimony from an anonymous
>>caller and considered it reliable.
>
>Well, that's not quite the same thing is it? Besides, I knew
>(know) who that specific anonymous caller was (is) and have
>actually interviewed him in his office... Tom Carey, I believe,
>knows who it is.
>
>This in comparison to the anonymous cowboy who told Robert Drake
>about the crash on the Plains you have reported a number of
>times. The difference here is that I, in fact, know the
>anonymous source while you are using testimony from an second-
>hand source who is quoting an anonymous source. Interesting...

What is interesting is that you continue to make this false
claim knowing full well that Drake had referred me to Dr. Roscoe
Wilmuth who had told him of seeing documents about the Plains of
San Augustin crash while working at Los Alamos. You know full
well I located Roscoe, talked to his wife, who said he was on a
dig in BC... call back in a month. I did. He had a fatal heart
attack 3 days earlier.

>>Yes, you wrote a MUFON Journal article in response. And I wrote
>>an 8 page response (Nov. 10,1995) refuting your refutation.

>So it's come around to me again has it? I could write a
>refutation of your refutation of my refutation of your original
>38 false claims. Is there a point to that? I pass on my turn.

>>>And I have explained to you four times what the sentence meant
>>>and while it might have been constructed a little better, your
>>>interpretation is your interpretation and not mine.

>>Let the Listers decide: The quote comes after your discussion of
>>the Frank Scully book... "In fact, in 1980 I provided Ron Story
>>with the segment on the hidden alien bodies and crashed saucers
>>for "The UFO Encyclopedia". In it I made it clear that none of
>>the reports of crashed saucers had ever withstood objective
>>investigation. The road was strewn with the remains of those
>>stories, starting with the Aztec, New Mexico, case and working
>>its way to the Spitzbergen report, and the events near Roswell,

>>New Mexico". "A History of UFO Crashes" Kevin Randle. 1995.
>>There was no mention of Roswell in your Encyclopedia article.

>Inelegant, yes. Confusing, yes. But please note the period. It
>doesn't actually say that Roswell was mentioned in Story's
>Encyclopedia, but does say that the road is strewn with the
>remains of those saucers. Interpret away.

I thought you were the paragraph expert. It is in the same
paragraph.

>>>>There is nothing in that part of Stan's MUFON speech that
>>>>suggests that Frank Kaufmann told him, Schmitt or Howe that he
>>>>told lies about his involvement.

>>>>This is simply untrue. In the paper (bottom of p. 200 in the
>>>>Symp. Proc.) "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial at his
>>>>home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don Schmitt. I
>>>>explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him. NO. Did
>>>>Marcel go with you? NO. "In 1995 he had claimed that he had
>>>>awakened both in the middle of the night and they had all gone
>>>>together. Perhaps Kevin has forgotten that I had also asked
>>>>wouldn't they have waited for a spotter plane before Blanchard
>>>>would leave his post without knowing what was there. Frank said
>>>>there were no spotter planes. But others have said there were. I
>>>>had also raised questions about Frank's response when asked by
>>>>Japanese researchers what the wreckage looked like and he said
>>>>just as Jesse Marcel Jr. , described it, though Jesse had NOT
>>>>been at the crash site and Frank had claimed to have been there.
>>>>I have also raised questions as to why Frank felt free to talk
>>>>openly about one of the most classified and significant events in
>>>>history, but he couldn't tell who his contacts were, etc ad
>>>>nauseum.

>>>What you wrote is, "On December 13, 1999, Frank was most cordial
>>>at his home to myself, Dennis Balthaser, Linda Howe, and Don
>>>Schmitt. I explicitly asked if Blanchard had gone out with him.
>>>NO. Did Marcel go with you? NO. There were a number of his
>>>excellent paintings on the wall. During the same visit Linda
>>>Howe... "

>>>First, has anyone ever taught you how to write a paragraph?

>>Nope. Though what followed was relevant to Frank's reliability.

>Well, at least we agree on that... you don't know how to write
>a paragraph. Stream of consciousness disappeared in the 1980s.

>>>Second, how are we supposed to interpret from those sentences
>>>that Kaufmann admitted lying to you? It certainly doesn't say
>>>that to me. In fact, it doesn't say that anywhere in that
>>>report.

>>He said that what he had said earlier wasn't true. I think that
>>is very close to saying he had previously lied to us.

>Actually it doesn't say that. It says that Kaufmann once suggested
>he had awakened Blanchard and Marcel and they accompanied
>him out to the site. Later it says they didn't. Mistakes happen,
>though this would be a major mistake and certainly would raise
>a red flag... But again, there is no admission that he lied and
>no suggestion that such was the case.

Frank had stated very forcefully his claim that Blanchard and
Marcel had gone with him in the middle of the night. This
frankly made no sense at all as I noted in my notes. This wasn't
a "Maybe," or "I think that possibly" Just as clearly he
admitted NO Blanchard had not gone with him and neither at
Marcel.

>>>>If true, however, the question
>>>>is, why would he sit on all this information for almost three
>>>>years?.

>>>>Kevin, the meeting was in December 1999. I wrote my MUFON 2000
>>>>paper in the spring of 2000.. a few months later. not 3 years.

>>>Yes, but you didn't say that Kaufmann admitted lying to you until
>>>recently, which is nearly three years. Your MUFON paper
>>>doesn't say he admitted lying to you which would have been an
>>>important revelation at the time. Now, it's just another bit of

>>>evidence that is no longer of importance.

>>Admitting that what he had previously told me wasn't true is not
>>admitting he had lied???. What would you call it?

>Well, if I was defending Frank, which I really don't want to do,
>given what we know now, I would suggest that in your close
>questioning of him, either he was confused and made a mistake,
>or you were confused about what he said and made a mistake.

>My point here, once again, is that you didn't make it clear, and
>didn't start calling him a liar until he was conveniently dead.
>You said that you had made the allegation, but you didn't. You
>presented your version of the events but you didn't say Kaufmann

>On the flip side, I labeled Anderson a liar early and have
>repeated that statement many times, hoping he would sue.
>Discovery is a wonderful thing.

><snip>

>>>>Way off base here, Kevin. I noted previously and in the 2000
>>>>paper that Scanlon's last position at ADC which ended in early
>>>>1948 was as Public Affairs man at Mitchell Field in NY and there
>>>>were no ADC radar systems in NM in 1947(with or without
>>>>Scanlon). Frank had long ago stated he knew nothing about Radar.
>>>>Scanlon as PA guy would certainly have not been ordering
>>>>somebody who knew nothing about radar to visit nonexistent
>>>>facilities at White Sands.

>>>There were radars at White Sands in 1947 for crying out loud.
>>>You decided they must have been ADC radars though I don't know
>>>why.

>>Scanlon was ADC though not apparently connected with any radars
>>in NM.

>Ahh, so you assumed that because Scanlon was assigned to ADC
>that any radar facilities he would have known about in New
>Mexico would have been ADC and that the ADC, if concerned about
>something in New Mexico wouldn't have been able to request the
>use of another's radars that happened to be in New Mexico.

>And, you admit there were radars at White Sands. This is
>splitting a truly fine hair.

>>>>I did not say Schmitt had never lied to me. What I said was that
>>>>he had not told me he had degrees from anywhere. He did not lie
>>>>to me about his academic credentials. This was significant
>>>>because I have a deserved reputation for checking on credentials
>>>>(yes, I did call about yours)and would have checked if he had

>>>>given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee
>>>>Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he
>>>>had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office,
>>>>that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the
>>>>phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story
>>>>from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had
>>>>been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

>>>So if he didn't lie to you about his credentials, does this mean
>>>the lie doesn't count? That he said it in print but not to you
>>>means that he didn't lie about it? And don't you think it
>>>laughable that he walked around the museum in Roswell pointing
>>>out what he believed to be the hoaxes?

>>I didn't say the lies to whomever, (you MM or whatever) didn't
>>count. I said he hadn't lied to me about his credentials. So I
>>hadn't checked because he had never claimed to me he had any
>>degrees.

>You know, I sat in a room when Schmitt made claims about his
>educational background and you were there. So, he did say those
>things to you.

Kevin I frankly think this is another one of the many scenarios
you have created but that simply isn't true.

For about a decade you have villified all who made claims
thatdisagreed with your new view of Roswell. You have created
scenarios that were interesteing but unrelated to reality.

Barney Barnett was out in Roswell, but lied to his wife. Then Roswell was in his district. That Larry Henning said Gerald Anderson was in the Anthropology course That 3 anthropologists said they were in the Plains in early July 1947 and said nothing happened there when in fact none were there and all had said they knew nothing about a crash in the Plains. Not the same thing. The same goes for your critiques of MJ-12 such as claiming that Moore and I hadn't realized that the document was by a military man for a military man when I had explicitly said that. You commented about Hillenkoetter signing as Admiral instead of Rear Admiral when there is no signature and all the ranks are generic etc etc. People are always asking me why other people do things such as lie about credentials, etc. I say I am not a psychiatrist. In your case it is clear you want to be king of the Roswell Hill no matter what.

>On the other hand, did Bob Lazar make his claims of education to you, or did you just jump in...

I have a tape of Lazar claiming an MS from MIT in Physics. He thought the year was probably 1982.. George Knapp and John Lear claimed Bob had told them the same thing. I have a tape of him saying Bill Duxler would remember him in his Physics Class at Cal Tech. I located Duxler who never taught at CIT only at Pierce JC. Bob had mentioned PJC to me.

>And did you ever check Gerald Anderson's claim that he had a degree in microbiology, which he made to you on the tape you made of your first interview with him? And if not, why not... >and wouldn't learning he had no degree in microbiology have worried you greatly?

He said he was working on one and I checked and he was.

><snip>

>>>While I'll agree that Menzel's intelligence qualifications were >>>different, I won't agree that they were superior.

>>What, if any were Scanlon's? When did Hap Arnold call on him? >>Incidentally Arnold resigned in 1946 because of poor health.

>I thought I had provided all this before. See Piercing the Fog >(John F. Kreis, 1996, published by Air Force History and Museums >Programs,) for a more complete analysis. According to Kreis, >"Arnold [the aforementioned Hap Arnold] brought Brig. Gen. >Martin Scanlon back from his post as military air attache in >London to become the first AC/AS, Intelligence (A-2)... " Which >puts Scanlon at the top of what was becoming Air Force >Intelligence.

>While in London, his job was to observe (spy) on the creation of >the German Air Force and British development of its Air Force... >This was in the 1930s.

>This goes on to talk about the coordination between G-2 (Army >Intelligence) and Air Force intelligence, determining what the >Air Force needed, as opposed to what the Army needed.

This was prewar. Was he involved in Intelligence postwar? Or even during the war besides assessing damage done in Pacific bombings.

>But you know, this really isn't that important in this >discussion, especially since we now know that Kaufmann's >testimony was unreliable. My point was obviously lost on you.

>>>>The point here is that Stan didn't publish anything suggesting >>>>that Kaufmann had admitted to lying. All we are told is that >>>>Kaufmann met with Stan, Howe and Schmitt.

>>>>Admitting that neither Blanchard nor Marcel went out with him >>>>when he had previously told you, Don, and me that they had, is >>>>an admission of lying as spelled out in my paper. Read it again. >>>>I have also referred to the McKnight letter which certainly >>>>suggests Frank was telling tales.

>>>I simply don't remember him saying that. Maybe he said something >>>else and you misremember it. And, even if he did, how does this >>>translate into a statement that he had lied, based on what you >>>wrote in that paper? Maybe he made a simple mistake. Must >>>everything in UFOlogy be a false claim and a lie?

>>How could his describing in detail his coming over the pass from
>>White Sands and waking both Blanchard and Marcel and their all
>>going to his crash site together be a simple mistake? Marcel and
>>Blanchard were key actors in the drama in which he placed
>>himself at the center.

>>>And the McKnight affidavit comes from a man who wasn't there in
>>>1947, who was four years old in 1947, and suggested that he had
>>>never heard of anything happening on the ranch owned by
>>>relatives. Not exactly proof positive.

Hub Corn wasn't even born in 1947

>>The McKnight affidavit also noted that there
>>was no way to get to Frank's crash site except by horseback in
>>1947. But Frank had some sort of army vehicle and then a big
>>flat bed truck dashing out and back cross country???

>Let's see if I understand this. The Army, which crossed Europe
>and fought in the Pacific, which crossed all sorts of rugged
>terrain without the use of roads, was stymied by the New Mexico
>Desert?

Now you are being absurd. That was a very large army and they
didn't do it all over night which is what Frank claimed. You
know perfectly well that it is standard practice to leave a
crashed vehicle in situ at least long enough to get good
pictures of where things are relative to each other. Maybe there
were seabees to built the bridges and build the road. Or maybe
they drove out in tanks? from the local airbase of course.

><snip>

>>>>Frank certainly was aware of my complaints about him as he
>>>>referenced in an August 7, 1995, letter to me, things I had said
>>>>about him in my September 26, 1994 paper " The Roswell Incident,
>>>>the USAF, and the NY Times", in a Nov. 18, 1994, letter to you,
>>>>in letters to Paul Davids on Dec. 20, 1994, and January 3, 1995,
>>>>and to Jack Rodden on January 7, 1995. I presume some of this
>>>>input to him came from you.

>>>Presume all you want, I'm confused by this. Are you suggesting
>>>that I was Frank's ghost writer on this? Are you suggesting that
>>>Frank was incapable of responding to your attacks?

>>I am stating that you and he were aware of my concerns.

>Ahhh.... It has no relevance, then.

>>>>Now, please, understand, I am not suggesting that Frank Kaufmann
>>>>can be rehabilitated. As far as I'm concerned, he should become
>>>>a footnote to the Roswell case, just as Gerald Anderson and
>>>>Glenn Dennis should be footnotes. Both men were caught in a
>>>>changing and shifting story that as we investigated moved
>>>>farther from the truth. Or, Stan, do you now have the "real"
>>>>name of the nurse? And now that Anderson appears on the Navy
>>>>SEALs Wall of Shame, are you finally convinced that he can't be
>>>>trusted?

>>>>I think that both Glenn Dennis and Gerald Anderson made real
>>>>contributions to the story despite your great antipathy to both.

>>>Yeah, just like the contribution Frank Kaufmann made...

>>>>You will recall that Gerald passed a polygraph (Frank never took
>>>>one) and that a medical technician recalled the nurse and
>>>>described her as Glenn did without any prompting from me. They,
>>>>(G and G), both independently described a strange combination of
>>>>a red haired officer and a black sergeant.

>>>Gee, talk about selective use of data... Anderson passed a
>>>polygraph test but admitted to forging a telephone bill to make
>>>me look bad... Actually, he forged two telephone bills, and a
>>>diary, and a letter from the family to prove he was telling the
>>>truth.

>>No evidence provide re the altter items. You will recall I
>>obtained the real bill from the phone company.

>I'm not sure what you mean here. Altter items? If you mean other

>items, there certainly is evidence, from the forensic test you
>arranged showing that Uncle Ted's diary couldn't have been
>written before 1974, but no evidence it wasn't written in 1990,
>the second telephone bill that he passed around when you, and
>John Carpenter met with him on September 19, 1992, (See John
>Carpenter's "Gerald Anderson: Disturbing Revelations" MUFON UFO
>Journal, March 1993) which is evidence that Gerald had created
>other documents. We have his ever shifting tale of the Plains of
>San Agustin saucer which fits so nicely with your outdated
>scenario.

Perhaps you have forgotten that one of the reasons you rejected
the Plains scenario was that Frank said nothing happened out
there. Perhaps it is time to reconsider...

How convenient to leave out Baca, and Foard, and the
postmistress and Barnett, and Barnett's boss.....

>And you may recall that I obtained the real bill from the
>telephone company long before you did and published it in IUR
>(Missing Time, August 1992).

>>>Let's see, he claimed to be a Navy SEAL when he was not.
>>>He changed details of this sighting... milky blue eyes to
>>>black... and which of his crash sites do you accept? The one
>>>near the VLA? The one north of highway 60? Horse Springs? And
>>>were three dead and one injured or was it two dead, one dying
>>>and one relatively uninjured.

>>More fiction.

>>.. Did he take the sociology class
>>>instead of Dr. Buskirk's anthropology class? Why is it that he
>>>will not allow for independent verification of his claims? Oh
>>>yeah, he passed a polygraph test.

>>5 people who were in the anthro class reviewed Gerald's picture
>>from the yearbook and say he wasn't in the class. Despite your
>>repeated claim to the contrary, one of them, Larry Henning,
>>never told you Gerald was in his class.

>Henning did tell me that Anderson was in the class, but you see,
>this red herring (it's so close to Henning that I couldn't
>resist) is irrelevant. In reality, I actually talked to the
>people at the Albuquerque High School, as did Dr. Buskirk. While
>I was on the telephone, They looked at his record and told me he
>had taken the class. Get it, they reviewed the transcript and
>told me he was in the class. I searched for another way to
>disclose this information after you alerted Gerald to the
>problem and he threatened to sue everyone. Now, it no longer
>matters because those people are out of harm's way. The real
>evidence comes from the high school.... Prove me wrong, get an
>independent copy of his transcript and not the doctored version
>you flashed around (which btw, is another forged document we can
>credit to Anderson). Didn't you ever suspect it was faked, given
>that he would not allow you to verify it with the school?

><snip>

>>>As for this nurse, just what name is she given today? Obviously
>>>it's not Naomi Self. And, are you one of the researchers who
>>>wouldn't listen when Dennis told us all that he'd give us a name
>>>but it wouldn't be her name? Are you one of the researchers who
>>>ran off in search of Naomi Self even though Dennis had made it
>>>clear to us that Self wasn't her name? Or, at least claims today
>>>that he tried to make it clear... but only after we proved the
>>>negative. There was no Army nurse names Naomi Self.

>>Remember that I was the first to talk to Glenn and at that time
>>he had not said her name wasn't Naomi Self. The medical
>>technician recognized the name and described her.

Yes, of course he said her name was Naomi Self.

>And I talked to him within weeks and he gave the name to me. Are
>you suggesting that he didn't give the name to you? Didn't he
>trust you?

>>>>I happen to think much of the world is gray.

>>>Was Kaufmann ever in this gray basket?

>>Of course he was, until I heard more and more claims that didn't
>>make sense.

Apparently he wasn't often in your gray box since so much of
your view about Roswell and MJ-12 was based on what he claimed.

>Oh, you mean like those made by Gerald Anderson? Telepathic
>communications? 509th over on the Plains. Aircraft landing on
>the highway. Really... and you say Kaufmann made claims that
>didn't make sense.

>>>You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your
>>>privilege.

>>>I actually think the world is filled with color which is a much
>>>more pleasant way of seeing it. But then I write science
>>>fiction... coming in April, "Signals", from Ace Books.

>>Congratulations. How many fiction books is that now? Surely over
>>80? I have always said you were good at creating scenarios.

>Gee, I don't know... do you want to know how many books were
>written, how many sold, or how many published? It's three
>different numbers. And does writing science fiction disqualify
>me from UFO research? (Btw, the second book in that series,
>Generation Ship, will be out in the fall, 2003)

How about saying how many were published?. Will these books list you as
author?.

>Wouldn't lying be more of a disqualification?

>
>>People who want copies of my 1995 list of Kevin's false
>>claims, of Kevin's MUFON J. response, and my 8 page letter and
>>my Kaufmann meeting notes (July 1995 and December 1999), please
>>send a snail mail address. (off list would probably be best).

>
>Yes, those of you interested in this old and tired fight, write
>to Stan and request copies of everything. Given that Kaufmann
>has been proven to be a liar, isn't it time to move on... And
>who really cares that Stan came up with what he believes to be
>38 false claims that Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle made... or
>didn't that change to the point where I had inherited them all?

>
>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>and move on?

Yes I really believe much of what Anderson was saying is true,
and that Ragsdale was talking about a location out on the Pine
Lodge Road not where you tried to place him to satisfy the
Kaufmann story. I also don't believe Sgt Pyles told you a
specific date, place direction or that the Nun's log gave a
descriptiof anything other than a fireball or that Easley said
many of the things you attributed to him.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 01:41:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 16:07:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Hebert

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

<snip>

Hi, Jim:

Sorry I took so long to reply - had to deck the halls. ;>

>I feel I must jump in here. Not that Dick needs me to defend
>him, but I do not possess a degree in anything, not even an
>associate, I don't think I can even pronounce "curriculum
>vitae" correctly,

Neither can I.

>yet I firmly believe I can recognize a basket-
>case when I see one - and I've seen plenty. (Remember, I once
>chaired a Moseley Conference).

My heart goes out to you. ;>

It's not the obvious basket cases that are the problem, Jim.
It's the ones who seem perfectly 'normal' but are not that make
it hard to know when they are telling the truth and when they
are fabricating (or a little of both). Even if an individual
seems to be functioning quite well, he or she can still be a bit
looney or subject to creating scenarios that did not exist.

I've met people who seemed quite 'normal' on the surface but who
had a tendency to lie or stretch the truth due to some unmet
needs they had. I've also known people who claimed they had been
abducted but who displayed numerous behaviors that led me to
wonder if they had only deluded themselves into believing their
own lies.

Like it or not there are people who think being an abductee
makes them special or "chosen". Add to this the attention given
to claimed abductees as they tell of their experiences in
support groups, on TV talk shows, at conferences, on E-lists,
etc. In addition, these individuals may find a cure for their
loneliness when they find themselves so openly accepted in an
experiencer support group.

This is where it takes a trained professional to recognize the
more subtle characteristics of unmet wants and needs in those
who may claim to have been abducted.

>I resent the idea that
>psychologists think that recognizing mental illness is their
>exclusive domain. As a matter of fact, if it weren't for us lay
>people telling certain individuals we meet that "You maybe

>oughta get a check-up from the neck-up," there wouldn't BE very
>many psychologists or psychiatrists. Just because I can't write
>a paper on border deficit disorder doesn't mean I don't know
>when someone's a few french fries short of a happy meal.

Sometimes it's easy to know when someone is "a few French fries short of a happy meal" but sometimes it is difficult to know when someone is mentally ill. This is why it's important to consult those trained to evaluate mental competency rather than reach conclusions based only on opinion.

For example, think of all the serial killers who seemed perfectly normal on the outside while few around them suspected they were mass murders. There are people in this world who wear a facade when among others and become entirely different personalities in private and in their heads. That's why it's so important to have a deeper understanding of the human psyche especially when it comes to the study of abduction experiences.

We not only need researchers educated in scientific protocol but also those who possess the skills and tools that may help us get to the bottom of this mess and figure out what's going on.

We need multidisciplinary teams not lone rangers. If a psychologist offers to administer personality profiles to gain a better understanding of those who claim to have been abducted, should we turn him/her down because we already know all we need to know about 'French fries and Happy Meals'? If a medical doctor offers to remove alleged implants and a research lab offers to analyze the composition of those alleged implants, should we turn away because we think we know all we need to know about implants, how to remove them and their composition?

The study of abduction phenomena will gain more recognition and a better reputation if we let those qualified in their fields add their knowledge and skills to the on-going research. The resulting data will be based less on opinion and conjecture and more on qualified, objective analysis.

>And on another point, Amy, you seem to talk about the
>trichotomy between abductees, people who think they are
>abductees but are experiencing some other phenomenon, and people
>who claim to be abductees but aren't, as if there exists some
>protocol for making this distinction, that somehow Dick and/or
>others are not privy to. It's thus far proven impossible to
>prove that someone _has_ been abducted; just how in the heck can
>it be proven that someone _hasn't_ been?

That's the point, Jim. No known protocol yet exists for distinguishing between those who have actually been abducted and those who have not. That's why I asked Dick how he knew he had worked with "something like 150" abductees as opposed to 150 people who _claimed_ they had been abducted.

If you really think about it, all the data we have thus far about alleged abductees and abduction phenomena is based largely on the stories told by those who claim to have been abducted with little physical evidence or collaborating testimony from multiple witnesses to back up their stories.

Many in the UFO and abduction communities believe, like you, that it is impossible to "prove" someone has been abducted. Many operate under the assumption that because UFO's and abductions are caused by aliens, their technologies and skills are hundreds, perhaps thousands of years more advanced compared to us. What can we do in the face of such 'alien magic'?

As indicated in my post under this same subject title posted Nov. 26, 2002:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufu/updates/2002/nov/m26-002.shtml>

we need to take a more active approach to abduction research. Rather than passively waiting for that "cocktail napkin" to just drop in our laps, let's search for any kinds of "cocktail napkins" that can be collected. We need to apply forensics to the study of abduction phenomena and focus on physical evidence we have overlooked simply because we never looked for it.

When an individual comes to an investigator or researcher with

claims of having been abducted, the first step is to record that person's story. After obtaining the basic details, the researcher or investigator can set up strategies to gather data/evidence from the abduction scene (as one would do at a crime scene). If the individual claims to have had repeat abductions, odds are they may be abducted again. Studies can be set up to collect data and/or physical evidence from the scene should the individual be abducted again. These studies need to be blind studies to insure that neither the claimed abductee nor the abductors tamper with the evidence. (I cannot go into detail about these research designs because I plan to use them when I continue my abduction research.)

In short, abduction stories should be considered only the beginning of an investigation not the core of an investigation or research. Although lack of physical evidence does not mean a claimed abductee is lying, it should never be regarded as unattainable. If people are being physically abducted in any way by any kinds of physical beings to any kinds of physical environments (or a mix of physical and non-physical), then there will be some kinds of physical interaction between the abductee, the abductors and the environments involved before, during and after an abduction. We need to begin our investigations and research with a professionally trained, multidisciplinary team, screen those more likely to be genuine abductees from those making similar claims and focus on finding physical evidence to support or refute abduction claims rather than focus on abduction claims and stories alone.

Amy

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Re: Mantell Case - Peer Review - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 02:51:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 16:10:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Mantell Case - Peer Review - Velez

Hi All,

I was just out visiting the Virtually Strange website and reading the results of all the work that Kevin Randle put into compiling the details and testimony of the Thomas Mantell crash case.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml>

EBK made a formal announcement a couple of weeks ago. I hope that all the work/hours that Kevin and EBK have put into creating this 'peer-review' opportunity does not go to waste.

This is the first peer-review venue ever created for UFO cases and it would be a crying shame to see this excellent idea die in the cradle ignored and unused.

Kevin, it's a l-o-n-g read and I haven't digested it all yet, but I will shortly. I will offer my 'layman's' opinion as soon as I've completed the homework you have set out for us. I hope this new 'peer-review' section at the VSN website eventually gets the workout it deserves.

BTW, I didn't post the Mantell material to the AIC website because AIC is already a 'part of' the Virtually Strange Network. It would be redundant and a waste of EBK's already strained bandwidth to duplicate the same material within two sections of the same site.

This peer-review section is a rare and wonderful opportunity for us. Let's not waste it folks.

Regards to all,

John Velez

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Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight -

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 5:28:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 16:28:51 -0500
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight -

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 22:23:51 +0000
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 11:47:36 -0800
>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
>>>Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 11:33:44 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Randle On 'Coast'

>>>>>From: Lester Hahn <lesterhahn@hotmail.com>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 21:02:22 -0600
>>>>>Subject: Randle On 'Coast'

>>>>>I'd like to introduce myself.

>>>>>As SCI FI's Director of Special Projects, I've been closely
>>>>>following UFO UpDates for the latest and greatest news from the
>>>>>world of ufology.

>>>>>SCI FI has especially been interested in the feedback from the
>>>>>community about Steven Spielberg's TAKEN, as well as our recent
>>>>>documentary THE ROSWELL CRASH: STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE. I've been
>>>>>keenly following the reaction to the Roswell special in
>>>>>particular since I was the individual who contracted the
>>>>>University of New Mexico to conduct the dig, as well as the
>>>>>creative executive on the show (I directed MPH throughout the
>>>>>show's development).

>>>>>I've been dismayed and quite surprised to read some of the
>>>>>comments regarding the veracity of the show due to the fact we
>>>>>decided to work with (and consult) certain Roswell researchers.

>>>>>As you may or may not know, SCI FI and MPH Entertainment have
>>>>>attempted to conduct its work with professional impartiality and
>>>>>balanced reporting (throughout the scientific dig and the
>>>>>production phase of the documentary). We feel the results are
>>>>>evident in the show itself and have received much kudos from the
>>>>>ufo community at large.

>>>>>Nonetheless, on behalf of SCI FI, I find myself having to
>>>>>respond to some inaccuracies and misperceptions that have been
>>>>>posted (see above) in an attempt to set the record straight.

>>>>>It was I who originally contacted Don Schmitt last May on behalf
>>>>>of SCI FI (having worked on SHOWTIME's ROSWELL) to offer up some

>>>of the Channel's resources to the current ongoing investigation.
>>>We were well aware that Don and Tom's efforts represented the
>>>only ongoing active research currently underway. We were also
>>>well aware of their close affiliation to the International UFO
>>>Museum and Research Center and, despite the trouble Don had many
>>>years ago, we thought (and still do) that Tom and Don have
>>>conducted some excellent research since their partnering.

>>>Furthermore, from day one, we were well aware of the very
>>>acrimonious falling out between Don and Kevin Randle. In
>>>addition, we were also well aware of the earlier effort by
>>>representatives of CUFOS to try to conduct some archaeological
>>>exam of the debris field. Don never ever "lied" to anyone at SCI
>>>FI or UNM about that project, as some have claimed on UFO
>>>Updates. Once again, we want to officially state our strong
>>>support of researchers Don Schmitt and Tom Carey.

>>>Just to correct any further misperceptions, the only UFO
>>>research 'consultants', in any sense of the word, that we worked
>>>with on THE ROSWELL CRASH was Don, Tom, Dave Rudiak and the
>>>IUFOMARC. Of course, we interviewed many folks for the show but
>>>our main source of info on the Roswell Incident itself (other
>>>than previously published works), as well as our source for new
>>>eyewitnesses, was through our relationships with Tom, Don and
>>>David. We simply could not have pulled the show together without
>>>them.

>>>Thanks again for allowing us at SCI FI to "set the record
>>>straight."

>Mr. Landsman,

>Although the Roswell documentary has definite merits and, as
>documentaries go, was much above average, I agree completely,
>wholeheartedly, 150% with what Royce says here. "Acrimonious
>falling out" doesn't hack it. Don Schmitt has lost all
>credibility in the UFO field due to his mendacity; Kevin Randle
>is admired for his truth-telling, honesty, and willingness to
>admit past errors. I have personally been in the middle of some
>of this and interacted with both of them in regard to Roswell
>investigations and know whereof I speak.

Royce, Dick, come on, don't be such sticks in the mud!

Don Schmitt, no matter what his sins are is no worse than
dozens, no - make that scores - ah well, for effect let's make
that hundreds, of other fellows and gals in ufology. Honesty,
somesy, who cares!? Just about two dozen other UFO folks, a
real small minority of ufology, and they should be turned out
into the street. If you two guys don't get back in line, you
will get the same treatment.

While we are at it, we should all stop harping about Arthur
Anderson, Enron, etc., too, that is in the past. Hey, they did
some excellent work at one time, come on.

I think the SCI-FI channel would do well to look into Otis T.
Carr. Now there is a real pioneer and look at the horrible
treatment he got for just telling a couple of little white ones.
Come on. That's in the past anyway.

I especially would also point to Bob Lazar. Hey, the story is
good. We shouldn't worry about truth, that is secondary. Nah, it
is not even secondary, truth's proper place is about number 15
in any consideration.

Did I tell you about the recovery of a crash saucer from the DMZ
in Korea right under the noses of the North Koreans? I was
there! Well, I don't want to give away everything in my book.
And any ways, John and I haven't finished writing it yet. It
will be sure to outsell Corso! Good story!

Come on, Dick, Royce, it's fun to con the marks, can be
profitable too if you are not too greedy.

Sincerely (come on!)

Jan

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Javier Sierra?

From: Philip Mantle <philipmantle@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 14:46:00 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 17:00:16 -0500
Subject: Javier Sierra?

Hi UFO UpDates,

Does anyone on the List happen to have an e-mail address for Javier Sierra in Spain please. If you do could you get back to me at:

philipmantle@hotmail.com

Thanks,

Philip.

www.alienportraits.co.uk

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Paul Davids' New Movie

From: Terry Blanton <blantont@rtpatlanta.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 09:50:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 17:02:14 -0500
Subject: Paul Davids' New Movie

Hi, ebk. I think you and the listers will find this interesting.

RKO studios will soon release the title of a new film by Executive Producers Paul Davids (Showtime's 'Roswell - The Movie') and Richard Hoagland. There's an intriguing story on Paul's website about the research surrounding the production: evidence found in NASA archives, NASA's refusal to release first generation 'public' images, and firings of NASA employees who co-operated with the research.

Go to:

<http://www.pauldavids.com>

click on the "Films" button and "New RKO/Hoagland Film" on the next page.

Terry

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 16:36:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 17:06:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 12:24:54 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 19:17:19 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>>>and move on?

>>Kevin, Stan and the List,

>>Or were they playing roles?

>No.

>

Kevin,

Thank you very much for taking the trouble to recapitulate, very clearly, the reasons to discard all these witnesses: Kaufmann, Anderson, Ragsdale and Dennis.

All that is good. Yes, all of them lied one way or another. Now, I don't think it would be wise to discard and forget entirely their stories.

I was just trying to open a little discussion on two ideas:

- "amplifying disinformation" (drowning true facts in unbelievable tales, easy to debunk)

- indirect, gradual release of information, mixed with false elements to prevent it from going too far and too fast.

Actually, it is conceivable that, in certain operations, the two goals would be mixed.

For one thing, we know that there is disinformation around. A good example of it was given by Bill Moore when he confessed his participation in actions against Paul Bennewitz, to make him lose his mental sanity. This disinformation was conceived at AFOSI in Kirtland, of Doty's fame.

And there is the complex case of the "alien autopsy".

What do you make of the testimony of Bob Shell, on this List, in messages dated 28 January 1999 and 1 February 1999 (thread: "Santilli film Scraps"), where he revealed that Capt. McAndrew had told him that he had seen the film in the Air Force archives?

This alone rules out a simple money-making hoax (unless Bob Shell invented that, but why?). It implies an involvement of the military. There are other witnesses along that line.

Then, if we pay attention to the story of the cameraman, we see clearly that it is an unbelievable tale. But it has some points in common with those of our "Roswell liars". The plains of San Agustin is one, a dubious one.

Hence, my little question:

perhaps some stories, including those of the Roswell liars, are mixtures of true informations and lies?

Regarding the Dennis story, are we to discard the testimony of L. M. Hall, former chief of police who seemed to remember that Dennis told him that he had been called by the base about small caskets? Of course, even if this is true, he could have invented the rest.

As for the Kaufmann story, I recently came across testimony, through a French friend, who met with an alleged witness in 1972. His story has points in common with Kaufmann. He saw the craft and gave a similar description of it. And, in addition, he mentioned a collision with a balloon train. It would be amusing if the first Pflock hypothesis turned out to be right !

So, we would be well advised not to throw away all these stories and not to forget them entirely.

The sinking of Kaufmann may not be the end of the story.

Gildas Bourdais

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9/11 PANEL URGES "MORE REALISTIC" SECRECY POLICIES

The congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11 will recommend revising government information policies not only to promote information sharing among government agencies, but also to expand public access to government information.

"The President should review and consider amendments to the Executive Orders, policies and procedures that govern the national security classification of intelligence information, in an effort to expand access to relevant information for federal agencies outside the Intelligence Community, for state and local authorities, and for the American public," according to the Joint Inquiry's draft Recommendation 14, which may be approved today.

This unexpected gesture towards public access apparently reflects the Joint Inquiry assessment, articulated by staff director Eleanor Hill on October 17, that "an alert and committed American public" could be "the most potent weapon" in the war against terrorism.

The draft Recommendation goes on to acknowledge that the government secrecy system is not as "realistic" as it should be and that it is routinely subject to abuse:

"Congress should consider the degree to which excessive classification has been used in the past and the extent to which the emerging threat environment has greatly increased the need for real-time sharing of sensitive information."

"The [proposed] Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General, should review and report to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees on proposals for a new and more realistic approach to the processes and structures that have governed the designation of sensitive and classified information."

"The report should include proposals to protect against the use of the classification process as a shield to protect agency self-interest."

The full text of the Recommendations will be formally released upon approval by the members of the Joint Inquiry.

NETWORK CENTRIC INTELLIGENCE?

The principal Recommendation of the congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11 is the establishment of a cabinet-level Director of National Intelligence. This rather innocuous proposal may be worth adopting, if only to demonstrate that any changes at all in the entrenched U.S. intelligence community can still be achieved.

In the long run, however, reinforcing the hierarchical structure of U.S. intelligence is unlikely to solve any important problems.

To the contrary. Instead of a super-Director of Central Intelligence, it may be more important to work to decentralize intelligence into fluid, opportunistic networks.

The role of loose networks in "massively multiplayer online games" -- which are essentially video games played by thousands of simultaneous players -- and their relevance for the conduct of military operations were suggestively described by David Ignatius in a Washington Post op-ed entitled "Outgaming Osama," December 6:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A16433-2002Dec5.html>

The concept of "network centric warfare" as applied to U.S. Navy programs, with citations to the relevant literature, was discussed in "Navy Network-Centric Warfare Concept: Key Programs and Issues for Congress" by Ronald O'Rourke of the Congressional Research Service, updated November 25, 2002:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS20557.pdf>

The possible application of a similar approach to national intelligence -- which would serve no one's bureaucratic interests -- awaits further development.

SCIENCE, SECRECY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

The creation of the new Department of Homeland Security is likely to have significant implications for the conduct of U.S. science and technology programs, according to a lengthy assessment in the latest issue of Chemical and Engineering News.

"To carry out its mandate, this massive new Cabinet-level agency will have to marshal the skills of scientists and engineers to develop the technologies needed to prevent, protect against, and respond to future acts of terrorism," writes Lois R. Ember.

"But, some commentators point out, the law creating the department also sets up rules that restrict the flow of information to scientists and to the general public and may actually retard progress in securing the homeland."

See "Science in the Service of Security" by Lois R. Ember, Chemical and Engineering News, December 9:

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/coverstory/8049/8049homeland.html>

The use of the still poorly defined term "sensitive but unclassified" as an information control category continues to generate much gnashing of teeth, as scientists and others worry about its potential scope of application.

See "Entering the Twilight Zone of What Material to Censor," by Martin Enserink, Science Magazine, November 22, p. 1548 (subscribers only):

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/298/5598/1548>

A recent National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study on non-lethal weapons provides a remarkable case study of current convolutions in information disclosure policy.

"Before [the study] was published Nov. 4, its classification review became a yearlong tug of war between NAS and a Defense Department office, revealing just how difficult and contentious

decisions about releasing government information can be following Sept. 11," according to a recent story in Inside the Navy.

The National Academy voiced frustration with its Pentagon sponsor for blocking publication, while the Academy itself became the target of criticism from the watchdog Sunshine Project for unaccountably withholding unclassified records and evading the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The whole sorry episode is well told in "NAS Study Shows Messy Reality Tied To Balancing Security, Openness" by Christopher Castelli, Inside the Navy, December 2, reposted with permission here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2002/12/itn120202.html>

The National Academy announced that it will hold a day long forum on "Scientific Openness and National Security" on January 9, 2003.

GAO LAWSUIT AGAINST VICE PRESIDENT DISMISSED

In an affirmation of Bush Administration secrecy policy, a General Accounting Office (GAO) lawsuit against Vice President Cheney seeking records from the Vice President's Energy Task Force was dismissed by a federal judge as "historically unprecedented" and unsuited for judicial intervention. See:

<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/02-340.pdf>

The ruling was immediately denounced by congressional Democrats, who suggested that its outcome was determined by the fact that the judge, John D. Bates, was a Republican appointee.

"What is 'unprecedented' is not GAO's request for this information," said Rep. Henry Waxman, "but the Administration's refusal to provide the information. The reason that there has never been a case like this is that every other Administration has released this kind of information. There is ample precedent for GAO's request, but none for the Administration's refusal." See:

<http://www.house.gov/waxman/>

ISTANBUL INTRIGUES

A richly anecdotal history of diplomacy and espionage in Istanbul during World War II is provided in a new edition of "Istanbul Intrigues" by Barry Rubin.

Drawing on interviews with principals and primary sources in multiple languages (but without scholarly apparatus), Rubin offers a highly readable account of the political and military ferment that characterized Istanbul in that momentous time.

Rubin is director of the Institute for Turkish Studies at the Global Research in International Affairs Center near Tel Aviv, Israel. The new edition of his book is published by Turkey's Bosphorus University Press in Istanbul. For more information, see:

http://gloria.idc.ac.il/publications/books/istanbul_intrigues.html

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UFO FLOTILLA HOVERS
OVER BUENOS AIRES

On Thursday, November 28, 2002, "an intense UFO wave rolled over" the city of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. UFOs were seen and videotaped by witnesses on the ground in the large South American city.

The main witnesses were Ricardo E. D'Angelo and a companion. "Using a camera described as 'broken and out-of-date,'" D'Angelo "was able to photograph a fleet of three objects descending over the northeastern section of Buenos Aires."

The UFOs flew over the Santa Fe section of the city, north of the Avenida Nueve de Julio. "No apparent electrical anomalies were reported in the witnesses' area."

"Minutes earlier, another object flashed for several minutes over the vicinity of Chacarith and Belgrano," two sections of Buenos Aires, "at an altitude of 1,500 meters (5,000 feet)."

"Arturo and I saw the entire phenomenon," D'Angelo said. He "employed a SONY 360 Nightshot" videocamera to shoot the footage. "What can be seen in the video sequence is 15 frames of one UFO, hitherto unseen, which crossed the sky from north to south seconds before the first one was observed. But upon reaching a point equidistant from the other two (not seen until this moment--R.D.) it stopped completely for only brief seconds." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Lucy Guzman para eso informe.)

(Editor's Comment: And welcome to South America Under Siege Week here at UFO Roundup. For the third week in a row, South America has been having an intensive UFO flap. And Buenos Aires is not the only South American capital being overflown by UFOs. Keep reading...)

SAUCERS HOVER OVER
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

On Thursday, November 28, 2002, the same day UFOs were seen in Buenos Aires, at 3:45 p.m., several silver disc-shaped objects were spotted in Bogota, the capital of Colombia.

The objects, described by witnesses as "various flattened spheres," were spotted hovering over the Cerro

Monserate (hill) in Bogota. Telephones were ringing off the hook at the Bogota office of Contacto OVNI de Colombia, a UFO research group, according to William Chavez Ariza, the group's spokesman.

Contacto OVNI investigator Juan Arana drove out to Cerro Monserate with his videocamera. He arrived just in time to "film several UFOs performing irregular and unusual maneuvers over the hill and surrounding neighborhoods before flying away suddenly from the area." (See NotioVNI for December 1, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz y William Chavez Ariza de Contacto OVNI de Colombia para eso informe.)

LUMINOUS UFO FLIES OVER CARACAS, VENEZUELA

On Sunday, December 1, 2002, "a brilliant sphere of white light similar to a fireworks display" flew over the city of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela.

According to Venezuelan ufologist Martha Rosenthal, six eyewitnesses "watched the glowing sphere pass overhead."

One of the eyewitnesses, "a man named Cortez," reported the UFO overflight to Sra. Rosenthal. (See NotioVNI for December 1, 2002. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Martha Rosenthal para eso informe.)

"NAZI UFO" PIX STARTLE UFOLOGISTS IN BRAZIL

On Wednesday, November 27, 2002, persons unknown emailed two mysterious photographs to over a hundred ufologists in Brazil. The photos claim to be "proof of an extraterrestrial presence in Hitler's Third Reich" during the 1940s.

The first photo shows the blueprints for a futuristic "space plane." The second photo shows the streamlined "flying wing" at an airfield in Germany, ready for its pre-flight walk-around check, and painted in wartime Luftwaffe livery.

Ufologist Gilberto Santos Mayo said the object "looked like one of the craft in a Star Wars movie."

Juarez Prata de Almeida stated, "This photograph, credited to the North American secret service (the wartime Office of Strategic Services or OSS, the forerunner of the CIA--J.T.), in truth was obtained in Hitler's Germany in 1942, and historical researchers have recently released it to the public. The photo proves that Extraterrestrials visited the Third Reich and communicated with high officials of the Nazi regime."

However, Wilton Monteiro Sobrinho pointed out that this photograph has been published before in UFO magazines. He cited its presence in "UFO number 38, page 11; and published again in UFO number 13, page 27, with an article by Robert Pinotti; and in UFO number 24, page 17 with an article by Javier Serra entitled, 'Majestic-12: UFO conspiracy or a true Cosmic Watergate?'"

The photos can be found on the Web at http://members.cox.net/rebid/Farnborough_05.html

John Hayes, webmaster at UFOINFO, identified the mystery craft as a Horten H-IX, a jet fighter-bomber developed by Nazi Germany late in World War II.

"The H-IX was a single-seat fighter-bomber with a wingspan of 16 meters (53 feet) and two jet engines, being a further development of the (Horten) H-V and H-VII designs."

"Four aircraft of the H-IX type were started, designated V.1 to V.4. The V.1 and V.2 were built at Gottingen, designed to carry two BMW 003 jet engines. The V.2 was built with two Juno 004 (jet) engines and had two hours flying before crashing during a single-engine landing. The test pilot, Ziller, apparently landed short after misjudging his approach," Hayes explained.

"V.3 was built by Gotha at Friedrichsrodal as a prototype of the senior production version."

"V.4 was designed to be a two-man night fighter," with a stretched nose in the fuselage to accommodate the second crewman.

"In shape the H-IX was a pure wing with increased

chord at the center to give sufficient thickness to have the pilot and the jet engines, which were placed close together on either side."

Hayes discounted the possibility of the craft being a true UFO, adding, "It looks as if there has been a lot of 'artistic interpretation' in the actual shape of the craft." (Muito obrigado a John Hayes, Juarez Prata de Almeida, Wilton Monteiro Sobrinho e otros a Ufologia Brasileira por esas informacoes.)

FOUR OVAL UFOs SIGHTED OVER ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.

On Wednesday, November 27, 2002, three witnesses in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia "observed four silver oval craft high in the daytime sky. They saw the UFOs emerge from a cloudbank. The craft were travelling in a diamond formation."

While the witnesses were viewing the UFOs, "they heard a 'snap' noise, and a white triangular object with rounded corners and dark ovoid highlights on its top surface seemed to appear out of nowhere. The craft was suspended under a large parachute. It drifted out of sight of the witnesses. The four silver craft appeared to trail it for a few seconds and faded from sight."

"The witness, who is in the aeronautics industry, estimated that the white triangle was roughly the size of a (Boeing) 747 jumbo jet in length." (See Filer's Files Number 49 for December 4, 2002. Many thanks to Australian ufologist Conway Costigan and to George A. Filer of MUFON for allowing UFO Roundup to republish their report.)

(Editor's Comment: Since UFOs don't need a parachute, it looks as if somebody is testing a space-plane in Australia's Outback, and the saucers popped in for a quick recon of the new vehicle.)

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT FLASHES SEEN IN THE CENTRAL USA

On Monday, December 2, 2002, at 5:10 a.m., Gary Smith was driving to work in his hometown of Sellersburg, Indiana (population 6,071) when he heard a strange report on his car radio.

"As I was driving to work at about 5:10 a.m., people started calling in to the Louisville, Kentucky radio station WHAS," 94 on the FM dial, "about lights changing colors and shooting across the sky from the southwest to the northeast. I myself did not observe these (particular) lights. They were spotted as far away as Columbus, Indiana."

"Apparently, the lights were changing colors from red to green to blue, according to descriptions, and were about cloud level, which were very high and thin. (An estimated 22,000 feet of 6,600 meters--J.T.)"

Then Gary saw "a strange, very bright light. It was very white. Almost star-like but much, much brighter. I thought it may have been the planet Venus, but after some Internet research, it was too early (for Venus) to be seen and too far south."

"This object was also observed by a radio call-in who happens to live in the same town, Sellersburg, Indiana, where I work. I myself observed this object from my workplace parking lot. A co-worker also saw it." (Email Form Report)

AIRMEN SPOT FLASHES AT LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE

On Thursday, December 5, 2002, at 3:45 a.m., a U.S. Air Force security guard we'll call Scott reported, "While I was on duty with Security Forces at Langley Air Force Base," just north of Newport News, Virginia (population 180,150), "myself and another airman witnessed four flashes light up the night sky. It was a type of flash you would associate with a lightning storm. They were very noticeable and lit up the whole area."

"It was raining and hailing, and the weather was

very poor."

"The first flash gave off a bluish glow. The second flash gave off a reddish glow. The third flash exhibited a yellow-orangeish glow, and the final flash was blue-greenish. These lit up the entire sky and blacked out the power on two city blocks" in Newport News, Va.

"We patrolled the area thinking it might have been repercussions from a fallen tree or downed wire. We couldn't find any debris. We notified the Fire Department and the power company," he added, "The airman and myself believe it to have been a UFO. After the third flash, we thought we saw an 'illuminated' triangle flashing around in the sky. It was very brief, though." (Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this report.)

UFOs APPEAR IN MEXICO

On Sunday, November 17, 2002, "a spherical UFO of a metallic appearance was seen by dozens of witnesses at the La Campana 2002 auto rally at the Autodromo de los Hermanos Rodriguez (stadium)" near Mexico City.

According to Mexican ufologists Ana Luisa Cid and Alfonso Salazar, "the UFO made motions to both the left and the right above the crowd. It was also detected by air traffic controllers at the Mexico City International Airport."

"According to Salazar, the UFO was challenged at (an altitude of) 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) by a Bell 206 helicopter, which caught images of the object on its automatic camera. Witnesses saw the UFO moving around in the sky north of the stadium for up to ten minutes. Finally, at 3 p.m., it flew away at a great velocity, losing itself in the horizon."

On Friday night, November 22, 2002, "a strange incandescent object hovered over a hilly area near the small town of Agua de Correa, near the city of Zihuatanejo in the Mexican state of Guerrero. The object, 'which covered the sky with great splendor,' caused traffic jams on the main roads" leading out of Zihuatanejo."

According to Mexican ufologist Alberto Gomez, "the UFO was also seen by people in Los Vecinos de Petatlan and Jose Azueta and by a few people on the outskirts of Zihuatanejo. A short while later, troops of the Mexican Army rolled into Zihuatanejo aboard a convoy of heavy-duty military trucks." (See NotiOVNI for December 1, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esos informes.)

A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN DEEP SPACE

"It came with no warning."

"At 8:06 a.m. EDT on Friday, October 4th (2002), NASA's High Energy Transient Explorer satellite (HETE-2) detected a strong gamma-ray burst in (the constellation) Pisces. For years astronomers have been trying to pin down the sources of these tremendous explosions, but that means acting fast."

"Within 11 seconds the HETE satellite sent out an alert to astronomers worldwide on the Gamma-ray-burst Coordinates Network (GCN). Just 38 seconds later, while the burst was still in progress, HETE narrowed down its position to within 10 arcminutes and sent out a second alert containing this crucial information."

"Astronomers around the globe sprang into action. In California, Derek W. Fox of Caltech (California Institute of Technology--J.T.) awoke to an automatic page and, following a prearranged protocol, used a laptop (computer) in his home to seize remote control of the 48-inch (118-centimeter) Oschin Schmidt Telescope on Palomar Mountain, which was conducting an asteroid hunt. The telescope wheeled around to the burst's position and grabbed its first image just nine minutes after the burst began. This image...captured the burst's fading visible-light afterglow at magnitude 15.5. It was the second brightest afterglow ever snared."

"Other optical and radio observatories followed suit. Astronomers at Japan's Kyoto Observatory began

tracking the fading afterglow 37 minutes after the burst."

"Amateurs in Finland recorded it fading from magnitude 17.9 to 18.8 from the 8th to the 13th hour after the burst."

"Meanwhile, Australian astronomers obtained a spectrum and a preliminary redshift of 1.60" and later determined "that the burster itself has a redshift of 2.33. This implies a distance of about 10.5 billion light-years, or 80 percent of the way across the observable universe."

"Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) are the most energetic and violent events in the cosmos. A typical one briefly outshines its entire galaxy by millions of times. Yet a GRB's short duration (the gamma radiation last from a fraction of a second to a few minutes) means that the energy source must be incredibly small in size. Most astronomers believe that GRBs result from jets of matter expelled extremely close to the speed of light by the small dense core of a massive star collapsing and spiralling into a newborn, spinning black hole."

"GRB 021004, named for the date it occurred, quickly became the best-observed gamma-ray burst in the 32 years since the first ones were discovered. Within a week results had come in from more than 100 telescopes worldwide." (See Sky & Telescope for January 2003, "The Best-Observed Gamma-Ray Burst," page 22.)

EARLIEST PRECOLUMBIAN WRITING FOUND IN MEXICO

"Symbols carved on stones 2,600 years ago in Mexico suggest that the Olmecs, an early North American (indigenous) people, invented the first writing system in the Americas and that the symbols were adopted by later native cultures such as the Mayans."

"The symbols were found on chips from a stone plaque and on a cylinder stone used for printing that were unearthed in an archaeological dig at the site of an ancient Olmec city near La Venta," in the Mexican state of Tabasco, about 400 kilometers (250 miles) east-southeast of Mexico City.

"These symbols have a very close resemblance to symbols that were found from a later era among Mayan artifacts," said Kevin Pope, a co-author of the study in the journal Science. "We think the writing was developed by the Olmecs and then adopted later by the Mayans."

"Age-dating of the artifacts suggests they were deposited on the site in about 650 B.C., about 350 years before the date of specimens previously thought to be the earliest examples of Mesoamerican writing." (See USA Today for December 9, 2002, "Symbols pre-date Mayan writing," page 11D.)

A SECRET UNDERGROUND BUNKER FOR DICK CHENEY?

Some strange explosions were reported last week on upper Massachusetts Avenue N.W. in Washington, D.C. People living between Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues called the Metropolitan Police to report "repeated strange explosions" on the grounds of the Naval Observatory, which is the official capital residence of Vice President Dick Cheney.

"Explosions being heard are part of a yearlong security upgrade of the vice president's residence on the observatory grounds, officials said."

"Details are classified."

"Navy spokeswoman Cate Mueller described the work as 'an infrastructure improvement, a utility upgrade.'"

The Naval Observatory, in the western end of the diamond-shaped District of Columbia, "was established in 1893, and the site became the vice president's residence in 1974." (See USA Today for December 9, 2002, "Security upgrades underway at VP's home," page 7A.)

(Editor's Comment: Sounds like some heavy-duty construction is going on. They could be building an underground bunker beneath the observatory. Or maybe they're trying to link up with the existing prehistoric--

some say "Atlantean"--tunnel system that runs under Washington, D.C.)

READER FEEDBACK:

STRANGE SECRETS OF
THE NEBULAS

Jacqueline Brook writes, "I saw the same thing the couple from Rodney, Ontario saw, from Putney, Vermont (population 1,150). And I know three other people in Putney who saw the same thing also." (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 38 for September 17, 2002 "Couple spots a UFO in Rodney, Ontario," page 5.)

"My recollection is that I was looking straight up at the zenith. The 'black triangle UFO' traveled around in a semi-circle, from a 10 o'clock position to a 2 o'clock position, just as they said."

"Last night (December 7, 2002) I pulled up the rather unsophisticated astronomy software that I have on my computer, to see what was near the zenith on that date: the short end of the Northern Cross, Cygnus."

"This jogged a memory for me. I knew I'd made a note in my calendar of another odd sighting near the Northern Cross. I flipped through my calendar to find that it was just two days later (after the Ontario sighting--J.T.), on the (September) 9th (2002)."

"Here's my note: 'Watched a light blink on and off twice again--certain that I saw it--8:45 p.m., just northeast of the Northern Cross.'"

"Guess what's in this region of the sky? The North American Nebula!"

"My take on 9/11 (i.e. the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001--J.T.) from the get-go, based on the content of some strange emails that began coming to me on September 9, 2001, is that the events were an inside job: we were at war with ourselves that day--and still are."

"Is it possible that ETs have been trying to point out the same thing?"

"Look at what's right next to the North American Nebula--the Pelican Nebula. The pelican is a symbol of self-sacrifice, and a Masonic symbol of resurrection!"

"And if this isn't an interesting omen, I don't know what is--(the comet) Hale-Bopp streaking squarely across the North American Nebula on October 9, 1977!"

(Editor's Comment: That's an intriguing coincidence, Jackie. As I recall, five years ago, Hale Bopp was known as "the Death comet." And then it really earned that nickname by precipitating the mass deaths of Marshall H. Applewhite's Heavens Gate sect in San Diego in 1997.)

From the UFO Files...

CHRISTMAS DOUBLE FEATURE

To celebrate the holidays, UFO Roundup presents not one but two Fortean cases from yesteryear. Enjoy...and have a Merry Christmas!

1954: ANOMALOUS STORM
THREATENS LONDON

On December 2, 1954, "a strange thunderstorm over London flooded the West End and Trafalgar Square." Heavy flooding was also reported in Camden Town, Kingston and Epsom, as well.

What's strange about this storm was the appearance of dark cumulous clouds at altitudes of 50,000 feet (15,000 meters), too high for such cloud formation to take place.

"Mrs. Jeanne Macdonald-Gregory," who had served as an RAF airwoman in World War II, "who watched it, wrote...'The sky did not contain the normal heavy electric thunderclouds but moving (cloud) layers, black in parts. Two falls of hail as large as marbles. The one thing that will certainly interest you is that during the whole of this gale-period, the RAF had jet fighters

up! Why?"

Mrs. Macdonald-Gregory contacted old friends in the RAF, but to no avail. She added, "I ran into a blank wall of silence."

"I watched no fewer than five jets climbing like mad to their maximum height (altitude in the USA--J.T.), the cloudbase, at that period being around 50,000 feet. I saw two of the fighter jets break away and dart off at right angles, as if they had suddenly seen something else in a different quarter."

"No Air Force would send up planes in that sort of weather, if they had not been at panic stations. Was the phenomenon induced by the sixty-three atomic explosions (in the nine years since 1945--J.T.), or by those watching us from outer space? That electric storm made me wonder." (See the book Flying Saucers Uncensored by Harold T. Wilkins, The Citadel Press, New York, N.Y., 1955, page 255.)

1980: DISCO INFERNO

If you feel in the mood for dancing come New Year's Eve, there's a dancehall you might want to skip. It's in the city of Darlington, in County Durham, UK.

"Vicky Gilmour, 19, was in the girls' room of a disco in Darlington, County Durham, when she burst into flames."

"The burns almost killed her, as friends tried to beat out the flames." The girl survived but needed skin grafts for her face and body.

"In the belief that a cigarette ignited her light Indian cotton dress, a consumer organization tried setting alight pieces of Vicky's dress and other similar dresses with cigarettes--they just smoldered."

"In some respects this is similar to the story of Phyllis Newcombe, who in 1938 burst into flames while leaving a ballroom floor, only Phyllis died in hospital later."

"In this case, too, the dress was tested by flicking cigarette butts at it, to no effect."

Both the Vicky Gilmour and Phyllis Newcombe cases have entered the puzzling annals of the phenomenon called spontaneous human combustion or SHC. (See the book The World's Most Incredible Stories, edited by Paul Sieveking and Bob Rickard, Barnes & Noble, Inc., 1998, page 57.)

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

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From: Diane Harrison <aufornt@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 06:16:38 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 17:18:37 -0500
Subject: Please Update Your Links For AUFORN

Dear Webmasters

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New Link is

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufornt>

Thank you

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Re: Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable -

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 15:34:37 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 17:20:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable -

>From: Michael Brownlee <eostrust@mindspring.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 17:47:15 -0700
>Subject: Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable

>With the recent publication of The Allies of Humanity: An Urgent
>Message About the Extraterrestrial Presence in the World Today

><http://www.alliesofhumanity.org/index.html>

To be fair, I actually took a look.

To be fair, it was the funniest thing I read all day.

>Marshall Summers became the first major spiritual teacher to
>declare that the increasing appearance of UFOs and other related
>phenomena is symptomatic of nothing less than a subtle and
>heretofore unopposed invasion by extraterrestrial forces who
>seek to exploit Earth's resources entirely for their own
>benefit.

It strikes me that a debate between Summers and Dr. Greer would
make for fascinating television - "G: the aliens are good" - "S:
no, you fool, the aliens are bad, intent on taking over the
planet" - "G: fear monger!" - "S: appeaser!".

>Summers has just released an important and timely statement
>about the impending war, providing a very different perspective
>than can be found in the debate now raging throughout the world.

>A brief excerpt:

>"...the United States could win its war with Iraq, at great
>costs, only to lose a greater war later on. What I am proposing
>is that we are all being marched to war by forces from beyond
>our world who seek to divide and weaken the human family for the
>benefit of the Intruders. Our fears, prejudices, self-doubts and
>desire for revenge are all being manipulated and used by the
>Intervention and we are not seeing it. Like Cortez, the
>Intruders will play us against one another as they slowly build
>their presence and influence within our world waiting for the
>time when we are too weak and distracted to resist..."

There's only one flaw with this analysis (okay - there are a
myriad of flaws, but I choose to point out only the most
obvious). If the aliens are plotting, then they're nothing like
Cortez, who, in the best tradition of Julius Caesar, *veni vidi
vici*'d his way across the Americas. Now if he had hidden out on
some island, and manipulated events from there, perhaps...

In that sense, 'V' was much more realistic (plus, Jane Badler
was one good looking lizard!).

>Summers' message deserves careful consideration and thoughtful
>response. Read the entire white paper at:

><http://www.alliesofhumanity.org/message.htm>

Re: Who Is Marching Us to War? The Unthinkable -

I have given it careful consideration (which is more than it deserves, but...), and here's my thoughtful response -

Thanks for the chuckle. As I was trying to balance the corporate books, it was a well-needed break from reality.

Now, back to reading the posts about serious ufological matters.

Regards,

Paul Kimball

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Re: Paul Davids' New Movie - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 22:40:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:30:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Davids' New Movie - Hall

>From: Terry Blanton <blanton@rtpatlanta.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 09:50:06 -0500
>Subject: Paul Davids' New Movie

>Hi, ebk. I think you and the listers will find this interesting.

>RKO studios will soon release the title of a new film by
>Executive Producers Paul Davids (Showtime's 'Roswell - The
>Movie') and Richard Hoagland. There's an intriguing story on
>Paul's website about the research surrounding the production:
>evidence found in NASA archives, NASA's refusal to release first
>generation 'public' images, and firings of NASA employees who
>co-operated with the research.

>Go to:

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

>click on the "Films" button and "New RKO/Hoagland Film" on the
>next page.

>Terry

List,

As my grandmother used to say, "Lor' ha' mercy!" That's all we
need is a paranoid Hoagland/Davids production. Sow biz uber
alles.

- Dick

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Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 20:33:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:50:56 -0500
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight - Myers

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 19:09:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 22:23:51 +0000
>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog
>>><ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 11:47:36 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

>>>>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 16:29:04 EST
>>>>Subject: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

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The problem here is that Larry Landsman knew about Schmitt's past. As far as I'm concerned, anyone in their right mind would have never utilized Schmitt. You're just sticking your face out there begging to get punched. Can you imagine this being a criminal case and having Schmitt as your star witness? No thanks. He's a defense lawyer's dream and a duck in a barrel for skeptics.

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I believe in giving people a second chance, people do indeed make honest mistakes or what they say has been misperceived or not conveyed the way it should have - I'm easily guilty of that in many instances as are many people on this List. However, in the case of Schmitt, he was apparently given more than his fair share of chances to come clean and failed to take those

opportunities. People are more likely to forgive someone who readily comes forward and accepts responsibility.

Instead of winding up with some great publicity for Roswell and a well documented, well researched UFO case that might have been the most important case in the history of this field, Schmitt left us with lies, more lies, excuses, incompetent research and a black eye on the face of UFOlogy that has never fully healed, as is evident by the messages to this List.

Sci Fi is entitled to promote its programming and earn its ratings, I have no problem with that at all. After all, it is show biz and nothing is free. I understand the entertainment factor needed for programming. I also did acknowledge the positive aspect of what Sci Fi has done with involving the archeological team and its staging of the GWU UFO Symposium. I hope we see many more conferences organized on that level with that class of speakers.

My problem here is that Larry Landsman was well aware of Schmitt's background and the massive damage his research had already done. So why would someone who claims to want to promote science and responsible investigation in this field ever use someone like Schmitt to begin with? I would only be interested in using people that have a past of being credible, honest and forthcoming. Why chance risking any kind of credible find over one person?

I just hope that Sci Fi does not choose to use the sensationalist charlatans out there for future programming. I see this great opportunity for Ufology and am very concerned that it will take a turn for the worse. After all, Sean David Morton once had a program on Sci Fi. I don't think a single person wants to be associated with that, especially the serious UFO researchers out there and those that are concerned about the subject - whether it proves to be extraordinary or mundane.

Larry, I hope you decide to exercise a bit more caution in the people you choose to be the voice of Ufology and I also hope you choose to keep an open ear to the people that know this field far better than most. You're no dummy Larry, we know that. But do know that if you burn this field, you will be left with nothing but the weeds that sprout from the ashes...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
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Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:33:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:55:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

>From: Roy Norris <rnorris@charter.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
>Subject: Another Approach

>The problem then becomes one of placing our monitoring vehicle
>where a UFO sighting is likely to occur. Although there is no
>sure predictor, there is some indication that UFO sightings are
>frequently repeated over a period of time (ie, the Hudson Valley
>sightings or the Gulf Breeze sightings for example). Also,
>UFO's have shown a propensity in the past to show up around
>certain military installations, and nuclear facilities.

>With all of the effort that has been expended on post sighting
>investigation, Freedom of Information Act endeavors, cataloging
>of UFO reports, Roswell research, publishing of hundreds if not
>thousands of UFO books, why has not this rather simple and
>straight forward approach been undertaken? Someone like Lawrence
>Rockefeller could fund this out of pocket change. It could be
>funded at a fraction of the cost of The Disclosure Project. Why
>has no one (publicly) pursued this very obvious and straight
>forward path to further our knowledge??

The answer is a combination of \$\$\$\$ and time. Not enough \$\$\$ for
not a long enough duration of time.

Your suggestion of an instrumented van has been tried... was
used in Gulf Breeze... unfortunately arrived after the end of
the big sighting flap there (of course, we didn't know that the
flap had ended... this became apparent in retrospect).

The Fund for UFO Research and individuals have proposed
instrument packages that could be shipped to the locations of
multiple sightings within a day or so. These packages would
contain instruments, cameras, et c. whatever can be packaged.
Either a trained operator would have to be shipped along with it
or local investigators would have to be trained to use it.

In the early 1970's Ray Stanford had Project Starlight
International in Texas which did have an instrumented van as
well as a large research "farm" outside Austin. Actually
recorded some events, but couldn't "prove" anything. Need
accurate recording as well as impeccable documentation of
provenance.

The instrumented van which went to Gulf Breeze in 1992 was
"documentable" but arrived too late. Said van was subsequently
"decommissioned" and the instruments and van used for other
activities. (Much of the equipment could be reconstituted over a
several month period of time... in case \$\$\$\$\$\$ are waiting out
there for something to do).

I don't know what the Project Starlight International budget
was, but I would guess many tens of thousands to in the
neighborhood of 100K or more. Supported by a private donor in
Texas who was a strong supporter of Stanford.

The budget for the Gulf Breeze van was probably about 40K plus
travel expenses, etc. Might have been 50-60 K investigation

overall. Not sure since I didn't handle the \$\$\$\$. The van expedition, assembled by George Hathaway, was supported by a real prince of a fellow, who some here will know, but who has been laying low in years since for various political reasons.

If someone wants to endow a "UFO Investigation Fund" at a high enough level so that 20K or more level of investigation could be supported each year by the interest on the endowment plus an initial shot of, say, \$100 K to assemble a van plus shipable instrument package (and perhaps to train investigators) then we might be able to convert UFO investigation into a real science!. The experience of NIDS with their instrumented farm would probably be valuable to study (what can happen at the site of repeated anomalous events/sightings).

Incidentally, you mention Laurence R. It is well known that he has an interest in the subject. Perhaps if a number of scientists approached him directly with a specific plan he would be willing to support this, especially if some others with philanthropist tendencies were also willing to contribute.

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Re: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 19:11:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 16:35:13 -0700
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

>>From: Gord Heath <gwheath@shaw.ca>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 13:38:42 -0800
>>Subject: Frank Edwards - Mutual Network Radio Archives?

>>Does any List subscriber know if there are any archives of
>>Frank Edwards radio broadcasts from 1953?

<snip>

>1953. Exact broadcast date unknown. Report on Project Twinkle.
>Source: Connors.
>Sound Quality: Good.
>Running Time: 00:04:38.

Since I have studied Project Twinkle - see:
<http://brumac.8k.com>

look for White Sands Proof - I would be interested in knowing
whether or not Edwards learned anything I don't know already!.

Is the tape an interview of one of the Twinkle staff or
something else?

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Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 19:45:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:21:06 -0500
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight -

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>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 20:33:04 -0800
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Sets The Record Straight

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So the fact that someone of ill repute is involved in this will
taint it beyond redemption.

On a different List, I asked Kevin for his opinion of Schmitt's
involvement in SciFi's Roswell program, and I hope he won't mind
if I post his public response on that list here:

====Kevin Randle's response====

I've actually tried to form a response that makes sense on a
couple of occasions and haven't had much luck. I guess the best
word is ambivalent. On the one hand I doubt that it makes any
real difference, especially if what Schmitt says is corroborated
by other, more reliable witnesses. On the other hand, this is
what is wrong in UFOlogy. We have a discredited researcher who
continues to move forward spreading his misinformation and
telling tales to others. But, before we begin to condemn those
at the Sci Fi Channel for using him, we must remember that he
has a position of authority at the museum in Roswell and that
UFO groups still pay him to talk to them. We can't hold the Sci
Fi Channel to one standard and ourselves to another, lesser
standard. The solution might seem to boycott the producers, as
advocated in other threads, but in the end, we give the forum to

those who don't deserve it.

So, I'm ambivalent. He's on the program and he probably says nothing on it that isn't true... or at least that he doesn't believe to be true which isn't quite the same thing. All we can do is watch and hope that the producers have put together a good program. One that doesn't have any real spin or bias, but looks at the facts, limited though they are.

====End Kevin Randle's response====

With due respect to researchers that have advanced the Roswell investigation much further than Don Schmitt, the fact that Schmitt and Carey are carrying on current research DOES matter to those who are trying to present current research.

Do we take that information as gospel because of who has said it? I certainly hope not.

Will the fact that a discredited researcher is involved cause glee among skeptics? Of course it will.

In the long run, will it matter if the information and evidence presented is of value. I tend to doubt it.

I certainly don't support Schmitt's involvement in ufology, but I can't condemn the program or the network because of his involvement. I, too, hope that the SciFi Channel exhibits better judgment in the future. But let's keep in mind that WE aren't the target audience here. Most of us know where we stand on this subject, or at least have a pretty good idea. This program was aimed at the general public, and apparently attracted a fairly large audience, by the SciFi Channel's standards.

I can think of several personalities in this genre that are far worse. If the SciFi Channel travels down those paths I'll simply stop watching and hope the damage the field is minor. But that's based on the nonsense they spout, and not on the fact that they're fools and charlatans.

There have been many documentaries on Roswell produced in the last few years, and this was the first that seemed to take a fairly balanced approach to the subject. It wasn't great and it seems they really didn't have time to finish the archeological research they'd started. But I find that it's an interesting relationship between the genre and the SciFi Channel that's evolving, and one can only hope that in the long run it's positive.

Steve

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:26:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 17:19:26 +0100
>Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:54:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>A question which troubles me is the possibility that some
>witnesses may have been sincere at first but may have become
>unreliable later. For what reason? First, the desire to boost
>their story. This might be the case for Jim Ragsdale. But there
>may be other reasons!

Gildas,

Thank you for raising these issues. I have similar questions about witnesses who at first might seem credible but later either "flip" stories or are shown to be unreliable in other ways. A key question in my mind is the "why" for the lying or change of stories. Do they reflect a purely personal agenda or are there outside forces at work?

Here's an analogy. Suppose a prosecution witness is shown to be lying on the witness stand. There are various reasons that the witness might lie, each of them putting a different perspective on the possible guilt or innocence of the accused. E.g.:

1. It's a high-profile case and the witness enjoys the attention and publicity. The testimony is largely made up. In this case, a reasonable jury might conclude that witness perjury has little or no bearing on the guilt or innocence of the accused. The testimony is ignored.
2. The witness harbors malice towards the accused. The jury might again conclude the testimony should be ignored or maybe treated cautiously since it is obviously highly biased.
3. The witness has turned state's evidence in exchange for immunity from prosecution. The jury might conclude that the prosecution has no case if they have to depend on someone obviously motivated by purely selfish reasons. This might make the jury lean towards innocence of the accused.
4. The witness has been bribed, threatened, or is part of a conspiracy to frame the accused. Again this could point towards innocence in the jury's mind.
5. The witness is in collusion with the accused. Admitting to lying on the witness stand might be part of a scheme to convince the jury of the innocence of the accused. But this would backfire if the scheme were exposed, in which case the jury might be convinced of guilt instead.

In all cases, the witness is lying about some things, but guilt or innocence is placed in a different light depending on why the witness lied. Much of the testimony could even be based on inside knowledge and be mostly truthful. The jury could choose to totally disregard the testimony if they deemed it completely unreliable, or they might weigh it along with other evidence, mindful that parts of the testimony are questionable.

In the case of Roswell, I think it is often a mistake to totally disregard what some witnesses says because parts of their story are obviously untruthful. Like members of a jury, this is obviously a matter of personal judgment when it comes to judging witness credibility.

E.g., Mogul engineer Charles Moore has recently been exposed as a hoaxer by Brad Sparks and myself regarding his "calculated" Mogul trajectory, and also been caught altering other data, such as maps, to promote some sort of agenda. Whether his agenda is personal or whether he was "inspired" by some outside agency I don't know. But he has clearly perjured himself

However, I think it foolish to disregard everything he has had to say, though I now treat his statements with much more caution. Other witnesses I think should be treated in a similar fashion, lest we possibly throw out the baby with the bathwater.

>Another one could be pressure for commercial reasons (Ragsdale >again). But there might be yet another reason : pressure from >people in charge of protecting the secret.

>The first example is, of course, William McBrazel, with two >stories, the second one under military escort, with some details >such as the weight of the debris : less than five pounds! Are >there other witnesses of that kind ?

>I noted with interest that Kevin, in his IUR article on Kaufmann, >recalled that "He always picked up the check, claiming that someone >else paid for it. The implication was that the government was >watching and Frank was just doing his job". >Well, what kind of job was he doing ?

Kaufmann claimed that he was a government counterintelligence and disinformation agent left behind to keep an eye on things. Whether this was true or not, I don't know, but there is some circumstantial evidence that might support it:

1. He was shown in the 1947 base yearbook receiving a medal from deputy base commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings. This medal was found in his personal effects after his death. Yet he was supposed to be nothing but a civilian clerk at the base. What was his medal for? Exceptional typing or filing?

2. Kaufmann, a native New Yorker, was planning to return to New York and was all packed to go. Then Roswell happened. He told his wife words to the effect, "Unpack everything, we're staying." This "tale" was corroborated by his wife, who was described to me as a sweet old lady completely without guile.

3. The following year, Kaufmann was now on the board of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. This would be an excellent position to keep Kaufmann plugged into the town rumor mill, if that was the intent. First, I find it odd that an obvious outsider like Kaufmann would be in such a position in a small cowtown. Small towns tend to be very insular and suspicious of outsiders. It typically takes a long time to win people's trust and be accepted. More telling, however, is what turned up at the Roswell hall of records. All board members of the Chamber of Commerce were paid out of town funds - except for Kaufmann, who was paid from some unknown outside source. This would be in line with Kaufmann always picking up the check claiming that somebody else was paying for it.

>This reminds me of what John Carpenter, whom I met in Laughlin in >March 2000, told me about Gerald Anderson. He had met him >recently and Anderson was in excellent health and mood. His >attitude was the one of a man satisfied to have done his job well. >Carpenter was the hypnotherapist who had regressed Anderson >and who had supported him during several years. Now he was >convinced that he had played a role.

I too suspect Kaufmann played a role, though maybe not exactly the role he devised for himself. He may also have been an insider of some sort. Some of his information was original and seems to have checked out.

E.g., Kaufmann, I believe, was the first to claim that it was the special counter-intelligence corps team (which he claimed to be a part) which came up with the bright idea of the base press release of recovering a flying disc. That's the way I read the

Ramey memo as well. There is also testimony from several witnesses to the effect of strange CIC people being at the base. (Though conceivably Kaufmann might have been aware of this.)

A good example was Sgt. Robert Smith of the Air Transport Unit, who said he helped load C54's with crates of crash material while unknown, plain-clothes "inspectors" flashed ID cards from some unknown project. Smith also said a cousin of his with the Secret Service served as Truman's representative. Kaufmann also mentioned the SS agent and gave the same name. See:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/smith.html>

Kaufmann, again I believe, was the first to claim that bodies were recovered inside the craft. This was also corroborated by Gen. Arthur Exon.

Furthur, this item is almost definitely in the Ramey memo, first speaking of "the victims of the wreck" being "forwarded to" "Fort Worth, Tex." The very next statement in the memo reads "in the 'disc' they will ship". What was being shipped from inside the "disc" was being sent by plane to Fort Worth, the context indicating that this was the bodies.

Kaufmann, however, claimed that the Fort Worth shipment - testified to by Robert Slusher and "Tim", who were on the flight - see:

http://www.roswellproof.com/B29_Flight_July9.html

- was nothing but a diversion, the bodies actually being shipped elsewhere. This may have been Kaufmann acting as the disinformationalist, mixing truth with lies.

Another example of deception mixed with truth by Kaufmann were his shifting crash sites. The point of this would be to keep people looking in the wrong place, and also to later discredit their research and Roswell in general as the inconsistencies in the testimony mounted.

>A question remains : could he have given, maybe like Kaufmann >and even Ragsdale, some true information, cleverly mixed with >lies ? The trick is then to make a very interesting story, but >which will be discredited sooner or later. I suspect two >possible scenarios here : "amplifying disinformation", or >gradual release of information, under tight control.

This is the way I look at it. A lot of these Roswell witnesses are not black and white, but more shades of gray. If they lie (or maybe not tell all they know), sometimes the most important question is why did they lie? Was it a personal agenda for self-glorification, or is there something else behind it, such as self-protection, protection of others, or maybe to deliberately confuse an already confusing situation on behalf of government counterintelligence (CI)?

When you think about, it makes a lot of sense that if something as stupendous as an ET crash had occurred, somebody would be left behind to keep an eye on the situation. People might also be paid off to lie and eventually discredit themselves. Investigators who initially bought into their stories get discredited by association, along with the whole scenario of a saucer crash.

Once CI gets involved, everything can become a hall of mirrors. During WWII, Allied CI through various ruses had the Germans completely confused about Allied invasion plans. Even after the Normandy invasion was well underway, the Germans remained convinced that this was only a diversion.

So Kaufmann was officially nothing but a humble clerk. But when you think about it, this is the perfect cover for a CI mole, somebody who is completely inconspicuous, but is really behaving like a "fly on the wall." It's like a waiter spy listening in on the sensitive conversations of the customers.

There are other examples of CI people who had regular "day jobs", but were also serving in a CI capacity. Take the case of Larry Dyvad, associated with Project Mogul, supposedly as a chase pilot for the balloon flights. That was his "day job." But the day after the Roswell base press release, he was part of a

team at Alamogordo debunking Roswell and flying saucers using weather balloons and radar targets (one of a number of such demonstrations incidentally). See:

www.roswellproof.com/militarydebunk.html

This even came up in the Air Force Roswell report in the interviews with Charles Moore and Col. Albert Trakowski by Lt. James McAndrew. Given Dyvad's involvement with the Alamogordo demonstration, they speculated that he was secretly with CI.

Additional evidence of this comes from a 1951 document. Trakowski's replacement as Mogul Project Officer was Col. Edward Doty, who we know today from multiple documents, was really an AFOSI officer (i.e., Air Force counterintelligence) and also in charge of UFO investigations at Holloman AFB, Alamogordo. Both Doty and Dyvad took a UFO report from a radar station near Corona, N.M. in 1951. A discussion of this and the document can be viewed at:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/Dyvad1951.html>

It is also noteworthy that the Air Force included a 1959 letter from Doty to the Holloman base historian (Appendix 4 to McAndrew section), detailing his involvement with the balloon projects at Alamogordo starting in January 1948, but telling the historian nothing at all about being with AFOSI or being the base UFO investigator.

So Doty too seems to have a "day job", but he was considerably more than just chief of various balloon project. Furthermore, he seems to have deliberately concealed his primary military affiliation (AFOSI) plus other secretive responsibilities.

The point is, we don't really know if Kaufmann was nothing more than a clerk. Maybe that's all he was, but he may have been considerably more than that. As is usually the case with Roswell, the truth of the matter is muddled.

>The case of Glenn Dennis might be yet another one. He would have >told the truth basically, but protected the identity of the >nurse. He may also have had his memory somewhat mixed up, after >forty years. I already noted in a previous post :

>Regarding Glenn Dennis and the "missing nurse", I am perplexed >by the information given about Eilen Fanton, both in the >"Roswell Report. Case Closed" (pages 82-83), and by Karl Pflock >in his last book, at pages 138-139.

>She seems to correspond on several points to the description >made by Glenn Dennis. Could it be that at least part of his >original story was accurate ? Or is there a solid argument >against that, apart from the false name Naomi Selff ?

Dennis is a classic example of a Roswell witness who I think is basically telling the truth but for various reasons chose not to tell the whole truth. He may very well be still protecting the true identity of a real person. (I have additional information on this which I am not at liberty to disclose. Despite statements to the contrary, the existence of a real Nurse X has not been conclusively ruled out. E.g., there were other nurses at the base, some civilian, who are not pictured in the base yearbook.)

There is also some independent corroboration of Dennis' story from other witnesses, as I have detailed on my website. See:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/dennis.html>

Because Dennis lied about the nurse's name, various investigators have been trying to distance themselves as much as possible from him. I think this is as big a mistake as dismissing everything that, say, a Charles Moore has had to say. And we may be making a similar mistake in totally dismissing Frank Kaufmann.

The problem, of course, is trying to pick out the truth amidst the deception. But this is not much different from the task that police investigators face when dealing with less-than-truthful witnesses to a crime. A smart investigator will not completely discount testimony from such witnesses if other evidence

corroborates parts of their stories. If anything, the reasons behind the lies may be far more important than the testimony itself.

E.g., if (hypothetically) the government had paid Charles Moore to promote a hoax in order to further debunk Roswell, that information would be hugely significant in and of itself.

David Rudiak

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Latest Vice-President Lyndon Johnson UFO Letter

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 21:54:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:28:40 -0500
Subject: Latest Vice-President Lyndon Johnson UFO Letter

The very short, Vice President Johnson letter was written to Leon Davidson, a prominent NICAP UFO investigator in the late 1950s. It can be seen at:

www.presidentialufo.com/johnson_pictures.htm

Davidson is probably most famous for helping to expose the CIA as they tried to recover an "alien message" by impersonating Air Force officers. The case was even written up in the CIA paper "A Die-Hard Issue: CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90."

I have written up a review of the Maier case at

www.presidentialufo.com/maier_sisters.htm

The Johnson library told me that they do not have the October 8, 1961 Davidson letter. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows what happened to Davidson's files.

Another letter still being sought from Johnson's files is one where Johnson replies to a letter talking about a story dealing with the George Adamski Saturnian spacecraft. In the letter Vice President Johnson says,

"Thank you for your letter of October 11, 1962. My reply to your enquiries about a Saturnian spacecraft landing on a U.S. airbase is simply that there is no factual basis for such a report. There is, however, no law which prevents such imaginative ideas being reported. The alternative would be a type of censorship over freedom of speech and expression which would do more harm than good."

At this point we don't know who the author is, which is preventing the recovery of the letter.

Grant Cameron
www.presidentialufo.com/news_update.htm

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:30:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:45:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>I should add that there were, intentionally, other debunkers on
>the show and in the audience, which may account for why the
>audience believer-vote was "only" 73%, taken before the debate.
>I suppose we could say we clobbered them. By the way the total
>audience number, which I had not recalled, is more than twice
>the number that saw the recent all time most popular SCI-FI
>Documentary show about Roswell.

More Research by Referendum. Surely all these "votes" show more
about the nature of the audience at these events than the
strength of the arguments advanced?

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Morton

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 07:12:12 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:32:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Morton

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 01:41:15 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

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>For example, think of all the serial killers who seemed
>perfectly normal on the outside while few around them suspected
>they were mass murders. There are people in this world who wear
>a facade when among others and become entirely different
>personalities in private and in their heads. That's why it's so
>important to have a deeper understanding of the human psyche
>especially when it comes to the study of abduction experiences.

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Although I have no idea if I could differentiate a "true"
abductee from a fake one, some people's psyches are fairly
transparent to me, as they probably are to some others.

For example, years ago I was channel surfing and saw a videotape
of a lawyer arguing something or other in front of a jury. He
was well-dressed, eloquent, pleasant, smooth, and talented. My
immediate, gut reaction was fear and panic. I wanted to yell out
to someone, "Tackle that guy! Chain him up! He's a monster!" I
continued to watch the program to see what it was about. It was
about the "lawyer" whose name was Ted Bundy. Bundy was arguing
his case as his own attorney, and this turned out to be a
special program about him after he had finally been convicted,
but long before he was executed. At that time, I knew his name
but had never seen his photograph, and knew very little about
him. His speech, facial expressions and body language were so
disingenuous, controlled, yet almost flippant, it was positively
terrifying. His manner seemed to be one of "controlled
recklessness", implicitly expressing a willingness and ability
to kill (or something equally horrible), as well as a
fearlessness and huge contempt for those judging him, since he
seemed confident they would be too blind to see that a real
murderer was standing right in front of them. He skated on the
edge of disaster, confident that he could escape, just as he had
done before. Had I met him in real life, I would have been very
afraid of him. Frankly, I would have been terrified.

The videotape of Bundy's act when he claimed to have a Multiple
Personality Disorder (or whatever the correct term is) was one
of the biggest farces I have ever seen in my entire life - and I
knew almost nothing about MPDs. It was as phony as a 3 1/2

dollar bill. Only a bleeding heart Liberal could have been taken in by that pathetic and amateurish attempt to escape execution and gain sympathy for poor, little Teddy, the confused and amnesic serial killer whose other self did all those terrible things, but didn't bother to tell little Teddy about them...

At least Tony Perkins as Norman Bates was semi-believable when he gasped offscreen, "Oh God - Mother! Blood! Blood!!" in the movie Psycho. By comparison, Ted Bundy acted like an amateur trying out for a high school play - and not getting the part due to his bad acting. (A more astute psychologist hired by the Prosecution later punctured Bundy's act with many holes, proving to all that Bundy was clueless in his ignorant attempts to imitate someone with MPD. That particular psychologist was very knowledgeable and quite impressive, since he was able to actually prove Bundy was acting - not merely appeal to common sense or simply render a generalized, professional opinion.)

I admit that had I met Heinrich Himmler, not knowing who he was, I might have been fooled. But Himmler, if I'm not mistaken, believed he was doing the "right" thing, whereas Bundy knew he was a serial killer without supposed moral justification or any support base. Everything about Bundy was a lie, except his crimes and some legal training.

My point here is that not everyone is fooled by these people. In fact, I'm often pretty amazed when I hear the statements made by people who knew Bundy and John Wayne Gacey and others, that they seemed "perfectly normal". Normal??? What's normal about an overweight clown with a piercing stare (Gacey)? Or a man on trial for his life, accused of murdering a number of women, acting as if he'd been pulled over for doing 43 in a 40mph zone, and with every "calm" movement and smiling syllable shouting out, "I'm lying through my teeth, you idiots! Can't you see that?" (Bundy). (And he might have pulled it off had it not been for the clinching evidence: The bite marks.)

Professionals are sometimes fooled - with Bundy and others. I did some counseling in 1979 with a psychiatrist. He was an older man who impressed me with his caring attitude, and the fact that he'd been around the block. Yet even he was fooled by one of his patients, he admitted to me. He had treated a man who was supposedly suffering from problems induced by battle stress during WW2. The patient described the sights, sounds, smells, etc, of battle to the psychiatrist in graphic detail. At some point, the Doctor needed to contact the man's relatives for more information since little progress was being made. He spoke with several relatives, and they all said, "John? Our John? In WW2? No, he was here working at the local bakery in Littleville during the war. Yes, I'm positive. He was never in the military." The patient later confessed that he'd made it all up, and fooled even this experienced psychiatrist.

Of course, I never met that former patient or knew his real name or the town he came from. It was all completely anonymous. But I'd bet a dollar I could have spotted his phoniness from across the room - or at least after a 10-minute conversation. And I'd bet another dollar that a number of other people could do the same - with or without formal training in psychology. I do have a good track record, but I haven't bothered to keep score. I would imagine many others can honestly make the same claim.

The "OJ chase" certainly showed evidence of OJ's guilt. But if anyone actually believed all his ridiculous stories before his arrest, how could they believe his arraignment plea of "100% not guilty", I think he said. No innocent man pleads "100% not guilty" when charged with a crime... They say, "Not guilty, your honor". No degree in psychology is needed for that situation and some others which are just as easy to penetrate. And if you were to ask me if I saw something sinister in OJ Simpson before he did what he did, I would have to answer, "Yes" - but I don't know how many people would believe me. This was yet another case of someone who did not act "perfectly normal" in his public life, in my opinion, and when I heard his wife had been killed, had a good hunch as to who might have done it. Again, I would imagine that others can honestly make the same claim, even though they knew him only from television, etc, and had no inside information.

The point of all this is that it's not that easy to conceal a lie, in my opinion. Sure, we can all be fooled by someone. There

are some very good liars out there! But most liars, most of the time, are overflowing with signs of deception which effectively turn them into flashing neon signs, advertising their deceit. And that principle would apply to fake abductees - the ones who are lying, not the mentally ill - as well as others. As to the mentally ill fake abductees, some of them would probably be more difficult to detect if they seemed to be "normal" in most ways, since they would presumably not be "lying".

If I've made any factual errors regarding Bundy, I apologize: I saw that program many years ago, and haven't checked any sources to verify my recollections. But it was so frightening (except for the laughable MPD act), it feels like I watched it yesterday.

Dave Morton

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:17:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:25:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Kaeser

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 07:12:12 EST
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

<snip>[and my response makes more sense if you've read the previous post]

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>difficult to detect if they seemed to be "normal" in most ways,
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Are we assuming that only someone who is "mentally ill" would make up abduction stories? How "mentally ill" would they have to be? What about those persons who may simply be deluded into believing their own confabulated memories? Does that denote a mental illness?

A "fake" abductee, IMO, would indicate that someone is making up their story, for some reason, but how do we tell the difference between someone who simply believes they've been abducted when in fact they have not? Should we accept on faith the word of abduction researchers that they can tell the difference. John Mack was taken in by a reporter, who spent a number of months as part of an abduction group, which she later wrote about in a Time Magazine article. She obviously knew that she was faking it, but what about non-abductees who aren't? Other than their own beliefs and faith in humanity, how do researchers measure the difference.

I don't have any answers to most of these questions, which is one of the reasons I try to distance myself from the abduction side of this genre. Unlike others on this list, I would recommend that the two areas of study be separated, but that's not really likely to happen. It is obvious that there is a phenomenon involved here, but what the cause might be is still completely up in the air, IMO.

Human psychology is not a black-and-white issue that can be easily defined. IMO, we shouldn't try to frame our arguments on that basis. A number of very good questions have been asked in previous posts in this thread, which point to some of the facets that have been developed by professionals in recent years. I suspect that far more than half of humanity has some mental issues that they have to deal with.

My thoughts.

Steve

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Re: Another Approach - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:32:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Young

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:33:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Roy Norris <rnorris@charter.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
>>Subject: Another Approach

<snip>

>If someone wants to endow a "UFO Investigation Fund" at a high
>enough level so that 20K or more level of investigation could be
>supported each year by the interest on the endowment plus an
>initial shot of, say, \$100 K to assemble a van plus shipable
>instrument package (and perhaps to train nvestigators) then we
>might be able to convert UFO investigation into a real science!.
>The experience of NIDS with their instrumented farm would
>probably be valuable to study (what can happen at the site of
>repeated anomalous events/sightings).

>Incidentally, you mention Laurence R. It is well known that he has
>an interest in the subject. Perhaps if a number of scientists
>approached him directly with a specific plan he would be willing
>to support this, especially if some others with philanthropist
>tendencies were also willing to contribute.

"Statistically speaking, an unimpeachable photograph must sooner
or later appear if UFOs are a physical reality. Every year that
passes without such a photograph being produced is evidence
against the position that unknown objects are operating in the
Earth's atmosphere" Stuart Nixon, Director, NICAP, November
1972.

Good luck,

Bob Young

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Re: Mantell Case - Peer Review - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 12:35:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:34:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Mantell Case - Peer Review - Maccabee

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 02:51:07 -0500
>Subject: Mantell Case - Peer Review

>Hi All,

>I was just out visiting the Virtually Strange website and
>reading the results of all the work that Kevin Randle put into
>compiling the details and testimony of the Thomas Mantell crash
>case.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml>

Kevin as done an admirable job of collecting the evidence and
providing this analysis.

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Paul Bennewitz?

From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:41:54 -0500
Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

On Dr. Maccabee's website, I just read/reviewed his report on UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB, and would like more material about Paul Bennewitz, as his involvement with the UFO subject is much more complicated, as I understand.

Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called 'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to info, as to whether this material is the product of disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz was discredited and if so, by whom?

Laurel

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FILER'S FILES #50 -- 2002

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:45:05 -0500
Subject: FILER'S FILES #50 -- 2002

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The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Features this week are: Geminid meteor shower coming, Space Shuttle videos spots speeding self-luminous objects, New York flashing "V" photographed, New Jersey boomerang and cylinder objects, Virginia UFO photo, North Carolina close encounter, Ohio UFO video, UFO Wisconsin reports lights, Illinois man images four UFOs, Louisiana reporters see UFO, Washington bright sphere, Oregon flying triangle, California strange light returns for 7th year, Mexico tourist sees UFO, Argentina UFO wave, Thirty Italian sightings for November and 663 this year, Ukraine UFO base, Ukraine and Russia rocket going to the moon, Parallel universe may explain UFO sightings, and New Jersey missing time. Steven Spielberg's "Taken" Television series on Scifi gets high ratings.

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GEMINID METEOR SHOWER

Geminid Meteor shower which peaks this year on Saturday morning, December 14, 2002, has begun. Unlike the recent Leonids, which were nearly overwhelmed in some places by moonlight, the Geminids of 2002 will not be dimmed by a glaring moon. These meteors come from a curious object -- a "Twilight Zone" cross between a comet and an asteroid -- called 3220 Phaethon.

ENDEAVOUR VIDEO SPOTS SELF-LUMINOUS OBJECTS

Jeff Challender writes the Space Shuttle Endeavour had to spend three extra days aloft due to bad weather at the Cape, while millions of people were without power due to severe weather on Earth. I've now looked at every single tape from STS-113, which landed in Florida earlier today. There were 22 six hour tapes on this flight, and out of it all there were only two events of note. On December 1, 2002, the first event was composed of an apparently self-luminous object whizzing past the Shuttle/Station in the deep of night at 5:05 PM Central (Houston) Time. The sun was blocked by the Earth, so there was no external source of light.

NASA is getting better at censorship. I am noticing a new phenomenon in which the live action downlink will stop cold for a short time, and resume live action with some portion missing. It's as if something was deliberately "cut out" of the broadcast, as in live radio or TV when they have a foul mouthed caller, and can excise the offending speech. On December 3, 2002, at 8:37 AM Central time there was another remarkable event when a strobing object came into view. After reaching a point

near center screen, it stopped completely and became much brighter. Then after a short time stationary, it REVERSED it's course and exited the screen near the point of first entry, strobing as before. Satellites, ice and debris DON'T DO THIS.....EVER! Furthermore, there is no evidence of a firing of the RCS at any time during the event.

On Monday, December 2, the Shuttle Endeavour, and ISS, had undocked and separated that afternoon. When they came over Sacramento, California at 5:30 PST that evening, they were only a very few degrees of arc apart. It was absolutely awesome! I managed to get both spacecraft in the same field of view in my camcorder...even with zoom. Endeavour was in lead, ISSy in trail. ISSy was by far the brighter of the two due to her greater size and reflective surface area. It was the most incredible pass I have ever recorded, and won't soon be forgotten. I wouldn't be at all surprised if unwitting ground observers at various locations in the Pacific Northwest mistook this apparition for a UFO sighting, it was that rare and spectacular. This is only the second time in all my years of observing that I've seen this. The other time was a few hours after Atlantis had undocked from ISSy during the STS-110 mission last April. During that pass however, the spacecraft were quite a bit farther apart to the naked eye. May God Bless you and yours. Thanks to Jeff Challender Director; Project P.R.O.V.E.
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Editors Note: The severe weather on Earth is likely related to sunspots and solar flares on the sun. Shuttle Endeavour finally returned to Earth on Saturday, successfully concluding what turned out to be a two-week International Space Station assembly and crew rotation mission with veteran mission commander Jim Wetherbee at the controls. Once again NASA has done a great job and kindly provided us with proof of UFOs in space.

NEW YORK PHOTO PICTURE OF A FLASHING "V" SHAPED LIGHT.

HAMBURG -- The witness reports, " I looked out the window and saw a flashing object that I thought was a plane on November 19, 2002, but it remained stationary for more than 5 minutes." I went to the other room and got my digital binocular camera, took pictures at 11:35 PM, and downloaded them to my computer. It was a "V" shaped object with multiple colored lights. It remained stationary for about 20 minutes, then disappeared. It just stopped blinking and disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

NEW JERSEY BOOMERANG OBJECT

TURNERSVILLE -- Evelyn Galson phoned to tell me that on October 22, 2002, at about 9:20 AM, I was traveling on Route 42, when I noticed a boomerang object just above the trees on the left hand side of the highway. It was about two inches long at arms length, and was purest white. It looked like the same object I had spotted in 1998 with my husband, on Crosskeys Road. Again I was unable to stop, I had to pick up a friend of mine and take her to the doctors and she would have missed her appointment if I stopped. Since they are still around I will be looking around the area with my camera equipment more often. I may be able to get some photos or a video. 'Thanks to Evelyn Galson

HADDON HEIGHTS -- Paul Nahay, writes I was in a car being driven by Sue Swiatek (of the Fund for UFO Research, the website of which I am webmaster), on Sunday, November 10, 2002. We were driving south on Rt. 295. I was in the front passenger seat, and about 1:30 PM, Sue saw something to the left and ahead of us near the southeast quadrant of the Rt. 295 and White Horse Pike/Rt. 30 interchange. I got to see it for three seconds, so it was difficult to determine how anomalous it really was. What I saw was a large, dark rectangular object, oriented horizontally, just above the trees, about 1.5 miles away. It was the length (left to right) of two of my thumbs held at arm's length, and it was about 1/4 as wide as it was long. The middle estimate object was between 53 to 213 meters long or 1.7 times the length of a 747. It was either black or very dark gray, and it was somewhat "fuzzy" in its outline, in a way I can't quite describe; it looked strange, unlike anything I've seen before. We were currently driving down a hill, thus the object, which I happened to see as the bottom of it descended below the treeline.

Sue, who saw it for a few seconds longer, said she thought it was moving horizontally and downward, very slowly. There may have been an adequate clearing/field beyond the trees that we saw, where it could have landed. It looked too rectangular (sharpish corners) to be a blimp, at least the blimps that I have seen. Absolutely no wings. I'm clear on this. Definitely anomalous, but could have been an unusual design of a blimp that is more rectangular than I'm used to seeing. Paul says, "It was definitely not an airplane, nor a conventional blimp, and certainly not a helicopter; there were no wings of any kind, nor anything hanging down from it, such as the cabin of a blimp. Had it been a human-built craft, it had to be landing, and quite slowly (far more than any plane could), and it appeared to be going down in an area that was fairly dense with trees. We were startled enough by this sight that we pulled off at Exit 30 (Lawnside, NJ), and searched but were unable to see it again. Thanks to Paul Nahay, and Sue Swiatek see full report at: <http://pnahay.home.sprynet.com/ufowitne.htm>

VIRGINIA FLASHES LIGHT UP SKY

HAMPTON -- Early on December 5, 2002, this morning at approximately 3:45 AM, while I was on duty Security Forces for Langley Air Force Base, myself and another airman witnessed four flashes light up the night sky. It was a type of flash you would associate with a lightning storm. They were very sudden and lit up the whole area. It was raining and hailing, the weather was very poor. The first flash gave off a bluish glow, the second flash gave off a reddish glow, the third flash exhibited a yellowish-orangeish glow and the final flash was bluish-greenish. These lit up the entire sky and knocked out two city blocks' power.

We patrolled the area suspecting it might have been the repercussions of a fallen tree or downed wire. We couldn't find any debris. We notified the Fire Department and the Power Company. We are still unclear as to what was the cause of the power outage. The airman and myself believe it to have been a UFO. After the third flash, we thought we saw an "Illuminated" triangle-vortex flashing around in the sky. It was very brief though. Thanks to zenbunny@mac.com Para-Discuss@yahoo.com

NORTH CAROLINA CLOSE ENCOUNTER

MARINE'S CHERRY POINT STATION -- John Thompson writes, "Here's a tidbit I gleamed recently from a former North Carolina resident." This man said in the late 1950s, while living not far from the home of the 2nd Marine Air Wing, that he had a remarkable close-encounter experience. While playing baseball with high school age friends someone hit the ball over the roof of his house. He chased the ball and saw a round, disc-shaped craft with platform around it just "sitting" in the air. The craft was 40 feet diameter sat motionless and soundless about a 100 feet away and about 20 feet high. An opening appeared in the UFO and a humanoid in a skin tight suit and skull cap stepped out onto the platform. The humanoid after only a few seconds spotted him and immediately reentered the UFO. The saucer then zoomed away. The humanoid stood about "five feet three" and wore "a gray suit." The sighting occurred on a bright, slightly cloudy, Sunday afternoon at about 3 p.m. He said, the dramatic daylight sighting left such an impression that he can remember what he saw over 40 years ago as if it was only yesterday.

The unknown object appeared to used colors to mimic its background for camouflage purposes. He says despite being only several miles from the Marine base he never considered the UFO was a man-made craft because of its seamless construction, zero engine noise, and great speed displayed. The entity, despite its short stature, did have human form. This sounds much like the New Guinea sighting made by a priest many years ago. Thanks to John Thompson

OHIO VIDEO OF UFOs

Dave Crisp writes, I took a series of photos of UFOs on November 20, 2002, around 4 PM, The last shot in this mail was taken a The first shot was taken around 12 PM, November 20th. Two different videos at different times of the day of the same craft. Maybe not the same craft? They look kind of different. This is all too shocking to me. Each video is around 30 seconds

long. Keep in mind, I did not know these were UFOs at the time and I had a hard time seeing them in the view finder. The sun was bright. I heard a jet during the second shooting and I thought I was capturing a real live jet spraying chemtrails. I hope this is clear but I am still processing this event. That tells me that it is strange and not natural. I am a certified drug counselor. Thanks to Dave Crisp

<http://community.webtv.net/crispsongs/PaulDavidCrisp>

LOUISIANA REPORTERS SEE UFO

ALEXANDRIA -- I wanted to let you know that I had a strange sighting on December 6, 2002, just about 15 minutes ago at 2:10 PM, on Interstate 49 and Pineville Expressway interchange in a crystal clear blue sky. A photographer, Douglas Collier, and I were returning from an assignment. I am a reporter for the Alexandria Daily Town Talk. Just as we were approaching our exit into downtown Alexandria, I happened to look up and I noticed an armada of about 12 military helicopters flying west in formation most likely heading to nearby Fort Polk. This in itself was an unusual sight, but then, something else caught my eye, a cylindrical white-colored object hanging motionless beyond the group of helicopters. I immediately informed Douglas about the object and I told him to pull over -- which he did once we got onto the exit ramp and found a safe place to pull over. Unfortunately, he could not get a visual on the object, although I kept pointing at it. I watched it for about three minutes before it began picking up speed and disappearing in the northeastern sky.

We put in a call to the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, but there have been no reports of unusual aerial activity. The sighting immediately reminded me of that famous videotape from Mexico where the military helicopters are flying in formation and a UFO is spotted in the background. There was a similar report made in January 2002 where a hunter said he saw a cylindrical or cigar-shaped craft fly over him in rural LaSalle Parish. This area is very wooded and swampy. And in Jan. 2002, I wrote a couple of stories about in The Town Talk (www.thetowntalk.com) about strange lights seen in the sky. Just a little background for you. Thanks Andrew Griffin

BATON ROUGE -- The witness reports, I pulled into a Burger King at 1:20 PM on November 13, 2002, I was about to get out of my car when I saw a big black object in my rearview mirror, at first I thought the mirror had something on it, but when I got out of the car and looked at the sky I saw a big black sphere hovering in mid air. Then, after a moment, it just vanished.

UFOWISCONSIN REPORTS LIGHTS

BABCOCK -- My mother and I were driving home south on Highway 80 towards Babcock around 7:45 PM, and in the Southern sky for almost the entire drive to Babcock which was about a 15 minute drive we observed a huge light display on November 25, 2002. At first we thought it was airplanes but the flashing lights remained stationary, then we thought it might be satellites. It was an amazing display of lights like the Fourth of July. It looked like 15 to 20 lights flashing like strobe lights and they filled the entire front car windshield view of the sky and no where else in the side car window views. Amazing! Then when we got to Babcock and turned off on Highway 173 our mini van went dead and we coasted to the side of the road! We didn't stop to get out of the van and I got the van started again as quick as I could. The van stopped mysteriously two more times on the way home.

DETROIT -- Amy N. (age 30) reports, "I live in the suburbs and on November 27th, at 6 AM my sister and I were up. As I let the dog out I looked into the sky and there was a large stationary light. We got the binoculars and checked it out. It was a very large white light. It was at least 20 to 25 times as large as any of the stars located in the sky at that hour of the morning. Thanks to Amy.

ILLINOIS DIGITAL IMAGES OF FOUR UFOs

NILES -- Walter Lawrence took a digital photo on Thanksgiving at about 3:30 PM, roughly one hour before sunset north/northeast of O'Hare International Airport. The formation of cylindrical or cigar-shaped UFOs lasted approximately 45 seconds. I ran into

the house, and grabbed a small digital camera and snapped off one photo. They made no sound and were virtually motionless. When I returned they were moving from west to east and after taking the photograph, three of them shot off to the east so fast that if I had blinked I would have missed their departure. The fourth one took off almost due south right past O'Hare airport and was lost in haze. Thanks to Walter Lawrence. The photo show four cylinder like objects flying in formation. See views at: [
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php>]Filer's Files UFO Center Views

WASHINGTON BRIGHT SPHERE

RENTON -- I live on a hill overlooking downtown Renton, and Boeing. Shortly after midnight on November 20, 2002, I was turning off the lights in my living room when a bright light caught my eye as a cloud illuminated, in which a round bright object bolted out from it (south to north). It sped at a VERY fast speed over Boeing where it then shot upward and disappeared into either another cloud or it just vanished into thin air. It could not have been an aircraft as it was completely silent and it was moving too fast. Eighteen months ago, I experienced another incident. I was living in Kirkland at that time and was awakened by a beam of light in my window and a loud "swish-swish-swish" noise. The VCR was turning on-and-off by itself. I woke up my boyfriend who was as startled as I. The next thing we remember is waking up in the morning. The clocks were off by 3 hours. I called Puget Sound Energy, but no outages had been reported that night. Then I noticed that there was a small purple crescent-shape on my right shoulder. It looked like a tattoo and it eventually faded after about a month. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

OREGON FLYING TRIANGLE

PORTLAND -- On November 19, 2002, the witness reports he saw a UFO pass from the south near the intersection of Holgate and 30th Ave. It banked and headed over the river towards downtown at 8:30 PM. I saw two strong rounded lights, like headlights, coming my way at an altitude a little low for passenger jet. It was of similar shape as a fighter and had a flashing red light similar to passenger jet's blink. I saw two circular lights on the bottom of craft. It was quieter and slower and a different type of shape than I'm used to seeing. I pretty much watch the sky every night. I've seen a few UFO's in my life. one very dramatic and I've seen a lot of planes. This one was different enough to wonder about. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

CALIFORNIA STRANGE LIGHT RETURNS

LOS ANGELES -- Dr. Leir writes, "For the 7th Year, the mysterious Camarillo UFO has returned. It has been seen now from two different areas. One in Camarillo and one in Carpenteria west of L.A. David Anderson with International MUFON is in the process of trying to triangulate the object and get an estimate of it's altitude. It's behavior is the same as it has been in previous years. It appears high in the Northwestern sky as a very bright star in about a window from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. It traverses the sky with a southeast heading and lasts for approximately 15 minutes. It is seen to spawn other bright objects which sometimes return to the original object. When it leaves, it folds up into a straight bright line and is gone. We have no further information to give a clue as to what this object is since it was filmed through Celestron 6 telescope some years ago. It is just pathetic that there is no interest or money to solve this mystery. I have even called Moorpark College (Local to this area) and they simply did not ever get back to me, even after talking with one of the professors there. I have also contacted the local amateur astronomical society and they also have no interest. This is absolutely pathetic and disgusting. Shame on so called organized science. Thanks to Dr. Leir

MEXICO TOURIST SIGHTING

COZUMEL -- On the evening of Nov. 28, 2002, Thanksgiving in fact, my girlfriend and I were at a resort on the island of Cozumel in the Caribbean waters off Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. She decided to walk down to the beach and when she returned at

10 p.m. she had a weird look on her face. She said "Did you see those lights?" In the southern sky, she saw a semicircular band of pulsating, colored lights. The lights were positioned like they were on the edge of a circular object, arching on a curved plane. The lights were red, green and yellow, she said, with a prominent red light in the middle. She said they were blinking in a complex pattern, sort of like what was portrayed in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." There was no noise, and the lights just hovered in static formation -- I can only guess they were affixed to a large object. The lights slowly descended in her direction, while they pulsated about a mile away. After 30 to 60 seconds some clouds obscured her view -- and when they rolled by, the lights were gone. Just like that.

ARGENTINA: UFO "FLEET" VIDEO

BUENOS AIRES -- An intense "UFO wave" rolled over Capital Federal on November 28, 2002. Two witnesses saw a variety of phenomena at 8:30 AM. Using a camera described as "broken and out of date" one of them was able to photograph a fleet of three objects descending over the northeast section of Capital Federal. No apparent electrical anomalies were reported in the witness's area. Minutes earlier, another object flashed for several minutes over the vicinity of Chacarita and Belgrano at an altitude of 1500 meters. "Arturo and I saw the entire phenomenon," says witness. He employed a Sony 360 Nightshot "reduced to VHS and paused" to record the images. "What can be seen in the video sequence is some 15 frames of one UFO, hitherto unseen, which crossed the skies from south to north on a lengthy journey, seconds before the formation was observed. It stopped completely for only brief seconds." To see the video:

<http://groups.msn.com/glaucoart/Documentos/VIDEOS-VIDEOS-VIDEOS-VIDEOS-/flo2=002.mpg>

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UKRAINE AND RUSSIA HEADING BACK TO THE MOON

MOSCOW -- A joint Russo-Ukrainian space agency will launch a series of US-owned spacecraft for the Moon's exploration next year, the Kosmotras agency's officials said. The Russian-made Dnepr rockets would carry satellites that would take pictures of the Moon's surface and then land on the Moon, officials said late Tuesday as quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency. Ultimately the small spacecraft would be able to deliver various commercial cargo to the Moon, as well as conduct experiments and explore the Moon's surface.

The first launch within the framework of the Kosmotras's 20-million-dollar contract with the US-based TransOrbital was scheduled for December 20. The Dnepr rocket would carry five satellites, owned by Argentina, Germany, Italy and Saudi Arabia, as well as a model of the Moon-exploring spacecraft. The first such spacecraft would blast off in October 2003, TransOrbital officials said, adding that the spacecraft would carry two cameras that would simultaneously photograph and film the Moon's surface. According to TransOrbital's president Dennis Laurie, the company hopes to "conclusively prove the often-contested fact that US astronauts landed on the Moon," as well as outline a comprehensive map of the Moon's surface. Thanks to Pravda

PARALLEL UNIVERSE MIRROR MATTER MYSTERY

BBC News Online, Dr David Whitehouse reports: Two Australian scientists believe they have found evidence of a parallel universe of strange matter within our own Solar System. Dr Robert Foot and Dr Saibal Mitra, of the University of Melbourne, report that close-up observations of the asteroid Eros by the Near-Shoemaker probe indicate it has been splattered by so-called "mirror matter." Mirror matter is not antimatter, it is altogether weirder. It is somehow a "reflection" of normal matter, a sort of parallel series of particles required to restore the balance of the Universe. Sounds far-fetched -- some believe so. However, experiments are underway to confirm or deny the existence of this strange, potentially significant, but as yet undetected component of the cosmos. Cosmic balance Mirror matter is a hypothetical form of matter that restores nature's

flawed left-right symmetry. Laws of nature, such as the rules that govern the interactions of fundamental particles, show a high degree of symmetry except that some laws are not the same when reflected in a hypothetical mirror. Blue dirt: Pools of dust may be impact sites. This means that elementary particles display a preference for left over right. In a way, the Universe is left-handed. Why? Nobody knows. Dr Robert Foot "There could be mirror matter stars, planets and galaxies out there." Thanks to BBC News Online.

Editor's Note: A parallel universe would explain most UFO sightings as they fly in and out of our universe.

NEW JERSEY MISSING TIME

Carol F. reports, "My girl friend and I were driving along the highway out in the country on a warm summer day, when I noticed a flying disc shaped object off to our right moving parallel to us, " I asked if she saw the disc? She said, "Yes, but its behind the trees now." As we drove along at 60 mph, it appeared again about 200 yards to the right of the highway, moving at our same speed and direction. If we sped up or slowed down it stayed in the same relative position off to our right. Occasionally it would be obscured by trees, but when we came to open fields the craft was still there moving with us. The craft stayed with us for at least fifteen minutes never changing its relative position. It appeared to be 30 feet in diameter, metallic, and smooth. We commented on it following us and felt very uneasy. Strangely, we arrived at our destination about an hour late.

Although, possibly not related, later I started having terrible pain in my joints, and was always exhausted. Due to extreme fatigue I had to sleep nine to twelve hours a day. I wanted to thank you for suggesting to take OPC-3. This product has changed my life, since taking it daily I have felt energetic, lost twenty pounds without dieting, and my joints hardly bother me. Thanks to Carol F.

Editors Note: Many people have written to me about their sightings, missing time, and the strange effects on their health. My local MD recommended this product to me, and now my whole family is now taking it. The results are so impressive that I'm now making it available to my readers. OPC-3 is a powerful combination of plant derived bioflavonoids, know as oligomeric proanthocyanidins (OPC's). It is made from a combination of grape seed, pine bark and red wine extracts in addition to bilberry and citrus extracts. These OPC's are super effective free radical neutralizers. They are not limited to being strong antioxidants, they are also crucial in their role in supporting the circulatory system and strengthening the capillaries. OPC-3 is a natural food supplement that should be taken for a lifetime.

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A. K. Johnstone, Ph.D., explores with evidence, the creation of a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering earth's atmosphere, as well as the erratic weather changes in recent years. Numerous UFO sightings are examined from a scientific viewpoint and a chemtrail correlation is suggested. Order illustrated book, \$14.95 from Hancock House 1-800-938-1114 or Fax 1-800-983-2262.

NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has over a hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. See UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011

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Happy Holidays - Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Regards, George Filer
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Streaks On Mars Created By Flowing Water!

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 15:07:46 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:47:25 -0500
Subject: Streaks On Mars Created By Flowing Water!

Hi everyone!

Our suspicions about flowing water on Mars mentioned on UFO UpDates over the past few years has now been confirmed. Those mysterious dark streaks that were seen in photos of Mars which were not present in earlier ones were produced by recent flows of water.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0212/10marswater/>

Since there is also much frozen water on the surface of Mars at the poles, if the Mars Polar Lander spaceprobe did not crash three years ago this month (I still have a few NASA certificates printed for friends and many MUFON Ontario members who's names and messaged were placed on board that spaceprobe), we may have also had confirmation that other transient features which look very much like vegetation and found along the melting edges of the ice caps are indeed just that, vegetation!

Last month there was a well attended Mars workshop in Ottawa to design and build an all Canadian Mars lander(s) that may finally answer the question of life on Mars. Government funding for this all Canadian mission to Mars has been already approved and we expect to have one or more landers on Mars by 2011. This is in addition to other Canadian experiments that are on existing foreign spaceprobes now on their way to Mars (Japan's 'Nozomi' - the third nation after Russia and the U.S. to send a spaceprobe to Mars) or others to be launched soon.

After his experiences with NASA, Richard Hoagland can rest assured that our CSA will share all what it discovers about Mars with the public, including finding Martians.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:28:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:50:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:45:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>I should add that there were, intentionally, other debunkers on
>>the show and in the audience, which may account for why the
>>audience believer-vote was "only" 73%, taken before the debate.
>>I suppose we could say we clobbered them. By the way the total
>>audience number, which I had not recalled, is more than twice
>>the number that saw the recent all time most popular SCI-FI
>>Documentary show about Roswell.

>More Research by Referendum. Surely all these "votes" show more
>about the nature of the audience at these events than the
>strength of the arguments advanced?

Sorry John, I don't do research by referendum.

It is very important for the general public and the media to understand that a majority are ready to accept the notion that some UFOs are ET visitors. 100,000 is a pretty good sample size.

In my experience, the major reason people don't report sightings, that professors don't teach classes about UFOs, or sponsor Theses about UFOs, and that the press doesn't treat the subject fairly and honestly, is the false perception stimulated by the ha ha treatment, that most people don't accept UFO reality.

In fact, they do.

Most people behave on the basis of how they think people will react to them and are fearful of ridicule.

The reality of flying saucers is determined by the overwhelming evidence.

The ITV show demonstrated that a discussion between three serious UFO investigators, data gatherers, or whatever and three learned professors can produce sufficient evidence to convince people who can express their vote anonymously and safely without fear of ridicule. That is very important.

Stan Friedman
www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

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Re: Latest Vice-President Lyndon Johnson UFO

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 20:38:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:52:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Latest Vice-President Lyndon Johnson UFO

>From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 21:54:23 -0500
>Subject: Latest Vice-President Lyndon Johnson UFO Letter

>The very short, Vice President Johnson letter was written to
>Leon Davidson, a prominent NICAP UFO investigator in the late
>1950s. It can be seen at:

Grant,

Leon Davidson was not a NICAP investigator, prominent or otherwise. I headed the NICAP investigation network.

- Dick

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Re: Security Classifications - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:16:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:55:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Friedman

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 21:47:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 01:43:31 EST
>>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

>>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:20:15 +1300 (NZDT)
>>>Subject: Security Classifications [was: Frank Kaufman?]

>>>Greetings List

>>>On 28th Novemember Stan Friedman wrote

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2002 22:37:20 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufman?

>Greetings

>As I have said before it seems that whenever we start discussing
>this topic, it is like a video game with everything reset to
>zero.

I have made a gigantic snip because there are just a few points
I wish to make:

1. I very much appreciate all the effort Robert Gates made to provide specific examples of aberrantly marked documents.
2. I wish to express appreciation for these 2 remarks by Jan Aldrich
"I don't pretend to be an expert on presidential papers" and
"The White House has its own clearance and access procedures"

This was my point, now confirmed by Jan, in noting earlier that
Jan's fine credentials did not seem to include procedures etc
for the White House, NSC, etc. The CT, TF, and EBE documents
would seem to fall under the White House.

3. With regard to the need for TS Control numbers I referred specifically to pages B-4 and B-5 in my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12" since these 2 TOP SECRET Documents from Robert Cutler, which were found in the papers of General Nathan Twining at the LCMD, did not have TS Control numbers.

The two pages were ignored by Jan in his response. Instead he refers to pages E-11,E-12,E-13. These pages do make an important point since each has a different date format, contrary to the notion of Joe Nickell who objected to the EBE because its date format did not follow the government style manual.

I will repeat once again that I cannot provide copies of the TOP SECRET RESTRICTED Documents noted by the GAO because they were still classified. I tried.

But, Jan, since you have my report, please see pages B-4, and B-5 to add to your collection of genuine TS documents without TS control numbers.

Stan Friedman

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Fred Steckling?

From: Ann Druffel <Anndruffel@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:48:24 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 18:25:35 -0500
Subject: Fred Steckling?

A premier English UFO research journal has asked me to try to contact Fred Steckling, re. whether he holds the copyright and/or availability to George Adamski archives. They wish to consult with him re. a particular piece in the archives they have great interest in.

If anyone knows where I can contact Fred Steckling, I would appreciate very much if you could contact me.

Thank you.

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From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:52:38 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 18:37:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Kimball

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
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Best regards,
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Re: Another Approach - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 23:00:54 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 18:42:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Hall

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Bob,

I suppose that saying it twice is supposed to make it true.
Howsomever, I was involved in the hiring of Stuart Nixon as a
NICAP editorial assistant, which I now acknowledge was one of my
most mistaken judgments.

In the first place, his quoted statement is pseudoscientific BS

("statistically speaking?"), but more importantly he persistently and aggravatingly ignored his instructions from Donald Keyhoe (Director) and Richard Hall (Assistant Director) as to what his work assignment was, wasted lots of time and money on things that he was not assigned to do, and then participated in destroying the very effective network that we had set up.

There is a lot more I could say (maybe in my - very unlikely - memoirs), but that might give aid and comfort to the "Government conspiracy" theorists, so I will not say more for now. He may simply have been pigheaded and stubborn, but his subsequently revealed connections with Jack Acuff and other CIA persons, partisans, apologists raises very significant questions about the entire issue of 'disinformation'.

- Dick

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Re: Another Approach - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 19:09:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 18:45:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Ledger

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Don

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Re: Another Approach - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:18:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 10:41:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Speiser

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
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Bob:

See Kanazawa. If there is an impeachment thereof, please advise.

Jim Speiser

All history is little else than a long succession of useless cruelties.
-- Voltaire

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 20:37:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 10:46:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - White

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:17:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 07:12:12 EST
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

<snip>

>A "fake" abductee, IMO, would indicate that someone is making up
>their story, for some reason, but how do we tell the difference
>between someone who simply believes they've been abducted when
>in fact they have not? Should we accept on faith the word of
>abduction researchers that they can tell the difference. John
>Mack was taken in by a reporter, who spent a number of months as
>part of an abduction group, which she later wrote about in a
>Time Magazine article. She obviously knew that she was faking
>it, but what about non-abductees who aren't? Other than their own
>beliefs and faith in humanity, how do researchers measure the
>difference.

<snip>

I'm involved with psycho-electronic mind control victims, and
have been for 22 years. MC victims have about the same level of
physical trace evidence, and about the same level of disbelief
on the part of the public as UFO abductees. In fact, some of the
reported effects are at the UFO case technology level.

We "old hands" find that both "fake" or "wannabe" victims, and
intentional disinformation agents who masquerade as victims, are
not hard to ID after some time has elapsed. Time does the job
for us.

Six months of frequent email contact, say, or a year of less
frequent contact, is sufficient in the MC arena. Just as when a
doctor lets a patient relate all the symptoms without giving the
patient any clues, the idea is to let the "wannabe" or disinfo
agent have his/her say for a while, listening patiently.

Genuine MC victims know quite well the "real syndrome groupings"
of events and after some time, simply assign a believability
score silently, and go on to working with others who show the
valid syndrome groupings, and not having much if any
communications with the fakes.

What this means is, for experienced MC investigators and
activists, determining who is and who isn't genuine has not
proven to be a major problem. I would suspect that in any UFO
abductee study, letting some time elapse would work equally
well. If a study subject is no longer available for contact, a
committee of experiencers might decide on marginal case files.

Eleanor White

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Re: Another Approach - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 21:30:02 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 10:58:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Young

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Undoubtedly. But two of the greatest mysteries of UFOlogy
remain:

- 1) Why is there no unimpeachable evidence of the saucers' existence?
- 2) Why have UFOlogists spun their wheels for more than 50 years with only a couple half-hearted attempts to _obtain data_? Are they afraid of something, or don't they like the idea of years and years of unrelenting boredom searching for the real saucers?

Or do they already suspect the truth?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

"Watch the skies. Everywhere. Keep looking. Keep watching the skies!" --Ned Scott, a character in the original movie version of "The Thing"

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Dick:

Sorry, my finger just kept twitching when I stumbled over this.
I'm sure you understand.

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My God, Dick, spooks? I shall await your memoirs.

But, I wonder, in these last 30 years there must have been
billions and billions of pictures of the sky. Where are the
unimpeachable ones of saucers?

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>otherwise. I headed the NICAP investigation network.

>- Dick

Dr. Leon Davidson is owed a debt by all of us because of his efforts to gain access to Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, well before there was an FOIA.

He distributed many hundreds of copies including some of the tables and charts and graphs. It was very important for me to discover a copy of his version in the UC Berkeley Library Back about 1960.

I still have available the 256 page complete version with all the tables charts etc. \$25. including Priority Mail from:

UFORI
POB 958
Houlton
ME
04730-0958

Has data on 3201 Sightings.

He had worked at Los Alamos Scientific Lab. and had some strange ideas as well.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Another Approach - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 23:36:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:08:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Friedman

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:52:38 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:33:29 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>If someone wants to endow a "UFO Investigation Fund" at a high
>>>enough level so that 20K or more level of investigation could be
>>>supported each year by the interest on the endowment plus an
>>>initial shot of, say, \$100 K to assemble a van plus shipable
>>>instrument package (and perhaps to train nvestigators) then we
>>>might be able to convert UFO investigation into a real science!.
>>>The experience of NIDS with their instrumented farm would
>>>probably be valuable to study (what can happen at the site of
>>>repeated anomalous events/sightings).

>>>Incidentally, you mention Laurence R. It is well known that he has
>>>an interest in the subject. Perhaps if a number of scientists
>>>approached him directly with a specific plan he would be willing
>>>to support this, especially if some others with philanthropist
>>>tendencies were also willing to contribute.

>>"Statistically speaking, an unimpeachable photograph must sooner
>>or later appear if UFOs are a physical reality. Every year that
>>passes without such a photograph being produced is evidence
>>against the position that unknown objects are operating in the
>>Earth's atmosphere" Stuart Nixon, Director, NICAP, November
>>1972.

>Statistically speaking, even if an 'unimpeachable' photograph
>were to appear, 9 out of 10 skeptics would be able to find a way
>to rationalize it, at least to themselves (the tenth presumably
>drinking himself into a stupor as his world crashed down around
>his ears). Then, no doubt, they would start demanding ufologists
>produce an unimpeachable alien.

It happened last night on a TLC Special which was a mixed good
and bad program. Two PhD's acted as live in sceptics... no
investigations or study of non tabloid evidence required.....

One said he probably wouldn't believe the planet was being
visited until he could shake hands with an alien.

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Re: Streaks On Mars Created By Flowing Water! -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:12:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Streaks On Mars Created By Flowing Water! -

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 15:07:46 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Streaks On Mars Created By Flowing Water!

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><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0212/10marswater/>

I'm glad to see that scientists finally have progressed to the point where they can utter the words "liquid" and "water" in the same sentence in relation to these dark streaks on Mars. It seems they had to work their way up to it gradually so as not to upset colleagues with an emotional commitment to the belief that Mars has been a completely dry and arid place for the past three billion years or so.

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http://home.attbi.com/~palermo63/Mars_Anomalies/SeepsPaper.pdf

They are amateur researchers, but I think they did very high-quality work. Their co-author was geologist Harry Moore, a member of the Society for Planetary SETI Research. (disclosure: I edited the paper for them and made some modest contributions to it. Well, OK, that's not really a disclosure; I'm just bragging shamelessly about my peripheral involvement).

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:22:47 -0500
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>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
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>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 17:19:26 +0100
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:54:21 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>>A question which troubles me is the possibility that some
>>witnesses may have been sincere at first but may have become
>>unreliable later. For what reason? First, the desire to boost
>>their story. This might be the case for Jim Ragsdale. But there
>>may be other reasons!

>Gildas,

<snip>

>>I noted with interest that Kevin, in his IUR article on Kaufmann,
>>recalled that "He always picked up the check, claiming that someone
>>else paid for it. The implication was that the government was
>>watching and Frank was just doing his job".
>>Well, what kind of job was he doing?

>Kaufmann claimed that he was a government counterintelligence
>and disinformation agent left behind to keep an eye on things.
>Whether this was true or not, I don't know, but there is some
>circumstantial evidence that might support it:

David, Kevin, Stan and all

Thank you for your very interesting informations and questions
about Frank Kaufmann. They seem to confirm my impression that he
was not a simple author of "tall tales".

>1. He was shown in the 1947 base yearbook receiving a medal from
>deputy base commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings. This medal was
>found in his personal effects after his death. Yet he was
>supposed to be nothing but a civilian clerk at the base. What
>was his medal for? Exceptional typing or filing?

Yes, I have seen the picture in the book of Karl Pflock. It is a
little odd for a man who was a modest office clerk. What was
that medal for?

Kevin, do you have the answer?

>2. Kaufmann, a native New Yorker, was planning to return to New
>York and was all packed to go. Then Roswell happened. He told
>his wife words to the effect, "Unpack everything, we're
>staying." This "tale" was corroborated by his wife, who was
>described to me as a sweet old lady completely without guile.

Yes, it's another curious development!

>3. The following year, Kaufmann was now on the board of the
>Roswell Chamber of Commerce. This would be an excellent position

>to keep Kaufmann plugged into the town rumor mill, if that was
>the intent. First, I find it odd that an obvious outsider like
>Kaufmann would be in such a position in a small cowtown. Small
>towns tend to be very insular and suspicious of outsiders. It
>typically takes a long time to win people's trust and be
>accepted. More telling, however, is what turned up at the
>Roswell hall of records. All board members of the Chamber of
>Commerce were paid out of town funds - except for Kaufmann, who
>was paid from some unknown outside source. This would be in line
>with Kaufmann always picking up the check claiming that somebody
>else was paying for it.

Does anyone know who paid him for that job?

<snip>

>Another example of deception mixed with truth by Kaufmann were
>his shifting crash sites. The point of this would be to keep
>people looking in the wrong place, and also to later discredit
>their research and Roswell in general as the inconsistencies in
>the testimony mounted.

This raises another interesting question, the one of alleged
bodies found a few miles from the debris field. There are very
few sources about that.

First, Kevin Randle wrote in his first book: "research suggests
that the second crash was not near Magdalena, but much closer to
the first site, no more than two or three miles from it. And the
bodies were not found on July 3, but on July 8" (p 89).

They would have been found in an aerial search that day, with
Brazel in the plane.

In his second book, Karl Pflock says he verified that Kaufmann
was the one who said that (p 68).

This could explain the enigmatic remark of Brazel to Frank Joyce
on July 8, about the little men who were not green, if he had
seen them.

Now, there is the recent new testimony of Frank Joyce revealing
what Brazel had told him, on the phone on Sunday 6, that he had
seen the bodies in the field, not far from the debris field.

If this is true, it raises still another question: Brazel must
have shown the bodies on Monday to Major Marcel and Cavitt!

And then, Marcel told only part of the story.

In fact, he hinted to that in his long conversation with Linda
Corley in 1981. I quote from her speech at the Mufon symposium
of 2000 (in the Proceedings):

Question of L Corley (p 126): "Had Jesse revealed everything he
knew about the Roswell incident?"

Answer: "No, I can't, for the sake of my country.

"Listen, I was a trained intelligence officer. Once you do that,
it's with you for life.

"There's a hell of a lot I haven't said".

And before saying that, Marcel also stated (p 123):

"Had there been bodies of aliens in the debris, I would have
picked them up and brought them in".

So, is it possible that the first story of Kaufmann was right?
Would the "impact site" closer to Roswell be an invention?

Or could there be some truth in it too?

Then bodies would have been found in two places?

And what about the second Ragsdale story??

My impression is that, for the time being, the best thing to do
is to keep all these stories in a (large) "grey basket", and
look for new information.

<snip>

>So Doty too seems to have a "day job", but he was considerably
>more than just chief of various balloon project. Furthermore, he
>seems to have deliberately concealed his primary military
>affiliation (AFOSI) plus other secretive responsibilities.

Yes, the role of Col. Edward Doty is an interesting one.
In addition to being the father of Richard Doty!
Well informed people say the son was not as bright as the father.

<snip>

>Dennis is a classic example of a Roswell witness who I think is
>basically telling the truth but for various reasons chose not to
>tell the whole truth. He may very well be still protecting the
>>true identity of a real person. (I have additional information
>on this which I am not at liberty to disclose. Despite
>statements to the contrary, the existence of a real Nurse X has
>not been conclusively ruled out. E.g., there were other nurses
>at the base, some civilian, who are not pictured in the base
>yearbook.)

Yes, again, it looks like we may only have part of that
story.....

Gildas Bourdais

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Grifton, NC UFO News Article

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Subject: Grifton, NC UFO News Article

Source: The Daily Reflector - Greenville, North Carolina

<http://www.reflector.com/news/newsfd/auto/feed/news/2002/12/11/1039585789.03162.6737.6599.html>

Unidentified object spotted over Grifton

By Jana Clancey
December 11, 2002
The Daily Reflector

Creatures from outer space may have been checking on the affairs of Pitt County residents Friday night.

Several people from Farmville to the southern tip of Pitt County reported an odd light racing across the night sky.

J.K. Butler, a former Grifton volunteer firefighter, was sitting in the old Red and White parking lot about 11 p.m. Friday. He was there with three fire department friends when the sky around them lighted up, coloring everything from the ground to the trees to themselves a strange shade of green and blue.

The light passed over them, he said. And when they looked up, it was so blinding they couldn't identify the object.

"We all just looked at each other like, 'What in the world was that?'" Butler said. "I've seen meteors and space junk and satellites. I ain't never seen anything that color.

"It had some good size to it, too, and it was up in the air pretty good," he said.

His first thought: the light had come from a UFO. His second: another country was firing missiles in the direction of Pitt County.

"Maybe it was government-related. If it was, we'll never know," he said.

Over the fire-rescue scanners mounted in the volunteers' trucks, calls came in from Ayden and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office. Butler heard patrol cars being dispatched to check for something that had fallen from the sky in the area of Jolly and Abbott Farm roads.

Sgt. Marty Burroughs sent three of his deputies to survey for damage, or possibly, a spacecraft between the Ayden Police Department and the two rural roads. They didn't find a thing, not even a small piece of space tin.

"The main thing we checked were houses to make sure nobody had been hit by anything," he said.

Deputies found the houses to be safe and left the area.

Burroughs had a dispatcher contact Lenoir and Greene county sheriff's departments to see if a craft had crashed beyond the county line. But nothing was reported.

A deputy in Ayden and several Greenville officers reported seeing the peculiar light near Pitt Community College at Fire Tower Road and N.C. 11

"They just said it was moving and it appeared to be descending," he said.

Asked if he thought the light was a UFO, Burroughs said, "It could have been. I don't know. I can't explain it.

Sheriff Mac Manning jokingly chalked the sighting up to the work of a shiny red sled and nine flying reindeer.

"I thought it was maybe Santa Claus making an early run, but we ruled that out pretty quick," Manning said.

Apparently, he said, the light was bright enough and big enough to attract quite a bit of attention.

Manning said the sighting of whatever-it-was isn't a big deal. Deputies patrolling remote areas of the county report seeing things in the sky all of the time, he said.

Whatever it was, it scared J.K. Butler - and his buddies. For two hours they watched the night sky, looking for something, anything that could help complete the puzzle to what they had seen; whether that be little green men or a plane with similar lights.

He was asked if he'd recently been watching the Sci-Fi Channel's series on UFOs called 'Taken'. He said he'd never heard of it, and after being informed of the show's angle on alien abductions, he said there's no way he's watching it now.

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

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Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 22:56:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>>I'm going to snip some of this to keep it from becoming very
>>long. I hope clarity will follow...

And I shall do it again because, well, frankly, I can...

<snip>

>>My question is did he admit to lying to you, at that time, or
>>did he amend his story which is not quite the same thing. Did he
>>say, in his Frank Kaufmann voice, "Well, I lied about that.
>>Marcel and Blanchard didn't accompany me out to the site?" Or,
>>did he just change the story, which is not an admission of
>>lying.

>>And, if he admitted lying, why did none of the others ever mention
>>this?

>>Or, are we simply left with your interpretation of the situation...

>We are left with my notes and the agreement of those who were
>there that they were accurate. I don't see how you can
>possibly deny that what he said in 1999 means he was lying in
>1995.

I didn't say that. I have asked, repeatedly, if he admitted
lying to you at any point, or if it was your interpretation of
the situation. He did not say, "Stan, my man, I lied in 1995

because neither Jess nor Butch went out there with me."

From your convoluted responses, I am able to deduce that you asked specific questions, similar to those asked earlier and that you received answers that did not match. From this you deduced that he was lying, which seems reasonable, but he did not admit he had lied. That is your interpretation and is not an accurate representation of the situation as you have described it here and in your MUFON paper.

><snip>

>>>Why would what you majored in have come up in a meeting whose >>>purpose was for me to interview Frank? your article in Story's >>>encyclopedia says your degree was in Anthropology.

>>Because, as you were ranting about what I had written in "The >>History of UFO Crashes," (which you are still ranting about so >>long after publication of it) you said something about me being >>an English major in college (checked that out real good didn't >>you?) and I said that my undergraduate studies had been in >>Anthropology, and you started to say, "No wonder you and Tom >>Carey... "

>>The implication there was that we both had studied Anthropology, >>though Tom, if I remember was a physical anthropologist and I >>was more oriented toward archaeology.

>>Are you now making the false claim this didn't happen?

There has been no answer to this question.

>>>>And didn't I write an article published in the MUFON Journal in >>>>which I challenged these 38 false claims which included such >>>>gems as "That S. T. Friedman know all about an RS alien tissue >>>>sample. " I still don't know what this means. Or the laughable >>>>"Testimony from anonymous caller is fully trustworthy. " I don't >>>>know where I might have ever suggested it. And what is the >>>>relevance of this now? Didn't we go over it at the time when you >>>>made these false claims?

>>>Matter of fact you and Don had noted testimony from an anonymous >>>caller and considered it reliable.

>>Well, that's not quite the same thing is it? Besides, I knew >>(know) who that specific anonymous caller was (is) and have >>actually interviewed him in his office... Tom Carey, I believe, >>knows who it is.

>>This in comparison to the anonymous cowboy who told Robert Drake >>about the crash on the Plains you have reported a number of >>times. The difference here is that I, in fact, know the >>anonymous source while you are using testimony from an second- >>hand source who is quoting an anonymous source. Interesting...

>What is interesting is that you continue to make this false >claim knowing full well that Drake had referred me to Dr. Roscoe >Wilmuth who had told him of seeing documents about the Plains of >San Augustin crash while working at Los Alamos. You know full >well I located Roscoe, talked to his wife, who said he was on a >dig in BC... call back in a month. I did. He had a fatal heart >attack 3 days earlier.

And while this is true, it is, in fact, irrelevant and non responsive. Drake originally said that he heard the story of the crashed saucer while working in the area of the Plains with Wesley Hurt and Dan McKnight. In October 1947 he said that he, and the others stopped at a ranch and he wandered off looking for snails, an interest of his. There he met an old cowboy who told him of the crash and the bodies and Drake didn't know if he was hearing the tale from a witness or someone who had heard it from another party.

Once he had joined with the others, he claimed that on the way back to Albuquerque, they all discussed the story. Well, the others were found and interviewed and had no memory of this discussion, so Drake then said that they hadn't discussed it on the way back to Albuquerque.

Drake also mentioned Roscoe Wilmeth, who, according to Drake,

had worked as a document clerk at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and who, again according to Drake, had seen a secret file concerning a flying saucer crash. Wilmeth had told Drake that he wanted to go to the body site... which, I believe, you decided mean the Plains.

So, we have Drake involved in another strange tale and to your credit, Stan, you tried to check it out, but Wilmeth died before you could talk to him. Drake had no one to contradict him this time.

Drake came up with another story, this one told by students at Chaco Canyon (an archaeological site northwest of Albuquerque, for those of you keeping score at home), who said a number of the students returned from a weekend trip talking about a crashed saucer. Well, once again, the students who were there in 1947, and who have been interviewed, failed to corroborate Drake's tale.

Drake apparently never saw anything himself... Wilmeth, at best saw photographs and reports but we don't know for sure, and the students who were there say the side trip didn't happen...

But we'll still believe because no one talked to Wilmeth.

And I thought I had taught you how to spell San Agustin...

<snip>

>>>>And I have explained to you four times what the sentence meant
>>>>and while it might have been constructed a little better, your
>>>>interpretation is your interpretation and not mine.

>>>Let the Listers decide: The quote comes after your discussion of
>>>the Frank Scully book... "In fact, in 1980 I provided Ron Story
>>>with the segment on the hidden alien bodies and crashed saucers
>>>for "The UFO Encyclopedia". In it I made it clear that none of
>>>the reports of crashed saucers had ever withstood objective
>>>investigation. The road was strewn with the remains of those
>>>stories, starting with the Aztec, New Mexico, case and working
>>>its way to the Spitzbergen report, and the events near Roswell,
>>>New Mexico". "A History of UFO Crashes" Kevin Randle. 1995.
>>>There was no mention of Roswell in your Encyclopedia article.

>>Inelegant, yes. Confusing, yes. But please note the period. It
>>doesn't actually say that Roswell was mentioned in Story's
>>Encyclopedia, but does say that the road is strewn with the
>>remains of those saucers. Interpret away.

>I thought you were the paragraph expert. It is in the same
>paragraph.

I didn't say that. I merely asked if anyone had taught you how to write a paragraph and you admitted that no one had. I never said that I was an expert, but even if I was, that doesn't mean that every one I write is a gem.

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>Frank had stated very forcefully his claim that Blanchard and
>Marcel had gone with him in the middle of the night. This
>frankly made no sense at all as I noted in my notes. This wasn't
>a "Maybe," or "I think that possibly" Just as clearly he
>admitted NO Blanchard had not gone with him and neither at
>Marcel.

Yes, I get it. Frank, according to your notes, told you that Marcel and Blanchard went out with him and later, years later, said they did not. Clearly a contradiction. Possibly indicative of a lie. But the point remains, he didn't say he lied, he changed the story. Not quite the same thing.

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>>>>>given them. You will recall that when I heard that Milwaukee
>>>>>Magazine had identified that Don didn't have the credentials he
>>>>>had claimed to them, and that he worked for the US Post Office,
>>>>>that I called the post office and asked for Don. He came to the
>>>>>phone. You were excoriating those of us who accepted the story
>>>>>from MM for 6 weeks before finally acknowledging that you had
>>>>>been had. I gather you still haven't gotten over it.

>>>>So if he didn't lie to you about his credentials, does this mean
>>>>the lie doesn't count? That he said it in print but not to you
>>>>means that he didn't lie about it? And don't you think it
>>>>laughable that he walked around the museum in Roswell pointing
>>>>out what he believed to be the hoaxes?

>>>I didn't say the lies to whomever, (you MM or whatever) didn't
>>>count. I said he hadn't lied to me about his credentials. So I
>>>hadn't checked because he had never claimed to me he had any
>>>degrees.

>>You know, I sat in a room when Schmitt made claims about his
>>educational background and you were there. So, he did say those
>>things to you.

>Kevin I frankly think this is another one of the many scenarios
>you have created but that simply isn't true.

But really irrelevant as you prove with your following. Not
everyone has to make the claims to you. You seem only to check
out some of them. Why this double standard?

>For about a decade you have villified all who made claims
>thatdisagreed with your new view of Roswell. You have created
>scenarios that were interesteing but unrelated to reality.
>Barney Barnett was out in Roswell, but lied to his wife.

Only because we had found the diary she kept in 1947 (remember
how I retrieved it and showed it to you) and there was
absolutely no mention of anything that suggested the saucer
crash. In fact, the diary showed that Barnett had been in his
office on the day he supposedly found the crash, so it had to
either happen a day earlier (July 1), or on July 8. The diary
eliminated the July 3 date that you seem to favor. We were
trying to figure out how this could be, if Barnett was involved.
(By the way, didn't Anderson peg it as July 5 another impossible
day according to the diary, which is another indication of
Anderson's lies.)

Never said that he was in Roswell... that would be your imagination.

>Then >Roswell was in his district.

Never said Roswell was in his district. Said that he did get to Roswell
for meetings... a wholly different proposition.

>That Larry Henning said Gerald
>Anderson was in the Anthropology course

Once again, Henning did say it but it is not relevant. The
transcripts prove Anderson took the class and Anderson therefore
lied about this.

>That 3 antrhopologists
>said they were in the Plains in early July 1947 and said
>nothing happened there when in fact none were there and all had
>said they knew nothing about a crash in the Plains.

We have Herbert Dick, Wesley Hurt and Dan McKnight, who were all
on the Plains in July 1947, and all said they knew nothing of
the crash... though, according to you, it was the talk all over
that part of New Mexico.

>Not the same
>thing. The same goes for your critiques of MJ-12 such as
>claiming that Moore and I hadn't realized that the document was
>by a military man for a military man when I had explicitly said
>that.

I didn't say that, as I have tried to explain to you many times
in the past. I said that you didn't understand the significance
of it, which you repeatedly prove.

>You commented about Hillenkoetter signing as Admiral
>instead of Rear Admiral when there is no signature and all the
>ranks are generic etc etc. People are always asking me why other
>people do things such as lie about credentials, etc. I say I am
>not a psychiatrist. In your case it is clear you want to be king
>of the Roswell Hill no matter what.

My point here, which was lost on you as you began splitting hairs, was that you could find no document signed by Hillenkoetter on which he had gotten his rank wrong. You have said, repeatedly, that your research suggested that Hillenkoetter was the author of the MJ-12 briefing, and my point was that Hillenkoetter would not have allowed it to go forward with his rank wrong on it. You refuse to understand my point which is, actually, you have no document, signed or unsigned, that was written by Hillenkoetter on which he got his own rank wrong.

This simply is not how the military operates, and the fact the other ranks are wrong only strengthens the point.

As for your final point, I have a single word. Projection.

>>On the other hand, did Bob Lazar make his claims of education to >>you, or did you just jump in...

>I have a tape of Lazar claiming an MS from MIT in Physics. He >thought the year was probably 1982.. George Knapp and John Lear >claimed Bob had told them the same thing. I have a tape of him >saying Bill Duxler would remember him in his Physics Class at >Cal Tech. I located Duxler who never taught at CIT only at >Pierce JC. Bob had mentioned PJC to me.

So, he really didn't make the claims to you, but made them to others and you checked them out... I see.

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>>>What, if any were Scanlon's? When did Hap Arnold call on him? >>>Incidentally Arnold resigned in 1946 because of poor health.

>>I thought I had provided all this before. See Piercing the Fog >>(John F. Kreis, 1996, published by Air Force History and Museums >>Programs,) for a more complete analysis. According to Kreis, >>"Arnold [the aforementioned Hap Arnold] brought Brig. Gen. >>Martin Scanlon back from his post as military air attache in >>London to become the first AC/AS, Intelligence (A-2)... " Which >>puts Scanlon at the top of what was becoming Air Force >>Intelligence.

>>While in London, his job was to observe (spy) on the creation of >>the German Air Force and British development of its Air Force... >>This was in the 1930s.

>>This goes on to talk about the coordination between G-2 (Army >>Intelligence) and Air Force intelligence, determining what the >>Air Force needed, as opposed to what the Army needed.

>This was prewar. Was he involved in Intelligence postwar? Or >even during the war besides assessing damage done in Pacific >bombings.

Yes, he was involved in intelligence during the early stages of the war and no, he was not after the war. He did have an intelligence background and this really is becoming a boring part of the discussion.

>>But you know, this really isn't that important in this >>discussion, especially since we now know that Kaufmann's >>testimony was unreliable. My point was obviously lost on you.

>>>>And the McKnight affidavit comes from a man who wasn't there in >>>>1947, who was four years old in 1947, and suggested that he had >>>>never heard of anything happening on the ranch owned by >>>>relatives. Not exactly proof positive. >Hub Corn wasn't even born in 1947

What in the bloody hell does this have to do with anything? No one said that he was, or that owned the land in 1947, or that he saw anything himself. No one even mentioned Hub Corn or suggested he had anything to do with this.

>>>The McKnight affidavit also noted that there >>>was no way to get to Frank's crash site except by horseback in >>>1947. But Frank had some sort of army vehicle and then a big >>>flat bed truck dashing out and back cross country???

>>Let's see if I understand this. The Army, which crossed Europe
>>and fought in the Pacific, which crossed all sorts of rugged
>>terrain without the use of roads, was stymied by the New Mexico
>>Desert?

>Now you are being absurd. That was a very large army and they
>didn't do it all over night which is what Frank claimed. You
>know perfectly well that it is standard practice to leave a
>crashed vehicle in situ at least long enough to get good
>pictures of where things are relative to each other. Maybe there
>were seabees to built the bridges and build the road. Or maybe
>they drove out in tanks? from the local airbase of course.

Seabees in Europe? Army engineers maybe, but Seabees?

I was merely suggesting that the trouble you might have driving
your luxury car to the site in 1947 wouldn't have stopped the
Army in 1947. We cross some horrid terrain with humvees today.

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>>>No evidence provide re the altter items. You will recall I
>>>obtained the real bill from the phone company.

>>I'm not sure what you mean here. Altter items? If you mean other
>>items, there certainly is evidence, from the forensic test you
>>arranged showing that Uncle Ted's diary couldn't have been
>>written before 1974, but no evidence it wasn't written in 1990,
>>the second telephone bill that he passed around when you, and
>>John Carpenter met with him on September 19, 1992, (See John
>>Carpenter's "Gerald Anderson: Disturbing Revelations" MUFON UFO
>>Journal, March 1993) which is evidence that Gerald had created
>>other documents. We have his ever shifting tale of the Plains of
>>San Agustin saucer which fits so nicely with your outdated
>>scenario.

>Perhaps you have forgotten that one of the reasons you rejected
>the Plains scenario was that Frank said nothing happened out
>there. Perhaps it is time to reconsider...

Frank said that? (Sorry, just kidding.) No, that really wasn't a
reason for dumping the Plains. There were other, much better
reasons.

>How convenient to leave out Baca, and Foard, and the
>postmistress and Barnett, and Barnett's boss.....

Let's see, Baca heard the story from Barnett, Foard (a witness I
found, by the way) suggested that he might have learned of it
after publication of The Roswell Incident and knew nothing for
himself, the post mistress who confirms she was there but again
saw nothing for herself, and Barnett's boss (Fleck Danley) who
could have been convinced he knew Billy the Kid, got the story
from Barnett... Do we see a common thread here? No first- hand
testimony, and nearly all related back to Barnett.

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>>>Remember that I was the first to talk to Glenn and at that time
>>>he had not said her name wasn't Naomi Self. The medical
>>>technician recognized the name and described her.

>Yes, of course he said her name was Naomi Self.

And what is her name today?

>>>>I happen to think much of the world is gray.
>>>>Was Kaufmann ever in this gray basket?

>>>Of course he was, until I heard more and more claims that didn't
>>>make sense.

>Apparently he wasn't often in your gray box since so much of
>your view about Roswell and MJ-12 was based on what he claimed.

Took me a moment, but I finally understood this. Kaufmann's
point of view was only one, and yes, I believed him. I liked
him. Hell, he bought me breakfast. And while his tales helped
shape one view of Roswell, his weren't the only ones, and he had
nothing to do with my views of MJ-12.

>>Oh, you mean like those made by Gerald Anderson? Telepathic
>>communications? 509th over on the Plains. Aircraft landing on
>>the highway. Really... and you say Kaufmann made claims that
>>didn't make sense.

>>>>You seem to operate on a black and white basis. That is your
>>>>privilege.

>>>>I actually think the world is filled with color which is a much
>>>>more pleasant way of seeing it. But then I write science
>>>>fiction... coming in April, "Signals", from Ace Books.

>>>Congratulations. How many fiction books is that now? Surely over
>>>80? I have always said you were good at creating scenarios.

>>Gee, I don't know... do you want to know how many books were
>>written, how many sold, or how many published? It's three
>>different numbers. And does writing science fiction disqualify
>>me from UFO research? (Btw, the second book in that series,
>>Generation Ship, will be out in the fall, 2003)

>How about saying how many were published?. Will these books list you as
>author?.

Well, I could then ask if you wanted only those on which my name
appears, or only those that I wrote myself, or all of them, even
if my name doesn't appear. You have to ask specific questions.
But, to make it easy on you, the answer today is... (The next
book in that series, FTL for Faster Than Light, will be out the
following year... I'm working on it now. And don't forget
Signals, out in April, 2003.)

>>Wouldn't lying be more of a disqualification?

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>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really
>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just
>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe
>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure
>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories
>>and move on?

>Yes I really believe much of what Anderson was saying is true,

Which part... that he was in telepathic communication with the
living alien? That he was a Navy SEAL? That he didn't take the
anthropology class from Dr. Buskirk? That his family arrived
first and others followed? That there was a battalion-sized
operation with aircraft landing on the road? That officers from
the 509th was over there? That the site was near the VLA? Horse
Springs? Just which part is true, and given all the tales he's
told, all the changes he's made (wow, does this mean that he's
admitted lying... oh, yeah, he did. He said he faked the phone
bill to make me look bad), just which parts do you believe are
true? I personally believe that his name is Gerald Anderson.

>and that Ragsdale was talking about a location out on the Pine
>Lodge Road not where you tried to place him to satisfy the
>Kaufmann story.

You know, of course, that the interview to which you refer here
was conducted by Don Schmitt. He showed Ragsdale photographs of
the area, which Ragsdale said looked right and identified the
area on a map which kind of takes it out of the realm of
interpretation. He mentioned that it was near the El Paso Gas
pipeline, which wasn't built in 1947, but he was using that as a
landmark... and then, after he talked to Max Littell and they
had a chance to think, suddenly, its out near Boy Scout
Mountain.

>I also don't believe Sgt Pyles told you a
>specific date, place direction

Nope, he said the first part of July...

>or that the Nun's log gave a
>descriptiof anything other than a fireball

Well, again, you'll have to ask your new best friend Don Schmitt
about that, since he was the one who came up with the nun story,

and the diary he said confined it...

>or that Easley said
>many of the things you attributed to him.

Gee, this is a new one. How about trotting out the old false claim that I misquoted General Exon too... Or J. Bond Johnson?

But, since you keep introducing irrelevancies into this discussion, let's do this. Explain why, after you learned I had sold the first Roswell book, you wrote a letter (September 15, 1989) suggesting that I put your name on the book and give you a quarter of the money, and when that didn't happen, you wrote to my publisher (June 11, 1990), suggesting factual mistakes, flights of fancy, and lifting your research, an allegation of plagiarism... and then, in your book, you used interviews conducted by me, and Don Schmitt and me with neither credit nor attribution, leaving the impression that you had conducted the interviews when you hadn't even been there? Or why, in using one of our interviews of Bill Brazel, you inserted the word black in front of the word sergeant, altering the context of the meeting (and changing the meaning of the whole section), and using it as a corroboration for the failing Anderson tale? Or why you have called the hosts of my lectures asking why I was booked rather than you and suggesting they should have called you? And no, this won't boil down to a he said- he said argument because you have done the same thing to Robert Hastings and Jim Moseley.

And finally, just because it's fun, I'll mention that you castigated me for failing to acknowledge the Fund for UFO Research for their financial support of our investigation. While the monies were paid to Schmitt, it was an oversight not to mention them. I had the opportunity to correct the mistake in the third edition of The UFO Crash at Roswell (which is not the same as the third printing), but to do so, I had to remove one of the acknowledgments. This, I believe is the definition of irony.

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>>A question which troubles me is the possibility that some
>>witnesses may have been sincere at first but may have become
>>unreliable later. For what reason? First, the desire to boost
>>their story. This might be the case for Jim Ragsdale. But there
>>may be other reasons!

>Gildas,

>Thank you for raising these issues. I have similar questions
>about witnesses who at first might seem credible but later
>either "flip" stories or are shown to be unreliable in other
>ways. A key question in my mind is the "why" for the lying or
>change of stories. Do they reflect a purely personal agenda or
>are there outside forces at work?

Or maybe it's that their stories were never reliable but we
didn't learn that until we had investigated them more
fully. So, it seemed they were once reliable but, in fact,
they never were.

<snip of an irrelevant courtroom analogy>

>In the case of Roswell, I think it is often a mistake to totally
>disregard what some witnesses says because parts of their story
>are obviously untruthful. Like members of a jury, this is
>obviously a matter of personal judgment when it comes to judging
>witness credibility.

The problem is to determine which witnesses stories are
untruthful because the events happened so long ago and there is
a real possibility they are simply mistaken, and which witnesses
stories are untruthful because they're making them up. And,
which witnesses stories have changed, unconsciously, because of
contamination. Loretta Procter finally talked of the pink
lettering on the debris, as described by Mack Brazel. This
change, I believe, was introduced, not because Loretta was
lying, but because she had heard so much about this over the
years, that she came to believe Mack had mentioned it to her. An
honest, simple mistake that does not negate all that she had
reported in the past.

>E.g., Mogul engineer Charles Moore has recently been exposed as
>a hoaxer by Brad Sparks and myself regarding his "calculated"
>Mogul trajectory, and also been caught altering other data, such
>as maps, to promote some sort of agenda. Whether his agenda is
>personal or whether he was "inspired" by some outside agency I
>don't know. But he has clearly perjured himself

(A) It is clear from my discussions with him that his agenda is

personal (which doesn't automatically make him wrong, and (b) he didn't perjure himself because none of the statements were made under oath.

>However, I think it foolish to disregard everything he has had
>to say, though I now treat his statements with much more
>caution. Other witnesses I think should be treated in a similar
>fashion, lest we possibly throw out the baby with the bathwater.

Of course, but it is a question of deciding which witnesses should be treated differently.

>>Another one could be pressure for commercial reasons (Ragsdale
>>again). But there might be yet another reason : pressure from
>>people in charge of protecting the secret.

>>The first example is, of course, William McBrazel, with two
>>stories, the second one under military escort, with some details
>>such as the weight of the debris : less than five pounds! Are
>>there other witnesses of that kind ?

>>I noted with interest that Kevin, in his IUR article on Kaufmann,
>>recalled that "He always picked up the check, claiming that someone
>>else paid for it. The implication was that the government was
>>watching and Frank was just doing his job".
>>Well, what kind of job was he doing ?

>Kaufmann claimed that he was a government counterintelligence
>and disinformation agent left behind to keep an eye on things.
>Whether this was true or not, I don't know, but there is some
>circumstantial evidence that might support it:

>1. He was shown in the 1947 base yearbook receiving a medal from
>deputy base commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings. This medal was
>found in his personal effects after his death. Yet he was
>supposed to be nothing but a civilian clerk at the base. What
>was his medal for? Exceptional typing or filing?

Actually, if you look closely and check, you'll find that this is a World War II Victory Medal which was given to everyone who served in the armed forces from 7 Dec 1941 to 31 Dec 1946, and to which Kaufmann was entitled based on his service in the Army, documented by the real Separation Qualification Record. I believe this little ceremony was created because Kaufmann had not been "issued" this medal, to which he was entitled. In the grand context of the universe, it means nothing.

>2. Kaufmann, a native New Yorker, was planning to return to New
>York and was all packed to go. Then Roswell happened. He told
>his wife words to the effect, "Unpack everything, we're
>staying." This "tale" was corroborated by his wife, who was
>described to me as a sweet old lady completely without guile.

And to me he told of his love of New Mexico and how he wished to stay there because he had found gainful employment. In fact, if we look at his record, we discover that in early 1947, he was working at the base and from what he said, was "frozen" into that position for a period of time. The earliest he could have been ready to depart New Mexico was December 1947... months after Roswell happened. According to the record, he was able to leave his job at the air field to take one in town. The record does not corroborate this tale. And I certainly agree that Juanita was a very nice lady.

>3. The following year, Kaufmann was now on the board of the
>Roswell Chamber of Commerce. This would be an excellent position
>to keep Kaufmann plugged into the town rumor mill, if that was
>the intent. First, I find it odd that an obvious outsider like
>Kaufmann would be in such a position in a small cowtown. Small
>towns tend to be very insular and suspicious of outsiders. It
>typically takes a long time to win people's trust and be
>accepted. More telling, however, is what turned up at the
>Roswell hall of records. All board members of the Chamber of
>Commerce were paid out of town funds - except for Kaufmann, who
>was paid from some unknown outside source. This would be in line
>with Kaufmann always picking up the check claiming that somebody
>else was paying for it.

In those sorts of organizations, there are always "patrons" who contribute to the operation and there is nothing nefarious attached to it. This seems to be one of those cases because the

money doesn't trace to a black government source. Kaufmann, in fact, suggested to me that such was the case. The money came from a political patron and the Chamber was limited by that patron as to how it could be spent.

Kaufmann always picking up the check was just one of those things... a part of his act and means nothing, other than he picked up the check. Actually, I out maneuvered him once and managed to get the check... but here's another thought. Maybe he thought paying for the breakfast was compensation for all the tales he told.

>>This reminds me of what John Carpenter, whom I met in Laughlin in >>March 2000, told me about Gerald Anderson. He had met him >>recently and Anderson was in excellent health and mood. His >>attitude was the one of a man satisfied to have done his job well. >>Carpenter was the hypnotherapist who had regressed Anderson >>and who had supported him during several years. Now he was >>convinced that he had played a role.

>I too suspect Kaufmann played a role, though maybe not exactly >the role he devised for himself. He may also have been an >insider of some sort. Some of his information was original and >seems to have checked out.

I believe now that this information that did check out was more serendipitous than inside knowledge. He picked General Scanlon as one of the important insiders, I believe, because he knew Scanlon was a real general who had been at Roswell. That Scanlon had a background in intelligence was another of these serendipitous coincidences.

Kaufmann had no real role, other than that which he invented for himself, as shown by the faked records... faked records that were clearly his creation. They existed for no other purpose than to "prove" that Kaufmann was telling the truth.

>E.g., Kaufmann, I believe, was the first to claim that it was >the special counter-intelligence corps team (which he claimed to >be a part) which came up with the bright idea of the base press >release of recovering a flying disc. That's the way I read the >Ramey memo as well. There is also testimony from several >witnesses to the effect of strange CIC people being at the base. >(Though conceivably Kaufmann might have been aware of this.)

Kaufmann did claim that a special team came into Roswell, but this was information that was already "out there". He broke no new ground there.

>A good example was Sgt. Robert Smith of the Air Transport Unit, >who said he helped load C54's with crates of crash material >while unknown, plain-clothes "inspectors" flashed ID cards from >some unknown project. Smith also said a cousin of his with the >Secret Service served as Truman's representative. Kaufmann also >mentioned the SS agent and gave the same name. See:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/smith.html>

>Kaufmann, again I believe, was the first to claim that bodies >were recovered inside the craft. This was also corroborated by >Gen. Arthur Exon.

>Furthur, this item is almost definitely in the Ramey memo, first >speaking of "the victims of the wreck" being "forwarded to" >"Fort Worth, Tex." The very next statement in the memo reads "in >the 'disc' they will ship". What was being shipped from inside >the "disc" was being sent by plane to Fort Worth, the context >indicating that this was the bodies.

>Kaufmann, however, claimed that the Fort Worth shipment >- testified to by Robert Slusher and "Tim", who were on the >flight - see:

>http://www.roswellproof.com/B29_Flight_July9.html

>- was nothing but a diversion, the bodies actually being shipped >elsewhere. This may have been Kaufmann acting as the >disinformatinalist, mixing truth with lies.

>Another example of deception mixed with truth by Kaufmann were >his shifting crash sites. The point of this would be to keep

>people looking in the wrong place, and also to later discredit
>their research and Roswell in general as the inconsistencies in
>the testimony mounted.

Or, the point could be that he didn't remember what he told us
from one visit to the next.

>>A question remains : could he have given, maybe like Kaufmann
>>and even Ragsdale, some true information, cleverly mixed with
>>lies ? The trick is then to make a very interesting story, but
>>which will be discredited sooner or later. I suspect two
>>possible scenarios here : "amplifying disinformation", or
>>gradual release of information, under tight control.

>This is the way I look at it. A lot of these Roswell witnesses
>are not black and white, but more shades of gray. If they lie
>(or maybe not tell all they know), sometimes the most important
>question is why did they lie? Was it a personal agenda for self-
>glorification, or is there something else behind it, such as
>self-protection, protection of others, or maybe to deliberately
>confuse an already confusing situation on behalf of government
>counterintelligence (CI)?

>When you think about, it makes a lot of sense that if something
>as stupendous as an ET crash had occurred, somebody would be
>left behind to keep an eye on the situation. People might also
>be paid off to lie and eventually discredit themselves.
>Investigators who initially bought into their stories get
>discredited by association, along with the whole scenario of a
>saucer crash.

>Once CI gets involved, everything can become a hall of mirrors.
>During WWII, Allied CI through various ruses had the Germans
>completely confused about Allied invasion plans. Even after the
>Normandy invasion was well underway, the Germans remained
>convinced that this was only a diversion.

>So Kaufmann was officially nothing but a humble clerk. But when
>you think about it, this is the perfect cover for a CI mole,
>somebody who is completely inconspicuous, but is really behaving
>like a "fly on the wall." It's like a waiter spy listening in on
>the sensitive conversations of the customers.

But you see, the problem here is that even when these people are
sent in, a review of their military training and their military
records gives a hint about them. While a specific mission might
be classified, you just don't snag someone without training and
jam them into such a position. They had a background that tends
to confirm this, but the records show Kaufmann had no such
background. More to the point, I have seen records of his real
background, and later, altered records that suggest other
positions... but nothing that suggests any training at all. In
fact, his training and assignments are all in line with a clerk.

And there's the clue. Take any of the special forces
organizations. A soldier might not be assigned in a position
that shows his training as a cover for what he does, however, if
you look at the record, you find that he has, at some point,
gotten the specific training, that he was assigned to the bases
and posts where that training was given, and his records reflect
the completion of those schools and that training. Kaufmann's
records did not reflect any of this.

His educational background and his military training just do not
reflect any sort of specialized assignment. Again, the nature of
the assignment might be disguised, but the training, either
military or civilian would be there. Those sorts of schools are
such that there would be no reason to conceal them. That Frank
altered his records, attempting to make it look as if he had the
right background suggests that he knew that anyone attempting to
verify his background would see the truth.

>There are other examples of CI people who had regular "day
>jobs", but were also serving in a CI capacity. Take the case of
>Larry Dyvad, associated with Project Mogul, supposedly as a
>chase pilot for the balloon flights. That was his "day job." But
>the day after the Roswell base press release, he was part of a
>team at Alamogordo debunking Roswell and flying saucers using
>weather balloons and radar targets (one of a number of such
>demonstrations incidentally). See:

>www.roswellproof.com/militarydebunk.html

>This even came up in the Air Force Roswell report in the
>interviews with Charles Moore and Col. Albert Trakowski by Lt.
>James McAndrew. Given Dyvad's involvement with the Alamogordo
>demonstration, they speculated that he was secretly with CI.

They key here is that they speculate... there is nothing to
confirm that. Has anyone attempted to check his record to find
out if he had the real training in CI?

>Additional evidence of this comes from a 1951 document.
>Trakowski's replacement as Mogul Project Officer was Col. Edward
>Doty, who we know today from multiple documents, was really an
>AFOSI officer (i.e., Air Force counterintelligence) and also in
>charge of UFO investigations at Holloman AFB, Alamogordo. Both
>Doty and Dyvad took a UFO report from a radar station near
>Corona, N.M. in 1951. A discussion of this and the document can
>be viewed at:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/Dyvad1951.html>

>It is also noteworthy that the Air Force included a 1959 letter
>from Doty to the Holloman base historian (Appendix 4 to McAndrew
>section), detailing his involvement with the balloon projects at
>Alamogordo starting in January 1948, but telling the historian
>nothing at all about being with AFOSI or being the base UFO
>investigator.

>So Doty too seems to have a "day job", but he was considerably
>more than just chief of various balloon project. Furthermore, he
>seems to have deliberately concealed his primary military
>affiliation (AFOSI) plus other secretive responsibilities.

But you see, there is a record. There is a paper trail that can
be investigated. With Kaufmann, the paper trail does not exist.
The only documents that lead to that conclusion are clearly
faked, and when the real documents are found, they tell a
substantially different story.

>The point is, we don't really know if Kaufmann was nothing more
>than a clerk. Maybe that's all he was, but he may have been
>considerably more than that. As is usually the case with
>Roswell, the truth of the matter is muddled.

Here, the truth is not muddled. We have the documents and we
have the evidence. Kaufmann was nothing more than a clerk. The
record clearly establishes this. The only reason to suggest it
is muddled is an attempt to rehabilitate the Kaufmann tales now
that the flaws have been discovered and the documentation has
been found.

>>The case of Glenn Dennis might be yet another one. He would have
>>told the truth basically, but protected the identity of the
>>nurse. He may also have had his memory somewhat mixed up, after
>>forty years. I already noted in a previous post :

>>Regarding Glenn Dennis and the "missing nurse", I am perplexed
>>by the information given about Eilen Fanton, both in the
>>"Roswell Report. Case Closed" (pages 82-83), and by Karl Pflock
>>in his last book, at pages 138-139.
>>She seems to correspond on several points to the description
>>made by Glenn Dennis. Could it be that at least part of his
>>original story was accurate ? Or is there a solid argument
>>against that, apart from the false name Naomi Selff ?

>Dennis is a classic example of a Roswell witness who I think is
>basically telling the truth but for various reasons chose not to
>tell the whole truth. He may very well be still protecting the
>>true identity of a real person. (I have additional information
>on this which I am not at liberty to disclose. Despite
>statements to the contrary, the existence of a real Nurse X has
>not been conclusively ruled out. E.g., there were other nurses
>at the base, some civilian, who are not pictured in the base
>yearbook.)

There were other nurses at the base, and there were civilian
nurses who sometimes worked at the base, and of course, who
worked in the hospital there. However, I believe a comprehensive
search has been conducted and all nurses who were in Roswell in
July, 1947, have been identified. Dennis' nurse is not among
them.

Is that conclusive, in and of itself? No. To me, the real problem arose when Dennis was confronted with this information. He then began to "spin" the story. He hadn't given any of us the real name because of his promise. She wasn't Naomi Self but someone else. He told us all that in the beginning, but we chose to ignore it, at least according to what he says today. He has altered his story as the investigation revealed new information. That suggests the story is not true.

Well, the truth is that he gave us what he told us was the real name. He wanted to protect her so we weren't supposed to reveal the name, but we had the real one. As I have explained in the past, at one point he quizzed me about the lack of progress with finding the nurse. He complained that he had given us the real name and why couldn't we find her. Now, when we suggested there was no nurse named Naomi Self in the Army, or in any civilian capacity in Roswell, he changed the name. It was our fault for not listening to him. All this suggests that his story is not true.

Or, when we found that five Army nurses hadn't been killed in a plane crash, he told us that she had been discharged early and had become a nun.

The problem isn't that we got information wrong, but that when challenged by the facts, altered the story to fit the new facts. That suggests a tale that is a fabrication rather than one that is simply misremembered.

>There is also some independent corroboration of Dennis' story
>from other witnesses, as I have detailed on my website. See:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/dennis.html>

>Because Dennis lied about the nurse's name, various
>investigators have been trying to distance themselves as much as
>possible from him. I think this is as big a mistake as
>dismissing everything that, say, a Charles Moore has had to say.
>And we may be making a similar mistake in totally dismissing
>Frank Kaufmann.

But with Kaufmann, he's standing out there alone, suddenly telling me in 1998 to forget about Glenn Dennis, to forget about Walter Haut because they knew nothing of value. He was now maneuvering to be the number one guy in the Roswell area. Talk to him, oh, and pay his fee, or you won't get the "real" Roswell story.

Then, we discover all those documents he had created to prove that he was the one and only "real" guy.

>The problem, of course, is trying to pick out the truth amidst
>the deception. But this is not much different from the task that
>police investigators face when dealing with less-than-truthful
>witnesses to a crime. A smart investigator will not completely
>discount testimony from such witnesses if other evidence
>corroborates parts of their stories. If anything, the reasons
>behind the lies may be far more important than the testimony
>itself.

The big point here is if other investigations corroborate parts of the story, but we must also be aware of contamination. How much did Kaufmann know from those other sources... I know that he watched the Unsolved Mysteries segment because he talked about it having seen it. From that point on, he kept himself informed of about the latest in the Roswell case.

A smart investigator will realize when he has been had and will take steps to eliminate the testimony so that he won't continually trip over it. There comes a time, as the evidence mounts, that the smart investigator will realize that nothing from that source is of value and eliminate it.

>E.g., if (hypothetically) the government had paid Charles Moore
>to promote a hoax in order to further debunk Roswell, that
>information would be hugely significant in and of itself.

But there is always a paper trail. I have seen a copy of a letter written by McAndrew in which he suggests that Moore be given some sort of testimonial dinner for all his hard work on

the Roswell case. Not the same as being paid in cash, but a suggestion of a kind of payment. We can find independent corroboration... with Kaufmann, we have nothing.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Clark

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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:00:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Clark

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:28:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:45:20 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>More Research by Referendum. Surely all these "votes" show more
>>about the nature of the audience at these events than the
>>strength of the arguments advanced?

>Sorry, John, I don't do research by referendum.

>It is very important for the general public and the media to
>understand that a majority are ready to accept the notion that
>some UFOs are ET visitors. 100,000 is a pretty good sample size.

>In my experience, the major reason people don't report
>sightings, that professors don't teach classes about UFOs, or
>sponsor Theses about UFOs, and that the press doesn't treat the
>subject fairly and honestly, is the false perception stimulated
>by the ha ha treatment....

If so-called psychosocial ufology were anything other than
debunking/pelicanism by a more polite name, it would be as
concerned with the role of ridicule and disbelief as it would
with their opposites.

As much as anything, ridicule and the fear of it have shaped UFO
reporting and discussion over the entire history of the UFO
controversy. Traditions of disbelief have done fully as much to
make sober analysis as impossible as uncritical belief has. More
maybe, since it's those with power who are immersed in the
former.

Jerry Clark

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Secrecy News -- 12/12/02

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CIA INSISTS ON 1947 INTELLIGENCE BUDGET SECRECY

In an act of bureaucratic dementia, the Central Intelligence Agency has decided to reassert the obviously false claim that declassification of the intelligence budget totals from 1947 and 1948 would cause damage to the national security of the United States and would compromise intelligence sources and methods.

The CIA, unable to admit error and adjust its policies accordingly, reiterated its bizarre classification position this week in a brief filed in opposition to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Federation of American Scientists that seeks disclosure of the historical budget totals.

In response to previous litigation, budget totals from 1997 and 1998 have previously been disclosed. However, CIA inexplicably holds that the same information from 50 years earlier is too sensitive to release.

Perhaps more than any other single failing, CIA's inability to adapt its information policies to current realities suggests that the Agency may have reached the end of its useful lifetime.

The Justice Department, in accordance with Attorney General Ashcroft's October 2001 Freedom of Information policy statement which discourages release of contested information, is vigorously defending the CIA position.

The CIA's initial reply to the FAS lawsuit is signed by three Justice Department attorneys, who probably did not have this kind of thing in mind when they went to law school. FAS is acting pro se, i.e. without legal representation.

At the end of a mostly formulaic response, the CIA feistily asks not only that the lawsuit be dismissed but that the Agency be awarded its costs. See the CIA's December 10 filing here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/cia121002.html>

REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL 9/11 INQUIRY RELEASED

While the CIA resists the disclosure of half-century-old budget numbers, a congressional joint committee is calling for a "more realistic" approach to the classification of intelligence

information.

"I think that we need to re-examine the basic principles of what constitute the national security, in terms of what information should be withheld, what information should be shared," said Sen. Bob Graham, outgoing chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and co-chair of the congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11, speaking at a press conference yesterday on the release of the Inquiry's final report.

"I am concerned that a lot of, I think, an excessive amount of the rationale for classification and, then, declassification has more to do with avoiding the embarrassment of what it would mean to an agency and possibly to individuals by letting the American people know how their agencies are functioning," Sen. Graham said.

"And finally, I think there is a great conflict of interest when you have the same people classifying information, who are then asked to declassify. They have a vested interest in disclosure and they have a vested interest in not lifting the veil," he said.

The findings and recommendations of the congressional Joint Inquiry, along with a lengthy dissenting report from Senator Richard Shelby, are posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_rpt/index.html

BUSH POLICY ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The Bush Administration released a six page document entitled "National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction," which warns that the United States would resort to "all of our options" in response to the use of weapons of mass destruction.

The unclassified strategy document corresponds to the classified National Security Presidential Directive 17, the Washington Post reported. See the text here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/nspd-17.html>

IRAQI WMD DECLARATION: TABLE OF CONTENTS

Iraq has carried out a remarkably robust and diverse program on weapons of mass destruction, judging from the table of contents of its declaration to the United Nations Security Council.

In a December 7 note from Foreign Minister Naji Sabri, Iraq thoughtfully cautioned that publication of the detailed information contained in its unreleased declaration "entails risk and is inconsistent with the norms of the weapons non-proliferation regime."

See the table of contents of the Iraqi declaration here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/12/iraql20702.pdf>

CHINA WHITE PAPER ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

"The world needs peace, the people want cooperation, nations long for development and society aspires for progress."

So begins "China's National Defense in 2002," a new white paper on the defense policy of the People's Republic of China. It is the fourth such publication issued since 1995.

The document provides official statements on defense spending (169.444 billion yuan in 2002) as well as the size of the armed forces (less than 2.5 million members in the People's Liberation Army), and pronounces on Chinese military objectives and interests. See the English text, published December 9, here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/china/doctrine/natdef2002.html>

SECRECY IN THE NEWS

The debate over non-lethal weapons is updated in "Bang! You're Incapacitated" by Brad Knickerbocker in the Christian Science Monitor, December 12:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/1212/p11s03-stgn.html>

One account of the conclusions of the congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11 is provided in "Intelligence overhaul necessary, panel says" by Mary Jacoby, St. Petersburg Times, December 12:

http://www.sptimes.com/2002/12/12/Worldandnation/Intelligence_overhaul.shtml

The imperative of sharing information related to homeland security will sooner or later have to confront the aging machinery of the security clearance system. See "Feds Seek to Share More Threat Information Without Security Clearances," by Chuck McCutcheon, Newhouse News, December 11:

<http://www.newhouse.com/archive/story1a121102.html>

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:10:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:17:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Maccabee

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:17:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 07:12:12 EST
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

<snip>

>A "fake" abductee, IMO, would indicate that someone is making up
>their story, for some reason, but how do we tell the difference
>between someone who simply believes they've been abducted when
>in fact they have not? Should we accept on faith the word of
>abduction researchers that they can tell the difference. John
>Mack was taken in by a reporter, who spent a number of months as
>part of an abduction group, which she later wrote about in a
>Time Magazine article. She obviously knew that she was faking
i>t, but what about non-abdutees who aren't? Other than their own
>beliefs and faith in humanity, how do researchers measure the
>difference.

Here's a test: read the first chapter in Abduction In My Life
and answer the question, did this really happen to the writer?
(Said question has been asked by numerous readers.)

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Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:12:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:18:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:33:29 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Roy Norris <rnorris@charter.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
>>>Subject: Another Approach

<snip>

>>If someone wants to endow a "UFO Investigation Fund" at a high
>>enough level so that 20K or more level of investigation could be
>>supported each year by the interest on the endowment plus an
>>initial shot of, say, \$100 K to assemble a van plus shipable
>>instrument package (and perhaps to train nvestigators) then we
>>might be able to convert UFO investigation into a real science!.
>>The experience of NIDS with their instrumented farm would
>>probably be valuable to study (what can happen at the site of
>>repeated anomalous events/sightings).

>>Incidentally, you mention Laurence R. It is well known that he has
>>an interest in the subject. Perhaps if a number of scientists
>>approached him directly with a specific plan he would be willing
>>to support this, especially if some others with philanthropist
>>tendencies were also willing to contribute.

Bob wrote:

>"Statistically speaking, an unimpeachable photograph must sooner
>or later appear if UFOs are a physical reality. Every year that
>passes without such a photograph being produced is evidence
>against the position that unknown objects are operating in the
>Earth's atmosphere" Stuart Nixon, Director, NICAP, November
>1972.

Of course, one can ask, is anything "unimpeachable" and
furthermore, even if an unimpeachable photo came along
skeptical/debunker types would think up an explanation.

I knew Stuart quite well. He was taking a very conservative
attitude here, the standard NICAP stance. The unstated
assumption in his above statement is that there had been, up to
1972, no "unimpeachable photograph." Of course, he was wrong in
that assumption. It's just that he wasn't aware of any. Consider
the White Sands Proof movies discussed at my web site.

The McMinnville photos had, as of 1972, been endorsed by the
Condon Committee investigator (Wm. Hartmann). An attempt at
"impeachment" by the Klass/Sheaffer team had not yet occurred
(and said impeachment attempt was rebuffed several years later)

The Trindade photo had been published, of course.

It was not known at that time that Air Force intelligence accepted the Rhodes photo (Phoenix, 1947) as real (used it in the TS Air Intelligence report of 1948).

The New Zealand sightings with 16 mm color movie (lots of "photos")n had not yet occurred.

And so on.

After Stuart left NICAP in 73(?) he dropped out of ufology. Haven't heard anything of him since.

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:23:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

>On Dr. Maccabee's website, I just read/reviewed his report on
>UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB, and would like more material
>about Paul Bennewitz, as his involvement with the UFO subject is
>much more complicated, as I understand.

>Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral
>Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called
>'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it
>but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to
>info, as to whether this material is the product of
>disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz
>was discredited and if so, by whom?

I did not spend a lot of time studying the Bennewitz involvement. I concentrated on the AFOSI aspects of the Kirtland Landing (and other sightings in the summer of 1980). My recollection is dim and others can correct me as needed:

Sometime in the late 1970's Bennewitz was working with a lady abductee/contactee who told him (through hypnosis?) that there was an underground alien base near Dulce, NM. Bennewitz, independently, was receiving electromagnetic signals at his company headquarters and laboratory which is/was just outside one of the gates at Kirtland AFB (Thunder Research, as I recall). He came to believe the signals he received were communications between Kirtland and the aliens. (Subsequent research suggested that he had detected radiation from a large device at Kirtland which was intended to simulate the electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear weapon... said device was used to test the vulnerability of aircraft to EM pulses.)

Bennewitz contacted Kirtland to point out that he was detecting this radiation and AFOSI investigated.

AFOSI - Air Force Office of Special Investigations, normally a criminal investigative unit, but often used to investigate UFO reports.

This is how Richard Doty became involved with Bennewitz in the fall of 1980. However, previous to that, in August 1980 there were sightings in the area that were reported to AFOSI headquarters (and forms the basis for my paper, UFO Landings At Kirtland AFB or Welcome To The Cosmic Watergate, the paper referred to on my web site.) The landing was in a restricted area in the Mazano mountains. Doty was the investigator of the Kirtland Landing case.

So, you have UFO sightings in the summer of 1980, and then AFOSI was contacted about Bennewitz's claim of detecting communications with aliens. 'Naturally' AFOSI was interested. Could Bennewitz be tapping into classified transmissions?

A big meeting was held at Bennewitz's lab in November (?) 1980. Doty and other intel agents and scientists were there. Bennewitz

showed a movie he had of a strange object near an airplane taking off and reported on the electromagnetic signals he had received. Subsequently the overt investigation of Bennewitz was dropped as it seems that Bennewitz's electromagnetic signals could be explained (although perhaps Bennewitz wasn't told the explanation).

I presume that Bennewitz was duly impressed by the interest shown by the AF in what he had "discovered" and this may have convinced him he was on the right track.... aliens existed, and they communicated with Kirtland and there was a base near Dulce.

This series of events, which have been documented (written down) piecemeal in several sources (e.g. Bill Moore writings) led to the following:

1) Moore and Berlitz' Roswell book came out in the late summer of 1980. This led to Doty contacting Moore in the fall of 1980. Moore investigated, among other things, Bennewitz. As Moore has explained it, he decided to go along with Doty/AFOSI and supply Bennewitz with documents that were probably only partially true. One of the documents was the "seed" which grew, 7 years later, into the MJ-12 controversy. This document, called the "Acquarius Document" refers to an analysis of Bennewitz's film and refers to UFO information in Project Acquarius that can only be accessed by "MJ-12."

Yes the first mention of that dreaded phrase!

6 years later I was informed of this and tried to locate "Project Acquarius." A DIA librarian located a report from Project Acquarius through "channel B" and I talked to a guy who was custodian of the report.... but I couldn't see it.

For several years after the initial contact with Doty, Moore went on a number of wild goose chases to obtain documents that would prove a top secret government investigation. This has been written about elsewhere (Moore) and in Dec., 1984 the "biggie" hit.... the Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) which ostensibly was the smoking gun and has been the subject of such argumentation and anguish ever since. The existence of the EBD was kept secret by Moore (and Shandara) while they investigated. However, a second copy of same was leaked to a writer in England (Timothy Goode, author of Above Top Secret) who went public with it in March/April of 1987 and subsequently Moore released it in the USA. This started an immense controversy that still rages in the dim dark corners of ufology.

That is one "thread" of history that followed from the fateful fall of 1980. Here is another:

2) Bennewitz's involvement with the AF and the on going investigation of Kirtland events and Bennewitz's stories came to the attention of John Lear, son of Bill Lear (of Lear Jet fame) in the middle 1980's. Lear decided to go public with basically everything Bennewitz said and this was a lot by now, Bennewitz claimed to have investigated the Dulce Story and found it to be true. The lady "witness/abductee/ contactee" (I forget her name) had said there had been a battle for control of the underground base and the aliens had won. She also talked about vats of human body parts and other nice things in the alien base. Lear went public with a version of this implying he had knowledge of deep secrets of the US government - alien interactions. Had the US sold out to the aliens? (What else could they do?)..... and so on. Also, in a sort of cosmic convergence with Bennewitz and Lear, we had one William Cooper who went public with ever more unbelievable stories about aliens and documents and so on. At the same time there was the KRLL document (written by... Grace..forget his first name). (I think a lot of this stuff lives in perpetuity on the web.) There were others claiming information and documents. This stuff reached a crescendo in December of 1987, about 8 months after the EBD had been released.

Lear and Cooper sort of teamed up for a year or so, until Lear realized that Cooper was a real "basket case" (psychopath of some sort) who kept changing his story. (I talked to Cooper at the time he first went public. He was claiming he had documents that proved the cover up. He told me he had written them from memory, having seen them over ten years before. He told me his documents were correct but the ones provided by Bill Moore were

fakes. I mused over that.... Cooper's documents were word for word identical to what Moore had provided months before Cooper came on the scene. HAHHAHAHAHAHA)

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Epilogue

Subsequently Bill Moore "confessed" to having provided Bennewitz with questionable documents and he was severaly criticized and he dropped out of ufology. (I haven't had any contact with him for close to 10 years now). He occasionally "appears" in Moseley's 'Saucer Smear' newsletter.

Bennewitz spent time in one or more hospitals for psychological problems. I tried to visit him in 1985 at the time of my investigation of the Kirtland Landing referred to above. I went to his company headquarters but he wouldn't see me. I left a phone number and he called. He said he would talk only because I was a friend of J. Allen Hynek. Bennewitz told me about the aliens (and others?) sticking needles into him all the time. I really didn't learn much of value from him.

Lear got fed up with ufology and dropped out.

Cooper took his conspiratorial ravings elsewhere. He wrote a book Behold a Pale Horse, a name taken from Revelation... the end times, etc. In that book I, among many others, was identified as a CIA agent of destruction. Anyone who disagreed with Cooper was a CIA agent . This was true even if Cooper changed his story and you agreed with the last story he told (one reason Lear split). A more accurate name for Cooper's book would have been Behind a Pale Horse. Cooper was shot while trying to avoid arrest a couple of years ago (had nothing to do with UFOs)... more to do with militias.

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Someday someone ought to write this all down as a story.... Of course the readers would think it all fiction. <LOL>

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I look forward to commentary and corrections on this brief attempt at pulling this history out of you-know-where since I haven't thought about this stuff for years! I know there are a lot of other "players" out there in the UpDates list who have pieces of it.

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Re: Another Approach - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:13:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:25:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Ledger

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 21:55:29 EST
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>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
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>>How about the 2 mile plus diameter objects passing behind the
>>teather on the STS 75 mission? What are those?

>>If you go to this NASA site with photos from STS-75:

>><http://images.jsc.nasa.gov/iams/html/pao/STS-75.htm>

>>The photos taken show not one picture of the teather when 77 to
>>100 nautical miles from the Shuttle. Talk about sticking your
>>head in the sand. Business as usual.

>Could you be more specific, please? What do you think is strange
>about any particular picture?

Not a damn thing Bob. That's the point. It's like showing
pictures of a nice family outing in the woods while completely
ignoring the photos taken of a bear eating your brother. Read
what I said.

CAVU

Don

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:47:47 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:27:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Young

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>E.g., Mogul engineer Charles Moore has recently been exposed as
>a hoaxer by Brad Sparks and myself regarding his "calculated"
>Mogul trajectory, and also been caught altering other data, such
>as maps, to promote some sort of agenda. Whether his agenda is
>personal or whether he was "inspired" by some outside agency I
>don't know. But he has clearly perjured himself

What is your definition of "perjury"?

Is it the same as if somebody calls you a "liar"?

Or is it that, now, anybody who makes what may be a mistake, or
even interprets the meaning of weather data differently than you
wish, so that it does not match your world view is a "perjurer"?

Whatever you think this is, it ain't science, pal.

And it's hardly useful Ufology, either, whatever that may mean.

What, exactly, is your problem?

Young

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:52:15 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:34:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

>On Dr. Maccabee's website, I just read/reviewed his report on
>UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB, and would like more material
>about Paul Bennewitz, as his involvement with the UFO subject is
>much more complicated, as I understand.

>Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral
>Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called
>'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it
>but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to
>info, as to whether this material is the product of
>disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz
>was discredited and if so, by whom?

One of the people connected with the Bennewitz events was USAF
Col. Richard Weaver of Roswell-Mogul balloon fame. Interesting
links here if you dig.

Nick Redfern

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Re: Another Approach - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:04:14 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:35:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Young

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:13:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

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>>>How about the 2 mile plus diameter objects passing behind the
>>>teather on the STS 75 mission? What are those?

<snip>

>>Could you be more specific, please? What do you think is strange
>>about any particular picture?

>Not a damn thing Bob. That's the point. It's like showing
>pictures of a nice family outing in the woods while completely
>ignoring the photos taken of a bear eating your brother. Read
>what I said.

OK, Don. I thought maybe you could point us to a picture of the
two-mile wide object, so that we could all take a look, and
maybe try to check the measurements, somehow.

If there is no picture, how do you know there was such an
object, then?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Another Approach - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:12:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:38:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Speiser

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 23:00:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:33:29 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>>From: Roy Norris <rnorris@charter.net>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2002 14:02:31 -0600
>>>>Subject: Another Approach

>>"Statistically speaking, an unimpeachable photograph must sooner
>>or later appear if UFOs are a physical reality. Every year that
>>passes without such a photograph being produced is evidence
>>against the position that unknown objects are operating in the
>>Earth's atmosphere"

>>-- Stuart Nixon, Director, NICAP, November 1972.

>I suppose that saying it twice is supposed to make it true.
>Howsomever, I was involved in the hiring of Stuart Nixon as a
>NICAP editorial assistant, which I now acknowledge was one of my
>most mistaken judgments.

>In the first place, his quoted statement is pseudoscientific BS
>("statistically speaking?"), but more importantly he
>persistently and aggravatingly ignored his instructions from
>Donald Keyhoe (Director) and Richard Hall (Assistant Director)
>as to what his work assignment was, wasted lots of time and
>money on things that he was not assigned to do, and then
>participated in destroying the very effective network that we
>had set up.

>There is a lot more I could say (maybe in my - very unlikely -
>memoirs), but that might give aid and comfort to the
>"Government conspiracy" theorists, so I will not say more for
>now. He may simply have been pigheaded and stubborn, but his
>subsequently revealed connections with Jack Acuff and other CIA
>persons, partisans, apologists raises very significant questions
>about the entire issue of 'disinformation'.

Dick,

You're living in the 70s - you're impeaching Nixon all over
again!

I think that, without knowing any of the background you
provided, the quote is nonetheless a valid statement. Its only

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fault is the fact that there are thus far some _unimpeached_ - I won't say _unimpeachable_ - photos and videos.

I provided one example, Kanazawa. So his statement, while valid in a vacuum, is nonetheless rendered moot.

Jim Speiser

If everything's under control, you're going too slow.
-- Mario Andretti

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:39:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:40:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Speiser

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

>.....

>Someday someone ought to write this all down as a story.... Of
>course the readers would think it all fiction. <LOL>

>.....

>I look forward to commentary and corrections on this brief
>attempt at pulling this history out of you-know-where since I
>haven't thought about this stuff for years! I know there are a
>lot of other "players" out there in the UpDates list who have
>pieces of it.

Bruce:

Don Ecker has done a commendable job of chronicling all this in
a series of articles for Fortean Times. I'll try to post a URL
if one exists...

Jim Speiser

Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself.
-- Desiderius Erasmus

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:43:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:14:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>I noted with interest that Kevin, in his IUR article on
>>>Kaufmann, recalled that "He always picked up the check,
>>>claiming that someone else paid for it. The implication was
>>>that the government was watching and Frank was just doing his
>>>job". Well, what kind of job was he doing?

A snow job? <gr>

>>Kaufmann claimed that he was a government counterintelligence
>>and disinformation agent left behind to keep an eye on things.
>>Whether this was true or not, I don't know, but there is some
>>circumstantial evidence that might support it:

>Thank you for your very interesting informations and questions
>about Frank Kaufmann. They seem to confirm my impression that he
>was not a simple author of "tall tales".

Why do I suspect that in Frank Kaufmann, we may have another
Billy Meier-type debate just starting?

My guess is that there are many people who are loath to let go
of Frank's tale, if only because it was his stories that were
the foundation of Roswell's most sensational aspects. So I
forsee years of wrangling over the minutiae of Frank's stories,
and many attempts to rehabilitate him. This "armchair" dialogue
between David and Gildas is just the start.

It was Kevin Randle who was closest to Frank Kaufmann - he was
the guy who looked him in the eyes. Kevin also has the most to
lose - Frank's tales were the lynch-pin of "The Truth about the
UFO Crash at Roswell".

So if Kevin can publicly say that he no longer has any
confidence in anything Frank had to say about the Roswell
Incident, well... he is the guy in the field, the one who should
know best. He has earned his position among UFO Advocates as an
Authority on Roswell and Frank Kaufmann.

If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe
him?

(from my armchair)

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Another Approach - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:47:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Kimball

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 21:30:02 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:52:38 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:56:33 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>Statistically speaking, even if an 'unimpeachable' photograph
>>were to appear, 9 out of 10 skeptics would be able to find a way
>>to rationalize it, at least to themselves (the tenth presumably
>>drinking himself into a stupor as his world crashed down around
>>his ears). Then, no doubt, they would start demanding ufologists
>>produce an unimpeachable alien.

>Undoubtedly. But two of the greatest mysteries of UFOlogy
>remain:

>1) Why is there no unimpeachable evidence of the saucers'
>existence?

I would suggest that the first "greatest mystery" of ufology is
why the skeptics continue to ignore the evidence (admittedly
circumstantial, but trials are decided on a lot less) that some
UFOs may be extraterrestrial in origin?

>2) Why have UFOlogists spun their wheels for more than 50 years
>with only a couple half-hearted attempts to obtain data? Are
>they afraid of something, or don't they like the idea of years
>and years of unrelenting boredom searching for the real saucers?

I would suggest that the second greatest mystery in ufology is
why the skeptics continue to ignore or dismiss the data that has
been collected, including the tremendous body of credible
eyewitness testimony?

>Or do they already suspect the truth?

Or are they scared of what a reasoned look at the data might mean?

>Clear skies,

Sounds like yours are pretty foggy, actually.

>Bob Young

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 21:12:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:49:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:28:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 18:45:20 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>I should add that there were, intentionally, other debunkers on
>>>the show and in the audience, which may account for why the
>>>audience believer-vote was "only" 73%, taken before the debate.
>>>I suppose we could say we clobbered them. By the way the total
>>>audience number, which I had not recalled, is more than twice
>>>the number that saw the recent all time most popular SCI-FI
>>>Documentary show about Roswell.

>>More Research by Referendum. Surely all these "votes" show more
>>about the nature of the audience at these events than the
>>strength of the arguments advanced?

>Sorry John, I don't do research by referendum.

>It is very important for the general public and the media to
>understand that a majority are ready to accept the notion that
>some UFOs are ET visitors. 100,000 is a pretty good sample size.

>In my experience, the major reason people don't report
>sightings, that professors don't teach classes about UFOs, or
>sponsor Theses about UFOs, and that the press doesn't treat the
>subject fairly and honestly, is the false perception stimulated
>by the ha ha treatment, that most people don't accept UFO
>reality.

>In fact, they do.

>Most people behave on the basis of how they think people will
>react to them and are fearful of ridicule.

No they aren't. Most people are not actually very bothered about
UFOs, still less worry about what their contemporaries will
think of them if they express an opinion on the subject. Most
people don't think UFOs are very important or have anything to
do with their own lives. There, I've said it, the ultimate
heresy!

People will, however, take an interest in the matter if it is
presented to them in an interesting way, and for all that I
disagree with Mr Friedman's viewpoints, I readily accept that
his arguments are presented in an interesting and entertaining
manner.

>The reality of flying saucers is determined by the overwhelming
>evidence.

I thought it had all been covered up!

>The ITV show demonstrated that a discussion between three
>serious UFO investigators, data gatherers, or whatever and three
>learned professors can produce sufficient evidence to convince
>people who can express their vote anonymously and safely without
>fear of ridicule. That is very important.

I regard all such polls, phone-in votes and petitions as
worthless, even ones which support my own viewpoint. A recent
BBC-TV poll declared that Princess Diana was the third greatest
person in British history, ahead of figures like Newton, Darwin,
Cromwell, Queen Elizabeth the First, King Alfred and
Shakespeare. UFOs are such a non-issue for most people that,
when encouraged to, they are likely to vote on the spur of the
moment for the viewpoint which amused or entertained them the
most.

The relationship that may have to genuine scientific evidence
is, to say the least, problematical!

-- John Rimmer Magonia
Magazine www.magonia.demon.co.uk

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Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 20:53:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:50:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 09:26:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>More Research by Referendum. Surely all these "votes" show more
>>>about the nature of the audience at these events than the
>>>strength of the arguments advanced?

>>Sorry, John, I don't do research by referendum.

>>It is very important for the general public and the media to
>>understand that a majority are ready to accept the notion that
>>some UFOs are ET visitors. 100,000 is a pretty good sample size.

>>In my experience, the major reason people don't report
>>sightings, that professors don't teach classes about UFOs, or
>>sponsor Theses about UFOs, and that the press doesn't treat the
>>subject fairly and honestly, is the false perception stimulated
>>by the ha ha treatment....

>
>If so-called psychosocial ufology were anything other than
>debunking/pelicanism by a more polite name, it would be as
>concerned with the role of ridicule and disbelief as it would
>with their opposites.

>
>As much as anything, ridicule and the fear of it have shaped UFO
>reporting and discussion over the entire history of the UFO
>controversy. Traditions of disbelief have done fully as much to
>make sober analysis as impossible as uncritical belief has. More
>maybe, since it's those with power who are immersed in the
>former.

Whatever my views may be of Stanton Friedman's theories about
UFOs, I cannot doubt that he represents a very large body of
opinion amongst the general public - as he says above, "a
majority are ready to accept the notion that some UFOs are ET
visitors. 100,000 is a pretty good sample size".

We have discussed the "ridicule factor" at length on this list,
and I am still unconvinced that it exists. Yes, people in the
media do make silly comments about UFOs, yet at the same time
many people in the media also give wide, uncritical publicity to
UFO claims, otherwise why else would groups like CSICOP start
getting worked up about what they see as a "tide of credulity"
threatening their world view?

For every example of the "ha ha treatment" of UFOs in the media
- and I'm not denying that it exists - there is an example of an

equal and opposite "gee-whiz treatment" where UFO-related claims are promoted uncritically at face value.

If Jerry wants psychosocial ufologists to take the role of ridicule and disbelief seriously, perhaps he might like to write an article on the subject for Magonia magazine?

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John Rimmer
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Tagish Lake Meteorite Article

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:52:07 -0500
Subject: Tagish Lake Meteorite Article

Possible Precursors to Early Life Found in "Tagish Lake" Meteorite

<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=10115>

"In a study published today in the "International Journal of Astrobiology," researchers state that a meteorite that fell to Earth over northwestern Canada in January 2000 contains a previously unseen type of primitive organic material that was formed long before our own solar system came into being."

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Friedman

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:56:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 09:31:15 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 22:56:03 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 20:36:11 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:40:18 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 20:16:13 EST
>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:20:30 -0400
>>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 20:23:13 EST
>>>>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>Good Morning, Stan, List, All -

>>>I'm going to snip some of this to keep it from becoming very
>>>long. I hope clarity will follow...

>And I shall do it again because, well, frankly, I can...

><snip>

I just can't spend the time and effort correcting all the false
claims that were in this post. Perhaps if I were a better
typist, but I am not. So my snip is a huge one - all but that
above. I am sure some Listers will breathe a sigh of relief.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Printy

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:59:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Printy

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>A good example was Sgt. Robert Smith of the Air Transport Unit,
>who said he helped load C54's with crates of crash material
>while unknown, plain-clothes "inspectors" flashed ID cards from
>some unknown project. Smith also said a cousin of his with the
>Secret Service served as Truman's representative. Kaufmann also
>mentioned the SS agent and gave the same name.

I am not so sure about this and I think Kevin Randle needs to resolve this issue. First, the names are not exactly the same (Devinnes vs DeVinney). This is not too big a deal but what is really important is footnote 50 in the book "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell". According to this note, the name listed does not come from Kaufmann but is attributed to an interview with Smith in 1991. The question is, did Kaufmann give this name or was it just Smith?

Tim Printy

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 00:59:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 02:03:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Velez

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:10:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 11:17:37 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
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>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 07:12:12 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

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>>A "fake" abductee, IMO, would indicate that someone is making up
>>their story, for some reason, but how do we tell the difference
>>between someone who simply believes they've been abducted when
>>in fact they have not? Should we accept on faith the word of
>>abduction researchers that they can tell the difference. John
>>Mack was taken in by a reporter, who spent a number of months as
>>part of an abduction group, which she later wrote about in a
>>Time Magazine article. She obviously knew that she was faking
>i>t, but what about non-abdutees who aren't? Other than their own
>>beliefs and faith in humanity, how do researchers measure the
>>difference.

>Here's a test: read the first chapter in Abduction In My Life
>and answer the question, did this really happen to the writer?
>(Said question has been asked by numerous readers.)

Hi Steve, Bruce, all,

Been following this thread. It's been interesting learning what
it is people think of abductees, their reports and the abduction
phenomenon. With some room for debate here and there, much of it
is valid and the way I would feel and think about it if it
wasn't happening to me. As I have said, myself and many others
cannot enjoy the luxury of disbelief.

How about a 'real' test? How about a formal investigation?

The thing that keeps coming back to me as I read this back and
forth debate about who is full of it and who isn't, is the human
cost. The 'price' that (even if they be few in number) that
honest, brave and sincere individuals have to pay for reporting
what has been happening to them and to their families. How they
have to sit and wait and tend to their own wounds while the rest
of the world decides whether they are going to believe them or
not. And all because they felt an obligation to their fellow
men/women to let them know what they suspect or know (as the
case may be) is going on.

Re: liars

Fact: People can be fooled.

Fact: Some people will intentionally fool other people for whatever reasons, monetary, psychological etc. they may have as individuals for doing so.

Does that mean that everyone is lying?

No. It doesn't.

It would only take one person who is accurately and factually reporting a kidnapping by the occupants of a UFO to make this an urgent and ugly concern for all. Not just a 'chosen' (pun intended) few.

People who are 'crazy' are unbalanced in many ways and it shows symptoms in many aspects of their behavior, interactions with others, relationships and indeed their 'lives' in general.

Someone with the kind of character disorder that would allow them to construct and tell elaborate lies to others, do not tell just 'one lie.' They lie all the time. To every one they know. It is a 'symptom' of whatever it is that is wrong with them.

It is also how chronic tellers of elaborate lies get caught. They tell so many lies to so many people, that at some point they forget what lie they told to which person and they get eventually busted. If they're lucky and smart they get help.

By force of sheer numbers, the odds that every person who has reported UFO abduction over the years has a character disorder on the scale that would allow them to do such a thing is slim. Like I said, it would only take 'one' person reporting the truth to make this everyone's problem.

In the meantime, while the albeit 'righteous' debate rages on about who can be believed and how to find that out, the ones who are only reporting what has happened to them continue to be ignored and go without help of any kind.

Kind of like asking a rape victim for a semen sample as proof before tending to the knife wounds they received during the assault. Not everybody is lying. That means; that some people who have been seriously traumatized repeatedly over a lifetime and who have had to endure literally 'inhuman' events and ordeals continue to go ignored and completely unattended.

One thing Amy Hebert said that I am in complete agreement with is; we desperately need a multi-disciplinary investigation into this whole abduction business. And we needed it yesterday.

While many are engaged in an endless debate about who may be lying or not, we have thousands of our neighbors falling between the cracks who are reporting being kidnapped by the occupants of UFOs. Whether it turns out to be a literal truth or not isn't even the real issue. Looking into the cause of whatever is evidently affecting a large number of otherwise sane and stable human beings world-wide, is.

We really need to get our priorities straight. People, human beings should rightfully always be at the top of any agenda. Screw whether UFOs, aliens, or abductions are real or not. Either; thousands of ordinary and perfectly 'sane' individuals are manifesting some new psychological disorder, or something else, real or otherwise, is happening to them. We need to know what that 'something' is.

The only way we're going to find out is if everybody begins to demand, in one voice, an immediate, formal, multi-disciplinary investigation into these reports.

Isn't anybody out there worried that whatever this 'bug' is that is affecting so many thousands of others may one day infect you? I'm not crazy or a liar and I 'contracted' whatever this 'thing' is. If it is some new kind of 'crazy' that can affect an ordinary, family oriented, working man like myself, what makes you think that it can't happen to you? If it turns out to be a purely human phenomenon then aren't all human beings susceptible to catching it? If it's all in our heads, what makes anyone think they are magically, uniquely, immune to it.

If not for humanitarian reasons; to help others, then out of

pure self-preservation everyone should be calling for an investigation into these matters. We'll figure out who was BS'ing and who wasn't later.

Right now... we all need to know what is going on. Period. There but for the Grace of God go you and your loved ones. The only way we're going to learn anything is to call for the immediate investigation of these reports.

End of story.

Regards,

John Velez
abductee, telling the truth and awaiting the day.

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

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Goldstein

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Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Goldstein

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

Hi Bruce, Laurel, and Listerions,

What a story from Ufodom in the eighties this is. A great cast of extreme characters in amazing events while great truth, great disinformation, and the utterings of some very disturbed minds spew forth. I'm thinking a movie. I remember going through this as it unfolded back then. I am sure lots of you fellow Listerions remember this ride as you were taken on it.

>>On Dr. Maccabee's website, I just read/reviewed his report on >>UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB, and would like more material >>about Paul Bennewitz, as his involvement with the UFO subject is >>much more complicated, as I understand.

>>Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral >>Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called >>'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it >>but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to >>info, as to whether this material is the product of >>disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz >>was discredited and if so, by whom?

>I did not spend a lot of time studying the Bennewitz >involvement. I concentrated on the AFOSI aspects of the Kirtland >Landing (and other sightings in the summer of 1980). My >recollection is dim and others can correct me as needed:

>Sometime in the late 1970's Bennewitz was working with a lady >abductee/contactee who told him (through hypnosis?) that there >was an underground alien base near Dulce, NM. Bennewitz, >independently, was receiving electromagnetic signals at his >company headquarters and laboratory which is/was just outside >one of the gates at Kirtland AFB (Thunder Research, as I >recall). He came to believe the signals he received were >communications between Kirtland and the aliens. (Subsequent >research suggested that he had detected radiation from a large >device at Kirtland which was intended to simulate the >electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear weapon... said device was >used to test the vulnerability of aircraft to EM pulses.)

It has been so long that I am also dim regarding what I became aware of first and the date. For me it was most likely sometime in 1981. I respected Bill Moore as a researcher and investigator. I had read the Roswell book, and being in California, would see him and chat it up with him at some meetings. I used to call him on the phone to discuss some cases. That's a long ways before I ended up sitting in the audience 8

years later when Moore confessed his naive tragedy at the MUFON Symposium.

Those are only two of my bookends to this great drama. Between them and beyond it contains all the story and visual elements to make a gripping ride. Are any executive producers reading this? ;->It would be great to interview Bruce and all the other people close to this epic. I was just a spectator to the events as they became known to us folks trying to learn all we could from the UFO field. Here I'll just add a few nuggets from my memory to Bruce's fine portrayal of the timeline and the major events,

Laurel, I don't have time now to look into websites that may be telling this story with many pages of all the events and characters that wove it into an exciting adventure. I remember being very excited over many aspects of all this as it unfolded. If you do not remember it or it is new to you, I suggest checking out websites.

>Bennewitz contacted Kirtland to point out that he was detecting
>this radiation and AFOSI investigated.

>AFOSI - Air Force Office of Special Investigations, normally a
>criminal investigative unit, but often used to investigate UFO
>reports.

>This is how Richard Doty became involved with Bennewitz in the
>fall of 1980. However, previous to that, in August 1980 there
>were sightings in the area that were reported to AFOSI
>headquarters (and forms the basis for my paper, UFO Landings At
>Kirtland AFB or Welcome To The Cosmic Watergate, the paper
>referred to on my web site.) The landing was in a restricted
>area in the Mazano mountains. Doty was the investigator of the
>Kirtland Landing case.

I remember being shocked when reports of those sightings were brought out, as they seemed to be pretty solid and reliable. Bruce, you cover it well on your site.

>So, you have UFO sightings in the summer of 1980, and then AFOSI
>was contacted about Bennewitz's claim of detecting
>communications with aliens. 'Naturally' AFOSI was interested.
>Could Bennewitz be tapping into classified transmissions?

>A big meeting was held at Bennewitz's lab in November (?) 1980.
>Doty and other intel agents and scientists were there. Bennewitz
>showed a movie he had of a strange object near an airplane
>taking off and reported on the electromagnetic signals he had
>received. Subsequently the overt investigation of Bennewitz was
>dropped as it seems that Bennewitz's electromagnetic signals
>could be explained (although perhaps Bennewitz wasn't told the
>explanation).

>
>I presume that Bennewitz was duly impressed by the interest
>shown by the AF in what he had "discovered" and this may have
>convinced him he was on the right track... aliens existed, and
>they communicated with Kirtland and there was a base near Dulce.

>This series of events, which have been documented (written down)
>piecemeal in several sources (e.g. Bill Moore writings) led to the
>following:

At first, when I had found out that he was a scientist receiving electromagnetic signals I became very excited because his house overlooked Coyote Canyon, which contained the Manzano Mountain underground nuclear storage depot. That was where those two landing cases took place.

I can't remember, but I think Bennewitz told AFOSI about Project Beta and presented the Project Beta document at that time. Later, when I looked at it I wondered about Bennewitz. But around that time I had read his report on the woman, I think Christa Tilton, who reported the aliens being underground up at Dulce Canyon. They had defeated our best forces and we had to make a deal with the devil, the aliens.

They built a many layered hive underground that contained various vats, plumbing, and associated equipment to keep the aliens alive. The deal was that we could also live if we supplied the aliens with the required number of people to enable them to live. The aliens ate through some form of skin

absorbance process. Therefore the humans would have to be floating in vats, slowly aging to a fine vintage until they were liquified and their essences absorbed by dining aliens. Was this an alien wine cellar?

I used to read Bennewitz's reports from when he flew his plane over Dulce Canyon. He even reported structures on the surface and UFOs going in and out. Maybe it was more like a McDonalds for the aliens. Maybe they were like the Nazis and separated the people according to types and listed them as such on the menu. I know, how could anyone believe such a tale?

I don't remember just when and how but a new actor appeared, a voice of authority named Gabe Valdez, a New Mexico State Police or Highway Patrol officer. He lived and patrolled in the Dulce Canyon area. He also reported the same kind of structures as did Bennewitz. Do any researchers remember how he first came on the scene and met Bennewitz? The Dulce canyon reports ended up causing a bunch of folks to go out there and earnestly look for the entrance to the underground alien nest, as if they wouldn't get zapped if they came anywhere near it.

There was one suspicious shaft but that was not the entrance. They ended up wondering if it was in an area guarded by unpopulated watch towers disguised as hunting towers

<snip>

>Lear and Cooper sort of teamed up for a year or so, until Lear >realized that Cooper was a real "basket case" (psychopath of >some sort) who kept changing his story. (I talked to Cooper at >the time he first went public. He was claiming he had documents >that proved the cover up. He told me he had written them from >memory, having seen them over ten years before. He told me his >documents were correct but the ones provided by Bill Moore were >fakes. I mused over that.... Cooper's documents were word for >word identical to what Moore had provided months before Cooper >came on the scene. HAHAAHAHAHAHA)
>.....
>...

>Epilogue

>Subsequently Bill Moore "confessed" to having provided Bennewitz >with questionable documents and he was severely criticized and he >dropped out of ufology. (I haven't had any contact with him for >close to 10 years now). He occasionally "appears" in >Moseley's 'Saucer Smear' newsletter.

>Bennewitz spent time in one or more hospitals for psychological >problems. I tried to visit him in 1985 at the time of my >investigation of the Kirtland Landing referred to above. I went >to his company headquarters but he wouldn't see me. I left a >phone number and he called. He said he would talk only because I >was a friend of J. Allen Hynek. Bennewitz told me about the >aliens (and others?) sticking needles into him all the time. I >really didn't learn much of value from him.

>Lear got fed up with ufology and dropped out.

>Cooper took his conspiratorial ravings elsewhere. He wrote a >book Behold a Pale Horse, a name taken from Revelation... the >end times, etc. In that book I, among many others, was >identified as a CIA agent of destruction. Anyone who disagreed >with Cooper was a CIA agent . This was true even if Cooper >changed his story and you agreed with the last story he told >(one reason Lear split). A more accurate name for Cooper's book >would have been Behind a Pale Horse. Cooper was shot while >trying to avoid arrest a couple of years ago (had nothing to do >with UFOs)... more to do with militias.

The sickest part about Cooper was that, due to his psychopathic paranoia and militia mania, he took a married police officer and father with him. He murdered that officer. I first saw him crazy Bill in person in the 1980s and immediately knew that he would have easily risen through the ranks of the Waffen SS given the opportunity.

Then there is the storyline of Richard Doty, MJ-12, and the Woods. Doty is out of the military but he is not having loose lips. I don't know how long his father lived but somehow my mind gets a funny picture of Pa and son Doty sitting in front of a computer and busting

out laughing at Pa and son Woods over the great joke of disinformation being played. Are there pieces of truth mixed with pieces of fraud? Who knows? Does USAF OSI?

>Someday someone ought to write this all down as a story.... Of
>course the readers would think it all fiction. <LOL>

As I said before, this has movie written all over it. Then again, there is TV. Maybe the Sci-Fi Network would be interested. ;-)

Please remember, just because UFOs do not hover over football stadiums does not mean that if they contain occupants they are not watching the NFL.

Josh

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Re: Another Approach - Bowden

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>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

<snip>

>Undoubtedly. But two of the greatest mysteries of UFOlogy
>remain:

- >1) Why is there no unimpeachable evidence of the saucers'
>existence?
 - >2) Why have UFOlogists spun their wheels for more than 50 years
>with only a couple half-hearted attempts to _obtain data_? Are
>they afraid of something, or don't they like the idea of years
>and years of unrelenting boredom searching for the real saucers?
- >Or do they already suspect the truth?

Now this is just too much! Many people over the last several decades have spent many thousands of hours, mostly on their own time, trying to obtain data. What you are referring to as "half-hearted attempts" for some have been a lifelong passion and avocation. Many have sacrificed careers and marriages to the cause.

I reiterate the often echoed plea: To obtain data requires the means to set up a bona-fide research project; to set up such a project requires funds for equipment and dedicated staffing, and it also requires enough recognition from scientists in multiple disciplines so that a healthy, unprejudiced exchange of data can take place. Unimpeachable evidence is not required before research can be funded. Should medical researchers have proof of a cure for cancer before they can receive funding for research?

Mr. Young, why don't you try making at least a half-hearted attempt at opening up your narrow mind.

Tom Bowden

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
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>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
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>I did not spend a lot of time studying the Bennewitz
>involvement. I concentrated on the AFOSI aspects of the Kirtland
>Landing (and other sightings in the summer of 1980). My
>recollection is dim and others can correct me as needed:

>Sometime in the late 1970's Bennewitz was working with a lady
>abductee/contactee who told him (through hypnosis?) that there
>was an underground alien base near Dulce, NM. Bennewitz,
>independently, was receiving electromagnetic signals at his
>company headquarters and laboratory which is/was just outside
>one of the gates at Kirtland AFB (Thunder Research, as I
>recall). He came to believe the signals he received were
>communications between Kirtland and the aliens. (Subsequent
>research suggested that he had detected radiation from a large
>device at Kirtland which was intended to simulate the
>electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear weapon... said device was
>used to test the vulnerability of aircraft to EM pulses.)

Bruce and all

In studying that story, I found the following elements :

In 1980, Bennewitz had been informed by APRO of the abduction of Judy Doraty and her daughter Cindy, in 1973 in Texas. There had been hypnosis sessions, first in 1978, and in Mars 1980 conducted by Dr Sprinkle in the presence of Linda Howe, who told the story in her book "An Alien harvest" (1989). Ten years later, Cindy wished to have an hypnotic regression too. It was done in 1990 by John Carpenter with Linda Howe. The transcript of that session is in the book of Linda Howe "Glimpses of other realities" - Volume 1 (1993). The point here is that the mother and the daughter don't recall any underground laboratory.

Then comes the abduction case of Myrna Hansen, on 5 May 1980 with her son, near Cimarron, north-east of New Mexico. She was

regressed by Dr Sprinkle on May 11, in the presence of Paul Bennewitz. The transcript of that session is in the book of Linda Howe "An Alien Harvest" (pp 112 to 116, and Annex 13, pp 340 to 373). In her book, Linda Howe did not give her name, but it has been published since (see for instance Jerome Clark's "UFO Encyclopedia" Vol III p 26). One thing at least is clear, Myrna Hansen did not mention Dulce. On the contrary, she felt she had been taken to an underground lab in a place between Las Cruces and Roswell, in the south of New Mexico.

So, this is not the origin of the rumors about Dulce, which is located in the north-west of New Mexico. Where do they originate, then?

According to the respected researcher Jim McCampbell, who interviewed Bennewitz in 1984, Bennewitz thought he had spotted the Dulce area after he had received messages on his computer. But there is more. He said he had been invited to fly over the place (the Archuleta mesa) in a helicopter with officers from Kirtland AFB. He gave the name of a Major Edwards, in charge of security of the Manzano area at Kirtland, and of a Colonel Carpenter. He also mentions as a source of information an OSI (AFOSI) agent. He does not give the name but he is probably Richard Doty. These elements are in the controversial book by William Steinman "UFO Crash at Aztec" (1986, pages 578 to 587). I am curious to know if this is confirmed from another source.

Regarding the disinformation fed to Paul Bennewitz, here is what William Moore said in his speech at the Mufon Symposium of 1989 in Las Vegas. I have the video, and the text published by Moore himself in his review "Focus" (June 30, 1989). I verified that his speech and his text are almost identical - Moore read his text.

He said, after telling how he had been recruited by a "well placed individual in the intelligence community", whom he called the "Falcon", and put in contact with Richard Doty who became his liaison man at AFOSI:

"I also discovered that, whatever it was Bennewitz was involved in, he was the subject of considerable interest on the part of not one but several government agencies, and that they were actively trying to defuse him by pumping as much disinformation through him as he could possibly absorb. Being a very small part of that process gave me, I thought, something of an advantage. It became my intention to play that advantage for all the information I could get out of it."

So, it looks like the rumor of Dulce originated, not from abductees, but from intelligence agencies.

Any other opinions?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:02:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 17:19:26 +0100
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:54:21 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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>The big point here is if other investigations corroborate parts
>of the story, but we must also be aware of contamination. How
>much did Kaufmann know from those other sources... I know that
>he watched the Unsolved Mysteries segment because he talked
>about it having seen it. From that point on, he kept himself
>informed of about the latest in the Roswell case.

Kevin,

This is another interesting aspect of the Kaufmann problem.
Perhaps he came across some real information and began to
elaborate on them?

I would like you to give your opinion now about the "impact
site", closer to Roswell. After the demise of both Ragsdale and
Kaufmann, what is left of it?

I think there are some indirect testimonies, still standing,
about it?

And what do you think of the testimonies about bodies at the
Foster ranch? I mentioned that in my previous message. I forgot
to mention the source - a very interesting article - "Mack
Brazel Reconsidered" by Thomas Carey and Donald Schmit, in the
IUR of winter 1999, which told of the new revelations made by
Frank Joyce in 1998, that Brazel had seen the bodies.

At the end of their IUR article, they mention other sources.

Wilcox's widow Inez who said that her husband "went out there to
the site. There was a big burned area, and he saw debris. It was
in the evening. There were "space beings". (She did not give
the location, apparently)

A woman in Ruidoso remembered her husband coming back from a
detail to a ranch "up near Corona" where bodies had been found.
His clothes smelled very bad.

According to the family of the late Meyers Wahnee, who was a
pilot in Roswell, he told them that there were three separate
sites ! Bodies were found and first flown to Texas. "Decomposing

body parts" had been found among the debris at the Foster ranch.

BTW, Brazel complained to Joyce about the stench of the bodies.

I remember that, after your speech in Roswell in 1995, I questioned your revised time line which seemed a bit short to allow for such a decomposition, but you replied: "what do we know about the decomposition of Et bodies?". Well, I still think that these bodies would have been there a longer time.

Carey and Schmit also mention the last testimony of Loretta Proctor, at the age of 81, who said that her son "Dee" took her to visit a place where "something else" had been found, about 2.5 miles east-southeast of the debris field".

What do you think of all these testimonies?

Gildas Bourdais

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Thanks From 'Beyond'

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:06:47 -0500
Subject: Thanks From 'Beyond'

On behalf of everyone involved at the Beyond web site:

<http://www.beyondpublications.com>

I would like to thank everyone for all of their endeavours in making the site a success. We have a constant stream of visitors to the site and while the hits have not yet reached the millions, we are very happy with the way things are progressing.

In 2003 we hope to be able to spend more time on the site, adding new graphics, improving various other aspects, and ironing out one or two technical errors that still seem to bother us.

Of course the hunt for a continuous supply of articles still goes on. We are in constant need of articles on:

- Alien Abductions
- UFOs
- Crop Circles
- Paranormal/Psychic Phenomenon
- Cover-ups/Conspiracies
- Cryptozoology
- Fortean Phenomenon
- Alternative Medicine
- Alternative History/Archaeology
- Alternative/Hidden/Free Energy
- Spirituality
- News Items

In short, anything that is currently BEYOND accepted science.

If you have any articles that you would like to submit please do so via: philipmantle@hotmail.com

If you are one of our past contributors, and there are far too many for me to remember them all, please do consider further contributions. Your contributions in 2002 have been exceptional and without you BEYOND simply would not exist. A big thank you is extended to all of you.

In return for articles I will gladly publicise/promote anything of yours in return such as new books, conferences, meetings etc.

The site was up-dated at the beginning of December and will be up-dated again early in January 2003. We have a competition still running the prize of which is copies of our recently published books 'Without Consent' and 'Awakening'.

Again, thank you for your efforts in 2002 and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle
Beyond

Thanks From 'Beyond'

<http://www.beyondpublications.com>

PS.

If you are still looking for that unique Xmas gift and would like to obtain some top class UFO artwork, then please take a look at special effects artist Rob Townshend's work at:

<http://www.alienportraits.co.uk>

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Richardson

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:11:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Richardson

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:52:15 EST
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>was discredited and if so, by whom?

>One of the people connected with the Bennewitz events was USAF
>Col. Richard Weaver of Roswell-Mogul balloon fame. Interesting
>links here if you dig.

Paul Bennewitz's involvement with "The Aviary" and alleged
incidents near the town of Dulce is covered at The WHY? FILES

<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

Regards,

Geoff Richardson

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Re: Another Approach - Ledger

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Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 10:47:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:17:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Ledger

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:04:14 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:13:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 21:55:29 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 19:09:34 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>>How about the 2 mile plus diameter objects passing behind the
>>>>teather on the STS 75 mission? What are those?

><snip>

>>>Could you be more specific, please? What do you think is strange
>>>about any particular picture?

>>Not a damn thing Bob. That's the point. It's like showing
>>pictures of a nice family outing in the woods while completely
>>ignoring the photos taken of a bear eating your brother. Read
>>what I said.

>OK, Don. I thought maybe you could point us to a picture of the
>two-mile wide object, so that we could all take a look, and
>maybe try to check the measurements, somehow.

>If there is no picture, how do you know there was such an
>object, then?

It was on TLC again the other night Bob. I've seen it often.
NASA shot video. Maybe someone can point you to a site with the
video images.

best,

Don

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Clark

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:21:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 20:53:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 09:26:57 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:28:22 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk
>>If so-called psychosocial ufology were anything other than
>>debunking/pelicanism by a more polite name, it would be as
>>concerned with the role of ridicule and disbelief as it would
>>with their opposites.

>>As much as anything, ridicule and the fear of it have shaped UFO
>>reporting and discussion over the entire history of the UFO
>>controversy. Traditions of disbelief have done fully as much to
>>make sober analysis as impossible as uncritical belief has. More
>>maybe, since it's those with power who are immersed in the
>>former.

>We have discussed the "ridicule factor" at length on this list,
>and I am still unconvinced that it exists.

Which is precisely one reason I have such a hard time taking
psychosocial ufology seriously. It denies the large role
ridicule has played in the history of our subject but argues (as
Peter Rogerson once did in Magonia) that Americans have
abduction hallucinations because they fear their Hispanic fellow
citizens.

In the real world, UFOs remain a subject unfit for any but
dismissive treatment, except on the margins and fringes, which
themselves serve as the focus of ridicule. Steven Spielberg has
recently been attacked for basing even an explicitly science-
fiction series on UFOs, in a ridicule-laced article in the
widely read on-line magazine Slate.

This is how it works: The elites in a position to encourage and
fund the sort of UFO research that we on the margins can't do
but which must be done drive ufology to the margins, then point
to the fact that it's on the margins as proof of its
illegitimacy. Meantime, everybody from scientists to politicians
to major news media to stand-up comedians routinely equates
belief in UFOs with belief in a living Elvis, or something
comparably knuckleheaded. This will not be news to any List
member except John.

Jerry Clark

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Getting Taken

Steven Spielberg, paranormal huckster
By Chris Mooney

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Suppose that the truth really is "out there," as The X-Files postulated, but not exactly where you might expect. In other words, rather than a vast government conspiracy to conceal proof that aliens have visited Earth, perhaps the real plot lies elsewhere. The entertainment industry, for instance, is constantly putting out films, TV shows, and pseudo-documentaries suggesting that Americans are being visited or even abducted in droves by gray-skinned, strangely kinky spacemen and that the government wants to keep it all quiet. Dark Skies, Roswell, Fox's Alien Autopsy special _ Could the real conspiracy be on the part of the mass media and designed to make people believe in UFOs because it helps ratings?

If such a plot exists, Steven Spielberg would have to be the ringleader. After all, Spielberg planted the seeds of modern UFO obsession with 1977's Close Encounters of the Third Kind, which he quickly followed up with E.T. (1982). And now it appears that Spielberg was just getting warmed up. This Dec. 2, the Sci Fi Channel will air the first installment of Taken, a 10-part fictional miniseries about alien abductions, for which Spielberg served as executive producer.

A 20-hour epic, Taken blends all the staples of our modern UFO mythology into a multigenerational tale of three families torn apart and brought together by aliens and the government's ruthless quest to understand them. In the first generation, Air Force pilot Russell Keys and his crew are saved by flashing blue lights after their plane is shot down over France in World War II; Army intelligence officer Owen Crawford investigates a crash at Roswell, N.M.; and Lubbock, Texas, waitress Sally Clarke is seduced and impregnated by a charming stranger who appears one night, wounded, in her barn. Two generations later, Keys' grandson Charlie and Clarke's granddaughter Lisa struggle to protect their gifted part-alien daughter, Allie, from Crawford's granddaughter Mary, who also works for the military. The final conflagration reveals nothing less than the UFOs' true intentions for humanity.

With its slogan "Some secrets we keep. Some are kept from us," Taken brings the conspiracy-mongering of The X-Files to its logical conclusion, all but demanding that the feds come clean about Roswell and other UFO encounters of the classified kind. Still, Taken, which was four years in the making, may represent the swan song of 1990s UFO culture. As Aliens in America author Jodi Dean pointed out to me recently, following 9/11, America's UFO fixation seemed to dwindle; with real invaders to worry about, it was hard to care about alien ones. With its allusions to government cover-ups, alien implants, the Roswell crash, and alien-human hybrids, Taken almost seems like a time capsule made especially for television.

The Sci Fi Channel, however, is treating aliens more seriously than ever. The network, which now reaches some 80 million homes, has billed Taken as a breakout premiere that will prove it's a "television powerhouse." Sci Fi has also prepared a slew of tie-ins: a Roper Poll announcing that three-quarters of Americans are prepared for the discovery of extraterrestrial life; pseudo-documentaries titled Abduction Diaries and The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence; and public events featuring UFO-abduction gurus John Mack, Bud Hopkins, and David Jacobs. All this might seem an odd accompaniment to a fictional TV series, but Sci Fi has gone even further. It has launched an advocacy group called the Coalition for the Freedom of Information, which plans to sue and file Freedom of Information Act requests to make the government come clean about UFOs. Of course, if the outlandish UFO information requests received by the National Security Agency are any indication, the coalition's chief achievement may be to drive a lot of bureaucrats up the wall.

Such activities certainly do suggest that Sci Fi and Spielberg are out to make people believe in UFOs. Indeed, Sci Fi's excavation of the Roswell crash site and other gimmicks threaten to drag Taken into a sinkhole of purportedly factual UFO-mongering. The evidence about Roswell overwhelmingly suggests that what crashed in 1947 was a government spy balloon; similarly, close examination of UFO-abduction claims overwhelmingly suggests they're best explained by sleep paralysis and other conditions. Those who already believe otherwise, however, will never accept these explanations. That makes battles over UFOlogy worse than pointless, especially if they're conducted by a network like Sci Fi, rather than through serious scientific channels, and presented in the context of promoting a fictional drama.

Neither Taken nor its various tie-ins present us with any new truths, but at least the series has other merits. In a fictional format, Taken deftly historicizes the UFO lore that our culture has churned out since the late 1940s, in a sense merging The X-Files with something like Forrest Gump. At times Taken even seems aware that with UFOs, what we're actually dealing with are the modern analogues of fairies and fallen angels.

What's also impressive_and characteristically Spielbergian_is how the momentous events of Taken unfold against thoroughly mundane backdrops. Sally Clarke's bizarre contraption to contact her alien lover recalls E.T.'s "phone home" gadget. When Owen Crawford, head of a top-secret government UFO project, attempts to kidnap Clarke's half-alien son Jacob, the song "Purple People Eater" comes on the radio as they drive away. In yet another scene, we learn that one useful technology the government acquired from the UFOs was Velcro. The concept of "taken" is itself a double entendre_characters are abducted and abused by UFOs, but also by the government.

The one aspect of Taken that doesn't come in for a sensitive, historicized treatment is the UFO itself_and its supposed activities. In one installment, a highly complicated crop circle appears in the United States in the year 1969 or 1970, even though the crop circle phenomenon really only got going in the mid-1970s in southern England. Similarly, Taken's aliens are short, black-eyed, huge-skulled humanoids known as "grays," yet it was only in 1961 with the Betty and Barney Hill "abduction" that aliens began to be described this way. As an "Alien Time Line" by the paranormal investigator Joe Nickell demonstrates, up through the 1970s, people were seeing blobs, insectoids, hairy dwarfs, robots, reptilians, and other types. In other words, the way that UFOs appeared to Americans was itself historically contingent on, and highly influenced by, media representations.

Granted, if Taken admitted this, it would also have to admit that Spielberg himself generated much of the lore that the series has now repackaged and dramatized. But at least the Taken crew seems willing to joke about it. In a recent interview, Taken screenwriter Leslie Bohem noted that Spielberg once said to him of alien abductions, "If this isn't true, then why are all these stories the same?" To which Bohem replied, "Maybe because of your movies?" That's not exactly fessing up to the existence of a vast media conspiracy_but it's a promising start.

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'Abductee' Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira A Hoaxer

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To the International UFO Community: Very important

Please be informed that the story of a man abducted in Brazil, with dramatic photos of the scenario, is a campaign to promote, overseas, the biggest UFO hoaxer of all time in Brazil, Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who has actually created a sect of fanatics around him, composed of people who blindly believe in his alleged ET contacts and healing powers, none of them ever confirmed by anyone. The man has been repeatedly exposed as hoaxer by dozens of UFO researchers. Many people from his sect, after 'waking up to reality', have come forward to describe Urandir=B4s tricks and scheme.

His last great attempt to go public in Brazil and overseas happened last year, when he invented the story (easily exposed) that a UFO had crashed at his friend's farm. It was only another of his hoaxes, perpetrated to attract people to his activities, to which they are invited to join if they pay a considerable amount of money.

His history is all fake and the man is quickly becoming a millionaire with his obscure agenda, supported by thousands of fanatics.

Urandir is largely rejected by 99% of the Brazilian UFO Community, who know that he is nothing but a hoaxer.

This story is not to be taken seriously, as no responsible UFO researcher has been allowed to scrutinize the scenario and the alleged case.

Urandir was interviewed by Jeff Rense on Thursday night, December 12, assisted by his fellow Felipe Castelo Branco. This has taken serious people in the USA and all over the world to believe in the story invented by Urandir.

The damage can be much bigger than one can think.

In Brazil, responsible UFO researchers and large media stream have succeeded in debunking him at a considerable level. We have succeeded in preventing thousands of Brazilians being cheated by Urandir and now he is trying to establish his sect in the USA and other countries.

Serious UFO researchers all over the world cannot let it happen. The man is as fake as a 3- dollar bill. He spent time in jail for selling property that doesn't belong to him.

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:52:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:00:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Friedman

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <UFOupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 09:41:54 -0600
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 20:53:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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>ridicule has played in the history of our subject but argues (as
>Peter Rogerson once did in Magonia) that Americans have
>abduction hallucinations because they fear their Hispanic fellow
>citizens.

>In the real world, UFOs remain a subject unfit for any but
>dismissive treatment, except on the margins and fringes, which
>themselves serve as the focus of ridicule. Steven Spielberg has
>recently been attacked for basing even an explicitly science-
>fiction series on UFOs, in a ridicule-laced article in the
>widely read on-line magazine Slate.

>This is how it works: The elites in a position to encourage and
>fund the sort of UFO research that we on the margins can't do
>but which must be done drive ufology to the margins, then point
>to the fact that it's on the margins as proof of its
>illegitimacy. Meantime, everybody from scientists to politicians
>to major news media to stand-up comedians routinely equates
>belief in UFOs with belief in a living Elvis, or something
>comparably knuckleheaded. This will not be news to any List
>member except John.

After almost all of my 700 lectures in 15 countries, I have
asked my audiences how many had seen a flying saucer as

previously described. About 10% raised their hands.

Then I asked how many reported what they saw? 90% of the hands went down.

I have asked many of the people who hadn't reported their sightings Why Not? The most common answer was the equivalent of "They would say I was some kind of a nut".

Several professors have indicated they were interested, but didn't dare to have their names associated with UFOs.

I have talked to journalists who have told me possible articles about UFOs were vetoed by their bosses because of the ridicule factor.

John, it is real.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Abductions & Ufology - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 10:31:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:17:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology - Speiser

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 01:41:15 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 01:42:53 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2002 11:03:43 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Abductions & Ufology

><snip>

>Hi, Jim:

>Sorry I took so long to reply - had to deck the halls. ;>

>>I feel I must jump in here. Not that Dick needs me to defend
>>him, but I do not possess a degree in anything, not even an
>>associate, I don't think I can even pronounce "curriculum
>>vitae" correctly,

>Neither can I.

>>yet I firmly believe I can recognize a basket-
>>case when I see one - and I've seen plenty. (Remember, I once
>>chaired a Moseley Conference).

>My heart goes out to you. ;>

>It's not the obvious basket cases that are the problem, Jim.
>It's the ones who seem perfectly 'normal' but are not that make
>it hard to know when they are telling the truth and when they
>are fabricating (or a little of both). Even if an individual
>seems to be functioning quite well, he or she can still be a bit
>looney or subject to creating scenarios that did not exist.

Amy:

Your point here is well-taken. I don't for a second pretend to be able to recognize problems in people who don't manifest them outwardly; for that I do rely on the professionals. My point was merely that I don't think it takes a professional to say that someone who believes that the CIA is using their body as a listening post has some issues.

My brother-in-law was dating a woman who began claiming that her drinking water was being purposely contaminated with microscopic computer chips which, when they entered her body, would enable the CIA to hear everything she heard or said. She would continually call the police and the FBI with this startling information. (My brother-in-law is now living with us because of this). I didn't think I needed too many college degrees to say that something is wrong with her; I could probably even put a name to it: paranoid-schizophrenia. But I wouldn't rely on that

diagnosis unless a professional agreed. I believe this was the point that Dick was making as well.

>Like it or not there are people who think being an abductee
>makes them special or "chosen". Add to this the attention given
>to claimed abductees as they tell of their experiences in
>support groups, on TV talk shows, at conferences, on E-lists,
>etc. In addition, these individuals may find a cure for their
>loneliness when they find themselves so openly accepted in an
>experiencer support group.

>This is where it takes a trained professional to recognize the
>more subtle characteristics of unmet wants and needs in those
>who may claim to have been abducted.

This raises another point that was made to me long ago by Mark Rodeghier, when I participated in a CUFOS study. The abduction phenomenon seems to cut across many cultural, social and psychological lines. At least back then (about 1990) it seemed to be "demographically neutral", except that it tends to favor women (is that still true?) Mark said that, with such a fair cross-section, it is inevitable that some individuals who do have "issues" will be affected, as a matter of random selection. We should not necessarily screen these individuals out of any samplings until and unless we can determine that their "issues" are the direct cause of their abduction claims. Makes things even more difficult, n'est-ce pas?

>We not only need researchers educated in scientific protocol but
>also those who possess the skills and tools that may help us get
>to the bottom of this mess and figure out what's going on.

>>And on another point, Amy, you seem to talk about the
>>triichotomy between abductees, people who think they are
>>abductees but are experiencing some other phenomenon, and people
>>who claim to be abductees but aren't, as if there exists some
>>protocol for making this distinction, that somehow Dick and/or
>>others are not privy to. It's thus far proven impossible to
>>prove that someone has been abducted; just how in the heck can
>>it be proven that someone hasn't been?

>That's the point, Jim. No known protocol yet exists for
>distinguishing between those who have actually been abducted and
>those who have not. That's why I asked Dick how he knew he had
>worked with "something like 150" abductees as opposed to 150
>people who claimed they had been abducted.

Perhaps we should simply change the nomenclature and call them all "abduction claimants." That's what's implied whenever I use the term "abductee" anyway.

>we need to take a more active approach to abduction research.
>Rather than passively waiting for that "cocktail napkin" to just
>drop in our laps, let's search for any kinds of "cocktail
>napkins" that can be collected. We need to apply forensics to
>the study of abduction phenomena and focus on physical evidence
>we have overlooked simply because we never looked for it.

I think we may need to go beyond that, Amy. I for one am grudgingly, hesitantly, slowly trying to retrain my strongly left-brained self to encompass the possibility that this is all happening on some non-physical plane of reality. Cases like the Maureen Puddy case have indicated to me that this is a possibility, one which I'm hesitant to embrace because my eyes glaze over at the mention of the word "metaphysical." As an atheist, I reject supernatural explanations, but as someone who has worked with abductees, I am not ready to consign the whole thing to a psychopathological solution. I'm sorta stuck between a rock and a soft, squishy place. So while I agree we need to continue the search for physical evidence, I think we may also need to sit back and learn as much as we can from the New Physics - string theory, M-branes, and the like. That's why I'm particularly excited about the participation of Bernard Haisch:

<http://www.ufoskeptics.org>

Jim Speiser

The history of the race, and each individual's experience, are thick with evidence that a truth is not hard to kill and that a

lie told well is immortal.

-- Mark Twain

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

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Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:54:15 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:22:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:27:15 -0000
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:52:15 EST
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>>much more complicated, as I understand.

>>>Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral
>>>Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called
>>>'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it
>>>but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to
>>>info, as to whether this material is the product of
>>>disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz
>>>was discredited and if so, by whom?

>>One of the people connected with the Bennewitz events was USAF
>>Col. Richard Weaver of Roswell-Mogul balloon fame. Interesting
>>links here if you dig.

>Paul Bennewitz's involvement with "The Aviary" and alleged
>incidents near the town of Dulce is covered at The WHY? FILES

><http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

Re. this debate about Bennewitz and the Dulce rumors: the very
elderly Falcon (despite what some have said there was more than
one Falcon) once used the alias of Steven V. Ayres.

Track the Ayres name and it will lead to a whole ream of data
about how and why the Dulce stories were created.

There is no alien base at Dulce and never was. This was a
creation of the fertile minds of Intelligence.

Nick Redfern

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 13:41:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:28:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Velez

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <UFOupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 09:41:54 -0600
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 20:53:52 +0000
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>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 09:26:57 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 16:28:22 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 08:08:34 +0000
>>>>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

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Hi Jerry, John, and via carom shot, Peter Rogerson,

Jerry wrote:

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>ridicule has played in the history of our subject but argues (as
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>abduction hallucinations because they fear their Hispanic fellow
>citizens.

We've been on this merry-go-round before, Jerry. The last time
you mentioned Rogerson's remark I asked, "How does Mr. Rogerson
explain an Hispanic American abductee like me?"

I never received a response. <VBG>

Maybe in cases such as mine, Mr. Rogerson believes the engine
behind the hallucinations is, self-loathing! {: -0

Yes, but it makes perfect sense! I'm hallucinating being abducted by UFO occupants because I am a Puerto Rican American New Yorker that hates himself! Why wasn't I able to see this before? The only answer is; I am a blind man and Rogerson is a genius of human psychology.

What else could it be?

As to the non-existence of 'ridicule'; I wish that John had been sitting in the audience of a program I participated in 6 years ago in Toronto. Before any of us were brought out on stage, the program staff prepped/rehearsed the audience to laugh and boo on cue.

We were completely unprepared when some three hundred people started roaring with laughter and booing as we simply responded to the questions that the program's host was asking.

It was brutal.

During a break, Budd tried to round us up and get us off stage in an effort to protect us. I made him sit his ass down because I refused to give the idiots in the audience the satisfaction of having run us off. I'm afraid that along with my other 'mental maladies' I don't suffer idiots or ridicule very well either. But sorry, I digress.

Organized ridicule though it may be, the existing (general) atmosphere of derision and ridicule is what allows/facilitates such mean-spirited 'mass misbehavior' to happen in the first place. If it wasn't 'ok' to engage in such behavior, people would have balked at any suggestion to indulge in it. The problem is; that it is 'ok' to do it.

UFO witnesses quickly learn that you have to be careful about who you share your report with. It doesn't take very many raised eyebrow looks, or bursts of laughter, to effectively shut their mouths. Sometimes for decades.

And... wouldn't shutting the witnesses mouths (by creating a general atmosphere of ridicule around the subject) be a wonderful aid to anyone interested in keeping the reality of UFOs to themselves. When viewed in this light, ridicule becomes a bloody effective and useful little tool. Does it not?

Another genuine mystery:

Has anybody else noticed that Jerry and John take up their swords more often, to have yet another go at one another, only after the cold days of winter have set in?

Raging transatlantic cabin fever virus?

We'll have to wait for the saucers to land before we will be able to resolve this one! ;)

My two cents.

John Velez

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

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:31:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 07:03:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

>What a story from Ufodom in the eighties this is. A great cast
>of extreme characters in amazing events while great truth, great
>disinformation, and the utterings of some very disturbed minds
>spew forth. I'm thinking a movie. I remember going through this
>as it unfolded back then. I am sure lots of you fellow
>Listerions remember this ride as you were taken on it.

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I appreciate Josh jumping in here. This story can only be put together by accumulating the recollections of many people. I have some documentation fro years past, but not much.

>I used to read Bennewitz`s reports from when he flew his plane
>over Dulce Canyon. He even reported structures on the surface
>and UFOs going in and out. Maybe it was more like a McDonalds
>for the aliens. Maybe they were like the Nazis and separated the
>people according to types and listed them as such on the menu. I
>know, how could anyone believe such a tale?

The scientist who wrote the book 'UFOLOGY' back in the late 60's... can't think of his name right off... checked up on Bennewitz's claim of having flown over the Archeluta Mesa near Dulce and finding the remains of crashed saucers, lasers, and what not on the gound. the scientist got aerial photos and compare with Bennewitz's sketches. Nothing checked out. Also, numerous investigators including Bill Moore and John Alexander (and others) visited the Mesa, checked with local Indians and owner of a ranch... never found anything that so far as I know.

>I don't remember just when and how but a new actor appeared, a
>voice of authority named Gabe Valdez, a New Mexico State Police
>or Highway Patrol officer.He lived and patrolled in the Dulce
>Canyon area. He also reported the same kind of structures as did
>Bennewitz. Do any researchers remember how he first came on the
>scene and met Bennewitz? The Dulce canyon reports ended up
>causing a bunch of folks to go out there and earnestly look for
>the entrance to the underground alien nest, as if they wouldn't
>get zapped if they came anywhere near it.>

>There was one suspicious shaft but that was not the entrance.
>They ended up wondering if it was in an area guarded by
>unpopulated watch towers disguised as hunting towers

Valdez got into the late 1970's cattle mutilation stuff, I believe, and from there into UFOs. He did accompany Bennewitz on one or more expeditions to the Archeluta Mesa, as I recall. I heard a story about him claiming to have seen a saucer fly into (or out of?) a canyon wall. No hole, just a wall! (Your standard "through the wall" UFO travel.)

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:32:59 -0500
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:54:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>

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Thanks for all the information you supplied, which helps me to recall some other things. In another message I referred to "a scientist" who checkde up on Bennewitz's claims of having found saucer debris and other stuff on the Arhcelute Mesa. That scientist was, indeed, James McCampbell.

>So, it looks like the rumor of Dulce originated, not from >abductees, but from intelligence agencies.

>Any other opinions?

There was another abductee, whom recalled after writing my initial message, as Christa Tilton, and another respondent also recalled that name.

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Re: Getting Taken - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:10:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:34:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Maccabee

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><http://slate.msn.com/?id74656>

>Getting Taken

>Steven Spielberg, paranormal huckster
>By Chris Mooney

>Updated Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 12:54 PM PT

>Suppose that the truth really is "out there," as The X-Files
>postulated, but not exactly where you might expect. In other
>words, rather than a vast government conspiracy to conceal proof
>that aliens have visited Earth, perhaps the real plot lies
>elsewhere. The entertainment industry, for instance, is
>constantly putting out films, TV shows, and pseudo-documentaries
>suggesting that Americans are being visited or even abducted in
>droves by gray-skinned, strangely kinky spacemen and that the
>government wants to keep it all quiet. Dark Skies, Roswell,
>Fox's Alien Autopsy special _ Could the real conspiracy be on
>the part of the mass media and designed to make people believe
>in UFOs because it helps ratings?

>If such a plot exists, Steven Spielberg would have to be the
>ringleader. After all, Spielberg planted the seeds of modern UFO
>obsession with 1977's Close Encounters of the Third Kind, which
>he quickly followed up with E.T. (1982).

What a dumb statement..... The guy clearly doesn't know his UFO
history... if he really thinks Spielberg planted the seeds of
modern UFO obsession! If anything, the seeds had been planted
30 years before and Steven merely reaped the harvest!

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Re: Getting Taken - Bassett

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This may be the single most ignorant piece of writing on the subject we hold dear in a high-level publication I have seen to date. It is breathtaking.

Note the typical debunking terms:

"pseudo-documentaries"
"kinky"
"ringleader"
"obsession"
"mythology"
"conspiracy-mongering"
"outlandish"
"gimmicks"
"mongering"
"lore"

Mr. Mooney is a victim of propaganda. He doesn't know better. But unlike most, he is a journalist and has a professional obligation to know better. The promulgators of the incipient national security state would most certainly wish a thousand clones of Mr. Mooney to keep the desks at newspapers and network news offices nationwide filled with "pseudo-journalists" who can write but can't think. Then their hopes and desires would be so much easier to achieve.

Steve Bassett

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:08:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 18:24:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

>From: Tim Printy <Tprinty2@aol.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 21:33:36 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>Subject: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>A good example was Sgt. Robert Smith of the Air Transport Unit,
>>who said he helped load C54's with crates of crash material
>>while unknown, plain-clothes "inspectors" flashed ID cards from
>>some unknown project. Smith also said a cousin of his with the
>>Secret Service served as Truman's representative. Kaufmann also
>>mentioned the SS agent and gave the same name.

>I am not so sure about this and I think Kevin Randle needs to
>resolve this issue. First, the names are not exactly the same
>(Devinnes vs DeVinney). This is not too big a deal but what is
>really important is footnote 50 in the book "The Truth About the
>UFO Crash at Roswell". According to this note, the name listed
>does not come from Kaufmann but is attributed to an interview
>with Smith in 1991. The question is, did Kaufmann give this name
>or was it just Smith?

I stand corrected. Smith's affidavit said "DeVinney." The name
of "Devinnes" appeared in the book in the midst of a lot of
testimony attributed to "McKenzie", i.e., Kaufmann. Therefore I
thought Kaufmann was independently providing the same name (or
close to it). The footnote, however, attributes "Devinnes" to
Smith, not Kaufmann.

David Rudiak

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Re: Getting Taken - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:08:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:00:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Hamilton

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:10:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Getting Taken

>>Source: Slate Magazine Online

>><http://slate.msn.com/?id74656>

>>Getting Taken

>>Steven Spielberg, paranormal huckster
>>By Chris Mooney

>>Updated Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 12:54 PM PT

>>Suppose that the truth really is "out there," as The X-Files
>>postulated, but not exactly where you might expect. In other
>>words, rather than a vast government conspiracy to conceal proof
>>that aliens have visited Earth, perhaps the real plot lies
>>elsewhere. The entertainment industry, for instance, is
>>constantly putting out films, TV shows, and pseudo-documentaries
>>suggesting that Americans are being visited or even abducted in
>>dresses by gray-skinned, strangely kinky spacemen and that the
>>government wants to keep it all quiet. Dark Skies, Roswell,
>>Fox's Alien Autopsy special _ Could the real conspiracy be on
>>the part of the mass media and designed to make people believe
>>in UFOs because it helps ratings?

>>If such a plot exists, Steven Spielberg would have to be the
>>ringleader. After all, Spielberg planted the seeds of modern UFO
>>obsession with 1977's Close Encounters of the Third Kind, which
>>he quickly followed up with E.T. (1982).

>What a dumb statement..... The guy clearly doesn't know his UFO
>history... if he really thinks Spielberg planted the seeds of
>modern UFO obsession! If anything, the seeds had been planted
>30 years before and Steven merely reaped the harvest!

Perhaps he should be nominated to the Hall of Ignorance.
Now let's see... who can we blame 30 years earlier?

Bill

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Re: Getting Taken - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:16:45 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:04:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Tonnies

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:10:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Getting Taken

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>history... if he really thinks Spielberg planted the seeds of
>modern UFO obsession! If anything, the seeds had been planted
>30 years before and Steven merely reaped the
>harvest!

You're absolutely right. 'Taken' seems to have brought out some particularly idiotic comments from the mainstream. Spielberg not only reaped the ufological harvest with 'Close Encounters', but did so in a very methodical, particular way: the various sightings leading to the film's climax are taken almost directly from J. Allen Hynek's 'The UFO Experience'.

It should also be noted that UFO debunkers predicted that 'Close Encounters' would result in an apparent UFO 'flap' fueled by gullible movie-goers. That prediction failed.

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:07:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:14:23 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>Kaufmann claimed that he was a government counterintelligence
>>>and disinformation agent left behind to keep an eye on things.
>>>Whether this was true or not, I don't know, but there is some
>>>circumstantial evidence that might support it:

>>Thank you for your very interesting informations and questions
>>about Frank Kaufmann. They seem to confirm my impression that he
>>was not a simple author of "tall tales".

>Why do I suspect that in Frank Kaufmann, we may have another
>Billy Meier-type debate just starting?

>My guess is that there are many people who are loath to let go
>of Frank's tale,

Like you are "loath to let go" of Charles Moore and his little
Mogul Flight #4 tale? You and Printy have been awfully silent
of late.

>if only because it was his stories that were
>the foundation of Roswell's most sensational aspects. So I
>forsee years of wrangling over the minutiae of Frank's stories,
>and many attempts to rehabilitate him. This "armchair" dialogue
>between David and Gildas is just the start.

We are not "loath to let go" of Kaufmann. Much of Kaufmann's
story always bothered me and probably Gildas as well. He was
the basis for the completely revised July 5 crash recovery
timeline incorporated into Kevin Randle's second book. This
added too many inconsistencies and loose ends to the story for
my tastes.

On the other hand, some parts of his story squared with other
information, as I pointed out in my post. And there were
oddities about Kaufmann remaining in Roswell and his sources of
income. Kaufmann's story was never a simple one.

It is very important to know whether the man was a clever
individual hoaxer or worked for the government, as he claimed.

If the former, his testimony means nothing. If the latter,
then his actions were part of an on-going cover-up. Motive is
very important. (However, it may also be academic, since it may
be impossible to determine.)

>It was Kevin Randle who was closest to Frank Kaufmann - he was
>the guy who looked him in the eyes. Kevin also has the most to
>lose - Frank's tales were the lynch-pin of "The Truth about the
>'UFO Crash at Roswell'.

>So if Kevin can publicly say that he no longer has any
>confidence in anything Frank had to say about the Roswell
>Incident, well... he is the guy in the field, the one who should
>know best. He has earned his position among UFO Advocates as an
>Authority on Roswell and Frank Kaufmann.

Is this your usual appeal to authority? If a year ago I had
written that Randle was the authority on Kaufmann, had looked
him in the eyes and vouched for his sincerity, would that have
convinced you his story was completely true?

Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle.
(BTW the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was
withheld, not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his
widow, who died only a few months ago.)

The document hoaxing was pretty damning, but parts of Kaufmann's
story still had cross-corroboration from other independent
witnesses. (And, as I noted, also the Ramey memo) That's why it
remains hard to figure Kaufmann out. He was not a typical
hoaxer. Even when he was dying, frail, and deathly ill, he was
still going to take Carey and Schmitt out to the "true" main
craft crash site. (According to Carey, they were all in the Land
Rover ready to go when an unseasonable snow storm prevented the
trip at the last moment.)

Now ask yourself - are these the actions of an ordinary hoaxer?
If you were dying of cancer and barely able to hold it in
anymore, would you go traipsing off into the wilderness with
some googly-eyed UFO researchers just for a prank?

Kaufmann still remains something of an enigma, at least to some
of us.

>If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe him?

Which parts of his story? Some parts of his story were obvious
lies, other parts were not. (Why do you think Kevin Randle stuck
by him for so long?) The questions in my mind are what were his
sources of information and why did he lie?

Hey Bruce. I consider myself an authority on Charles Moore and
his model Flight #4 model trajectory. I'm telling you it's a
complete lie. There isn't even any ambiguity here. The math
proves it. Why won't you believe me?

David Rudiak

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:37:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:09:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Gonzalez

Just to mention that in one of the last Skeptical Inquirer somebody wrote to explain that the UFO seen at the Dulce Base were Skyhooks balloons...

He knew because he himself launched them.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:45:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:12:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:47:47 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 01:27:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Young

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>E.g., Mogul engineer Charles Moore has recently been exposed as
>>a hoaxer by Brad Sparks and myself regarding his "calculated"
>>Mogul trajectory, and also been caught altering other data, such
>>as maps, to promote some sort of agenda. Whether his agenda is
>>personal or whether he was "inspired" by some outside agency I
>>don't know. But he has clearly perjured himself

>What is your definition of "perjury"?

>Is it the same as if somebody calls you a "liar"?

>Or is it that, now, anybody who makes what may be a mistake, or
>even interprets the meaning of weather data differently that you
>wish, so that it does not match your world view is a "perjuror"?

While it is pointless to argue with an obvious math illiterate such as yourself, Moore's hoaxing is absolutely provable mathematically. This has nothing to do with interpreting "the meaning of weather data" differently from what I 'wish'. It's Moore's math using his own data that is wildly in error (and which also hangs him). Anybody who is math competent, can read tables correctly, and run calculations correctly can independently verify this quite apart from my 'wishes'.

Moore did the following:

1. Stated he was assuming certain things in his model, but actually did a number of completely different things. His stated assumptions don't square with his own model.
2. Ran his calculation table improperly, destroying the symmetry and integrity of his own data and in violation of how he calculated some of the data in another table.
3. Had literally dozens of other mathematical 'mistakes' in his table, as pointed out by Brad Sparks

The combination of Moore's 'mistakes' and altered assumptions all combined miraculously to take his Flight #4 "exactly" to the Foster Ranch. Remove his math 'mistakes' and hold his feet to the fire on his stated assumptions, and the real calculated trajectory has the balloons missing by a huge margin.

This is all detailed at my Website:

www.roswellproof.com/flight4_trajectory.html

Moore's 'calculated' phony trajectory was a deliberate fraud. Nobody, especially a scientist of Moore's background, makes a series of 'mistakes' like this by pure accident. This is obvious to all but the math illiterate and to debunkers who will never speak ill of a fellow debunker.

>Whatever you think this is, it ain't science, pal.

Yes, you got that part right. Whatever Moore did, it wasn't science, "pal". It was hoaxing.

>And it's hardly useful Ufology, either, whatever that may mean.

I guess in your little world, it is only "useful Ufology" if it can be used to discredit UFO reports or Ufologists. But it is not so "useful" if it discredits debunkers of Ufology.

>What, exactly, is your problem?

What exactly is your problem? Kneejerk denial? Hypocrisy?

David Rudiak

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Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:06:41 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:14:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <UFOupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 09:41:54 -0600
>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 20:53:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why I Believe UFOs Are Bunk

>>We have discussed the "ridicule factor" at length on this list,
>>and I am still unconvinced that it exists.

>Which is precisely one reason I have such a hard time taking
>psychosocial ufology seriously. It denies the large role
>ridicule has played in the history of our subject but argues (as
>Peter Rogerson once did in Magonia) that Americans have
>abduction hallucinations because they fear their Hispanic fellow
>citizens.

Jerry, I think here you are in danger of crossing the line from
gross misrepresentation to complete fabrication.

This is not what Peter Rogerson said, nor anything like it.

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: Another Approach - Speiser

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:29:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:21:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Speiser

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 11:12:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 23:00:54 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

<snip>

>>There is a lot more I could say (maybe in my - very unlikely -
>>memoirs), but that might give aid and comfort to the
>>"Government conspiracy" theorists, so I will not say more for
>>now. He may simply have been pigheaded and stubborn, but his
>>subsequently revealed connections with Jack Acuff and other CIA
>>persons, partisans, apologists raises very significant questions
>>about the entire issue of 'disinformation'.

>Dick,

>You're living in the 70s - you're impeaching Nixon all over
>again!

>I think that, without knowing any of the background you
>provided, the quote is nonetheless a valid statement. Its only
>fault is the fact that there are thus far some unimpeached - I
>won't say unimpeachable - photos and videos.

>I provided one example, Kanazawa. So his statement, while valid
>in a vacuum, is nonetheless rendered moot.

Jim,

I agree in principle, but of course Bob Young likes to quote
pseudoscientific arguments based on scientific-sounding
'statistics' which, really, are just some skeptic's wild guess.
That's my point. As long as it agrees with his skeptibunker
position, it has to be valid. "Tricky Stuart" (Nixon) fancied
himself to be a great photoanalyst, which he had no training for
(he was hired for an editorial position). He spent hours and
hours diddling with poor, weak, essentially worthless photos
(with one or two exceptions) rather than doing his assigned
work. We reprimanded him several times, but it didn't help much.
Citation of him as some kind of expert or authority, therefore,
is totally meaningless.

- Dick

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Re: Getting Taken - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:30:27 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 19:23:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Bowden

UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net> wrote:

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>Getting Taken

>Steven Spielberg, paranormal huckster
>By Chris Mooney

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This author clearly has no knowledge of the history of the UFO phenomenon or ufology, unless he is a covert operative whose mission it is to put a certain spin on media coverage of UFO-related programming.

I see Bruce Maccabee has already registered a similar reaction to this article.

Tom Bowden

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Possible Precursors To Early Life On Earth

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@comcast.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:23:12 -0500
Subject: Possible Precursors To Early Life On Earth

Subject: Researchers Find Possible Precursors To Early Life
On Earth In Tagish Lake Meteorite

Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:45:24 -0600
From: NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory <info@jpl.nasa.gov>

<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/news/releases/2002/J02-122.html>

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Release: #J02-122

RESEARCHERS FIND POSSIBLE PRECURSORS TO EARLY LIFE ON EARTH IN
METEORITE

In a study published today in the "International Journal of Astrobiology," researchers state that a meteorite that fell to Earth over northwestern Canada in January 2000 contains a previously unseen type of primitive organic material that was formed long before our own solar system came into being.

The Tagish Lake meteorite fell to Earth over the Yukon Territory of Canada on Jan. 18, 2000. Parts of the meteorite were collected and kept frozen in an unprecedented level of cleanliness to ensure that it was not contaminated by any terrestrial sources.

Through extensive testing using, in part, electron microscopes, the researchers found numerous hollow, bubble-like hydrocarbon globules in the meteorite. They believe these organic globules, the first found in any natural sample, are very similar to those produced in laboratory simulations designed to recreate the initial conditions present when life first formed in the universe.

"While not of biological origin themselves, these globules would have served very well to protect and nurture primitive organisms on Earth," said Dr. Michael Zolensky, an author of the paper and a researcher in the Office of Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. "They would have been ready-made homes for early life forms."

The type of meteorite in which the globules were found is also so fragile that it generally breaks up into dust during its entry into Earth's atmosphere, scattering its organic contents across a wide swath.

"If, as we suspect, this type of meteorite has been falling onto Earth throughout its entire history, then the Earth was provided with these hydrocarbon globules at the same time life was first forming here," Zolensky said. "We were exceedingly fortunate that this particular meteorite was so large that some pieces survived to be recovered on the ground."

Last year, researchers at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett

Field, Calif., announced that they had made basically identical hydrocarbon globules in the laboratory from materials present in the early solar system and interstellar space.

"What we have now shown is that that these globules were in fact made naturally in the early solar system, and have been falling to Earth throughout time," Zolensky said.

The researchers believe the Tagish Lake meteorite came from the outer asteroid belt, toward Jupiter, and that similar organic materials may have been falling onto the moons of Jupiter, including Europa.

"It is interesting to speculate about the presence of these organics in the ocean we believe may be present under the ice cap of this moon," Zolensky said.

A team of five researchers collaborated on the two-year study. The team was led by Keiko Nakamura of Kobe University in Japan, who was funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Nakamura is now working at JSC under a postdoctoral grant from the U.S. National Research Council. Co-authors of the study include Zolensky, who was funded by the NASA Cosmochemistry Program; Satoshi Tomita and Kazushige Tomeoka, both of Kobe University, who were funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, respectively; and Satoru Nakashima of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, who was also funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:30:19 -0500
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<http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2002/12/13/1039656207350.html>

UFOs Visit Grampians

December 13, 2002

THE Grampians has been identified as a hot spot for unidentified flying objects.

The latest issue of The Australian UFO Bulletin reports on a series of ongoing sightings in the national park area.

Investigator Paul Norman writes that the sightings have been reported since May and initially involved a large white-lighted object, a pale yellow object and smaller active luminous objects.

Mr Norman said the patterns of sightings had recently changed and the large white object had not been seen since October 15.

The number of smaller objects spotted, however, had increased with as many as 20 at a time appearing in various formations and movements, he said.

"The nature of their activity has included blinking or signalling each other as well as manoeuvring around in the valley."

The yellow-colored object has displayed 35 or more small, equally-spaced red or black lights within its circle, the article reports.

Mr Norman said witnesses had been attending the viewing location on a nightly basis to monitor the strange sights.

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Meteor Shower From The 'Twilight Zone'

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Meteor Shower From The 'Twilight Zone'

By Richard Stenger
CNN
Friday, December 13, 2002
Posted: 1:32 PM EST (1832 GMT)

(CNN) -- Meteors known for their graceful, slow and bright yellow trails put on a display each December, but the dependable celestial shower springs from a rather strange source.

The Geminids, which will peak overnight between Friday and Saturday, do not come from cometary debris like most meteors.

Rather, they originate from a mysterious object in the inner solar system that defies astronomical classification.

"I enjoy the Geminids because they come from the Twilight Zone," joked NASA scientist Bill Cooke in a statement.

Conventional meteor showers like the Leonids and Perseids come from comets, boulders of ice and rock that shed material when they approach the sun, creating picturesque tails and leaving clouds of gas and dust.

When the Earth plows through such debris patches, minuscule comet fragments burn up in the atmosphere and light up the nighttime sky.

But the Geminids are linked to 3200 Phaethon, an inner solar system object that lacks many qualities of comets in the neighborhood.

"3200 Phaethon doesn't sprout a tail when it comes close to the sun. It doesn't have a halo or a coma," Cooke said in a NASA bulletin.

"In fact, based on its orbit and the way it reflects sunlight, it seems much more like an asteroid," he said.

But 3200 Phaethon's size and association with a meteor shower give it some comet-like qualities, boosting speculation that 3200 Phaethon is a combination asteroid-comet.

"It has become quite obvious in recent years that our nomenclature in astronomy is not keeping pace with our discoveries," Cooke said.

"We like to place objects in neat, well-defined categories even though Mother Nature makes no such distinctions," he said, citing debate over whether Pluto is a small planet or a large Kuiper Belt Object, one of many giant ice chunks beyond the planets. 'Rocky comet corpse'

Astronomers theorize that 3200 Phaethon is the remnant of a comet that gradually lost its ice supply after repeated brushes with the sizzling heat of the sun.

"Now all that's left is a rocky comet corpse," Cooke said.

Regardless of their source, the Geminids provide one of the most consistent annual meteor shows. They hardly match the Leonids and Perseids at their best, which during good years produce thousands of shooting stars an hour.

But the latter two are much sporadic from year to year. And the Geminids are growing in intensity each year.

During peak hours Saturday morning local time, more than 100 meteors an hour are expected in ideal conditions, which are dark and clear skies. The best time to watch is a several-hour stretch between moonset and dawn.

"Just lie back and watch the stars," said Alan MacRobert, editor of Sky & Telescope. "If the moon is still up, face a little east of straight overhead in order to keep its glare out of your eyes.

The Geminids gradually increased in the weeks before the main event. But within days afterward, meteor counts will plummet.

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Space Watch: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us

Optical search starts after UC Berkeley astronomer suggests
aliens shine light

By William Brand
Staff Writer

BERKELEY - For more than 40 years, researchers on Earth have scanned data from radio telescopes around the world looking for signals from another civilization somewhere in myriad stars - without results.

Now, thanks to a suggestion from a University of California, Berkeley, Nobel laureate, they're trying something different: Astronomers are peering into space with their own eyes.

They are looking through data from optical telescopes seeking bright bursts of laser light that would indicate a sentient being is out there.

Astronomers have discovered more than 100 planets circling other suns, and belief is growing that we are not alone.

Indeed, scientists now realize life is hardy. Researchers recently found primitive bacteria nearly two miles down in a South African gold mine, surviving on hydrogen and sulfur instead of oxygen.

The nonprofit SETI Institute, based in Mountain View, conducts a massive radio astronomy search using data received by the huge radio telescope array at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The optical search began about two years ago, and more astronomers are signing on.

Besides a UC Berkeley effort at the Leuschner observatory near Orinda, and by a Harvard astronomer, SETI and UC Santa Cruz are conducting a search from the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, near San Jose. SETI also has commissioned UC Berkeley graduate student Amy Raines to examine data obtained by Berkeley planet hunter Geoff Marcy.

The optical idea came from UC Berkeley professor Charles Townes, who shared the Nobel Prize for physics in 1964 for the basic inventions that led to the laser, which he patented with Arthur Schawlow, a 1981 Nobel laureate.

Townes said Thursday he's delighted about the optical search.

It has always made sense to him to look for points of intense laser light from space, he said. A civilization as advanced as our own or more sophisticated might indeed use a tight, compact laser beam as a bright signal.

Dan Werthimer, a UC Berkeley astronomer and extraterrestrial

intelligence researcher, says he's a bit chagrined.

"Charlie Townes' office is right next to mine. I've been here 25 years and he's said for a long time, 'Dan, you should do some optical searches,'" Werthimer said. "Charlie was right, and we're really a little bit embarrassed. We thought radio was the only way to communicate between the stars. But that is an antiquated point of view."

Radio was developed during World War II and the technology became good, Werthimer said. "Lasers came along later and, at the time they were invented (before 1960), they were little dinky things.

"Only Charlie Townes could see the laser power that was coming."

Townes said he and a colleague first wrote a paper on a laser search in 1961. "A civilization out there could be a thousand years ahead of us," Townes said. "It seems possible that some being on a planet orbiting a nearby star could send a bright enough beam that we could see it blinking."

Radio waves spread out, but laser beams stay compact and focused, he said. "Nobody took us very seriously then, but now people have begun to say, 'Wait a minute.'"

Townes advanced the idea again in 1997 at a SETI Institute planning session, and this time the group took him seriously. Planners included laser experts from Livermore National Laboratory, where the world's most powerful lasers are being developed for the National Ignition Facility.

Optical SETI was born.

Seth Shostak, SETI Institute senior astronomer, said the optical idea makes a lot of sense.

"Charlie pointed out to us that if an advanced civilization wanted to get in touch with Earth, why not ping us with a laser. Pulses as short as a nanosecond - one billionth of a second -- would do it," he said.

"There are lasers at Livermore now that could send a signal like that," Shostak said.

Building such a laser is expensive, but looking for a beacon is cheap, well within SETI's nonprofit budget. "For \$10,000 or less, you can build an instrument to look for beacons. Now it's being done," Shostak said.

Townes watches the whole process with delight. He agrees that scoffers about the possibility of extraterrestrial life are themselves a vanishing species.

The SETI Institute, in appreciation, will bestow its second annual Frank Drake Award to Townes next spring.

At 87, Townes still arrives at his UC Berkeley office around 8:30 a.m. daily. And he continues his research. "Science is fun," he said. "Why stop?"

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More Signs That Solar System Has 10th Planet

By Charles Arthur, Technology Editor

12 December 2002

The solar system may have a tenth planet lurking beyond the orbit of Pluto, calculations by astronomers in Britain and Argentina indicate. "Planet X" could lie 60 times further from the Sun than the Earth, roughly 600 million miles out. But nobody would have spotted it directly because, if it exists, it orbits in a direction that astronomers rarely study.

The new planet, thought to be the same size as Earth, would lie on the inside edge of the Kuiper Belt, a distant region of the solar system principally composed of small pieces of rock and interstellar leftovers from the creation of the solar system. Yet it could have the seeds of life, because astronomers have detected ice and complex molecules on the surface of some of the rocks there.

One of the scientists who developed the idea, Dr Mario Melita, of the astronomy unit at Queen Mary, University of London, said yesterday: "The Belt has a sharp edge to it, which isn't well understood. But people have noticed gaps in planetary rings and when they've looked there, they've found orbiting moons that have swept up the matter by their gravity."

Dr Melita, and Dr Adrian Brunini, of the University of La Plata in Argentina, suggested the sharp edge of the Kuiper Belt was caused by a similar sweeping, and that had, over time, created a planet-sized object, whose orbit of the sun would be almost circular, but angled by 20 degrees to that of the inner planets.

"We could observe it with telescopes, but there's a lot of space to cover," Dr Melita said. "And we don't normally look in that direction relative to Earth."

The idea has had qualified approval from other astronomers. "There's something funny going on out there [in the Kuiper Belt]," Marc Bule of the prestigious Lowell Observatory in Arizona told New Scientist magazine. Alan Stern of the Southwestern Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado, said the area was "a region of planetary formation, with 100,000 objects that are 'miniature planets'."

Modern astronomers reckon that Pluto, discovered in 1930, actually originated in the Belt. Its orbit sometimes passes within that of Neptune, the next most outlying planet. In October, a team at the California Institute of Technology discovered a Kuiper Belt object half the size of Pluto, which they named Quaoar.

Dr Stern told New Scientist the discovery was probably only the first of many. "There are more likely 900 planets in the solar system than nine," he said. "And all but eight are in the Kuiper Belt."

But the existence of a planet is not yet confirmed. Other

hypotheses could explain the Belt's shape, Dr Melita said, such as a small star about one-tenth as large as the Sun, passing near when the solar system formed about six billion years ago. "That could have created something like this," he said.

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:53:09 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 22:15:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
>with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
>spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
>they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
>which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle.
>(BTW the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was
>withheld, not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his
>widow, who died only a few months ago.)

<snip>

Good Evening, Dave, List, All -

Just to set the record straight, it was not CUFOS who introduced me to the fabricated documents. Yes, I know that there are some who believe that CUFOS is filled with unethical and deceitful people who delight in giving away secrets, but I have learned this is not the case. Just ask yourself where all those stories come from and then ask yourself why we should believe him?

KRandle

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:25:00 -0500
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

<snip>

>>I used to read Bennewitz's reports from when he flew his plane
>>over Dulce Canyon. He even reported structures on the surface
>>and UFOs going in and out. Maybe it was more like a McDonalds
>>for the aliens. Maybe they were like the Nazis and separated the
>>people according to types and listed them as such on the menu. I
>>know, how could anyone believe such a tale?

>The scientist who wrote the book 'UFOLOGY' back in the late
>60's... can't think of his name right off... checked up on
>Bennewitz's claim of having flown over the Archeluta Mesa near
>Dulce and finding the remains of crashed saucers, lasers, and
>what not on the gound. the scientist got aerial photos and
>compare with Bennewitz's sketches. Nothing checked out. Also,
>numerous investigators including Bill Moore and John Alexander
>(and others) visited the Mesa, checked with local Indians and
>owner of a ranch... never found anything that so far as I know.

Hi Bruce:

I would bet the writer was Jim McCampbell. Jim lives nearby and
we used to visit before (gasp!) employment took up all my time.

Sadly, I don't have a copy of Jim's book Ufology, I had to
borrow his. Its rather scarce and well recommended for the nuts-
and-bolts people out there.

If we ever discussed Bennewitz, I since forgot the details.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Getting Taken - Myers

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Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:28:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Myers

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Getting Taken

>Source: Slate Magazine Online

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>The Sci Fi Channel, however, is treating aliens more seriously
>than ever. The network, which now reaches some 80 million homes,
>has billed Taken as a breakout premiere that will prove it's a
>"television powerhouse." Sci Fi has also prepared a slew of tie-
>ins: a Roper Poll announcing that three-quarters of Americans
>are prepared for the discovery of extraterrestrial life; pseudo-
>documentaries titled Abduction Diaries and The Roswell Crash:
>Startling New Evidence; and public events featuring UFO-
>abduction gurus John Mack, Bud Hopkins, and David Jacobs. All
>this might seem an odd accompaniment to a fictional TV series,
>but Sci Fi has gone even further. It has launched an advocacy
>group called the Coalition for the Freedom of Information, which
>plans to sue and file Freedom of Information Act requests to
>make the government come clean about UFOs. Of course, if the
>outlandish UFO information requests received by the National
>Security Agency are any indication, the coalition's chief
>achievement may be to drive a lot of bureaucrats up the wall.

Though I had concern about the Roswell documentary, referring to it as a "pseudo-documentary" is pretty insulting. Overall, minus the general distrust of Schmitt, the documentary was well done. I did note that the article made no reference to the GWU UFO Symposium at all. The article failed to mention the scientists involved and instead chose to focus on the "UFO-abduction gurus".

>Such activities certainly do suggest that Sci Fi and Spielberg
>are out to make people believe in UFOs. Indeed, Sci Fi's
>excavation of the Roswell crash site and other gimmicks threaten
>to drag Taken into a sinkhole of purportedly factual UFO-
>mongering. The evidence about Roswell overwhelmingly suggests
>that what crashed in 1947 was a government spy balloon;
>similarly, close examination of UFO-abduction claims
>overwhelmingly suggests they're best explained by sleep
>paralysis and other conditions. Those who already believe
>otherwise, however, will never accept these explanations. That
>makes battles over UFOlogy worse than pointless, especially if
>they're conducted by a network like Sci Fi, rather than through
>serious scientific channels, and presented in the context of
>promoting a fictional drama.

Who is the smoking anus that wrote this? This idiot obviously checked out his UFO cliff notes and crammed to write this poorly researched and poorly reasoned excuse of an article. And no one is "making" anyone believe in anything - unlike the author of this article and his ridiculous attempt to completely debunk the subject based on his opinion and what probably amounted to nothing more than an Internet search for UFOs.

<snip>

>The one aspect of Taken that doesn't come in for a sensitive,
>historicized treatment is the UFO itself_and its supposed
>activities. In one installment, a highly complicated crop circle
>appears in the United States in the year 1969 or 1970, even
>though the crop circle phenomenon really only got going in the
>mid-1970s in southern England. Similarly, Taken's aliens are
>short, black-eyed, huge-skulled humanoids known as "grays," yet
>it was only in 1961 with the Betty and Barney Hill "abduction"
>that aliens began to be described this way. As an "Alien Time
>Line" by the paranormal investigator Joe Nickell demonstrates,
>up through the 1970s, people were seeing blobs, insectoids,
>hairy dwarfs, robots, reptilians, and other types. In other
>words, the way that UFOs appeared to Americans was itself
>historically contingent on, and highly influenced by, media
>representations.

Joe Nickell? The time frame that crop formations appeared?
Aliens the product of pop culture? It is clear the author
completely lacks any sound knowledge of the subject nor has that
person engaged in any actual research of the subject.

>Granted, if Taken admitted this, it would also have to admit
>that Spielberg himself generated much of the lore that the
>series has now repackaged and dramatized. But at least the Taken
>crew seems willing to joke about it. In a recent interview,
>Taken screenwriter Leslie Bohem noted that Spielberg once said
>to him of alien abductions, "If this isn't true, then why are
>all these stories the same?" To which Bohem replied, "Maybe
>because of your movies?" That's not exactly fessing up to the
>existence of a vast media conspiracy_but it's a promising start.

Steven Spielberg is hardly responsible for cementing the
foundations of modern UFOlogy. Far from it and this article is
nothing short of grossly inaccurate and guilty of extreme
ignorance. It is always easy to take the high road and dole out
half-ass excuses and glazed over BS as opposed to tackling some
very tough questions. Perhaps the author of the article should
fess up to not having done any real research on the subject to
begin with...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM
"Don't Trip On your Open Mind"

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Re: Getting Taken - Kaeser

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>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:27:08 EST
>Subject: Re: Getting Taken

>>Steven Spielberg, paranormal huckster
>>By Chris Mooney
>>Updated Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 12:54 PM PT

>This may be the single most ignorant piece of writing on the
>subject we hold dear in a high-level publication I have seen to
>date. It is breathtaking.

<snip>

>Mr. Mooney is a victim of propaganda. He doesn't know better.
>But unlike most, he is a journalist and has a professional
>obligation to know better. The promulgators of the incipient
>national security state would most certainly wish a thousand
>clones of Mr. Mooney to keep the desks at newspapers and network
>news offices nationwide filled with "pseudo-journalists" who can
>write but can't think. Then their hopes and desires would be so
>much easier to achieve.

Freedom of the press allows for the publication of ignorance, as well as ability to sway public opinion. Indeed, this is protected by the Constitution (in the U.S.). As a former member of the press, I was able to define truth as I saw it, and wrote stories accordingly (however, never about this subject).

In the print media, this freedom extends to the publishers and editors, who hold the real power in the publishing world. It is usually THEIR agendas that are promoted, with reporters and writers hired to carry them out. There is no "professional obligation" to tell the truth. If you view the press as some sort of "savior", then your faith is obviously misplaced. This doesn't imply that you cannot be critical, but let's not expect something from a profession that isn't there.

I read Mooney's piece and came very close to writing him directly to tell him of my thoughts. On the other hand, contacting him would probably re-enforce those beliefs, rather than promote a rational discussion. So, I decided against it. He is quite obviously unfamiliar with the genre and like the general public believes that Ufology (and all that it represents) is more entertainment than science. I know there have been numerous polls on this subject, but polling (like statistics) can be quite misleading. Does anyone believe that a poll conducted (and framed by) CISCOP would reach the same conclusions as the recent poll sponsored by the Sci-Fi Channel?

TAKEN was entertainment and generated a number of reviews, with most viewing the program in a positive way. Most of the polls I read did not pass judgment on the genre, which I felt was a positive. Mooney opted to include his own personal views, and that's his right. We may not like it, but that's life in the big city.

Steve

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:45:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

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>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:27:15 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Paul Bennewitz's involvement with "The Aviary" and alleged
>>incidents near the town of Dulce is covered at The WHY? FILES

>><http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

>Re. this debate about Bennewitz and the Dulce rumors: the very
>elderly Falcon (despite what some have said there was more than
>Falcon) once used the alias of Steven V. Ayres.

>Track the Ayres name and it will lead to a whole ream of data
>about how and why the Dulce stories were created.

>There is no alien base at Dulce and never was. This was a
>creation of the fertile minds of Intelligence.

One question raised here is when Bennewitz started talking about
the Dulce "base." I had the impression that he had been told of
this by hte abductee before the big meeting at Kirtland AFB in
Nov 1980 (after which the disinformation project began).

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Re: Getting Taken - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:47:50 -0500
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:10:23 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Getting Taken

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>>What a dumb statement..... The guy clearly doesn't know his UFO
>>history... if he really thinks Spielberg planted the seeds of
>>modern UFO obsession! If anything, the seeds had been planted
>>30 years before and Steven merely reaped the
.>harvest!

>You're absolutely right. 'Taken' seems to have brought out some
>particularly idiotic comments from the mainstream. Spielberg not
>only reaped the ufological harvest with 'Close Encounters', but
>did so in a very methodical, particular way: the various
>sightings leading to the film's climax are taken almost directly
f>rom J. Allen Hynek's 'The UFO Experience'.

>It should also be noted that UFO debunkers predicted that 'Close
>Encounters' would result in an apparent UFO 'flap' fueled by
>gullible movie-goers. That prediction failed.

Correct. Has anyone heard of a comparable prediction for a rise
in sightings/abduction reports as a result of Taken?

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 15:47:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:52:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Bourdais

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:04:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:54:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>

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>Thanks for all the information you supplied, which helps me to
>recall some other things. In another message I referred to "a
>scientist" who checkde up on Bennewitz's claims of having found
>saucer debris and other stuff on the Arhcelute Mesa. That
>scientist was, indeed, James McCampbell.

>>So, it looks like the rumor of Dulce originated, not from
>>abductees, but from intelligence agencies.

>>Any other opinions?

>There was another abductee, whom recalled after writing my
>initial message, as Christa Tilton, and another respondent also
>recalled that name.

Bruce and all,

Yes, I know the testimony of Christa Tilton, but it came later,
after the "revelations" of Bennewitz. That's why I did not
mention her.

She was another abductee remembering an underground base, but
she only supposed it was in the Dulce area when she visited the
place - she had then the "feeling" it was there!

My questions was : where did the Dulce rumor start ?

And the answer seems to be: Afosi at Kirtland.

According to McCampbell and Bill Moore, Bennewitz was fed with
many stupendous "revelations" regarding Dulce, which were later
one of the sources of the "horrible truth" of Lear, Cooper and
others.

All that smells strongly of "amplifying disinformation", as the
Cometa report called it!

Gildas Bourdais

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ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 13:24:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:55:42 -0500
Subject: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:37:16 -0500
>Subject: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us

>Source: The Oakland Tribune - California

><http://www.oaklandtribune.com/Stories/0,1413,82%257E1865%257E1050775,00.html>

>Friday, December 13, 2002 - 8:02:20 AM MST

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>By William Brand
>Staff Writer

>BERKELEY - For more than 40 years, researchers on Earth have
>scanned data from radio telescopes around the world looking for
>signals from another civilization somewhere in myriad stars -
>without results.

>Now, thanks to a suggestion from a University of California,
>Berkeley, Nobel laureate, they're trying something different:
>Astronomers are peering into space with their own eyes.

>They are looking through data from optical telescopes seeking
>bright bursts of laser light that would indicate a sentient
>being is out there.

Hi List,

As laudable as this appears, it seems to me that this would be more of a needle in a haystack than the radio transmission approach. It also implies that the senders would have to know of our existence and target us. Depending how far away we were from their planet they would have to target the laser at the position in space where Earth would be when the beam arrived. Their firing position would have to be from a point in space not affected by their planet's rotation with a power source sufficient to send powerful laser bursts, continuously for many years.

In order for us to see it, we would have to be looking in the right place at the right time period-in other words-how long would this light be transmitting and how long ago was it sent. Did the transmission end two years ago?

Even though laser, tight beamed as it is, does lose some of its tight beam qualities, targeting these bursts would enjoy little in the way of a "live observor" discovery. One would have to go over years of photographic plates [basically all of them] and continue to photograph all areas of the sky all of the time. Or you pick one section of the sky and concentrate on that looking for the light beam. It could be though that a couple of arc

seconds away from that area a laser could be flashing away [I'm over here] and completely ignored.

I don't think \$10,000.00 is going to cover this project.

But bring it on. I'm all eyes.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 05:57:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:43:52 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Hatch

>Source: The Warrnambool Standard - Victoria, Australia
><http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2002/12/13/1039656207350.html>
>UFOs Visit Grampians
>December 13, 2002
>THE Grampians has been identified as a hot spot for unidentified
>flying objects.
>The latest issue of The Australian UFO Bulletin reports on a
>series of ongoing sightings in the national park area.
>Investigator Paul Norman writes that the sightings have been
>reported since May and initially involved a large white-lighted
>object, a pale yellow object and smaller active luminous
>objects.

<snip>

Hello everyone.

After years of cataloging and mapping UFO sightings, I have a real sour taste in my mouth, and a deep suspicion of so-called "UFO Hotspots".

Almost invariably, these result from the hyperactivity of what I call "UFO Hotshots". One of them is in Oregon for example, you can all name others. They help fill in weekly UFO newsletters during dry spells.

Some Hollywood type once phoned and asked for verification of a UFO "hotspot" somewhere near a particular town in the southern central valley of California.

I couldn't help much, one or two sightings, none very close, and the dates were all wrong. The sad goodbye gave me the impression that my work just wasn't good enough, and they would find somebody else more cooperative.

I am tempted to train my email filters to trash any message with the phrase "hot-spot", hyphenated or not. The only thing that stops me is my morbid curiosity; which phony is blowing smoke this week?

However rare, there remains the possibility of a genuine localized spurt of fairly interesting sightings. What I will never do is to buy a keyboard without a Delete key.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 15:47:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 12:49:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:14:23 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>>if only because it was his stories that were
>>the foundation of Roswell's most sensational aspects. So I
>>forsee years of wrangling over the minutiae of Frank's stories,
>>and many attempts to rehabilitate him. This "armchair" dialogue
>>between David and Gildas is just the start.

>
>We are not "loath to let go" of Kaufmann. Much of Kaufmann's
>story always bothered me and probably Gildas as well. He was
>the basis for the completely revised July 5 crash recovery
>timeline incorporated into Kevin Randle's second book. This
>added too many inconsistencies and loose ends to the story for
>my tastes.
>

David,

Yes, I had doubts about Kaufmann and Ragsdale, as soon as I read
the second book of Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt.

The time line was too short, it did not seem to allow enough
time for the decomposition of the bodies.

Kaufmann's radar surveillance in White Sands with a mirror in the
toilet was frankly comical, the motoring across the fields at
night was hard to believe, and for Ragsdale as well, if the
place really was the "impact site". When I visited it in July
1995, I talked with Hub Corn and he pointed to plants with sharp
needles which could puncture tires. Not a good place for night
camping, if we add some rattle snakes. In his video, Kaufmann
said (tongue in cheek) that DuBose went to the crash site : I
did not believe it.

In my French book on Roswell, published in 1995, I was cautious
about these stories. And again in more recent books and
articles. I know some ufologists and authors who were not so
prudent. On the other hand, I still think some parts of the
story may be true.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Getting Taken - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 13:20:25 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:31:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Getting Taken - Kimball

No need to quote from the article - everyone on the List has read it, no doubt. I only want to add that this kind of tripe is what film and television producers who try to take the UFO subject seriously have to put up with from elements of the media. There may be a media conspiracy out there, but it isn't working to prove UFOs are real!

Regards,

Paul Kimball
Redstar Films Limited

P.S. Our company will be following up last year's Stanton T. Friedman IS Real! with a 2003 documentary tentatively titled "Do You Believe in Majic?" for Space here in Canada, about... well, the title is self-explanatory.

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I Made The Front Page!

From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 19:07:47 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:34:23 -0500
Subject: I Made The Front Page!

Bournemouth (UK) Daily Echo's weekly magazine is out today with the main front cover featuring a silly close up photograph of me peering up at the sky on the front cover with the caption 'The truth is up there' - subcaptioned 'Bournemouth's alien abductee support group.'

Inside there is a two page feature with another large photo of me reading a UFO book and then an obvious old library picture from Close Encounters, all with the headline We are not alone.

The treatment is not very original but at least they allowed me to write the piece myself and have printed without changes. I post the article below for your interest (amusement?) I will let you know what response there is if any.

Cheers
Dave Haith

A new Steven Spielberg TV series about alien abduction could rekindle disturbing memories among 'hidden' abductees, claims a Bournemouth UFO researcher.

The multi-million dollar 20 hour, ten part mini-series 'Taken', based on real life events, airs in Britain on the BBC in January and follows the fate of fictional families plagued through three generations by UFO abduction.

A recent Roper poll in the US revealed that nearly three million Americans claim experiences related to alien abduction and support groups have been set up with trained counsellors to deal with the victims' trauma.

Bournemouth retired journalist and UFO researcher Dave Haith believes that because the phenomenon has a much lower profile here, the UK could be unprepared for the psychological impact sparked by the TV series.

So Dave of Kinson Road, is setting up a confidential help group to give abductees information on the subject and advice where they can get counselling if needed.

Dave (60) explained: "Because this subject is so often treated with derision, those who have these experiences fear 'coming out' because they will be thought insane and even lose their jobs. Many are traumatised and suffer severe psychological disturbance and sometimes physical injuries from being taken and experimented on by, what they perceive as, alien beings.

"I believe this subject is where child sex abuse was, a decade or more ago when it was claimed hardly to exist. But now, given the glare of publicity, thousands are coming forward, revealing their experiences and seeking help. It's the same with UFO abduction -- it's still a hidden problem and I think it's likely we have seen only the tip of the iceberg."

Dave says that in a way similar to survivors of sexual abuse,

many UFO abductees have blocked memories of their painful experiences.

"These could be brought to the surface by the TV series" he said. "But in a hostile environment which pours scorn on their stories, they will have nowhere to turn. I want to provide a safe place for them to get information and talk about their experiences with others if needed."

Dave, who has studied the subject for 40 years, has a library of UFO books, video-tapes and contacts of abductee counsellors, which he plans to make available to those who report these bizarre experiences.

Earlier this month (Nov) in New York there was a unique symposium on UFO abduction addressed by leading experts -- Harvard Professor of Psychiatry and Pulitzer prize-winner Dr John Mack; Associate Professor of History at Philadelphia's Temple University Dr David Jacobs and veteran abduction investigator and author Budd Hopkins.

They spoke of abduction through generations of families and what - incredibly - appears to be a breeding programme of alien-human hybrids. Budd Hopkins said that if what they thought was taking place, was happening, it is the most important event in human history.

Said Dave: "I recorded this live broadcast from the internet and will arrange for interested people to hear it. It would at least give abductees reassurance that they are not alone in what they're going through."

When Dr Mack appeared on TV in Britain discussing UFO abduction with Richard and Judy, the programme took around 600 phone calls, many of which involved reported encounters with small grey beings.

For many people even the existence of UFOs is difficult to accept.

But Nick Pope, who had the job of studying UFOs in the Ministry of Defence for several years, said: "My unique access to new data and previous government files convinced me that the UFO phenomenon raised serious defence and national security issues.

I came across numerous instances where UFOs had been tracked on radar, leading to jets being scrambled. There were also cases where there had been terrifying near-misses between UFOs and civilian aircraft. All this led me to believe that an extraterrestrial explanation for some sightings could not be ruled out."

Nick has also also investigated many cases of alleged abduction.

At a recent conference, following the testimony of an abductee, Nick commented: "People like this are not attention-seekers after their fifteen minutes of fame. Those few who do go public, do so with a quiet dignity not found in the attention-seeker.

The second possibility is that they are suffering from a collective delusion of fantastic depth and breadth. There is simply no psychological or psychiatric evidence to support such a theory. The third possibility is that they are describing, to the best of their ability, events that have actually taken place. I favour the third view."

Nick, who still works for the Ministry of Defence, adds: "The response to the UK appearance of John Mack neatly reinforces the point that if you are prepared to go looking, there are no shortage of abduction cases in Britain."

Does local investigator Dave really believe aliens are kidnapping humans?

He said: "I appreciate these are happenings which are almost impossible to believe. But when you consider the amount of evidence that has built up, it is also almost impossible not to believe. Something major is certainly going on and there's no doubt many people are suffering as a result."

He added: "Not all abductees or people claiming contact with other intelligences, suffer trauma. Some say their experiences are transformative and allow them to see the universe from a

higher perspective. I just want to provide a haven where all UFO contactees will be treated seriously and with respect."

If you believe you may have been abducted or just need more information on UFOs, you can contact Dave on 01202 528685 or email him at visions@ntlworld.com

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 14:54:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:36:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Maccabee

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 15:47:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:04:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>one of the sources of the "horrible truth" of Lear, Cooper and
>others.

If that is so, then I guess there was no mention of Dulce in the literature until late 1980, if the disinformation started after the AFOSI/Bennewitz meeting in Nov. 1980.

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Re: More Signs Solar System Has 10th Planet -

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 17:02:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:38:25 -0500
Subject: Re: More Signs Solar System Has 10th Planet -

>From: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - >
>Date: 13-Dec-02 22:58
>Subject: More Signs Solar System Has 10th Planet

>Source: The Independant - UK

>http://news.independent.co.uk/world/science_medical/story.jsp?story=360803

>More Signs That Solar System Has 10th Planet
>By Charles Arthur, Technology Editor

>12 December 2002

>The solar system may have a tenth planet lurking beyond the
>orbit of Pluto, calculations by astronomers in Britain and
>Argentina indicate. "Planet X" could lie 60 times further from
>the Sun than the Earth, roughly 600 million miles out. But
>nobody would have spotted it directly because, if it exists, it
>orbits in a direction that astronomers rarely study.

There is a major error in math here. If the object is 60 times
further from the sun than is earth it is about 5.5 Billion Miles
out not a mere 600 million which would put it between Jupiter
and Saturn in tead of well beyond Pluto.

Stan Friedman

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Re: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 17:09:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:42:01 -0500
Subject: Re: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us - Friedman

>From: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - >
>Date: 13-Dec-02 22:37
>Subject: ETs May Be Beaming Lasers At Us

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>The SETI Institute, in appreciation, will bestow its second
>annual Frank Drake Award to Townes next spring.

>At 87, Townes still arrives at his UC Berkeley office around
>8:30 a.m. daily. And he continues his research. "Science is
>fun," he said. "Why stop?"

Townes is right. Science is fun.

It is good to see that the SETI cultists who have focused so
hard on radio have finally been recognizing that somebody out
there could be ahead of us and develop lasers.

Who knows? Maybe within a decade they will understand that
aliens have been visiting earth for a long time, probably using
technology well advanced over ours. We have evidence, so far
they have none. But why let the facts get in the way of their
theories?

And yes, I have challenged Shostak to a debate. He is unwilling.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 17:14:30 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 10:55:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 09:00:29 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:54:15 EST
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:27:15 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Paul Bennewitz's involvement with "The Aviary" and alleged
>>incidents near the town of Dulce is covered at The WHY? FILES

>><http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

>Re. this debate about Bennewitz and the Dulce rumors: the very
>elderly Falcon (despite what some have said there was more than
>Falcon) once used the alias of Steven V. Ayres.

>Track the Ayres name and it will lead to a whole ream of data
>about how and why the Dulce stories were created.

>There is no alien base at Dulce and never was. This was a
>creation of the fertile minds of Intelligence.

One question raised here is when Bennewitz started talking about
the Dulce "base." I had the impression that he had been told of
this by the abductee before the big meeting at Kirtland AFB in
Nov 1980 (after which the disinformation project began).

Bennewitz had indeed been told about the Dulce story before
AFOSI got involved directly. However, he made the mistake of
telling everyone what he was doing and this filtered back to
AFOSI who simply amplified and elaborated on Bennewitz's beliefs
with their own tall tales. After all, if OSI were saying that
there was an alien base at Dulce as well then that was
corroboration and it had to be correct. Right? Er, no. It wasn't
correct but it was remarkably effective in sending Bennewitz off
the deep end and into a carefully controllable avenue.

Nick Redfern

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CASE MJ-12 by Kevin Randle (Review)

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Subject: CASE MJ-12 by Kevin Randle (Review)

CASE MJ-12 by Kevin Randle

(reviewed by Mac Tonnies)

"Case MJ-12" fills a void in the Roswell/crashed-saucer literature. While most ufologists have concluded that the MJ-12 documents (now numbering in the thousands) are clever forgeries, those convinced that an extraterrestrial craft crashed at Roswell, NW in 1947 concede that something very much like the MJ-12 working group would have been conceived.

Randle probes the origin of the post-Roswell oversight committee with a keen sense of perspective, demonstrating anachronisms and errors in the MJ-12 papers. More importantly, he fingers key personnel who would have been likely members of a top-secret team devoted to exploiting the Roswell crash debris and alien bodies.

"Case MJ-12" succinctly frames the modern myth that is MJ-12 in historical context and challenges the UFO research community to dig deeper. This book is Randle's most topical and engagingly opinionated since "The Abduction Enigma," recommended to anyone familiar with the convoluted, emotionally charged landscape of the Roswell case. Great fun when read alongside MJ-12 proponent Stan Friedman's "TOP SECRET/MAJIC."

For more independently reviewed UFO titles, see:

<http://mactonnies.com/ufobooks.html>

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Backwards In Time

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Subject: Backwards In Time

Here's another sceptical review of Taken from Time magazine.

There are so many points to argue here, I don't know where to start. So I won't start. Why grace such bilge with sensible argument anyway.

Journos like this have something in common with the aliens - they both seem to come from another planet! Onwards and upwards!

Dave

Source Time Magazine

<http://www.time.com/time/columnist/printout/0,8816,398945,00.html>

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002

Are We Being Taken by Spielberg?

A skeptical look at the filmmaker's alien abduction show
By LEON JAROFF

The Sci-Fi Channel is best known for programs that contain very little Sci and an abundance of Fi. Its most popular show until now, John Edward's "Crossing Over" (which I savaged last year in TIME) remains devoid of science, let alone truth. Edward, you recall, claims to be a medium who can transmit messages from the dearly departed to their bereaved relatives. That's nonsense, of course, and lacks even the kind of scientific credibility and measurability that I have, for example, when my response to questions about my shirt size is "I'm a medium."

But I digress. Spurred on by the success of the Edward show, the Sci-Fi Channel has now outdone itself. It is currently running a ten-part mini-series called "Taken", which deals with alien abductions and is garnering the best viewer ratings in the history of the Channel. The subject alone, dealing with humans who are abducted, taken aboard UFOs by aliens, examined - often sexually - and return to tell their story, is enough to attract the millions of naive Americans who believe in UFOs and government cover-ups. But Taken is made even more compelling fare by the widely heralded news that its executive producer is none other than Steven Spielberg, creator of such Hollywood smash hits as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T."

In the mini-series, according to reviewer Chris Mooney, who has seen all ten episodes, Spielberg artfully portrays the abduction experiences of three families. They encounter UFOs and aliens, are abducted, saved, abused, seduced, and even impregnated by well-intentioned creatures who appear in different guises but generally resemble the "grays" of UFO mythology. All the while, representatives of the Federal government hang around, hostile, sometimes menacing and brutal, and always conspiratorial.

The Spielberg touch, as usual, makes the mini-series highly entertaining. But the artistry and a sometimes humorous approach

can't obscure the fact that "Taken" takes alien abductions rather seriously. It seems to give credence such nonsense as the purported crash of an alien spacecraft at Roswell, New Mexico, the notion that the idea for Velcro was acquired from the wreckage of a UFO and the fiction that it's those pesky aliens who are responsible for creating crop circles. Apparently buying into these fantasies, the Sci-Fi Channel, with a straight face, has formed an organization called the Coalition for the Freedom of Information. The group plans to sue and file requests under the Freedom of Information Act to make the Federal Government fess up all that it knows about decades of alien mischief and conniving. Paranoia? I doubt it. Promotion? More likely.

The really puzzling part of this latest assault on rationality by the Sci-Fi Channel is Spielberg's role. His obsession with aliens is evident. Can someone as gifted and intelligent as Spielberg really believe? Sure. Take John Mack, for example. The highly respected, intelligent and tenured Harvard psychiatrist, possibly to fill some deep-seated emotional need, has embarrassed his university by very publicly embracing the myth of alien abductions. Could the same need be motivating Spielberg? Or does he simply know what makes for good box office numbers and ratings? I suspect the former.

Perhaps I'm being a little too hard on Spielberg. Truth of the matter is that, as a confirmed skeptic, I'm offended by his treatment in "Taken", of a skeptic and "alien debunker" named Tom Clarke, who maintains his disbelief almost until the end, when he learns that his half-brother is half-alien and renounces his skepticism. No true, self-respecting skeptic would cave in that easily on the basis of such flimsy evidence.

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Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Bowden

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Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 11:03:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Bowden

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>Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 05:57:11 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Visit Grampians

<snip>

>After years of cataloging and mapping UFO sightings, I have a
>real sour taste in my mouth, and a deep suspicion of so-called
>"UFO Hotspots".

>Almost invariably, these result from the hyperactivity of what I
>call "UFO Hotshots". One of them is in Oregon for example, you
>can all name others. They help fill in weekly UFO newsletters
>during dry spells.

<snip>

Larry,

The view from here in Oregon is a bit different. I don't know who is calling it a "hot spot", but 2001 and 2002 have been years of high UFO sighting activity here. Naturally some have been covered by legitimate explanations, but we are having a high incidence of several types of cases: flying triangles, silver spheres, and red-lighted UFOs which do not behave like conventional aircraft. We have had at least one bona-fide crop formation. To add to the mix, a lot of the unidentifieds are being followed or pursued by military jets, usually F-16s, but in one case by A-10 "Warthogs".

Add to this that most reports come from the northwestern part of Oregon (Portland and the Willamette River Valley area), which is the most populated. Historically, there have been a lot of sightings with high strangeness in the sparsely populated rural, mountainous and desert areas of Eastern Oregon, however it is often hard to get reports from the rural Oregonians. They are largely small-town conservatives, farmers and ranchers who typically view flying saucers as a very fringy subject. They often do not want to do or say anything that might cause them to be identified with any new-age cult type people from Portland.

I am not sure who the "hotshot" is, if that is what you are suggesting, but most identifiable phenomena are being screened out before anything is trumpeted on the internet. Often partially investigate cases are made public in the hopes that additional witnesses will come forward. The cases are being investigated whenever people are available.

Earlier this year we had a claim of a UFO photograph which we attempted to investigate. I am not sure why, but as soon as I said I wanted to be able to borrow the negative for analysis, the person withdrew from the discussions and I have not heard from him again. I chalk this sort of thing up to screening out of potential hoaxes.

I understand and appreciate your reaction to the purported "hot spot" claims, but please don't jump to conclusions until the facts are in (assuming we can find any "facts").

Regards,
Tom Bowden
MUFON Asst. SD for Oregon

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Gates

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Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 11:06:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Gates

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 11:54:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:13:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>Bruce and all

>In studying that story, I found the following elements :

>In 1980, Bennewitz had been informed by APRO of the abduction of
>Judy Doraty and her daughter Cindy, in 1973 in Texas. There had
>been hypnosis sessions, first in 1978, and in Mars 1980
>conducted by Dr Sprinkle in the presence of Linda Howe, who told
>the story in her book "An Alien harvest" (1989). Ten years
>later, Cindy wished to have an hypnotic regression too. It was
>done in 1990 by John Carpenter with Linda Howe. The transcript
>of that session is in the book of Linda Howe "Glimpses of other
>realities" - Volume 1 (1993). The point here is that the mother
>and the daughter don't recall any underground laboratory.

Gildas all,

As I recall the name of the abductee in the Bennowitz story
is/was Christina Tilton or something like that. As I recall she
later was married to a researcher, and last I heard is living
near/around Oklahoma City.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Gates

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>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:54:15 EST
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>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
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>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 14:27:15 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:52:15 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 10:49:13 -0800 (PST)
>>>>Subject: Paul Bennewitz?

>>>>On Dr. Maccabee's website, I just read/reviewed his report on
>>>>UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB, and would like more material
>>>>about Paul Bennewitz, as his involvement with the UFO subject is
>>>>much more complicated, as I understand.

>>>>Some years ago, when visiting the Lorenzens of APRO, Coral
>>>>Lorenzen gave me a 17 page Summary & Status report called
>>>>'Project Beta' by Bennewitz. We didn't have time to discuss it
>>>>but I am very interested in finding out, if anyone is privy to
>>>>info, as to whether this material is the product of
>>>>disinformation, and also more details about whether Bennewitz
>>>>was discredited and if so, by whom?

>>>One of the people connected with the Bennewitz events was USAF
>>>Col. Richard Weaver of Roswell-Mogul balloon fame. Interesting
>>>links here if you dig.

>>Paul Bennewitz's involvement with "The Aviary" and alleged
>>incidents near the town of Dulce is covered at The WHY? FILES

>><http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

>Re. this debate about Bennewitz and the Dulce rumors: the very
>elderly Falcon (despite what some have said there was more than
>one Falcon) once used the alias of Steven V. Ayres.

>Track the Ayres name and it will lead to a whole ream of data
>about how and why the Dulce stories were created.

Nick,

Where does one go to track the Ayres name and the hows and whys
of Dulce?

>There is no alien base at Dulce and never was. This was a
>creation of the fertile minds of Intelligence.

As I recall Christina Tilton was the abductee who unloaded the story on Paul.

As to "Dulce" I have not seen any evidence to suggest anything was ever there in the first place. That is not to say there is not some kind of facility somewhere else on the border.

During my cold war research a former high ranking individual also referenced an underground facility on the NM/CO border in passing. When I asked what went on he told me something along the lines of research and he wasn't going to discuss it any further because it was highly classified.

Later on I ran across a story about how Congressman Bill Richardson (former Sec of Energy, now Governor of New Mexico) got into trouble for disclosing the existence of some kind of classified underground base on the border between Colorado and New Mexico.

I have also heard some people claim that the underground facility is actually part of Los Alamos and may be some kind of extended facility located away from Los Alamos.

Bottom line was I thought Dulce was a red herring, however their may have been some kind of underground facility on the NM/CO border.

Cheers,

Robert

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Great Moments In Debunking

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 11:13:07 -0500
Subject: Great Moments In Debunking

Dear EBK and Listers,

While preparing my audio archive into digital format, I sometimes stumble upon what I call, Great Moments in Ufology. Such a moment is shared with the UFO UpDates lurkers and dedicated to such skeptibunkers, Pelicanists, etc., as Philip Klass, Kal Korff, Robert Shaeffer, Bob Young, John Rimmer... well, the list is endless.

On April 22, 1967 the American Society of Newspaper Editors convened in Washington, D. C. On the program for that day were three noted names in Ufology: Major Hector Quintanilla, Dr. James E. McDonald and Dr. Donald H. Menzel. They were all engaged in the education of the ASNE regarding UFOs. Quintanilla namby-pambied around the issue and denied the USAF knew anything. Menzel pontificated and rambled into inversions and McDonald cleaned both their clocks with logic and sound reasoning. The audience was delighted.

At the end of the presentation was a question and answer period. The final question came from Frederick Martecord of the Arizona Republic newspaper. His question was addressed to Dr. Menzel. I quote:

"I would like to ask Dr. Menzel if he had been teaching at the University of Saragosa in 1491, if he would have advised Isabella not to give Columbus the money to determine if the world was flat?"

The audience went wild and Menzel sputtered an inane reply that he would have advised Queen Isabella to give Columbus the money. However, the damage had been done. Menzel's credibility lay in tatters on the floor of the Fourth Estate.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

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>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>>>Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2002 17:19:26 +0100
>>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 12:54:21 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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>>The big point here is if other investigations corroborate parts
>>of the story, but we must also be aware of contamination. How
>>much did Kaufmann know from those other sources... I know that
>>he watched the Unsolved Mysteries segment because he talked
>>about it having seen it. From that point on, he kept himself
>>informed of about the latest in the Roswell case.

Good Morning, Gildas, Dave, List, All -

Before we start, let me ask a simple question. How many lies and
how many forged documents must we discover before we decide
that a witness is unreliable? No, I'm not referring to little mistakes
that are the fault of memory tricks, but of honest to gosh lies and
documents that were forged.

>Kevin,

>This is another interesting aspect of the Kaufmann problem.
>Perhaps he came across some real information and began to
>elaborate on them?

Yes, it was on Unsolved Mysteries and he jumped right in. Oh,
you mean official sources? Then he came across nothing.

>I would like you to give your opinion now about the "impact
>site", closer to Roswell. After the demise of both Ragsdale and
>Kaufmann, what is left of it?

Nothing.

>I think there are some indirect testimonies, still standing,
>about it?

>And what do you think of the testimonies about bodies at the
>Foster ranch? I mentioned that in my previous message. I forgot
>to mention the source - a very interesting article - "Mack

>Brazel Reconsidered" by Thomas Carey and Donald Schmit, in the
>IUR of winter 1999, which told of the new revelations made by
>Frank Joyce in 1998, that Brazel had seen the bodies.

After all the years of saying one thing, supplying documents,
and answering questions, suddenly, he is talking of Brazel
seeing the bodies and providing detailed information. Please
don't be offended if I'm skeptical. Ask Tom and Don about the
grape soda and his ride out to the Brazel ranch with Whitmore or
some of the more bizarre stories that Joyce has told over the
years such as his adventures during a mountain fishing trip.

>At the end of their IUR article, they mention other sources.

>Wilcox's widow Inez who said that her husband "went out there to
>the site. There was a big burned area, and he saw debris. It was
>in the evening. There were "space beings". (She did not give
>the location, apparently)

Actually, we don't know this. It was Inez's granddaughter who
said that Inez said that George Wilcox had seen the big burned
area and the debris. He sent deputies out... which means it was
probably in Chavez County and not Lincoln County where the
Brazel (Foster) ranch was located. But note that the information
is third-hand at best. While the granddaughter is a nice woman
and telling us what she believes to be the truth, when we filter
data through so many witnesses, they are easily distorted.

>A woman in Ruidoso remembered her husband coming back from a
>detail to a ranch "up near Corona" where bodies had been found.
>His clothes smelled very bad.

Yes, this is all well and good, but there have also been
aircraft accidents in the area. Tommy Tyree told us that during
the Second World War an aircraft had crashed in the area and the
teenagers from Corona knew where it had happened though the
military had wanted to keep the site a secret. My point is that
this tale told by a woman in Ruidoso does not specifically take
us to the alien bodies... Interpretation has led us down the
wrong path more than once.

In their story, neither Carey nor Schmitt provides any evidence
that this event is related to the crash of an alien ship. The
bodies could just as easily be human as alien, and it is the
woman's interpretation of the situation that is in error. There
may be no way to ever learn if her late husband had been
involved in the recovery of alien creatures or the unfortunate
victims of an aircraft accident.

>According to the family of the late Meyers Wahnee, who was a
>pilot in Roswell, he told them that there were three separate
>sites ! Bodies were found and first flown to Texas. "Decomposing
>body parts" had been found among the debris at the Foster ranch.

>BTW, Brazel complained to Joyce about the stench of the bodies.

>I remember that, after your speech in Roswell in 1995, I
>questioned your revised time line which seemed a bit short to
>allow for such a decomposition, but you replied: "what do we
>know about the decomposition of Et bodies?". Well, I still think
>that these bodies would have been there a longer time.

How long do you think they were there? Couldn't have been more
than a couple of days, given everything else. And I ask again,
just what do we know about the decomposition of an alien body? I
can think of lots of reasons that an alien body might not
decompose as quickly or in the same fashion as a human body.

>Carey and Schmit also mention the last testimony of Loretta
>Proctor, at the age of 81, who said that her son "Dee" took her
>to visit a place where "something else" had been found, about
>2.5 miles east-southeast of the debris field".

Which is the site the Cliff Stone tried to feed us in 1989 which
he said came from the Proctors. But, as I mentioned in another
post, Loretta Proctor had introduced, in 1995, the idea that
Mack Brazel had told her about the pink writing and this was the
first time she had ever mentioned anything like that. So, I'm
cautious about these new revelations that come so long after a
witness has told the story of the crash time and again. We must
be very careful here.

>What do you think of all these testimonies?

Given my recent track record, I'm not sure my take on these testimonies is all that important. I will point out that they are not first hand, but second hand at best. And I will point out that we have other testimony that is in conflict with it, from the story told by Melvin Brown to that of Frankie Rowe, none of which mentioned any sort of odor associated with the bodies. All I'm saying here is that we must proceed with caution because we have been badly burned in the past.

KRandle

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Open UFO Files To Rest Of Us Earthlings

Leslie Kean - Pacifica Radio
Friday, December 13, 2002

As Steven Spielberg's TV series "Taken" raises public interest in government secrecy about unidentified flying objects, the Washington Post reports that Attorney General John Ashcroft has tightened the lid on the Freedom of Information Act. Ashcroft gave federal officers the green light to bend or perhaps break the information act if they want to withhold records, and he'll even defend them in court.

Two-thirds of the American people believe their government is withholding information about UFOs, and 60 percent of adults want the information declassified if it is not a national security risk, according to a September Roper Poll commissioned by the Sci Fi Channel.

So far, declassified records and scientific investigation clearly show that some UFOs are not science fiction. Unexplained objects have been well documented by trained observers such as pilots and military personnel. Some have landed and left ground traces in England, France and the United States.

"People have been digging through the files and investigating for years now. The files are quite convincing. The only thing that's lacking is the official stamp," says Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

As a result, the Sci Fi Channel is publicly calling for the declassification of government documents on UFO activity.

In October, network President Bonnie Hammer joined President Clinton's former chief of staff, John Podesta, to support a new information act initiative requested by me and the Washington law firm of Lobel, Novins and Lamont.

"I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark, on the question of government investigations of UFOs," Podesta said at a Washington news conference. "We ought to do it because... the American people quite frankly can handle the truth, and we ought to do it because it's the law."

The request seeks documentation on the crash of an object of unknown origin in Kecksburg, Pa., in 1965. The U.S. government denies anything fell from the sky, despite the signed affidavits of firefighters, radio journalists, dozens of witnesses at the scene and newspaper reports to the contrary.

In 1969, the U.S. Air Force stated that "no UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security" to justify closure of its investigation. The government still takes this position, despite routinely refusing to comply with information

act requests about UFO cases on the basis of national security. In fact, some UFO incidents have obvious national security implications, although this would not appear to justify the withholding of information about them.

According to North American Aerospace Defense Command logs, U.S. fighter jets attempted to pursue UFOs in 1975. Defense Department reports state that UFOs were also pursued after hovering over three supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites that same year.

And as recently as last July, two F-16s from Andrews Air Force Base were scrambled in the sky over Washington after radar detected an unknown aircraft. Military officials said they do not know what the jets were chasing, because whatever it was disappeared.

This month, the British Ministry of Defense released files on a famous multiple-witness case at Bentwaters Air Base in 1980. A memo by U.S. Deputy Base Commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt and a tape recording at the scene detail the landing of a glowing triangular craft that left three circular depressions and radiation 10 times higher than normal in a nearby forest.

Echoing the U.S. line, the British government also dismisses the phenomenon by claiming that the event was "of no defense significance." However, Britain's former Chief of the Defense Staff, Adm. Lord Hill-Norton, says that whether this represents the hallucination of men with the responsibility for guarding nuclear weapons or "the entry of a vehicle from outer space," it "cannot fail to be of defense interest."

There is no longer an acceptable justification for the withholding of reports on UFO incidents decades old, whether they are of defense interest or not. Nor is it acceptable for the attorney general unilaterally to refuse to enforce information act. The American people should not have to rely on Spielbergian science fiction for answers.

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APRO File Services Offered Free Of Charge

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[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hello

I read the e-mail thread regarding the condition and the status of the APRO files. I am Bruce Morgan, a cinematographer, working on a very independent film concerning UFO Air Force issues in 1952.

Within the next six months, I will be glad to offer my services and pay for material fees free of charge, if anyone wants to forward this to the party in possession of the APRO files. That is I am willing to record the APRO files on film or digital medium for the sake of the organization which wishes to fulfill the exchange data agreement with MUFON.

My request is only to take photographic copy of the data I am interested in this is my only request for the service I will render.

I believe the old version of APRO was a very special group of people and the record would be of interest to folks in the UFO research community at large.

If I can help contact me

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Thanks for any response

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Combat Diary Number 1

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Hello all good List folk,

Jan Aldrich contacted me privately and asked me the following questions, in response to a recent posting of mine concerning a possible Roswell-RAF connection that I am researching. I thought that the List might be interested in my reply. In this reply I discuss what is meant by fiction, and in order not to compromise the bandwidth of this List, I intend to answer his other important questions at a later date.

Colin

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I "know" that Roswell is the key to everything, but please explain what any of this has to do with Captain Ruppelt? Is this to be a work of fiction? What is Ruppelt's connection to the Roswell incident? Why would a unit committed to the Strategic Air Command be used as a training unit? Not while General Lemay was in command it wouldn't! Of course, Lemay was not commander of SAC in 1947 and was 1948 was in Europe.

There were other facilities for training B-29 crews and for training with nuclear weapons. Since the majority of 509th members and others assigned to Roswell knew nothing of the Roswell incident, why would British "students" know anything?

I think that there is not any violation of the MacMahon Act by leasing Honest John, Little John and Corporal missiles to the UK. Obviously, certain nuclear data was given to NATO. The reason for the "Atomal" access in the NATO security scheme. Probably there was an adjustment by Congress in the authorization of NATO.

Sincerely,

Jan Aldrich,
Project 1947

Dear Mr. Aldrich,

I would like to answer your question simply and directly sir, but even though I bear a Degree from the university of Oxford in English Language and Literature, I am somewhat ashamed to say that I do not know what a fiction is, quite. Many philosophers, from Aristotle to T.S. Eliot through Cervantes and Melville have tried to define what "fiction" is exactly, and all have failed. Some modern puritans refer to a book that does have a document box number or a security reference or a footnote about statistics in every single clause in every sentence as a work of fiction. In a recent IUR, a profoundly silly woman reviewer went so far as to say that the lack of an index made the book she was reviewing a work of fiction! On the other hand, some writers proper ("proper" refers to those dreadful people who use image,

symbol, metaphor and imagination as entry to a system instead of statistics and documents) refer to books of researchers as manuals, not books.

"Fact" is just one way amongst others to try and come to knowledge of a thing. It is merely one component of experience, and must be considered in relation to other components that have equally valid claims to be arbiters of experience.

Primarily, I am a satirist and portrait painter in words. For the Fortean Times and Philosophy Now, I paint landscapes and personalities, and in the February 2003 issue of the Fortean Times, Mr. James Oberg can stand back and gaze at his (not exactly uncomplimentary) oil. As a painter, I see features of character and soul, the atmosphere and background of a person rather than where he or she was on a particular date. I enter the system that way. Within a person I seen landscapes stretching round the Moon and back. I can't help it. People pay me to do it. I carve these things as a gypsy carves pegs. In the words of that great American novelist Toni Morrison, I listen and let the trail talk to me. Even the most dour and sober investigator should this. It is an old Indian trick that will survive laboratories and nuclear power plants. Facts are a guide, but you don't let them control the situation, you don't let them define it. As in any painting, you make them produce more than their sum.

Yes, I start with "facts" in the respect that I know that Captain Ruppelt was not a 18th century cabbage farmer from old New York. After I have narrowed him down to a post-war conscript officer in the US Air Force, a deeper state of trance begins, induced by facts, almost as if facts want to re-focus themselves. Then nudge, hint, and grumble. Then I listen. I turn off the facts like

I turn off a light. I enter the hidden system. The system talks to me. Then the book almost writes itself. The system opens up. Everywhere in Ruppelt's 1956 book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects I find conspiracy and fantasy. I find things that don't fit anywhere, missing pieces. The facts are just not sufficient. Yes, they lead you to the trail, but they can't take the journey themselves. A typical Ruppelt day was like an Oswald day or an Adamski day or indeed a Joycean Bloomsday. The 24 hour span of Joyce's novel Ulysses matches the single-year plan of Project 1947. We push the Ufological envelope to different limits. As such, we move Ufology nearer the "truth" of artform than anything else. Just as you point out, Jan, many of the events in Project 1947 do not fit, and in Ruppelt's hours as he described them do not fit, perhaps were not even meant to fit, as in life. Ruppelt varies his impressions all the time, comes in from many different angles, he keeps on the move like a good boxer, and like Che Guevara (another amateur writer), just happens to discover that he is a prose master. Ruppelt produces sketches of whole and entire military landscapes, then a crayon daub here, a mere doodle there. He is depressed, accusatory, and devious in turn, like a character in a novel. His book is a first journey into the surrealistic psychology of the Military-Industrial-Complex, an essay in time and technology. After reading The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects a reader is convinced that a scrape of paint off a mid-twentieth-century bus stop is sufficient to convince us that Matter itself is pure Plot.

You see therefore Jan, in this matter of the defining of fiction, we must be most careful. I myself see your magnificent Project 1947 web site and others like it indeed (Maccabee, Rudiak, et al) as a new kind of authentic 21st century text. I see these things not so much involved in trying to define the UFO, but as long metaphysical novels about identity and human thoughts and endeavour involved with whole landscapes of developing science, technology and national history. You are unbeknown to you, creating a language; like it or not, you are telling a story rich in fantasy and lore and multiple associations beyond the sun and moon. Sir, you are walking tall!

Project 1947 is a work of art. You are a modern Quixote. On this List, the word fiction is virtually a swear word, and that is because the concept of fiction is little understood in a supermarket and TV age that demands very simple-minded consumer-consumables in body, mind, and spirit. If we cannot define fiction, we can at least say that psychological, socially and

intellectually it is of vital importance. From cave walls to Keruoac, fiction defines the moral condition. Fact alone, as a somewhat historically arriveste concept, cannot do that. If fact and fiction have any proper correspondence, it is that they are equally as full of old historical ghosts. They act different theatres in rival shows with different scripts, but they are both cultural performances, nevertheless, as is indeed your own site, sir! Antiquity of course solved this two-state problem.

From Homer to Shakespeare, the rather elegant solution was the conception of a scale of being in which there is possible all kinds of translations of matter, being, and spirit. There existed a mythopoetic dialogue between an infinite variety of intermediate states of being, from the almost vaporous to the almost solid. We have fallen from that of course, and so we grate our teeth of the mechanical and wonder what is wrong. Antiquity was a much more sophisticated world than is our own. Rich in semi-forms and anomalous states, it had a much creative and fruitful relationship with the unconscious than ourselves, with our bad-tempered rattling cans full of facts.

Now don't just sneer at all this as verbal salad (to quote a prominent List member who should have know better -- it made him sound like an intellectual top of the head yob, which as a prominent physicist he most patently is not). Whether you like it or not, Jan, you are creating (as indeed are the Moderators of this List) a new form of expression. I have given up reading novels for this glittering mysterium of the Web. Please don't sneer at my long haired words. Have pity for me. I am doomed. I have a touch of the poet. Only a touch, but it has almost ruined my life, as Project 1947 has I guess, probably nearly ruined your own. Being artists, we are both stricken with what Kierkegaard called the sickness unto death. You have only to add the recent dialogue between Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle posted 12/9/02 and your Starship Enterprise, sir, will talk and walk, the first intermediate life-form since Adamski's Orthon. I have never ever read anything like this Friedman/Randle dialogue in my chequered life, and the blessed pair are to be congratulated. They have made my Christmas. Their List contribution in this case is vastly superior to the kind of "fiction proper" put out by pre-electric spoilt brats who should have their over-affluent over-stimulated over-fed little bottoms smacked soundly. Sorting out just exactly who is talking to who at any one time should be made into a Christmas board game. Add this Friedman/Randle dialogue, and the labyrinths of Project 1947 will have both a live brain and a live developing story. Trailing fragmentary contributions from others, this kind of pure theatre will certainly make Project 1947 the first Web Animal Mk 1.

What is the story behind this Friedman/Randle dialogue?

The story is about how many impure comrades can pass through the eye of a rather impure needle. Ufology it appears, has now reached its proto-Maoist stage where erring pilgrims such as Frank Kaufmann are interrogated by an inner circle of savants and examined for imagining and fictions and half-forms rather like the bodies of witches were examined for marks of devilish intercourse. Like most well educated Western folk, the examiners are force-fed like a Christmas goose with the binary dialectics of false and true, that is the two-state empirical indoctrination of most well trained "researchers". This kind of "knowledge" is a consumer product in itself; countless tons of such Boolean colonisation pour in and out of the university main-frames by the microsecond, and most of it is just about suitable as hard-core for motorway foundations. That there might indeed be forms of life existing between these two narrow and primitive (and forever approximate) yes/no alternatives is not for the moment anything like a Western tribal option. Thus do we keep bumping into things that we don't understand because we have not yet reprogrammed that paradigm within which such a twilight half-life as the UFO can be recognised.

I notice that the old Soviet Commissar word "refurbished" is used for those lost souls who are forced to confess that they might just have imagined something. Mao Tse Tung himself called this process "fanshen". In the Soviet Union, this meant that certain faces in publicity photographs were brushed out. In Communist China, this was a means of purifying the village of all consumer desires (sex and pleasure) and capitalist contaminations (property and profit), and independent initiative

(entrepreneurial individualism). The contactees and abductees are easy meat for fanshen. To disastrously fact-prone personalities, the abductees are in a very weak dialectical position. Like the lost souls of Christianity and Communism, and in turn Science, their fallen state has to be somehow "corrected" and their dialectical impurities washed away as one of the various equivalents of "sin". If I had been the said Frank Kauffman before this worthy group of fact-prone personalities, rather than "confessing" to the miniature child-brides in front of him, I would have stood on a table, unzipped, and pissed all over their worthy liberal factual puritanism, their terribly restricted view of basic human instincts and psychology (most researchers lack all life experience and lack that criminal instinct required to fight for significant information), and their petite-bourgeois lust for clean intellectual linen and far too comfortable sense of proper purpose. It is most obvious that many of these Ufological interrogators have lived lives that have been far too well protected.

I imagine future crimes. Has he stolen a car? No, your honour, he has been imagining things. Twenty years in the slammer! The attempt to annihilate certain kinds of mental activity is not that they are false or unreal, but that partial forms of imagining might just come about. It is the oldest single aspect of human culture that survives still in its primordial form. The Friedman/Randle dialogue is about the casing out of impurities: the visionaries, the social failures, the liars and fantasists, the con men, all these things to be replaced by "real science" who will clean up the farm and get rid of the falsehoods and freaks in the ghetto and their "wrong answers" from their "failed culture". The kind of high-school condescension as regards what Mom told them about the Other Side of Town is found in Donna Kossey's otherwise excellent book, Kooks. For the record, like Mr. Velez, I have had a UFO experience, and know that I lost some time. But unlike Mr Velez, I have no recollection of abduction at all.

I think that Mr. Velez might agree that we are not careful here, Ufology, in its urge to get into a white coat and handle test probes and analyze "proper" grown-up pointer-readings is going to be accused of using coercive group-pressures in order to get the answer it wants. This is the problem with science, which on its worst side is a semi-automated systems-machine demanding standard binary responses. Just like Ufology, science has great problems with the unique event of the kook experience, or with a complex of low-frequency events, such as the paranormal spectrum. Both cultures, in filtering out noise and anomaly, throw their separate babies out with two separate tubs of bathwater. It is no use grumbling about "subjectivities" when subjectivities have produced almost all the good ideas we have ever had, including the high-impedance voltmeter of 1890, the souped-up versions of which still comprise most scientific "instrumentation". There has been little work done on seeing "fact" as a dialectical procedure. I suggest that any proposal to a university for a psycho-social analysis of "factual" systems would arouse as much intellectual prejudice as would a suggest for a course on UFOs, both things being threats to present Western thought.

Like the high-impedance voltmeter, all these dialectical procedures are but tarted-up contemporary versions of ancient tribal metaphysics. They are used to try and boil out the subjectivities until the answers required duly appear (that is the answers most easily managed). This is a common procedure within a scientific culture. In the Frank Kauffman case, and in the case of the Benveniste experiments (see The Anomalist No 6) the process of forced interrogation can be seen as raw systems-anthropology in action. Yes, it is on a much smaller scale of course, but it is certainly analogous to the kind of mini show-trial seen the old Communist bloc. The interrogators go off wagging their tails with a juicy bone of a "fact" between their teeth and leave the carcass of a sacrificed human being behind them. This bone will be used to construct yet another pseudo explanation to join those other piles of cannibalized bones called factual explanations. One day it will dawn on "objective" researchers that without impurities, the great unwashed, the fantasists, the creative fibber, Shakespeare's Fool and George Hansen's Trickster, no "reality" works at all, that is unless you equate reality with a mass of rattling skeletons in rattling cupboards, which is as good a description of western scientific

high-impedance pointer-readings as any.

What has this got to do with Ruppelt, you ask? What has Ruppelt got to do with Roswell? All his working life, Ruppelt was a systems man encased in a very tight system. He did not have a youth worth the name outside the fuselage of a warplane on active service. Though flesh and blood, he was therefore built of all the resonant inferences of such a specialized system. Take a man from such a unique cultural context, and he is a wet sack underfoot. Ruppelt's connection with nukes is implicit. I don't want to reveal much out about my book, but Ruppelt through a chance death or illness might well have come within hours of being chosen to be navigator/bombardier aboard Enola Gay or Bockscar. When a man comes that close to apocalyptic forces, he doesn't need to go to Roswell to know all about Roswell if you know what I mean. Bless him, he was a Warrior amongst the stoutest of American hearts.

Jan, your almost-sneer at the word "fictions" is not worthy of you. Life and experience are far too complex to consist of fictions on the one hand and facts on the other. One of the reasons why Ufology remains an outsider culture is because of its very primitive intellectual structure. Writers such as Jacques Vallee and George Hansen try to correct this, but still we hear the simple minded cry of "I must get the facts of the situation, and to do this I must de-mystify, get rid of the fantasies". In Philosophy and Art, Literary Criticism, simple-minded debates about "did he imagine it or was it real?" are laughably naive. Ufologists may be baffled by Frank Kauffman and many like him, but literary types would smile at the bafflement. What we learn from the makeup of characters in major world fiction is that say, Kauffman is between Conrad's Lord Jim and Mann's *Auschenbach* of *Death in Venice*. Without such cultural contexts Ufologists are trying to re-invent the wheel in this crude "lets separate the facts from the fiction" effort. This is the blue-collar garage-question approach, and contains the laughable assumption that both personality and experience are made up of bundles of very clever spanners, and all a very clever investigator has to do is find the spanner that is made of marzipan. In other words, get rid of the nutcases and there will stand the shining truth! The older cultures have thrown out such Neanderthal concepts hundreds (if not thousands!) of years ago.

Fledging Ufology had better start growing up quickly and rid itself of these witless and simplistic industrial contaminations. Frank Kauffman's mind, like every single mind on this planet was a criminal mess, a ghetto, a shanty town, a gipsy camp, and long may consciousness remain so. As such, a single isolated strand of consciousness is not to be trusted for a moment, any more than a single action of a single idea. Between life and death, we are the carriers of limitless agendas. We can only imagine what alien culture A is necessarily going to be like in this respect, and compared with alien culture B, and so on.

Contact will entail both surprises and some disappointments, of which linear bourgeois hard-working plain honest dealing will be the most unlikely. In order to understand the UFO must cast off every single strand of mechanistic industrial determinism within it. And must demolish almost every single assumption we ever had about the structure of the world and the makeup of what we call personality. Aliens may already be here as huge system-implants, their Dulce "vats" being rather huge interacting web sites in which they lay their eggs.

Their brain might have evolved to pure media, and be constructed of the kind of living advertisement that looked George Adamski in the eye. Aliens might well be disembodied web-games leading to ever-widening penumbras of uncertainty. All is ambiguity. The highest level of "them" might even be induced metaphor that we incubate and spread like seed-corn through all our systems of reference to make up that Copernican change of paradigm that many people on this List know we are about to experience.

Thus we have to be very careful when we use the words "fiction" and "reality". We can expect certainly that what humanity is about to experience will not be based old-industrial objective work-and-worth based paradigms. We will experience things that we did not expect, recognise, and things we are least capable of dealing with. We should not expect advanced super-extensions of

our industrially-oriented WASP selves, but possibly jokes and shows, advertisements and quadrupal takes as alien levels C and G interact with very different alien levels P and Q, again compared with levels S and P, say. Certainly, as with our own colonisation of people, what the "primitive" sees is not what the primitive gets.

Their software and image and media manipulations of first level A will be out of this world, and they will of course be in a state of decay or war. Certainly they will have internal conflicts. Therefore yes, I can readily believe say that there was a landing at Kirtland AFB, but if there was, I do not think that it would be nearly as real as the nut and bolt folk claim. We might be seeing something as quasi-substantial as their equivalent to a rejected prototype for a graphic toothpaste advertisement, and how real is that, relatively to us? When the redesigns of the toothpaste advertisements of alien level A are combined with the rubbish tips of alien level Q, and combined in turn with the lies, evasions, and disasters of alien level M, the concrete "reality" of the nut-and-bolt view begins to look like a newspaper shredded by a heavy downpour.

When these things in turn are combined yet again with our own culture (built essentially of similar multi-layered advertisements), the idea of analysis based on mechanical ideas of truth and reality becomes a Fortean joke in itself. To add to the confusion, we will surely contact at least some of the amplified elements of what we know we have already in our own society. We will meet strands of half-lost and three-quarter-understood meanings that will combine with abruptly curtailed scandals; advertisements will have lost half their meaning and relevance; jokes will not make sense, conversations and cartoons will have lost their point, and advanced alien concepts of entertainment in particular will be incomprehensible to us as a joke to a German. They will of course have their failures and crooks and criminals if only because all mind-stuff works that way, and not in any clean Pavlovian behaviouristic fashion.

Add alien saints and the alien mad, alien loners and psychopaths, the superficial and the not-to-bright, the lost and the despairing (and indeed the fools and the jokers and tricksters) as contact components, and we can see that if we expect from "contact" a single isolated thread of old "objective" hard-industrial "meaning" (this being a cultural advertisement in itself), then we are very likely to be disappointed. As colonials in turn, we should expect the very worst, not the best. This is why I think Adamski's experience was significant. Like many contactees, I think he drew his experience as it was, with absurd, plain silly and totally unbelievable elements (such as the return of his photograph negative thrown from a porthole of the UFO!).

In all likelihood, the blond androgynous sylph from "Venus" was custom-designed as bait for him, and his Christian interpretation was his own subjective component, grafted on to what was probably a structured act in the first place. What we so easily call "reality" is that complex. That this whole story (and many others like it) could have been cleaned up considerably to make it a better act is evidence that what Adamski encountered was in all likelihood part of a laugh-in. Perhaps we may have to somewhat painfully accept such experiences as momentary alien signals rather than electromagnetic pulsations.

We must expect such hardly complimentary treatment, and not some wizened ET sage come bearing a box full of the secrets of his culture. Yes, we would like the universe to be serious and scientific, a good bourgeois, but I think Adamski met what we fear most: a kind of piss-taking song and dance show rigged just for him, as it might just be rigged for us, and rigged not by one alien cultural level alone. Some very snobbish folk who really ought to know better reject the burger-selling Adamski because they think (rather like Shakespeare, unfortunately) that really significant experiences can only happen to significant folk. Others reject Adamski not because he lacked education or intelligence, but that what he saw and experienced suggests that alien culture might not pay us the compliment of seeing us in a serious light at all. We will have to consider seriously that aliens might well have evolved from strong directions recognisable to us to the whimsical nature of almost disembodied media-stuff. That survival of the fittest might need comic

subversion of the major physical survival instincts as described by Darwin is an idea that he might well have been both surprised and fascinated to see.

But our ego is such that we don't like to be the subjects of jokes. The loincloth folk we colonised we can laugh at, but not ourselves. Aliens are as likely to give us a coherent technological signal as we are likely to stop our car and give our card to a herd of cows in a field. If we get a sensible signal, then this would certainly presage our destruction. It will be as phony as a silicon tit or the Brentford Polonius. Like Orthon, it will more likely be a trick or treat, or a trap or a joke. Our present Jack meets Jill from abroad ideas will have to go, and we will have to think right out of the box.

We must consider ideas beyond the beyond and beyond that beyond again. We might meet rehearsals not solidities, actor's improvisations rather than mechanisms, and tissues of disembodied information more than flesh and blood.

Such a thing as the Kirtland AFB landing will not be any more real than a stage performance can be considered real. I think Adamski met Orthon and I think also that the replacement of beloved science by Orthon's Agent and his team of Creative Management will be one of the most exhilarating disappointments that both Western science and civilisation will have to face.

Jan, it is midnight in London. I have fed my cats and I have given Mr. Oberg's oil its final touches. You can see it on varnishing day in early February, Bin Laden be willing. And so to bed, making notes on answering Mr Jan Aldrich's other questions at great length some other time.

Yours affectionately, in triumph and disaster, and compliments of the season to all List Savants.

Colin

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Rendlesham 2

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In 2003 The British UFO Studies Centre are to release details of a 'Rendlesham 2' case.

Investigated purely by the British UFO Studies Centre this case will open the public's eyes to the fact that Rendlesham has not just happened once, but at least twice.

BUFOSC hold all the necessary evidence, material and photographic.

On the second Tuesday of January these revelations will be made at BUFOSC's monthly meeting at the Waterloo Community Centre Waterloo Road Runcorn.

If you believe Ufology is dead, wait until 2003 when the real evidence, involving disinformation, espionage, black budgets and hardware, infiltration plus witness testimony will be revealed.

Eric Morris

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By Helen Cordes,
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What's behind increasing interest in alien communication?

Move over, Carl Sagan. While his Project SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) passively scans skies for unusual radio frequencies, SWAT teams from North Carolina emergency room MD Steven Greer's CSETI (Center for the Study of Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) are aggressively initiating contact with aliens. Whenever, wherever, UFO sitings reveal a "window" to aliens, CSETI teams arrive, flashing ultra-bright lights, broadcasting tones, and beaming good vibes.

Skeptical? Then read Greer's defense in Keith Thompson's spellbinding Yoga Journal (July/Aug. 1995) account. In Tennessee ('91), Florida ('92), and Mexico ('93), UFOs winged toward the team, blinking back in patterned response. And because of such efforts, Greer predicts that in five years human/ET contact will confirm his notion that aliens want to be our friends.

Thompson, whose extensive UFO research culminated in *Angels and Aliens: UFOs and the Mythic Imagination* (Addison-Wesley, \$12), also believes the time is ripe to investigate "windows". But he sees rising UFO interest as synchronous with the current fascination with angelic visitations, near-death experiences, shamanic journeys, and age-old figures like Celtic elves and Indian tricksters. Where CSETI sees ETs, Thompson envisions some contact with "an unexplained source of energy in their [UFO fans] physical and psychic environment."

In other words, there's something out there, but it probably isn't actual space creatures who, notes Thompson wryly, "speak the native tongue of every nation they visit." Others believe UFO sightings are also symbolic, "more akin to a cosmic educational program to expand humanity's sense of the possible," as Jason Keehn writes in his *Brain/Mind Bulletin* (May 1995) review of Zen in the Art of Close Encounters (New Being Project).

But what if Greer's right that there's a quasi-governmental multinational group that has incontrovertible proof of UFO contact -- info that CSETI-like groups are dying to have unveiled. As Thompson notes, government cover-ups of important information are not unprecedented.

If such revelations occur, many earthlings will nod, "I told you so." These believers network, appropriately, in the etherworld of online, in spots where ET wannabe friends can learn such basics as "10 things you can do if you encounter a UFO" -- stay calm, document everything, don't touch anything they've left behind, and report it. But even then, will you be believed? Should you?

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How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite?

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How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite?

By Jim Chapman

If you happened to catch the recent TV series "Taken," you may be a bit nervous about seeing bright lights around your house.

The aliens may be coming for you.

Or, as in the TV series, it may be deadly federal agents coming, too.

Either way, it ain't good.

In real life, what's one to make of UFO sightings?

Do we dismiss thousands of witnesses from around the globe? Even if the vast majority of sightings are hoaxes, what about the others?

Personally, I've never been taken aloft, and I have never seen a UFO.

Yet, several very credible folks I know swear they have seen one. One guy was a chemical engineer.

That leaves us UFO skeptics in a lurch.

One thing we can agree on, however, is the many colorful depictions of aliens.

In print, TV and movies we have a cafeteria of alien looks, and motives.

You might take your aliens with a side dish of compassion, like the cuddly alien in the movie "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

You may like them dangerous, like the kind Sigourney Weaver busted caps into in the "Alien" movies.

Or, you may like a sweet and sour alien dish, like the puzzling melon heads on "Taken." They'd abduct you but weren't mean about it.

One of my favorites is the Klingons of Star Trek fame. They have heads like English walnuts and a wine-drunk temper.

Some characters got pretty good at handling alien situations.

Star Trek's Captain Kirk, for example, often seemed to fall into predicaments with pretty young alien girls spray-painted with metal-flake silver.

Sometimes he got rough; others times he found that a good tongue

kiss seemed to best solve intergalactic showdowns.

I like my aliens rough and tumble, like the "Predator" type, who had a face like the belly of a crab, twitching this way and that.

He took no prisoners, and would detonate a nuke on you in a heartbeat.

Some aliens offer wit instead of wallop.

Mork, of "Mork and Mindy," the lovably psychotic alien, tweaked logic to his own understanding, often bringing a new awareness to those around him.

Many alien styles have been influenced by Robert Geiger, creator of the "Alien" movie look.

His rancid creatures were all knots and knuckles, dribbling saliva that melts steel like butter.

They don't even try to communicate; they just bite your head off and leave it at that.

Mr. Spock, the Vulcan, on the other hand, could do a mind "meld" and lay a heavy piece of understanding on any recipient.

In some depictions, the aliens drag people aboard the mothership for a session with the "probe." (While most of humanity would fight such, I'd bet there's a segment that would actually pay cash for the treatment.)

Aliens seldom have a Southern accent; it's hard to imagine an alien saying, "Y'all come!"

Bottom line is, real or not, aliens are so deeply embedded in our social conscience they have become real in the way the Easter Bunny or Ross Perot is real.

Consequently, even us skeptics get nervous when the strong lights hit the car.

If they ever beam me up to the mothership, I'm hoping that the aliens are friendly. Maybe they'll offer moondust sandwiches and a six-armed back rub. And no head biting stuff.

Because in space, as on earth, having your head bitten off gets old in a hurry.

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>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Bruce and all

>>In studying that story, I found the following elements :

>>In 1980, Bennewitz had been informed by APRO of the abduction of
>>Judy Doraty and her daughter Cindy, in 1973 in Texas. There had
>>been hypnosis sessions, first in 1978, and in Mars 1980
>>conducted by Dr Sprinkle in the presence of Linda Howe, who told
>>the story in her book "An Alien harvest" (1989). Ten years
>>later, Cindy wished to have an hypnotic regression too. It was
>>done in 1990 by John Carpenter with Linda Howe. The transcript
>>of that session is in the book of Linda Howe "Glimpses of other
>>realities" - Volume 1 (1993). The point here is that the mother
>>and the daughter don't recall any underground laboratory.

>Gildas all,

>As I recall the name of the abductee in the Bennowitz story
>is/was Christina Tilton or something like that. As I recall she
>later was married to a researcher, and last I heard is living
>near/around Oklahoma City.

Robert, and all

The story of Christa Tilton came much later. In an article published in the review "UFO Universe" (vol 1 No 2, April/may 1991), Christa Tilton wrote that she "became aware of having UFO-related experiences in 1984". Before that date, she "was not the slightest bit interested in anything having to do with the subject". Further in her long article, she recalls that, in late 1987, "some friends" invited her on a trip to New Mexico. They entered the town of Dulce, and there she had a "feeling of panic". That's when "the deputy who took us on a tour told us of rumors of an underground facility there". The "deputy" was Gabe Valdez, from the context. And that's when she began to think it was the place where she had been abducted.

So, Christa Tilton is not the at the origin of the rumor of Dulce. Judy Doraty and Myrna Hansen are not either, as shown in the books of Linda Howe that I mentioned already.

Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Bourdais

My question is now - who else? Was there another abductee?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Connors

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 13:18:53 -0500
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>Subject: Combat Diary Number 1

>Hello all good List folk,

>Jan Aldrich contacted me privately and asked me the following
>questions, in response to a recent posting of mine concerning
>a possible Roswell-RAF connection that I am researching.
>I thought that the List might be interested in my reply.
>In this reply I discuss what is meant by fiction, and in
>order not to compromise the bandwidth of this List, I intend
>to answer his other important questions at a later date.

<snip>

Huh? Good Golly, Bennet, that was definitely a five tablet aspirin read! You mean you paint Ruppelt in colors, much like he planted blue morning glories in front of his tent while on Tinian? (See Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer of the Saucers - 1952 by Mike Hall and Wendy Connors... available on Amazon.com or from me). Ruppelt was actually a simple man of simple values. He wasn't the mental giant with the large connections you intimate.

Dabbling on the canvas of literature without the facts is much like scratching the nose with barbed wire. An old professor of mine, who shall remain nameless (or blameless as the case may be), once told me that my flowery prose took away from the enjoyment of the meal. I was told that what I could write in a paragraph I could manage in one declarative sentence and once that was done I could abbreviate. <G>

Wendy Connors

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SECRECY NEWS
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NEW REGULATIONS ON BIOLOGICAL AGENTS

In a far-reaching regulatory response to terrorism that may affect the conduct of science in thousands of U.S. laboratories, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) last week unveiled new regulations governing the possession, transfer and use of certain biological agents and toxins that are deemed to be particularly hazardous to public health, or to plant or animal life.

The rules generally require increased security for these materials, termed "select agents," and impose restrictions on who may have access to them. Several dozen select agents have been designated, including anthrax, ebola, and smallpox.

"Protecting the health of Americans is paramount, and this rule strengthens our ability to ensure that essential research on these agents continues while making certain they don't fall into the wrong hands," said HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson in a December 10 press release.

"These safeguards will help protect the food supply without sacrificing valuable research being done on these agents," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman.

It is probably a good idea to maintain a careful inventory of the locations of such hazardous materials, and to regulate access to them.

But any suggestion that scientific research concerning these agents will be unimpeded is wishful thinking. The new regulations are sufficiently complex and burdensome that they constitute a significant disincentive to laboratories considering such research, particularly if the labs employ foreign scientists or students.

See the texts of the new regulations, published in the Federal Register on December 13, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2002/12/ag121302.html>

and

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2002/12/hhs121302.html>

A helpful, if rather daunting, fact sheet on the new regulation is available from the Centers for Disease Control here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/sap/docs/faq.pdf>

See also "New regulations on biological materials get mixed reviews" by David Ruppe, Global Security Newswire, December 12:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1202/121202gsnl.htm>

JUSTICE DEPT ADVISES OTHER NATIONS ON FOIA

The U.S. Department of Justice, which has an uneven record of its own on freedom of information policy, is routinely engaged in advising other countries on their information access policies, according to a new statement from the Department's Office of Information and Privacy (OIP).

"As it is United States government policy to encourage the adoption and successful implementation of openness-in-government (or 'transparency in government,' as it often is referred to overseas) throughout the world, OIP has provided background briefings and advice to increasing numbers of foreign visitors over the years."

"To date, more than 45 other nations have enacted their own Freedom of Information Act counterparts, with many more considering such legislation, and OIP has met with representatives of more than six dozen nations."

See "OIP Gives FOIA Implementation Advice to Other Nations," December 12:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2002foiapost30.htm>

DARPA: SMELL YA LATER

Talk about Total Information Awareness. Now the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) wants to find out how to identify particular individuals by their genetically-determined odor.

DARPA is "soliciting innovative proposals to (1) determine whether genetically-determined odortypes can be used to identify specific individuals, and if so (2) to develop the science and enabling technology for detecting and identifying specific individuals by such odortypes."

See DARPA's presolicitation notice for the "Odortype Detection Program," December 13, here (thanks to WMA):

<http://www.eps.gov/spg/USA/USAMC/DAAD19/DAAD19-03-R-0004/SynopsisP.html>

THE LEM CHRONICLES

The Polish science fiction writer Stanislaw Lem, author of the classic 1961 novel "Solaris" which has recently been remade into a movie, hasn't seen the film but expressed bafflement based on the reviews.

"To my best knowledge, the book was not dedicated to erotic problems of people in outer space," he told the Boston Globe.

His objective was something more profound, if perhaps less entertaining.

"I shall allow myself to repeat that I only wanted to create a vision of human encounter with something that certainly exists... But cannot be reduced to human concepts, images, or ideas."

See "The Lem Chronicles," a fine profile of the remarkable 81 year old writer by Jeet Heer, Boston Globe, December 15:

http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/349/focus/The_Lem_chronicles+.shtml

SECRECY IN THE NEWS

"With fellow Republicans set to run Congress and a federal court upholding his right to secrecy, President Bush over the next two years will be protected from potentially embarrassing congressional investigations into his administration, especially its relationship with big corporate donors, government officials say."

See "Officials See Bush Insulated from Hill Probes" by Jim VandeHei, December 15:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A55615-2002Dec14.html>

"As the War on Terror proceeds, augmented by new incidents and warnings of more yet to come, institutions in the United States and other threatened democracies face the renewal of an old and agonizing challenge. It is to balance two vital needs: to deal with random assaults, planned and executed by individuals or states indifferent to adverse consequences for themselves or others; and yet to preserve, at the same time, freedoms that are essential threads in the democratic fabric," writes Donald Kennedy in a Science Magazine editorial.

See "Balancing Terror and Freedom," December 13:

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/summary/298/5601/2091>

"Government's expanding powers, which it says are needed to fight the war on terrorism, worry many people because of the long-term consequences for ordinary citizens, including a loss of privacy," writes James Heaney of the Buffalo News.

See "Has Big Brother arrived, and is he watching us?", December 15:

<http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20021215/1007874.asp>

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Redfern

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>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

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>>Re. this debate about Bennewitz and the Dulce rumors: the very
>>elderly Falcon (despite what some have said there was more than
>>one Falcon) once used the alias of Steven V. Ayres.

>>Track the Ayres name and it will lead to a whole ream of data
>>about how and why the Dulce stories were created.

>Nick,
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>Where does one go to track the Ayres name and the hows and whys
>of Dulce?

>>There is no alien base at Dulce and never was. This was a
>>creation of the fertile minds of Intelligence.

>As I recall Christina Tilton was the abductee who unloaded the
>story on Paul.

>As to "Dulce" I have not seen any evidence to suggest anything
>was ever there in the first place. That is not to say there is
>not some kind of facility somewhere else on the border.

>During my cold war research a former high ranking individual also
>referenced an underground facility on the NM/CO border in passing.
>When I asked what went on he told me something along the lines of
>research and he wasn't going to discuss it any further because
>it was highly classified.

>Later on I ran across a story about how Congressman Bill
>Richardson (former Sec of Energy, now Governor of New Mexico)
>got into trouble for disclosing the existence of some kind of
>classified underground base on the border between Colorado and
>New Mexico.

>I have also heard some people claim that the underground

>facility is actually part of Los Alamos and may be some kind of
>extended facility located away from Los Alamos.

>Bottom line was I thought Dulce was a red herring, however their
>may have been some kind of underground facility on the NM/CO
>border.

Hi Robert,

The information I have on Ayres etc., came directly from 2 former AFOSI guys I met for fairly extensive and personal meetings in mid-2001. I don't like dealing with off-the-record sources at all, but there's no doubting that they are what they claim to be and have solid documentation to back up their claims.

Both worked on aspects of the Bennewitz case (and later on the Air Force's GWEN project) and were also interviewed by 3 Intelligence agencies when the MJ12 documents surfaced in 1984 re leaking of classified papers etc and a potential Soviet link. They felt they were being set up to be fall-guys in the MJ12/Bennewitz saga. For reasons I'm not sure of, no prosecution happened.

In very, very limited fashion, this Soviet link is briefly alluded to in the reference section of Gerlad Haines UFOs and the CIA paper, but there is much more that remains unsaid. The gist of the story is that (as has been intimated and published elsewhere on several occasions) Bennewitz was indeed on the track of something very interesting but that was not, as he believed, UFO-related at all.

In part, it related to a classified Air Force communications operation. When Bennewitz began telling everyone about his discoveries, the Air Force freaked out because he was talking about something that was a very real (but down to earth and totally non-UFO) classified project. They tried to dissuade him in what was genuinely a sincere and calm way. Bennewitz took this to mean that he was on the verge of uncovering the truth and only dug even further.

AFOSI then brought in the heavy guys and Bennewitz was treated to some extreme psychological manipulation. One of the AFOSI guys told me in great detail about how Bennewitz's house was broken into on several occasions. Nothing was taken but the OSI guys would slightly alter the arrangement of the furniture etc. to make Bennewitz even more paranoid.

For the record, most of those involved in this exercise seemed to genuinely find it distasteful and regretted having to do it. Some of the tales they passed on to Bennewitz were outright fabrications, I was told, and others were "modifications" of information passed on to him by his informants and witnesses.

Ironically, some was allegedly based on grossly distorted accounts of genuine and classified UFO data held at Kirtland that it was deemed okay to be disseminated. But the whole point was to get Bennewitz deeply into the dark-side of the UFO subject (underground bases, hostile aliens etc.) and away from the classified USAF project, that had no UFO link at all. It worked.

I was shown documents (about 120 pages in total) with the Ayres (and other) signature on them and have no doubt that these were copies of the real thing.

For the record, the two guys I spoke with said that they copied what was a much larger amount of documentation as insurance against any legal action against them for their part in the Bennewitz saga.

Although I haven't seen all of the papers they profess to having, I've seen enough to know that they are very damning and identify certain USAF people (who were tied with the UFO subject in the 80s and particularly in the 90s) to the Bennewitz caper.

For the record, the reason I can say this openly now is because both guys are going public with all of this shortly.

The Dulce angle is a strange one and I have seen evidence (again

from the AF guys) that the military was doing classified biological warfare research in the area - that coincidentally had a high count of animal mutilations. Safe to say that the mute angle appears to have less to do with aliens and more to do with this bio-war operation in the area.

They had some interesting things to say about the Cabazon Indian range too that all ties in.

Do a search for Cabazon and the late writer Danny Casolaro and there is interesting material that has a direct bearing on all this weird activity on Indian reservations and legal statutes etc re what can be done in such areas that can't be done elsewhere in the US.

There are many dots here that can be joined.

I'm working on exploding all this shortly, but hope there might be some out there that can fill in more of the gaps.

Nick Redfern

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>http://www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/epaper/editions/today/opinion_d39fe7f8945b02d9009a.html

>December 13, 2002

>Open UFO Files To Rest Of Us Earthlings

>Leslie Kean - Pacifica Radio
>Friday, December 13, 2002

Hi Leslie, All

Leslie wrote:

>As Steven Spielberg's TV series "Taken" raises public interest
>in government secrecy about unidentified flying objects, the
>Washington Post reports that Attorney General John Ashcroft has
>tightened the lid on the Freedom of Information Act. Ashcroft
>gave federal officers the green light to bend or perhaps break
>the information act if they want to withhold records, and he'll
>even defend them in court.

As if there haven't been enough freedoms curtailed in this country over the last thirty years, more are now being made obsolete in record numbers by 'King' Bush. (If he wants to be our president maybe he can actually win a popular election in 2004! Then he can rightfully be called "President" of the American people.)

The American citizenry should be outraged by the words of Mr. Ashcroft. We're all trapped on a train with no brakes that is rolling downhill towards totalitarianism at break-neck speed. Between acts such as Mr. Ashcroft's and the death of the free press in this country, our future looks dim indeed.

If the American people don't begin to protest in great numbers ala the 60's and the Viet Nam war era, the 'few' in Washington will continue to impose their self-serving will on the rest of us and they will eventually strip the people of their power and take us all back to a time of Jim/Crow or further back to an era when we were ruled by dictatorial Kings.

If King Bush is allowed to have his way, start looking around for a strong paddle because our Ship of State is headed for the Deep Doo-doo Rapids. I don't know about you, but I'd hate to be caught in those rapids without a paddle.

>There is no longer an acceptable justification for the
>withholding of reports on UFO incidents decades old, whether
>they are of defense interest or not. Nor is it acceptable for
>the attorney general unilaterally to refuse to enforce
>information act. The American people should not have to rely on
>Spielbergian science fiction for answers.

Amen, Leslie. As much as I enjoyed 'Taken' for its entertainment value, and as many UFO 'facts' as had been woven into the

'story' it was just a 'story' and nothing more. (The last two segments were piss poor by the way. Almost as if the writer got tired or something.)

'Taken' should not be used as, or considered to be, 'educational' by anyone. Fiction far outweighed fact throughout the series. For 'facts' we rely on our academic institutions and professionals, to a lesser degree our elected officials, and to an even lesser degree the journalistic media.

When it comes to the subject of UFOs they have all fallen down (hard) on the job and on their collective asses.

Furthermore...

In consideration of the fact that the leader of the American UFO disclosure movement is busy promoting "friendly aliens" and writing articles for "Yoga Magazine" we can't hold out much hope for the success of a disclosure movement on the home front. Given the complete lack of effective/affirmative action by the American disclosure project and add that to the atmosphere of secrecy and increasing government control of vital public information that King Bush and his court-jesters are attempting to put into place, we're left with a gloomy picture for the future along with poor prospects for getting any action on the UFO issue here at home.

Enter the International Petition to the UN for UFO disclosure!

Let's face it kids... the American disclosure project has been as effective as a thoroughbred breeding stud wearing a condom. Lots of grunting and effort with no results at all. If we go by indicators like Mr. Ashcroft and the direction he is taking us in, there is little hope for any positive action on the part of officialdom here in the US.

Which is precisely why the International petition to the UN for UFO information disclosure was created!

In ten months we have only managed to secure 2212 signatures. It's a crying shame because the only hope we have of increasing the number of member nations (which currently stands at 5) that have opened up their UFO files to the public and the media will be by force of numbers alone. The only way that the small number of nations that have made complete UFO disclosure will increase is, if the people make their wishes known in numbers large enough to command the action and attention of our respective nations leaders. The "pressure" has to come from the bottom - up.

Sign and actively promote the International petition to the U.N.

It's "our only hope Obe Won Kenobe!"

>Leslie Kean, an investigative reporter and producer for Pacifica
>radio, is research director of the Coalition for Freedom of
>Information.

Terrific and timely piece, Leslie. Keep em coming. If there is anything I can do to help with the work CFI is attempting, you have only to ask. This is the kind of initiative and effort that I can get behind and would happily contribute my support and services to. Keep up the good work.

Warmest regards,

John Velez

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

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 16:27:56 -0500
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<snip>

>>>But here are a couple of germane questions. Do you really >>>believe Gerald Anderson is telling any truth? Or isn't he just >>>an opportunist like Frank Kaufmann? And do you really believe >>>the Jim Ragsdale story as you claimed in that silly brochure >>>that Max Littel printed? Shouldn't we retire all these stories >>>and move on?

>>Yes I really believe much of what Anderson was saying is true,

>Which part... that he was in telepathic communication with the >living alien? That he was a Navy SEAL? That he didn't take the >anthropology class from Dr. Buskirk? That his family arrived first >and others followed? That there was a battalion-sized operation >with aircraft landing on the road? That officers from the 509th >was over there? That the site was near the VLA? Horse Springs? >Just which part is true, and given all the tales he's told, all the >changes he's made (wow, does this mean that he's admitted >lying... oh, yeah, he did. He said he faked the phone bill to make >me look bad), just which parts do you believe are true? I personally >believe that his name is Gerald Anderson.

Please note that Stan did not answer any of these questions nor comment on the point that Anderson had actually admitted lying to him and others, as well as forging a document. Then, according to John Carpenter, Anderson whipped out another document that too had been forged.

<snip>

>or that Easley said
>many of the things you attributed to him.

>Gee, this is a new one. How about trotting out the old false claim
>that I misquoted General Exon too... Or J. Bond Johnson?

Stan had reported, falsely, that I had misquoted General Exon in UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL. Even after I told him that General Exon said he hadn't been misquoted, Stan said he was going to continue to say this because that was what he had been told.

In a letter dated 24 Nov 91, General Exon wrote "...although I believe you did quote me accurately... the quotes were O.K. but the authoritative emphasis was yours." See "The Plains of San Agustin Controversy" published by CUFOS and FUFOR, in June 1992 for the complete text of the letter.

>But, since you keep introducing irrelevancies into this
>discussion, let's do this. Explain why, after you learned I had
>sold the first Roswell book, you wrote a letter (September 15,
>1989) suggesting that I put your name on the book and give you
>a quarter of the money, and when that didn't happen, you wrote
>to my publisher (June 11, 1990), suggesting factual mistakes,
>flights of fancy, and lifting your research, an allegation of
>plagiarism...

I, of course, have copies of those letters, and the ones from my attorney to Stan about all of this. Further, and I'm sorry to drag Richard Hall into this, but he asked for the documentation so that he could investigate. The conclusion of that investigation was published in IUR in the May/June 1993 issue. Dick wrote, "Randle alleged that Friedman and others, apparently acting in concert, had attempted to interfere with publication of the book UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL (then in preparation) by contacting the publisher, Avon Books, making charges of plagiarism and generally impugning Randle's character and integrity. I asked Randle for documentation, which he provided. I asked Friedman for an explanation, and he never replied... The concerted effort to derail the Randle/Schmitt book is indefensible."

Note here that when we reached this point in our current dialogue, Stan picked up his marbles, as he had in the past.

>and then, in your book, you used interviews conducted by me,
>and Don Schmitt and me with neither credit nor attribution,
>leaving the impression that you had conducted the interviews
>when you hadn't even been there?

All anyone has to do is compare the interviews published in Stan's Crash at Corona with those published in UFO Crash at Roswell to see the similarities. Just look at the interview of Robert Smith published on page 124 in which Stan wrote, "In a 1991 interview, he described his involvement:" But Stan wasn't at the 1991 interview. It was conducted on video tape by Don Schmitt and me, yet there is no attribution for it.

>Or why, in using one of our interviews of Bill Brazel, you
>inserted the word black in front of the word sergeant, altering
>the context of the meeting (and changing the meaning of the
>whole section), and using it as a corroboration for the failing
>Anderson tale?

See Jerry Clark's editorial in the July/August 1992 issue of IUR where he wrote, "chilling example of this appears on page 85, [Crash at Corona] where we find these words attributed to Bill Brazel, son of Mac[k] Brazel... One officer was named Armstrong. 'He had a [black] sergeant with him.' The same quote, taken from the same interview (conducted by Randle and Schmitt [and in which Friedman was not a participant], appears on page 130 of UFO Crash at Roswell, but without the bracketed word... Not only has Brazel never said the sergeant was black, he emphatically denies it... So why the adjective between brackets? To make Brazel's testimony conform to Anderson's."

>Or why you have called the hosts of
>my lectures asking why I was booked rather than you and
>suggesting they should have called you? And no, this won't
>boil down to a he said- he said argument because you have done

>the same thing to Robert Hastings and Jim Moseley.

Just look at page 202 of Shockingly Close to the Truth where Moseley wrote, "...several colleges at which I spoke told me they had received calls from Stan, after I was already booked, trying to get them to switch to him. It goes without saying this was dirty pool..."

>And finally, just because it's fun, I'll mention that you
>castigated me for failing to acknowledge the Fund for UFO
>Research for their financial support of our investigation.
>While the monies were paid to Schmitt, it was an oversight not
>to mention them. I had the opportunity to correct the mistake
>in the third edition of The UFO Crash at Roswell (which is not
>the same as the third printing), but to do so, I had to remove
>one of the acknowledgments. This, I believe is the definition
>of irony.

So Stan might not want to play anymore, but I've been waiting a long time to have some answers here and hoped we were about to get them. Instead, everything is dismissed as a false claim without any evidence to show the claims were false. Research by proclamation.

KRandle

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><snip>

I have read "Case MJ-12" and will be writing a detailed review. The ISBN Number is 0-380-81473-0. It will help if people have the book when they read my review. Incidentally, there is considerable research in the book that was mine and is not attributed to me either, but perhaps that is just as well. Tell you what Kevin, I will provide to you the items I previously offered... notes on my meetings with Kaufmann (You have my letter to you and the list of 38 false claims) if you send me copies of those letters in which I supposedly tried to stop your book from being published, wanted my name on it etc. etc.

Mine can be sent to me at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958.

You can send your address off-list. I would, of course, like to know, as I am sure other Listers would, where and how you obtained the Kaufmann documents that you discuss in the IUR article with Mark.

Maybe somebody out there would like to sponsor a debate between us?

Stan Friedman

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Re: How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:07:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:43:34 -0500
Subject: Re: How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite? - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 12:53:40 -0500
>Subject: How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite?

>Source: The Gainesville Times - Georgia

><http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/stories/20021215/localnews/579608.html>

>Sunday, December 15, 2002

>How Do You Prefer Aliens? Bark Or Bite?

>By Jim Chapman

>If you happened to catch the recent TV series "Taken," you may
>be a bit nervous about seeing bright lights around your house.

>The aliens may be coming for you.

>Or, as in the TV series, it may be deadly federal agents coming,
>too.

>Either way, it ain't good.

<snip>

List,

This is an example of just the sort of silly, shallow,
meaningless, Style section crap I expected would result from
'Taken', serving only to confuse fact and fiction.

Dick Hall,
Cynic in Residence

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:17:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:23:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Hall

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 10:58:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1

>>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 02:34:54 -0000
>>Subject: Combat Diary Number 1

>>Hello all good List folk,

>>Jan Aldrich contacted me privately and asked me the following
>>questions, in response to a recent posting of mine concerning
>>a possible Roswell-RAF connection that I am researching.
>>I thought that the List might be interested in my reply.
>>In this reply I discuss what is meant by fiction, and in
>>order not to compromise the bandwidth of this List, I intend
>>to answer his other important questions at a later date.

>Huh? Good Golly, Bennet, that was definitely a five tablet
>aspirin read! You mean you paint Ruppelt in colors, much like he
>planted blue morning glories in front of his tent while on
>Tinian? (See Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer of the Saucers -
>1952 by Mike Hall and Wendy Connors... available on Amazon.com
>or from me). Ruppelt was actually a simple man of simple values.
>He wasn't the mental giant with the large connections you
>intimate.

>Dabbling on the canvas of literature without the facts is much
>like scratching the nose with barbed wire. An old professor of
>mine, who shall remain nameless (or blameless as the case may
>be), once told me that my flowery prose took away from the
>enjoyment of the meal. I was told that what I could write in a
>paragraph I could manage in one declarative sentence and once
>that was done I could abbreviate. <G>

>Wendy Connors

List,

A fascinating contrast between the plain-spoken Wendy and the -
polar opposite - Colin Bennett. Never has one person so engaged
in such expository verbosity compounded by philosophical
pedantry. Little does Colin know (until now) that I am in the
process of reviewing his sort-of biography of Charles Fort,
which also is compounded by tangential diversions (or is it
diversionary tangents?) Actually, it is pretty interesting and
probably will receive a mostly favorable review.

- Dick

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:55:53 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:26:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 12:20:17 -0700
>Subject: Great Moments In Debunking

>Dear EBK and Listers,

>While preparing my audio archive into digital format, I
>sometimes stumble upon what I call, Great Moments in Ufology.
>Such a moment is shared with the UFO UpDates lurkers and
>dedicated to such skeptibunkers, Pelicanists, etc., as Philip
>Klass, Kal Korff, Robert Shaeffer, Bob Young, John Rimmer...
>well, the list is endless.

>On April 22, 1967 the American Society of Newspaper Editors
>convened in Washington, D. C.

<snip>

>At the end of the presentation was a question and answer period.
>The final question came from Frederick Martecord of the Arizona
>Republic newspaper. His question was addressed to Dr. Menzel. I
>quote:

>"I would like to ask Dr. Menzel if he had been teaching at the
>University of Saragosa in 1491, if he would have advised
>Isabella not to give Columbus the money to determine if the
>world was flat?"

>The audience went wild and Menzel sputtered an inane reply that
>he would have advised Queen Isabella to give Columbus the money.
>However, the damage had been done. Menzel's credibility lay in
>tatters on the floor of the Fourth Estate.

Hi, Wendy:

Well, well, well. Another cheap shot dredged out of the dusty
past.

In 1492 few educated people thought the world was flat, and this
obviously had nothing whatsoever to do with Columbus' proposed
voyage.

After all, he wanted to sail around the world, not over the
edge.

But then, over the edge always seems to be a fitting description
for your dusty droolings.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

Member, The Donald Menzel, Ph.D., Appreciation Society

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
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But the question we all want answered is, how did it improve
your love life? Mr Bennett assures us it will do so!

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 19:15:29 -0500
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>saying...if the shoe fits.

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>edge. It was a direct quote, Bob. I didn't give my opinion on
>how it was phrased, only that it was asked.

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>description for your dusty droolings. Anything to keep your
>types nailed inside the coffin, Bob.

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You must be really proud, guy. Ranks right up there with getting
your career in carnival barking. BTW. What exactly is your claim
to fame besides writing the most posts to UFO UpDates?

Wendy Connors
Slayer of Debunkers and other assorted List vermin

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You don't have copies of these letters? On September 15, 1989,
you wrote, " My suggestion would be that all three of our names
appear on the book (mine [Stan's] last) and with my getting a
25% share."

Copy on the way to you.

On June 11 you wrote to my editor at Avon Books in which you
complained, "I am certainly anxious to see the Randle Schmitt
book to see if one again my contribution is undervalued and if
there are many factual mistakes, flights of fancy, lifting of my
[Stan's] research much of which remains unpublished."

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reference for those who wish to see what a disinterested third
part thought.

This is the letter in which you raise the allegation, "They
[Randle and Schmitt] have made many trips to Roswell and have
found people not previously located partly through government
computers to which I did not have access."

Just what the hell was that all about?

Please note that the questions have still not been answered.

KRandle

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Thank you. It was inspired madam, by the amazing Friedman/Randle dialogues on this List, which are of equal interest to their respective books.

In my household these amazing confrontations have replaced TV, sex, and recording the many scores of vapour trails over London each and every morning (some 300 alone yesterday, and made by quite visible large-bodied supersonic aircraft whose profile is not in any book off aircraft recognition). My unfed animals are howling, my unpaid staff are screaming, and my unpaid landlord is shouting, and all because of analysis of the Friedman/Randle dialogues. My wife says we should send them both an invoice, or sue them for devastating marital rights. The situation in my household madam is appalling, and all because of these two men. Even investigations into the activities of the Brentford Polonius have ceased momentarily upon this sight of Ufology become artform.

For goodness sake why doesn't some enterprising person write a series about these dialogues? In the long run, they will turn out to be infinitely more interesting and representative of Ufology than anything Spielberg does. I am considering editing these dialogues and writing what we here in the old curiosity shop call a lunchtime play.

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>intimate.

Please don't give us the home-brew human being bit, Wendy. Finally, we are all as complicated as one another in a complicated world. I do know that Adamski and Ruppelt were not exactly intellectually-inclined well-educated geniuses, but the Western World threaded through them implicitly rather like ivy through an old house. Like the equally education-shorn Andy Warhol, they felt the world's heart beat. They knew big systems when they saw them, and their achievements were greater than those of many far more intelligent folk.

>Dabbling on the canvas of literature without the facts is much
>like scratching the nose with barbed wire.

Well Wendy, as the holder of an Oxford Degree in English Language and Literature, the author of four books, and a lecturer in English Literature for 25 years, I think I can claim in all honesty that I am hardly a dabbler. Wrong and bad I may be, but not a dabbler!

But have no fears Wendy. Your own book on Ruppelt is a wonderful piece of work that I most whole-heartedly recommend to this

List. It is without doubt one of the best Ufological works I have ever read.

So don't worry Wendy, I won't be pulling the carpet under your feet. I am going in a very different direction!

Colin

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Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Oplatka

Re: my initial questions posed on here Dec. 11 about Paul Bennewitz situation - many thanks to all who have responded with such interesting information/opinions!

More on This:

According to information from article, "The Falcon and the Snow-Job", which includes the segment "The Destruction of Paul Bennewitz", Leo Sprinkle did conduct hypnosis sessions with a mother and son who were abducted near Cimarron, New Mexico in May, 1980. The woman was Myrna Hansen, I believe. Bennewitz was present during these sessions, and at one point (according to Linda Howe's "An Alien Harvest", p. 362), Hansen mentioned seeing an indoor river and leaning on a rail looking down at this. Bennewitz interjected at this point with the question, "A cavern?". Hansen said "maybe", to which Bennewitz said, "That's it. Underground temperature is 56 degrees F."

According to this Falcon article, Bennewitz believed the woman's story and that it was somehow connected to the lights he was seeing over Manzano storage area. Then he began filming the lights and tape recording the low-frequency radio transmissions. Sometime after that, AFOSI began feeding Bennewitz disinformation in an attempt to confuse/discredit him. One must ask, of course, what was so important and/or threatening about Bennewitz' information that it triggered this large disinformation feeding plan aimed at Bennewitz? And who exactly 'ordered' Doty to embark on this disinformation scenario? The key question here, still, is what part of this disinformation had some truth to it? As Stan Friedman once stated: "Some disinformation is true because an invariable characteristic of disinformation is that it contains some facts." I believe that Robert Gates, in his recent e-mail here, has alluded to this. Exactly which parts of the Bennewitz material were skewed by AFOSI?

Further Puzzles:

Upon searching through my files, I came across some more papers which Jim Lorenzen had given me. The first page said "The Dulce Papers" which were followed by nine pages of drawings of: depictions of many sacs of bladders(?), pieces of "pale meat" in amber liquid, dozen of baby "creatures" in wombs, tanks, long hallways, cameras, glass tube which contained a 5' fetus (alien?), and illustrations of crystalline metal, pure gold crystal, hexagonal packed atoms (best for electronic conductors), and a drawing of a large-headed (light-bulb shaped) entity with big eyes... the last page was signed "Karen Pennison". She had written on here also, "This is either a coincidence or I've seen these, too. This is what "D" saw in 9/1963".

I then recalled seeing these same drawings in the book, "The Matrix" by Val Valerian (aka Grace). I wonder if Jim Lorenzen received them from Grace or Lear? In any case, in the Matrix book I noticed that on the back of the Dulce Papers page was a detailed map entitled, "Event Characteristics of Four Corners Area".

This map was not included in the papers J. Lorenzen had given me. The map showed an area (arrow pointing to it) called "Archeleta Mesa and Dulce Base", near to Farmington, Chaco Cyn. and caves near the San Juan River. Also on map there were marked areas which were "suspected ancient tunnel sites".

Who drew this map? Was it Grace, and where did he get this info, was it from Hansen?

She did, under hypnosis mention a river and did describe "cavern-like" areas. Also, she had mentioned long hallways and cameras.

Lastly, I found in my file a clipping from a tabloid, "Weekly World", Sept. 20, 1988, entitled, Space Aliens Have a Secret Base in New Mexico". But, I cannot recall if J. Lorenzen had given this to me also, or if I had gotten it from another source. In any event, the last paragraph of this article read: "Included in the information available, Stringfield said, are persistent reports that the evil spacemen have an underground installation on or near an Apache reservation near Dulce, New Mexico.

'From what I've been able to learn, our government and military know its precise location'.

Ignoring the preposterous tabloid phrase, "evil spacemen", I have been pondering the validity of all this, as I have always respected L. Stringfield very much. So, where are these underground bases/labs - somewhere near the New Mexico-Colorado border?

Again, any info or opinions/feedback of any of this will be greatly appreciated,

Laurel

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 20:48:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:47:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Aldrich

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 02:34:54 -0000
>Subject: Combat Diary Number 1

I thought this was a private communication, but long suffering Listers if you are interested, see below, but I would waste my time if I were you.

>Hello all good List folk,

>Jan Aldrich contacted me privately and asked me the following questions, in response to a recent posting of mine concerning a possible Roswell-RAF connection that I am researching. >I thought that the List might be interested in my reply. >In this reply I discuss what is meant by fiction, and in order not to compromise the bandwidth of this List, I intend to answer his other important questions at a later date.

>Colin

>-----

>Dear Mr. Bennett,

>I "know" that Roswell is the key to everything, but please explain what any of this has to do with Captain Ruppelt? Is this to be a work of fiction? What is Ruppelt's connection to the Roswell incident? Why would a unit committed to the Strategic Air Command be used as a training unit? Not while General Lemay was in command it wouldn't! Of course, Lemay was not commander of SAC in 1947 and was 1948 was in Europe.

>There were other facilities for training B-29 crews and for training with nuclear weapons. Since the majority of 509th members and others assigned to Roswell knew nothing of the Roswell incident, why would British "students" know anything?

>I think that there is not any violation of the MacMahon Act by leasing Honest John, Little John and Corporal missiles to the UK. Obviously, certain nuclear data was given to NATO. The reason for the "Atomal" access in the NATO security scheme. Probably there was an adjustment by Congress in the authorization of NATO.

>Sincerely,
>
>Jan Aldrich,
>Project 1947

>-----

>Dear Mr. Aldrich,

>I would like to answer your question simply and directly sir,

After reading your answer, I doubt you are capable of answering anything simply and directly!

>but even though I bear a Degree from the university of Oxford in
>English Language and Literature, I am somewhat ashamed to say
>that I do not know what a fiction is, quite.

Pity!

<snip>

>Project 1947 is a work of art. You are a modern Quixote.

Thanks, I know who is the patron saint of of lost causes.

<snip>

>Now don't just sneer at all this as verbal salad (to quote a
>prominent List member who should have know better it made him
>sound like an intellectual top of the head yob, which as a
>prominent physicist he most patently is not). Whether you like
>it or not, Jan, you are creating (as indeed are the Moderators
>of this List) a new form of expression. I have given up reading
>novels for this glittering mysterium of the Web. Please don't
>sneer at my long haired words. Have pity for me. I am doomed. I
>have a touch of the poet. Only a touch, but it has almost ruined
>my life, as Project 1947 has I guess, probably nearly ruined
>your own. Being artists, we are both stricken with what
>Kierkegaard called the sickness unto death.

No, I don't think my life is ruined. I am sorry, I am not an
artist but rather a philistine.

<snip>

>I imagine future crimes. Has he stolen a car? No, your honour,
>he has been imagining things. Twenty years in the slammer! The
>attempt to annihilate certain kinds of mental activity is not
>that they are false or unreal, but that partial forms of
>imagining might just come about. It is the oldest single aspect
>of human culture that survives still in its primordial form. The
>Friedman/Randle dialogue is about the casing out of impurities:
>the visionaries, the social failures, the liars and fantasists,
>the con men, all these things to be replaced by "real science"
>who will clean up the farm and get rid of the falsehoods and
>freaks in the ghetto and their "wrong answers" from their
>"failed culture". The kind of high-school condescension as
>regards what Mom told them about the Other Side of Town is found
>in Donna Kossey's otherwise excellent book, Kooks. For the
>record, like Mr. Velez, I have had a UFO experience, and know
>that I lost some time. But unlike Mr Velez, I have no
>recollection of abduction at all.

Hey, I've lost a lot of time reading these ramblings, also,
In fact, I hereby apply for a refund!

<snip>

>What has this got to do with Ruppelt, you ask? What has Ruppelt
>got to do with Roswell? All his working life, Ruppelt was a
>systems man encased in a very tight system. He did not have a
>youth worth the name outside the fuselage of a warplane on
>active service. Though flesh and blood, he was therefore built
>of all the resonant inferences of such a specialized system.
>Take a man from such a unique cultural context, and he is a wet
>sack underfoot. Ruppelt's connection with nukes is implicit. I
>don't want to reveal much out about my book, but Ruppelt through
>a chance death or illness might well have come within hours of
>being chosen to be navigator/bombardier aboard Enola Gay or
>Bockscar. When a man comes that close to apocalyptic forces, he
>doesn't need to go to Roswell to know all about Roswell if you
>know what I mean. Bless him, he was a Warrior amongst the
>stoutest of American hearts.

No, I don't know what you mean which is exactly why I asked
the questions.

<snip>

>We must expect such hardly complimentary treatment, and not some
>wizened ET sage come bearing a box full of the secrets of his
>culture. Yes, we would like the universe to be serious and
>scientific, a good bourgeois, but I think Adamski met what we

>fear most: a kind of piss-taking song and dance show rigged just
>for him, as it might just be rigged for us, and rigged not by
>one alien cultural level alone. Some very snobbish folk who
>really ought to know better reject the burger-selling Adamski
>because they think (rather like Shakespeare, unfortunately) that
>really significant experiences can only happen to significant
>folk. Others reject Adamski not because he lacked education or
>intelligence, but that what he saw and experienced suggests that
>alien culture might not pay us the compliment of seeing us in a
>serious light at all. We will have to consider seriously that
>aliens might well have evolved from strong directions
>recognisable to us to the whimsical nature of almost disembodied
>media-stuff. That survival of the fittest might need comic
>subversion of the major physical survival instincts as described
>by Darwin is an idea that he might well have been both surprised
>and fascinated to see.

My, my, I think Adamski made up a space opera setting to replay
his wisdom of ancient Tibet, nothing more nothing less.

<snip>

>Jan, it is midnight in London. I have fed my cats and I have
>given Mr. Oberg's oil its final touches. You can see it on
>varnishing day in early February, Bin Laden be willing. And so
>to bed, making notes on answering Mr Jan Aldrich's other
>questions at great length some other time.

Please don't bother, life is far too short. I have other more
important things to do, like clean the lint out of belly button.
Sorry, I tripped over you and woke you from your sleep, please
go back to dreams your demented dreams.

>Yours affectionately, in triumph and disaster, and compliments
>of the season to all List Savants.

>Colin

There is something to be said about being separated from the
Mother Country after all!

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Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 20:55:32 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:49:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 16:49:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:55:53 EST
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

<snip>

>What exactly is your claim to fame besides writing the most
>posts to UFO UpDates?

Wendy:

Me, famous? Gee, coming from a member of the Flat-Earth Society,
that's really cool.

Yanks a lot.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:02:25 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:50:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Bowden

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:55:53 EST
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 12:20:17 -0700
>>Subject: Great Moments In Debunking

<snip>

>Bob Young

>Member, The Donald Menzel, Ph.D., Appreciation
>Society

Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his debunking statements were part of the coverup in which he was participating.

Tom Bowden

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Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 19:21:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:53:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz? - Speiser

>From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 13:30:51 EST
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

<snip>

>The Dulce angle is a strange one and I have seen evidence (again
>from the AF guys) that the military was doing classified
>biological warfare research in the area - that coincidentally
>had a high count of animal mutilations. Safe to say that the
>mute angle appears to have less to do with aliens and more to do
>with this bio-war operation in the area.

>They had some interesting things to say about the Cabazon Indian
>range too that all ties in.

>Do a search for Cabazon and the late writer Danny Casolaro and
>there is interesting material that has a direct bearing on all
>this weird activity on Indian reservations and legal statutes
>etc re what can be done in such areas that can't be done
>elsewhere in the US.

>There are many dots here that can be joined.

>I'm working on exploding all this shortly, but hope there might
>be some out there that can fill in more of the gaps.

Nick:

For information on the Cabazon/Wackenhut connection, you should
point them to "The Last Circle," a copy of which is still extant
on the web.

Jim Speiser

Without education we are in a horrible and deadly danger of
taking educated people seriously. -- Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 21:47:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:57:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Lemire

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2002 12:09:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 20:50:27 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2002 14:50:44 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>>This is a very generous offer, and leads me to volunteer as
>>well. I am a very experienced abstractor/indexer and have worked
>>on major national and international databases. Although I am not
>>likely to have the time to do all the abstracting, what I can do
>>is draft a Thesaurus of indexing terms, create some sample
>>abstracts, and outline abstracting procedures for anyone who has
>>the time. I even have experience in training abstractors. In
>>fact, the format I used in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, might be
>>a good way to go about it. I am the copyright owner, and can
>>send you those cases abstracts electronically to incorporate in a
>>database provided you can handle WordPerfect 5.1.

>I don't have it but Microsoft Works can handle it. These days,
>cross pollination is much easier than the early days of the PC -
>most major software can read and often write files in
>competitor software format. Word Perfect 5.1 is a nifty piece of
>software.

>By the way, regards John Velez' concern about appearing biased
>by way of being both an experienter and a resarcher, this has
>advantages too. Similar advantages would accrue if, say, the
>9/11 investigation panel included civilians, as some in the
>buildings who escaped, and some who participated in the rescue
>and cleanup efforts.

>For example:

>- A bona fide experienter is much more likely to be able
>to filter out the cases where the experience might not
>fit a true UFO abduction case. "More sensitive
>antennae".

>- A bona fide experienter is likely to work the hardest
>at doing a clean, rigorous project, and sustaining the
>long hours of work required.

>- A bona fide experienter like John Velez, who has
>experience in media and public speaking is most likely
>to be able to clarify the descriptions from other cases
>where the original language is vague or hard to
>comprehend. After all, abductees weren't selected
>because of their writing ability.

>As to those who doubt the finished work's validity, that's easy
>to handle. Simply make all the case files (anonymized), the
>database, and the database query logic available to the entire
>world. As work proceeds, those handling the data would almost
>instinctively realize that every small piece of work they do may
>be scrutinized and would take the necessary care to anticipate
>scrutiny, and prepare the work for it.

>This is, after all, what scientists do when they do peer
>review.

>After the compilation, analysis and report is complete, the
>ball is in the court of the world's scientists. If they don't
>review it, then their opinions can be rebutted.

>After all, lots of people working in behavioural sciences have
>behavioural problems, yet they aren't barred from working in
>their fields.

>Eleanor White

John and others,

How would something like Dan Wright's "Abduction Transcription Project" fit into this line of research or would it? This particular project had "The Master Transcript Index" which was an alphabetical, cross-referenced listing of approximately two thousand words and phrases uttered verbatim by the subjects on tape in describing their experiences. "The Root Factor Index" divides the aforementioned terms into 54 topics in order to group similar event characteristics - entity appearance, behaviors, procedures and communications; the ships outward appearance, etc.(1) This was compiled from 142 separate cases from 15 researchers and I believe would provide at least some starting point or basis for your research John.

1) Wright, Dan - MUFON SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS - COMMONALITIES & DISPARITIES: FINDINGS OF THE MUFON ABDUCTION TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT - PG. 165

Respectfully,

Todd Lemire
<http://www.michiganufos.com>

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 23:25:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:40:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Velez

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>PROJECT - PG. 165

Hello Todd,

I will be contacting you shortly (privately.) Your suggestion sounds great and it could be just what the doctor ordered. I have a small commercial job to complete, (gotta eat & pay the bankers their 'vigorish' for the house) and then I will get in touch with you.

"Excellent idea Smithers... excellent!" ;)

Thank you, Todd.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Connors

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>Me, famous? Gee, coming from a member of the Flat-Earth
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>Yanks a lot.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

I didn't say anything about "fame." I implied you were pretty lame. Big difference. Why is that? Because you seriously lack reading comprehension skills for starters. The reporter used the word "flat." I quoted him exactly as he stated the question.

But, that's just like a Menzelite, having an inversion adversion to everything rational and logical.

Clear Head,

Wendy Connors

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 20:48:54 -0500>
>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1

Hi Jan,

Sorry the longer thoughts and the longer sentences appear to have defeated you so easily. Keep on piling up the documents and the statistics. The ledger clerks and the archive animals need them badly. They are as good an excuse for non-thinking as any, and make the whole amusing house of cards a little higher.

I'll give your site a visit on those rare occasions whenever I want a date, a time, a place, or a fact. I'm surprised at you, I am. Even the Brentford Polonius has revealed a sense of humour of late, and says my work is erotic. It obviously has not worked in your case. Don't worry, there are plenty of alternative commercial treatments in the press if you look carefully in the back pages. They will even cure your sourpuss manic-depressive lack of all humour, for which Listers will be most grateful. If this is what facts do to folk such as you, I'd rather watch old street-cleaning training films in a darkened room on a bad day in Brentford.

Loosen up, for the sake of both our endangered nations, please!

Keep smiling (if you ever smile at all), keep on writing the telephone numbers, and long may your web animal graze!

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:48:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
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>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 16:52:51 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
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>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:55:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>I would like you to give your opinion now about the "impact
>>site", closer to Roswell. After the demise of both Ragsdale and
>>Kaufmann, what is left of it?

>Nothing.

Kevin, and all,

Thank you for this clear and courageous answer!

I would like now to discuss a bit, if you agree, the hypothesis
of another site, not very far from Roswell.

We still have several testimonies about it. There is the
testimony of Lewis Rickett who said that when Cavitt drove him
to the site, it took about 45 minutes, in a westerly direction
from the base.

His description of the site does not match well the Corn ranch
"impact site". He does not mention a cliff, but recalls "little
dunes". According to the article of Tom Carey on Cavitt and
Rickett published in IUR of fall 1998 ("Will the real Sheridan
Cavitt please stand up?"), Rickett described it as "mostly
flattish scrub desert interspersed with rolling knolls or
dunes".

Rickett also remembers assisting Dr Lincoln LaPaz in
september1947 (that's in your first book, pp 118-121). in search
of ground traces, related to the crash, near Roswell. They found
"a place where the ground had been crystallized, a little bit of
the foil-like debris was discovered". I know that skeptics Todd
and Pflock have put in doubt Rickett's memory, arguing that he
may have been confused with another research, that one with
LaPaz in 1949, searching for debris of "green fireballs".

But there is another witness for their search in 1947, Earl
Zimmerman, CIC agent in Roswell, who had also participated in
the search of LaPaz. He mentioned a place where the ground had
turned "pale blue".

Todd and Pflock say he was probably also mistaken, having worked
too with LaPaz in 1949.

The logic of that argument is beyond me: they could both have
assisted LaPaz twice, in 1947 and 1949!

And finally Rickett gave a description of the craft, so that mysterious other site could have been the real impact site?

What would be today your opinion of Rickett's recollections?

And what about the testimony of Frankie Rowe? It also points to a place close to Roswell. Do you still support her?

There is a new witness, Chester Barton, found by Joseph Stefula (article in IUR of summer 2001), whose name was given to him by his friend William P. LaParl. Barton was sent to the crash site by Major Edwin Easley. He recalled going to a crash site close to Roswell at about 45 minutes drive, like Rickett. He thought that it had been a B-29 carrying nuclear explosives, hence the secrecy. But everybody agrees that this theory does not stand, and he was not allowed to come close to the wreck.

Barton remembers well the site: "it was in rough, undeveloped, flat countryside. It had been burned. It "was comprised of two or three burned areas including the area within which the wreckage rested". BTW, recalls hearing later of rumors about a crashed spacecraft with alien bodies. So, there were rumors at the base, contrary to the opinions of Kent Jeffrey and others.

Are there other testimonies about another site near Roswell? Perhaps we could mention the daughter of sheriff Wilcox, Phyllis McGuire (your first book, pp 45-46). She remembered that two deputies had found "an area of blackened ground" which looked like "something large and circular had touched down" Was place could that be?

Gildas Bourdais

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UFO Cover Up Witnesses?

From: **Ed Case** <Case_ed@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:52:59 -0500
Subject: UFO Cover Up Witnesses?

I have a question for the List. We know there are many credible witnesses who have come forward with descriptions of a UFO 'Cover Up'. Airline pilots, FAA employees, military personnel and others have convincing, credible descriptions of the efforts made to keep people from going public with information about UFO encounters. People like Gordon Cooper, Ed Mitchell, John Callahan (FAA), Brig. Gen. Lovekin, Adm. Hillenkoetter whose testimony (especially when corroborated by others) should be taken very seriously.

My question is this: How many credible witnesses have come forward and admitted that they have taken part in the efforts to cover up evidence and discourage or damage witnesses?

Who are the most credible and does their testimony point very far up the chain of command?

Have any of the skeptic/debunkers ever admitted that they were taking part in a dishonest effort to keep the public from knowing the truth about UFOs and the UFO cover up?

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Re: Backwards In Time - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 08:55:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:55:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Backwards In Time - Maccabee

>From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
>To: <UfoUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 00:12:24 -0000
>Subject: Backwards In Time

>Here's another sceptical review of Taken from Time magazine.

>There are so many points to argue here, I don't know where to
>start. So I won't start. Why grace such bilge with sensible
>argument anyway.

>Journos like this have something in common with the aliens -
>they both seem to come from another planet! Onwards and
>upwards!

>Dave

>Source Time Magazine

><http://www.time.com/time/columnist/printout/0,8816,398945,00.html>

>Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002

>Are We Being Taken by Spielberg?

>A skeptical look at the filmmaker's alien abduction show
>By LEON JAROFF

<snip>

Hmmm... did this guy write the review without seeing all 10
episodes?

<snip>

>Perhaps I'm being a little too hard on Spielberg. Truth of the
>matter is that, as a confirmed skeptic, I'm offended by his
>treatment in "Taken", of a skeptic and "alien debunker" named
>Tom Clarke, who maintains his disbelief almost until the end,
>when he learns that his half-brother is half-alien and renounces
>his skepticism. No true, self-respecting skeptic would cave in
>that easily on the basis of such flimsy evidence.

I agree. The dyed in the wool skeptic (a la PJK) wouldn't change
his opinion if he, himself, were abducted.

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 08:55:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:01:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Maccabee

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 02:34:54 -0000
>Subject: Combat Diary Number 1

>Hello all good List folk,

>Jan Aldrich contacted me privately and asked me the following
>questions, in response to a recent posting of mine concerning
>a possible Roswell-RAF connection that I am researching.
>I thought that the List might be interested in my reply.
>In this reply I discuss what is meant by fiction, and in
>order not to compromise the bandwidth of this List, I intend
>to answer his other important questions at a later date.

>Colin

>Dear Mr. Bennett,

>I "know" that Roswell is the key to everything, but please
>explain what any of this has to do with Captain Ruppelt? Is this
>to be a work of fiction? What is Ruppelt's connection to the
>Roswell incident? Why would a unit committed to the Strategic
>Air Command be used as a training unit? Not while General Lemay
>was in command it wouldn't! Of course, Lemay was not commander
>of SAC in 1947 and was 1948 was in Europe.

>There were other facilities for training B-29 crews and for
>training with nuclear weapons. Since the majority of 509th
>members and others assigned to Roswell knew nothing of the
>Roswell incident, why would British "students" know anything?

<snip>

>Dear Mr. Aldrich,

>I would like to answer your question simply and directly sir,
>but even though I bear a Degree from the university of Oxford in
>English Language and Literature, I am somewhat ashamed to say
>that I do not know what a fiction is, quite. Many philosophers,
>from Aristotle to T.S. Eliot through Cervantes and Melville have
>tried to define what "fiction" is exactly, and all have failed.
>Some modern puritans refer to a book that does have a document
>box number or a security reference or a footnote about
>statistics in every single clause in every sentence as a work of
>fiction. In a recent IUR, a profoundly silly woman reviewer went
>so far as to say that the lack of an index made the book she was
>reviewing a work of fiction! On the other hand, some writers
>proper ("proper" refers to those dreadful people who use image,
>symbol, metaphor and imagination as entry to a system instead of
>statistics and documents) refer to books of researchers as
>>manuals, not books.

>"Fact" is just one way amongst others to try and come to

>knowledge of a thing. It is merely one component of experience,
>and must be considered in relation to other components that have
>equally valid claims to be arbiters of experience.

>Primarily, I am a satirist and portrait painter in words. For
>the Fortean Times and Philosophy Now, I paint landscapes and
>personalities, and in the February 2003 issue of the Fortean
>Times, Mr. James Oberg can stand back and gaze at his (not
>exactly uncomplimentary) oil. As a painter, I see features of
><character and soul, the atmosphere and background of a person
>rather than where he or she was on a particular date. I enter
>the system that way. Within a person I seen landscapes
>stretching round the Moon and back. I can't help it. People pay

<snip>

>Yours affectionately, in triumph and disaster, and compliments
>of the season to all List Savants.

Oy vey! With all due respect to Colin the artist in paint and in language, as I peruse the monograph by Colin as he prepares to answer (sometime later) the questions posed by Jan Aldrich, I am reminded of a day long ago and a place... Gettysburg, Pennsylvania... a cold day in November, 1863, November 19 to be exact, when a crowd had gathered at the site of the battlefield (Battle of Gettysburg, July, 1863). They had gathered to hear two men speak. The first was famous for his oratory... Edgar (or Edward, I can't recall) Everett Hale... a man from whom the words flowed so mellifluosly, dripping like the sweetest honey on the ears of the listeners below the reviewing stand. It was later reported in the newspapers that he spoke for about 3 hours and delighted the listeners with his oratory.

Then the other man spoke for about 3 minutes. The newspapers hardly mentioned his speech.

Yet virtually every American Schoolchild has heard it. Many can repeat it.

Few if any people alive today have ever heard of Mr. Hale (I was told, many years ago, by my grandmother that he was a distant relative, that's why I know about him). Most people in the USA, however, know of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

I admire Colin's way with words. The use of language in my own two books is a poor comparison to the language useage, the erudite allusions to literature, etc., which flow volubly from Colin's typewriter, er, computer, uh, keyboard (there, that encompasses both!). However, there is also something to be said for getting to the point.

Regarding the Kirtland Landing (which is discussed on my web site) Colin wrote:

>Their software and image and media manipulations of first level
>A will be out of this world, and they will of course be in a
>state of decay or war. Certainly they will have internal
>conflicts. Therefore yes, I can readily believe say that there
>was a landing at Kirtland AFB, but if there was, I do not think
>that it would be nearly as real as the nut and bolt folk claim.
>We might be seeing something as quasi-substantial as their
>equivalent to a rejected prototype for a graphic toothpaste
>advertisement, and how real is that, relatively to us? When the
>redesigns of the toothpaste advertisements of alien level A are
>combined with the rubbish tips of alien level Q, and combined in
>turn with the lies, evasions, and disasters of alien level M,
>the concrete "reality" of the nut-and-bolt view begins to look
>like a newspaper shredded by a heavy downpour.

<snip>

>Such a thing as the Kirtland AFB landing will not be any more
>real than a stage performance can be considered real.

Not nuts and bolts?

A bright light was seen to travel a zig zag path through the sky by guards at the Manzano Mountain storage area. They saw it then drop downward into a canyon. It was then out of their view, Sometime later they saw the same light (or another like it) fly

upward and disappear into the night sky.

In the meantime another security guard was driving along a road \through the canyon that the light went into ("Coyote Canyon"). He saw a brightly lighted object behind a building, inside the fence of an "alarmed" structure. He tried to phone to the security office a couple of miles away... His radio couldn't get through, an unusual situation. So he grabbed his gun and started to walk toward the building when suddenly this light took off straight.

One may imagine that this is when the Manzano Guards, 2 miles away (about) saw the light shoot upwards.

Now, if I may be so bold as to play Lincoln to your Hale (yes, I know there's no comparison here on my part at least), then in the interest of getting to the point, I will simply quote the security guard who described the event. He was described as a former helicopter mechanic and he said "It wasn't a helicopter".

Then what was it? Colin can certainly suggest it was a chimera, a vision, a lie, the equivalent of an alien toothpaste advertisement, a stage performance.....

But for me it certainly sounds like "nuts and bolts".....

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Maccabee

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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 08:55:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:02:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Maccabee

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 12:20:17 -0700
>Subject: Great Moments In Debunking

>Dear EBK and Listers,

>While preparing my audio archive into digital format, I
>sometimes stumble upon what I call, Great Moments in Ufology.
>Such a moment is shared with the UFO UpDates lurkers and
>dedicated to such skeptibunkers, Pelicanists, etc., as Philip
>Klass, Kal Korff, Robert Shaeffer, Bob Young, John Rimmer...
>well, the list is endless.

>On April 22, 1967 the American Society of Newspaper Editors
>convened in Washington, D. C. On the program for that day were
>three noted names in Ufology: Major Hector Quintanilla, Dr.
>James E. McDonald and Dr. Donald H. Menzel. They were all
>engaged in the education of the ASNE regarding UFOs. Quintanilla
>namby-pambied around the issue and denied the USAF knew anything.
>Menzel pontificated and rambled into inversions and McDonald
>cleaned both their clocks with logic and sound reasoning. The
>audience was delighted.

I think McDonald's speech is available in a package of McDonald papers from the Fund for UFO Research.

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C.E.: Another UFO Scramble Over D.C.?

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:44:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:23:39 -0500
Subject: C.E.: Another UFO Scramble Over D.C.?

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@WEBTV.NET>
>To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 00:40:58 -0500
>Subject: Another UFO Over D.C.?

Chaz Stuart wrote:

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>announcer said. (sound familiar?) It was the lead story that
>hour but I never heard another word about it thereafter.

Charles, List;

Well I also searched high and low but found nothing about the report mentioned above. Out of frustration more than anything I finally called 700 WLW radio station this morning to look into the alleged report first announced on the CE list by Charles Stuart. I spoke with a female employee of the newsroom who said she would be able to refer back to the 4:00 p.m. radio news script from yesterday Monday, December 16, 2002. I explained that I sought to verify a report that someone thought they heard on their radio station and that I was unable to locate any additional information online after searching through the news wires such as Google, UPI, Reuters and the Associated Press.

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but found no news items posted there.

This story is not to be found on the internet news wires I have searched such as AP, Reuters, Google and UPI. I launched a great deal of my searches from the Drudge Report site, typing in keywords such as "unidentified" and "radar" into the various search engines for different news wires. A good deal of the difficulty in finding this news story might be general media disinterest in the report, but it's strange that in our present day of terrorist concerns nationwide, such a story - even if the incident itself is trivial to begin with - could be so

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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:44:35 -0500
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Subject: Re: C.E.: Another UFO Scramble Over D.C.? - Kaeser

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Just to add to the confusion, I've searched the web sites of local news outlets and found nothing. This surprises me if it was on the A-P or ABC News wires. Maybe the Editor was TAKEN, and went through a time warp.

I have not heard this story on a local all news outlet, and they're always trying to find local stories of interest. I'll keep looking as I can.

Steve

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

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Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:52:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

Dave, List and Readers;

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>>if only because it was his stories that were
>>the foundation of Roswell's most sensational aspects. So I
>>forsee years of wrangling over the minutiae of Frank's stories,
>>and many attempts to rehabilitate him. This "armchair" dialogue
>>between David and Gildas is just the start.

>We are not "loath to let go" of Kaufmann. Much of Kaufmann's
>story always bothered me and probably Gildas as well. He was the
>basis for the completely revised July 5 crash recovery timeline
>incorporated into Kevin Randle's second book. This added too many
>inconsistencies and loose ends to the story for my tastes.

>On the other hand, some parts of his story squared with other
>information, as I pointed out in my post. And there were oddities
>about Kaufmann remaining in Roswell and his sources of income.
>Kaufmann's story was never a simple one.

>It is very important to know whether the man was a clever
>individual hoaxer or worked for the government, as he claimed.
> If the former, his testimony means nothing. If the latter, then
>his actions were part of an on-going cover-up. Motive is very
>important. (However, it may also be academic, since it may be
>impossible to determine.)

And I think that it is this "mystery" of Frank's connections to
the government (ie: The Conspiracy) that will fuel the the
debate for years to come. Perhaps not with you, but a lot of
others will launch countless attempts to rehabilitate Frank.

After all, "The Truth..." is still available, and many people
consider it the defining story of Roswell.

>Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
>with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
>spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
>they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
>which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle. (BTW
>the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was withheld,
>not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his widow, who
>died only a few months ago.)

>The document hoaxing was pretty damning, but parts of Kaufmann's
>story still had cross-corroboration from other independent
>witnesses. (And, as I noted, also the Ramey memo) That's why it
>remains hard to figure Kaufmann out. He was not a typical hoaxer.

>Even when he was dying, frail, and deathly ill, he was still
>going to take Carey and Schmitt out to the "true" main craft
>crash site. (According to Carey, they were all in the Land Rover
>ready to go when an unseasonable snow storm prevented the trip at
>the last moment.)

>Now ask yourself - are these the actions of an ordinary hoaxer?
>If you were dying of cancer and barely able to hold it in
>anymore, would you go traipsing off into the wilderness with some
>googly-eyed UFO researchers just for a prank?

It must be obvious to most that Frank was not an "ordinary hoaxer". Ordinary Hoaxer's do not go through the trouble of preparing elaborate forgeries to buttress their stories. Kevin will have to elaborate on this, but it seems from reading the CUFOS article that Frank planned out his revelations, and prepared the documents, in advance. This way he did not fall into the traps Gerald Anderson did, and having to scramble to produce some sort of "proof" to back up yesterdays' lies.

>>It was Kevin Randle who was closest to Frank Kaufmann - he was
>>the guy who looked him in the eyes. Kevin also has the most to
>>lose - Frank's tales were the lynch-pin of "The Truth about the
>>'UFO Crash at Roswell'.

>>So if Kevin can publicly say that he no longer has any
>>confidence in anything Frank had to say about the Roswell
>>Incident, well... he is the guy in the field, the one who
>>should know best. He has earned his position among UFO
>>Advocates as an Authority on Roswell and Frank Kaufmann.

>Is this your usual appeal to authority? If a year ago I had
>written that Randle was the authority on Kaufmann, had looked
>him in the eyes and vouched for his sincerity, would that have
>convinced you his story was completely true? Kaufmann still
>remains something of an enigma, at least to some of us.

Maybe my tongue was not easily visible as I thought- as it was firmly planted in cheek.

My point - lost as it was - is that others here on the List have railed against those who do not do field research. Their message is that the facts and opinions of Field Researchers must be considered gospel.

But in this case, the Field Researcher has declared that an important witness was a hoaxer/liar. Within days of this revelation, attempts to salvage at least some of Frank Kaufmann's story have already started.

>>If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe
>>him?

>Which parts of his story? Some parts of his story were obvious
>lies, other parts were not. (Why do you think Kevin Randle stuck
>by him for so long?) The questions in my mind are what were his
>sources of information and why did he lie?

The "sources" should be obvious. Why? How about Fame and Glory? When Frank died, he was, at least in his mind, an Important Person.

>Hey Bruce. I consider myself an authority on Charles Moore and
>his model Flight #4 model trajectory. I'm telling you it's a
>complete lie. There isn't even any ambiguity here. The math
>proves it. Why won't you believe me?

Note that you had to modify your "proof" considerably once Tim proved your initial argument was even worse math.

As far as "an authority" goes... I'll leave that appellation to a qualified Atmospheric Physicist.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Robert Todd & Roswell

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
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Subject: Robert Todd & Roswell

I am sure that many Listerians are familiar with the investigative work and research published by Robert Todd. While that name may be reviled by some, his work on the Roswell Saga cannot be underestimated.

Robert's investigations included uncovering the Mogul solution, the release of Maj. Jessie Marcel's military records, and the revelation of the Schulgen Memo forgery.

Until now, his work has only been available in snippets, and no where online could you find the complete set of his Cowflops Quarterly newsletter. Well, that oversight has been rectified.

All eight issues of Cowflops are now online at:

<http://www.roswellfiles.com/storytellers/Todd.htm>

These are currently available only in .pdf format. If there is anyone out there with fast, accurate fingers who would like to transcribe these into a Word format, I would be very grateful.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:34:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Hutchinson

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>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 12:20:17 -0700
>Subject: Great Moments In Debunking

Dear List and Readers;

I see that the conversation here has devolved somewhat from the core of Wendy's post...

>'At the end of the presentation was a question and answer period.
>The final question came from Frederick Martecord of the Arizona
>Republic newspaper. His question was addressed to Dr. Menzel. I
>quote:

>"I would like to ask Dr. Menzel if he had been teaching at the
>University of Saragosa in 1491, if he would have advised Isabella
>not to give Columbus the money to determine if the world was
>flat?"

Unfortunately, Columbus didn't determine that the world wasn't flat. This had been known for well over 1500 years prior to Columbus and had been shown quite clearly to be a sphere or sphere-shaped. Not only did most intelligent people know that the world wasn't flat, but Eratosthenes measured it surprisingly accurately. Prior to Eratosthenes, Aristotle estimated the world was a sphere about 400,000 stadia in circumference and Archimedes estimated it was a sphere about 300,000 stadia in circumference.

The sources differ slightly in what Eratosthenes measured result was, either 250,000 stadia or 252,000 stadia. As 252,000 stadia equals about 29,000 miles, this is a surprisingly good measurement given the tools and knowledge available to him. For those not in the know, it is a sphere and the polar circumference is 24,819 miles.

Pythagoras declared the world a sphere sometime before the end of the sixth century BC.

Aristotle showed quite clearly that it was a sphere. For a listing of Columbus's incredible gross errors look at the Mapmakers by John Noble Wilford.

No one of any learning believed that the world was flat. They believed it was about the size it actually is. Columbus was grossly in error because he believed it was closer to Ptolemy's predicted size. Therefore, with this belief that was grossly in error, Columbus believed that he could sail all the way to India by going west as it would only be a few thousand miles.

For additional info, the ancient Greeks are credited with making the first globes of the Earth clearly showing that they knew it was a sphere, and Behaim definitely made one in Nurnberg on which the recent Portuguese discoveries could be shown for the amazement of the populace. This was in 1490. For those who have forgotten, Columbus didn't set sail until 1492.

So, the great moment in debunking is that Frederick Martecord

was full of bunk! Rejoice and tell the world, the Earth is a sphere and this has been known for over 2000 years!

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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UFO Universe Magazine?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:36:06 -0500
Subject: UFO Universe Magazine?

Listers,

I'm in search of a copy of a copy of UFO Universe Magazine that featured an article written by Sean David Morton titled "Area 51: The most highly classified above-ground facility the United States maintains and not the US military's worst kept secret."

The only reference I can find for the magazine is that it was published in late 1994. Any help would be greatly appreciated, thanks!

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Kaeser

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>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

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>was full of bunk! Rejoice and tell the world, the Earth is a
>sphere and this has been known for over 2000 years!

I think you're both right. Certainly the fact that the Earth was a sphere was known to some for more than two centuries, but that often flew in the face of the teachings of the church during the 13th, 14th and 15th Centuries. It is perfectly accurate to state that Columbus confirmed for many (during the latter part of the 15th Century) that the Earth was, indeed, round. Most knowledge during that time period was handed down verbally, which allowed all kinds of beliefs to grow and spread through the masses. Often it was the church that was the keeper of official knowledge, and obviously they had their own agenda.

Steve

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Was New Zealander First In Flying Machine?

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Was New Zealander first in flying machine?
Wright brothers' title contested
'Mad' Pearse may have flown earlier

Bill Taylor
Staff Reporter

The kiwi, national symbol of New Zealand, is a bird that cannot fly.

How ironic that a New Zealander - a Kiwi - may have been first to solve the riddle of flight.

A sensitive, artistic man who refused to walk the path his parents set him on. A man forced to retreat behind high hedges by neighbours who feared he was beholden to the devil.

A prophet still without total honour in his own country.

The Wright Brothers? Orville-and-Wilbur-Come-Lately, say the people who believe Richard Pearse flew several times as the brothers worked on their Flyer in their Ohio bicycle shop.

Whatever the truth, 2003 sees one of the last and greatest of the great centenaries, the 100th anniversary of powered flight.

There are photographs and exact data to prove that Orville Wright made a 12-second, 36.6-metre flight at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, Dec. 17, 1903.

There's nothing but a handful of informally collected eyewitness accounts to confirm Pearse's first flight. Few people outside New Zealand have heard of the reclusive farmer and self-taught engineer from the remote community of Waitohi on the South Island. He was born there in 1877 and died of a heart attack in Christchurch in 1953. He'd been confined to a psychiatric hospital for two years, suffering from paranoia.

He was forgotten even in his homeland until the remains of his third and last aircraft were found in a Christchurch garage some years after his death.

Researchers believe that on or about March 31, 1903, "Mad Pearse," also known as "Bamboo Dick" for his building material of choice, flew for about 140 metres before his plane crashed into the gorse hedge surrounding the farm that he never wanted and always neglected. He'd let the hedge grow almost four metres high and seven metres wide to keep out a skeptical world.

"Even now, not everyone here shares the admiration for him," says his great-nephew Jeff, on the phone from the house where Pearse was born and raised. "New Zealand is still a young country and it's a ... funny country. They tend to doubt themselves. People are as keen to disbelieve as to believe."

The family house is now on Pearse Rd., "but don't read too much into that. The Crombies live on Crombie Rd. Still, there is a Richard Pearse Drive and a Richard Pearse Airport."

Pearse was featured on New Zealand's millennium postage stamps with such pioneers as Sir Edmund Hillary, first to climb Everest, and Ernest Rutherford, first to split the atom.

Enthusiasts hope to fly a replica of Pearse's plane near the original site March 31. Wind-tunnel tests suggest it'll be like piloting a modern ultralight.

He never claimed to have truly beaten the Wright brothers, saying he hadn't met his own exacting standards for "proper ... sustained and controlled flight." His descents were too erratic and his plane, he wrote to the Christchurch Star in 1928, wasn't fast enough to steer effectively. "I had successful navigation within my grasp ... but I decided to give up the struggle as it was useless to try to compete against the men who had factories at their backs."

"At no point did Richard have an agenda to be the first to fly," says Jeff. "But he had this extraordinary vision of what flight could be. He wanted to fly to Temuka, 15 kilometres away."

Pearse's machine was in some ways more advanced than the first Wright Flyer. It had "tricycle" landing gear with a nose wheel, at least 20 years ahead of its time; wheels rather than skids; one wing rather than two; and ailerons for steering similar to those used in modern aircraft. The Wright brothers used "wing warping," twisting the wing to change the flow of air over it. The engine in Pearse's plane was considerably lighter than the Wrights' engine.

"There wasn't a single car in the district, no internal combustion, so he had to figure it out for himself," says Jeff. "He had to think of a propeller that would work. There was nothing to copy. He had to do a lot of experimentation and all on his own. He had no training or education, except for the local school."

The final proof of his achievement remains tantalisingly elusive. Pearse injured his collarbone crashing into the hedge. The hospital records were destroyed in a fire. Someone took a photo of his aircraft in the hedge. It was lost in a flood.

Dr. Peter Jakab, a curator at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C., doesn't deny that Pearse got off the ground. "But what he flew was essentially a powered glider flying into a ravine. So it wasn't a true powered flight. He's just one of many pre-Wright claimants."

Geoff Rodliffe, author of a biography of Pearse, says the evidence points to five flights between March and July 10, 1903.

"Enough people, up to 18 or 20 at a time, saw him airborne to put it, I believe, beyond doubt that he flew several times that year," says Rodliffe from his home in Auckland.

"Few people wrote down what they saw. But I've talked to a number of people who saw him fly. I knew two of his younger sisters quite well.

"Pearse was totally driven. His life could have been very different. He was chased by a girl for several years. She wanted to marry him and have lots of children. But he wouldn't. Finally there was a tearful scene and ... he was on his own after that."

Jeff Pearse's father, 86, is named after his uncle. "He remembers visiting Richard in Christchurch, remembers him as a guy full of scientific knowledge, talking in engineering terms, talking about planes."

Pearse, who once built a bamboo-framed bicycle, also used bamboo for his aircraft frame. Other materials and engine parts were salvaged junk, including tobacco tins.

"He'd order his bamboo from Auckland and then cycle to Temuka and bring it back over his shoulder on his bike," says Jeff.

As a boy, Pearse devised a mechanical needle-threader for his mother and a "zoetrope" for his sisters that flicked still pictures to produce moving images.

He never wanted to be a farmer. But his parents, who had nine children - enough for a family orchestra in which Richard played the cello - couldn't afford engineering school. On his 21st birthday, his father gave him 40 hectares to farm. He stayed with agriculture for 13 years, plodding behind a horse-drawn plough with his head buried in a science magazine.

During early ground tests, Pearse was seen steering his plane with horse-reins. If his fields were too wet he used the road by his farm. This is where he supposedly took off on his first flight.

One account says he wheeled the plane down to the crossroads by the school and, as a small crowd gathered, tried to start the engine.

It was late afternoon when the aircraft lurched into the air. It veered to the left but kept climbing before crashing into the hedge.

Witnesses have said later flights took off from a small hill. Some reportedly were as short as 15 metres, others up to 400 metres with Pearse landing on a partly dried-up river bed. Engine parts and a propeller have been found there.

One of Pearse's neighbours, Arthur Tozer, was crossing the river in a wagon when Pearse reportedly made his third flight, spooking Tozer and his horses by roaring low over their heads.

"He never got the mix right for sustained controlled flight over a distance," says Jeff. "There's absolutely no doubt that he was airborne for some distance. But the degree of control ... some people who saw him fly said he circled the paddock twice, others that he simply kept veering off to one side."

Parts of the plane, including the undercarriage, are on display in Auckland's Museum of Transport and Technology. A replica of the plane was built in the 1970s and exhibited at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Pearse built a bigger aircraft around 1907 but it's believed to have been too difficult to control to ever have left the ground.

Pearse worked on his third and final aircraft, also on display in the technology museum, between 1928 and 1947. It was designed for vertical take-off and landing. He envisioned it as "the private plane for the millions," bringing aviation to anyone who could afford a car. It never got off the ground.

The gorse hedges in Waitohi are gone, says Jeff, and none of the farm buildings remain.

"This house is pretty much the same. But where he flew, there's nothing any more to see."

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Deceptive Memory

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An interesting (and provocative) perspective. Worth a read.....

<http://sf.indymedia.org/news/2002/12/1550830.php>

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Connors

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Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Connors

Unbelievable.

The purpose of my original post was not to elicit a discourse on whether the Earth was flat or round. It is neither. It's spheroidal-like with a bulge at the equator. Nor does it make a difference whether Martecord's question was phrased correctly.

The question asked by Martecord was rhetorical. What he was saying after listening to Dr. McDonald, was that Dr. Menzel was short sighted, lacked imagination and was full of proverbial B.S.; that everyone in the audience knew Menzel was outclassed by McDonald's rational and logical approach. In effect, Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and that Menzel had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in the minds of the audience.

Jeez.

Wendy Connors

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CCCRN News: Signs of Destiny Conference Photos &

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SIGNS OF DESTINY CONFERENCE PHOTOS AND REVIEW

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada/signsofdestiny02.html>

Photos and a review by Joanna Emery of the Signs of Destiny conference in Tempe, Arizona have been posted to the web site. The conference was excellent, with researchers from England, Germany, Canada and the USA meeting together for the first time in North America, warm weather and good food. Over 280 people attended. Thanks again to Chet and Kallista Snow for all of their hard work in putting this event together.

The links page on the web site has also been modified and updated.

'The Lou Gentile Show', part of the Paranormal Radio Network and Lou Gentile Productions, will be doing a two hour program on the Canadian circles, Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 pm to 12:00 am ET; broadcast out of Philadelphia, PA and also available on syndicated radio, internet radio and satellite.

<http://www.lougentile.com>

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THIMBLE-SHAPED UFO SEEN
BY POLICEMEN IN SPAIN

"There are more than clouds and stars in the skies over Xativa," in southeastern Spain. "Local police officer Paco Hellan is one of three policemen who in recent days claims having seen metallic unidentified flying objects giving off very bright light."

"The first sighting occurred in the early hours of (Wednesday) November 20 (2002). According to Hellan, 'an unexplained metallic object gave off a strong blue light and moved in a visibly notable manner.'"

"I was at my station and some fellow officers on patrol told me that they had seen the object. Thinking it might be the planet Venus, I headed to the location and saw (that) the object did not look at all like any of the stars that were out at that time."

"After that, the three policemen saw 'how the object moved vertically.'" To assure themselves that the UFO was indeed moving, "the officers used the (power) cables of the RENFE and the mountains in the background as points of reference. 'We suddenly saw that the object, as soon as it was both above and in between the cables, approached and went away from the mountain tops.'"

Hellan and his fellow officers "witnessed the display from 6 a.m. to 6:50 a.m. Then they decided to contact the Manises Airport control tower to have the facility's radar detect the object."

"There, after providing the coordinates of 150 to 170 degrees southeast, taking the airport as a reference (point), they told us that nothing appeared on their radar, because in order for an object to be detected, it needs to have a transponder that issues a (radio) signal."

"Days later," continued the officer, "I went to the airport and remarked (on the event--S.C.) with one of the directors of the aviation school, who told me that he too had seen a luminous object from his balcony, and it was probably work being performed on a space station.'"

"Days went by and another (police) agent claimed having seen 'a metallic object over the Lluís Alcayins Hospital. This occurred on (Friday or Saturday) November 29 or 30 (2002), 'and on the following day, it was also around the same area,' added Hellan. According to his description, 'it was thimble-shaped and gave off a glowing white light at its core and an intense blue hue

that changed to a lighter color.'"

Xativa is in southeastern Spain, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of the city of Valencia. (See the Spanish newspaper Las Provincias for December 12, 2002, "A UFO flies over Xativa." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Jordi Ardanuy para eso articulo de diario.)

SADDAM's AREA 51?

A UFO incident in Iraq four years ago has raised disturbing questions about possible collaboration between aliens and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

On Thursday, December 16, 1998, during Operation Desert Fox, the Allied air strike against Iraq, a video clip aired on CNN showed a UFO hovering over Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, and moving away to avoid a stream of tracer anti-aircraft fire. (For the full story on this incident, see UFO Roundup, Volume 3, Number 51 for December 22, 1998, "UFO intervenes in Operation Desert Fox," page 1.)

At the time, it was thought to be just another UFO sighting, although captured on videotape. But now, ufologists think there might have been more to this incident.

According to Jack Sarfatti, on Friday night, December 6, 2002, "a caller into the Art Bell (radio) show, who claims to have a connection to the military, said a UFO crashed in Iraq in recent years. The U.S. is searching for any public pretext to invade Iraq, but its greatest fear is that Saddam will reverse-engineer the crashed alien spacecraft."

"The craft allegedly crashed during the Gulf War (1990-1991) or more recently (possibly December 1998). This will be Iraq's Roswell. The U.S. is currently reverse-engineering the Roswell craft and fears Saddam's scientists will catch up with or even go beyond the U.S. in one or more areas. These areas of research include zero point, over-ratio or gravimetric technology, which would allow for a tremendous advance, allowing Iraq to become a leading power."

Another caller reportedly hinted at the presence of "Saucer Nazis" in Iraq, assisting Saddam Hussein with his plans. Sarfatti commented, "Of course, the Occult Nazi SS (proper name: SS-Ahnenerbe--J.T.) has probably been in Iraq since World War II, and, if Nick Cook is right, maybe. But I think this story is all really silly disinformation and misinformation. But what do I know? I'm just a warped macro-quantum mechanic."

However, in actuality, Nazi interest in Iraq goes back 80 years to the early 1920s, to a time when the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei (NSDAP) was still brawling in the streets of Berlin.

In 1924, Detlef Schmude, one of the leading lights of the NSDAP's forerunner, the Thule Gesellschaft, left Germany on an extended pilgrimage in the Middle East. Schmude had been a Canon in a Thule-related mystic group, the Order of the New Templars, and the editor of the Thule group's magazine, Ostara. Schmude settled in Tabriz, in Iran, and spent the next few years hunting for what he called "the Hidden Masters."

Then, in early 1939, Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, Hitler's spymaster and head of the Abwehr intelligence agency, sent Dr. Paul Leverkuehn to the Middle East to cultivate Muslim allies for the Third Reich. Strangely enough, Dr. Leverkuehn's headquarters was Detlef Schmude's old stamping ground, Tabriz. And his most successful convert was Rashid Ali, the pro-Nazi prime minister of Iraq, who was overthrown during the British invasion of Iraq two years later, in 1941.

Admiral Canaris became involved in the Stauffenberg bomb plot against Hitler in July 1944. He was arrested and thrown into the Flossenburg concentration camp, where he was executed in April 1945. Abwehr agents and operations in the Middle East were taken over by the Reichsfuhrer-SS Heinrich Himmler and placed under the control of Rudolf von Sebottendorff (nee Adam Glauer). By some strange coincidence, Sebottendorff was a Thule lodge brother like Schmude and, from 1916 on, a member of the New Templars.

Even stranger, Sebottendorff's dead body was found

floating in the Bosphorus near the docks of Istanbul on May 9, 1945, the day after World War II in Europe ended.

What happened to the Thule/SS organization in Iraq after 1945, no one in the West knows.

One who took a keen interest in Iraq was SS-Brigadefuhrer Karl Maria Wiligut, alias Weisthor, who was called "Himmler's Rasputin." In 1940, he called Himmler's attention to important archaeological discoveries in Iraq's Irbil province. Scientists had dug up man-made artifacts dating back to 10,000 B.C.

Wiligut claimed to be the last of a line of sorcerers called the Ueiskuignigs, which had originated hundreds of thousands of years ago on the lost continent of Atlantis. With important Neolithic discoveries being made in Iraq, Wiligut thought it was vital to have the SS-Ahnenerbe on the scene, and it was probably he who advised Himmler to give control of the apparatus to Sebottendorff. (For more on Wiligut, see the feature story in this issue.)

After the war, in 1947, the biggest cache of Neolithic items yet was unearthed by Dorothy Garrod of Cambridge University, all dating back to 10,000 B.C. The find was at Zarzi in the upper valley of the as-Zab as-Saghir (or Little Zab River, to give the Arabic a free translation--J.T.), about 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of Irbil. Another important discovery was made by Prof. Braidwood of the Chicago Oriental Institute in 1951, Neolithic artifacts dating back to 6,000 B.C. (Editor's Note: The ruins of Shimurru, a Sumerian city dating back to 3,000 B.C., are also in that valley.)

UFO Roundup correspondents in the Middle East came up with a mixed bag of information about the valley.

Ayesha al-Khatabi wrote, "Zarzi? That's a remote region, Joe, even for Iraq. The upper valley has a mixed population, Kurds mostly, with some Arabs and Yezidis. There is a famous imam's tomb just south of Zarzi, in the village of Shornakh. It's called the Ishkut-i-Kuhr-i-Kish, and it's sacred to the Kurds. The interesting thing about Zarzi is that there is a giant limestone cliff on the edge of town. An intriguing cave painting was found there years ago, showing a Sumerian prince bowing before a deity. Behind the god's throne is an eleven-pointed star. A proof of ancient astronauts, perhaps? This cliff is called Ishkut-i-Qizapan."

"I wonder if there might be an underground alien base at Qizapan, in truth similar to Mount Moncayo in Spain." (For more on this enigmatic peak, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 1 for January 6, 2000, "1815: Spain's mysterious Mount Moncayo," page 8.)

"I have, however, heard nothing of a UFO crash in Iraq. I have never heard of Thule, either. But Tabriz is not far from Zarzi. It's only 250 kilometers (150 miles) away, with a good road from Tabriz to Mahabad, also in Iran. It is possible for people to cross the border west of Mahabad and enter Iraq and the valley that way."

Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat wrote, "There are rumors of aliens in Iraq but no talk of a crash. The souk (market) gossip in Sulaimaniya (south of Zarzi--J.T.) says the aliens are the guests of Saddam. Where are they staying? Well, there is the usual talk of an underground base. But Saddam does have a palace in the valley. The old fortress of Qalaat-e-Julundi used to belong to the (Iraqi) royal family. Here the king met with the Kurdish chieftains. After the revolution, the government took possession, and now, like every palace in Iraq, it is the 'summer mansion' of Saddam. The reason I mention the Qalaat-e-Julundi is that it is nearly impregnable. The citadel stands on a hill surrounded on three sides by precipices that plunge vertically down to the (Little Zab) river. I think Saddam is letting the aliens stay there."

Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar wrote, "There are some very strange stories coming out of that valley. They say Saddam has given the aliens sanctuary, so they won't be captured by the Americans. Nobody will go near the citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi at night. They say the aliens have created 'watchdogs' for Saddam. The aliens take simple desert scorpions and use their bio-engineering to grow them to giant size. Scorpions as large as cows! They have implants to control them."

"The scorpions are the perfect guards. They blend in with the desert, move swiftly and silently and zero right in on their warm-blooded prey. The luckless intruder hears a strange skittering noise on the stones. Then a pincer crushes his neck, and another (pincer) his legs, and he is slammed to the ground, and the barbed tail strikes six or seven times. Death comes quickly..."

"I hear that Saddam says the mission of these creatures is 'to discourage guests who have not been invited.' He has a strange sense of humor, that fellow."

It appears that something is going on in the Little Zab valley, but it is unclear just what. Is Zarzi the site of Saddam's "Area 51?" Or the location of some Neolithic "Temple of Doom?" We'll have to sit back and wait and see what develops, if anything. (Many thanks to Jack Sarfatti, Art Wagner, Ayesha al-Khatibi, Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat and Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar for these reports. See also *The Occult Roots of Nazism* by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, New York University Press, 1983, pages 112 through 117; and *Canaris* by Heinz Hohne, Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1979, page 377.)

OUTBACK TERROR GOES ON A RAMPAGE IN AUSTRALIA

It's back! The Outback Terror, the strange, elusive, black-panther-like creature which has been spotted for decades in Australia but never captured, made headlines last week in the Gippsland region of Victoria state, about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Melbourne.

"Fresh reports of black panthers roaming Victoria's countryside killing cattle have emerged after a Gippsland dairy farmer claimed that up to 200 cows on his farm had been mauled."

"Ron Jones said the latest casualty--a Friesian cow--had its jaw torn away and its ear and brain eaten. 'They go in through the ear and eat the brain out; the back end of the cow has been eaten out; and the bag (udder) area was eaten out,' Mr. Jones told the Australian Broadcasting Company radio. 'I've seen about a dozen of them now, and when they're sitting on their backsides, they're about three feet six (106 centimeters) from the ground up to the top of the head.'"

"When they take off, they sort of go in big loping bounds. They cover about 20 feet (6 meters) every bound--they're about 8 feet (2.4 meters) roughly from the tip of their nose to the end of their tail.'"

"Mr. Jones said they are too big to be feral cats. 'It's definitely a cat the way it moves. When they kill an animal, they just lay on it and chew away at it,' he said, 'Where a dog stands and tears at it and leaves a jagged wound. Their (the creature's inflicted) wounds are just as though you'd cut the meat with a carving knife.'"

(Editor's Note: Paranormal investigator Rex Gilroy and other researchers believe that the creature is not a member of the cat family. They think it is an unknown species of marsupial, a distant relative of the kangaroo and the opossum, which evolved as a top-of-the-food-chain predator in Australia's marsupial-dominated ecosystem. Australia's Aboriginal people call these creatures Devil Dogs of the Dreamtime.)

"Debate about the possible existence of panthers or pumas has raged for decades, with sightings reported in several parts of rural Victoria."

(Editor's Note: The Outback Terror has also been reported in South Australia and Western Australia.)

"Explanations include that U.S. servicemen released big cats they kept as mascots" during World War II "or that the creatures escaped from travelling circuses more than 100 years ago."

"Mr. Jones said he had taken a few pot shots at the animals but with no success."

"Stephan Kaiser, from the Gippsland Department of Primary Industries, said a local wild dog (dingo in Australia--J.T.) catcher had been out to Mr. Jones's farm."

"The dogger supported Mr. Jones's view that the injuries (to the cow) seemed inconsistent with a dog attack,' he said."

"DNA testing has been conducted on carcasses in the quest to determine whether the killers were feline or canine, but Mr. Kaiser said it was difficult to get a conclusive reading."

"He said serious attacks on cattle had increased recently in the Yarram district, and he was considering setting up infra-red cameras to determine the culprit."

"With 25 years' experience in dealing with feral animals, did he believe the big cat was out there?"

"'I'm a scientist. I'll wait for the evidence,' Mr. Kaiser said." (See The Australian News for December 12, 2002, "'Killer cats' on the loose." Many thanks to Diane Harrison and AUFORN for forwarding this newspaper story.) (Editor's Note: For more on the elusive Outback Terror, see UFO Roundup, volume 6, number 21 for May 24, 2001, "Australia's 'Outback Terror' goes on the prowl," page 4.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN
IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA

On Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10:45 p.m., Larry Snow "was driving in my car up the onramp from Okeechobee Boulevard" in West Palm Beach, Florida (population 82,103). "As I was approaching the top of the ramp, I saw these bright lights off to the left in the sky. At that time, I wasn't thinking anything of it. But then the lights were in a row, all connected, like this: 000000000000."

The lights "started tilting, moving away, and then the lights just went out. That's when I turned to look. And then I saw some dark object. (At this point, I had slowed my car to a stop on the left side of the onramp--L.S.) I saw this dark object continue on its way. I got out of the car and couldn't see it anymore."

"I saw other airplanes with lights blinking in the distance but no sight of the object. It happened pretty quickly. I wasn't able to make out the size and shape, except for when the lights were on. Weirdest thing I've ever seen."

Larry "was wondering if anyone else saw anything similar that night."

The UFO was "hard to make out. I saw lights, and then it was completely dark. Darker than the sky at that time. At first it wasn't moving fast at all. But when the lights shut off, it was like it vanished." (Email Form Report)

CIRCULAR UFO SIGHTED IN
CASSATT, SOUTH CAROLINA

On Saturday, November 30, 2002, at 5 p.m., Shelly Gaines "was facing northeast when I saw a bright circular light that slowly descended and winked out after thirty seconds."

Shelley's sighting took place in Cassatt, South Carolina.

"Less than ten minutes afterward, two helicopters began circling the area and two more five minutes after that."

Two hours later, at 7 p.m., Shelly "saw a streak of light that lasted only a few seconds. One of the helicopters cut straight towards the streak."

"I saw a second streak at around 9 p.m. Another helicopter went in that direction. By that time, there were about six helicopters flying around the area."

"The ball (UFO) descended slowly, but the streaks were very fast." (Email Form Report)

ORANGE UFOs SIGHTED IN
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

On Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10 p.m., eyewitness D.N. saw a UFO approach from the west at his home in Clovis, New Mexico (population 32,667).

"Orange lights appeared," he reported, "Round, only a couple at a time, and then they vanished."

"Then, shortly after, appeared some others, four to

seven of them, in a circular hovering path. Then they vanished and were seen no more."

D.N. described the UFOs as "baseball-sized, orange, round lights that mostly just hovered."

Clovis, N.M. is on Highway 60, 84 and 70 just 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of the Texas state line.

(Email Form Report)

(Editor's Note: Once again, the UFOs are visiting an ancient site. Archaeologists digging at Clovis have unearthed some of the oldest artifacts in North America-- Paleolithic stone tools dating back to 50,000 B.C.)

AVIATRIX DEATH UNVEILS SECRET FDR DIPLOMACY

The death of a 1930s aviatrix in Fairfax, Virginia last week revealed some new facts about President Franklin D. Roosevelt's secret diplomacy during World War II.

"Fay Gillis Wells, a pioneer aviator, White House correspondent and writer who covered Hollywood, accompanied by her pet leopard, Snooks, died December 2 (2002) in Fairfax, Va. She was 94."

"Ms. Wells was born in Minneapolis (Minnesota) and her family moved often. When her father, a mining engineer, went to Moscow in 1930, she was an aviation correspondent. She became the first American woman to fly a Soviet airplane and the first foreigner to own a Soviet glider."

"She married for the first time on a lark to experience the Palace of Weddings in Moscow, only to discover that the immediate divorce she and her husband had planned was a bit trickier. Her brief first marriage was to Ellery Walter, a writer."

"Four days after earning her federal pilot's license on October 5, 1929, Ms. Wells wrote letters to 117 other American women who were licensed to fly, asking them to meet on Long Island. In part because of enthusiasm about Amelia Earhart's flight across the Atlantic the year before, 26 showed up."

"Earhart, the first president, proposed calling the group the Ninety-Nines, in honor of the 99 charter members. Wells, who was one of the last four of the 99, devoted much of the latter part of her life to maintaining the International Forest of Friendship in Earhart's hometown in Atchison, Kansas."

(Editor's Note: Amelia Earhart, the foremost American aviatrix of the 1930s, vanished over the Pacific Ocean with her navigator Fred Noonan in 1937. Her fate is still a mystery.)

"When Wiley Post made a solo flight around the world in 1933," Fay Gillis Wells "arranged logistics and interpreted in Siberia. He invited her to fly with him for a 2,250-mile leg, but then decided against it because it might endanger the record as a solo flight."

"Post tried to make it up to her by taking her on a flight in 1935 to Siberia by way of Alaska. She regretfully turned down the trip, which turned out to be the one on which Post and (actor) Will Rogers, her replacement, died in a crash near Point Barrow, Alaska."

"Instead, she went on a honeymoon to Ethiopia with Linton Wells, a swashbuckling foreign correspondent. Their marriage grew out of a movie date in New York City. Instead of seeing The Wedding Night starring Gary Cooper, they eloped and saw the movie the next night."

"In 1936, the couple went to Hollywood, where Ms. Wells reported for the Herald Tribune. They had taken a leopard, a lioness and a cheetah home from Africa, and she took the leopard along on interviews."

"In 1938, the two did radio shows from South America."

Three years later, in 1941, "Ms. Wells and her second husband were sent by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on a secret mission to Africa to look for possible postwar homelands for Jews. They were asked by Roosevelt to investigate possible African locations for a Jewish homeland, and they recommended Angola."

(Editor's Comment: Now, that's a new one. Apparently, FDR left no stone unturned in his efforts to rescue the European Jews. Using backchannel diplomacy, he was

trying to open an escape route for the Jews. Interesting, too, that his efforts intensified in 1941, at the same time the Nazis had decided to abandon their "forced emigration" schemes in favor of "the Final Solution." Apparently, FDR had a spy in Hitler's inner circle.)

After her son, Linton II, was born in 1946, Ms. Wells became a full-time wife and mother for 18 years. She resumed her journalism career in 1963 and "was one of three women who traveled as reporters with President Richard M. Nixon on his trip to China in 1972."

"She deeply regretted missing out on being an astronaut."

"Linton Wells died in 1977. In addition to her son, who lives in Springfield, Va., Ms. Wells is survived by her brother and two grandsons." (See the Chicago Tribune for December 10, 2002, "Fay Gillis Wells, 94: Aviator, journalist was global adventurer," page 13.) (Editor's Comment: Like President Harry S. Truman said, "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know.")

From the UFO Files...

1866: HITLER'S WARLOCK

He was called "Himmler's Rasputin." He sent scores of Nazi agents around the world on a quest for magickal artifacts. He literally wrote the book on Esoteric Nazism. And he claimed to be the last warlock or magician of an order dating back to the lost continent of Atlantis.

Of all the strange personalities in Adolf Hitler's entourage, Karl Maria Wiligut was certainly the oddest.

Wiligut was born on December 10, 1866 in Vienna, then the capital of the large eastern European empire of Austria-Hungary. "Both his father and his grandfather had served as officers in the Austrian army" and Karl, "the eldest son followed this family tradition."

In 1880, "at the age of fourteen, he began attending the Imperial Cadet School at Vienna-Breitensee and in December 1884 he joined the 99th Infantry Regiment at Mostar," in what is now Bosnia-Herzegovina. "He was promoted second lieutenant in November 1888, (first) lieutenant in 1892 and captain in 1903. During this early period of his military career, he served with the 99th, 88th and 47th Infantry Regiments" of the Austro-Hungarian Army.

In 1900, while stationed at Znaim in Moravia, Wiligut became intrigued by a curious prehistoric menhir called the Rabenstein, the subject of much local folklore. As a result, he began reading the books of Guido von List, a fellow Austrian and founder of the Ariosophy movement, and tried his own hand at volkisch poetry.

(Editor's Comment: You know your editor. Can't pass an ancient monument or ruin without checking it out. If any of our eastern European readers has more information about these ruins at Znaim, please send an email to UFO Roundup.)

In 1907, Wiligut married Malwine Leuts von Treuenringen. His daughter Gertrud was born in Vienna in 1908 and, while there, Wiligut made the acquaintance of Theodore Czepl, a member of the Order of the New Templars (ONT). Czepl invited Wiligut to join "an occult circle in Vienna, whose members included Willy Thaler, a cousin of Wiligut's, his wife, Marie Thaler, the well-known (stage) actress, and several ONT brothers."

During the course of these meetings, Wiligut revealed "the he had received instruction on the runes from his grandfather Karl Wiligut (1794-1883) and dated his formal initiation into the family secrets by his father" in 1890.

And what secrets! The elder Wiligut told 24-year-old Karl that he was "the last descendant of a long-line of Germanic sages, the Uiligotis of the Asa-Uana-Sippe, which dated back to a remote prehistoric era. Wiligut claimed to possess ancestral-clairvoyant memory, which enabled him to recall the history and experiences of his tribe over thousands of years."

Wiligut believed that Germany was originally settled in 228,000 B.C. by people from the lost continent of Atlantis and that his family began in the magickal city of Arual-Joruvallas (now Goslar--J.T.). He insisted that the Bible was much older than anyone thought, that the events of the New Testament had taken place in Germany and not Palestine, and that Jesus Christ was really Krist, an avatar who had founded the Irminist religion in 12,500 B.C. The Wiligut family were supposed to be sages of Irminism who were driven into the northern European wilderness by rival sorcerers in 1,200 B.C.

Wiligut's budding career in Ariosophy was cut short in 1914 by another catastrophe--World War I. "In October 1914, he became a staff officer in the 30th Infantry Regiment, witnessing action against the Russian army in the Carpathians along the northeastern flank of the (Austro-Hungarian) empire. Following an exhausting campaign during which he was either in battle or on long night marches, Wiligut was promoted to lieutenant colonel and transferred back to Graz to organize reinforcements for the 14th and 49th Infantry Regiments." (Editor's Note: Graz is the boyhood home of actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.)

"He was then posted to the Italian front where he held a succession of commands between June 1915 and" was "promoted to the rank of colonel in August 1917...In May 1918, Wiligut was recalled from the front in the South Tyrol and placed in command of camps for returned soldiers at Zolkiew, north of Lemberg (now Lvov--J.T.) in the Ukraine."

Discharged in January 1919, Wiligut brought his family to Salzburg. But like many Austro-Hungarian staff officers, he felt that his country had been cheated of victory in the war. The empire, he felt, had been brought down by the political intrigues of (pick one) (A) the Vatican; (B) Freemasonry; and (C) the Jews. What was needed, he thought, was a new German-speaking empire.

In 1922, the retired colonel founded his own volkisch newspaper, Der Eiserne Besen (German for The Iron Broom--J.T.) and began calling for a rightwing revolt to overthrow the socialist Austrian republic. "Matters abruptly climaxed in November 1924 when Wiligut was involuntarily committed to the Salzburg mental asylum, where he was certified insane and remained an inmate until his release in early 1927."

Wiligut's disciples--Ernst Rudiger, Friedrich Teltscher, Friedrich Schiller and Werner von Bulow--assisted his daughters, Gertrud and Lotte, in persuading the Austrian courts to let him out. Five years later, in 1932, heeding the call of "the Higher Powers," Wiligut emigrated to Germany and settled in Bogenhausen, a suburb of Munich.

Shortly thereafter, another disciple, Richard Anders, introduced the elderly sorcerer to his good friend, Heinrich Himmler, a rising star in the NSDAP or Nazi Party. Himmler, who was deeply interested in German prehistory, "was evidently impressed by Wiligut's ancestral-clairvoyant memory and decided to exploit as fully as possible this unique source of information on ancient Germanic religion and traditions."

"In September 1933, Wiligut joined the SS under the pseudonym 'Karl Maria Weisthor.'" Wiligut and Himmler became fast friends. Himmler never tired of hearing the old man talk about "the hidden history of Atlantis," as revealed in his visions, or reading Wiligut's endless magazine articles on European prehistory.

Wiligut designed the dreaded SS Totenkopf ring and hat badge, plus the runic symbols used on black SS uniforms and flags. With his newest disciple, Gunther Kirchhoff, he sent archaeological teams to investigate prehistoric sites at Gaggenau in 1934, Germany's Murg valley in 1936 and Glozel, France in 1940.

Money was no obstacle. Himmler created the SS-Ahnenerbe in 1936, promoted his elderly mentor-in-magick to SS-Brigadefuhrer (General), and turned him loose on several dozen crackpot projects. First prize undoubtedly goes to "Wiligut's Tunnel." This was a vertical tunnel 16 kilometers (10 miles) deep begun in Hungary in 1941, designed to carry an elevator car that would lower Himmler and Wiligut into "the Inner World of Agharti" (Better known to readers of Edgar Rice Burroughs as

Pellucidar--J.T.) Millions were spent on the tunnel, and work continued until November 1944, when the lack of supplies forced the SS project to close.

But age had finally caught up with the old warlock. He resigned from active duty in the SS in August 1939 and moved to his "beloved Goslar" the following year. Himmler sent Elsa Baltrusch, a member of his household staff, to look after Willigut, who spent his declining years with his runes and spells and ancient artifacts.

Evacuated to Austria in 1943, Willigut was there when the war ended. He was briefly detained and questioned by the British Army at Velden, but then was allowed to return to Germany. He fell ill during the trip in December 1945. "The journey proved too much for the old man and he was hospitalized on arrival. Karl Maria Willigut died on 3 January 1946, the last of his secret line." (See the book The Occult Roots of Nazism by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, New York University Press, 1992, pages 177 to 191.)

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 in seven days.

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Dick Hall on Stanton T. Friedman IS Real

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
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Subject: Dick Hall on Stanton T. Friedman IS Real

Dick has kindly given me permission to post his comments to me with respect to our documentary Stanton T. Friedman IS Real! As no producer can resist a little good publicity (most of us can't resist the bad stuff!)...

Paul,

I watched the videotape with interest, and have the following comments (which you may quote if you wish):

Some people are put off by Stanton Friedman's outspokenness and aggressive self-promotion. Yet, you have to admire his dogged persistence and scientifically grounded commentaries. This film captures both his personal and his human qualities. It incorporates family history and photographs.

The so-called "production values" (imagery, film quality, editing) are outstanding. Perhaps most importantly, the basically laudatory depiction of Friedman is offset, in a fair and balanced manner, by colleagues who disagree with him in some instances and by skeptics. A very fair and balanced portrayal of a major figure in UFO research.

Dick Hall

Coming from such a respected member of the ufological community, I take this as far higher praise than anything the media could dole out.

Paul Kimball
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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

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>>Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
>>with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
>>spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
>>they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
>>which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle. (BTW
>>the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was withheld,
>>not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his widow, who
>>died only a few months ago.)

>>The document hoaxing was pretty damning, but parts of Kaufmann's
>>story still had cross-corroboration from other independent
>>witnesses. (And, as I noted, also the Ramey memo) That's why it
>>remains hard to figure Kaufmann out. He was not a typical hoaxer.
>>Even when he was dying, frail, and deathly ill, he was still
>>going to take Carey and Schmitt out to the "true" main craft
>>crash site. (According to Carey, they were all in the Land Rover
>>ready to go when an unseasonable snow storm prevented the trip at
>>the last moment.)

>>Now ask yourself - are these the actions of an ordinary hoaxer?
>>If you were dying of cancer and barely able to hold it in
>>anymore, would you go traipsing off into the wilderness with some
>>googly-eyed UFO researchers just for a prank?

>>It must be obvious to most that Frank was not an "ordinary
>>hoaxer". Ordinary Hoaxer's do not go through the trouble of
>>preparing elaborate forgeries to buttress their stories. Kevin
>>will have to elaborate on this, but it seems from reading the
>>CUFOS article that Frank planned out his revelations, and
>>prepared the documents, in advance. This way he did not fall
>>into the traps Gerald Anderson did, and having to scramble to
>>produce some sort of "proof" to back up yesterdays' lies.

And yet this carefully prepared, meticulous hoaxer left the
same forgeries behind to destroy his story after he died. He
could easily have thrown them in the trash or burned them, but
he didn't. Instead, he seemed to have deliberately set up his
own downfall.

Was this a mere oversight from somebody who otherwise was so
careful to plan out everything in advance? Or was it part of a
master plan to discredit Roswell and researchers like Kevin
Randle who bought into Kaufmann's overall story?

If Kaufmann was consistent in his M.O., then the latter theory makes more sense. He was as careful in exposing himself as a fraud as he was in setting himself up as pivotal, know-all figure in the Roswell case.

>>>It was Kevin Randle who was closest to Frank Kaufmann - he was >>>the guy who looked him in the eyes. Kevin also has the most to >>>lose - Frank's tales were the lynch-pin of "The Truth about the >>>'UFO Crash at Roswell'.

>>So if Kevin can publicly say that he no longer has any >>confidence in anything Frank had to say about the Roswell >>Incident, well... he is the guy in the field, the one who >>should know best. He has earned his position among UFO >>Advocates as an Authority on Roswell and Frank Kaufmann.

>>Is this your usual appeal to authority? If a year ago I had >>written that Randle was the authority on Kaufmann, had looked >>him in the eyes and vouched for his sincerity, would that have >>convinced you his story was completely true? Kaufmann still >>remains something of an enigma, at least to some of us.

>My point - lost as it was - is that others here on the List have >railed against those who do not do field research. Their message >is that the facts and opinions of Field Researchers must be >considered gospel.

Could you please point me to a statement by anybody (much less multiple "others") that what field researchers say is "gospel?" In case you haven't noticed, the field researchers on the List have been busy savaging one another rather than singing "the gospel" together in the choir.

>But in this case, the Field Researcher has declared that an >important witness was a hoaxer/liar.

And other "Field Researchers", equally familiar with Kaufmann, aren't so sure. Mind you, these aren't people who have bought into his story, but have had big questions about him for many years. (People like Carey, Schmitt, and Balhauser) It has been obvious for some time that Kaufmann was playing some sort of game, and, in fact, said as much himself. But was it a game strictly of his own making or did it extend beyond him?

>Within days of this >revelation, attempts to salvage at least some of Frank >Kaufmann's story have already started.

Gee, sort of like you and Tim Printy trying to salvage Charles Moore after Brad Sparks and I exposed his Mogul trajectory calculation as a hoax. The difference between Moore and Kaufmann, however, is that there isn't any ambiguity about Moore's hoax, which is provable mathematically.

>>If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe >>him?

>Which parts of his story? Some parts of his story were obvious >lies, other parts were not. (Why do you think Kevin Randle stuck >by him for so long?) The questions in my mind are what were his >sources of information and why did he lie?

>The "sources" should be obvious.

Really? What were his sources that "victims" were found "IN the disc"? (Ramey message?) Or that a "CIC/team" was responsible for the base press release of a recovered "flying disk." (Ramey message) Or about the crate shipment to Fort Worth on July 9?

Maybe he was a lucky guesser, as Kevin Randle surmises. Or maybe he kept close tabs on ongoing Roswell research and his testimony was contaminated. Or maybe he really did have some inside information. But where he got the various parts of his story still is not obvious.

>Why? How about Fame and Glory?

Is "fame and glory" sufficient motivation to go out in the field to yet another crash site when deathly ill with cancer? Again, think about it. Would you?

And wouldn't Kaufmann know that as soon as he died, his papers would be gone through and the hoaxed documents exposed? You would think to protect all his hard fought for "Fame and Glory" he would at least destroy the clear-cut evidence of his hoaxing.

But he left it behind. Why?

>When Frank died, he was, at least in his mind, an Important Person.

Who would know that his "documents" would soon be exposed as frauds, quickly destroying his "Important Personage." Thus Kaufmann was both exceedingly clever at preparing documents in advance to bolster his story, but also incredibly stupid in leaving them behind to destroy his reputation after his death.

Or was it stupidity?

>>Hey Bruce. I consider myself an authority on Charles Moore and >>his model Flight #4 model trajectory. I'm telling you it's a >>complete lie. There isn't even any ambiguity here. The math >>proves it. Why won't you believe me?

>Note that you had to modify your "proof" considerably once Tim >proved your initial argument was even worse math.

In case you missed it, Printy had his math arguments totally demolished and then fled his Update's debate with me with his tail planted firmly between his legs. (Naturally he tried to spin his defeat even in full retreat, claiming that I had actually demonstrated the basic validity of Moore's work--a flagrant lie.)

>As far as "an authority" goes... I'll leave that appellation to >a qualified Atmospheric Physicist.

As usual, when you have no real arguments, back to your appeal to authority.

The accountants at Arthur Anderson were no doubt "qualified" as well, but that didn't stop them from cooking the books on behalf of Enron and other of their corporate client ilk. Figuring out how they rigged the numbers doesn't suddenly make the books balance.

Moore is a hoaxer. Unlike Kaufmann, there is no ambiguity here, except to hypocritical, disengenuous, and/or clueless debunkers who refuse to take on one of their own.

David Rudiak

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Re: UFO Cover Up Witnesses? - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 16:53:36 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:54:37 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cover Up Witnesses? - Bowden

>From: Ed Case <Case_ed@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 05:30:54 -0800
>Subject: UFO Cover Up Witnesses?

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>Have any of the skeptic/debunkers ever admitted that they were
>taking part in a dishonest effort to keep the public from
>knowing the truth about UFOs and the UFO cover up?

I believe J. Allen Hynek describes his personal struggle with this issue. I think he came to recognize the dishonesty in what the Air Force expected him to do. I am not sure where this can be found, but perhaps in the preface or introduction to "The UFO Experience".

If I am mistaken, then I apologize for sending you on a wild goose chase. Maybe someone on the list can correct my misconception.

Tom B.

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:45:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:52:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Hall

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>Unbelievable.

>The purpose of my original post was not to elicit a discourse on
>whether the Earth was flat or round. It is neither. It's
>spheroidal-like with a bulge at the equator. Nor does it make a
>difference whether Martecord's question was phrased correctly.

>The question asked by Martecord was rhetorical. What he was
>saying after listening to Dr. McDonald, was that Dr. Menzel was
>short sighted, lacked imagination and was full of proverbial
>B.S.; that everyone in the audience knew Menzel was outclassed
>by McDonald's rational and logical approach. In effect,
>Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and that Menzel
>had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in the minds of the
>audience.

>Jeez.

>Wendy Connors

Wendy,

Beautifully expressed, and with great restraint. And by the way, I was [literally] there and confirm that McDonald made mincemeat out of both Quintanilla and Menzel. Any serious scholar (as opposed to some of the highly opinionated, factually deprived debunkers who are so fond of quoting skeptibunker Scripture rather than listening to rational debate) would benefit by studying McDonald's writings on these subjects. - Dick

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:40:13 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:57:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 11:49:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 16:52:51 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:55:29 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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>>>I would like you to give your opinion now about the "impact
>>>site", closer to Roswell. After the demise of both Ragsdale and
>>>Kaufmann, what is left of it?

>>Nothing.

>Kevin, and all,

>Thank you for this clear and courageous answer!

>I would like now to discuss a bit, if you agree, the hypothesis
>of another site, not very far from Roswell.

Good Evening, Gildas, List, All -

Nope, I'm not going to answer any more questions until someone
answers the following, which I asked before but which was
ignored.

>Before we start, let me ask a simple question. How many lies
>and how many forged documents must we discover before we decide
>that a witness is unreliable? No, I'm not referring to little
>mistakes that are the fault of memory tricks, but of honest to
>gosh lies and documents that were forged.

KRandle

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Re: Paul Bennewitz?

From: Nick Redfern <Skywatcher4u@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:31:28 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:17:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 16:55:26 -0800 (PST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Paul Bennewitz?

>Re: my initial questions posed on here Dec. 11 about Paul
>Bennewitz situation - many thanks to all who have responded with
>such interesting information/opinions!

>More on This:

<snip>

Further to this debate about Bennewitz and disinformation: I'm hoping that when the 2 USAF guys come forward in public that all of these questions will be answered. But there is one aspect of the Bennewitz case that has seldom been mentioned and that has a bearing on crashed UFOs and disinformation.

Bennewitz had been told by his USAF "informants" that the military had shot down and recovered a UFO and that a hostile response was expected from the aliens. This, needless to say, didn't do anything other than make Bennewitz even more stressed and concerned. However, this was a fake story designed - again - to detract him from delving into what was (in part) an operation involving a classified AF communication system and that he believed was involved with alien communications. But this is not the first time that such disinformation using crashed UFOs has occurred.

For example, take a look at the National Security Agency's website and click on their UFO-FOIA section.

Scroll down and you will find a copy of a State Department report forwarded to the NSA in the 1960s. It is a translation of a Russian article titled "Flying Saucers? They're a Myth!" You can download this in PDF.

There is a section in this article on the alleged UFO crash on the island of Spitzbergen in 1952. However, on the NSA's copy of this report, someone has circled the Spitzbergen section with the word "PLANT".

Now, I have accessed this same document by FOIA from the State Department, CIA, Army and Air Force and the "PLANT" note only appears on the NSA copy.

This leads me to believe that someone within NSA knew that this was a bogus and planted story and maybe, perhaps, planted by sources attached to NSA.

Similarly, in the wake of WW2, several of Hungary's national treasures were handed over to the US military for safekeeping and transferred to Fort Know for safekeeping. This operation was known as Klondike. Among the items for transfer was the crown of St. Stephen.

The items were returned to the Hungarian Government in 1978 by

Re: Paul Bennewitz?

the US. However, the crucial point is that the US Army personnel that transported the artifacts were told they were transporting "the wings and engine of a flying saucer." This was done to mask the truth about what was being moved.

The Bennewitz saga, the Spitzbergen report and the Klondike operation (among others) all indicate that spurious crashed UFO accounts have been spread by US Intelligence from the fifties until at least the eighties.

Nick Redfern

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:37:54 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:19:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Young

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

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>In effect, Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and
>that Menzel had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in
>the minds of the audience.

Wendy:

An audience which was packed to the rafters with saucer
believers. A cheap shot like Martecord's question, itself a
piece of ignorance, got a laugh from the choir. That old Doc
Menzel may have been nonplussed by this stunt isn't exactly the
biggest news of the year.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:01:26 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:21:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:02:25 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

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>Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his
>debunking statements were part of the coverup in which he was
>participating.

Hi, Tom:

I think that you are seriously underrating the role of belief,
and strongly held opinions, in the UFO equation.

Have you considered the possibility that old Doc Menzel, who was
after all, Director of Harvard College Observatory, and on
occasion seemed to like to throw his weight around, may actually
have believed that there were no real saucers?

By denying this skeptic even the honest possession of his own
beliefs, and insisting that The Truth is that he must be part of
The Conspiracy reveals just as much about your beliefs as it
does about his.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

"We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves." - Goethe

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Re: Another Approach - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:30:04 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:24:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Young

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 23:57:39 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 21:30:02 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

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>>2) Why have UFOlogists spun their wheels for more than 50 years
>>with only a couple half-hearted attempts to _obtain data_? Are
>>they afraid of something, or don't they like the idea of years
>>and years of unrelenting boredom searching for the real saucers?

>>Or do they already suspect the truth?

>Now this is just too much! Many people over the last several
>decades have spent many thousands of hours, mostly on their own
>time, trying to obtain data. What you are referring to as "half-
>hearted attempts" for some have been a lifelong passion and
>avocation. Many have sacrificed careers and marriages to the
>cause.

Tom,

I agree, there certainly are many enthusiasts.

>I reiterate the often echoed plea: To obtain data requires the
>means to set up a bona-fide research project; to set up such a
>project requires funds for equipment and dedicated staffing, and
>it also requires enough recognition from scientists in multiple
>disciplines so that a healthy, unprejudiced exchange of data can
>take place.

Can you list the efforts made over the past 50 years by Ufology
to obtain funding for such a serious effort?

As opposed to, say, efforts to obtain funding for one's books?

Everytime SETI is mentioned, many (but not all) UFOlogists
attack it. I suppose this may happen with any serious attempt to
obtain data. I wonder why there is far more effort to stop such
a search than there is to put UFology on a sound footing?

Makes me wonder.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Another Approach - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:36:06 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:10:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Young

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

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>I would suggest that the second greatest mystery in ufology is
>why the skeptics continue to ignore or dismiss the data that has
>been collected, including the tremendous body of credible
>eyewitness testimony?

Paul:

And I would add a corollary to it: Why after 55 years is there
no physical proof of the existance of saucers, but only
unsupported eyewitness testimony? What might this imply?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 00:52:14 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:13:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Gates

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:40:36 -500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
>>>with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
>>>spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
>>>they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
>>>which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle. (BTW
>>>the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was withheld,
>>>not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his widow, who
>>>died only a few months ago.)

>>>The document hoaxing was pretty damning, but parts of Kaufmann's
>>>story still had cross-corroboration from other independent
>>>witnesses. (And, as I noted, also the Ramey memo) That's why it
>>>remains hard to figure Kaufmann out. He was not a typical hoaxer.
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>same forgeries behind to destroy his story after he died. He
>could easily have thrown them in the trash or burned them, but
>he didn't. Instead, he seemed to have deliberately set up his
>own downfall.

I agree with David on this one. He apparently had time to go out to some location, but didn't have time to burn/destroy documents in his own possession.

>Was this a mere oversight from somebody who otherwise was so
>careful to plan out everything in advance? Or was it part of a
>master plan to discredit Roswell and researchers like Kevin
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>If Kaufmann was consistent in his M.O., then the latter theory
>makes more sense. He was as careful in exposing himself as a
>fraud as he was in setting himself up as pivotal, know-all
>figure in the Roswell case.

Did anyone actually ask the widow to view his tax returns and see what his actual sources of income was? If the suggestion is that he was some kind of person working for somebody else/ gov agency, it is very likely this would show up on his tax return.

>>>>It was Kevin Randle who was closest to Frank Kaufmann - he was
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>>My point - lost as it was - is that others here on the List have
>>railed against those who do not do field research. Their message
>>is that the facts and opinions of Field Researchers must be
>>considered gospel.

Skeptics are the only ones who preach a gospel. I would suggest there are very, very, very few instances where one skeptic critically examines the theories, notions, and ideas peddled by some other skeptic. Point seems to be that if any skeptical explanation is tossed out, none of the other skeptics challenge or debate it, while the UFO researchers are more honest and will challenge and debate what comes from within.

>Could you please point me to a statement by anybody (much less
>multiple "others") that what field researchers say is "gospel?"
>In case you haven't noticed, the field researchers on the List
>have been busy savaging one another rather than singing "the
>gospel" together in the choir.

My point exactly. The UFO researchers openly debate theories and ideas, while skeptics rarely do that. For example what skeptic ever challenged the Pelican theory?

>>But in this case, the Field Researcher has declared that an
>>important witness was a hoaxer/liar.

>And other "Field Researchers", equally familiar with Kaufmann,
>aren't so sure. Mind you, these aren't people who have bought
>into his story, but have had big questions about him for many
>years. (People like Carey, Schmitt, and Balthauser) It has been
>obvious for some time that Kaufmann was playing some sort of
>game, and, in fact, said as much himself. But was it a game
>strictly of his own making or did it extend beyond him?

According to Stan Friedman Kaufmann admitted to him in 99 or 2000 that the story he was telling was not correct.

>>Within days of this
>>revelation, attempts to salvage at least some of Frank
>>Kaufmann's story have already started.

>Gee, sort of like you and Tim Printy trying to salvage Charles
>Moore after Brad Sparks and I exposed his Mogul trajectory
>calculation as a hoax. The difference between Moore and
>Kaufmann, however, is that there isn't any ambiguity about

>Moore's hoax, which is provable mathematically.

My favorite bit of blather (don't recall who did) was the individual who essentially pronounced that because they figured out how Moore came up with the calculations, somehow they were correct. As I have pointed out elsewhere just because you can figure out how a person came up with the theory/idea/notion that $2 + 2 = 6$ doesn't mean the answer is 6.

>>>If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe >>>him?

>>Which parts of his story? Some parts of his story were obvious >>lies, other parts were not. (Why do you think Kevin Randle stuck >>by him for so long?) The questions in my mind are what were his >>sources of information and why did he lie?

>>The "sources" should be obvious.

>Really? What were his sources that "victims" were found "IN >the disc"? (Ramey message?) Or that a "CIC/team" was >responsible for the base press release of a recovered "flying >disk." (Ramey message) Or about the crate shipment to Fort >Worth on July 9?

>Maybe he was a lucky guesser, as Kevin Randle surmises. Or >maybe he kept close tabs on ongoing Roswell research and his >testimony was contaminated. Or maybe he really did have some >inside information. But where he got the various parts of his >story still is not obvious.

Perhaps I missed something but the core Kaufmann tale has been around for sometime before Kaufmann.

>>Why? How about Fame and Glory?

>Is "fame and glory" sufficient motivation to go out in the field >to yet another crash site when deathly ill with cancer? Again, >think about it. Would you?

That truly is a puzzle. Which crash site did he go out to?

>And wouldn't Kaufmann know that as soon as he died, his papers >would be gone through and the hoaxed documents exposed? You >would think to protect all his hard fought for "Fame and Glory" >he would at least destroy the clear-cut evidence of his hoaxing. > But he left it behind. Why?

One would assume that he would fully know that the documents he created would be found after his death.

>>When Frank died, he was, at least in his mind, an Important Person.

>Who would know that his "documents" would soon be exposed as >frauds, quickly destroying his "Important Personage." Thus >Kaufmann was both exceedingly clever at preparing documents in >advance to bolster his story, but also incredibly stupid in >leaving them behind to destroy his reputation after his death. >Or was it stupidity?

>>>Hey Bruce. I consider myself an authority on Charles Moore and >>>his model Flight #4 model trajectory. I'm telling you it's a >>>complete lie. There isn't even any ambiguity here. The math >>>proves it. Why won't you believe me?

>>Note that you had to modify your "proof" considerably once Tim >>proved your initial argument was even worse math.

>In case you missed it, Printy had his math arguments totally >demolished and then fled his Update's debate with me with his >tail planted firmly between his legs. (Naturally he tried to >spin his defeat even in full retreat, claiming that I had >actually demonstrated the basic validity of Moore's work--a >flagrant lie.)

The bottom line is that David has proven the math is bogus and it really doesn't matter how the $2 + 2 = 6$. In essence Moore's calculations apparently have made the Jewel encrusted helmet/Kaufmann file.

Cheers ,

Robert

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Re: Robert Todd & Roswell - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 01:10:52 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:15:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Robert Todd & Roswell - Gates

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:56:47 -500
>Subject: Robert Todd & Roswell

>I am sure that many Listerians are familiar with the
>investigative work and research published by Robert Todd. While
>that name may be reviled by some, his work on the Roswell Saga
>cannot be underestimated.

As I recall vile and profane are the key words.

>Robert's investigations included uncovering the Mogul solution,
>the release of Maj. Jessie Marcel's military records, and the
>revelation of the Schulgen Memo forgery.

Keep in mind that Mogul ended up not being a "solution." At the very, very best it ended up being 17 miles short. But after further investigation into the math Moore used to calculate, we find all the presumptions, assumptions and bogus math which led to the Moore's Mogul math calculations. As I recall somebody started blathering about how they discovered how Moore calculated the math...as if that made it correct. Kind of like saying "Ah, I understand the rational of how a person adds 2 plus 2 and they ended up with 6, even though the correct answer is 4.

The skeptibunkers are gullible believers if they keep buying into the Mogul theory.

As I recall (not sure of this) the forgery Schulgen memo floated up or leaked through Bill 'I am part of a government disinformation plot against UFO researchers' Moore.

The problem with the real Schulgen/Twining memo is the level of classification they were written at...Secret as I recall which tells anybody knowledgeable about the classification system that information of a higher classification could not, nor would not be included in the letter at a lower classification.

Cheers,

Robert

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Beyond Competition

From: Philip Mantle <philipmantle@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:22:52 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:17:22 -0500
Subject: Beyond Competition

Don't forget, there's still time to win copies of 'Awakening' by Mary Rodwell, and 'Without Consent' by Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle. The competition runs on the BEYOND web site (www.beyondpublications.com) until the end of December.

All the very best and a happy holiday to one and all.

Philip Mantle
www.alienportraits.co.uk

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:46:27 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:19:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 10:40:36 -500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 13:59:44 -500
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

Good Morning Dave, Bruce, List, All -

<snip>

>>It must be obvious to most that Frank was not an "ordinary
>>hoaxer". Ordinary Hoaxer's do not go through the trouble of
>>preparing elaborate forgeries to buttress their stories. Kevin
>>will have to elaborate on this, but it seems from reading the
>>CUFOS article that Frank planned out his revelations, and
>>prepared the documents, in advance. This way he did not fall
>>into the traps Gerald Anderson did, and having to scramble to
>>produce some sort of "proof" to back up yesterdays' lies.

>And yet this carefully prepared, meticulous hoaxer left the
>same forgeries behind to destroy his story after he died. He
>could easily have thrown them in the trash or burned them, but
>he didn't. Instead, he seemed to have deliberately set up his
>own downfall.

Because, like Gerald Anderson, he never expected us to find all
the documents. He expected them to be destroyed so that they
wouldn't expose him later. Anderson sent a forged copy of his
telephone bill to John Carpenter, never expecting Carpenter
would send it on to me, or that I would be able to get a copy of
the original bill from the telephone company to prove that he
had forged the copy he sent to Carpenter. Kaufmann never
expected us to see the forgeries he created, nor have the
original documents for comparison.

>Was this a mere oversight from somebody who otherwise was so
>careful to plan out everything in advance? Or was it part of a
>master plan to discredit Roswell and researchers like Kevin
>Randle who bought into Kaufmann's overall story?

It was simply mere oversight because he couldn't predict the
future.

<snip>

>And other "Field Researchers", equally familiar with Kaufmann,
>aren't so sure. Mind you, these aren't people who have bought
>into his story, but have had big questions about him for many
>years. (People like Carey, Schmitt, and Balthauser) It has been
>obvious for some time that Kaufmann was playing some sort of
>game, and, in fact, said as much himself. But was it a game
>strictly of his own making or did it extend beyond him?

Would this be the same Don Schmitt who told me that Kaufmann had been a colonel?

Yes, he was playing a game, but it was one of his own invention and had nothing to do with inside knowledge or overtones of control from on high. Kaufmann was making it up as he went along, making a few bucks doing so, and having a good time.

<snip>

>>>If Kevin says Frank's story was a lie, why don't you believe
>>>him?

>>Which parts of his story? Some parts of his story were obvious
>>lies, other parts were not. (Why do you think Kevin Randle stuck
>>by him for so long?) The questions in my mind are what were his
>>sources of information and why did he lie?

Well, clearly Kaufmann was telling some truth, but that truth came from watching Roswell documentaries, reading Roswell books and articles and not from any inside knowledge. I stuck by Kaufmann because there seemed to be subtle corroboration for his story that indicated to me that he knew some things... I now believe that those were just serendipitous coincidence rather than inside knowledge.

But let me ask this. How many lies does he get to tell and how many documents does he get to forge before we all realize that his stories were nothing more than that? Just stories.

<snip>

>>Why? How about Fame and Glory?

>Is "fame and glory" sufficient motivation to go out in the field
>to yet another crash site when deathly ill with cancer? Again,
>think about it. Would you?

Absolutely. Fame and glory, or a seeking of the spotlight is a very powerful incentive.

And I watched a very nasty fight between my stepfather and my mother when he was deathly ill with cancer because he thought he could drive himself into town even when there were any number of us who were standing right there to do it. It says something about the psychology of the situation and a desire to return to more normal times and little else.

>And wouldn't Kaufmann know that as soon as he died, his papers
>would be gone through and the hoaxed documents exposed? You
>would think to protect all his hard fought for "Fame and Glory"
>he would at least destroy the clear-cut evidence of his hoaxing.
>But he left it behind. Why?

Because he believed those going through the papers would never understand the significance of them to the rest of us. He believed those papers would not see the light of day.

And have you ever had the unpleasant task of sorting through the debris after the death of a close relative. It is always a mess and there is so much of it that such things, that might have no importance to the family, are simply overlooked.

>>When Frank died, he was, at least in his mind, an Important Person.

>Who would know that his "documents" would soon be exposed as
>frauds, quickly destroying his "Important Personage." Thus
>Kaufmann was both exceedingly clever at preparing documents in
>advance to bolster his story, but also incredibly stupid in
>leaving them behind to destroy his reputation after his death.
>Or was it stupidity?

Of course it wasn't stupidity. He just couldn't predict the future.

<snip>

>Moore is a hoaxer. Unlike Kaufmann, there is no ambiguity here,
>except to hypocritical, disengenuous, and/or clueless debunkers
>who refuse to take on one of their own.

There is no ambiguity here. Kaufmann clearly was not who he claimed to be. The documents prove it. He wasn't a colonel as Don Schmitt once claimed, nor was he a master sergeant as he claimed. He wasn't on the inside of the great cover up, the people he named were all found on other lists that had nothing to do with UFOs or Roswell, and the proof he claimed he had to substantiate his story were forgeries that he created himself.

KRandle

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Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Gonzalez

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Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:20:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case - Gonzalez

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 21:47:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Defining An Abduction Case

>How would something like Dan Wright's "Abduction Transcription
>Project" fit into this line of research or would it? This
>particular project had "The Master Transcript Index" which was
>an alphabetical, cross-referenced listing of approximately two
>thousand words and phrases uttered verbatim by the subjects on
>tape in describing their experiences. "The Root Factor Index"
>divides the aforementioned terms into 54 topics in order to
>group similar event characteristics - entity appearance,
>behaviors, procedures and communications; the ships outward
>appearance,

In one of my very first post to this List,

Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2000 10:28:03 +0200

I wrote,

>I prepared a long and detailed questionnaire inquiring about the
>Project, his conclusions and his two MUFON Proceedings' papers
>etc. and asked for a copy of those final products for our
>Spanish UFO research foundation (www.anomalialia.org) even offering
>to pay any reasonable price.

>"After further consideration, I have decided not to convey
>further information about the abduction-related project I
>managed."

<snip>

>I naively stressed that I did not want any debate, just the raw
>information to reach my own conclusions, but it seems that I am
>too skeptical for him.

>The point is that a painstaking work is being kept under wraps,
>and nobody (except MUFON members) can access it. MUFON has the
>right to benefit of its efforts, but the information should be
>freely shared (at least among serious researchers... as I
>considered myself :-))

So, if any of you is more lucky (or less skeptical to him) and
do get the mentioned material we would appreciate your sharing
it.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:24:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:24:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:53:09 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 22:15:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 12:28:52 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

<snip>

>>Incidentally, Randle isn't the only person to spend some time
>>with Kaufmann. It was Tom Carey and the evil Don Schmitt who
>>spent the most time with Kaufmann toward the end. After he died,
>>they finally got the proof that he had fabricated his documents,
>>which was shared with CUFOS, who then shared it with Randle.
>>(BTW the information about Kaufmann hoaxing documents was
>>withheld, not as part of a cover-up, but out of deference to his
>>widow, who died only a few months ago.)

<snip>

>Just to set the record straight, it was not CUFOS who introduced
>me to the fabricated documents. Yes, I know that there are some
>who believe that CUFOS is filled with unethical and deceitful
>people who delight in giving away secrets, but I have learned
>this is not the case. Just ask yourself where all those stories
>come from and then ask yourself why we should believe him?

Kevin,

Just to straighten the record even further, perhaps you should
tell us just who did introduce you to the documents. And then to
get it really straight, where did they get the documents?
Chances are, this will all eventually trace back to CUFOS one
way or another, regardless if you got the documents directly
from CUFOS or not.

In the end, it was both you and Mark Rodeghier, director of
CUFOS, who wrote the recent expose of Kaufmann, found at the
CUFOS website.

<http://www.cufos.org/FrankKaufmannExposed.pdf>

In the section by Rodeghier, he writes, "Recently I was able to
visit Roswell along with two colleagues and meet with Juanita
Kaufmann, Frank's widow. She allowed us access to her husband's
office and papers, for which we are very grateful."

What got left out of the story here, according to recent e-mail
I have had with Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, was that one of those
unnamed Rodeghier colleagues was Don Schmitt.

Schmitt and Carey had carefully nurtured a relationship with
Kaufmann and his family over a period of years and were the
one's granted access to his office and papers after his death.

When I was in Roswell in August of 2001, by chance I was there

simultaneously as Don Schmitt. Schmitt told me at that time that it didn't look good for Kaufmann's documents, that he had probably hoaxed all of them, and the typewriter that he had done it with was in his personal effects. I was also told this information was going to be withheld until after Juanita Kaufmann's death out of respect to her.

I treated this as privileged information and sat on it for over a year. I am not even going to question whether CUFOS and you should have been the ones to first blow the whistle. But both you and Rodeghier should have at least acknowledged Don Schmitt and Tom Carey's crucial role in digging out this information. Instead they got written completely out of the picture. Schmitt at best became an anonymous "colleague" in Rodeghier's article, and unless one knew better, played no role at all in Rodeghier's research or uncovering Kaufmann's document hoaxing.

David Rudiak

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SECRET LAUNDRY MANUALS REVEAL INFO POLICY DEFECTS

Unauthorized disclosures of purportedly restricted technical information about Navy laundry machines show that the Department of Defense indiscriminately applies access controls to unclassified information, improperly withholding such information from the public, and that no oversight mechanism is in place to correct the problem.

Under the Arms Export Control Act, the Export Administration Act, and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), the Defense Department is authorized to designate information as export-controlled "technical data" that is exempt from public disclosure. Anyone who discloses such data is subject to "severe criminal penalties" including fines and imprisonment.

But several documents containing restricted "technical data" have nevertheless been disclosed, and they cast a harsh light on the arbitrariness of Pentagon information policy.

Francois Boo, a researcher at GlobalSecurity.org, spotted an utterly mundane Service Manual for a laundry dryer machine, of all things, on the web site of the Navy Exchange Service Command. Published by the Naval Ships System Command, the cover sheet warns that it contains export-controlled "technical data" and should be destroyed "by any method that will prevent disclosure of contents or reconstruction of the document." See the full document here:

http://www.navy-nex.com/ship_stores_CD/PDF/Laundry/MAN434.PDF

Other manuals containing restricted technical data on "laundry and dry cleaning" and "washer extractors," likewise found by the eagle-eyed M. Boo and also bearing fearsome legal warnings against disclosure, are available here:

http://www.navy-nex.com/ship_stores_CD/PDF/Laundry/150.pdf

http://www.navy-nex.com/ship_stores_CD/PDF/Laundry/60.pdf

http://www.navy-nex.com/ship_stores_CD/PDF/Laundry/ch655.pdf

One might ask, what difference does it make if Navy washing machine service manuals are withheld from the public (albeit unsuccessfully), particularly if comparable or superior technical information is available elsewhere?

There are at least two answers.

One is that as a matter of principle no government information should be withheld from the public without a legitimate reason, such as national security, personal privacy, or (genuine) export control concerns. That is the nature of an open society.

The other answer is that if Pentagon officials are able to arbitrarily designate benign, unclassified information as restricted "technical data" even when it serves no purpose to do so, then they will not refrain from withholding additional information when it serves their political or institutional interests.

Yet there is apparently no effective system of checks and balances in place to curb excesses or correct violations. This is an especially important defect at a time when the Bush Administration is fleshing out the new information control category "sensitive but unclassified" (also termed "sensitive homeland security information").

"The rules regarding 'technical data' are particularly difficult to understand," according to a 1996 National Academy of Sciences report dealing with cryptography policy ("Cryptography's Role in Securing the Information Society," pp. 159-160).

"In practice, these and other similar issues regarding technical data do not generally pose problems because these laws are for the most part difficult to enforce and in fact are not generally enforced," the report continued.

(Thus, there is little likelihood that the U.S. Navy officials who illegally posted the restricted laundry manuals on the web will be prosecuted, much less sent to jail.)

"Nevertheless, the vagueness and broad nature of the regulations may well put people in jeopardy unknowingly," according to the NAS.

STATE DEPARTMENT HISTORY NEWS

The U.S. Department of State has just published the most recent volume of its official Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series.

The full text of "Foreign Relations, 1969-1976: Foreign Assistance, International Development, Trade Policies, 1969-1972" is posted here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/nixon/iv/>

U.S. and Russian officials met in Washington last week to discuss a joint historical project to document Soviet-American relations during the years 1969-1976, according to a December 13 press release. See:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2002/15936.htm>

MORE ON TOTAL INFORMATION AWARENESS

The status and direction of DARPA's controversial Total Information Awareness program are critically assessed in a new report from the Center for Public Integrity.

See "Outsourcing Big Brother: Office of Total Information Awareness Relies on Private Sector to Track Americans" by Adam Mayle and Alex Knott:

<http://www.public-i.org/dtaweb/report.asp?ReportID=484>

("If the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Total Information Awareness initiative reminded you of George Orwell's '1984'," wrote David C. Morrison on Congressional Quarterly's Homeland Security website yesterday, then "its new Odortype Protection Program [to identify individuals by their scent] might make you think more of 'Animal Farm'." Wish I'd written that.)

Efforts by the Electronic Privacy Information Center to compel

DARPA to disgorge information about TIA are described in "Privacy group sues Pentagon for documents on 'total information' project" by Shane Harris, Government Executive Daily Briefing, December 17:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1202/121702h1.htm>

SECRECY IN THE NEWS

White House moves to privatize the publication of government documents could disrupt regular public access to records, warn librarians and openness advocates.

See "E-Gov Law Sets Up Clash Over White House Outsourcing Plan," by Brian Krebs, Washingtonpost.com, December 17:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A1371-2002Dec17.html>

Confronted by onerous regulations intended to improve the security of hazardous biological agents, university laboratories around the country are instead destroying their inventories of these substances at an untold cost to scientific research.

See "After 9/11, Universities are Destroying Biological Agents," by Diana Jean Schemo, New York Times, December 17:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/17/health/17LAB.html>

"Watchdog groups continue attempts to penetrate the inner sanctum of the executive branch using the Freedom of Information Act and other open government laws," writes Vanessa Blum in Legal Times. "Now, more pressure will be put on these suits to wrangle information from a reluctant administration."

See "Secrecy Fights Loom Large in D.C.," December 18:

<http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1039054459282>

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Putin & UFOs

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Subject: Putin & UFOs

On Thursday of December 19, 2002 at 12.00 Moscow time in a direct Aether "The First Channel ", telechannel "Russia", radio stations "Beacon" and "Russian Radio" the Chief Of State V. V. Putin will answer problems of the citizens of Russia. Perm ufologists and public organization RUFORS, basing in Perm, have formed "package" ("packet") of problems, which one till now manage the party by military and government departments of Russian Federation.

Open Letter

Dear Mr. President!

In many countries for last years the heightened interest of a public to a problem of so-called "flying saucers" is watched, in light of the spent governmental programs there is a declassification and promulgation before the secret documents verifying the facts of availability on the Earth of unknowns of vehicles and technologies. Whether it is possible to light an official position of Russia on the given problem? Whether there is a similar activity in ours ????????? (declassification of the documents), whether the familiarization of a public with outcomes of military exploration programs of a type "Setka-AN", "Setka-MO", "Horizon" and other is planned(glided)?

Yours faithfully,

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Ufologists hope to receive by a straight line the answer of the President, which one will help in further researches both association of efforts of civil and state frames in problems of analysis of a problem of UFO.

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Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

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I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had seen.

See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

What:

An hour-long compilation of highlights from the two recent groundbreaking SCI-FI Channel-sponsored symposiums on the UFO phenomenon.

When:

Premiered Friday, December 13, at 3:00am E/P
Sunday, December 22, at 2:00am E/P
Friday, December 27, at 7:00am E/P
Saturday, December 28, at 5:00am E/P

Part One:

On November 8, 2002, SCI FI assembled eminent scientists and aviation experts for an historic meeting in Washington, D.C., at George Washington University. Highlights of this unique symposium, moderated by Ray Suarez, senior correspondent, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, include a discussion of the potential for interstellar travel and the evidence of unidentified aerial phenomena, sometimes referred to as UFOs. Participants included Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr. Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.

Part Two:

On November 19, 2002, at New York's Regency Hotel, SCI FI gathered the world's foremost UFO-abduction experts for the first time to present the facts and theories behind the fiction depicted in Steven Spielberg's recent mega-miniseries TAKEN. Moderated by veteran network journalist Morton Dean, this extraordinary symposium brought together Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs, three of the world's most highly regarded and experienced UFO-abduction investigators.

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Filer's Files # 51 -- 2002

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FILER'S FILES #51 -- 2002, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AS SIGHTINGS SUDDENLY
INCREASE

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. features this week are: a view of the world (cosmos) at Christmas, Pennsylvania egg like spheres, Maryland UFO five times bigger than the moon, Washington DC F-16s scrambled after intruders, Virginia UFO video investigation, North Carolina egg like unidentified flying objects, Georgia MUFON report, Florida stars dance across the sky, Ohio chevron, Colorado large flying triangle, Washington dogs go crazy over huge craft, California strange craft over bay, Mexico yacht has flyover, Venezuela UFO wave, United Kingdom sightings, Australia metallic sphere traveling at great speed.

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A VIEW OF THE WORLD (COSMOS) AT CHRISTMAS

UFOs continue to be sighted in unusually large numbers indicating the world is under scrutiny by watchers, guardians, tricksters, angels, extraterrestrials, or who ever they are. My research has indicated there are various groups of aliens with different intentions, their motivations may be very different and they often appear to be fighting one another. Most religions of the world agree in the concept of Sons of Light and Sons of Darkness, good angels and evil ones, good aliens and bad. It is my opinion the ancient writings give us an excellent understanding of our visitors. Their visits have often been interpreted in religious terms, but the data is essentially truthful and often the best we have.

Perhaps it would be useful at this time of year to step back and look at our world through alien eyes. It is quite possible that our wars and crime are considered a serious threat to other life forms. A case can be made that they sent messengers to help establish a peaceful humanity by providing a moral code to live by that has its basis in the Ten Commandments, that we should love one another. The foundations of western culture are both Judaism and Christianity while Islam is prominent in many other parts of the world. Islam believes in essentially the same Ten Commandments and all the great prophets of Judaism and Christianity. Islam honor's Christ, as second only to the Prophet Mohammed himself.

During the last decade the world has changed a great deal as the West triumphed in the Cold War and Communist countries changed their governments and scientific atheism was essentially defeated by Christian cultures. Most Communist countries are now allowing freedom of religion. China and Cuba remain Communist,

but are changing as well. The very foundations of the Roman Catholic Church are being cleansed with the removal of many priests and bishops. A war is likely to occur in Iraq and the threat from nuclear biological or chemical terrorism grows. The US and Russia are building a space station and our satellites are being sent out to Mars and other planets. A joint Russo - Ukrainian space agency will launch a series of spacecraft for the Moon's exploration and landings next year. China is ready to launch men into space. Heavy fighting continues in Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine and various other hot spots. Pakistan and India have set off nuclear weapons. Terrorists are blowing up buildings and killing people around the world. Many cities around the world even without the threat of terror are dangerous to live in due to the high crime, drugs and shootings.

Anyone watching Earth, could easily come to the conclusion Earth is a very dangerous place and humans should not be allowed to venture into the Cosmos. To some extent we are involved in a religious war. Certain elements claiming to be strong Islamic Fundamentalists have chosen to declare a Holy War against Christian countries using terrorism. They point to western aggression and the Crusades as evidence of western aggression with more recent attacks on Iraq and Palestine.

According to the Bible which is the foundation of Western Culture angelic messengers were sent to provide humans with a morale code that would allow us to live peacefully in the Cosmos. The Ten Commandments and other religious teachings all provide laws that if followed would allow humankind to join the other intelligent civilizations in the universe. The Bible provides some amazing concepts of a world view. The God of the Bible is the God of the Cosmos located in the Andromeda Galaxy, Creator, and supreme ruler of the heavens and the Earth. The Bible, Torah and Koran informs us messengers or angels have been sent on a regular basis to provide us with teachings. No where in the Bible is life, limited to this Earth, in fact it speaks of cities, armies, animals, houses, horses, and the like in heaven. It strongly implies there is extraterrestrial life in the Cosmos. Hebrews 1 states, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

If intelligent life was found today on Mars, people could simply dust off their Bible and point out many passages, that clearly point to extraterrestrial visits such as the wheel like spaceship that landed near Ezekiel. In some cases we may have to go back to the original Greek meaning of words because throughout the Bible the Greek word Kosmos has been changed to world during translation. Kosmos means the Cosmos or universe just like it does today and is used 169 times in the Bible. It is obvious that the watchers are aware of the threat we present to the Cosmos.

We celebrate Christmas because, "For God so loved the world (Cosmos) that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16) Jesus last words were "Go into all the world (Cosmos) and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:15&19) The Great Commission of Christianity is not only to spread the gospel throughout the world, but to spread the gospel throughout the Cosmos. Does our Christian President have a plan to fulfill prophecy of the Bible? My hope is that there can be peace on Earth. Then this Biblical mission can be carried out. The final promise of the Bible is: "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

WEATHER UPDATE: The sun is currently experiencing a M-Class Flares with increased sunspot activity likely, that will probably result in "extreme weather" on Earth.

BUSH ORDERS MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM DEPLOYED

An unarmed Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California during an unsuccessful test of the Missile Defense Program on December 11, 2002. President Bush has ordered the U.S. military to begin deploying a national missile defense system with 10 interceptor

rockets at a base in Alaska by 2004, that will likely stop a relatively small number of incoming ballistic missiles. As a candidate, Bush promised to build an anti-missile shield, and earlier this year he pulled out of an anti-ballistic missile treaty to advance the plan. Tuesday, he cited the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America as evidence that the country faces 'unprecedented threats' and needs the anti-missile shield. 'Today, the United States cannot stop a single ballistic missile headed for an American city,' said Hunter, R-Calif., who chairs Armed Services subcommittee on military research and development.

PENNSYLVANIA EGG LIKE SPHERES

SHARPSVILLE -- On December 8, 2002, I was driving on the Charleston Road at 7:45 PM, with my friend when I saw two definite aircraft hovering in the West. It appeared a beam of light emanated from one of the objects. They disappeared after the beam ceased.

PITTSBURGH -- The witness and a friend were doing some training for cross country track by running a few miles on this abandoned strip-mine near our houses at 4:00 PM. We were running along on November 19, 2002, when I looked up, and saw an almost elliptical object that came within fifty feet of us. It was right above us and barely made any sound. Then all of the sudden it made this rumbling sound. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MARYLAND UFO FIVE TIMES BIGGER THAN THE MOON.

BALTIMORE -- A 50 year old steelworker reports that on November 19, 2002, around 5:20 AM, he witnessed something that he could not explain. He says, "I was observing the meteor shower, as I was looking up I noticed a large object moving across the night sky from north to south and the object was five times the size of the moon. It had a line of 8 to 10 lights across it, and also had four lights in a circle on the right side. I lost sight of the object as it went overhead. Peter Davenport spoke at length with this witness, and we found him to be quite credible. PD))

WASHINGTON DC F-16S SCRAMBLED TWICE

CNN announced, "Two Air Force F-16 fighters were scrambled Monday, December 16, 2002, at 10:30 AM, after radar detected a potential violation of the 15-mile restricted flight zone around the nation's capital, said officials with the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Officials speculated either a flock of birds or an anomaly caused by high winds resulted in the radar reading, which indicated a possible flight violation 18 miles northwest of Reagan National Airport. F-16s maintained a combat air patrol over Washington for at least an hour, and air traffic was halted briefly.

WBAY ABC Channel 2 News in Wisconsin reports that later that night, Two more fighter jets were scrambled on December 17, 2002, to intercept a small plane over the nation's capital. The plane had flown into restricted airspace over Washington, but officials determined it posed no threat and called off the intercept. The plane later landed in Martinsville, West Virginia. Since the nine-eleven attacks, fighters have responded to more than 600 airspace security incidents. Thanks to Kenny Young.

Editor's Note: Bill Bean and others are regularly videotaping unknown flying craft over the area that is likely being picked up by radars. Any radar operator knows the difference between a balloon and a UFO intruder.

VIRGINIA PARANORMAL AND UFO INVESTIGATION

LEESBURG -- Alexander Zikas MUFON VA investigator and who has a masters degree in engineering evaluated the reports of UFOs and high paranormal activity and has determined the probably cause is misidentification of the airport traffic, stars, and street lamps. The witness lives on a high hill overlooking the entire area and has double paned windows which can explain the reflective moving lights. As he conducted interviews with the witness she pointed out aircraft strobe lights as possible UFO activity. There had been reflections of moving lights in the windows that again were probably aircraft landing at the nearby Dulles Airport. Videos taken by the witness appear to be unusual

lighting patterns on some landing aircraft. The remarkable speed of the objects was likely caused by the zoom-out effect of the camcorder rather than jerking of the camera. The witness claimed the lights were jumping and could not be aircraft lights. The investigator felt the jumping lights were caused by eye fatigue. Her camera batteries mysteriously became drained by the jumping lights. This may have been caused the radar/radio signals from Dulles airport tower that can be seen from the home.

The investigator was able to photograph orbs at the eyewitness' street corner named after the Ball Bluff Battlefield, which is allegedly active for "ghosts". The witness appears to have a heightened awareness of the paranormal and may be witnessing what a lot people are seeing lately, called "Shadow people". The house is situated on a hill that may have been an old settlement for a frontier settler or Indian camp. The family has a history of psychic ability and has recorded very high electrometric biofield readings that are much higher than normal. The daughter had exceptionally high readings and may be picking up various spirits or may be the cause of paranormal activity. Thanks to author of Greek Future, Alexander Zikas
<http://www.GreekFuture.com>

NORTH CAROLINA EGG LIKE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

LINCOLNTON -- While watching the Leonid meteor showers , looking straight up there was an area where most of the meteors seemed to be coming from on November 19, 2002. I noticed a satellite moving into this area at 5:40 AM, then there appeared two football shaped objects each with 5 or 6 orange lights traveling north-northwest faster than the satellite, but slower than the meteors. They lasted about 25 seconds. Then the one on the left moved directly behind the other and began moving extremely fast and erratic side to side, forward, and backwards that aircraft could not do. I'm 48 years old and have never seen anything like this.

GRIFTON -- Jana Clancey of the The Daily Reflector writes, "Creatures from outer space may have been checking on the affairs of Pitt County residents Friday night. Several people from Farmville to the southern tip of Pitt County reported an odd light racing across the night sky. J.K. Butler, a former Grifton volunteer firefighter, was sitting in the old Red and White parking lot about 11 p.m. Friday. He was there with three fire department friends when the sky around them lighted up, coloring everything from the ground to the trees to themselves a strange shade of green and blue. The light passed over them, he said. And when they looked up, it was so blinding they couldn't identify the object. "We all just looked at each other like, 'What in the world was that?'"

Butler said. "I've never seen anything that color, and it had some good size to it, too, and it was up in the air pretty good", he said. His first thought: the light had come from a UFO. "Maybe it was government-related. If it was, we'll never know," he said. Over the fire-rescue scanners mounted in the volunteers' trucks, calls came in from Ayden and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office. Butler heard patrol cars being dispatched to check for something that had fallen from the sky in the area of Jolly and Abbott Farm roads. Sgt. Marty Burroughs sent three of his deputies to survey for damage, or possibly, a spacecraft between the Ayden Police Department and the two rural roads. They didn't find a thing. Deputies found the houses to be safe and left the area. Snip:

<http://www.reflector.com/news/newsfd/auto/feed/news/2002/12/11/1039585789.03162.6737.6599.html>

GEORGIA MUFON REPORT

LAGRANGE -- MUFONGA has a source of information from a really sharp, intelligent, and observant female resident whose father is a 33 year veteran airline pilot, and her husband a veteran Marine. This witness indicated that shortly after 6 AM on Monday, December 2, 2002, she went onto her porch to feed her cats. She noticed a stationary blinking light above/through the pine trees across her street, where no blinking light should have been. She observed more closely and found it to be similar to a beacon light and she timed the flashes to about every eight seconds. She added that it appeared to be like a light on top of one of the satellite antennas, but no such array exists in that area. She later described it to her husband who told her of his

experience during the same time frame. He arrives at his work location about 6:00 AM, which is about ten miles from home. About 6:25 AM, that morning, he and a couple of his associates were outside and observed some sort of triangular appearing craft silently "zip" across the sky. It was just beginning to get light outside, with only tree outlines visible. The flying triangle had one light in the center and may have been about the size of baseball at arm's length. Thanks to Tom Sheets, State Director MUFONGA

FLORIDA MOVING STARS DANCE ACROSS THE SKY

LAKE PANASOFFKEE -- My background first: I am a 20 year AF vet, pilot, and aircraft owner 67 years of age. I have never seen a UFO, although I have been looking for one for a long time. Early this morning, I was out in an open field watching the Leonid meteor showers and about 05:45 AM. I noticed a bright, very high object traveling across the sky. When I noticed the first object it traveled in a straight line ENE across the sky about 80 degrees above the horizon. Since the sun was about to come up I could see the arc of light that the sun made in the eastern sky. It seemed to travel faster than satellites I have seen before. As it reached the upper edge of the arc the sun made it disappear from view. About 5 minutes later another bright object appeared and traveled in the same direction, same speed, and the same altitude as the first. It disappeared from my view in the same area of the sky. All this time I was seeing the meteors as they entered the atmosphere and burned up. The third object appeared in about the same area as the first two about 5 minutes later but traveled more in an easterly direction. I know there is a lot of space junk in orbit so I can't discount that. But I don't think that many satellites would have traveled across the sky that close together in time. It took the objects about 20 seconds to travel the distance that I was able to observe them.

BRADENTON -- My daughter and I had gotten up to watch the Leonid Meteor Shower this morning (November 18, 2002) for her science project and were facing northeast when she saw a star move across the sky. She asked me to look and to my surprise, I also saw what appeared to be a star moving across the sky. It was not a shooting star because it was moving in a horizontal direction. A second star moved towards the first and we noticed several of these star looking objects moving all around. They appeared to stay in pairs. We saw them come to abrupt stops in mid-flight, make right angle turns, doing 360 circles. They made a full circle in their area and would make a 90 degree turn or shoot straight across the sky. They appeared to be "dancing" across the sky in pairs except for the lone "star". My daughter and I woke my husband up and he too came out and saw the phenomena. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

OHIO CHEVRON GOSSAMER V-SHAPED OBJECT

LAKEWOOD -- Around 11:30 PM, on November 27, 2002, an amateur astronomer for the past twenty years was looking and caught sight of the planet Jupiter, rather bright and imposing. It was a rather chilly evening so I decided to leave my telescope indoors and just do some 'eyeball astronomy'. After a couple minutes I suddenly noticed an object midway up in the east moving south. Its appearance was that of broadly V-shaped gossamer contrail, three full moon diameters wide, without any lights or form of illumination. The object continued to move south steadily. I lost sight of it after twenty seconds!

COLORADO 'V' SHAPED, LARGE FLYING TRIANGLE

DENVER -- It was a 'v' shaped object with a main set of lights on the front at 1100 PM, on December 13, 2002. I couldn't count them. Possibly about ten. Behind these lights there were several dimmer ones possibly defining more of the object. It looked like there may have been smaller lights around it. It was fairly large and it was moving east to west just above the tree line. I estimate that it was moving at 200mph. It was about 200 yards up and 1/8th of a mile south of me. It didn't make any noise and it completely disappeared. Thanks to NUFORC

WASHINGTON DOGS GO CRAZY OVER HUGE UFO

BELLINGHAM -- On December 8, 2002, the dogs went crazy at about 8:45 PM, with the amazing light display on a cold, but clear night. The witness was standing outside watching my husband

chopping fire wood, when all the dogs of Sudden Valley started howling. I heard a strange loud eerie hum that went low to high then back to low. I asked my husband what was that and we heard it one more time. My husband yelled, "That's what made the noise!" There was a flash of lights circling a ship that was standing motionless a 1000 feet above us. Then it began to move and the lights on this object flashed different colors. A red light that made the shape of circle seem to come from the top of the ship cascading down to the base of the ship showing the true size. It was Huge! Then once the red circle reached the base of the center of the bottom of the ship four lines on each side of the circle in the center of the ship went from the center to the outer part of the ship four on each side. The lines of light went from the center to the outside then lights completed a circle of the outside of the ship.. It was an amazing display of a light show that kept repeating the pattern of lights. It was flying south then in seconds it was going west like the shape of an L directly down our street. I ran down the road too keep it in sight. I saw the side view and it was the shape of a huge top hat with a circular base that was at least 200 feet in diameter. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CALIFORNIA STRANGE CRAFT OVER BAY AREA

HAYWARD -- It was about 4 PM, when the witness saw what looked like a planet or star, but it didn't shine like one. On November 19, 2002, he ran into the house and grabbed his binoculars (12x50) and saw an object about the size of a dime at arm's length. It was "egg shaped" like Billy D said, that had a strange black "scaffolding" structure behind it. The object was pale yellow and was seen for ten minutes. A flash of light appeared below it. An orb like object streaked to the left at an incredible speed, and at arm's length it appeared to be the size of a dime. I was surprised and moved trying to show Billy D as the object streaked away and headed out over the bay. A minute later an object flew over head leaving a huge loom of chemtrail almost in the same spot the UFO was hovering! Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MEXICO YACHT HAS HIGH SPEED FLYOVER

PACIFIC OCEAN -- A couple was on board their yacht, about 60 miles west of Acapulco on November 23, 2002, when they saw a soundless flashing object cross the sky in five seconds, moving ENE to WSW at 9:09 PM. The object was intermittently flashing a bright white light. My wife thinks it was very high up; if so, its speed must have been enormous. The object may have had more than one light flashing.

VENEZUELA CRAFT SIGHTED BY MANY WITNESSES

CARACAS -- On November 22, 2002, I received a phone call from Zuly Suju reporting a sighting at about 7.40 PM, in nearby Santa M=F3nica. The object was spherical and about 40 meters in diameter and its lights were rotating in slow motion, but very intense. The object was hovering and with improving the vision, she noticed that it moved very slowly to the east/west zone. The next day, when having breakfast at the Encuentro Iberoamericano de Redluz. Miranda told me that an object was also sighted there at about the same time, about 85 km from the former location. Then a couple Romayra y Reinaldo Le=F3n, just arriving from Caracas said that they live at the west side of the city and they noticed the object at about 7.35 PM. Thanks to Martha Rosenthal <http://www.ceinpla.com>

POLICE TRACK UNITED KINGDOM SIGHTINGS

SWADLINCOTE DERBYSHIRE -- Whilst driving along a country road from to Swadlincote, I was aware of a very intense flashing above my car. I pulled over and both myself and my girlfriend looked up in amazement as three objects flashed at a slow rate and moved faster than I had ever seen. at first we thought that they could be fireworks but they started making a whirring noise not dissimilar to an electricity substation.

CONGERSTONE -- On December 12, 2002, the sky was bright over the fields we could see the northern lights at 10:56 PM. To our right hovering stationary for 5 to 10 minutes just above trees, we saw a shining a bright light. It was very difficult to see any shape, because the light was so bright. Then it rose slowly and gracefully into the air a few meters away and came overhead,

very low and very quietly, gliding above us and disappeared out of view. We ran outside to watch as it went over with its colored blue, red yellow and white lights that were fairly dim now. We think it was a Diamond shape and a second craft followed its path, but this had a more familiar shape.

POLICE FORCES ON UFO ALERT -- European police appear to have a new interest in UFO reports with a possible connection to combating terrorism. Reports of UFOs are rising during the holidays that is normally a slow period.

AUSTRALIA METALLIC SPHERE TRAVELING AT GREAT SPEED

HALLS GAP (NEAR MELBOURNE) -- The witness was sitting on the back balcony of the Hall's Gap Tavern after a day seeing the sites. He had just taken a picture of a commercial jet traveling west towards Perth simply because he liked the look of the vapor trail at 2:56 PM on November 16, 2002. He spotted what he thought was a white feather or possibly a thistle down floating in the air 20 degrees above the horizon. The quite odd thing about this object was that it wasn't floating about aimlessly like a wind born object, it was going dead straight from west to east across the sky. It was difficult to focus on because it was a fair distance away. I stared at it for a few seconds before realizing that I'd better take a picture. I moved out onto the lawn I took one photograph despite the size and distance. As I stared at it longer it diminished in size and eventually stopped eastward movement. I realized that it was a light metallic colored sphere heading directly upward from my position. Its movement was possibly an arc from the point I first observed the object to the point that it disappeared from view directly above me. It made no noise. Left no trail. It appeared to be round in shape with no wings. No man made object I've ever seen can move like this thing did. It took 20 seconds to traverse to a 90 degree position directly above me at an estimated speed of 6,000.

Collie in Australia writes, "I took some OPC-3 last year to recover from a serious illness; two other people here were bedridden for 6 months, then recovered quickly on taking OPC-3. Medically it checks out well on the public database with studies done by the Pasteur Institute. Will try to cure another sick person with it next week! Thanks to Collie.

Editors Note: Many people have written to me about their sightings and success with OPC-3. My local MD recommended this product to me and uses it to help many health problems, and now my whole family is now taking it. The results are so impressive that I'm now making it available to my readers. It is made from a combination of grape seed, pine bark and red wine extracts in addition to bilberry and citrus extracts. These OPC's are super effective free radical neutralizers. They are not limited to being strong antioxidants, they are also crucial in their role in supporting the circulatory system and strengthening the capillaries. OPC-3 is a natural food supplement that should be taken for a lifetime.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

George A. Filer

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Rimmer

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>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1

>Hi Jan,

>Sorry the longer thoughts and the longer sentences appear to
>have defeated you so easily. Keep on piling up the documents and
>the statistics. The ledger clerks and the archive animals need
>them badly. They are as good an excuse for non-thinking as any,
>and make the whole amusing house of cards a little higher.

>I'll give your site a visit on those rare occasions whenever I
>want a date, a time, a place, or a fact. I'm surprised at you, I
>am. Even the Brentford Polonius has revealed a sense of humour
>of late, and says my work is erotic. It obviously has not worked
>in your case. Don't worry, there are plenty of alternative
>commercial treatments in the press if you look carefully in the
>back pages. They will even cure your sourpuss manic-depressive
>lack of all humour, for which Listers will be most grateful. If
>this is what facts do to folk such as you, I'd rather watch old
>street-cleaning training films in a darkened room on a bad day
>in Brentford.

>Loosen up, for the sake of both our endangered nations, please!

>Keep smiling (if you ever smile at all), keep on writing the
>telephone numbers, and long may your web animal graze!

>Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

As Mr Bennett has been so kind as to explain to the readers of UFO UpDates all about my background and ancestry, in his masterful essay "Rimmer Exposed", and thus reveal the reasons I became the dreadful sceptic and pelicanist you see before you, I hope you will grant me the indulgence of explaining some of the historical factors which have made Mr Bennett the verbose sesquipedalianist we have come to know and love.

Mr Bennett is the product of a peculiarly British (and more particularly English) social background, and American readers will need to have a little digression into the details of the English class system in order to fully understand it.

Amongst the middle and upper classes in England there has been a distinction since before the nineteenth century between those who are "in trade" and those who are in "the professions". This harks back to the historical division between families whose wealth was hereditary and based on land, and the rising class of merchants, manufacturers and entrepreneurs which arose in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

It has always been the case that those who had inherited their wealth have looked down on those who earned it, and to dismiss such people as being "in trade", which was (and indeed sometimes still is) considered an insult. It is worth pointing out that in this context "in trade" applies equally to the owner of a small corner shop or the owner of multinational corporation. The only

professions suitable for sons of the landed classes were the Army, the Law, the civil service and colonial government, and, for the less intellectually endowed, the Church.

According to some historians, such as Corelli Barnett, it was this aristocratic disdain for wealth-creation which has led to the gradual decline of Britain as an industrial power over two centuries.

By the mid-twentieth century a new situation arose which further discomfited the 'landed' classes. This was the expansion of further education to a much wider spectrum of the population, most particularly to the working class and the lower middle classes, people who were by and large the servants of the 'landed' classes. The Grammar School system, introduced after World War II, gave many working class children (and here I declare an interest as I went to a Grammar School) the first opportunity to get an education of the same standard (and in many cases better) than the offspring of the upper classes, who could afford to send their children to private schools (which, of course are known in Britain as 'Public Schools' - but then we drive on the wrong side of the road as well, don't we!)

This caused a lot of resentment and a great deal of petty snobbery, and it is this which we see expressed so vividly in the outpourings of Mr Colin Bennett. In his world anything scientific, mechanical, progressive, indeed anything practical, comes from a lower social strata than the elevated one occupied by the products of the English private school system. You can see this in his disdain - expressed with such relish - for the perfectly innocent town of Brentford.

Brentford is a suburb of London, largely occupied by what I think Americans refer to as "blue-collar" workers, people who are employed in the industrial and commercial enterprises of West London and around Heathrow Airport. It is a town of modest streets and modest people, lying along the bank of the River Thames.

His, I suspect totally phoney, disdain for facts and figures is also a product of the enervating private school education system, which traditionally regarded Latin grammar as a more fitting subject for study than science. His unpleasant little jibe against Jan Aldrich (above) is an unfortunately all-too-typical example of his class's snobbery. Notice how 'ledger clerk' is used as a term of abuse - it is of course 'ledger clerks' (or computer operators as they now tend to be called) which make much of Mr Bennett's cosy little world possible - by, for instance, arranging for the meagre royalties on his books to be paid to his bank account.

I am afraid that you are all being subjected, unnecessarily, to the embittered outpourings of a man who sees that his world has ended, but is still trying desperately to hold on to the remnants of a class-system that are disintegrated beneath him. Unfortunately the only way he can do this is by sneering and snobbish remarks aimed at the "tradesmen", "shop-girls", and "ledger clerks" that he can still - just - manage to convince himself comprise the lower orders.

There is another possibility which explains Mr Bennett's world view. It may be that he is not a scion of the landed classes. Perhaps he too hails from the respectable working class. Maybe his father was a lock-keeper on the Grand Union Canal at Brentford, and maybe he too is a product of the emancipating post-war Grammar Schools.

But far from seeing this as an achievement, he burns with a smouldering resentment of his humble origins. Perhaps the Grammar School he went to was one which rather too enthusiastically copied the manners and forms of the 'Public' Schools. Our Mr Bennett might have entered this ethos with enthusiasm, modifying his West London vowels and glottal stops to the more strangled elocutions of Kensington and Chelsea. As a favourite of the English teacher, he would seek to impress with essays filled with flowery rhetoric and meaningless formulations. The school amateur dramatic society might also have given opportunities for display and preening. This would impress the teachers, but he would find himself the butt of cruel ridicule in the schoolyard afterwards.

Now free of these childhood torments he can lucubrate at length

to the readers of UpDates, attempting to impress the many English majors who read it as much as he impressed his favourite teacher all those years ago. But maybe not, for I would much rather imagine him as the last shrivelled branch of a once noble family tree - as I am sure would he.

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John Rimmer, the Mage of Mortlake
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[EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial

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

From: William Forster
Date: 18 December 2002 21:12:04
To: Mark Doulton
Subject: Fw: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial Craft (with interview)

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

From: eric stewart
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Subject: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial Craft (with interview)

Twenty-two years ago on December 26, 1980, U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant James Penniston was stationed in the 81st Security Police Squadron at the large joint British and U. S. Air Force base known as RAF (Royal Air Force) Bentwaters and its smaller, secondary base at Woodbridge, about three miles away, where some aircraft were kept. Not long after midnight on December 26, Sgt. Penniston was asked to investigate odd lights seen moving in the Rendlesham forest between Bentwaters and Woodbridge. Joining him was USAF Airman First Class John Burroughs and several other security and military personnel. (read more)

As the security men approached the odd lights about 300 meters off the main access road in the trees, the men could see blue, yellow, red and white colors were pulsing.

Provided below is a complete interview with that witness:

Jim Penniston, Former USAF Staff Sergeant, 81st Security Police Squadron, Joint USAF and RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge, England Air Force Base: "As we got closer, a silhouette of an object was present and I realized at that point, it was not a conventional aircraft, meaning it was not one that was published in Jane's Defence book about aircraft. It was like no aircraft that I had ever seen.

WHAT WAS THE SHAPE?

Triangular.

WHEN YOU SAY TRIANGULAR, WAS IT ABSOLUTELY STRAIGHT ON THREE SIDES? OR WAS IT SWOOPY LIKE A CORVETTE? OR?

No, no, it was triangular, straight on each side.

[Sketch of triangular craft by USAF Staff Sergeant, Jim Penniston, from his December 26, 1980 investigation notes made after midnight while examining the glowing craft of unknown origin in the Rendlesham forest near the joint RAF and USAF Bentwaters AFB in Woodbridge, England.]

IN TERMS OF WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS MADE OUT OF?

Well, I couldn't tell at that point, but obviously I set the other airmen up to complete the radio relay because we were having awful bad static on the radios. I could barely talk to the first patrolman that I had set by the logging road. I could barely hear him. I could not hear our control center at all.

Anyway, as I got closer to it, it was -- I tell you what -- I do have my notes from that night in my notebook. And it's probably best to just read it out of there.

I had my notebook and my camera while I was out there because cameras were carried because of terrorism to take pictures of base encroachments. And it says what I wrote that night: 'Triangular in shape. The top portion is producing mainly white light which encompasses most of the upper section of the craft. A small amount of white light is appearing from what appears to be the bottom of the craft. At the left side is a bluish light. And on the other side is red. The lights seem to be molded as part of the exterior of the structure.'

THE LIGHTS SEEM TO BE MOLDED AS ...

Part of the exterior of the structure." You got to remember, that's the way I wrote it that night. It might not make sense in the sentence structure. The light seemed to be molded as if part of the exterior of the structure, smooth, slowly fading into the rest of the outside of the structure, gradually molding into the fabric of the craft."

Then at that time, I started taking photos. I think there were 36 in a roll. They were all B & W, that's what we carried.

WHERE DID THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS GO?

Base photo lab.

AND THE BASE PHOTO LAB PHOTOS WOULD BE IN WHOSE HANDS TODAY?

U. S. Air Force.

AND THEY WERE NOT RELEASED IN THIS RENDLESHAM FILE.

No.

SO, IT'S NOT A COMPLETE FILE RELEASE?

Oh, no. What the British knew of this incident I would say is probably 10% of what happened. The other 90% is through U. S. channels. It would be primarily -- the way to report it -- would be through USAF channels to 3rd Air Force to MAJCOM Major Air Command, which would have been at Ramstein AFB. Then Ramstein has procedures reporting to JCS in the United States.

AND THAT'S THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PENTAGON.)

Correct. And that's the reporting procedures for anything. It could be for aircraft crashes or just if we have a security situation. That would be the reporting path it would take.

SO, YOU TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS -- AT LEAST 36 IN BLACK AND WHITE -- OF THIS TRIANGLE IN WHICH LIGHT SEEMS TO BE PART OF ITS STRUCTURE. THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE IN A FILE SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WHAT ELSE HAPPENED BEYOND PHOTOGRAPHING?

Well, on the night in question with me -- I did a full investigation of the downed craft. I mean I did a 360 degree walk around it. It was on the ground approximately 45 minutes.

DID YOU TOUCH IT?

Yes, as part of the investigation. The size of it was approximately 3 meters wide by 3 meters tall -- that's approximately 9 feet.

AND WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THE SURFACE THAT YOU TOUCHED?

Well, I think the fabric or the shell was -- I guess the best description would be a very smooth opaque, like black glass.

Even though at a distance, it appeared metallic. It made no sense, once I was up there (close to it) that it was more like black glass. I'm not sure -- I was pretty confused at that point.

WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS A FEW YEARS AGO, YOU REMEMBERED, I THINK, SEEING SOME KIND OF SYMBOLS?

Yes, that is probably the most interesting part of it. I did draw them into my notebook. That was part of the 360 (degree examination) we were doing on the investigation because it was not a downed aircraft at that point, but we knew we had something out of the ordinary. You don't mind if I look at my notes, do you? 'On this smooth exterior shell, there is writing of some kind. I'm not sure what it is. Size 3-inch lettering. May be symbols that stretch for a length of 2 feet. Maybe a little more.'

The feeling after I touched these symbols, I would describe them as like etched or engraved, like a diamond cut on glass. That was the feeling of these. I guess etching would be the best way to describe it.

SO THE SYMBOLS WERE CUT INTO THE SURFACE, NOT RAISED FROM THE SURFACE?

Right, it was not paint or anything like that. One was triangular. That was in the center. That had three circles around it, or rather, circular objects (two small solid black circles and triangle all inside a circumscribing circle).

Symbols engraved into the dark, glassy surface of the triangular craft, re-drawn from his original December 26, 1980 USAF notes at the Rendlesham forest site by Jim Penniston.

WHEN YOU TOUCHED THESE SYMBOLS WITH YOUR HAND, DID YOU GET ANY IMAGES IN YOUR MIND?

No. But I did have a sensation. The fabric of the craft was warmer than the air temperature. The air temperature that night was around 31 or 32 Fahrenheit. The craft was quite a bit warmer.

AND YOU COULD FEEL THAT WITH YOUR HANDS?

Oh, yes.

WHEN YOU TOUCHED THE SURFACE, WAS THERE ANY REACTION FROM THE CRAFT ITSELF IN ANY WAY?

Well, I had no problem going around the craft and doing the 360-degree looking at it. But after I did touch the actual symbols and that on the exterior of the craft, that's when it started to -- I backed away. I backed away from it because the light was starting to get brighter. There still was absolutely no sound. That is probably the most incredible part of this. There was absolutely no sound from this craft.

WHICH COLOR LIGHT GOT BRIGHTER, WHITE, RED, OR?

White. You know, there is no doubt that the craft was mechanical, or ship or whatever you want to call it. But there is also no doubt in my mind that it was under intelligent control because the craft lifted off the ground.

At that point, I thought it was on fixed legs, the craft. But when it lifted off the ground, there was no legs on it, so I don't know how it was sitting on the ground. It lifted up a few feet, sort of went through the woods maybe 25 or 30 meters, hovered momentarily, then lifted up to about 250 feet above the top of the trees and then it was literally in the blink of an eye, gone at that point.

YOU ARE ALL STANDING THERE AND DO WHAT NEXT?

Well, I turned to my partner there and said, 'How are you going to explain this?' And that was pretty much -- we were trying to absorb what we had just seen. It was most unusual.

WHO WAS WITH YOU?

The patrolman who was with me was John Burroughs. He has worked

the law enforcement side. In fact, he had worked directly for Bud Stefans, but he was one of the guys who went out there with me.

SO, IS HE THE ONLY ONE WITH YOU?

Well, immediately next to me at 10 feet, yes. We, of course, we had another one back about 100 meters and there were others back at a logging road. Of course, there were several people at the East Gate. And all of this was observed from Bentwaters, too.

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENT ON THE EARLY MORNING OF DECEMBER 26 AS YOUR AND JOHN BURROUGHS' ENCOUNTER WITH THE CRAFT.

And the only reason I know that for sure is because it was Boxing Day. Christmas was over, it was the day after Christmas.

YOU AND JOHN BURROUGHS FILED A REPORT ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED THEN?

Yeah, we kept a very sanitized -- we reported it to our Security Shift Commander, I think it was Captain Mike Verrano at the time. And we were assured by then the senior officer at Bentwaters that this information would not go outside the United States channels.

DID YOU UNDERSTAND AT THE TIME WHY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM IF PEOPLE WOULD JUST HAVE SAID WHAT HAPPENED PUBLICLY?

I did ask specifically that of Col. Halt. And his response was pretty much, 'Well, don't worry about it. We're treating it as TOP SECRET information right now.'

So, when he said that to me, that tells me that it's not going to leave U. S. channels.

DID YOU SAY TO COL. HALT, 'I SAW IT. IT WAS TRIANGULAR. IT SEEMED TO BE MADE...?'

Oh, he was fully briefed.

DID HE SAY TO YOU AND YOU SAY TO HIM, 'WE'RE DEALING WITH AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL CRAFT HERE?'

No. No. We are dealing with a craft of unknown origin. We had a lot of questions and no answers. Why, how can a craft take off with no sound? How can it have this type of appearance? How can it emit heat without fire or anything like that? We had a lot of questions.

BUT YOU DIDN'T DISCUSS ENTITIES?

No, never."

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"Entities" Described in MOD Rendlesham File

Yet, "entities" are described in the November 29, 2002 release of the Rendlesham file by the British Ministry of Defence as shown in the following memo in which the date, address and writer are blacked out:

English Ministry of Defence Memo that references "several entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of December 29/30 1980." Jim Penniston knew there was at least one other incident in which U. S. Air Force Lt. Colonel Charles Halt was involved. It's also possible that several incidents happened over a series of nights. Further, intelligence agents often deliberately scramble dates to confound investigators.

September 10, 1994 - Jim Penniston Tried Hypnosis To Remember More

DS8 referenced in the last paragraph of the MOD Memo is a reference Jim Penniston overheard at the U. S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Bentwaters, when he was asked to report for further debriefing about the December 26 incident.

At the AFOSI office, agents asked Sgt. Penniston to sign a release so he could be given Sodium Pentothal, combined with hypnosis, that would be recorded by two tape recorders. Penniston said he agreed "to get them off my back. They seemed a lot happier after I signed the release."

Penniston remembered that the agents at Bentwaters had him "lay down on a walnut table" and that a "British guy" got the needle ready. Under hypnosis, he described receiving information from the lights of the triangular craft about "time travelers" from some distant future coming back to get genetic material from earth to use as "band-aids" in a future where reproduction of the time traveling species is failing. For excerpts from Jim Penniston's 1994 hypnosis session to recall more details from his interaction with the triangular craft at Bentwaters AFB, England on December 26, 1980.

MOD Rendlesham File

Several times in the recent November 29, 2002 Ministry of Defence Rendlesham File release, documents say that the Bentwaters incident did not have any impact on defense concerns.

That position was challenged by one May 14, 1985 letter from an unnamed writer to attorney David Alton in Westminster, London: "I cannot accept Lord Trefargne's view that there is no defence interest in this case. Unless Lt. Col. Halt was out of his mind, there is clear evidence in his report that British air space and territory were intruded upon by an unidentified vehicle on two occasions in late December 1980, and no authority was able to prevent this. If, on the other hand, Halt's report cannot be believed, there is equally clear evidence of a serious misjudgment of events by U. S. Air Force personnel at an important base in British territory. Either way, the case can hardly be without defence significance." I asked Jim Penniston why he thought the Ministry of Defence took the position that the Bentwaters incident had no impact on British defence security.

Jim Penniston: "Well, their air space got violated. They weren't fully aware of what was going on. How can a craft invade air space that dramatically in that country without having a full alert to all the RAF bases? I don't think they actually know. I think there might have been one RAF base maybe recorded air traffic or something and of course Bentwaters did. But, I think it is an embarrassment for them that they actually had an aircraft, or craft of some sort, land unannounced, without them being fully aware of it. I think that is a significant defence issue for Britain.

Here we are sitting in the year 2002 and 22 years later, and we cannot replicate the technology that was there in Rendlesham that night. Those are the questions we all have, the witnesses, is how can this be?

AND BETWEEN THE END OF DECEMBER 1980 AND DECEMBER OF 2002, AS WE ARE SPEAKING TODAY ON DECEMBER 8, YOU HAVE NEVER HAD ANYBODY SAY TO YOU OFF THE RECORD, 'JIM, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AT BENTWATERS?'

No, I haven't. No one has ever done that. I have just as many unanswered questions that you do. We would love to have an absolute answer about what we investigated. That would make it a lot easier for all of us.

AND YOU DO NOT HAVE...?

I do not have the answers. All I have is questions and more questions.

AND MEMORIES?

Yes. That's the other part, too.

MEANING?

Well, you wonder how much -- with the cover-up -- I was involved with it, too. When you start classifying stuff and you start saying, 'We're not going to speak about this. We're following orders.' Hey, cover-ups happen. I was involved with it, too, unknowingly, but I was part of it. And I think that's probably

the worst part of it right now."

<http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D741>

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>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Young

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>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

<snip>

>Wendy:

>An audience which was packed to the rafters with saucer
>believers. A cheap shot like Martecord's question, itself a
>piece of ignorance, got a laugh from the choir. That old Doc
>Menzel may have been nonplussed by this stunt isn't exactly the
>biggest news of the year.

To believe that a convention of the American Society of
Newspaper Editors equates to "An audience... packed to the
rafters with saucer believers," boggles the rational mind. All
except yours of course, which kind of just sits there in a jar
and sputters.

Old Doc Menzel wasn't "nonplussed" by any stretch of the
imagination. He learned that there were people in the world that
can see some scientists, no matter what their perceived stature,
are just as prone to being con artists as the President of
Enron, Worldcom, etc. and that Menzel ranked right up there with
scientists who once said that man would never fly.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Clear Thought,

Wendy Connors

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Ledger

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>>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
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>>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:02:25 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

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>>Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his
>>debunking statements were part of the coverup in which he was
>>participating.

>I think that you are seriously underrating the role of belief,
>and strongly held opinions, in the UFO equation.

>Have you considered the possibility that old Doc Menzel, who was
>after all, Director of Harvard College Observatory, and on
>occasion seemed to like to throw his weight around, may actually
>have believed that there were no real saucers?

>By denying this skeptic even the honest possession of his own
>beliefs, and insisting that The Truth is that he must be part of
>The Conspiracy reveals just as much about your beliefs as it
>does about his.

I don't think he believed there were no real saucers. But I also
don't think he had a choice considering his intelligence
connections. BTW - wasn't that audience mostly press. Were they
all believers in dishware?

CAVU

Don Ledger

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:36:06 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

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>>I would suggest that the second greatest mystery in ufology is
>>why the skeptics continue to ignore or dismiss the data that has
>>been collected, including the tremendous body of credible
>>eyewitness testimony?

>>And I would add a corollary to it: Why after 55 years is there
>>no physical proof of the existance of saucers, but only
>>unsupported eyewitness testimony? What might this imply?

If I could butt in here Bob. Do you believe "black holes" exist?
If so, show me the physical evidence.

Now, compare with the trace evidence discovered over the years.
Tell Ted Phillips, there's no trace evidence.

CAVU

Don

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Spielberg's Take On Taken

From: Steve Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
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Subject: Spielberg's Take On Taken

When I read the UPI story below, I was sickened. It was a great disappointment.

If in 1994, Steven Spielberg had been interviewed by a reporter and stated,

"I don't personally believe there was a holocaust. No one was gassed. The book, 'Schindler's List,' is a nice mythology, a good saga. I think the reason 'Schindler's List' clicked with the public was it wasn't 3 1/2 hours of special effects. It was 3 1/2 hours of human dynamics and trauma. It really was a trauma drama."

I would have been no less offended.

For six years I have worked in the swamp known as Washington, DC. It is a town filled with liars. Lying is an art form. It is pandemic. It is sickening.

There have been times when I despaired there are not 10 people left in this country willing to stand for the truth at the risk of a nickel or a vote.

If the government of a nation and the citizens of that nation steadfastly refuse to stand for the truth and repeatedly accept lies, misinformation, disinformation and secrecy as substitutes, do they not deserve whatever calamities befall them and their nation?

Rich or poor, vulnerable or powerful - who will stand for the truth in this country? Who will speak truth to power? Or does it no longer matter any more?

When the victims of Agent Orange approached the government that sent them to Viet Nam, they were met with lies and misinformation. When the victims of Gulf War illnesses approached the government who sent them to the Gulf, they were met with lies and misinformation. And abductees? They don't even dare approach their government. A few have. It was pointless.

It took years, but in time the Nam and Gulf War vets finally broke through the lies and deception and got some help, though many died before help came. Abductees (government or alien generated - no difference) are in a far more difficult position. Almost no one will stand up to the state on their behalf. Not even billionaires.

You cannot build a just nation on lies and secrecy. WHY IS THIS SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

Steve Bassett

SPIELBERG 'TAKEN' BY MINI RESPONSE

Steven Spielberg is thrilled with the response his new mini-series, 'Taken', has gotten from TV viewers.

The 10-day, 20-hour series chronicled the lives of three generations of families whose lives were altered by alien encounters.

"I guess a lot of people have been abducted," the series' executive producer joked with United Press International. "I think more Americans have been abducted now that I see the ratings. The ratings are the best the Sci Fi Channel has ever had."

So, does the man behind 'E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial' and 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' really believe in aliens?

"I don't personally believe anyone has ever been abducted by aliens," Spielberg explained. "This is a nice mythology, a good saga. I think the reason 'Taken' clicked with the public was it wasn't 20 hours of special effects. It was 20 hours of family dynamics and trauma. It really was a trauma drama and that is all to the credit of one man, Leslie Bohem, who wrote every single hour of that show.

"When I was trolling the waters looking for the right person (to write the series) because I had the concept, but I needed someone to write all the episodes, it was Les who said, 'I don't want to do spaceships and aliens every single episode. I really want to show the effects it has on the people who have been taken and the effect on his loved ones.'"

That said, Spielberg admitted he does believe in intergalactic life, but quickly qualified the statement by adding: "I believe that we are not alone in the universe, that somewhere out there there are a billion possible places for intelligent life to evolve. I don't really know if I believe that we have ever been visited in our century. Maybe if you go to... books and look at the mythology of who built the pyramids... who really built the pyramids, who knows? But I don't know if I really believe that either."

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Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 20:00:03 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:32:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:47:23 -0500
>Subject: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed
>the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had
>seen.

>See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

>What:

>An hour-long compilation of highlights from the two recent
>groundbreaking SCI-FI Channel-sponsored symposiums on the UFO
>phenomenon.

>Participants included

<snip>

>Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr.
>Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.

<snip>

>Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs

Steve:

Maybe the SCI-FI Channel was just embarrassed by this howler, and
decided to just "slip it under the door".

With this crowd, even Jerry Clark and Dick Hall couldn't (but
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Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Bill Moore?

From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:58:37 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:33:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Bill Moore?

Whatever happened to Bill Moore, does anyone know? Is he still active in Ufology or is he keeping silent?

Laurel

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Re: Another Approach - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 00:54:11 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:36:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Kimball

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:36:06 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

<snip>

>>I would suggest that the second greatest mystery in ufology is
>>why the skeptics continue to ignore or dismiss the data that has
>>been collected, including the tremendous body of credible
>>eyewitness testimony?

>Paul:

>And I would add a corollary to it: Why after 55 years is there
>no physical proof of the existence of saucers, but only
>unsupported eyewitness testimony? What might this imply?

Hmmm... I suppose you would say that it implies there are no such things as UFOs (in the extra-terrestrial sense of the term). I would suggest that it means the issue is still an ongoing one, and that, while physical proof would be ideal, the testimony of eyewitnesses is nonetheless compelling, and worthy of something more than a dismissive "it means nothing" from debunkers.

By the way, the use of the word "unsupported" is a clever bit of sophistry. In debating, however, we were always taught to challenge such blanket assertions? Accordingly, I have to ask - just what would "supported" eyewitness testimony entail, at least to you?

Before answering, remember that your standard should be one that a reasonable person would accept; so there's no confusion, let's say 'reasonable' in the civil trial sense, which is to say 'on the balance of probabilities', or more likely than not, as a burden of proof. Again, remember - we are talking about the possibility that there these UFO sightings may be real, and the possibility that they may be extra-terrestrial in origin. If I was talking about the certainty that they exist, I would suggest a stricter burden of proof. But we're just talking about the possibility, which is what the eyewitness testimony implies to me.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 09:02:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:39:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 22:28:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1

Hello List Savants,

For once I agree with every single thing the Brenford Polonius has to say, including his complaints about my West London accent. After 35 years in this melting pot, such sad declines do occur. By coincidence, my mother herself (waving her stick from a wheelchair) recently scolded me about this sad deterioration in my address. In order to preserve family peace, I am now paying a lot of money to a professional coach who will restore my original accent to its former posh Oxford glory.

This is all great fun, but it is all a complete waste of time, and a lot of this very English provincial neck-biting must be very boring, irrelevant, and somewhat meaningless to North American audiences.

My New Year's resolution is to stop this Alice in Wonderland English nonsense on my part and I hope Mr Rimmer decides to do likewise, if only because the Americans will think we are both as mad as hatters, if they have not already thought that for a long time.

As regards Mr Jan Aldrich, he fired the first shot by launching a totally unjustified and savage attack on my Combat Diary Number 1. I have looked through this Diary, and can find nothing of offence other than myself exercising my creative imagination about his magnificent web site, which was intended to be complimentary. The word imagination is of course most suspect in the Maoist dialectical "fact-talk" of common Ufology (I think you will agree John, that's rather a nice Orwellian coining, and will probably cause multiple screams from the document-heads of the leading Commissars). Lost causes (Mr Aldrich's his own phrase, not mine) on scale of Project 1947 bring him to genius level, though in his present mood he will hate me for saying so.

But back to my point. If Jan Aldrich thinks being referred to as a Cervantes is insulting, then I can tell him that any writer who was named as such would run ten times around the moon and back screaming with joy.

If Mr Aldrich wants to offer me an apology for his petulance, he will, by return, get an apology for mine own. Meantime a very Happy Christmas to both of you!

Colin

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Re: Bill Moore? - Ballester Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 12:38:53 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:52:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Bill Moore? - Ballester Olmos

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:58:37 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Bill Moore?

>Whatever happened to Bill Moore, does anyone know? Is he
>still active in Ufology or is he keeping silent?

I advise you to read 'Shockingly Close to the Truth', by James Moseley and Karl Pflock (Prometheus Books).

V-J

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 08:06:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 07:28:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Friedman

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:01:26 EST
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:02:25 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

><snip>

>>Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his
>>debunking statements were part of the coverup in which he was
>>participating.

>I think that you are seriously underrating the role of belief,
>and strongly held opinions, in the UFO equation.

>Have you considered the possibility that old Doc Menzel, who was
>after all, Director of Harvard College Observatory, and on
>occasion seemed to like to throw his weight around, may actually
>have believed that there were no real saucers?

>By denying this skeptic even the honest possession of his own
>beliefs, and insisting that The Truth is that he must be part of
>The Conspiracy reveals just as much about your beliefs as it
>does about his.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

>"We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves." - Goethe

Bob, you might try reading the chapter on Menzel in my book TOP
SECRET/MAJIC or my article The Secret Life of of Donald H.
Menzel, in IUR, Jan/Feb 1988 pp20-24. You are right, skeptics
deceive themselves all the time.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 07:46:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 07:50:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 20:00:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

<snip>

>Steve:

>Maybe the SCI-FI Channel was just embarrassed by this howler, and
>decided to just "slip it under the door".

>With this crowd, even Jerry Clark and Dick Hall couldn't (but
>will) call this "balanced".

Sorry Bob, I think your out-voted on this one. You weren't there at the Symposium in Washington and I guess I wouldn't comment on what you percieve to have been said. Richard wrote a good article on this event for the MUFON Journal, but I'm not sure that's high on your reading list. Perhaps the Washington Post story would be more to your liking, but that might be construed as research, so nevermind.....

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 08:02:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:16:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Kaeser

>From: Steve Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:56:38 EST
>Subject: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>When I read the UPI story below, I was sickened. It was a great
>disappointment.

<snip>

I'm not surprised by his stance at all, given the fact that he's in the business of myth and entertainment. It would have shocked me if he had made some sort of statement that would suck him into the UFO/Abduction genre and come to haunt him down the road.

As far as government secrecy is concerned, I'd keep in mind Pogo's great truth,

"We have seen the enemy. . .and he is us . . ."
Pogo . . .Okeefenokee Swamp, 1958. (Walt Kelly)

A web search of Pogo's phrase returns several variations, and I'm unsure if it's be modified by authors through the years or if he actually used it in several ways at different times.

But it does us little good to complain about our elected government if we continue to put them back into office. As noted by a past Speaker of the House, "All politics is local".

Steven Kaeser

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 09:17:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:17:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:45:46 +0000
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>>Unbelievable.

>>The purpose of my original post was not to elicit a discourse on
>>whether the Earth was flat or round. It is neither. It's
>>spheroidal-like with a bulge at the equator. Nor does it make a
>>difference whether Martecord's question was phrased correctly.

>>The question asked by Martecord was rhetorical. What he was
>>saying after listening to Dr. McDonald, was that Dr. Menzel was
>>short sighted, lacked imagination and was full of proverbial
>>B.S.; that everyone in the audience knew Menzel was outclassed
>>by McDonald's rational and logical approach. In effect,
>>Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and that Menzel
>>had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in the minds of the
>>audience.

>Beautifully expressed, and with great restraint. And by the way,
>I was [literally] there and confirm that McDonald made mincemeat
>out of both Quintanilla and Menzel. Any serious scholar (as
>opposed to some of the highly opinionated, factually deprived
>debunkers who are so fond of quoting skeptibunker Scripture
>rather than listening to rational debate) would benefit by
>studying McDonald's writings on these subjects. - Dick

Right on , Dick. I personally refer to Jim's 1968 Congressional
testimony, 71 pages long with information on 41 cases, as the
best single paper about UFO sightings ever done.

For those who think there is only tabloid nonsense about this
subject, it provides a solid data base. Copies are still
available from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958 for \$10.
including S and H. I don't think it is available anywhere else.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 06:35:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:20:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Connors

>From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 09:02:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1

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>and a lot of this very English provincial neck-biting must be
>very boring, irrelevant, and somewhat meaningless to North
>American audiences.

<snip>

No, Colin, it isn't meaningless at all. It's one of the reasons we kicked your British butts out of the Colonies and formed States. <G>

Thank you for the kind words regarding Mike Hall and my book on Ruppelt. John Rimmer gave it a nice review in Magonia, but his main criticism was that it didn't contain anything about British ufology...go figure, huh?

I am still wading through your book on Charles Fort and will write the promised review soon.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 10:08:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:25:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:36:06 EST
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

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>Paul:

>And I would add a corollary to it: Why after 55 years is there
>no physical proof of the existence of saucers, but only
>unsupported eyewitness testimony? What might this imply?

Your question is based on the tacit assumption that there is no
"physical proof" of flying saucers. Will you please define
"physical proof" so that we can decide whether or not there is
some?

Also, you refer to "unsupported eyewitness testimony".
What do you mean by "unsupported"... or, what sort of
"support" would you like to see?

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bruce@inclusivesolutions.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 11:17:35 -500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:28:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

David, List and Readers;

<snip>

>...Trakowski's replacement as Mogul Project Officer was Col.
>Edward Doty, who we know today from multiple documents, was
>really an AFOSI officer (i.e., Air Force counterintelligence)
>and also in charge of UFO investigations at Holloman AFB,
>Alamogordo.

In checking through the information I have at hand, I cannot find a single document that supports your rather sweeping claim of "multiple documents" supporting your accusation that Col Edward Doty was connected officially to the AFOSI.

Major (later Colonel) Edward Doty was assigned to what essentially was a field unit of the Air Force Cambridge Research Station/Center/Laboratory, as it was variously called over the years. Doty did indeed investigate UFO sightings around the Holloman AFB, NM, area, where Doty was assigned. But he didn't carry out those investigations because he was an AFOSI type, but rather because he was a scientific type.

I suspect that because Doty's name appears on the Project Twinkle Final Report, you feel that this just has to connect Doty to CI. You know, ...of course, that Project Twinkle was carried out separately from Project Blue Book. In fact, Project Twinkle was carried out under the Air Force's geophysical research program, a large part of which was handled by the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory (AFCRL), which later was renamed the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory and which today is known as Phillips Laboratory.

In Air Force historical reports, Major Edward Doty is credited with having created the Balloon Branch at Holloman AFB (formerly Alamogordo Army Air Field) almost singlehandedly. Major Doty also worked on Project Mogul (or Mogul-like) experiments at Holloman AFB at least as late as 1951. He carried out a lot of the scientific field work at Holloman for the AFCRL.

Major Edward Doty undoubtedly worked with AFOSI personnel during the Project Twinkle investigations, but Doty himself was not a member of AFOSI, and I doubt that you can produce an authentic, official, Air Force record showing that he was ever assigned to AFOSI. You can- and did- make some unwarranted assumptions, but that hardly justifies such sweeping statements of "fact" based on absurdly weak evidence.

And as a side note, your site erroneously claims Edward Doty was the father of Richard Doty. (Richard has also claimed -falsely- that Edward was his uncle!) You need to correct that.

Regards,

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 12:18:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:30:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Sandow

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 08:06:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:01:26 EST
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>>Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his debunking
>>>statements were part of the coverup in which he was participating.

>>I think that you are seriously underrating the role of belief, and
>>strongly held opinions, in the UFO equation.

May I propose something radical? With all respect for Stan and Bob - two very smart people - maybe we should stop these believer/skeptic duels. I've fought my share of them, but they increasingly seem pointless. The same things get said over and over again, and nobody budges an inch.

Maybe we could find some areas in which debate could be productive. Or else concentrate on Kevin's project, which he started with his Mantell piece. (And Kevin, let me say how honored I am that you suggested I take part in the peer review. I haven't had time, but wish I did.)

We need to move forward, instead of standing in the same place, waving our arms.

Greg Sandow

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Dr. Ellen Crystall Passes

From: Scott C. Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
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Subject: Dr. Ellen Crystall Passes

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She is greatly missed.

--Scott C. Carr

Chief Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette
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www.erols.com/sardonica/

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 19:05:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:35:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Rimmer

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Russian Book 'Psychotronic Golgotha'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:37:49 -0500
Subject: Russian Book 'Psychotronic Golgotha'

Hi folks -

This is about the Russian book "Psychotronic Golgotha" written by N.I. Anisimov, 1999, and translated excerpts of which are on either my site or Cheryl Welsh's:

<http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/~welsh/golgotha.htm>

or

<http://www.raven1.net/golgotha.htm>

For YEARS, both current-day psycho-electronic and MKULTRA victims have experienced targetting which matches the technology level reported by UFO abductees, and paranormal event experiencers. This has been a hard sell to people who have just recently been brought in to this waking nightmare we call "current day mind control", as many do not get the full range of MC effects.

Well, the Russian mind control scene, described in the book being translated by Cheryl's paid translator, makes reference to "anti-gravity weapons". The excerpt is here below. In some ways Russia has been more open on UFOs and paranormal events, so possibly they are, in this book, being more open about mind control technology.

Here's the excerpt:

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The fourth types are based on anti-gravitational technology. The principle of gravitational types of non-lethal weapons consists in that any object can be artificially deprived of the earth's natural attraction and become an obedient toy in the hands of an operator sitting at the control panel of the gravitational weapons. Military technologies created on anti-gravitational technology possess the highest maneuverability of any of the most modern and exotic weapons. The first and second types of non-lethal weapons -at the end -are not classified, but the third and fourth -from previously -are officially considered Secret.
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Holiday blessings,

Eleanor

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- The Reorganization Of The Vesco Archives Completed
- CISU National Congress In Florence
- More Books & DVDs

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE VESCO ARCHIVES COMPLETED

After three months of work, in which several people participated over what totaled some hundreds of man-hours, the work of selecting and reorganizing the material contained in the "Renato Vesco Archive" has come to a conclusion, at the Turin headquarters of the CISU.

The well known Genoan aeronautical engineer, writer and ufologist, deceased in 2000, had in fact willed his archives and library directly to the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU). It took two trucks to retrieve and transport them, and everything was loaded into a warehouse upon being inventoried in short order.

It was only with the transfer of the CISU to its new, more wide headquarters, inaugurated this past June, that it became possible to proceed (following a new relocation) with a detailed audit of the contents of over 400 boxes. From these, there effectively emerged a small treasure trove of documents of both a ufological and an aeronautical nature: these areas in which Vesco had been intensely involved dating back to the 1940s.

The archiving and copying of the materials for various files, projects and catalogues is now underway.

[Communication by Paolo Fiorino e Giuseppe Stilo]

CISU NATIONAL CONGRESS IN FLORENCE

The countdown continues to the XVII National Ufology Congress organized as every year by the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) for the purpose of taking stock of our "craft."

In fact, the theme of the conference will be "CISU 2002: Projects, Investigations and Ongoing Activities." Among the topics anticipated: the presentation of the book "Ultimatum alla Terra" ("Ultimatum to Earth"), devoted to the 1952 Wave; the recent accomplishments of "Progetto Italia 3" and "UsoCat"; the Italian mission of this past summer in Hessdalen, Norway; "Project Sassalbo"; the socio-ufological catalogues relative to UFOs in music and advertising; the computerized databases of the Italian case histories; and local activities of investigation and public education.

The congress, which will take place in Florence on Saturday, 23 November, will not be open to the public. However, ufologist and UFO buffs (even those who are not members of the CISU) will be able to participate in the goings-on, upon confirmation requested through the Center's administrative offices.

MORE BOOKS & DVDS

For collectors, a third video DVD covering our argument is out, entitled "UFO: dossier inedito" ("UFOs: Unpublished Dossier"). It is produced by Tuttivideo, distributed by Finson, and on sale for 9.99 Euro.

On the para-ufological front, books continue to arrive in stores that have to do with the conspiracy theme and which contain ample sections on UFOs and aliens. Such is the case with "Il complotto Stargate" ("The Stargate Conspiracy"), penned by Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince: it is published by Sperling & Kupfer (348 pages, 19.50 Euro). There's also the essay by Alfredo Lissoni, entitled "Nuovo ordine mondiale - Il governo occulto planetario" ("The New World Order - The Planetary Occult Government"). It's published by Edizioni Segno, totals 237 pages, and sells for 15 Euro.

[Reports by Giovanni Ascione, Paolo Fiorino and Roberto Labanti].

Collaborators on this edition were: Giovanni Ascione, Paolo Fiorino, Roberto Labanti and Giuseppe Stilo.

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Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 15:49:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:16:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 19:05:29 +0000
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>Agreed, but I shall be watching carefully for any backsliding

I for one look forward to a bit of backsliding. Colin Bennett is the most original, entertaining figure to appear on the scene in a long time, a real breath of fresh air, not to mention good humor. John Rimmer gets mad whenever I say anything nice to or about him, so I'll just wish him a happy holiday season. I look forward to a New Year full of his - and Colin's - distinctive posts.

Cheers of the season to all,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 21:53:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:29:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Hall

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:37:54 EST
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>>In effect, Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and
>>that Menzel had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in
>>the minds of the audience.

>Wendy:

>An audience which was packed to the rafters with saucer
>believers. A cheap shot like Martecord's question, itself a
>piece of ignorance, got a laugh from the choir. That old Doc
>Menzel may have been nonplussed by this stunt isn't exactly the
>biggest news of the year.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

That Bob Young would make such an... ill-informed off-the-wall statement isn't exactly a surprise to me; it appears to be one of his specialties as a Know-Nothing zealot. I was at the referenced meeting. The audience primarily consisted of newspaper editors from around the country (American Society of Newspaper Editors) who could only be characterized as "saucer believers" by a loyal skeptibunker and faithist believer in Saint Donnie. Newspaper editors were a very hard sell on UFOs. I know because at that point, I had already spent 8 years trying to sell them on it.

- Dick

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:40:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 18:56:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Maccabee

>From: Steve Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:56:38 EST
>Subject: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>When I read the UPI story below, I was sickened. It was a great
>disappointment.

Spielberg stated that he didn't believe anyone had been abducted and furthermore doubted that there have been True UFO sightings of Alien Flying Craft (AFC), although he didn't use those terms, of course. Surprising?

Twenty years ago after ET was in the theatres and Steve was earning (I was told) a mere \$3M per DAY from the film, we at the Fund for UFO Research decided to approach him through a mutual acquaintance to ask if he would be willing to toss a little \$\$\$ in our direction for research... a few tens of K would be nice... "chump change" for him. Response: "I can't get involved in anything controversial."

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Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 22:40:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 18:58:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 20:00:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:47:23 -0500
>>Subject: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed
>>the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had
>>seen.

>>See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

>>What:

>>An hour-long compilation of highlights from the two recent
>>groundbreaking SCI-FI Channel-sponsored symposiums on the UFO
>>phenomenon.

>>Participants included

>>Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr.
>>Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.

>>Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs

>Steve:

>Maybe the SCI-FI Channel was just embarrassed by this howler, and
>decided to just "slip it under the door".

>With this crowd, even Jerry Clark and Dick Hall couldn't (but
>will) call this "balanced".

Bob,

Nothing like putting words in my mouth to your heart's content,
no matter how false and misleading they are. There was a time
when I thought (and hoped) that you might be a rational skeptic.
That time has long since passed.

It was your sainted Donald Menzel that wrote to Bill Nash
(witness to the July 1952 sighting of what Bob would have us
believe was a formation of glowing red, disc-shaped meteors that
flew underneath an airliner and abruptly reversed direction)
that what he had seen was fireflies trapped between the panes of
glass in the windshield of the aircraft! What was it, Bob, low-
level formation meteors with the ability to reverse direction,
or fireflies in the windshield? What is your gag threshold of
absurdity?

- Dick

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Re: Another Approach - Hall

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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 19:00:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Approach - Hall

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 10:08:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:36:06 EST
>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 15:05:56 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Another Approach

>>>I would suggest that the second greatest mystery in ufology is
>>>why the skeptics continue to ignore or dismiss the data that has
>>>been collected, including the tremendous body of credible
>>>eyewitness testimony?

>>And I would add a corollary to it: Why after 55 years is there
>>no physical proof of the existance of saucers, but only
>>unsupported eyewitness testimony? What might this imply?

>Your question is based on the tacit assumption that there is no
>"physical proof" of flying saucers. Will you please define
>"physical proof" so that we can decide whether or not there is
>some?

>Also, you refer to "unsupported eyewitness testimony".
>What do you mean by "unsupported"... or, what sort of
>"support" would you like to see?

Bruce,

This is very appropriate "bluff-calling", but I doubt that it will be an antidote to his future bluffing. You have to understand that (from his perspective) it all is nonsense, and therefore there can be no evidence or physical proof of the "existence" [sic] of "saucers" [also undefined]. Zealotry and logic/scientific method do not go together. "Supported," in his view, apparently means proof of crashed saucers and alien bodies. You and I have to accept that we are gullible "believers," while Bob is the soul of rationality. Ha, ha, ha!

And ho-ho-ho!

- Dick

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>through email listservs which are cancer specific.

>She is greatly missed.

>--Scott C. Carr

>Chief Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette

With all due respect, "Dr." Ellen Crystal? - Dick

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Contents:

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- UFO-Inspired Art & Music On Exhibit

UFOS & MYSTERIES IN A "FOCUS" MAGAZINE CD-ROM

On newsstands now, accompanied by quite a share of advertising, is the new CD-ROM by "Focus Magazine" [a wide-circulation popular science monthly], devoted this time around to "Science & Great Mysteries" and subtitled "From Stonehenge to UFOs" (selling for 9.90 Euro).

Texts, images, films and graphic animations span the range from mysterious animals to spiritism, from prophecies to archeological mysteries, and from crop circles to Atlantis, with a large section on UFOs, which the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) helped to revise a part of the texts of.

[Report by Paolo Toselli]

UFO-INSPIRED ART & MUSIC ON EXHIBIT

Friday evening the 13th marks the inauguration of the UFO-inspired artistic exhibit "Catch Sight Of...: Sightings - Signs & Signals Of Another Provenance". It was conceived by Valerio Vigliaturo and is hosted through Monday, 16 December, in the locale of the "=C9space" on Via Mantova 38, in Turin.

Among the participants, there will be 25 painters, sculptors, photographers and other artists exhibiting their work at the venue, which will be accessible with free admission between the hours of 10 am and Noon and 5 pm and 8 pm, from Saturday through Monday.

Within the exhibit, there will also occur two free lectures on the phenomenon of crop circles ("Crop Circles: Art Imitates Aliens," on Saturday the 14th at 5:30 pm), and on the relationship between UFOs and the cinema ("UFOs On The Screen," by CISU member Fabrizio Dividi, on Sunday the 15th at 5:30 pm).

Also accessible at a fee (6 Euro), on the evening of the inauguration on Friday the 13th, at 9 pm, are the multimedia show "E.T. Night," videoshows, and the concert by the electro-pop group "Essential."

[Collaboration by Valerio Vigliaturo; UFO-Italia, 7 December]

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Re: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 01:14:53 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:20:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: Combat Diary Number 1 - Bennett

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 19:05:29 +0000
>Subject: Re: Combat Diary Number 1.

>Agreed, but I shall be watching carefully for any backsliding

And I shall be on watch, Brentford Polonius, for any piece of coffin-donkey breath that attempts to reduce my beloved Ufology (the most wonderful subject in this world) to the thrown dustbins and bathbun chapelspiel of bland English provincial mediocrity whose god is the Great Mundane.

Oh sorry BP, I think I just backslid. I am absolutely hopeless. I hope I don't do this again in Combat Diary Number 2, and reduce the Great and Good to foaming fury!

I shall try again, but I warn all pelicans that I am as good at rationalism and democracy as I am good at resolutions, and that is not very good. Perhaps I have a criminal nature. Perhaps I do not want to be objectivised, factualised, and especially socialised. I realise I have a problem, BP. But I have to drink pelican blood. It is in my nature. Without the blood of the Disbelievers on my lips, I turn into a supersonic pumpkin without notice (have strange DNA).

That's awkward in the dentist's surgery, and especially the welfare queue, where they won't even give you a past shelf-life sandwich if they can't see the hairs on your backside, and that'd difficult for a pumpkin, what?

Once, pursuing a bounder who did not believe in the alien surgery film, I was nearly shot by my own Neighbourhood Watch who witnessed my transformation into in a two-foot diameter ribbed ball with short hairy legs. Even Jan Aldrich would have laughed as my melon hams negotiated fences and garages and I finished emptying the toughest bar in town after going in there at supersonic speed and ordering two fingers of Umbongo and a jar of jello to go. There was pumpkin and hard dude believers all over the place.

I suppose I do this all in the cause of Wonder. I am committed. I have no alternative.

Just think of that. It's a kind of Darwinian curse. A criminal pumpkin who turns into a four-four pelican-eater before your very eyes. If I can't find the blood of pelicans, the only thing I can do is do pantos and barmitzvahs. You should try this sometime, BP. It's better than Methodism I can tell you. After all Jesus was good at the transformations, what?

But perhaps Wendy Connors is right. America is best rid of both of us.

I go now to my anti-backsliding meditations.

I have to tell you BP, that they are not going well at all.

Wish me luck!

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

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Hynek?

From: **Laurel Oplatka** <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:24:28 -0500
Subject: Hynek?

Oh yes I did have one more question, and I hope it's not really naive, but is it the general consensus of opinion among researchers here that Hynek was respected and well thought of, or were his "findings" considered to be somehow "suspect" or tied in with some specific agenda?

Happy Holidays, All,

Laurel

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Re: Dr. Ellen Crystall Passes - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 21:13:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:26:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Dr. Ellen Crystall Passes - Sandow

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 23:08:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Dr. Ellen Crystall Passes

>With all due respect, "Dr." Ellen Crystal? - Dick

Ellen had a PhD in music from NYU. She wrote a thesis on an interesting subject, if I remember it correctly - some American composers from the 1920s, who were spiritually inclined.

She was quite a good composer. And she had a lovely touch with animals. I visited her once in her house in Pennsylvania. Chipmunks ran right up to us, begging for food. And deer came out of the woods to be fed. One of them ate out of my hand. I don't claim there's anything unique about this, but for whatever it's worth, I've never encountered it anywhere else.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 01:00:27 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:34:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Gates

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:37:54 EST
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:32 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking

><snip>

>>In effect, Martecord pulled the rug out from under Menzel and
>>that Menzel had lost the scientific debate with McDonald in
>>the minds of the audience.

>Wendy:

>An audience which was packed to the rafters with saucer
>believers. A cheap shot like Martecord's question, itself a
>piece of ignorance, got a laugh from the choir. That old Doc
>Menzel may have been nonplussed by this stunt isn't exactly the
>biggest news of the year.

Bobs skies aren't too clear in this instance. As I recall from
my reading it was a room full of veteran newspaper
reporters/editors as opposed to what Bob characterizes as
"saucer believers."

The shot wasn't cheap at all... it just demonstrated how foolish
Menzels theories were... which were not lost on the audience.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Gates

From: Robert c <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 01:07:00 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:36:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Gates

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:01:26 EST
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

>>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:02:25 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

><snip>

>>Bob, give me a break. Menzel knew UFOs were real. All his
>>debunking statements were part of the coverup in which he was
>>participating.

>Hi, Tom:

>I think that you are seriously underrating the role of belief,
>and strongly held opinions, in the UFO equation.

>Have you considered the possibility that old Doc Menzel, who was
>after all, Director of Harvard College Observatory, and on
>occasion seemed to like to throw his weight around, may actually
>have believed that there were no real saucers?

Don't I recall seeing somewhere that Menzel reported a UFO himself?

>By denying this skeptic even the honest possession of his own
>beliefs, and insisting that The Truth is that he must be part of
>The Conspiracy reveals just as much about your beliefs as it
>does about his.

We do know that Menzel was involved in highly classified work
for the US Govt. Doesn't mean he was the kingpin of crashed
saucers, but he did have a classified background so to speak.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 00:10:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:54:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Speiser

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:40:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>From: Steve Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:56:38 EST
>>Subject: Spielberg's Take On Taken

<snip>

>Twenty years ago after ET was in the theatres and Steve was
>earning (I was told) a mere \$3M per DAY from the film, we at the
>Fund for UFO Research decided to approach him through a mutual
>acquaintance to ask if he would be willing to toss a little \$\$\$
>in our direction for research... a few tens of K would be
>nice... "chump change" for him. Response: "I can't get involved
>in anything controversial."

This reminds me of another Great Moment In Debunking.

At the 1987 MUFON Conference in Washington DC, the fledgling
MJ-12 controversy was center stage, and Bill Moore was giving
a talk. He sidetracked onto a story he had heard that went
some- thing like the following:

President Reagan invited Steven Spielberg to the White House for
a special private screening of 'ET: The Extraterrestrial'. When
it was over, Reagan clapped Spielberg on the back and said
something along the lines of, "My friend, there aren't 5 people
in this town who know just how true that story is."

Moore had barely finished telling this story when, from the back
of the room, a small voice said, "Carter was President." We all
turned around and immediately recognized the speaker, dear old
Uncle Phil. Jaime Shandera was in the audience as well, and
began goading Klass, "What's that Phil? What'd you say? Stand
up and be heard!" Whereupon Klass rose to his feet imperiously
and intoned, "In 1977, Jimmy Carter was the President of the
United States..." Moore interrupted him, "That's right, Phil,
but 'ET' was released in 1981! You stand corrected..._again_!!"

The place roared with laughter and applause, and I've never seen
anyone slink into their seat quite as slowly. Though of course
it was an innocent slip, and though I'm sure the Reagan story is
apocryphal, it was still a great moment.

==JJS==

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Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Morton

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 05:04:03 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:57:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Morton

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 16:50:17 -0700
>Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 19:45:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Connors

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:37:54 EST
>>Subject: Re: Great Moments in Debunking - Young

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>>believers. A cheap shot like Martecord's question, itself a
>>piece of ignorance, got a laugh from the choir. That old Doc
>>Menzel may have been nonplussed by this stunt isn't exactly the
>>biggest news of the year.

>To believe that a convention of the American Society of
>Newspaper Editors equates to "An audience... packed to the
>rafters with saucer believers," boggles the rational mind. All
>except yours of course, which kind of just sits there in a jar
>and sputters.

>Old Doc Menzel wasn't "nonplussed" by any stretch of the
>imagination. He learned that there were people in the world that
>can see some scientists, no matter what their perceived stature,
>are just as prone to being con artists as the President of
>Enron, Worldcom, etc. and that Menzel ranked right up there with
>scientists who once said that man would never fly.

>>Clear skies,

>>Bob Young

>Clear Thought,

>Wendy Connors

I have a theory I may try out, when I have absolutely nothing better to do. I think it's a possibility that Bob Young is actually an email auto-responder unit, programmed to pick some reply at random from thousands of possible replies in its database.

For example, if you say, "Menzel's explanation for the whale-sized, humming saucer hovering over my house was dark fog.", the Young auto-responder might reply with something like, "Dr. Menzel was a college professor, and he had a large collection of telescopes, as well as microscopes (for stamp collecting - a hobby). Harvard College is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in this country. Mogul balloons were produced by

the thousands during the war. Buy War Bonds!"

The unit then appends a signature file (varied occasionally) stating something like, "Click here! Bob Young" - or whatever the unit chooses at random. It's always irrelevant, irrational, and false - and sometimes completely incomprehensible, but it's a response generated by a computer, ie, an auto-responder.

I may setup a "junk" Email account and try it, some cold day in January, just to satisfy my very weak curiosity. Then again, I might not bother.

Dave Morton

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Re: Hynek? - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 07:47:05 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 10:23:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Speiser

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Hynek?

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>tied in with some specific agenda?

Pre- or Post-'Swamp Gas'?

Jim Speiser

So far as I can remember, there is not one word in the
Gospels in praise of intelligence.

-- Bertrand Russell

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Re: Hynek? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 17:58:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Friedman

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Laurel, you must joking about a consensus amongst UFO
researchers. :-)

Hynek was a nice gentleman who almost always avoided taking a
stand. He was very concerned about the possible reactions from
his Astronomy colleagues.

Once he told me that the problem was that 90% of scientists
didn't believe in UFOs. I responded that if he meant astronomers
over the age of 60, I would agree. But that in my lectures to
many professional groups, I found great acceptance, although I
came on much stronger than he ever did. He almost always
apologized at the beginning of his lectures for even speaking
about UFOs.

He would never do his homework about interstellar travel, so
that like most astronomers, he didn't see how one can get here
from there - he looked for paranormal explanations. He did write
a number of articles calling attention to the idea that some UFO
sightings were worth studying. There was an enormous contrast
between him and Jim MacDonald.

His book "The UFO Experience" is on my short list of important
sources of UFO information. He did seem very much concerned that
if he spoke too strongly the USAF would cancel his consulting
contract.

At a meeting in LA, when he was ready to retire, he stated he
was submitting a grant request to the government for a UFO
study. I asked him how much? \$25,000. That doesn't put a big
value on such a study. Ask for \$250K and settle for \$175.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Hynek? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 18:01:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Clark

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
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>Subject: Hynek?

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>tied in with some specific agenda?

I knew Allen Hynek reasonably well, and I've also had the experience of writing a multi-volume encyclopedic history of the UFO controversy.

From those perspectives, I'd say that history is likely to judge Hynek the major figure in, perhaps even the hero of, UFO history. (James McDonald, of course, will also receive his share of praise.) Hynek had his faults - not just as Blue Book hatchet man in his early career, but as sometimes woolly-minded speculationist in his later - but his contributions hugely outweigh his shortcomings, of which all scientific pioneers always share.

Besides his understanding that the UFO phenomenon represents something of importance, he exercised great courage in openly criticizing science, government, and military for their shameful neglect. In a future age, when the Menzels and Klasses have been forgotten, Hynek will get his due.

Jerry Clark

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ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON CONGRESSIONAL 9/11 PANEL

Several members of the congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11 released additional statements this week, amplifying or dissenting from the conclusions of the joint committee's December 10 report and shedding new light on the inner workings of intelligence oversight.

Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) criticized the joint committee leadership for improperly excluding the other members from committee deliberations and ignoring their complaints.

"The inquiry was conducted and overseen in a way that left rank-and-file Members at a distinct disadvantage..." Senators Kyl and Roberts wrote. "There was no debate about the Report... Throughout the process, rank-and-file Members complained about irregularities... Upon instructions from the Chairmen -- and in violation of SSCI rules -- the [joint inquiry staff] often failed to tell Members and staff of important non-compartmented information it discovered in a timely manner."

The Senators also presented some astute criticisms of the contents of the final report. For example:

"The Report ... does not really grapple with the contradiction between the high-ranking officials' complaints about inadequate resources and the fact that, according to the Office of Management and Budget, the intelligence agencies usually got what they asked for."

And not least, the Kyl/Roberts statement offers some insight into the attitudes and approach of Senator Roberts, who is expected to be the next chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

For example, it appears that Roberts advocates new anti-leak legislation, a cause previously identified with Senator Richard Shelby. Thus, Senators Kyl and Roberts wrote:

"Another change in the law that could improve the institutional framework would be further congressional legislation to enable the U.S. Government to deter and punish unauthorized disclosure of security-related information."

See the Additional Views of Senator Jon Kyl and Senator Pat Roberts here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_rpt/kyl-roberts.html

Congresswoman Jane Harman (D-CA) offered additional views that were more supportive of the final joint inquiry report in a December 19 statement here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_rpt/harman.html

REP. HORN SPEAKS OUT ON FOIA

"I would ... encourage FOIA requesters to persevere in demanding the greatest access to information consistent with the public interest," said Rep. Stephen Horn (R-CA), an outstanding congressional champion of the Freedom of Information Act who is retiring this year.

Furthermore, "I urge them to reach out to those in Congress who are responsible for FOIA oversight in order to ensure that those in the Legislative Branch understand the issues from a front-line perspective," he said.

The Justice Department's Office of Information and Privacy (OIP) conducted an extensive and rather insightful interview with Rep. Horn on the past, present and future of FOIA, congressional oversight, homeland security and related themes.

See the transcript of the interview, published December 19, here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2002foiapost31.htm>

A tip of the hat is due to the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy, which had no obligation to conduct this kind of interview or to publish it. Doing so signifies a genuine commitment to the FOIA process on the part of the OIP that one can only be grateful for. OIP staff attorneys are not to blame if one of their agency clients is corrupt.

DECLASSIFICATION OF NAZI WAR CRIMES RECORDS

The last big declassification initiative enacted by Congress was the 1998 Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, later amended to include the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act.

The progress of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Interagency Working Group in fulfilling these mandates is described in the November 2002 issue of the newsletter Disclosure, which is posted here (thanks to MJR):

http://www.archives.gov/iwg/disclosure_magazine/disclosure_nov2002.pdf

The most recent meeting minutes of the Interagency Working Group are available here:

http://www.archives.gov/iwg/meetings/minutes_102502.html

RESOURCES ON IRAQ

A U.S. State Department Fact Sheet entitled "Illustrative Examples of Omissions From the Iraqi Declaration to the United Nations Security Council," published December 19, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/12/dos121902.html>

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Don't be so sure the story is apocryphal. I heard from either
Bill or Jaimie that Jaimie got the story from Spielberg
himself.....

Incidentally, there are many other examples of Phil Klass

putting his foot in his mouth such as claiming that the MJ-12 documents are fraudulent because Material was misspelled Materiel in both the document and by Moore. The proper spelling is indeed Materiel. He confused Van Bush with George Bush, falsely claimed that Vandenberg's forte was radar when it was intelligence, falsely claimed the Pica Type on the Cutler Twining memo was wrong since his 9 examples of NSC material (of the 250,000 pages at the Eisenhower Library) only used elite type.

He paid me \$1000. for that false claim, then complained bitterly about my publishing a copy of our correspondence and the check in my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12". I noted more than 20 false claims about Roswell that he made early on in my paper "Flying Saucers, Noisy Negativists, and Truth".

Remember that one of the debunker rules is "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up."

Stan Friedman

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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 18:19:28 -0500
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>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 00:11:54 +0000 (GMT Standard Time)
>Subject: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial Craft

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

>From: William Forster
>Date: 18 December 2002 21:12:04
>To: Mark Douilton
>Subject: Fw: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial Craft (with interview)

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

>From: eric stewart
>To: ewar@topica.com
>Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 7:54 PM
>Subject: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial Craft (with interview)

>Twenty-two years ago on December 26, 1980, U. S. Air Force Staff
>Sergeant James Penniston was stationed in the 81st Security
>Police Squadron at the large joint British and U. S. Air Force
>base known as RAF (Royal Air Force) Bentwaters and its smaller,
>secondary base at Woodbridge, about three miles away, where some
>aircraft were kept. Not long after midnight on December 26, Sgt.
>Penniston was asked to investigate odd lights seen moving in the
>Rendlesham forest between Bentwaters and Woodbridge. Joining him
>was USAF Airman First Class John Burroughs and several other
>security and military personnel. (read more)

Mark and List,

I was interested to see this interview. Those who have Georgina
Bruni's book on the Bentwaters case, You Can't Tell The People,
will be aware that a chapter was devoted to Penniston's
testimony.

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>Then at that time, I started taking photos. I think there were
>36 in a roll. They were all B & W, that's what we carried.

>WHERE DID THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS GO?

>Base photo lab.

>AND THE BASE PHOTO LAB PHOTOS WOULD BE IN WHOSE HANDS TODAY?

>U. S. Air Force.

>AND THEY WERE NOT RELEASED IN THIS RENDLESHAM FILE.

>No.

>SO, IT'S NOT A COMPLETE FILE RELEASE?

>Oh, no. What the British knew of this incident I would say is

>probably 10% of what happened. The other 90% is through U. S.
>channels. It would be primarily -- the way to report it -- would
>be through USAF channels to 3rd Air Force to MAJCOM Major Air
>Command, which would have been at Ramstein AFB. Then Ramstein
>has procedures reporting to JCS in the United States.

Neither of the two files containing papers on the Rendlesham
Forest incident contained these photographs, and I have never
seen them.

Georgina Bruni published some photographs of the alleged landing
site, taken shortly after the incident, showing Captain Mike
Verrano (USAF) and Police Constable Brian Cresswell. She
acquired these photographs from Master Sergeant Ray Gulyas
(USAF). Again, these photographs were not on any of the MOD
files.

A February 16, 1981 document on the MOD website makes it clear
that Charles Halt's tape recordings of part of one of the
incidents were given to General Gabriel (C-in-C USAFE) and taken
to Ramstein AFB. Information on this and on other aspects of
the material in the MOD files can be found at:

http://www.nickpope.net/rendlesham_files_reviewed.htm

><snip>

>YOU AND JOHN BURROUGHS FILED A REPORT ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT
>HAPPENED THEN?

>Yeah, we kept a very sanitized -- we reported it to our Security
>Shift Commander, I think it was Captain Mike Verrano at the
>time. And we were assured by then the senior officer at
>Bentwaters that this information would not go outside the United
>States channels.

Again, Georgina Bruni published these in her book. As well as the ones
allegedly submitted by Penniston and Burroughs, she published witness
statements signed by Edward Cabansag, Fred Buran and J. D. Chandler.

><snip>

>Yet, "entities" are described in the November 29, 2002 release
>of the Rendlesham file by the British Ministry of Defence as
>shown in the following memo in which the date, address and
>writer are blacked out:

>English Ministry of Defence Memo that references "several
>entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of December 29/30
>1980."

This memo is a fake, and has been in the public domain for many
years.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Dec 2002 21:53:09 EST
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

David, List, All -

I'm replying to you carefully here, because there are other things going on in this, not the least of which is a rather transparent attempt by Schmitt to cause trouble for CUFOS, Mark, and me. He is suggesting unethical behavior on our part, and, of course, encouraging the view that I'm a bad person because I "turned" on Frank so quickly. Never mind the man lied to me for more than a decade and supplied documents that we now know are forgeries. (And as I read this, I noticed that the sentence about the man who lied to me for a decade could apply to both Kaufmann and Schmitt.)

>>Just to set the record straight, it was not CUFOS who introduced me to the fabricated documents. Yes, I know that there are some who believe that CUFOS is filled with unethical and deceitful people who delight in giving away secrets, but I have learned this is not the case. Just ask yourself where all those stories come from and then ask yourself why we should believe him?

>Kevin,

>Just to straighten the record even further, perhaps you should tell us just who did introduce you to the documents. And then to get it really straight, where did they get the documents? Chances are, this will all eventually trace back to CUFOS one way or another, regardless if you got the documents directly from CUFOS or not.

Actually, there are a number of sources of documents. Schmitt, Carey and you seem to believe that such documents could only have originated with them and who then supplied them to CUFOS. In fact, Carey raised a similar allegation after I wrote my article about Frank Kaufmann for FATE magazine. He told Schmitt that the information had to come from CUFOS never thinking that I used nothing in that article from CUFOS but only that from my own files. If you go back to the article, you'll see a document in there that came from... Frank Kaufmann.

So, I received documents from Frank himself and have a letter from Frank that confirms this. I have obtained documents from NARA in attempts to corroborate what Frank said about his background and the fact he might have been an officer..... Remember, Schmitt suggested more than once Kaufmann had been a colonel.

And there were documents and information that came from other sources, but I believe if we traced them back, we'd find the

original source was not CUFOS, but Don Schmitt. What this means is that CUFOS did not supply these documents to me. It means Schmitt doesn't know how to keep a secret. He'll just have to think about what he told to whom and who might have shared that information with me. If he's worried about those things, then he should keep his own mouth shut.

And there were documents that came from inside the skeptical community who also know how to use FOIA and who to send such requests to in the first place. Several documents that weren't published because they have no relevance to the articles include War Department Notification of Personnel Action dated December 12, 1947, allowing Kaufmann to resign his position to take a job in town, Special Order 51 dated 13 Mar 1947 that appointed "civilian" Frank Kaufmann to the Efficiency Rating Committee, and the Transcript/Statement of Federal Service that showed Kaufmann employed at the base as a clerk (personnel) from November 11, 1945 to December 12, 1947, with a top salary of \$3,146 a year. Ask Schmitt if he has any of these documents.

For those of you keeping score at home, I might point out that Frank also supplied a copy of the famous Twining letter of 24 September 1947 which had the "buy war bonds" logo on it. It was one way to underscore the validity of some of the other documents he was supplying because they had the same logo on it. It meant that he knew this and since some of his forged documents had these same logos, it means that he had paper from the era in his possession.

A story that is illustrative of this is that told by William Steinman about the Sarbacher letter. Steinman claimed he shared it only with William Moore, but somehow copies of the letter ended up all over the place including anonymous copies that arrived in Bruce Maccabee's mailbox. The point is, Steinman was providing some with copies and they were giving them to others. He lost control when he opened the door and Schmitt has done the same thing here.

So, you see, once again, the only source of documents about Frank Kaufmann was not only Don Schmitt, but lots of others including the U.S. government.

>In the end, it was both you and Mark Rodeghier, director of
>CUFOS, who wrote the recent expose of Kaufmann, found at the
>CUFOS website.

><http://www.cufos.org/FrankKaufmannExposed.pdf>

>In the section by Rodeghier, he writes, "Recently I was able to
>visit Roswell along with two colleagues and meet with Juanita
>Kaufmann, Frank's widow. She allowed us access to her husband's
>office and papers, for which we are very grateful."

>What got left out of the story here, according to recent e-mail
>I have had with Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, was that one of those
>unnamed Rodeghier colleagues was Don Schmitt.

Well, let's talk about that. There were three people who visited the house. One of them asked, for personal reasons that are unrelated to the UFO field, to be left out of the story. If Schmitt has told you who this is, then he has violated a confidence. If he has not, then he is acting honorably.

Mark Rodeghier tried to contact Schmitt repeatedly, both on the telephone and with email to tell him about the planned articles, to receive his input for them, and to explain how the bylines would be handled. Schmitt never returned the telephone calls nor answered the email. The only conclusion to be drawn was that he was uninterested in the story and didn't care to be involved in it. We weren't going to attach anyone's name who had not given permission to do so. Had we done that, we'd probably be having a different sort of conversation.

>Schmitt and Carey had carefully nurtured a relationship with
>Kaufmann and his family over a period of years and were the
>one's granted access to his office and papers after his death.

From this sentence you seem to suggest that Carey was in the house with Rodeghier and Schmitt. I'm sure you didn't mean this. He was not there.

>When I was in Roswell in August of 2001, by chance I was there
>simultaneously as Don Schmitt. Schmitt told me at that time that
>it didn't look good for Kaufmann's documents, that he had
>probably hoaxed all of them, and the typewriter that he had done
>it with was in his personal effects. I was also told this
>information was going to be withheld until after Juanita
>Kaufmann's death out of respect to her.

Which is a very nice gesture, for which we can thank Mike
Swords. He advocated strongly that everything be withheld until
after Juanita Kaufmann died.

>I treated this as privileged information and sat on it for over
>a year. I am not even going to question whether CUFOS and you
>should have been the ones to first blow the whistle. But both
>you and Rodeghier should have at least acknowledged Don Schmitt
>and Tom Carey's crucial role in digging out this information.
>Instead they got written completely out of the picture. Schmitt
>at best became an anonymous "colleague" in Rodeghier's article,
>and unless one knew better, played no role at all in Rodeghier's
>research or uncovering Kaufmann's document hoaxing.

First, why shouldn't I blow the whistle. I found Frank Kaufmann
and convinced him to talk with Don Schmitt and me. I introduced
Frank to Schmitt, and I met with him many times when Schmitt
wasn't there. The last time I saw him, Kaufmann was attempting
to position himself as the number one Roswell guy, suggesting
that any number of others should be ignored because THEY weren't
telling the truth. Only Frank was telling the truth and he had
the documents to prove it... And Frank hinted about some
unsavory communication he'd had with Schmitt about me.

There is a very simple reason that Schmitt wasn't mentioned in
the article. He never returned telephone calls or answered email
enquiries about what and how he wanted to be identified in the
article. This lack of communication is how I ended up called a
liar in OMNI magazine. Schmitt convinced Paul McCarthy to write
an article about the missing nurses (ever wonder why he felt it
necessary to pass this story onto someone else rather than have
me, his partner and a professional writer write it?) to expose
it in a national forum. Then McCarthy began asking difficult
questions and Schmitt stopped returning McCarthy's telephone
calls. (Do we see a trend here?) McCarthy got pissed, and chased
the information. When Schmitt finally condescended to talk to
McCarthy, in an attempt to spin his way clear, told McCarthy
that WE had invented the missing nurses tale for the publicity
it would generate or some such nonsense. Not only would I not be
dumb enough to say something like that to a reporter, I would
never have involved my partner in such a transparent scheme
without, at the very least, asking him.

And, if you're worried about Mark leaving Schmitt's name out of
the article, remember Schmitt running around telling people
about the note that Patrick Saunders had written in The Truth
about the UFO Crash at Roswell... a note that came to me, not to
Schmitt and one in which he forgot to mention my name as the
source. Which, of course, is not excuse for bad behavior on our
part, but shows a trend in the UFO community. This is not to
suggest any bad behavior by us but merely an illustration. Had
Schmitt returned the telephone calls or answered the emails,
then his role would have been acknowledged. He has only himself
to blame.

But the real point is that Schmitt would not return telephone
calls or email and there was no choice but to leave him out of
the article. Without his permission, and his input, he couldn't
be included. Now there is a nasty fight going on about this,
with Schmitt standing on the sidelines fanning the flames (as
your email suggests) because he feels slighted. Maybe he should
learn to return telephone calls, answer an email, and stop
making up things as he goes along.

So, yes, Schmitt was there and Schmitt carried documents out of
the house. No one denies this. Some of these documents he shared
with CUFOS and others he did not. Sources for documents about
Frank come from a number of sources including Frank himself,
NARA, Don Schmitt and even some members of the skeptical
community. There are, of course, duplications here.

But Schmitt was not the only one there, nor was he the only one
to have talked to Frank about this. Frank gave many interviews

and one of the last on video tape provided the text (which was read) but not a hard copy of the Easley letter... still another source that traces back, not to Schmitt as you allege but to Frank himself.

And please, tell me again, how Schmitt and Carey were dubious about Frank Kaufmann when Schmitt was tripping all over himself to boost Frank's credibility by suggesting he had once been a colonel. I never heard Frank say that, but I did hear Schmitt say it numerous times.

I think this covers all the points your raised. Does any of this give you pause?

KRandle

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credible. He was also intimately involved in helping to create
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flaws, errors, lies, misrepresentations do we need before we
conclude that the MJ-12 documents are fraudulent.

- Dick

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I, too heard that story... from Shandara, who, one presumes, got
it from Spielberg (I seem to recall that Shandara worked for
Spielberg at one time).

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Many thanks to Stan Friedman and Jerry Clark for their information about Dr. Hynek!

I was very interested/relieved to see Jerry Clark's comment about Hynek becoming sometimes in his later career, a wooly-minded speculationist, because recently I had read in material from two different sources, that Hynek had claimed that "1 out of every 40 people" in the United States had been abducted. Since I neither believe nor accept this, I wanted to learn more about Dr. Hynek in this context. Perhaps Dr. Hynek did not make that statement?

I now want to read his book, "The UFO Experience", and am wondering how to obtain it - can this book be gotten from Amazon.com, does anyone know? Now I recall reading in Linda Howe's "Alien Harvest" book, that a Col. George Weinbrenner at Wright-Patterson, once showed this book to Robert Emenegger.

Also, Stan Friedman's comment that Hynek looked for paranormal explanations as to how one can get from here to there, triggered my increasing quandary regarding a theory of Robert Lazar, and some comments made by Philip Corso in his Roswell book. Since I never even took math in college and am considering buying a copy of "Quantum Physics for Dummies, I hope my question does not sound too moronic, and is as follows:

LAZAR/CORSO QUANDARY -

In an article in Odyssey Magazine (Volume 2, No. 7), Lazar commented: "An anti-matter reactor allows the spaceships to produce their own gravitational fields... gravity distorts time and space... imagining that you were in a spacecraft that could exert a tremendous gravitational field by itself, you could sit on any particular place and turn on the gravity generator and actually warp space and time, and fold it. By shutting that off, you'd click back and you'd be a tremendous distance from where you were but time would not have even moved because you essentially shut it off".

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Thanks,

Laurel

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Re: Christenson?

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 00:57:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 07:57:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Christenson?

This will be a tough one...I'll be surprised if I get it, but,
here goes....

Does anyone know the email address for Marge Christenson? Or
Dave?

Thanks in advance...

==JJS==

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Holiday Wishes

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 08:39:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 08:34:42 -0500
Subject: Holiday Wishes

Hello All,

Whether Jew or Christian, Muslim or Agnostic, Cow or Alien,
this is the time of year when All can come together in a Spirit
of Brotherhood.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/xmas.html>

My best wishes to all for a happy, healthy holiday season.

Warmest regards,

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

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:47:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 10:12:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Bourdais

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

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that when his father drove on the US 285, they found soldiers
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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:14:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:47:10 +0100
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Good Morning, Gildas, List, All -

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>such proof of his forgeries. Simple neglect and disorder look
>like a rather weak explanation to me.

The real answer is that he never expected them to be found. He
wasn't thinking in terms of UFO researchers looking at these
papers but in terms of his wife and family sorting through them
and they wouldn't understand the significance of them. He didn't
expect those documents to see the light of day.

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>>mistakes that are the fault of memory tricks, but of honest to
>>gosh lies and documents that were forged."

Because no one seems to want to deal with this aspect of
research. It happens to us all the time and we just march right
passed it, whistling happily. We have caught any number of
witnesses and researchers inventing documents and lying, but we
ignore it all. I just wondered how many lies and how many forged
documents must be found before we decide that a witness or
researcher is unreliable and we remove them from our lists,

notes, and theories.

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>Kaufmann was unreliable. The question now is to try to
>understand his behavior. To me, it's an open question. And some
>aspects, at least, of his story match with other, independant,
>testimonies

I think Kaufmann's behavior is easily understood in the context of what he said and what he did. There were personal and financial rewards. He claimed to be reluctant to talk, on camera, to the media, but he was always there, hand out for some coin of the realm, ready to tell all he knew.

>In my post to Kevin (Dec.17) I asked what other witnesses we
>still have about a site closer than the Foster ranch. I
>mentioned:

>- Lewis Rickett and his 45 minutes trip with Cavitt ;

Rickett's estimate of the time could have been in error, slightly, but I think his description suggests a site closer to Roswell than the Foster ranch... and closer than Boy Scout Mountain (thanks Max Littell and Jim Ragsdale). Clearly there was a site closer to Roswell.

>- Frankie Rowe (I hope not to be killed for that) ;

Remember first that Frankie Rowe did not go out to the site, so we're left with her impression of what her father said. Further, it seems clear that the Roswell fire department wouldn't have been making runs up into Lincoln County. This suggests a site closer to Roswell and one in Chaves County.

>- Chester Barton (IUR of summer 2001), again 45 minutes drive ;

Again, suggestive of something closer than the Foster ranch and Boy Scout Mountain, but without a precise location.

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Which doesn't give us a site, only that the cordon extended far beyond the Foster ranch and which suggests some sort of find closer to Roswell.

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>match the scenario given by Frank Kaufmann, the terrain seemed
>to indicate another location, farther north toward Corona. He
>described a "teardrop shaped craft", like Kaufmann.

Which they really should have called "Swede", but that's another story... I believe that he has been determined to be unreliable at this point, or that his story is somewhat dubious. "Tex", I think, can be shoved, for the moment, into Stan Friedman's ever present and huge gray basket...

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>was only a little amount of debris. A convenient detail for the
>Mogul theory. On the other hand Rickett is found unreliable when
>he describes a very strong piece that he could not bend : not
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I believe Rickett, at this point, to be reliable, though he might have been confused by some of the minor details, but then, who wouldn't be trying to remember things fifty years in the past?

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>it just for a little amount of debris? Or was it the impact site
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>their second book (p 141), Rickett, although the craft was
>already removed when they arrived, he heard about it's shape :

>"long, thin, with a "batlike" wing on it".

Well, according to Cavitt, that never happened, but then, I don't believe Cavitt was very reliable either. His story changed more often than a model on a runway displaying the latest fashions. Rickett was trying to help. Cavitt was not.

>All this suggests that there was an impact site close to
>Roswell, but we don't know exactly where it was.

Yes, it certainly does and we now have, what, half a dozen candidates for that location. We can eliminate the Corn site, I suppose, and Boy Scout Mountain, but we still have quite a few of them.

I hope this helps, and I'm still waiting for an answer to my questions.

But, instead of screaming about that, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and send my best to you all for the coming year.

KRandle

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Re: Corso [was: Re: Hynek?] - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 12:16:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:17:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso [was: Re: Hynek?] - Gates

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 20:37:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Hynek?

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>the Roswell craft perhaps had an electromagnetic anti-gravity
>drive and brain-wave directed navigational controls. And that
>the EBE's utilized a wave-propagation technology as an anti-

Hi Laurel, list,

Recall also Corso's famous remark, uttered literally at the end
of the NBC Dateline interview he gave, about the "Nazi Time
machine" that the US supposedly recovered at the end of/after WW
2.

So Corso and time machine(s) theories are not uncommon so to
speak.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Hynek? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 13:38:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:19:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Clark

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 20:37:09 -0800 (PST)
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>about Dr. Hynek in this context. Perhaps Dr. Hynek did not make
>that statement?

I am unaware of any such statement or belief. Allen Hynek and I had several long conversations about our respective views of the UFO phenomenon. Sometimes he expressed opinions that I found pretty esoteric and, to me, unconvincing and unwarranted, but I don't recall anything like this. In any case, the 1 in 40 figure related to the alleged abductee population didn't come into the literature till the 1990s, after Allen's death (in 1986).

From time to time, I see statements credited to Allen that I know he did not make. This, I suspect, is one of them.

Finally, I would say that Corso and Lazar are both entirely noncredible. Any time spent thinking about them or their claims is time wasted. They ought not to be part of any serious discussion.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Lazar [was: Re: Hynek?] - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 21:19:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 16:45:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Lazar [was: Re: Hynek?] - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 13:38:50 -0600
>Subject: Re: Hynek?

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>Jerry Clark

Jerry & List,

Amen to this! Both Corso and Lazar embellished their
credentials, both told lies, both told tall tales which had no
supporting evidence whatsoever.

As one tiny example, one of Lazar's major supporters (G.H.)
circulated an IRS W-2 form that he claimed Lazar had found,
allegedly proving that Lazar had been on the payroll of a
government agency. Well, the zip code on the address of his
alleged employer did not exist at the time and does not exist
now. I have lived in the Washington, D.C., area all of my adult
life, was employed for many years by Congressional Information
Service, had access to all kinds of government directories, etc.
The document is a crude fraud.

- Dick

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:24:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:32:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 23:31:55 +0000
>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 15:24:33 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 00:10:04 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:40:14 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

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>>>This reminds me of another Great Moment In Debunking.

>>>At the 1987 MUFON Conference in Washington DC, the fledgling
>>>MJ-12 controversy was center stage, and Bill Moore was giving
>>>a talk. He sidetracked onto a story he had heard that went
>>>some- thing like the following:

>>>President Reagan invited Steven Spielberg to the White House for
>>>a special private screening of 'ET: The Extraterrestrial'. When
>>>it was over, Reagan clapped Spielberg on the back and said
>>>something along the lines of, "My friend, there aren't 5 people
>>>in this town who know just how true that story is."

>>>Moore had barely finished telling this story when, from the back
>>>of the room, a small voice said, "Carter was President." We all
>>>turned around and immediately recognized the speaker, dear old
>>>Uncle Phil. Jaime Shandera was in the audience as well, and
>>>began goading Klass, "What's that Phil? What'd you say? Stand
>>>up and be heard!" Whereupon Klass rose to his feet imperiously
>>>and intoned, "In 1977, Jimmy Carter was the President of the
>>>United States..." Moore interrupted him, "That's right, Phil,
>>>but 'ET' was released in 1981! You stand corrected..._again_!!"

>>>The place roared with laughter and applause, and I've never seen
>>>anyone slink into their seat quite as slowly. Though of course
>>>it was an innocent slip, and though I'm sure the Reagan story is
>>>apocryphal, it was still a great moment.

>>Don't be so sure the story is apochryphal. I heard from either
>>Bill or Jaimie that Jaimie got the story from Spielberg
>>himself.....

><snip>

>Shandera was the source of the story. I'm not sure that makes it
>credible. He was also intimately involved in helping to create
>the MJ-12 myth. As Kevin says about Kaufmann et al., how many

>flaws, errors, lies, misrepresentations do we need before we
>conclude that the MJ-12 documents are fraudulent.

With all due respect, Dick, the biggest myth is that the original MJ-12 documents (EBD,TF, CT) are myths. I think I have heard all the arguments, including those in "Case MJ-12". My review of the latter will be lengthy indeed.

I got to know Jaimie quite well over a period of time. He was hard working, bright, and rational. I have no reason to disagree with the account given of the trip to DC during which the CT memo was discovered or about their (Bill Moore and Jaimie) reaction to the EBD. I believe Jerry Clark can testify about at least one of the strange postcards. We certainly didn't agree about everything, such as, for example the wisdom of using Falcon and Condor - 'UFO Coverup? Live!' - when they knew some of what they presented would not be true. My argument was that the public had no way of sorting the truth from the fiction. We had a long loud argument about that, after the show. Bill and I had disagreements about the way he published the EBD (Highly censored, without saying so), his presentation in Las Vegas and many other items. But he sure did a lot of useful research such as about Irving Newton, Barney Barnett's boss, etc.

Don't forget that I did demonstrate that a host of Tim Cooper MJ-12 documents were fraudulent in my MUFON 2000 paper. An awful lot of the objections to the EBD, TF, CT, are proclamations based upon inadequate research.

Don't give up on MJ-12 yet. Certainly it is inappropriate to assume that because documents from one source are fraudulent, that all documents are fraudulent. One would certainly expect that intelligence personnel, once real material had surfaced, would flood the market with junk.

Stan Friedman

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The Feats & Pitfalls Of Archeo-Ufology

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:22:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:35:39 -0500
Subject: The Feats & Pitfalls Of Archeo-Ufology

The Feats (and Pitfalls) of Archeo-Ufology
By
Larry W. Bryant

"For the people to know the truth, they must have full accountability from their government." -- Larry W. Bryant (December 2002)

When they arrived from the U. S. Bureau of Land Management in my mailbox in mid-December 2002, the 15 pages of FOIA-sought BLM records about the Roswell Incident's recent archeological excavation at the Foster Ranch UFO-crash site had, as I'd expected, few surprises.

Other than containing the multipage University of New Mexico's "Archeological Testing and Remote-sensing Study Plan" (most of which I'd already seen), the package includes a couple of state/federal excavation permits:

* From the U. S. Department of Interior -- "Application for a Federal Permit under the Archeological Resources Protection Act or the Antiquities Act" (minus a few attachments):

In the form's block No. 4 (Lands of the United States for which a permit is requested), UNM excavation director William H. Doleman enters, on July 30, 2002, this descriptor: "Lincoln County, Township 4 South, Range 16 East [Sec. 19, 20, 29, 30] . . ." And, in block No. 5 (Nature and extent of the work proposed, including how and why it is proposed to be conducted), he enters: "Purpose of project is survey and limited archeological testing of a 300-ft. by 0.75 mile area to detect physical evidence of an extraterrestrial vessel impact in 1947. Archeological activities will include: . . ."

* From the U. S. Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management -- "Cultural Resource Use Permit":

Dr. Doleman lists the "Name of Permittee" as the [UNM] Office of Contract Archeology. In block No. 4 (Nature of Authorized Activity), he enters: "Testing at the 'debris field' alleged 1947 UFO incident." The permit takes effect on Sept. 16, 2002, and expires a year later. Its approval authority is listed as Carsten F. Goff, deputy state director in the Division of Resource Planning, Use, and Protection. In his Sept. 16, 2002, transmittal letter to N.M. historic-preservation official Jan Biella, Roswell-based BLM assistant field manager T. R. Kreager writes: "We have reviewed this plan and believe that the proposed work is a good approach for this unusual scientific inquiry." And on that very day, Dr. Biella faxed back to Kreager the concurrence of the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office in Santa Fe (unable to resist a closing phrase of -- mocking? -- insight): "Concur with testing plan. We understand that tribal consultation is on-going. Please advise us if the tribes provide comments. We wish you best of luck as you boldly go where no one has gone before."

Meanwhile, back at the ranch . . . we turn our attention to a

portion of the testing plan that poses some unanswered questions.

In the section titled "Laboratory Processing," we find this subplan:

"Artifacts and sediment samples will be transported to the laboratory at OCA. Sediment samples will be left sealed and curated in a locked cabinet, while Native American artifacts will be processed using standard OCA methods that included checking against the FS catalog, cleaning with water, and rebagging and labeling. All collected Native American artifacts will be briefly described and photographed and/or drawn if their nature warrants.

"[And here's the kicker:] As noted above, it is presumed that any suspected non-terrestrial materials will be transported to an appropriate laboratory (to be determined by consultation between BLM and the project's sponsors [i.e., SciFi Channel]) for scientific evaluation."

Since the BLM-granted permit makes it plain that, at any time in the project, the Bureau may assert its proprietary interest over any artifact retrieved from the impact site, what measures can SciFi Channel (or any member of the public, for that matter) take to thwart arbitrary BLM sequestration of a bonafide extraterrestrial artifact?

What authority (if any) does ANY federal official have to establish limits on public access to the retrieved E.T. artifacts and to lab analysis thereof?

Does the Bureau intend to consult with U. S. military officials during its coordination of E.T.-artifact analysis with UNM/SciFi Channel experts; if so, why? And if those officials were to insist on imposing "national security" secrecy upon the E.T. artifacts, how could that heavy-handedness be reviewed/appealed/rescinded, and by whom?

If the retrieved E.T. artifacts prove to be technology of high commercial value, who will decide (and will have the authority to decide) to market them? And who will have a say in determining who gets the licensing and the proceeds of that marketing?

What steps have all pertinent federal officials taken (and/or plan to take) in advancing, preserving, and protecting the public's stakeholder ship in the results of the lab analysis of any E.T. artifacts acquired during the Roswell excavation?

Once the authenticity of any Roswell E.T. artifact is confirmed, what role should the U. S. Congress play in helping resolve the various historical, socio-political, and cultural issues surrounding that confirmation?

As you ponder these questions (and add your own), I recommend that you photo-copy this essay and send it to your congressmembers -- with the request that they seek straight answers from the powers that be. While you're at it, ask them (or dare them) to print this essay in the "Extensions of Remarks" section of their cherished daily publication called the Congressional Record!

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Re: Holiday Wishes - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 22:36:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:36:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Holiday Wishes - Maccabee

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 08:39:42 -0500
>Subject: Holiday Wishes

>Hello All,

>Whether Jew or Christian, Muslim or Agnostic, Cow or Alien,
>this is the time of year when All can come together in a Spirit
>of Brotherhood.

>My best wishes to all for a happy, healthy holiday season.

I'll second that!!

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Re: Rendlesham File... - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@jeaston.com>
Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 04:59:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:39:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham File... - Easton

>From: Mark Doulton <doults@tiscali.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 00:11:54 +0000 (GMT Standard Time)
>Subject: [EWAR] Rendlesham File: A Triangle-Shaped Aerial

For information:

Originally...

To: Linda Moulton Howe [earthfiles@earthfiles.com]
CC: 'The UFO Research List' [UFORL@yahoogroups.com]

Dear Linda,

Regarding the purported Ministry of Defence [MoD] document publicised at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com>

under the heading...

"December 9, 2002 - Update on British Rendlesham UFO Incident from a U.S. Air Force Eyewitness. Click report here".

This document was known to be a hoax over 15 years ago and is highlighted in 'Skycrash', by Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler and Dot Street.

Therein, Jenny wrote:

"This anonymous memo was sent, as a photocopy to the research team in early 1994, obviously as an indented 'real' leaked document [if it was a genuine 'leak', then hardly likely to masquerade as something released under the US FOIA with blanked-out segments - James].

We have investigated it... and our conclusion is that it is a deliberate fake by certain parties, whose identities are strongly suspected by us.

There are a number of valid reasons for believing that this is a hoax.

For one thing, the MoD letter-head is of a style not used on public letters until late 1983.

[...]

On 19 June, 1984, after several attempts, Andrew Mathewson, new head of DS8 at the MoD, wrote to Harry Harris, calling the memo 'very interesting' but adding 'I have to say it is a forgery and probably intended as a joke'.

This hoax has clearly been planned to test us, or more likely, to impugn our credibility should we fall for the trick. We call their bluff". [END OF EXTRACT]

It's a pity that so many years afterwards, someone has still

fallen for it.

At the time this bogus photocopy was sent to Jenny and Co., there was still considerable confusion about the dating of any 'UFO' incidents and no surprise that we now understand said memo ridiculously dates an 'acknowledged alien spaceship landing' as occurring two nights later than factual misconstrued events it professes were 'covered-up'.

Your web site claims:

"Not long after midnight on December 26, Sgt. Penniston was asked to investigate odd lights seen moving in the Rendlesham forest between Bentwaters and Woodbridge. Joining him was USAF Airman First Class John Burroughs and several other security and military personnel".

As Penniston should confirm, aside from Burroughs, the only other person directly involved was Airman Ed Cabansag - not 'several others'.

It was John Burroughs who alerted myself to the 'earthfiles' allegations.

Penniston reportedly claims:

"The patrolman who was with me was John Burroughs. He has worked the law enforcement side. In fact, he had worked directly for Bud Steffans, but he was one of the guys who went out there with me.

Q: SO, IS HE THE ONLY ONE WITH YOU?

Well, immediately next to me at 10 feet, yes. We, of course, we had another one back about 100 meters and there were others back at a logging road. Of course, there were several people at the East Gate. And all of this was observed from Bentwaters, too".
[END]

It's long been established that SSgt Bud Steffans [sic] - who was on patrol with Burroughs remained back at 'east gate'. There were never 'several people'.

How could there be?

It was Burroughs and Steffan's patrol - checking out an isolated post - which first reported 'unfamiliar lights', seemingly within Rendlesham forest.

Penniston and Cabansag responded to the report and consequently Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston [BC&P] received permission to investigate further, leaving Steffans back at east agate.

There were never 'others' back at the logging road which BC&P followed into the forest - it was only MSgt Chandler, who subsequently arrived after hearing the radio communications.

For verification, see Penniston's previous - quite different - claims and further, factual, background, at:

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

The huge discrepancies with Penniston's seemingly ever elaborate story are evidenced therein.

Meanwhile, Burroughs still maintains, as he always has, that they never encountered anything more enigmatic than 'unusual lights'.

He also acknowledges that the three man patrol ultimately travelled for some two miles before realising one source of lights they had pursued was a coastal lighthouse.

As for Penniston's infinitely more convoluted tale, Burroughs

concludes that 'Jim' has been "heavily influenced" by subsequent 'hypnotic regression'.

As I'm not championing a classic 'ET landing and nefarious secret government cover up' assertion, I have no dilemma concerning such widely divergent witness testimony.

However, I certainly wouldn't promote such claims until I had resolved the manifest contradictions.

The inherent explanation will perhaps be self-evident to many, especially those who ask why elementary, requisite, research failed to spot such a blatantly ludicrous document forgery and instead promoted it as genuine, 'best evidence'.

James.
E-mail: voyager@jeaston.com

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Re: Holiday Wishes - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 21:21:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:41:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Holiday Wishes - McCoy

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 08:39:42 -0500
>Subject: Holiday Wishes

Hello all, John,

As one who has had more on his plate than he wants, yet is
Blessed by the "God who is there." (Francis Sheaffer) I pray
that all of the Listers and Listerions out there have a holiday
season that is filled with joy and peace.

GT McCoy

"Not all who wander are lost" -- JRR Tolkien

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Re: Corso - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 09:38:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:44:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gehrman

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 12:16:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Corso [was: Re: Hynek?]

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 20:37:09 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Hynek?

><snip>

>>Now, in Corso's book, he says that Dr. Hermann Oberth once
>>suggested that we consider the Roswell craft from the N.M.
>>desert not a spacecraft, but a time machine. I do not understand
>>how these two statements relate to Corso's comments about: how
>>the Roswell craft perhaps had an electromagnetic anti-gravity
>>drive and brain-wave directed navigational controls. And that
>>the EBE's utilized a wave-propagation technology as an anti-

>Hi Laurel, list,

>Recall also Corso's famous remark, uttered literally at the end
>of the NBC Dateline interview he gave, about the "Nazi Time
>machine" that the US supposedly recovered at the end of/after WW
>2.

>So Corso and time machine(s) theories are not uncommon so to
>speak.

Laurel,

Please continue your research on Col. Corso and ignore the
negative comments by Robert and Jerry. They're good fellows but
like so many of their peers, they've disregarded the positive
evidence that supports Col. Corso's veracity.

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m16-020.shtml>

<http://www.caus.org/membercomments/mc062900.shtml>

Ed

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Roswell Crash?

From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 16:48:00 -0500
Subject: Roswell Crash?

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>Regarding the testimony of Rickett, I checked how Karl Pflock
>treated him in his second book. He wrote repeatedly that Rickett
>had been to the Foster ranch ! (see pages 27, 35, 99, etc.) And,
>of course, Pflock pointed out that, according to Rickett, there
>was only a little amount of debris. A convenient detail for the
>Mogul theory. On the other hand Rickett is found unreliable when
>he describes a very strong piece that he could not bend : not
>good for Mogul.

I'm new to UFO UpDates and have been reading the mail. I should know better than to say anything... but here goes.

Has anyone considered the military having a lucky day with the Roswell crash. Could the saucer have crashed into Project Mogul?

This may explain why there was a second crash site, how a craft that travelled so many miles ended up crashing in the first place, and answer some debris issues.

I imagine this was one of the first considerations, but I don't know how it was ruled out.

Why do I expect insulting responses?

Thanks!

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From Those That Brought Us The Reed Fraud

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 22:34:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:05:44 -0500
Subject: From Those That Brought Us The Reed Fraud

Here we are with yet another photo case and not a shred of proof from Iaria and Maussan (aka Dumb and Dumber, you choose which one is which)...

<http://www.aliendestiny.com/jaimeanalysis1.htm>

I guess these guys must have an open UFO fraud market in Mexico to sell their wares. My current story on this.....

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/dubious.html>

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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WTC UFO

From: William Sawers <best.wsawers@clear.net.nz>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 09:56:07 +1300
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:09:13 -0500
Subject: WTC UFO

List,

I may be a bit out of date with this but I just found it on the Para-normal website and these videos are quite extraordinary.

The first shows a different view of the 2nd plane hitting, but I'm not entirely sure of the UFO connection, unless its the very fast spot(?) that goes from top right to bottom left...???

The 2nd is another story... if you haven't seen this vid, by a Japanese videographer, I would strongly urge you to take a look. It shows, uncannily, the 2nd plane, from a distance it almost looks like it's being tracked until it hits the tower. Almost immediately an object (UFO?) travels from right to left... fast, then veers in, in an amazing turn towards the towers. If you watch carefully, it then seems to appear again and leave out the left side of the frame.

Both vids are very short and won't use much resources. You do need Win Media Player tho'.

Hopefully I haven't wasted bandwidth here, but if anyone has any ideas. I'd be really interested in what this 2nd object is!.

They are simply called:

NEW WTC UFOs (footage 1)

and

NEW WTC UFOs (footage 2)

and the page is:

http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=Downloads&d_op=viewdownload&cid=9

Regards and a Happy Xmas and Merry New Year to all from
downunder (NZ)

William

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Abduction Question

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 08:28:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:13:06 -0500
Subject: Abduction Question

A question for John Velez and the List:

Is the percentage of abductions from buildings other than the residence of the abductee very small? For example, hotel rooms.

If yes, does that show that this is a highly deliberate and targetted phenomenon, and does that in turn add to the credibility of the reports?

Eleanor White

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Secrecy News -- 12/23/02

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 12:12:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:04:38 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/23/02

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2002, Issue No. 126
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** FBI FILES ON NAZI WAR CRIMES TRANSFERRED
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FBI FILES ON NAZI WAR CRIMES TRANSFERRED

The Federal Bureau of Investigation transferred to the National Archives a vast quantity of historical records on hundreds of topics broadly related to Nazi war crimes earlier this year in compliance with the 1998 Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act.

A list of the file topics, obtained by researcher Michael Ravnitzky, suggests that this will be a resource of considerable historical value if it survives the declassification process.

The transferred records must still undergo review by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Justice Department Office of Special Investigations. Also, prior to release, some of the more physically fragile records will have to be placed in protective wrappers.

The list of FBI records not only offers a preview into this collection but will also provide a useful indication of what records are ultimately withheld from disclosure. See the September 10, 2002 list here (thanks to MJR and MK):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/fbi-nwcd-091002.htm>

A parallel collection of FBI records concerning Japanese war crimes during World War II has also been transferred to the National Archives, according to the October 2002 minutes of the Archives' Interagency Working Group, but no comparable listing of its contents has yet been released.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANELS GET HOMOGENIZED

The Bush Administration is subjecting its own scientific advisory panels to unprecedented ideological scrutiny, critics say, yielding an unusually homogenous groups of advisors who tend to produce predictable advice.

See "Advisors Put Under a Microscope" by Aaron Zitner, Los Angeles Times, December 23:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-advise23dec23.story>

NEW VISA RESTRICTIONS IMPEDE US SCIENCE

It would be surprising if the attenuated deliberative process that led to adoption of the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act and other new security policies did not have undesired negative consequences. After all, anticipating such outcomes is a large part of the purpose of prior deliberations which normally ought to embrace diverse critical voices.

Now those undesired negative effects are starting to surface, in one domain and another.

"Recent efforts by our government to constrain the flow of international visitors in the name of national security are having serious unintended consequences for American science, engineering, and medicine," according to a December 13 statement from the presidents of the National Academies of Science and Engineering.

"The evidence we have collected from the U.S. scientific community reveals that ongoing research collaborations have been hampered; that outstanding young scientists, engineers, and health researchers have been prevented from or delayed in entering this country; that important international conferences have been canceled or negatively impacted; and that such conferences will be moved out of the United States in the future if the situation is not corrected. Prompt action is needed."

See "Visa Delays Blasted" by William Schulz in Chemical and Engineering News, December 23 (which includes a link to the NAS statement) here:

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/topstory/8051/8051notw3.html>

MUCH SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY ALREADY IN PLACE

"In the Pentagon research effort to detect terrorism by electronically monitoring the civilian population, the most remarkable detail may be this: Most of the pieces of the system are already in place."

See "Many Tools of Big Brother are Up and Running," by John Markoff and John Schwartz, New York Times, December 23:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/23/technology/23PEEK.html>

Of course, increased surveillance does not translate directly into increased security. The basic premise of the Pentagon's Total Information Awareness initiative -- that future terrorist activity could be discerned within the mass of all transactional data -- remains unproven and intrinsically dubious.

The White House has received 9,000 faxes complaining about the Total Information Awareness program, according to a report in the Washington Times' Insight magazine today.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF SURVEILLANCE

If there is to be effective oversight of the Bush Administration's burgeoning surveillance activity, much of it will have to come from the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Justice Department, the FBI, and the legislative underpinnings of government surveillance.

But the impending shift in committee chairmanship from Senator Patrick Leahy to Senator Orrin Hatch will inevitably mean a change in the committee's public profile and a diminution of its critical stance towards the Administration.

See "Judiciary Panel Adds Surveillance Oversight" by Brian Krebs, WashingtonPost.com, December 23:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A28402-2002Dec23.html>

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AP Story on Jim's Ex-NASA 'Moon Hoax' Rebuttal

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:17:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:09:20 -0500
Subject: AP Story on Jim's Ex-NASA 'Moon Hoax' Rebuttal

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: Cooky Oberg <cooky@houston.rr.com>
>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 14:08:20 -0600
>Subject: AP story on Jim's ex-NASA 'Moon Hoax' Rebuttal

>AP story on NASA 'Moon Hoax' Un-Rebuttal
>http://www.space.com/news/oberg_hoaxes_021221.html

>Hoaxers vs. Rocket Scientists:

>Even NASA Unsure How to Counter Claims of Faked Moon
>Missions
>By Marcia Dunn
>Associated Press
>posted: 10:24 pm ET 21 December 2002

>CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) -- Is that the moon or a studio
>in the Nevada desert? How can the flag flutter when there's no
>>wind on the moon? Why can't we see stars in the moon-landing
>pictures? For three decades, NASA has taken the high road,
>ignoring those who claimed the Apollo moon landings were
>faked and part of a colossal government conspiracy.

>The claims and suspicious questions like the ones cited here
>mostly showed up in books and on the Internet. But last year's
>prime-time Fox TV special on the so-called ``moon hoax''
>prompted schoolteachers and others to plead with NASA for
>factual ammunition to fight back.

>So a few months ago, the space agency budgeted \$15,000 to
>hire a former rocket scientist and author to produce a small
>book refuting the disbelievers' claims. It would be written
>primarily with teachers and students in mind.

>The idea backfired, however, embarrassing the space agency for
>responding to ignorance, and the book deal was chucked.

Hey Jim,

Son of a gun, the shoe's on the other foot. What's wrong with a little skepticism? You know, I wasn't actually there to see them shoot those things up there. I know a lot of people say they did it and they have all kinds of "claimed" scientific data regarding it, but if I didn't see it, who knows?

But seriously, if you check your records, it might not be impossible some of the people spouting this rhetoric are actually a radical splinter group of CISCOP itself, possibly paid up members. :-)

Now you have a small taste of how it feels. Pretty sick isn't it?

Jerry Cohen
<http://www.cohenufo.org/>

PS Please forgive me, I have to post this to UpDates. I think a lot of them will really appreciate this, and some really need to see it.

Also seriously, best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday and same to all our UpDates list members.

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Re: Hynek? - Cohen

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:29:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:11:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Cohen

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Hynek?

>Oh yes I did have one more question, and I hope it's not really
>naive, but is it the general consensus of opinion among
>researchers here that Hynek was respected and well thought of,
>or were his "findings" considered to be somehow "suspect" or
>tied in with some specific agenda?

Laurel,

The answer to your question from my perspective is no. I wrote a letter why I felt this way at:

http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynek/hynk_mole_cohn.htm

The linet links are no good any more, but those files can be found at my site index:

<http://www.cohenufo.org/Indx.html>

If you have any trouble finding them, I'd be happy to help you.

Clicking the following link will also take you to a lot more information regarding Dr. Hynek.

<http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynksmlbio.htm>

He's my personal hero.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Sincerely,

Jerry Cohen
<http://www.cohenufo.org/>

Email: rjcohen@optonline.net

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Gerald Anderson On The Wall of Shame

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 15:25:40 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:13:51 -0500
Subject: Gerald Anderson On The Wall of Shame

Good Afternoon, List, All -

For fun, I sometimes look at the Navy SEAL's Wall of Shame:

<http://www.authentiseal.org/wos/htm>

because it is interesting Gerald Anderson's name appears on it for lying about his service with the SEALs. Everyone should take a moment to take a look there, and then follow the links to other sites exposing those who claim military service, secret missions, and lots of medals for bravery. It shows us just how wide spread all this is... and suggests that maybe we shouldn't be that hard on those we find in our own ranks (And yes, I'm probably the most vocal of those pointing all this out).

For those interested, here is the listing for Anderson:

NAME: Anderson, Gerald Francis
FALSE CLAIM: SEAL
CITY: Springfield
STATE: MO
DATE POSTED: 30 NOV 2000
RATING: * * * *

COMMENTS: After being warned to stop the lies, our source found a flyer at the college offering a survival course by "ex-Navy SEAL"

KRandle

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Re: Holiday Wishes - Ogbojo

From: Jennifer Ogbojo <jogbojo@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 16:01:29 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:16:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Holiday Wishes - Ogbojo

I am new to list and I find it quite fascinating. I hope that each and of you have wonderful holiday.

Peace be with us all!

Jennifer

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:08:50 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:31:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Tonnies

>From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
>Subject: Roswell Crash?

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>Regarding the testimony of Rickett, I checked how Karl Pflock
>>treated him in his second book. He wrote repeatedly that Rickett
>>had been to the Foster ranch ! (see pages 27, 35, 99, etc.) And,
>>of course, Pflock pointed out that, according to Rickett, there
>>was only a little amount of debris. A convenient detail for the
>>Mogul theory. On the other hand Rickett is found unreliable when
>>he describes a very strong piece that he could not bend : not
>>good for Mogul.

>I'm new to UFO UpDates and have been reading the mail. I should
>know better than to say anything... but here goes.

>Has anyone considered the military having a lucky day with the
>Roswell crash. Could the saucer have crashed into Project Mogul?

>This may explain why there was a second crash site, how a craft
>that travelled so many miles ended up crashing in the first
>place, and answer some debris issues.

>I imagine this was one of the first considerations, but I don't
>know how it was ruled out.

I believe Karl Pflock was the first to offer this idea, before
he converted to Mogulism. (And this isn't an insult: I enjoyed
Pflock's book thoroughly and can respect his decision, even if
I'm still on the fence.)

Although I didn't watch "Taken," wasn't this the scenario used?

=====
Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 18:28:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:32:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Randle

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 15:47:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:26:19 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>Good Morning, Gildas, List, All -

<snip>

>Well, according to Cavitt, that never happened, but then, I
>don't believe Cavitt was very reliable either. His story changed
>more often than a model on a runway displaying the latest
>fashions. Rickett was trying to help. Cavitt was not.

Kevin and all,

To this I would add that Cavitt did not try to help either the
Mogul theory. It would have been easy for him to "remember" that
he had, indeed, found a Mogul balloon train, when interviewed by
Colonel Weaver, but he refused. To me, he meant : one tale is
enough ! And the Air Force published that !

>>All this suggests that there was an impact site close to
>>Roswell, but we don't know exactly where it was.

>Yes, it certainly does and we now have, what, half a dozen
>candidates for that location. We can eliminate the Corn site, I
>suppose, and Boy Scout Mountain, but we still have quite a
>few of them.

>I hope this helps, and I'm still waiting for an answer to my
>questions.

>But, instead of screaming about that, let me wish everyone a
>Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and send my best to you all for
>the coming year.

Thank you, Kevin, and Happy Holidays to you, and all.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Corso - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 22:04:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:34:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Hall

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 09:38:13 -0800
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 12:16:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Corso [was: Re: Hynek?]

>>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 20:37:09 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: Hynek?

>>>Now, in Corso's book, he says that Dr. Hermann Oberth once
>>>suggested that we consider the Roswell craft from the N.M.
>>>desert not a spacecraft, but a time machine. I do not understand
>>>how these two statements relate to Corso's comments about: how
>>>the Roswell craft perhaps had an electromagnetic anti-gravity
>>>drive and brain-wave directed navigational controls. And that
>>>the EBE's utilized a wave-propagation technology as an anti-

>>Hi Laurel, list,

>>Recall also Corso's famous remark, uttered literally at the end
>>of the NBC Dateline interview he gave, about the "Nazi Time
>>machine" that the US supposedly recovered at the end of/after WW
>>2.

>>So Corso and time machine(s) theories are not uncommon so to
>>speak.

>Laurel,

>Please continue your research on Col. Corso and ignore the
>negative comments by Robert and Jerry. They're good fellows but
>like so many of their peers, they've disregarded the positive
>evidence that supports Col. Corso's veracity.

>See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/aug/ml6-020.shtml>

><http://www.caus.org/membercomments/mc062900.shtml>

Laurel,

I suggest you pay attention to Robert and Jerry, who know
whereof they speak. Corso's "veracity" is zero to nada.

- Dick Hall

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:18:55 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:36:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Randle

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:24:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

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>With all due respect, Dick, the biggest myth is that the original
>MJ-12 documents (EBD,TF, CT) are myths. I think I have heard all
>the arguments, including those in "Case MJ-12". My review of the
>latter will be lengthy indeed.

Stan, List, All -

Why do I suspect that this review will be less than flattering?
And remember, Stan still refuses to answer the hard questions
that have been posted here.

Well, Stan, review away and the rest of you have a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year, or Happy Holidays, or whatever
and however you celebrate..... And no, I didn't mean to leave
Stan out of all that. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to him,
too.

KRandle

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Re: WTC UFO - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 18:50:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:39:00 -0500
Subject: Re: WTC UFO - Ledger

>From: William Sawers <best.wsawers@clear.net.nz>
>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 09:56:07 +1300
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: WTC UFO

>List,

>I may be a bit out of date with this but I just found it on the
>Para-normal website and these videos are quite extraordinary.

>The first shows a different view of the 2nd plane hitting, but
>I'm not entirely sure of the UFO connection, unless its the
>very fast spot(?) that goes from top right to bottom
>left...???

>The 2nd is another story... if you haven't seen this vid, by a
>Japanese videographer, I would strongly urge you to take a look.
>It shows, uncannily, the 2nd plane, from a distance it almost
>looks like it's being tracked until it hits the tower. Almost
>immediately an object (UFO?) travels from right to left... fast,
>then veers in, in an amazing turn towards the towers. If you
>watch carefully, it then seems to appear again and leave out the
>left side of the frame.

>Both vids are very short and won't use much resources. You do
>need Win Media Player tho'.

>Hopefully I haven't wasted bandwidth here, but if anyone has any
>ideas. I'd be really interested in what this 2nd object is!.

>They are simply called:

>NEW WTC UFOs (footage 1)

>and

>NEW WTC UFOs (footage 2)

>and the page is:

>http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=Downloads&d_op=viewdownload&cid=9

>Regards and a Happy Xmas and Merry New Year to all from
>downunder (NZ)

William,

I don't know about wasting bandwidth but as for wasting my time,
that's another matter. If you want to sell your site why not
mention that up front instead of taking me there and then asking
me where I think I'm going and telling me I have to register.

Bah humbug.

Don Ledger

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 23:32:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 19:42:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Hall

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:24:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 23:31:55 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 15:24:33 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

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>>>>This reminds me of another Great Moment In Debunking.

>>>>At the 1987 MUFON Conference in Washington DC, the fledgling
>>>>MJ-12 controversy was center stage, and Bill Moore was giving
>>>>a talk. He sidetracked onto a story he had heard that went
>>>>some- thing like the following:

>>>>President Reagan invited Steven Spielberg to the White House for
>>>>a special private screening of 'ET: The Extraterrestrial'. When
>>>>it was over, Reagan clapped Spielberg on the back and said
>>>>something along the lines of, "My friend, there aren't 5 people
>>>>in this town who know just how true that story is."

>>>>Moore had barely finished telling this story when, from the back
>>>>of the room, a small voice said, "Carter was President." We all
>>>>turned around and immediately recognized the speaker, dear old
>>>>Uncle Phil. Jaime Shandera was in the audience as well, and
>>>>began goading Klass, "What's that Phil? What'd you say? Stand
>>>>up and be heard!" Whereupon Klass rose to his feet imperiously
>>>>and intoned, "In 1977, Jimmy Carter was the President of the
>>>>United States..." Moore interrupted him, "That's right, Phil,
>>>>but 'ET' was released in 1981! You stand corrected..._again_!!"

>>>>The place roared with laughter and applause, and I've never seen
>>>>anyone slink into their seat quite as slowly. Though of course
>>>>it was an innocent slip, and though I'm sure the Reagan story is
>>>>apocryphal, it was still a great moment.

>>>Don't be so sure the story is apocryphal. I heard from either
>>>Bill or Jaimie that Jaimie got the story from Spielberg
>>>himself.....

>>Shandera was the source of the story. I'm not sure that makes it
>>credible. He was also intimately involved in helping to create
>>the MJ-12 myth. As Kevin says about Kaufmann et al., how many
>>flaws, errors, lies, misrepresentations do we need before we
>>conclude that the MJ-12 documents are fraudulent.

>With all due respect, Dick, the biggest myth is that the original
>MJ-12 documents (EBD,TF, CT) are myths. I think I have heard all
>the arguments, including those in "Case MJ-12". My review of the
>latter will be lengthy indeed.

>I got to know Jaimie quite well over a period of time. He was
>hard working, bright, and rational. I have no reason to disagree
>with the account given of the trip to DC during which the CT
>memo was discovered or about their (Bill Moore and Jaimie)
>reaction to the EBD. I believe Jerry Clark can testify about at
>least one of the strange postcards. We certainly didn't agree
>about everything, such as, for example the wisdom of using
>Falcon and Condor - 'UFO Coverup? Live!' - when they knew some
>of what they presented would not be true. My argument was that
>the public had no way of sorting the truth from the fiction. We
>had a long loud argument about that, after the show. Bill and I
>had disagreements about the way he published the EBD (Highly
>censored, without saying so), his presentation in Las Vegas and
>many other items. But he sure did a lot of useful research such
>as about Irving Newton, Barney Barnett's boss, etc.

>Don't forget that I did demonstrate that a host of Tim Cooper
>MJ-12 documents were fraudulent in my MUFON 2000 paper. An awful
>lot of the objections to the EBD, TF, CT, are proclamations
>based upon inadequate research.

>Don't give up on MJ-12 yet. Certainly it is inappropriate to
>assume that because documents from one source are fraudulent,
>that all documents are fraudulent. One would certainly expect
>that intelligence personnel, once real material had surfaced,
>would flood the market with junk.

Stan,

With all due respect in return, and you deserve respect for your long years of trying to establish the truth, at this point the skeptical arguments about the authenticity of MJ-12 are very strong. Although I am in no position to pass firm or final judgment, the arguments by Randle and others do not yet have satisfactory answers and a great deal of game-playing and lying has been demonstrated. So I feel entirely justified in expressing my rather deep skepticism about MJ-12. Aside from that, both Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera have (like Sen. Lott) hurt themselves by their remarks and have no one else to blame for their lack of credibility.

My own take on Roswell at this point is that clearly something far more unusual than a Mogul balloon, and certainly far beyond a standard weather balloon, crashed near Roswell. Certainly disinformation could be a factor, and I personally do not doubt that it has occurred, but to what degree is impossible to say. So it can not simply be asserted that an alien spacecraft crashed and all efforts to deny that are simply disinformation.

Some of what has occurred, as Kevin points out, apparently is due to personal dishonesty. Since the waters are so muddied by dishonest witnesses (no matter how motivated), the truth is very elusive. All of this is further compounded by the various, usually well-meaning, efforts to decipher the Ramey memo, which come out with substantially different interpretations as each interpreter claims to be the only one doing it the right way.

Whatever happened to objective peer review? David Rudiak, whose Roswell web site is a positive asset, even went so far as to suggest that peer review was equivalent to a Government conspiracy. Huh? Let's get real here!

Science and credible products thereof derive from respectful attention to dissenting viewpoints and careful peer review, while exposing dishonesty and falsehoods. Unfortunately, the pseudoscience of "Ufology" doesn't hack it in these respects.

- Dick Hall

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Re: Feats & Pitfalls of Archeo-Ufology - Oplatka

From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 16:09:38 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 09:53:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Feats & Pitfalls of Archeo-Ufology - Oplatka

Hi all,

I very much enjoyed Larry's article about the excavation in New Mexico re: ET artifacts and I am going to photocopy it and send it to my Congress representatives - very good idea!

My New Year's Message:

Besides wishing you All a Very Merry Christmas and Truly Happy New Year, I am adding this thought after re-reading Corso's book. Although I know some are appalled by Corso's claims, I was considering something he wrote (p. 79):

"Flying saucers did truly buzz over Washington D.C., in 1952, and there are plenty of graphs and radar reports to substantiate it. But we denied it while encouraging science fiction writers to make movies like 'The Man from Planet X' to blow off some pressure concerning the truth about flying discs. This was called camouflage through limited disclosure, and it worked."

So, my New Year's Message to all disinformants echoes the last line in 'The Man from Planet X': "The truth cannot be contained, but it can be reduced to gossip"!

Any comments?

Seasons Greetings,

Laurel

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Victoria To Vancouver, B.C. Sighting From Ferry

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 16:25:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:00:45 -0500
Subject: Victoria To Vancouver, B.C. Sighting From Ferry

HBCC UFO Research

Victoria to Vancouver, B.C.

Date: December 21, 2002
Time: 9:20 a.m.

The witness also telephoned the sighting in, plus emailed the report.

Hello

On Saturday Dec 21, 2002 I was on the ferry going to Victoria from Vancouver. At 9:20 a.m. I went out on the deck to have a cigarette. I was the only one out at that time because it was quite cool and windy. There was blue sky but with lots of clouds that were moving quite fast because of the wind. I saw a white ball or sphere shaped object approaching a cloud. It didn't move very fast, it seemed to float but I know it wasn't a balloon. It was very white. It didn't look very big but how can I tell at that height. I watched it for about ten seconds not taking my eye off it. As it was approaching the cloud and then was covered by the cloud I waited for it to reappear after the wind moved the cloud (the cloud wasn't big) but I never saw it again. It either moved with the cloud or disappeared. It was moving in the northwest direction until it was covered in the cloud, then I don't know what happened to it. Other people came out and I was going to ask them to look at it but it never came out of the cloud so I don't know if anyone else saw it. The length of the event took approx: 10 to 15 seconds. I have contacted some sources in hopes of trying to solve this case.

Thank you to the witness for their report

Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research
Editor: Canadian Communicator

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:06:49 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:03:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Bowden

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>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:08:50 -0800 (PST)
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>Although I didn't watch "Taken," wasn't this the scenario used?

Yes, "Taken" mentioned that scenario several times. It seems it
is part of the "mythology" that Spielberg is so fond of
mentioning.

Tom Bowden

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E-Mail Addresses?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 23:37:26 -0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:05:41 -0500
Subject: E-Mail Addresses?

Hello list,

I would like to know these e-mails:

Mr. Colin Andrews
Mr. Pablo Villarrubia-Mauso
Mr. Derrel Sims
Mr. Roger Leir.

Thank you very much,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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Subject: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee'

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Well, we here in Brazil are facing a great menace to all brazilian ufology's credibility, a credibility conquered by several ufologists over the decades. The name of that threat is Urandir Fernandes of Oliveira. That 'gentleman' is spreading around the world (mainly for the USA) that has been maintaining contact with extraterrestrials and that was abducted for several times! That is all lies! Don't believe in that person's words!

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Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:03:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:16:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 08:28:25 -0500
>Subject: Abduction Question

>A question for John Velez and the List:

Hi Eleanor,

>Is the percentage of abductions from buildings other than the
>residence of the abductee very small? For example, hotel rooms.

I have no idea what the 'percentages' are. No one (that I know of) has conducted a survey into the question.

Yes, there are many cases of reported abductions that happened to the experiencer/witness away from home. The Russ Hudson case was one of those presented by Budd Hopkins at the M.I.T. conference in 1992. Russ and four others (his band-mates) were abducted from a hotel room.

I have partial but 'conscious' recollections of having been abducted from a hotel room while I was away from home back in 1994. I have received letters over the years from people who were 'taken' while away from home.

>If yes, does that show that this is a highly deliberate and
>targetted phenomenon,

The fact that the same people are taken repeatedly over the course of a lifetime, regardless of whether the family has moved several times, is more to the point. People are taken while away from their homes all the time. IMHO the former is more curious than the latter.

'They' can find us no matter where we are.

>and does that in turn add to the credibility of the reports?

I don't know. I don't think so. 'Credibility' has to do with the character, expertise and history/track record, of the person reporting. What I 'think' you are asking is; is this 'evidence' that the abductions are objective events as opposed to subjective ones.

To both, I answer, no. I firmly believe that the 'answer' lies hidden and undiscovered in the bodies (physiology) of the abductees. Somewhere in our bodies is the 'hard' evidence everyone has been asking for. You don't need to wait for the opportunity to steal an ashtray from a UFO, or for one to crash in your backyard to obtain 'hard' evidence. Abductees are accessible and 'on hand' in large numbers. The only thing that needs doing is the testing itself.

Practical suggestions for avenues of investigation:

At the recent GWU symposium held in Wash. D.C. Dr. Michio Kaku suggested that tests intended to locate and identify 'nanotechnology' (submicroscopic 'machines') in the body's of

the abductees would be 'proof positive' (if any were to be found) of an 'objective' phenomenon. He also suggested that DNA testing might be able to settle the issue once and for all as well. Anything unusual or unique in the DNA of abductees would prove to be a bona-fide 'smoking gun.'

So many interesting and potentially enlightening avenues to study and explore. But sadly, no one is looking into any of them. There are no plans for any such testing in the future either.

Abductees... poor bastards! They certainly can't turn to their 'abductors' for help. Can't turn to other people for help either because a. there isn't much they can do anyway and b. because most of them are too busy grabbing their stomachs as they roll around on the floor laughing their asses off after you've opened up to them.

Few, if any, in the academic/professional world are listening. No one is trying or planning to conduct any 'practical' research into the subject - so... it doesn't look like it's going to happen any time soon.

Abductees have only themselves, their own inner resources and maybe a few other individuals that they can turn to. The situation they face is the epitome of the phrase, "Caught between a rock and hard place."

Talk about a sad state of affairs.

Regards,

John Velez, speaking strictly for myself

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<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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Re: Hynek? - Cohen [Re-send]

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:12:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:38:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Cohen [Re-send]

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:23:11 -0800 (PST)
>Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 09:24:28 -0500
>Subject: Hynek?

>Oh yes I did have one more question, and I hope it's not really
>naive, but is it the general consensus of opinion among
>researchers here that Hynek was respected and well thought of,
>or were his "findings" considered to be somehow "suspect" or
>tied in with some specific agenda?

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This is a re-do for obvious reasons. If you read the first one.
I was very tired when I wrote it. Hopefully, this one is more
intelligent and all the links work. I just changed my computer
over here and things still aren't working the way they used to.

Sorry Laurel - Jerry

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Laurel,

The answer to your question from my perspective is I think he
was respected by many and, over time, some people thought he
might have been a mole. However, after thinking about it
carefully, I decided not. I had a discussion with one person who
felt that way at:

http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynek/hynk_mole_cohn.htm

If the links still aren't working for any reason, I'd be happy
to help you.

Clicking the following link should also take you to a lot more
information regarding Dr. Hynek.

<http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynksmlbio.htm>

He's my personal hero.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Sincerely,

Jerry Cohen

<http://www.cohenufo.org/>

Email: rjcohen@optonline.net

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From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:56:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:40:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

>From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
>Subject: Roswell Crash?

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>Regarding the testimony of Rickett, I checked how Karl Pflock
>>treated him in his second book. He wrote repeatedly that Rickett
>>had been to the Foster ranch ! (see pages 27, 35, 99, etc.) And,
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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:43:02 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/24/02

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NIXON'S NUCLEAR PLOY

Researchers probing through declassified records continue to discover momentous episodes in Cold War history that never made it into the history books because they were never intended to become public knowledge.

One such episode, in which U.S. nuclear forces around the world were put on heightened alert, is newly described by historians William Burr and Jeffrey Kimball.

"In 1969 President Richard Nixon ordered a worldwide nuclear alert-- one of the largest secret military operations in U.S. history. Only Nixon, his special adviser for national security affairs Henry Kissinger, Kissinger's National Security Council aide Col. Alexander Haig, and White House chief of staff H. R. 'Bob' Haldeman, knew that the underlying purpose of the alert, known as the 'Joint Chiefs of Staff Readiness Test,' was to convince the Soviets that helping to end the war in Vietnam was in their best interests."

See "Nixon's Nuclear Ploy" in the January/February 2003 issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists here:

<http://www.thebulletin.org/issues/2003/jf03/jf03burr.html>

Some of the underlying documentation uncovered by Burr and Kimball is posted on the web site of the National Security Archive here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB81/index.htm>

DECLASSIFIED IMAGERY OF USS PUEBLO

In 1968, North Korea captured the U.S.S. Pueblo, a U.S. Navy intelligence vessel, and held its crew hostage for eleven months.

The seized ship was soon located through aerial surveillance collected by the Central Intelligence Agency. That CIA surveillance imagery has recently been declassified, and acquired by GlobalSecurity.org, which posted selected images here:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/imint/pueblo-imagery-1.htm>

INTERVIEW WITH RUSSIAN SVR DIRECTOR

"Does an intelligence officer's wife also need to be an intelligence officer?"

That was one of the questions posed to Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) Director Sergey Lebedev in a wide-ranging interview in Rossiyskaya Gazeta published on December 20, the day on which Russia's security services are honored.

See the text of the interview, translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/russia/svr/rg122002.html>

GROOM LAKE DISCLOSURE EXEMPTION RENEWED

The famous secret Air Force base near Groom Lake, Nevada, also known as Area 51, remains exempt from any and all environmental laws that would require the disclosure of classified information concerning the base.

President Bush formally renewed the exemption last September.

His determination that "it is in the paramount interest of the United States" to prevent disclosure of information about the site was published in the Federal Register on December 24. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2002/12/fr122402.html>

INDIA PASSES FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

India became the latest country to enact a Freedom of Information law, as the Indian parliament gave final approval to the legislation on December 16. The text of the new law has been posted on the freedominfo.org web site here:

<http://www.freedominfo.org/news.htm>

NORTH KOREA CAN'T STAND NEW JAMES BOND FILM

In what must be the oddest sign of escalating tensions between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the North Koreans have lashed out at the latest James Bond movie, "Die Another Day."

"The 20th installment of the American movie series James Bond 007 describes our Republic as an axis of evil and incites North-South confrontation and has contents that groundlessly belittle and humiliate our nation and even viciously insult our race," according to a December 19 broadcast on the Korean Central Broadcast Station in Pyongyang.

"We view this not as a certain movie producer's problem but as a product of the United States' policy of belittling the Korean nation and its hostile policy toward the DPRK."

"The movie is intolerable."

See "The United States' Shoddy Act of Insulting the Korean Nation," translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/12/dprk121902.html>

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From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 16:33:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:34:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:08:50 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>he converted to Mogulism. (And this isn't an insult: I enjoyed
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>I'm still on the fence.)

To all,

After hearing of a new witness who allegedly said, back in 1972,
that there had been a collision with a balloon train, I tried to
see if any Mogul train would do. Perhaps the Mogul flight 9
would do, as Karl Pflock had speculated in his first book.

Pflock had to drop Flight 9 because it probably had no radar
target, which was an absolute need for the flower tapes. But
that was not needed for a collision.

Here is what Pflock says now with the help of Professor Moore
(see pages 155 and 156 of his second book):

NYU Flight 9 was to track a V-2 launching, which failed. Since
the neoprene balloons were already inflated, the cluster was
launched nevertheless, but without instruments and radar
targets. Only with a dummy load, and that was done in the
evening of July 3. There was no flight record, but it is
confirmed by Dr Crary's diary, and by pictures of the launching,
preserved by Eileen Farnochi, which are shown by Pflock in his
book (actually, the picture is not very clear).

And Pflock concludes - "My Flight 9 notion had been
shot down".

Well, maybe not for the collision theory.

Starting again from there, there are some questions, such as the date of the crash. Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt first adopted the date of July 2 on the base of the Wilmot sighting. Then they opted for July 4 on the ground of new testimonies. With the discredit on Ragsdale and Kaufmann, the question of the date seems open again - could it have been July 3?

William Woody only remembered that he had driven with his father during the week-end, and that it was a day or two after his sighting one evening. This is compatible with July 3.

A tentative scenario would be now:

Collision in the evening, or night of July 3 with Flight 9. The army discovers the impact site, no very far north of Roswell, during the same night or on Friday July 4.

They retrieve the craft and bodies the same day, or during the following night.

Mack Brazel finds the debris field the same day, talks about it on Saturday 5 at Corona, and goes to Roswell on Sunday 6.

Now, another problem is still the absence of radar reflector. From where did come the debris shown in the office of Gal Ramey? Perhaps from White Sands, for instance - why not?

Another difficulty is the description of flower tape, first by Brazel, and later by his daughter Bessie. But Brazel could have been taught to say that (at a time when the balloon explanation was being staged). Since Bessie was not there, anyway, according to her family and neighbors, she may have remembered another balloon discovery, before or after the crash.

I don't say that this is the truth - only that it does not seem impossible, apparently. Perhaps we will know more, if new witnesses can be found?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Moulton Howe

From: Linda Moulton Howe <earthfiles@earthfiles.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:05:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:40:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Moulton Howe

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
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>Thank you very much for your attention

>Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

Dear Mr. Ticchetti:

cc: Felipe Branco

I have interviewed Felipe Branco about his own firsthand experiences. Mr. Oliveira does not speak English. Mr. Branco certainly has a right to describe his own experiences.

Sincerely,

Linda Moulton Howe

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:02:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 14:24:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Kaeser

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This theory seems to be so tenuous that it hardly seems worth repeating. A craft designed to fly through space and deal with space debris (which natural or not) would seem to be able to deal with a floating object in the atmosphere. TAKEN used this as a scenario to help tie in the genre as tightly as possible, but that doesn't give it credence.

Gildas, are you sure that the witness you mentioned suggested a MOGUL balloon? I believe that project was still highly classified at that time and it wasn't until the mid 80's that information on it was declassified. In 1972 the Air Force was still claiming that a weather balloon had been found on the ranch near Corona, NM. That claim was modified in 1995 by the Air Force and identified the debris as that of a top secret MOGUL balloon.

If we are to blindly speculate as to a cause, then it would make more sense (IMHO) that a catastrophic event on the craft caused it to lose control and strike the ground, causing it to skip from the debris site to its final resting place. But this is pure speculation based on what we perceive from the limited (and controversial) evidence at hand. Descriptions from the debris field do not describe a craft of any kind, and there are four or five distinct crash sites (where the craft allegedly came to rest) identified by anecdotal testimony from various witnesses.

Another blind speculation that I've heard indicates that the craft lost control when it flew through early radar emissions, which caused the occupants to lose control and crash. Again,

this seems a bit far fetched given the fact that the Universe is filled with many forms of radiation which it would have to deal with. What about the alleged crash of two alien craft into one another, which could explain the multiple crash sites mentioned. But, again, this speculation doesn't really help a scientific quest for the truth.

As an aside:

I would like to wish everyone on UpDates a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. We live in troubled times, and there are many who are far from home during this special time of year. 'Tis the season to wish everyone Peace and Prosperity, and certainly that is my wish to all.

Steve

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Re: Hynek? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:10:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 14:26:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Clark

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:12:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Hynek? - Cohen [Re-send]

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
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Re: Abduction Question - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 15:03:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 15:49:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - White

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:03:27 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

>Abductees have only themselves, their own inner resources and
>maybe a few other individuals that they can turn to. The
>situation they face is the epitome of the phrase, "Caught
>between a rock and hard place."

>Talk about a sad state of affairs.

Hm. You know, that story about the abductee who was abducted
along with his boat and recording GPS suggests another idea.

Nowadays, Digital Angel sells a wearable GPS type locator
gadget at this web page:

<http://www.digitalangel.net/consumer.asp>

The unit is \$400 US and the monitoring charge is \$30 US per
month.

They offer, for wandering seniors, a service called
"WanderAlert" that sends the service customer an alert if the
person wearing the unit leaves a preset area.

How about if those people currently undergoing fairly frequent
abductions were to subscribe to this service?

I'm guessing the abductors would not steal the unit as that
would be tangible evidence of their crime.

If they personally can't afford it, the cost is low enough that
presumably others with a keen interest in solving the mystery
could cover it.

How does that sound?

Eleanor White

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A Christmas Break

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 15:52:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 15:52:45 -0500
Subject: A Christmas Break

Past Christmases found me celebrating at home, close to to what I laughingly call my computer - this year brings, as the passing years frequently do, a change.

I shall be away until Friday, noon-ish, Eastern. And unless something truly unexpected happens - ufologically speaking - UFO UpDates will be off-line for a couple of days.

Now matter how you celebrate this time of the year, may it be peaceful and joyous.

ebk

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 22:28:26 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 11:00:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 16:33:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:08:50 -0800 (PST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>>From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
>>>Subject: Roswell Crash?

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>Has anyone considered the military having a lucky day with the
>>>Roswell crash. Could the saucer have crashed into Project Mogul?

>To all

<snip>

>And Pflock concludes - "My Flight 9 notion had been
>shot down".

>Well, maybe not for the collision theory.

<snip>

>A tentative scenario would be now:

>Collision in the evening, or night of July 3 with Flight 9. The
>army discovers the impact site, no very far north of Roswell,
>during the same night or on Friday July 4.

>They retrieve the craft and bodies the same day, or during the
>following night.

>Mack Brazel finds the debris field the same day, talks about it
>on Saturday 5 at Corona, and goes to Roswell on Sunday 6.

>Now, another problem is still the absence of radar reflector.
>From where did come the debris shown in the office of Gal Ramey?
>Perhaps from White Sands, for instance - why not?

>Another difficulty is the description of flower tape, first by
>Brazel, and later by his daughter Bessie. But Brazel could have
>been taught to say that (at a time when the balloon explanation
>was being staged). Since Bessie was not there, anyway, according
>to her family and neighbors, she may have remembered another
>balloon discovery, before or after the crash.

>I don't say that this is the truth - only that it does not seem
>impossible, apparently. Perhaps we will know more, if new

>witnesses can be found?

Gildas,

A major problem with this speculation is this: Why should an interplanetary, intergalactic, or otherwise craft constructed of materials that can't be bent, broken, or burnt be done in by a collision with a flimsy balloon? That doesn't make any sense.

- Dick

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Re: Hynek? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 22:41:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 11:03:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek? - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <UFOupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:10:58 -0600
>Subject: Re: Hynek? - Clark

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>all scientists and other humans do and probably he should have
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>Jerry Clark

Jerry & List,

As a close personal friend and colleague of Jim McDonald, and first an adversary (during his USAF years) and then a colleague of Allen Hynek, I agree completely with what Jerry says here. Different people have different motivations and what I like to call "personal devils" that influence how they perform. I admired--even loved--Jim McDonald. However, I came to respect Allen Hynek and to be more tolerant of differing personal styles and how they affect human interactions. Allen clearly was a talented and principled advocate who, in the last words I heard him speak, vowed to dedicate the rest of his life to an attempt to persuade scientists to take UFOs seriously.

- Dick

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Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 15:00:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 15:41:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Rudiak

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bruce@inclusivesolutions.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 11:17:35 -500
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 16:28:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed - Hutchinson

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 18:02:05 -0800
>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed
David, List and Readers;

<snip>

>>...Trakowski's replacement as Mogul Project Officer was Col.
>>Edward Doty, who we know today from multiple documents, was
>>really an AFOSI officer (i.e., Air Force counterintelligence)
>>and also in charge of UFO investigations at Holloman AFB,
>>Alamogordo.

>In checking through the information I have at hand, I cannot
>find a single document that supports your rather sweeping claim
>of "multiple documents" supporting your accusation that Col
>Edward Doty was connected officially to the AFOSI.

>Major (later Colonel) Edward Doty was assigned to what
>essentially was a field unit of the Air Force Cambridge Research
>Station/Center/Laboratory, as it was variously called over the
>years. Doty did indeed investigate UFO sightings around the
>Holloman AFB, NM, area, where Doty was assigned. But he didn't
>carry out those investigations because he was an AFOSI type, but
>rather because he was a scientific type.

>I suspect that because Doty's name appears on the Project
>Twinkle Final Report, you feel that this just has to connect
>Doty to CI. You know, ...of course, that Project Twinkle was
>carried out separately from Project Blue Book. In fact, Project
>Twinkle was carried out under the Air Force's geophysical
>research program, a large part of which was handled by the Air
>Force Cambridge Research Laboratory (AFCLR), which later was
>renamed the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory and which today is
>known as Phillips Laboratory.

The information that Doty was OSI came from Leonard
Stringfield's Status Report #6, based on the Project Twinkle
summaries plus information from a witness who said Doty was also
in charge of security at Holloman.

The Twinkle summaries do definitely state that Doty assumed
responsibility for Holloman UFO investigations sometime in 1951.
He and Dyvad took the UFO report from Corona on July 11, 1951.
By the time of discussions with Doty on Aug. 27, 1951, it was
stated that that Doty was "thoroughly acquainted with the
situation." It also clearly states that he was to continue to
collect and review reports and maintain liaison with AFOSI.
Doty's 1959 letter to the Holloman base historian mentioned none
of this, only his connection to the balloon projects.

At the very least he was in charge of UFO investigations at

Holloman starting in 1951 and reported to AFOSI, even if he wasn't AFOSI. AFOSI officer Richard Doty (who variously claimed Edward Doty was either his father or uncle) said the elder Doty was also involved in investigating the Lonnie Zemora Socorro incident for Project Blue Book.

Upon review, I would have to agree this doesn't demonstrate that Doty was with OSI, as Stringfield claimed, but he did unquestionably investigate on their behalf and report to them.

>In Air Force historical reports, Major Edward Doty is credited >with having created the Balloon Branch at Holloman AFB (formerly >Alamogordo Army Air Field) almost singlehandedly. Major Doty >also worked on Project Mogul (or Mogul-like) experiments at >Holloman AFB at least as late as 1951. He carried out a lot of >the scientific field work at Holloman for the AFCRL.

My, what a fountain of arcane information you are today. I've never known you to personally research anything in depth, instead regurgitating what others have written or playing front man for them. Who are you playing front man for today Bruce? This sounds like something Tim Printy would have written, not you.

>Major Edward Doty undoubtedly worked with AFOSI personnel during >the Project Twinkle investigations, but Doty himself was not a >member of AFOSI, and I doubt that you can produce an authentic, >official, Air Force record showing that he was ever assigned to >AFOSI. You can- and did- make some unwarranted assumptions, but >that hardly justifies such sweeping statements of "fact" based >on absurdly weak evidence.

>And as a side note, your site erroneously claims Edward Doty was >the father of Richard Doty. (Richard has also claimed -falsely- >that Edward was his uncle!) You need to correct that.

Richard Doty told people like Bruce Maccabee and Philip Klass that Edward Doty was his father. He told Robert Todd that Edward Doty was his uncle. Before I "correct" this, perhaps you can enlighten us to the true relationship of the two Dotys and how you know this for a fact.

If I am wrong about Doty being AFOSI (as it currently appears I am), I have no problems making the necessary corrections. I do strive to be accurate.

Perhaps you can tell your pal/ghostwriter Tim Printy to do likewise on his webpage concerning Charles Moore's Flight 4 trajectory hoax and alternation of the Flight 5 map. He's still claiming I got this all wrong and Moore is an innocent. I have yet to see where any of my mathematical or other arguments have been refuted by either you or Printy. When are you guys going to muster the integrity to admit to this?

David Rudiak

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 17:45:49 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 15:42:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Tonnies

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:02:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

<snip>

>This theory seems to be so tenuous that it hardly seems worth
>repeating. A craft designed to fly through space and deal with
>space debris (which natural or not) would seem to be able to
>deal with a floating object in the atmosphere.

<snip>

We assume the Roswell craft (if it existed) was some kind of
spacecraft. Why? It could have been an alien craft designed
solely for atmospheric use.

=====
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Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 19:14:05 -0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 16:11:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Ticchetti

>From: Linda Moulton Howe <earthfiles@earthfiles.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:05:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee'

>Dear Mr. Ticchetti:

>cc: Felipe Branco

>I have interviewed Felipe Branco about his own firsthand
>experiences. Mr. Oliveira does not speak English. Mr. Branco
>certainly has a right to describe his own experiences.

Sincerely,

Linda Moulton Howe

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Dear Linda,

Of course that he has the right to describe his own
experiences... but it must be the truth, Whic it is not!
Mr. Felipe Branco is friend of Urandir, and tell the same
stories.

Please, give some space to me and Gevaerd (who lives near Mr.
Urandir property) to show that they are trying to deceive you.

Thank you very much and have a Merry Christmas

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Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 22:14:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 16:14:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken - Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 17:18:55 EST
>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:24:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Spielberg's Take On Taken

><snip>

>>With all due respect, Dick, the biggest myth is that the original
>>MJ-12 documents (EBD,TF, CT) are myths. I think I have heard all
>>the arguments, including those in "Case MJ-12". My review of the
>>latter will be lengthy indeed.

>Stan, List, All -

>Why do I suspect that this review will be less than flattering?
>And remember, Stan still refuses to answer the hard questions
>that have been posted here.

>Well, Stan, review away and the rest of you have a Merry
>Christmas and a Happy New Year, or Happy Holidays, or whatever
>and however you celebrate..... And no, I didn't mean to leave
>Stan out of all that. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to him,
>too.

My best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season and a
prosperous and loving year.

My purpose in reviewing the book (I hope all buy it) is to seek
errors of omission and commission, perhaps to provide alternative
views. After all I have been seriously involved with Majestic
for 18 years now. I will say it was good to see 8 of my
publications on the subject listed in the bibliography, which
was more than for anyone else. My concern is not with flattering
or un-flattering (is there such a word?) anybody.

Stan Friedman

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CI: Enigmatic Polar 'Trails' on Mars

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 20:54:23 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 16:17:59 -0500
Subject: CI: Enigmatic Polar 'Trails' on Mars

Cydonian Imperative
12-24-02

Enigmatic Polar "Trails" on Mars
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

Recently discovered "sled trail" formations on Mars' south pole have puzzled the Mars research community. The "trails"--long, shallow grooves that have elicited joking comments about Martian snow-sports--are inconsistent with our understanding of Mars' geology. While the trails could be accounted for by glacier action if they were on Earth, Mars' lack of glaciers leaves more exotic possibilities open.

[image]

Unexplained trails on Mars' mysterious south pole.

While I don't think it's likely, it's conceivable that the trails are the remains of an engineering project. I offer the possibility on a purely speculative basis; as one of the features' discoverers very aptly remarked, we probably won't know what we're looking at until we are able to investigate in person.

If only NASA would act on this sentiment instead of readying the next volley of telerobotic probes.

-end-

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Re: Corso - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 00:44:48 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 16:19:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 09:38:13 -0800
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 12:16:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Corso [was: Re: Hynek?]

>>>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 20:37:09 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: Hynek?

>><snip>

>>>Now, in Corso's book, he says that Dr. Hermann Oberth once
>>>suggested that we consider the Roswell craft from the N.M.
>>>desert not a spacecraft, but a time machine. I do not understand
>>>how these two statements relate to Corso's comments about: how
>>>the Roswell craft perhaps had an electromagnetic anti-gravity
>>>drive and brain-wave directed navigational controls. And that
>>>the EBE's utilized a wave-propagation technology as an anti-

>>Hi Laurel, list,

>>Recall also Corso's famous remark, uttered literally at the end
>>of the NBC Dateline interview he gave, about the "Nazi Time
>>machine" that the US supposedly recovered at the end of/after WW
>>2.

>>So Corso and time machine(s) theories are not uncommon so to
>>speak.

>Laurel,

>Please continue your research on Col. Corso and ignore the
>negative comments by Robert and Jerry. They're good fellows but
>like so many of their peers, they've disregarded the positive
>evidence that supports Col. Corso's veracity.

Ed,

So what is "negative" about the truth?

Corso did in fact make the claim about the time machine to the reporter. We know from Corso's military record that what he claimed in the book was not in fact correct. Corso claimed that Birnes stroked the book and there were some inaccuracies in the book that he couldn't correct do to some contractual obligation he was under. Birnes claimed that the book is a faithful reproduction of every word that fell out of Corso's mouth, further that Birnes had it all on tape. Further that Corso had read the manuscript and galley proofs of the book a number of times and had approved what was written in the book. Birnes had all of the material on tape for 3 (thats right three) Corso books. I notice that Birnes has been in no hurry to do the other

Re: Corso - Gates

two books.

So the bottom line still is "Corso and time machine(s) theories are not uncommon so to speak."

Cheers,

Robert

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TEEN VIDEOTAPES UFOs
IN AFYON, TURKEY

On Thursday, December 5, 2002, a teenager used his videocamera to shoot both daylight and night footage of two UFOs that were hovering over the Davulga district of Emirdag, a suburb of Afyon, a city in western Turkey.

"Nineteen-year-old Ramazan Elmas captured the images of the bright objects with his videocamera on two successive days and nights," Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6, 2002. "The video pictures of the objects created much excitement among the residents" of Afyon.

"Elmas stated that his father and his friends, Evran Calik, Adem Erdogan and Mehmet Golkuyu, also witnessed the incident. And he (Ramazan Elmas) got in trouble with the local police."

"The police asked me to hand over the cassette, but I rejected their demand," Elmas said, "Then several military officers came over from Afyon. They watched the footage and wanted to get it. I reported this to the Emirdag Public Prosecutor. The Public Prosecutor concluded that I was entitled to the copyright of the video footage. At that point, the police ceased to demand it."

(Editor's Note: In Turkey, a public prosecutor is similar to a district attorney here in the USA.)

Afyon is located 250 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Ankara, the capital of Turkey. (Many thanks of Haktan Akdogan of Sirius Space Sciences Research in Istanbul for this news story.)

(Editor's Note: For more on recent UFO sightings in Afyon, see UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 47 for November 19, 2002, "Six Turkish airline crews saw the UFOs over Afyon," page 2.)

LUMINOUS UFO SIGHTED NEAR
BIRMINGHAM IN UK

On Thursday, December 19, 2002, at 6 a.m., Joy W. was driving to work through Small Heath, near Birmingham, UK, when she spotted an unusual bright light in the sky.

"A very bright white light approached from the east, travelling very fast in a straight line, too fast for a plane," Joy reported, "Constant brightness. At first I

thought it was a very large shooting star. But it kept at the same height."

"It was a bright silver light, star-like but bigger than a star, roundish in shape. The sky was clear. I was about four miles (7 kilometers) from the Birmingham airport. It could not have been a plane as it was like a ball of very bright light, even as it was going away from me." (Email Form Report)

UFO FLAP CONTINUES IN VENEZUELA

Although the intense level of UFO activity in South America has diminished during the past two weeks, UFO sightings remain at an all-time high in the nation of Venezuela.

Reports of UFOs continue to pour out of Venezuela, which is also currently embroiled in a political crisis.

"On Thursday, October 17, 2002, Heilings Ferreira and his brother observed a stationary UFO over the Cerro Avila (hill) in Caracas," the national capital. "The UFO showed ever-changing lights that were colored red, yellow, blue and white. Then, for ten minutes, the UFO moved laterally through the sky above Cerro Avila, then hovered for another five minutes, and finally disappeared while right over the peak."

"On Sunday, November 10, 2002, a witness observed an ovoid UFO with a brilliant aura around it in the sky above Maracay," located 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Caracas. "The object repeatedly brightened and diminished its luminosity until it faded away completely."

"On Friday, November 22, 2002, at 8:40 p.m., various witnesses reported the presence of a spherical UFO approximately 40 meters (132 feet) in diameter, moving around in the skies over Caracas. The UFO presented rotating lights on its outer rim. It moved slowly from east to west before becoming lost in the horizon." (See NotiOVNI for December 8 and December 15, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz e tambien a Jose Iglesias del Proyecto Orion de Venezuela para esos informes.)

TWO MORE UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN COLOMBIA

"On Friday, November 29, 2002, at 8:30 p.m., reporter Nestor Melendez of the Canal Capital TV station in Bogota, the capital of Colombia, captured on video the maneuvers of a large multicolored luminous sphere as it moved about over the Cerro Monserrate (hill)."

"On Monday, December 9, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., an enormous silver UFO in the form of a spinning top flew over rooftops in Bogota. The object was captured on video when it passed over a futbol (soccer in the USA--J.T.) field where a local Bogota team was holding a practice scrimmage." (See NotiOVNI for December 15, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz y tambien a William Chavez Ariza del Contacto OVNI de Colombia para esos informes.)

UFOs SPOTTED IN THREE STATES OF MEXICO

"On Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at 8:15 p.m., a luminous UFO was captured on video over the (large) city of Cuernavaca in the state of Morelos" In Mexico.

"In this video, taken by Armado Marquez, are recorded the slow maneuvers of a strange object with a very intense luminosity. The UFO finally disappeared over Chalma, a suburb southeast of Cuernavaca. But then, several minutes later, the UFO abruptly reversed its trajectory and flew back over Cuernavaca before disappearing completely."

"On Friday, December 6, 2002, according to Mexican ufologist Alberto Gomez, a UFO was sighted by two police officers in Matamoros, a city in the state of Tamaulipas," just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas, USA. "Police officer Jaime Mata and his partner,

Juan Reynaldo Najera, saw a UFO over the east side of Matamoros. According to the officers, the UFO was white and 'four times brighter than a star' and moved at a very high altitude over the barrio Nueva Jerusalem (neighborhood)."

"The UFO was also seen by two other officers, Rosalio Gomez and Juan Carlos Garcia Moreno, who said the UFO 'had several lights on it.' The blinking lights were red, green, orange and yellow. They radioed their watch commander, Captain Jose Luis Valdez, who also saw the slow-moving object."

"On Wednesday, December 11, 2002, ufologist Carlos Clemente of Grupo Los Vigilantes reported that, for seven minutes, a spherical UFO was videotaped over Polanco, a town north of Mexico City. Clemente reported that the object was seen by many witnesses. During the period of observation, no airplanes were reported in the vicinity, which is unusual because Polanco is directly beneath the commercial jet lane between Mexico City and the USA." (See the Mexican newspaper El Bravo of Matamoros for December 8, 2002. Also NotiOVNI for December 8, 2002. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esos informes.)

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT BEAM SHINES ON OREGON TOWN

On Friday, December 6, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., Sonja Maricle was at her home in Chiloquin, Oregon (population 716) when she "first saw it to the south. I sighted balls of flashing light (blue, red, gold and green--S.M.) dancing in the treeline above our house on Chiloquin Ridge. Directly below the lights was a very bright light poking through the forest, causing the forest floor and manzanita bushes to glow."

"After about ten minutes, a beam shone down from above our heads onto the glowing forest floor below. The beam of light came from seemingly nowhere, as we could see nothing above us in the trees."

"The lights seemed to dance rather erratically for about ten minutes and then stopped and seemed to signal to each other, flashing back and forth, and then started dancing again. After watching for approximately 45 minutes, the lights formed a V-shape and circled several times and moved over quickly out of sight to the southeast."

The UFOs were "initially gold," Sonja added, "Flickers of blue, red, gold and green as the objects rotated. They appeared roundish, spherical. About 70 to 80 feet (21 to 24 meters) off the ground when directly in front of the trees. Maybe a mile in the sky, give or take, when leaving."

Chiloquin, Ore. is in Klamath County, approximately 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Crater Lake National Park. (Email Form Report)
(Editor's Note: Chiloquin is also 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Klamath Falls, which is considered "the UFO capital of Oregon.")

From the UFO Files...

1990: A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE IN SASKATCHEWAN

"Many years ago my father was an Indian Agent on a reserve (reservation in the USA--J.T.) in northern Saskatchewan province" in Canada.

"He was a no-nonsense sort of man. He didn't believe in anything unless he saw it with his own two eyes."

"It was almost dark that cold wintry day" in December 1990 "when a very distraught man pounded on the door. His ten-year-old daughter was missing. It seems she had taken a horse and ridden down the road several miles to visit a friend at about 4:30 p.m. He became concerned that she hadn't come home, so he went out looking for her, expecting to run into her on her way home."

"He went to the friend's house and found out that she had never been there! Worried, he headed back home,

stopping along the way to see if she had gone elsewhere, but no one had seen her."

"So the man came to talk to my father, who arranged a search party. Fifty men with lamps searched late into the night for any sign of the girl."

"It started snowing heavily. And when it began to snow, the men knew their chances of finding the child weren't very good at all. Not a trace of her was found, nor of the horse. My dad first thought that the horse might've bolted and thrown her. But when the horse didn't come home, either, the town was full of somber faces and sorrowful hearts."

"At daybreak, the men met on the main road. They walked slowly, and as they came around the curve in the street, one man gave a startled yell. Everyone stopped."

"There, standing in the middle of the field, were the girl and the horse! My father stood and watched as the girl's father ran out into the field and gathered his little daughter into his arms. She was smiling and didn't look as if she had been out in the cold the whole night. And, man, did she have a story to tell us."

(Editor's Note: In northern Saskatchewan, the temperature always plummets right after a snowfall. That night, it could have gone as low as minus 20 or 30 degrees Fahrenheit.)

"Trotting down the path, she had seen an old couple in traditional native (Anishinabe, also known as Chippewa or Chipewyan--J.T.) costume standing in the middle of the road. She didn't know them, but when she got closer, they smiled and held out their hands to her. Unafraid, she slid down from her horse and started walking with the old couple."

"They stood on each side of her and asked her to talk awhile with them as they walked over the deep snow. The couple told the girl about her Native American (Anishinabe) heritage and of the native ways and customs. Then they took her to a log cabin where they sat and talked some more."

"Finally, they said it was time to return, and as they said goodbye to her, the old woman pressed an amulet into her hand to protect her from all harm."

"The next thing the little girl remembered was being in the middle of the field with her father running toward her."

"As she told this story, she held out the amulet for all to see. Her father gave a cry and dropped down to his knees, tears streaming down his cheeks. Her asked her if the old people had known her secret name. She said they had. The couple had also told the girl that her family was blessed by angels."

"Her father told her that she had just described her own grandparents. But they had died in a fire" in 1978 "just before she was born. The cabin where the girl said they took her had been destroyed before she was born."

Twelve years earlier, the father had searched through the blackened ruins of the cabin for his mother's amulet. But he had been unable to find it. (See Christmas Angels, American Media Mini Mags, Inc., Boca Raton, Fla., 2001, pages 34 to 38.)

Tonight is Christmas Eve, and, as most of us settle down to celebrate with family and friends, let us not forget those who cannot join in the festivities. These are the gallant men and women on active duty in the military forces of the nations around the world. Let's take a moment to remember them on Christmas Day and to thank them for the many sacrifices they've made on our behalf.

So, if you are a member of one of the armed services on active duty this Christmas, on behalf of all the readers and correspondents and the gang at UFO Roundup, let me wish you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." May you prosper in your chosen career in the year to come.

And that wraps up Volume Seven of UFO Roundup. We'll be back next week, on New Year's Day, with the start of a new volume, featuring UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from all over the planet Earth. Brought to you, as fast as we can get it, by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup."

Have a happy holiday season!

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>>>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
>>>Subject: Roswell Crash?

>>>I'm new to UFO UpDates and have been reading the mail. I should
>>>know better than to say anything... but here goes.

>>>Has anyone considered the military having a lucky day with the
>>>Roswell crash. Could the saucer have crashed into Project Mogul?

>>>This may explain why there was a second crash site, how a craft
>>>that travelled so many miles ended up crashing in the first
>>>place, and answer some debris issues.

>>I said in a previous post that I heard recently of a witness who
>>said that, bak in 1972 (see my message of September 17).

>>To my knowledge, there is no definitive refutation of that
>>theory. Who knows? The final truth may still be "out there" to
>>discover.

<snip>

>This theory seems to be so tenuous that it hardly seems worth
>repeating. A craft designed to fly through space and deal with
>space debris (which natural or not) would seem to be able to
>deal with a floating object in the atmosphere. TAKEN used this
>as a scenario to help tie in the genre as tightly as possible,
>but that doesn't give it credence.

Steve and all

This theory is worth repeating, at least for me, because I came
across a testimony which seems quite reliable to me. A French
friend (anonymous) revealed to me recently (I was the first to
whom he told that) that he had participated in a conversation
with a former technician of Roswell, and it was in 1972, at a
time when nobody would talk about the Roswell crash, and even
less about a collision with a "balloon train". I know this
friend well enough to be convinced that his testimony is
authentic. I would not mention it on this list if I was not sure
of that.

As for the nature of the alleged ufo, we don't know its
functioning and its performances. We don't know if it had space
flight capacity. We could rather suppose that it was a light
shuttle craft of some kind, maybe launched from a spaceship.

More that that, the description of the craft by several witnesses as a delta wing shape suggests that it may even have been a kind of rescue craft, after the explosion of a bigger one (the debris field?).

Who knows? We can imagine various scenarios.

Perhaps the main UFO had been put in trouble by a combination of lightning and collision with an unexpected balloon train. Perhaps it had favored a lightning stroke on the craft? Incidentally, when Marcel recalled that Brazel had mentioned hearing a strange explosion amidst a thunderstorm, Brazel did not give a precise date for that. Therefore, It could have been in the evening of July 3.

>Gildas, are you sure that the witness you mentioned suggested a
>MOGUL balloon? I believe that project was still highly
>classified at that time and it wasn't until the mid 80's that
>information on it was declassified. In 1972 the Air Force was
>still claiming that a weather balloon had been found on the
>ranch near Corona, NM. That claim was modified in 1995 by the
>Air Force and identified the debris as that of a top secret
>MOGUL balloon.

No, the witness did not mention the term MOGUL. He mentioned a balloon train. My friend and the American family he lived with were to go later to a hot air balloon demonstration in Albuquerque. The witness "Tom" joked that these balloons would not be tied together like the balloon train.

One more word : my friend told me that last summer, and we did not know anything then about the film Taken. So he could not be influenced by it. He did not know well the Roswell case, anyway. I had not discussed that with him before.

Gildas Bourdais

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AS
SIGHTINGS INCREASE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Are angels visiting earth? New York UFO allegedly hit by missile, New England Christmas UFOs 1909, Pennsylvania flying triangle, North Carolina cigar and disc, Georgia huge dark object, Florida fireball breaks up, Ohio two cigar shaped objects hovering, Indiana sphere 3 glowing objects, Minnesota large flying light, South Dakota boomerangs, Arkansas boomerangs, Iowa bright lights with forked tail, Texas black dot aloft, Nevada two white lights in the daytime sky, Washington flash, Brazilian abduction photo story, Venezuela singer sees UFO, Australia strange lights. A letter about Angels and Canadian intercept of UFO.

ARE ANGELS VISITING EARTH AND CREATING MIRACLES?

ANGELS -- It seems fitting that during the holidays that we should discuss angels that many people feel have a connection to UFOs. Countless witnesses claim to have seen angels, and many believe they even have their own Guardian Angel. Thousands of books, television shows, paintings, and movies indicate angels are real. Some people claim to have seen bright lights or human like beings, that they associate with angels. According to the scriptures angels are messengers of God and visitors from heaven. Of course many think of heaven as a mystical home of God, but many passages in ancient scriptures indicate heaven is actually another planet in the northern sky. Angels are essentially spiritual and superhuman beings who are credited as coming from heaven bringing God's message to mankind. The scriptures state that God created the heavens and the Earth. In various scriptures, angels clearly state God should be glorified, but not the! m. Our ancestors who saw strange craft in the sky or alien beings several thousand years ago often thought of these landings as being religious in nature. Much of what is written could be explained by extraterrestrial visitors and advanced technology. I personally feel that the stories in the scriptures are true, based on the knowledge then available. An Angel of the Lord spoke with Abraham in the Torah, when he was 99 years old and childless, telling the Jewish leader he would become the father of a multitude of nations. According to Genesis the prediction was full-filled. The Eastern religions speak of Devas who are organized in a military hierarchy and operate in a similar manner to angels. One angel brought the message of the entire Koran to Mohammed and the Moslems.

In the New Testament of the Bible it states: "In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth and a town in

Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings you are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his Father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, his kingdom will never end. Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God!" Luke 1-verses 26 to 35. Two thousand years later, much of world celebrates this birth at Christmas.

Much of our history revolves around visitors from a planet called Heaven. In Indian Vedic writings the topmost authority in the material universe are known as Brahma, and he lives in the highest material planetary system, called Brahmaloaka. In these writings they describe UFO like craft called vimanas flown by angelic like alien beings. These extraterrestrial angelic visitors are real according to most of the great historic religious writings of mankind. It seems reasonable that these are not simply myths, but are based on actual visits by angels, visitors, watchers, ET, devas or what ever you choose to call them. They are given credit for bringing writing to Earth. When I spoke to Presbyterian minister Barry Downing with a Ph.D. in science and religion, who has written extensively about UFOs such as the "Bible and UFOs" told me UFOs provide evidence for the reality of Biblical phenomena, such as visits by angels that have often seemed mythical to many people. Recently in Philadelphia dozens of children during a church service claim to have seen angels, while older people were unable to see them. NASA is already planning on terraforming Mars, to create an inhabitable atmosphere and eventually settlers. Is it possible angels were sent to develop Earth, similar to our plan to transform Mars? Thousands of books have been written describing angels interactions with Earth bringing knowledge, new types of food, and even intervention in human DNA creating modern human beings.

Sumerian and Babylonian texts according to Zecharia Sitchin and geologist Christian O'Brien the Elohim or angels manipulated from earlier human forms. Genesis 6 tells us that, "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." If you visit the great temples and churches around the world, almost all have the story of an angel who oversaw their construction. Often there are similar stories of strange flying objects in the sky. Several friends of mine seriously claim they were healed by angels. To understand the full meaning of Christmas is to realize all that happens in the world may not be simply by chance, angels may be here accomplishing miracles in among us. So remember when you enjoy Christmas it all started with an angel. And if you are ever in trouble or need, never forget this wonderful promise, "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." Psalms 91.

NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS UFOs IN 1909

Dr. Don Johnson writes, "During Christmas season of 1909 UFO sightings throughout New England were reported. The evidence that makes me continue to believe that we were dealing with unorthodox technology and not misidentifications of Venus was the reports of a powerful searchlight being employed. That, combined with the distances covered, keeps me open minded that we may be dealing with an unidentified, UFO-related, phenomenon. Thanks to Don Johnson Ph.D.

NEW YORK UFO ALLEGEDLY HIT BY MISSILE

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE -- Ed Jarrett writes, I'm looking for information on the following: When I was stationed at Griffiss AFB, 1971-1974, while attending a meeting, some of the senior NCOs were discussing UFO's. When I asked them about this, they said, why yes, there was a piece shot off one a couple of years ago. The UFO was picked up on radar coming in over the Atlantic. East coast bases could not scramble fast enough, and a fighter from the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was

scrambled to intercept. They had F-106 Delta Darts stationed there at the time. The pilot tracked the thing and fired a missile, knocking a piece off the UFO. His aircraft began to burn/melt and he bailed out. The aircraft wreckage and the piece of the UFO were recovered and laid out in the main hangar. They said the piece was several feet long and bright metallic. No one was allowed to go near it, but you could see it from the office windows! upstairs in the hangar. The pilot was shipped out the next day. He was a captain. When queried whether they were joking with me, they all agreed it was true and in the newspaper. They further stated the UFO piece was sent to Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. I don't know if this is true, but should be easily checked out with the Rome, New York newspaper. This would be the first hard evidence if true. Thanks to Ed Jarrett ejarrett@innernet.net and isur@america.net

PENNSYLVANIA FLYING TRIANGLE

CROYDON -- On December 8, 2002, the witness says, "My girlfriend and I were heading toward Philadelphia on Route 13 in Bucks County at 12:20 AM, when we saw three white lights in a straight horizontal line." My girlfriend said, "It was moving toward us, but limbs on the trees made it difficult to get a good look." We drove towards the object which hovered for at least two minutes. I saw the speed of it as it started to accelerate not super fast but enough to where we couldn't gain on it. The weirdest part was that it moved with its lights staying horizontal, so it didn't turn like a normal aircraft. Instead it slid right across Route 13. It slowed down and slowly descended, and when I got to the Corydon Train Station, it was only 65 feet away from my car. I was astonished, but I saw three white lights in a V triangle shape with a red light in the middle which was not always on. It didn't make a sound. Thanks to Pete! r Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

NORTH CAROLINA UFO SEEN OVER TWO TOWNS

TARBORO -- The witnesses had left church to take some girls home on December 8, 2002, around 9:00 PM, when one pointed up and said, "Look what is that?" I said, "It looks like a UFO." She said I thought so too. So we kept going straight to it to get a closer look. We got closer and it looked like a saucer shape and had lights and looked like it was spinning and blinking. It had a circle around it. It kind of sat in the sky blinking and spinning. We got closer and it went down behind some trees, then came back up for a split second and was gone. It was not a plane because it was too big, and it wasn't moving at first.

WILSON -- Twenty-five miles southwest a second group of witnesses also spotted a UFO that flew across town on December 8, 2002, until it went out of view over the treeline at 9:00 PM. As we exited off the highway to go into the city, I spotted the big, bright light in the sky. It was about 150 feet off the ground and two miles away. The sky was thinly veiled in clouds, the crescent moon and some stars behind them. The light we saw was almost as large and as bright as the crescent moon and was clearly visible on the underside of the clouds. It was a cigar shape and moved with us as we drove into the city. We were traveling at 60 mph and it was doing 150 mph. We got caught at every stop light trying to follow as it passed over the town. We kept up the best we could and finally lost sight of it as it disappeared. We were out in the country and no roads led to the object. It must have been of huge dimensions as we! could tell it was always at least a couple miles away, but was still as big as the moon. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

GEORGIA HUGE DARK OBJECT

LYERLY -- MUFON State Director Tom Sheets reports that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, a family was driving up Highway 100 in when they observed a large dark object hovering low over the roadway about 10 PM. White and blue lights were observed on the craft flying perhaps as low as 50 feet as the car drove directly underneath the object and continued. While passing underneath, the car was said to "vibrate." The Mrs. witness stated that the object was at least as big as a semi-rig, and of unusual shape. She was able to see a pointed end, fanning out towards the form of a half circle type of configuration. She had difficulty describing it, but stated a sketch would be more enlightening. Efforts to stop and relocate the object were futile. It is unknown at this time whether the "vibration" was due to the

vehicle's engine running rough or if it was caused by the craft. This SD did not let the witness vent too much, as she agreed to talk further with MUFONGA's Rome investigator Mary Dee Janssen. This witness indicated that she got the phone number of "UFO Reports" from the telephone operator, so this was the first official use of the hotline by a citizen. Thanks to State Director MUFONGA

SUWANEE -- While taking trash bin down to the end of our driveway on December 15, 2002, which is about 250 feet away, my fourteen year old son saw a light appear behind a neighbor's house. The light proceeded at a "speed, that is hard to describe" on a horizontal path until it disappeared and seemed to land beyond the horizon behind some trees at 10:30 PM. My son described the light as " a perfect ball of light that did not give off light but 'was' light and made no sound...but moved at incredible speed.

FLORIDA FIREBALL BREAKS UP

BOCA RATON -- A bright orange-yellow flare-like light traveled across the sky towards the south on December 10, 2002, breaking into two still-flaming pieces before disappearing at 10:55 PM. A fireball flying south across about a third of the sky, broke into two pieces just before it disappeared from sight. It was like no "shooting star" I have seen before because of the brightness, duration, and also the length of its path. It was more like a steady orange-yellow light like a space-shuttle night launch.

NORTH MIAMI -- On December 10, 2002, a small fireball like object was seen hovering over a water treatment plant at the back of FIU campus. Students saw a fireball like object rotating then it sped out and disappeared at 10:15 PM. It looked like the aurora when it disappeared, but in Florida we don't have an aurora. We also noticed after the object disappeared it left this very cold smelly fume like air with faint colors like a little bit of water on some gasoline. The distance between where we were standing to the object was about 2 blocks away. The object was about 2000 feet up. It was not a helicopter or a student's science project

SAFETY HARBOR -- I was looking at the stars on December 10, 2002, when my friend and I saw a flashing red light at 11:05 PM. It was moving fast to the left and right and then it went straight up in the sky and turned right going straight for two minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

OHIO TWO CIGAR SHAPED OBJECTS HOVERING

VIENNA -- The witness was driving through town on December 8, 2002, when he spotted two somewhat cigar shaped objects hovering in the east at 9 PM. A beam of light appeared to come from one of the objects that hovered for about six minutes. The beam only lasted about one minute. Shortly thereafter what appeared to be possibly three aircraft approached the UFOs and they almost instantly disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

INDIANA SPHERE 3 GLOWING OBJECTS

FRANKFORT -- On December 10, 2002, my husband and I were driving ten miles south of Frankfort at 7:30 PM, when we noticed two balls of light and I thought that I had seen another one briefly to the left of the larger ball. There was one large ball of light and another smaller one to the right. The light was a kind of yellowish with pinkish tones. They appeared to be about one half mile away and lasted for about ten seconds. About eight minutes later, we were just outside Frankfort when my husband saw them again. There were three distinct balls of light, one a bit larger than the other two but farther away. The larger one's light got bright and then dimmed, and then brightened briefly again, then all three balls of light dimmed and went out together. We called my son-in-law at the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Dept. to see if anyone was reporting UFOs, but none had been reported. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

MINNESOTA VERY LARGE FLYING LIGHT

STANCHFIELD -- The witness was driving to his cabin on West Rush Lake, on December 21, 2002, at about 5:15 AM. The witness was traveling east on Highway 65 towards Rush City when he saw a very large light in the eastern sky. He reports, "I guess that it was 1000 feet in the air and hovering above me that I was so pre-occupied with it that it was effecting my driving." I viewed it for about five minutes before it took off into the eastern sky at a very high speed. It was roughly three seconds before it was out of my view. I never believed in this stuff before, but I know I wasn't imagining it because I was wide awake. I would like to know if anyone else reported this?
Shep034@cs.com

WISCONSIN TRIANGULAR PATTERN OF LIGHTS

GREEN BAY -- Just after arriving for the Packers/Vikings game on December 8, 2002, a group of us noticed three white lights in a triangular pattern come above us and fly directly over Lambeau Field heading west at 5:30 PM. At first, we thought it might be a plane leaving Austin Strabel Airport because several aircraft had passed over already, due to the wind patterns. This had been broadcast during the game. The flying triangle flew over without making any noticeable sound. Since it was dark at the time, we can only give a description of the pattern of lights, not the overall size or distance. Due to it being a prime time broadcast football game (ESPN) a group of us think it might have been some sort of surveillance aircraft, however I have decided to report it just in case. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

SOUTH DAKOTA BOOMERANGS

SIOUX FALLS -- The witness reports seeing a tear shaped white light that shot straight up out of sight on December 7, 2002, in a starry night sky at 11:15 PM. The object was pointed on the top side and rounded on the bottom with pure white light with a white tail. It flew from true north and shot straight up from a lower altitude 30 degrees to 90 degrees above the horizon and disappeared within 1 and one half seconds. When it disappeared the light did not fade it simply vanished as if it went into a black tunnel. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

IOWA BRIGHT LIGHTS WITH FORKED TAIL

BENTON -- The witness an amateur astronomer was driving east on US 30 as dark fell and saw a shimmering bright white light three times the size of Venus on November 23, 2002. It was a brighter than usual light in the east with a dripping tail with a liquid appearance at times just like Venus at its most intense. The light hovered for five minutes, then it moved and doubled in intensity and appeared for a time to have a forked tail pointing downward, and it seemed to throw off a particle or two. It briefly faded down to a bright ball of light but then flared again to a brilliant white shimmering light more than three times the size of Venus. As he drove the red blinking lights of 1000 foot towers were now visible about twenty miles away. The object was twice as high as the towers and 15 miles southeast of Cedar Rapids. As he drove straight east for over twenty minutes this light did not change its location and appeared similar to the "Star ! of Bethlehem" pictures. I just checked star charts and verified that Venus is now a morning star and this was not Jupiter or any other star. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

ARKANSAS TWO BOOMERANGS

CHIMES -- A middle aged couple was driving home on State 254 during the evening on December 8, 2002, when they saw 2 boomerang shaped flying craft hovering over a neighbor's field. On at least one of the crafts a series of lighted windows could be seen with occupants moving around inside. When the couple turned around to go down the neighbors driveway, the objects vanished. They turned around to go home and when they arrived, their college aged daughter was waiting for them. She had just arrived home from college from the opposite direction and excitedly told them about seeing a triangle shaped object up the road, before they could tell her about what they'd seen. This area is very rural.

TEXAS BLACK DOT ALOFT SHOWING A BRILLIANT LIGHT

RICHARDSON -- The observer is a 59 year old former police detective who has extensive experience in microwave and RF engineering, and in uplink satellite telecommunications. He initially saw the object at 8:56 AM on December 5, 2002. He was driving and it was necessary to focus intermittently on traffic until he could stop in a parking lot. At that point, while still visible, the object simply disappeared, leaving nothing but a small and dim point of white light that continued to fade until it too disappeared. Elapsed time from the initial glimpse until the light faded completely out was less than two minutes. The object appeared as a black dot, initially about 1/8 inch in size at arm's length. It was at altitude and was heading east at about 080 degrees and at an elevation angle of around 40 degrees. The light was clearly visible in the daylight but was not moving.

ODESSA -- Object traveling at a very fast rate A very fast moving oval object traveling from south to north on December 8, 2002, at 5:55 AM. It was making a gradual accent near the horizon. A beautiful sight, one I will never forget. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

NEVADA TWO WHITE LIGHTS IN THE DAYTIME SKY

LAS VEGAS -- On December 7, 2002, the witness was outside of the building he works in and heard a helicopter flying nearby at 10:10 AM. He stated, "When I looked up to see where it was I noticed what I first thought to be an airliner flying west at high altitude. When it stopped and appeared to be falling I realized it was not an airliner but a light instead. It seemed to be falling for about ten to fifteen seconds when it suddenly moved back to the west very fast. That is when I noticed a second dot of light that the first had moved to and stopped. Both dots of light were stationary at that point and did not appear to be changing altitude. I called my coworkers to come and look but the dots seemed to slowly gain altitude and fade away before they were able to spot them. It should also be noted that I am a former air defense crew member and have had extensive aircraft recognition training. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

WASHINGTON STREAK OF LIGHT

TACOMA -- November 27, 2002, 8:04 AM, a flash of light streaked across the daytime sky at about the altitude of a jet, but at least ten times faster. In my peripheral vision I saw a light streak across a short distance of the sky -- if it had been just a few feet away. Its speed was at least 1000 mph. If I had witnessed this at night, I would have assumed it was a "shooting star," but the sun had been up for an hour. It was foggy, but I could still see the blue sky clearly. It left a short contrail that faded at both ends. The incident and contrail seemed too close to Earth to be a meteor.

VENEZUELA SINGER SEE UFO

RISCOS -- Martha Rosenthal reports that "TOO MUCH Magazine," claims pop singer Deborah Sachs as well as her manager Ingrid Angulo saw an object, standing still over their Los Riscos III building at 7:07 PM, on December 14, 2002. The craft was at an altitude of not more than 120 meters southeast of Caracas. The craft had red and yellow flashing lights set in a ring form. The craft made no sound and then moved toward their building in such a way that they lost sight of it as it passed. They called immediately to the magazine and the reporter indicated she was highly impressed by their sincerity. Thanks to Martha Rosenthal, martha@ifxnw.com.ve, <http://www.ceinpla.com>

BRAZIL AMAZING PHOTOS OF SCENE

Felipe Castelo Branco wrote to Jeff Rense that, "I would like to share a couple of photos of the traces found after an abduction took place in a farm house near the city of Campo Grande, about 1300 kilometers northwest of Rio de Janeiro. The event was witnessed by 28 people present in the farm (I was there as well), who saw the big "disc of light" (maybe 50 meters in diameter) hover silently above the house about 100 meters high ... then the disc shot down a bluish beam of light on the house and "abducted" a man who was lying on his bed. This was around 8:00 PM and when we broke in the bedroom, there was this intense

ozone smell. We were all very amazed to have witnessed such a phenomena. The man who was abducted returned after 48 hours and had a lot to say about his experience (it was his 3rd abduction). Our group has been studying the UFO phenomena in this area for the past 6 years. Thanks to Felipe Castelo Branco 11-29-2 See photos at: &! nbsp;
<http://www.rense.com/general32/abduct.htm>

AUSTRALIA STRANGE LIGHTS

It was roughly 4 AM, I had been awake for two hours on December 11, 2002. I was looking out at the backyard, when I noticed three white lights. I thought they were drops of rain, but as I looked closer, I could see that they stayed in the same position as I walked around the kitchen. All of a sudden, a fourth one emerged from behind the ground 150 meters away. They then begun to interact with each other and fly right through each other. Then as I went out onto the balcony to get a better look, one approached in my direction. I was in the house within seconds, as I peered out of the window, it continued its approach. The three behind it lit up brightly for about a second, and the object immediately flew back to the group.

They hovered for a few minutes when they merged together and changed shape to an oval with the furthest points of the oval pointing horizontally. It then began to shrink then expand and finally began to fly up, and glare through the clouds until it disappeared. The lights when I first saw them appeared to be diamonds, but seemed to round themselves out.

E-MAIL ABOUT ANGELS

Mike Rogalski writes, "First, congratulations on your www.filer.unfranchise.com website. I wish you prosperity and joy!" I appreciate your comments linking God, Christ, angels, etc., to the UFO phenomena. Of particular interest to me was your statement about the "world" actually the Greek word "Cosmos" which would obviously not be translated as "world" if we took it straight from the Greek. I really appreciate that insight, because of some of the difficulty in linking God with aliens.

You may find it interesting that in Ezekiel, he mentions that the pilot of the crystal craft was "like unto the son of man." He doesn't say it was human, necessarily, but the phrasing implies that it was a similarity to a human...perhaps a gray. Also, that phrase is often used capitalized to indicate Christ - The Son of man. Playing around with a little bit of ambiguity, and you could easily place Christ at the helm of the UFO. At the very least, it was not an angel piloting the craft.

One problem I have with the aliens being moral beings is their conduct performed in the "greater good," which subjects us to experimentation. Perhaps the concept of "lab rats" is only relative to the intelligence conducting the experiments. I agree that the aliens are varied, with many differing motives, morals, and conduct. So this does make it difficult to place all of them in one category of classification as angels, gods, or whatever. Angels and Demons works well, so there you go--the bible telling us all about it when we're ready to hear it.

After working at Edwards AFB for NASA, I got to realize that you just don't scramble a \$30 million dollar plane on a whim. Those scrambles always indicate a substantial bogey before anyone leaves the ground. Only in Washington would I scramble jets before I knew for sure what I was looking at. I wish you and yours a happy new year! Perhaps it will be a year of breakthrough! Thanks to Mike Rogalski djdjdisco@email.com

CANADIAN INTERCEPT OF UFO

NEWFOUNDLAND -- Canadian fighter aircraft were scrambled Christmas Eve, December 24, 2002, to intercept a UFO with red blinking nose light. The interceptor pilots reported seeing a jolly old man wearing red clothing who smiled and waved. The craft was in the shape of a slay and was drawn by numerous flying reindeer.

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'Thing From Another World' Actor Dies

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 23:10:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 16:41:13 -0500
Subject: 'Thing From Another World' Actor Dies

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tmpl=story2&cid=494&ncid=762&e=8&u=/ap/20021225/ap_en_tv/obit_tobey](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story2&cid=494&ncid=762&e=8&u=/ap/20021225/ap_en_tv/obit_tobey)

Entertainment - AP TV
'Thing From Another World' Actor Dies
Wed Dec 25, 6:30 PM ET

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. - Ken Tobey, who had seven prolific decades playing small roles in movies such as 1951's classic "The Thing from Another World" and in numerous television shows, died Dec. 22. He was 85.

Tobey often played a law enforcement officer, a soldier or military brass. His nearly 100 films ranged from Westerns to B-movie thrillers. He also made dozens of appearances in television from the 1990s back to 1949, when he played a sheriff's deputy in an episode of "The Lone Ranger."

Perhaps his most memorable role was Capt. Patrick Hendry in 1951's "The Thing From Another World." The film was remade as "The Thing" in 1982.

He also starred in the TV show "Whirlybirds," playing the co-owner of a helicopter-for-hire.

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'Out Of The Blue' Hits The Market

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 16:42:57 -0500
Subject: 'Out Of The Blue' Hits The Market

Out Of The Blue Documentary Hits the Market

For those more sheltered researchers who have never been to the World UFO Congress held yearly in Laughlin, Nevada, you should know that included with program of speakers from around the world, the conference hosts the Annual UFO Film Festival where new UFO and related documentaries compete in a series of Academy Awards style categories.

Every morning, for seven days, conference participants get out of bed early to go view the latest documentaries from film producers around the world. A panel of judges then reviews the various entries, and awards winners in the various academy awards style categories. Each winner receives the prestigious EBE Award.

The big winner at the 2002 World Congress, among the 17 documentaries entered, was the 70 minute documentary OUT OF THE BLUE. It won in the Best UFO Documentary - Long Subject category, and it also won the People's Choice Award voted on by the hundreds of attendees. OUT OF THE BLUE was produced and directed by James Fox, Tim Coleman, and Boris Zubov.

I was one of the many who saw the film in Laughlin. Now, having seen it again, I think it is even better than my first Laughlin impressions. This dim Laughlin recollection is probably due in part to the late night cocktail parties hosted at the Congress by Cynthia Siegel, the host of Sacramento Cable 73's UFO Connection.

OUT OF THE BLUE is a historic look at the UFO phenomena. It deals with many of the more prominent UFO people and events during the last half century. It begins with the stories of the World War II "Foo Fighters," and continues right up to present events. The documentary tells this UFO history with numerous UFO video clips, historic news footage segments, and scores of interviews done with those involved in the cases.

It is a story that is told extremely well. Even my 19-year old son, who has limited tolerance for things Ufological, sat quietly for 35 minutes watching OUT OF THE BLUE before his cell phone rang and he headed off to attend to more important worldly events.

OUT OF THE BLUE has two very impressive investigative segments. One dealt with the 1997 Phoenix lights, and the second was on 1980 Rendlesham Forest sighting (which has gained widespread interest of late following the British governments opening of the Rendlesham file).

Each of these two stories is told with many unseen interviews with witnesses and the UFO researchers collected the evidence. The Phoenix lights segment is almost nine minutes long and presents very strong witness testimony discounting the government explanation of flares as the cause of the sighting. The Rendlesham segment already discussed and showed the documents now being discussed in the press, and it includes all of the audio tapes taken by base members during the sighting.

Other key UFO events presented in OUT OF THE BLUE include the Graham Bethune sighting, Gordon Copper's involvement in the filming of a UFO at Edwards AFB, Robert Jacobs account of the Vandenberg AFB film showing a UFO disabling an Atlas missile in 1964, the 1967 "no-go" of almost 20 missiles at Malmstrom AFB during a UFO sighting in 1967, and the 1998 UFO film footage at Somerset, England.

OUT OF THE BLUE went to the former Soviet Union to conduct interviews with Generals and Major Generals who were involved in major UFO incidences and UFO investigations inside the secretive former communist state. Some of the more prominent Russian UFO cases are detailed.

OUT OF THE BLUE deals with the involvement of U.S. presidents in the UFO mystery. The producers replay a November 2000 phone conversation they managed to get with former President Gerald Ford concerning his initiation of a congressional investigation following a series of UFO sightings in his home state of Michigan in 1965. The documentary looks at the Aalien invasion@ remarks made by President Reagan and replays video from his alien invasion remark made at the United Nations in 1987.

Most importantly, the producers managed to get a video interview with former President Jimmy Carter. On the short clip Carter quickly mentioned the UFO sighting that he had in 1969. He is then asked the ultimate question of what he had done about UFOs while in the White House. Surprisingly, Carter answers the question. To see what he said you will have to watch the video.

As further support that this is one of the better documentaries of the last few year one has to go no further than to quote the words of Sceptic Magazine publisher Michael Shermer who wrote, "OUT OF THE BLUE breaks out of the paradigmatic mold and emerges as one of the very best films ever produced on this, one of the most interesting subjects in the history of science." In order to avoid being strung up by his buying public Shermer added AAlthough I remain skeptical that alien intelligences have visited Earth (until someone can produce for me an alien spacecraft or body)."

The weaknesses of the documentary are few. I am sure that many will attack the producers choice of using Colonel Philip Corso testimony to bolster their case. Others, if they even notice, will protest the use of one Billy Meier UFO video segment. I, of course, thought that their could have been much more on the Presidential role, but I do fully credit these documentary producers as being the first to actually review the Presidential role in the UFO mystery.

Hopefully, now that these three independent producers have spent their last pennies to produce this major documentary, they will be able to sell it to one of the cable networks so hundreds of thousands rather than hundreds can watch it. It would be a shame to lose the skills of these three film producers due to a lack of funding. This is because they seem to understand Ufology and its many pitfalls, and can present a documentary case that even a sceptic will love.

Copies are available at

<http://www.outoftheblue.tv/purchase/purchase.html>

Grant Cameron

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Re: Hynek - Oplatka

From: **Laurel Oplatka** <calabash2003@webtv.net>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 11:10:30 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 16:48:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek - Oplatka

My asking if Hynek had a "specific agenda", perhaps that was a poor choice of words on my part. I was trying to reconcile in my mind Hynek's early "swamp gas" theory with his later statement about 1 out of 40 people being abducted.

After re-reading some of my files, I see that perhaps Hynek was, at that time, directed by the Air Force to state his views (publicly) due to pressure, and thus issued his "swamp gas" theory statement. And Perhaps Major Quintanilla pushed and reiterated the S.G. theory. As far as the 1 out of 40 abducted statement made much later, perhaps, as Jerry has suggested, Hynek simply never said that. So, is this assessment of Hynek's swamp gas theory, pretty much correct?

Laurel

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Re: Another WTC UFO? - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 14:29:24 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 16:50:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Another WTC UFO? - Yturria

Dear friends,

I've just seen the ABC news version of the WTC UFO (pre-Sept. 11). In 2000 the SCI-FI channel released the well known UFO over the WTC video, the one that approached the helicopter where the alleged witness Barbara S. was filming with a friend, you remember?

Now the ABC news comes with their own WTC UFO (pre-Sept 11) just like the SCI-FI channel. See the video here:

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/popoff/ufo2000/wallace_ufo_abc.html

You will need the Real One player. The date of the videoclip is marked as 2000 and submitted by Erin Hayes. That's the only information available but the funny thing is that this UFO is almost identical that the one from the SCI-FI channel version. Coincidence ?

Happy New Year,

Santiago

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FOIA Request To NSA - 12-26-02

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
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Subject: FOIA Request To NSA - 12-26-02

To: president@whitehouse.gov

TO: Freedom of Information Manager
U. S. National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
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DATE: December 26, 2002

Word has come to me that certain NSA personnel presented to president Jimmy Carter a special briefing on the reality of some UFO's as alien spacecraft. A UFO-coverup whistleblower, who happens to be a former White House staffer, has privately revealed that the briefing included a 15-minute color motion-picture film taken at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. -- the film showing UFO occupants and U. S. military personnel making physical contact.

Accordingly, under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you furnish me a copy of all NSA-generated and NSA-received records pertaining to the above-cited presidential briefing, to include a copy of the film and its associated documentation.

Since I make this request as a member of the UFO-awareness press (especially as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com> -- "LWB Chronicles"), I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it.

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LARRY W. BRYANT
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of
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UFO Cult Says It Has First Human Clone

From: Loren Coleman <lcolemal@maine.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 23:40:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 17:01:13 -0500
Subject: UFO Cult Says It Has First Human Clone

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/justin/nat/newsnat-27dec2002-35.htm>

Posted: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:24 AEDT

Cult says it has first human clone

The human cloning cult Clonaid says a human cloned baby has been born. Clonaid says the birth by Caesarean went well but there is no independent scientific confirmation the baby is a clone.

Clonaid was founded in 1997 by the Raelian cult, which claims life on earth was created through genetic engineering by extraterrestrials. French scientist and member of the Raelian sect, Brigitte Boisselier, told the AFP news agency the baby is a girl.

Ms Boisselier, president of the human cloning society Clonaid, says the birth "went very well".

The baby is the first born of five cloned babies the Raelians have said are due.

The Raelians, who claim 55,000 followers worldwide, believe life on earth was established by extraterrestrials who arrived in flying saucers 25,000 years ago, and that humans themselves were created by cloning. The movement's founder, Rael - the former French journalist Claude Vorilhon - lives in Quebec. He describes himself as a prophet and claims that cloning will enable humanity to attain eternal life.

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From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 12:09:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 17:03:24 -0500
Subject: New Washington D.C. Scramble: UFO Witness Surfaces

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 18:59:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 17:05:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Bourdais

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:02:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 10:56:31 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>This theory seems to be so tenuous that it hardly seems worth
>repeating. A craft designed to fly through space and deal with
>space debris (which natural or not) would seem to be able to
>deal with a floating object in the atmosphere. TAKEN used this
>as a scenario to help tie in the genre as tightly as possible,
>but that doesn't give it credence.

Steve, and the List

David Rudiak has given me strong arguments against the collision, suggesting that the witness "Tom" might have been confused.

I have called again my friend, I have explained him the discussion, and he agrees that, yes, his witness might have been confused, mixing together two different events which would have been close in time and space.

The Kellahin testimony suggests that he may have been shown a balloon train, near the road leading to the Foster ranch, which would have been found in the vicinity. Perhaps that's where the confusion would have come from. And perhaps such confusion would have even been spread deliberately?

I apologize if I have contributed myself in spreading that confusion, fifty years later!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Corso - Gates

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:51:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 17:11:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gates

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>So what is "negative" about the truth?
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Birnes. He did much of the story from memory and of course there
will be some mistakes.

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2271/corso.html>

>So the bottom line still is "Corso and time machine(s) theories
>are not uncommon so to speak."

I don't know exactly what this sentence means but yes Col. Corso
alluded to time machines.

>Cheers,

>Robert

and the same to you.

Ed

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 22:58:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 22:37:44 -0500
Subject: Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: UFO Witness

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Re: Roswell Crash? - Kerrigan

From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 18:08:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 06:40:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Kerrigan

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 22:28:26 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 16:33:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 14:08:50 -0800 (PST)
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>>>From: Alan Kerrigan <akerrigan3@comcast.net>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 13:58:09 -0500
>>>>Subject: Roswell Crash?

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 11:06:45 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Frank Kaufmann Exposed

>>>>Has anyone considered the military having a lucky day with the
>>>>Roswell crash. Could the saucer have crashed into Project Mogul?

>>To all

><snip>

>>And Pflock concludes - "My Flight 9 notion had been
>>shot down".

>>Well, maybe not for the collision theory.

><snip>

>>A tentative scenario would be now:

>>Collision in the evening, or night of July 3 with Flight 9. The
>>army discovers the impact site, no very far north of Roswell,
>>during the same night or on Friday July 4.

>>They retrieve the craft and bodies the same day, or during the
>>following night.

>>Mack Brazel finds the debris field the same day, talks about it
>>on Saturday 5 at Corona, and goes to Roswell on Sunday 6.

>>Now, another problem is still the absence of radar reflector.
>>From where did come the debris shown in the office of Gal Ramey?
>>Perhaps from White Sands, for instance - why not?

>>Another difficulty is the description of flower tape, first by
>>Brazel, and later by his daughter Bessie. But Brazel could have
>>been taught to say that (at a time when the balloon explanation
>>was being staged). Since Bessie was not there, anyway, according

>>to her family and neighbors, she may have remembered another
>>balloon discovery, before or after the crash.

>>I don't say that this is the truth - only that it does not seem
>>impossible, apparently. Perhaps we will know more, if new
>>witnesses can be found?

>A major problem with this speculation is this: Why should an
>interplanetary, intergalactic, or otherwise craft constructed of
>materials that can't be bent, broken, or burnt be done in by a
>collision with a flimsy balloon? That doesn't make any sense.

Dick,

You are a man of logic and common sense. You are probably right, but what would the effect be on a small craft powered by electromagnetism striking a large foil bag in our atmosphere during a possible lightning storm? How many foil bags and lightning storms are in space? If they did hit one in space... they wouldn't necessarily hit ground for a million miles or so. And, how many sightings report wobbly movement of the craft. Why would a craft that travels that far... wobble in our atmosphere? That doesn't make sense either. We are using our frame of reference to decipher this, which is all we have. Their frame of reference may be totally different.

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Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray@nor.com.au>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 23:19:39 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 06:43:07 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Visit Grampians - Taylor

Hello List members,

I would like to comment on the UFO activity reported from the Grampians area of Victoria Australia. I live in the north of New South Wales, and have been corresponding with Paul Norman of the Victorian UFO Research Society regarding the continuous activity in this location.

This activity was brought to our notice early this year. We heard that video footage had been taken and sent to the USA for analysis. The exact location was not disclosed at this point in time.

I had my first viewing of this footage at the August UFO Conference in Sydney, where I was a guest speaker. Paul Norman showed several minutes of the footage from the Grampians Mountains "UFO's". Having done extensive video analysis of UFO footage myself, I was interested to see what all the fuss was about.

Basically, the footage showed distant bright illuminations way out of focus, and forming the notorious "Airy Disc". It was impossible to judge what these illuminations actually were, or what the source of light may have been. The location where these lights were, is supposed to be rugged bushland, with little or no population. Yet no Topographical maps have been accessed even to this day so as to establish roads, farm houses, fire trails or points of interest that may attract human activity to the area in question.

Just recently, the guy who took the video footage and is apparently the main Skywatcher to the Grampian illuminations, sent me a 2 hour video of the footage he had taken over the last few months hoping I could add weight to this "UFO Hot Spot" now being compared to the Norwegian Hessdalen project conducted by the =D8stfold College Norway.

The footage showed some of the layout of the land at late dusk, but mostly taken in the darkness of night. Infrared was sometimes used which only brightened the illuminations and did not show colour. Most still badly out of focus.

In visual analysis of the footage as a first stage subject familiarity run, I noted the distant horizon of approx. 15kml and kept it in alignment with closer mountain ridges so as to see just how far the illuminations moved in relation to these features. Throughout the whole sequence, NO illumination moved ABOVE the distant horizon line. This means that to date, the illuminations are classified as GROUND BASED illuminations, NOT aerial illuminations.

There are a couple of good short sequences which show the illuminations moving close BEHIND tree trunks. Two bright illuminations follow the exact same path on two consecutive nights. Could this indicate a road or track? Someone really needs to drive into this area to check it out. The land has areas of clear felled trees, now grassland and grazing cattle so access is possible.

It appears that the patrons associated with the Victorian UFO group lack the knowledge and necessary photographic equipment in order to gather the necessary photographic evidence, and are unwilling to venture into the midst of the area where these 'lights' are seen with nightly regularity. A Newspaper reporter visited the location, took still photographs using time exposure, one showing two illuminations leaving CURVED motion trails. Curved in different directions ruling out camera movement. The Journalists came away unable to explain what they had observed.

So something strange just may be occurring in the Grampians of Victoria, but very little valuable photographic evidence has resulted in the several months of this event so far. just how long it will continue is anyones guess. It is either a true UFO event, and a special one at that, or Human activity, or a combination of both. It needs a dedicated team of researchers to spend a full week or two there. THAN there would be answers.

I will keep you informed if you are interested.

Barry Taylor

Personal U.F.O Web Page.

<http://www.nor.com.au/users/stingray/>

NEW WEB PAGE ALMOST READY - " The Oz Factor"

U.F.O. Book on CD by Kevin Peacock [Aust.]

"SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH OUR SUN"

<http://people.mail2me.com.au/~vk4vkd/CDBook.htm>

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That's why I didn't include the text. I sent the link to the website to avoid cross-posting what was already put on the CURRENT ENCOUNTERS List during the time EBK went on break so that those on EBK's List who are not on the CE List could also be 'updated' about the latest D.C. episode.

Thanks,

KY

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From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 03:23:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 07:24:27 -0500
Subject: *U* UFO Database Images Plagiarized

To: seiko@dpstudios.com

Dear Seiko:

[Others, please bear with me on this. -LH]

In reference to this web page of yours:

<http://www.dpstudios.com/redondo/ufo.html>

I see you like my UFO map of the Western USA, among others.

So do I. It took 18 years of bone-crunching research and programming to produce them with the *U* database. It was more work to put them up on their sole rightful website:

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

Please read the small print at the bottom of my Maps Menu screen: <http://www.larryhatch.net/MAPSMENU.html>
.. where it states:

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I strongly advise you to either give full credit to both Larry Hatch, and the *U* UFO Database, with clear easy links; or else take down any and all links, images and references to my work.

Sincerely

- Larry Hatch

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The first line of Corso's book is not correct, i.e. that he was
the head of/in charge of Army FTD for two years. In fact it was
90 days. Of the 90 days he was absent 15. In fact and reality he
worked at FTD for a total of 1 year not two.

As to being in "command of a nuclear facility" what exactly are
we discussing? His service record (signed by him at or around
retirement) shows that he was in various command positions such
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Take a look at the Birnes 1997 interview at:

<http://www.omnimag.com/archives/chats/hs090297.html>

At that location you will see Birnes states that Corso had began writing his manuscript between 1993-1995 and "they" meaning Birnes and Corso assembled the material into 5 separate manuscripts, one of which was the Roswell book.

In the Interview, Birnes is asked: "How did the writing process between the two of you work? Did you interview him on audio or videotape? Did he ever supply any original documents that would confirm his rather remarkable story?"

To which Birnes replies:

"Videotape! Prior to beginning the manuscript, we interviewed Col. Corso on video, fourteen hours of which exist at the movie studio. Thereafter, I worked from Col. Corso's copious notes, documents that he provided, and material that he requested from Army sources. If I had specific questions, I'd ask them. Then, the colonel and I met and went over the manuscript in draft form. He made changes, corrections, revisions, etc."

Elsewhere he claimed that he accurately recorded everything that Corso said.

By supposed Corso family accounts, allegedly Birnes rushed the book to print before Corso checked the final draft. Supposedly the bogus sections were only in the first three chapters dealing with Roswell etc etc. By other accounts inaccuracies and factual problems were here and there throughout the book.

As I recall Birnes also stated that the chapter(s) dealing with the Roswell story were a composite of the many Roswell stories and not meant to be accurate, just that the publisher wanted the reader to have some kind of general background to Corso allegedly seeing the alien bodies at Fort Riley.

Supposedly around, or just before his heart attack in the summer of 1998 Corso said in a statement:

"Certain elements have laid claim to all my future writings. They have involved me in legal proceedings. I will not foster on the world cheap sensationalism, half-truths, errors passed off as reality, etc., for the purpose of personal gain.

The U.S. government and the Army have not attempted or even hinted to me not to make the truth on Roswell or UFOs that I possess known to the world. But other elements have stopped me, by using the courts. I will not under any condition put the knowledge I possess into their hands to exploit for their ends; so the story may never be told.

I survive on my military retirement pay. It is not sufficient to live on and pay my legal fees, although my attorneys have been most tolerant. I have not received any royalties from "The Day After Roswell" and as such cannot continue my work because of the heavy financial burden..

Therefore, I wish to establish the Col. Philip J. Corso Legal Fund. All donations and questions may be referred to [my attorney, Deborah L. Taylor. See further information below].

I wish to add that I have received [speaking] invitations from Italy-San Marino (accepted expenses only), China-Beijing UFO Research Organization, Moscow, England, Germany, Australia, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, France and numerous scientific organizations worldwide and in the United States. I have not been able to accept because of possible legal implications by those that wish to exploit the situation. They have even involved my family into the fracas and legal matters."

***End Corso statement

So towards the end Corso claimed he never made a dime in royalties off the book, was involved in legal proceedings from people who were laying claim to his writings apparently to: "foster on the world cheap sensationalism, half-truths, errors passed off as reality, etc., for the purpose of personal gain."

One wonders who these "people" were and what the "cheap sensationalism, half-truths, errors were that were passed off as reality for personal gain. Note the past tense of this "passed off as reality.."

Then we had Phillip Corso Jr. and the Corsofiles web site that was up and running, going to put the entire Corso manuscript on the web then the whole thing dies supposedly with a business disagreement with somebody that was doing the web site. Now the site references to Internet searches.

Phil Jr at one point said the inaccuracies were marketing discrepancies and the the Corsofiles web site (now closed) would fill in the gaps. He also said there was 'no government conspiracy' and that we should never 'exchange Ufology for religion.' That he had the 'the famous Rainbow file (E.B.E.)' whatever that was and they were trying to make a UFO from Corso Srs notes.

Supposedly some event was going to happen in April of 2003. Apparently we will be caught up to alien technology of 1947 levels by 2003.

And so Corso is just as murky as ever.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 09:17:19 -0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 08:00:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee' - Gevaerd

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 19:14:05 -0200
>Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee'

>>From: Linda Moulton Howe <earthfiles@earthfiles.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:05:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Brazil's Recent 'Abductee'

Dear Thiago,

Thanks to your efforts and the efforts of a few other colleagues we have succeeded in preventing a new hoax in Ufology. However, there are still many people who don't know the facts about this alleged abduction and therefore I am sending this to the List:

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BRAZILIAN ABDUCTION WITH PHOTOS OF THE SCENE IS NOT ONLY A HOAX,
BUT ALSO A BIG JOKE

Announcement to the world UFO community

Dear friends:

Please be informed that the story of a man abducted in Brazil, with photos of the scene, is a campaign to promote the biggest UFO hoaxter of all time in Brazil, Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who has actually created a sect of fanatics around him, composed of people who blindly believe in his alleged ET contacts and healing powers, none of them ever confirmed by anyone. The man has been repeatedly exposed as hoaxter by several UFO researchers and major media networks. Dozens of people from his own sect, after "waking up to reality", have come forward to complain of Urandir's tricks.

His last great attempt to go public in Brazil and overseas happened last year, when he fabricated the story (easily exposed) that a UFO had crashed at his friend's farm. It was only another of his hoaxes, perpetrated to attract people to his cult activities. They are invited to join if they pay money. His alleged background is fake and the man is quickly becoming rich with his obscure agenda, supported by thousands of fanatics. Urandir is rejected by 99% of the Brazilian UFO Community, who know that his well publicized 'contacts' are nothing but hoaxes. His story is not to be taken seriously, as no responsible UFO researcher has been allowed to examine the scenario and the alleged case.

Brazilian UFO researchers are sending many e-mails to our foreign colleagues, especially in USA, to warn them about the hoax. So far, only a few people have listened to us. Jeff Rense is one of them and had me on his show to explain things on December 20. The story can still be found at Linda Moulton Howe's www.earthfiles.com.

Linda, like other UFO journalists in the States, such as Whitley

Strieber and Art Bell, has been supplied with info about Urandir's new and past hoaxes. Brazilian UFO researchers have been dealing with this gentleman for 7 years now. We have succeeded in preventing that thousands of people being cheated by Urandir and now he is trying the USA.

I have personally investigated his background and his claims. Everything he claims about his past is false. I wonder how some UFO researchers overseas could publish his stories without checking it out first, or even without consulting their Brazilian colleagues about it. But we hope that at some point some people will discover by themselves that the case is a hoax and withdraw their support. Absolutely no serious UFO researcher in Brazil would consider Urandir's new allegations, as he had faked everything else before.

Please also observe that Urandir was arrested for a few days in Porto Alegre, March 2000, accused of selling someone's else property as if it was his. What he did - and we have all the records - was to split a small farm (which now is his thanks to his followers' money) into 6,000 plots of land, sold to thousands of people who believed that, by buying the land, they would be safe from Armageddon holocaust side-by-side with Urandir and his "cosmic brothers". Any resemblance to Applewhite's story? Sure. Urandir made much money, at least a few million, as each piece was sold by about US\$ 700.

Urandir's new 'abduction' is preposterous. He has told everybody that in the 2-day period he was "abducted" he was taken to a "special intergalactic meeting with 49 alien races including some people from The Great White Fraternity and a representative of God Himself". He had claimed that he was the only person from Earth present at that meeting and that he was given a "special mission" for the next years. And this is what his followers believe. The previous abduction that he claimed to have, back a few years, he was missing for a few days, too. He spent those days in an apartment in S=E3o Paulo eating pizza and watching movies. And, of course, laughing at the people who believed in him.

Because it all - and there's more - we, the Brazilian UFO researchers, are very surprised to see the audience that the gentleman is getting in the USA. We are concerned that this can give him an opportunity to expand his activities towards that country, as he tried to do with Colombia and Spain. So, people must be aware of the situation in order to prevent more frauds and hoaxes in Ufology. Those of you needing more info can write to any Brazilian UFO researcher or to me. Those who read Portuguese or want to check out the pictures of him in jail can hit www.ufo.com.br/edicoes/ufo71.

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Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: UFO Witness

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 22:54:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 06:45:36 -0500
Subject: Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: UFO Witness

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 22:58:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: UFO Witness Surfaces

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>Pardon me, but I do not understand the significance of this
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>- Dick

That's why I didn't include the text. I sent the link to the website to avoid cross-posting what was already put on the CURRENT ENCOUNTERS List during the time EBK went on break so that those on EBK's List who are not on the CE List could also be 'updated' about the latest D.C. episode.

Thanks,

KY

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Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 16:17:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 10:26:43 -0500
Subject: Re: New Washington D.C. Scramble: - Hall

>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Kenny,

Okay, thanks. I sometimes forget that the same material often
gets posted on both Lists, and sometimes in addition I receive
forwarded copies of the same information. Therefore, at times I
get frustrated over what seems to be endless repetition.

- Dick

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Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 16:40:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 10:28:23 -0500
Subject: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

Jenny Randles wrote an excellent article for EYE magazine, which is now up at their website at:

<http://www.hufos1.karoo.net>

It is quite critical of ufology, but does make some suggestions as to the way forward. Just to give you a taste, read the following quote:

"So UFOlogy will never go back to the way it was. It has changed, forever, and the UFO community that once controlled what was said and done has lost the say in its own subject. Indeed, UFologists have almost become an irrelevance - at best lumbering behind a litany of advertisers, hype merchants, web site designers, and sci-fi entrepreneurs."

So, is ufology dead, or just dozing?

Joe

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Re: Corso - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 11:45:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 10:42:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gehrman

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 01:51:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:51:34 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Corso

>>Yes, he certainly did but does that automatically make it a lie?
>>He said the same thing on Art Bell but the VSA indicates he was
>>telling the truth. Now, he may have been mistaken and what he
>>thought was a time machine was in fact something else, but he
>>was telling the truth as he saw it.

>Ed,

>All I pointed out is Corso's theory/connection to so-called time
>machines, either the alleged Nazi or ET types.

Yes and you were correct, but you seemed to imply that this was
nonsense and I wanted to emphasize that although it might seem
like nonsense, Col. Corso wasn't (didn't seem to be) lying,
although he may have been mistaken. I didn't think his
mentioning of time machines should discredit his other claims.

>>>We know from Corso's military record that what he
>>>claimed in the book was not in fact correct.

>>Which part? The Col.-Light Col issue is unresolved but aside
>>from that, what part of his military record do you think he lied
>>about. Please be specific and use citations. Did he lie about
>>being in command of a nuclear facility. Does the military give
>>nuclear commands such as this to liars and psychopaths?

>The first line of Corso's book is not correct, i.e. that he was
>the head of/in charge of Army FTD for two years. In fact it was
>90 days. Of the 90 days he was absent 15. In fact and reality he
>worked at FTD for a total of 1 year not two.

Yes that sentence is a little confusing. But there is no doubt
that he worked the Foreign Technology desk for Gen. Trudeau, and
that he saw these as "incredible" years.

>As to being in "command of a nuclear facility" what exactly are
>we discussing? His service record (signed by him at or around
>retirement) shows that he was in various command positions such
>as air defense battalion commander, but that isn't "command of a
>nuclear facility."

I too admit to a poorly written sentence. He was commander of a
Nike battalion. Do they give commands of Nike battalions to
frauds and psychopaths?

>>>Corso claimed that
>>>Birnes stroked the book and there were some inaccuracies in the
>>>book that he couldn't correct do to some contractual obligation
>>>he was under. Birnes claimed that the book is a faithful

>>>reproduction of every word that fell out of Corso's mouth,
>>>further that Birnes had it all on tape. Further that Corso had
>>>read the manuscript and galley proofs of the book a number of
>>>times and had approved what was written in the book. Birnes had
>>>all of the material on tape for 3 (thats right three) Corso
>>>books. I notice that Birnes has been in no hurry to do the other
>>>two books.

>>Other books are not in the works as far as I know; but I don't
>>think Birnes is involved any longer.

>Didn't Birnes just publish some Corso stuff in UFO mag recently?

He may have although I'm not familiar with it.

>>Corso said there were numerous mistakes but he didn't blame
>>Birnes. He did much of the story from memory and of course there
>>will be some mistakes.

>><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2271/corso.html>

>Take a look at the Birnes 1997 interview at:

><http://www.omnimag.com/archives/chats/hs090297.html>

>At that location you will see Birnes states that Corso had began
>writing his manuscript between 1993-1995 and "they" meaning
>Birnes and Corso assembled the material into 5 separate
>manuscripts, one of which was the Roswell book.
>In the Interview, Birnes is asked: "How did the writing process
>between the two of you work? Did you interview him on audio or
>videotape? Did he ever supply any original documents that would
>confirm his rather remarkable story?"

>To which Birnes replies:

>"Videotape! Prior to beginning the manuscript, we interviewed
>Col. Corso on video, fourteen hours of which exist at the movie
>studio. Thereafter, I worked from Col. Corso's copious notes,
>documents that he provided, and material that he requested from
>Army sources. If I had specific questions, I'd ask them. Then,
>the colonel and I met and went over the manuscript in draft
>form. He made changes, corrections, revisions, etc."
>Elsewhere he claimed that he accurately recorded everything that
>Corso said.

I don't doubt that he felt this way, but I think Col. Corso
could have made many mistakes about dates, places, etc, that he
wanted to correct and was unable to do so. Phil Jr. told me that
his father was constantly making changes and revisions in a
note book that he always carried. I had the impression that the
book in print was not a finished product.

>By supposed Corso family accounts, allegedly Birnes rushed the
>book to print before Corso checked the final draft. Supposedly
>the bogus sections were only in the first three chapters dealing
>with Roswell etc etc. By other accounts inaccuracies and factual
>problems were here and there throughout the book.

Yes I agree that this is the case. There were factual errors
throughout the book. But the main emphasis of the book is
accurate: Col. Corso and Gen. Trudeau furnished alien,
technologically advanced artifacts to US defense contractors who
were already working on similar projects and they were
encouraged to research and develop this technology. These same
companies were assisted in this endeavor through government
contracts initiated by the foreign technology desk.

>As I recall Birnes also stated that the chapter(s) dealing with
>the Roswell story were a composite of the many Roswell stories and
>not meant to be accurate, just that the publisher wanted the
>reader to have some kind of general background to Corso
>allegedly seeing the alien bodies at Fort Riley.

Yes, I agree.

<snip>

>And so Corso is just as murky as ever.

Yes very murky indeed - from:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/news/people/stories/2000/oct/peo100800a.htm>

Oct. 8, 2000
UFO memoirs go online
Son plans to upload father's story on Web

By Billy Cox
FLORIDA TODAY

<snip>

"In Bethesda, Md., where Stephen Bassett operates a political action committee lobbying elected officials to take a stand on public disclosure of classified UFO records, arguments over The Day After Roswell amount to "nitpicking" that "helps government management of this issue." Statements such as Corso being a member of the National Security Council, when he was only an aide, don't bother him.

"The core issues here are true" he says. "For whatever flaws the book might have, it took a tremendous amount of courage for Col. Corso to come public with it. If you listen to the man tell his story on camera, he comes across as sincere and credible."

For others, such as retired Army Col. and former Los Alamos National Laboratory director of Advanced Concepts John Anderson, the lack of evidence for Corso's claims only deepens the mystery.

"The world's leader in night-vision technology is the Army. Some of those guys in Electro Optics' night-vision division are personal friends of mine," Anderson says. "I looked into the history of their technology development, and Phil's story doesn't hold. You never see technological advances that cannot be accounted for - or anticipated - by traditional good science."

What puzzles Anderson, author of Future War: Non-lethal Weapons in 21st Century Warfare, are the facts that can be verified.

"I met Phil before the book came out. I liked the guy," says Anderson from his home in Las Vegas. "Ninety-eight percent of what he claimed is, in fact, accurate - where he was, what he did, all that.

"I checked it out. Here's a man who sat in front of Congress in 1992 saying we lost quite a few planes over the Soviet Union playing cat-and-mouse with their air defense system. In '95 or thereabouts, he was up there again, exposing the KGB's exploitation of American POWs who were sent to Czechoslovakia."

Equally intriguing to Anderson is Corso's relationship with Trudeau. In 1980, when the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa., began videotaping oral histories for its library, "Trudeau was one of the first eight men to be interviewed," Anderson says. "There's a wide status gap between a lieutenant colonel and a lieutenant general, but when Trudeau was interviewed, who did he want right there with him? Phil Corso. It was a very, very unique situation." Anderson's take on Corso?

"He's an enigma."

Ed

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U Database Images Plagiarized #2

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 14:28:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 10:47:38 -0500
Subject: *U* Database Images Plagiarized #2

Hello all:

Again, let me apologize for bringing up such a distasteful matter during the holidays.

I want to thank those who wrote in off-list, providing useful information (site registration etc.) and fun suggestions.

One of these was to rename my stolen map image, repaint my links to the new name, then replace the stolen ones, under the original name with something truly outrageous. That could be fun, but first I want to see some response from the perps.

There are apparently at least two 'domains' involved in this, its rather complex. The first one is DPSTUDIOS.COM with the webmistress Seiko <seiko@dpstudios.com>. Seiko is apparently Japanese, trying to make her way into the world of sales and e-commerce.

Closely associated, is ELECTRAWEB run by one Richard van Bree <dick@electraweb.com>. One or both clearly know better, judging from the legalese I quoted, and they so blissfully do not practice themselves.

If I could ask something from you:

I am on two UFO Lists only; UFO UpDates and Project-1947.

If any of you are on other UFO discussion groups online, I would ask you to copy my original message [below] to Seiko (and now also to Richard van Bree) to any and all UFO Email Lists that you may also belong to.

Full exposure is probably the most effective counter-measure for this sort commercial abuse and plagiarism.

Should anyone care to further offer their opinions on this matter to Seiko and/or van Bree at their email addresses above, that might be nice too.

Much appreciated!

- Larry Hatch

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To: seiko@dpstudios.com
cc: Ufo Updates, Project 1947..

Dear Seiko:

[Others, please bear with me on this. -LH]

In reference to this web page of yours:

<http://www.dpstudios.com/redondo/ufo.html>

I see you like my UFO map of the Western USA, among others.

So do I. It took 18 years of bone-crunching research and programming to produce them with the *U* database. It was more work to put them up on their sole rightful website:

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

Please read the small print at the bottom of my Maps Menu screen: <http://www.larryhatch.net/MAPSMENU.html>
.. where it states:

" All Maps, Statistical screens, Data and *U* Web Pages are Copyright =A9 1985-2002 Larry Hatch. "

On your page above, you have:

- a) Copied my copyrighted map straight off my website.
- b) Copied my text, virtually unchanged, from my same web page, presenting both as if they were your work.
- c) Completely omitted any mention of the *U* Database, Larry Hatch, or any other clue to the authorship of this huge work.
- d) Linked the small_and_the full size (640-480) map so that the bandwidth to view these images is charged to my website host instead of yours.
- e) Altered the "Home Page" link so that it points to your website instead of mine.
- f) Apparently used this, and other similar stratagems to help sell your website(s).
\$9000! See center banner ad in page below ..

<http://www.dpstudios.com/redondo/VisitorLobby.htm>

On your Home Page (the altered link) ..

<http://www.dpstudios.com/redondo/index.start.html>

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(We have successfully sued over 110 Spammers in the last year, accounting for an increase in revenue above 28 percent. Thank you Spammers everywhere, for your consistent stupidity."

On yet another page of yours:

<http://www.dpstudios.com/redondo/terms.html>

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Does that include the maps you ripped of from me? I take it you are eager to go to court.

I strongly advise you to either give full credit to both Larry Hatch, _and_ the *U* UFO Database, with clear easy links; or else take down any and all links, images and references to my work.

Sincerely

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Roswell Crash? - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 05:37:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 22:52:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash? - Goldstein

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 22:28:26 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 16:33:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash?

<snip>

>>A tentative scenario would be now:

>>Collision in the evening, or night of July 3 with Flight 9. The
>>army discovers the impact site, no very far north of Roswell,
>>during the same night or on Friday July 4.

>>They retrieve the craft and bodies the same day, or during the
>>following night.

>>Mack Brazel finds the debris field the same day, talks about it
>>on Saturday 5 at Corona, and goes to Roswell on Sunday 6.

>>Now, another problem is still the absence of radar reflector.
>>From where did come the debris shown in the office of Gal Ramey?
>>Perhaps from White Sands, for instance - why not?

>>Another difficulty is the description of flower tape, first by
>>Brazel, and later by his daughter Bessie. But Brazel could have
>>been taught to say that (at a time when the balloon explanation
>>was being staged). Since Bessie was not there, anyway, according
>>to her family and neighbors, she may have remembered another
>>balloon discovery, before or after the crash.

>>I don't say that this is the truth - only that it does not seem
>>impossible, apparently. Perhaps we will know more, if new
>>witnesses can be found?

>Gildas,

>A major problem with this speculation is this: Why should an
>interplanetary, intergalactic, or otherwise craft constructed of
>materials that can't be bent, broken, or burnt be done in by a
>collision with a flimsy balloon? That doesn't make any sense.

Dick,

I agree with you. From whatever sense or nonsense I do not know
but I have always felt the same regarding a trufo going haywire
from radar or nature's storms. Of course it is not like I would
have even the slightest idea of what their power, propulsion,
and navigation systems would be.

Josh

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Puerto Rico: Final Resting Place for Chupacabras?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 07:31:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 22:57:37 -0500
Subject: Puerto Rico: Final Resting Place for Chupacabras?

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A Final Resting Place for Chupacabras?

Xmas Suprise Startles Jayuya

Alex David PARA PRIMERA HORA

A six year old boy and his brother found the strange carcass in Jayuya. (Para PRIMERA HORA / Edgar V=Elzquez Col=F3n)

JAYUYA.- A discovery only increases the mystery: the bones of a strange creature disturbed the calm days of Christmas festivities in the town of Jayuya.

The animal remains were found on Tuesday at 1:30 pm while young Angel Oquendo, 6, played with his brother Sixto, 10, between the supports and footings of a recently built dwelling on family property in the Canalizo sector near the city of Utuado.

According to Adelaida Quiles, Angel's mother, the boy summoned her while they roasted a pig for Christmas Eve dinner.

"He called me saying, Mommy, come here, there's a dead mouse, and I ignored him, but he kept calling and I asked my husband to take over the preparations while I took a look."

As soon as she sound the dead animal's remains near one of the house's supports, she called her husband, Cesar oquendo, realizing that the remains were not something she could readily identify. They slid a piece of cardboard under it to bring it out into the light. "Upon seeing it, we wondered if that thing could be the Chupacabras or something similar," said Quiles.

A quick observation revealed that the animal had no traces of wool, hair or feathers on its carcass. Nor was there any evidence of it having had upper extremities or wings.

The creature would have apparently stood some 2 ft. tall and was supported by its rear extremities, which had pronounced claws and three equally long bones. This gave the impression that it was able to jump considerable heights. Its wide, elongated head, with prominent eyes, sported a complete set of teeth with long upper fangs, two of them in the molar area and another in the bottom jaw, marking its carnivorous nature (...).

The ears were palm-shaped and measured nearly an inch in length, and there was a curved shape to its spinal column. The creature also had a pointed tail measuring nearly 1 1/2 ft. long similar to that of a reptile, and it appeared to have provided support for it while it walked.

The surprise among the local forensics was still considerable as they awaited the arrival of a Forensic Sciences researcher who would verify the animal's characteristics. Curiously, several birds had been slain months ago on the same rural property:

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Re: Corso - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 8:39:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 23:02:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Aldrich

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:51:34 -0800
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 00:44:48 EST
>>Subject: Re: Corso

<snip>

>>>Please continue your research on Col. Corso and ignore the
>>>negative comments by Robert and Jerry. They're good fellows but
>>>like so many of their peers, they've disregarded the positive
>>>evidence that supports Col. Corso's veracity.

>>So what is "negative" about the truth?
>>Corso did in fact make the claim about the time machine to the
>>reporter.

>Yes, he certainly did but does that automatically make it a lie?
>He said the same thing on Art Bell but the VSA indicates he was
>telling the truth. Now, he may have been mistaken and what he
>thought was a time machine was in fact something else, but he
>was telling the truth as he saw it.

>>We know from Corso's military record that what he
>>claimed in the book was not in fact correct.

>Which part? The Col.-Light Col issue is unresolved but aside
>from that, what part of his military record do you think he lied
>about. Please be specific and use citations. Did he lie about
>being in command of a nuclear facility. Does the military give
>nuclear commands such as this to liars and psychopaths?

>>Corso claimed that
>>Birnes stroked the book and there were some inaccuracies in the
>>book that he couldn't correct do to some contractual obligation
>>he was under. Birnes claimed that the book is a faithful
>>reproduction of every word that fell out of Corso's mouth,
>>further that Birnes had it all on tape. Further that Corso had
>>read the manuscript and galley proofs of the book a number of
>>times and had approved what was written in the book. Birnes had
>>all of the material on tape for 3 (thats right three) Corso
>>books. I notice that Birnes has been in no hurry to do the other
>>two books.

>Other books are not in the works as far as I know; but I don't
>think Birnes is involved any longer.

>Corso said there were numerous mistakes but he didn't blame
>Birnes. He did much of the story from memory and of course there
>will be some mistakes.

><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2271/corso.html>

>>So the bottom line still is "Corso and time machine(s) theories
>>are not uncommon so to speak."

>I don't know exactly what this sentence means but yes Col. Corso
>alluded to time machines.

Enough of this junk!

Is there a giant space-based anti-ET weapons system which is keeping the evil ET at bay the result of efforts unknown to him at the time by the Savior of Mankind, Colonel General Corso?

Answer that or go away!

And the Non-disclosure project why are you against a space based defense which according to Corso, one of the witnesses in your witness list, already exists and is doing a handy job of keeping the evil ET away?

Answer that or go away!

I can't believe at this point we are still debating over Corso's military record which is available for all to see.

If you haven't, check it out at

<http://www.cufon.org/>

His FBI record is also there.

<http://www.cufon.org/special/corsofbi.pdf>

His military records indicate that he constantly stretched the truth in his book. His FBI record indicate that he engaged in rather juvenile activities, but more seriously that he had accused people of disloyal activity which the FBI had to check and found wanting.

Also, read Corso's book and note the special relationship he had with Hoover. Then look what Hoover said about him in his FBI file.

Ed, I may not know a liar every time I see and hear one, but I know one thing for sure. Corso was a liar, his book was a lie and his contributions to Ufology have been lies, confusion and stupidity. Not one positive thing!

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Re: Hynek - Cohen

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@optonline.net>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 09:46:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 23:04:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek - Cohen

>From: Laurel Oplatka <calabash2003@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 11:10:30 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Hynek - Oplatka

>My asking if Hynek had a "specific agenda", perhaps that was a
>poor choice of words on my part. I was trying to reconcile in my
>mind Hynek's early "swamp gas" theory with his later statement
>about 1 out of 40 people being abducted.

>After re-reading some of my files, I see that perhaps Hynek was,
>at that time, directed by the Air Force to state his views
>(publicly) due to pressure, and thus issued his "swamp gas"
>theory statement. And Perhaps Major Quintanilla pushed and
>reiterated the S.G. theory. As far as the 1 out of 40 abducted
>statement made much later, perhaps, as Jerry has suggested,
>Hynek simply never said that. So, is this assessment of
>Hynek's swamp gas theory, pretty much correct?

Laurel,

Dr. Hynek's "Swamp Gas Theory" was proposed for one specific case in which the UFO in question was reported in a swamp.

Clicking at the following you can see Dr. Hynek's own words regarding his part in those Michigan sightings and where he was at in his study of UFOs to that point. The article by Dr. Hynek appeared 12/17/66 in the Saturday Evening Post.

http://www.cohenufo.org/sepost_66_hynek.2.html#hynekmichigan

In the following specific part of the article, Hynek describes exactly how he came up with the explanation. Hynek also told us that he had reached a point where he realized he needed to get other scientists involved in the study. He felt the problem was big enough that it was probably impossible for him to solve it by himself.

http://www.cohenufo.org/sepost_66_hynek.2.html#hynekmichexplan

Also in this article, he mentions writing a letter to the Air Force to try to get them to study the subject more seriously. He also wrote another letter in 1968 to his boss Colonel Raymond S. Sleeper where he tells him the statistics in Blue Book are a farce. It is important to read this to gain some insight into his relationship with the Air Force.

<http://www.cohenufo.org/ocr.5a.html#anchor210180>

Reading the above and the links I gave you in my 24 Dec 2002 posting to UpDates

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m24-007.shtml>

will give you plenty of information concerning Dr. Hynek and his evolution regarding UFOs. You just have to read it.

Re: Hynek - Cohen

Respectfully,

Jerry Cohen

<http://www.cohenufo.org/>

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Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 12:48:48 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 23:07:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 22:40:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 20:00:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:47:23 -0500
>>>Subject: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>>I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed
>>>the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had
>>>seen.

>>>See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

<snip>

>>>Participants included

>>>Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr.
>>>Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.
>>>Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs

>>Steve:

<snip>

>>With this crowd, even Jerry Clark and Dick Hall couldn't (but
>>will) call this "balanced".

>Bob,

>Nothing like putting words in my mouth to your heart's content,
>no matter how false and misleading they are.

Dick,

Which of these gentlemen do you consider a "skeptic"?

>There was a time when I thought (and hoped) that you might
>be a rational skeptic. That time has long since passed.

Thank you, sir.

>It was your sainted Donald Menzel

I don't take The Communion, so you might say that I'm just an admirer.

>that wrote to Bill Nash
>(witness to the July 1952 sighting of what Bob would have us
>believe was a formation of glowing red, disc-shaped meteors that
>flew underneath an airliner and abruptly reversed direction)

>that what he had seen was fireflies trapped between the panes of
>glass in the windshield of the aircraft! What was it, Bob, low-
>level formation meteors with the ability to reverse direction,
>or fireflies in the windshield? What is your gag threshold of
>absurdity?

I would go with the fireball-meteors-burning-out explanation.

Remember that you heard it here first (according to Jerry): A skeptic has just proposed an alternate explanation for another skeptic's explanation.

I thought that Menzel finally settled on searchlights or some such thing? Are you sure that his letter wasn't just proposing possibilities?

Please rate as the most rational the following three choices:

- 1) A bright fireball meteor, with different sized fragments burning out in random order (as described)
- 2) Fireflies between the window glass
- 3) Alien spacemen in little flying saucers reversing directions at high speed without being smeared on the inside of the little cabins.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

"If you've never seen a UFO, you're not very observant. And if you've seen as many as I have, you won't believe in them."

-- Arthur C. Clarke

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Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 12:54:37 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 23:09:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking - Young

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 12:18:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Great Moments In Debunking

<snip>

>Maybe we could find some areas in which debate could be
>productive. Or else concentrate on Kevin's project, which he
>started with his Mantell piece.

Greg, all:

This is a worthwhile approach.

>We need to move forward, instead of standing in the same place,
>waving our arms.

Couldn't agree more. How about opening a discussion about the
design of an experiment which seeks to collect data on UFO
visits?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Security Classifications - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 16:47:4 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 23:28:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Security Classifications - Aldrich

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 17:16:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 21:47:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Security Classifications

<snip>

>>As I have said before it seems that whenever we start discussing
>>this topic, it is like a video game with everything reset to
>>zero.

I haven't had time to answer some messages I feel are important.
Now here goes. Again, the statement above applies.

>I have made a gigantic snip because there are just a few points
>I wish to make:

>1. I very much appreciate all the effort Robert Gates made to provide
>specific examples of aberrantly marked documents.

>2. I wish to express appreciation for these 2 remarks by Jan Aldrich
>"I don't pretend to be an expert on presidential papers" and
>"The White House has its own clearance and access procedures"

>This was my point, now confirmed by Jan, in noting earlier that
>Jan's fine credentials did not seem to include procedures etc
>for the White House, NSC, etc. The CT, TF, and EBE documents
>would seem to fall under the White House.

The point is taken, however, just because Stan Friedman and
Robert Gates have slogged through a number of formerly
classified White House papers does not make them experts either.
Neither have taken the time to learn about security procedure at
the White House. Now in the early days several White House
classified items list AR (Army Regulation) 380-5 as the
authority for certain classified actions. No doubt because the
White House communication is run by the Army.

>3. With regard to the need for TS Control numbers I referred
>specifically to pages B-4 and B-5 in my "Final Report on
>Operation Majestic 12" since these 2 TOP SECRET Documents from
>Robert Cutler, which were found in the papers of General Nathan
>Twining at the LCMD, did not have TS Control numbers.

>The two pages were ignored by Jan in his response. Instead he
>refers to pages E-11,E-12,E-13. These pages do make an
>important point since each has a different date format,
>contrary to the notion of Joe Nickell who objected to the EBE
>because its date format did not follow the government style
>>manual.

1. B-4 and B-5 are not White House documents. They were, as you
say, found in the papers of General Twining.

2. The items at page E-11, E-12, and E-13 are White House documents that is, the last people to have custody of these documents while they were classified was the White House. The specific pages also contain no classified information but are stamped Top Secret. One has as previously pointed out a TS control number, while the other two do not, probably a clerical decision to separate the transmittal letters from the classified material in the latter case. I also gave several reasons why certain pages or record included in folders or files might not have TS control numbers.

>I will repeat once again that I cannot provide copies of the TOP
>SECRET RESTRICTED Documents noted by the GAO because they were
>still classified. I tried.

And Secret Restricted and Confidential Restricted? So there are not examples of these to be had?

>But, Jan, since you have my report, please see pages B-4, and B-5 to add to your collection of genuine TS documents without TS control numbers.

But you had the answer, you just cut it out. These are declassified documents, they are not seen in their original context.

However, I can trump anything you have said, I have a Top Secret document that has not marking on it at all. No Top Secret, no nuthin'.

http://209.132.68.98/documents/pdf/hillenkoetter-menzel_sept1963.pdf

I obtained my copy from the APL, it had no classified marking and is otherwise completely clean. I like what the Woods have done with it though, crude lettering of Top Secret and CIA Copy, sooooh convincing.

Of course, there are a whole bunch of these things on the Woods' website. They just have no shame whatsoever. They are still pushing the Aquarius Briefing document fabricated with a cover sheet used for high level correspondence so there were be no smears or stray marks on important letters or items. How silly? What is even sillier even after that has been demonstrated, people still believe it and wasted time and money chasing it.

Looking at a review of the an MJ-12 presentation Bill Hamilton said the one of the main objections to MJ-12 was the lack of TS control numbers which the Woods had answered.

That is what the Woods would like people to think. One of the main objections to MJ-12 that the MJ-12 people are incredibly stupid, just less stupid that the three other birds in Bill Moore's aviary, the Loon, the Cookoo, and the Turkey, birds who swallow this kind of thing. Lack TS control numbers is one of the more minor objections.

In SOM 1-01, MJ-12 proves that they don't know much about technical intelligence, logistics, security, or even elementary military operations. Nor do they know how to communicate the information to the people who must carry out the operation. In just 24 hours I listed over 50 objections to this silly document. Most have stood up pretty well, but the Woods claim they have countered all my objections. I have yet to see any such refutations.

And, of course, Stan, you are still pushing this thing pretty hard, also.

Most of the other long MJ-12 documents have all kinds of place or out of time errors in them, however, to point them out would just give Cooper, Wood, and Wood criticism to do better in the next set of documents.

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PS I just noticed this one. So stupid it is unbelievable.

http://209.132.68.98/documents/pdf/ipu_fieldorder.pdf

Hello, who signed the thing? Who do they contact when some officer going by orders put out by the CofS to reduce all flying to a minimum will not release fuel for their flight, hm? Just to whom do they report? The secretary at the front desk? There are other thing wrong with this document, it is like doing a crossword. See how many stupid things you can come up with, gentle reader?

Don't expect the Woods to come up with any!

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Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 00:15:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 11:37:06 -0500
Subject: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980

Dear List Readers,

I have begun reading Larry Warren's book, "Left at East Gate", and so far I have found it very interesting. The MoD files together with the information provided by Jim Penniston indicate at the very least that something rather exceptional did occur in that location on the dates in question, and no plausible official explanation has been given.

From what has been depicted in Larry Warren's account, this is a hugely complex case with a host of witnesses. I understand that James Easton has concerns about some of Penniston's claims (see "UFO Update: Re: Rendlesham File... - Easton" dated 12/22); however one cannot draw too many conclusions about internal consistency in a high-strangeness case such as this. If we try to fit all of the witness' accounts into a standard paradigm of accepted physical/temporal reality, we might be missing the entire point of what is going on.

If enough independent verification can be obtained, it would seem that this case might constitute the proverbial smoking gun. I would like to hear from anyone (on or off List) about more background research which may have been done on this case and on the witnesses.

It would behoove us to establish a small but solid base of cases with the best possible provenance, to be used in case an opportunity comes along to bring evidence before some official inquiry. Many of us would like to see something like Congressional committee hearings, but as it stands now, we might be upstaged by a Steven Greer style lineup of witnesses, which would not help our cause.

In brief, I would like to know what we have to work with the Rendlesham Forest case. Does it have good, sturdy legs? And what other good, strong cases do we have with enough detail and defense intelligence implications to interest a Congressional committee?

Thanks to all,

Tom Bowden

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'The Phenomena Show' Comes To Queensland

From: Diane Harrison <aufor@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 18:26:53 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 11:44:56 -0500
Subject: 'The Phenomena Show' Comes To Queensland

The Phenomena Show is in Coolangatta

Hi Folks

Yes folks the Phenomena Show has finally come to Queensland
Barry Cummings the organizer has just been on the phone to me
and he would like me to pass the word around which I am.

He has also invited AUFORN to be present at the exhibit to help
answer any of the general public's questions re Aliens and UFOs
and has welcomed a display of the 1800 77 22 88 UFO Hotline
number which is great also. Barry did inform me Tino of UFORQ
was at the exhibit yesterday and the Gold Bulletin ran a cover
story. Barry said they presented a balanced review, which was
great.

Robert and I will be there next Saturday

M E D I A R E L E A S E
December 9th, 2002
For Immediate Release:

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/Phenomena.html>

The Aliens Are Coming

The world's largest travelling UFO and alien exhibition,
Phenomena - Alien Encounter, is being brought to the Gold Coast
this Christmas.

Phenomena offers an eerie and fascinating glimpse into the
bizarre realm of UFOs, extra terrestrials and close encounters
as it attempts to answer one of mankind's greatest mysteries: Is
there life on other planets?

The visually spectacular show, featuring 10 separate exhibits,
displays models, photographs, videos, interactive and historical
material supplied by UFO magazine in the UK.

From the history of UFO sightings through to the infamous
Roswell incident and reported alien abductions, Phenomena takes
audiences on a mysterious and at time unsettling journey into
the unknown.

"It is the largest exhibition of its kind in the world," said
Greg Volich, director of Gold Coast-based international
travelling Exhibition Company the Atech Group, which has brought
Phenomena to the Coast.

"It is has just finished a stint at the Bahrain Summer Festival
where it was viewed by tens of thousands of people and we are
bringing it to the Gold Coast for Christmas before embarking on
a world tour.

"For anyone with a fascination with UFOs and extra terrestrials,
Phenomena will pose as many questions as it seeks to answer. And
even if you're a non-believer, it's still great fun."

Phenomena - The Alien Encounter's exhibits include:

(2) History - Since the dawn of time, the earth has been visited by strange and unexplained phenomena. The prophet Ezekial wrote of it and many primitive cultures, including Australia's Aborigines, depicted it in their art. Alien Encounter takes visitors on a journey through the history of contact.

Search for Life - Even before the enormity of space was conquered, humans wondered whether the stars could be abodes for alien life forms. Alien Encounter joins SETI, Voyager and the NASA missions to educate visitors on the current search for life.

The Evidence - The best photographic evidence, video footage, witness accounts and radar tracks. Many claims have been documented; many have been quickly disproved as unreliable, outrageous or simply mistaken. Some, however, defy explanation.

The Explanations - Errors in perception are commonplace in UFO reports, potentially transforming an ordinary phenomenon into a mysterious or unidentified object. Aircraft lights, aurora, comets, flares, lenticular clouds, satellites, sun pillars and even reflections from curved glass have led to extravagant claims. Alien Encounter helps the visitor play scientist.

Crop Circles - Crop circles, first dubbed 'The Mowing Devil', have taken place in farmers' fields since at least 1678. Visitors to Phenomena are presented with possible explanations including wind, electromagnetic fields and perhaps even alien intervention.

Encounters - Phenomena looks at various alien encounters, including the death of Capt Thomas Mantell during the Kentucky incident of 1948 and the startling image of Lt. William Patterson surrounded by a ring of enormous blue-white lights during the buzzing of the White House in 1952.

Abductions and Implants - The sheer number of people now claiming abduction experiences covers a wide spectrum of society. Alien Encounter looks at the most famous, including New Yorker

*(3) Linda Cortile's claim that she was 'floated' out of her 12th floor apartment in 1989 to a waiting spacecraft.

Conspiracy - Are the governments of the world conspiring to protect the public from material they consider too much for us to accept or confront? The stories of a secret government organisation and their agents - The Men in Black - are perhaps more fact than fiction.

Alien Harvest - The mysterious deaths and mutilations of animals throughout the US and Europe have mystified scientists and the medical profession. Bloodless carcasses with no clues to the cause of death are just the beginning of the mystery. More disturbingly, Phenomena has evidence that suggests this activity may not be focused on animals alone.

Roswell - Did something crash in New Mexico in 1947? Were alien bodies recovered and does reverse engineering of alien technology take place at Area 51 as Bob Lazar claims. Phenomena - The Alien Encounter looks at one of the 20th century's greatest mysteries.

Phenomena - The Alien Encounter will operate 10am to 8pm daily from December 15 to January 27.

The attraction will be located in the Showcase Shopping Centre LEVEL 1, Griffith Street, at Coolangatta.

For further information or comment contact

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 12:48:48 EST
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 22:40:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 20:00:03 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

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>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:47:23 -0500
>>>>Subject: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>>>I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed
>>>>the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had
>>>>seen.

>>>>See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

><snip>

>>>>Participants included

>>>>Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr.
>>>>Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.
>>>>Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs

>Dick,

>Which of these gentlemen do you consider a "skeptic"?

Answer: They are all skeptics. Everyone is a skeptic, and everyone is a believer. We just draw our lines at different places. Dick is simply saying, and I agree, that the List is balanced because most or all of the individuals "draw their lines" at sensible places, unlike some Skeptics (capital "S") who draw their lines (and anchor them with cement) at a place that only includes Venus, meteors, balloons and pelicans.

==JJS==

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Crop Circles? How About Ice Holes?
Mystery Hole In Lake Ice Baffling Folks North Of Brainerd

Posted: 8:38 a.m. CST December 30, 2002

Months after a Hollywood flick about those controversial and mysterious crop circles earned a couple hundred million dollars in the United States, a black hole in the ice of a lake near Brainerd has authorities scratching their heads.

The hole was first spotted last February on North Long Lake just north of the central Minnesota resort city and immediately caught the imagination of folks in the area, quickly becoming a source of speculation, conversation and concern.

The Brainerd Dispatch wrote about the hole late last week, summing up the questions in the area: "What caused the hole to appear? Distant earthquakes? New thermal springs on the lake bottom? Sabotage by unknown enemies?"

The area watershed district has since spent \$4,000 trying to figure out what's causing the hole, but has yet to find an answer.

While the hole has caused tongue-in-cheek talk similar to that of the crop circles, it also has proven deadly.

The Dispatch reports that as many as a dozen riders of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles have gone into the water at the hole, and at least one of them has died.

Signs warning of the hole have been erected around the lake and at public access points.

Such holes aren't uncommon on lakes in the state, but they are typically caused by hot thermal springs being concentrated in one area, but the sudden appearance of the hole last February has many ruling out that possibility.

In addition, Al Cibuzar, head of A.W. Research Laboratories in Brainerd, first viewed the hole while flying over the lake last March. He flew over it again last week and used an infrared, water-penetrating camera and discovered the hole is slowly getting larger.

A diver went through the hole last week and reported "an ordinary lake bottom," the newspaper said.

Researchers plan to continue monitoring the lake bottom, water temperature and other variables involved with the hole.

Another odd wrinkle to the mystery is that the ice thickness on the hole's perimeter ranges from 4 to 10 inches.

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By ALANNA MITCHELL

Monday, December 30, 2002 - Page A1

The stolid, long-suffering Canadian of national myth may exist, but a new poll suggests that hidden under that pedestrian exterior lurks a heart longing for hope, faith and proof of extraterrestrial life.

A national poll published yesterday by Ipsos-Reid found that 22 per cent of Canadians trust that life on another planet will be discovered in their lifetime.

Among those 18 to 34 - the crowd that grew up with Star Trek and The X-Files - that figure rose to 33 per cent. For people 55 and older, it was just 13 per cent.

Regionally, those living in Alberta, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces were most likely to support the scenario of life on another planet. Levels of household income, usually a proxy for levels of education, did not affect the degree of trust in life far, far away.

"Is this hope chasing reality? It's quite possible," said John Wright, senior vice-president of Ipsos-Reid, adding that this was the first time his firm asked this question.

Last year, though, the polling outfit asked Canadians whether they believe that extraterrestrials visit Earth on a regular basis. The answer? Fully 20 per cent said yes. (By comparison, just 3 per cent said they believe Elvis is still alive.)

The poll published yesterday was taken between Sept. 25 and Nov. 7, 2002, long before last week's headlines about Quebec's Raelian group, their belief that humanity came from another planet and their assertion that they have produced the first human-born clone.

The survey results suggest that 1,007 Canadians polled are conscious of the huge leaps made in science and technology, and that many have formed otherworldly expectations of them.

"It's become less science fiction and more of a reality," Mr. Wright said.

But that's not all Canadians told the pollsters they have faith

in. A majority - 51 per cent - said they trust that angels exist. That faith was highest in women at 60 per cent, compared with 40 per cent of men. It also showed up stronger in people 55 and older (54 per cent) than in those younger than 35 (47 per cent).

But the biggest angelic surprise was that 71 per cent of those polled in Saskatchewan and Manitoba said they trust that angels exist. The province with the least trust was Alberta where the figure reached only 46 per cent.

Canadians' level of household income appeared to predict their degree of trust in the immortal helpers of God. The lower their income, the more likely they were to trust that angels exist.

A majority also trust that God exists - 61 per cent. But older Canadians were much more likely (71 per cent) to trust in the existence of God than younger ones (52 per cent of those 18 to 34).

In all, the Ipsos-Reid poll captured a serene population. More than half said they had trust that the economy would grow and that they would earn more in 2003.

Roughly three-quarters said they trusted that they would not lose their jobs in the coming year, that they would spend more time with their children, that the coming year would be a good one and even that they would get together with their families for the year-end holidays next Christmas.

The poll's findings are considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times in 20.

[UFO UpDates thanks 'Maria' for the lead]

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Hi Bob,

As per your questions above, I pick number three as the correct answer.

Number one and two are just too outrageous to consider.

And ol' Arthur has made more money out of ET than anyone else. What's he got to complain about?

CAVU

Don

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Roy..

Even as someone who wrote several UFO books back in the 1990s
and who has spoken at a lot of conferences and gigs, I agree
with you, Roy, that it's much preferable and refreshing today to
access material easily, freely, and from your office via the Net
rather than having to trek all across the country to listen to a
lecture.

For me, the old days have gone and I've moved on. I see that the
UFO "community" has changed, fractured and in some ways
collapsed in the last few years and websites and the Net have
played a big role in that. But that change isn't a bad thing at
all and I welcome it.

So what if the UFO research community isn't what it once was or
that groups are shutting down or that there might be less new

books on the shelves? This may actually be a good thing because it might mean that people will actually get back to doing grass roots research instead of spending all of their time just trying to be (very) minor media celebrities, or propping up a fading community, magazine or group for reasons such as nostalgia or because it's their livelihood (among others).

It might also mean that we won't be seeing the same old faces on the lecture circuit peddling the same old tired stuff to audiences that pay their money and hear nothing new except empty promises of big revelations in "the near future."

The days of 1997-8 when there were 5 or 6 UFO publications on the newsstands each month in England are gone (and probably for ever), and groups that might have had monthly attendances of 100 may be closing, but that shouldn't stop people who are in the subject for the right reasons from doing good work, as I know Jenny will continue to do and I count her as one of those people. And if more groups close, gig attendances drop and more magazines go out of publication and the Net becomes the main focal point for data, then that's just society (and ufology) changing.

Remember, if you stand still, you die.

Cheers,

Nick Redfern

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Bob

Clearly you want to rationalize your conclusions based upon beliefs and faith in what can (or should) exist. I'm not sure how you transcend to a new level of scientific understanding (if one exists). To limit one's view of what can exist with self-imposed blinders seems to fly in the face of scientific exploration.

Steve

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How does one differentiate between good and bad research (or
information) on the Internet? There are many good researchers
who have placed their material on the Internet, but how does
someone new to the field know that one site is better than
another? Do we take the Art Bell approach and simply let the
audience decide for themselves?

The Internet has provided a tremendous forum for networking in
this genre that has never before existed, but it also has
created an anarchy that seems to have no foundation and major
UFO research organizations throughout the world have been
severely impacted.

Are we in a scientific pursuit of knowledge or do we remain a
loosely knit group of people who happen to share a similar
interest and have the ability to communicate with one another.

Steve

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Re: Corso - Gehrman

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Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 16:15:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gehrman

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
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>Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 8:39:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Corso

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>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:51:34 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Corso

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 00:44:48 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Corso

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>>>>Please continue your research on Col. Corso and ignore the
>>>>negative comments by Robert and Jerry. They're good fellows but
>>>>like so many of their peers, they've disregarded the positive
>>>>evidence that supports Col. Corso's veracity.

>>>>So what is "negative" about the truth?
>>>>Corso did in fact make the claim about the time machine to the
>>>>reporter.

>>>>Yes, he certainly did but does that automatically make it a lie?
>>>>He said the same thing on Art Bell but the VSA indicates he was
>>>>telling the truth. Now, he may have been mistaken and what he
>>>>thought was a time machine was in fact something else, but he
>>>>was telling the truth as he saw it.

>>>>We know from Corso's military record that what he
>>>>claimed in the book was not in fact correct.

>>>>Which part? The Col.-Light Col issue is unresolved but aside
>>>>from that, what part of his military record do you think he lied
>>>>about. Please be specific and use citations. Did he lie about
>>>>being in command of a nuclear facility. Does the military give
>>>>nuclear commands such as this to liars and psychopaths?

>>>>Corso claimed that
>>>>Birnes stroked the book and there were some inaccuracies in the
>>>>book that he couldn't correct do to some contractual obligation
>>>>he was under. Birnes claimed that the book is a faithful
>>>>reproduction of every word that fell out of Corso's mouth,
>>>>further that Birnes had it all on tape. Further that Corso had
>>>>read the manuscript and galley proofs of the book a number of
>>>>times and had approved what was written in the book. Birnes had
>>>>all of the material on tape for 3 (thats right three) Corso
>>>>books. I notice that Birnes has been in no hurry to do the other
>>>>two books.

>>>>Other books are not in the works as far as I know; but I don't
>>>>think Birnes is involved any longer.

>>>>Corso said there were numerous mistakes but he didn't blame
>>>>Birnes. He did much of the story from memory and of course there
>>>>will be some mistakes.

>><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2271/corso.html>

>>>So the bottom line still is "Corso and time machine(s) theories
>>>are not uncommon so to speak."

>>I don't know exactly what this sentence means but yes Col. Corso
>>alluded to time machines.

>Enough of this junk!

Jan,

Robert and I were having a polite discussion and you've
intruded. "Enough of this junk!" is a rude remark and an insult.

And I certainly challenge your assertion that my efforts are
"junk". Mike Kemp's VSA is a professional research report that I
paid for with good ol' US greenbacks and not some flea market
castaway as you insinuate.

I'll answer your post, but unless I see some mutual respect,
it's the last response you'll get from me.

>Is there a giant space-based anti-ET weapons system which is
>keeping the evil ET at bay the result of efforts unknown to him
>at the time

I've no answer to that question nor do you; this holds true for
anyone else on the List. We have absolutely no way of knowing
what the US arsenal holds. These are black projects. How much do
you know about the TR3-b?

>by the Savior of Mankind, Colonel General Corso?

That's a cheap shot. Yes, he was proud of what he thought he had
accomplished and since I think he did what he says he did, I
have to agree and admire his courage and abilities.

>Answer that or go away!

Who put you in charge of this List? These are bully tactics and
not becoming. They make you seem ignorant and pushy.

>And the Non-disclosure project why are you against a space based
>defense which according to Corso, one of the witnesses in your
>witness list, already exists and is doing a handy job of keeping
>the evil ET away?

I'm not part of the "(Non) {how cute}-Disclosure project" and
have never been. I support their efforts. I also know they're
not perfect. They published my article because they thought it
was the correct interpretation of the facts.

>Answer that or go away!

This is so rude!

>I can't believe at this point we are still debating over Corso's
>military record which is available for all to see.

><http://www.cufon.org/>

As far as I know we're not debating his military record. and I
agree; everyone should visit your site and see for themselves
Col. Corso's military record which indicates he is who he says he
is.

>His FBI record is also there.

><http://www.cufon.org/special/corsofbi.pdf>

>His military records indicate that he constantly stretched the
>truth in his book.

Or were these honest mistakes? Could you be more specific.

>His FBI record indicate that he engaged in
>rather juvenile activities, but more seriously that he had
>accused people of disloyal activity which the FBI had to check
>and found wanting.

I'll be glad to discuss this with you but first you have to
prove to me that you've carefully read my rebuttal to Larry

Bryant's slanderous remarks.

<http://www.caus.org/membercomments/mc062900.shtml>

I've tried to get Bryant to discuss our different takes on this subject, but so far he hasn't bothered to reply.

>Also, read Corso's book and note the special relationship he had
>with Hoover. Then look what Hoover said about him in his FBI
>file.

And we should believe Hoover?

>Ed, I may not know a liar every time I see and hear one, but I
>know one thing for sure. Corso was a liar, his book was a lie
>and his contributions to Ufology have been lies, confusion and
>stupidity. Not one positive thing!

I think you need to take a deep breath; then answer in a calm
and deliberate manner. Bully boys are not in control of this
List.

Ed

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Re: Corso - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 16:32:41 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 07:25:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Young

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 11:45:10 -0800
>Subject: Re: Corso

<snip>

>I wanted to emphasize that although it might seem
>like nonsense, Col. Corso wasn't (didn't seem to be) lying,

Ed:

He lied, in writing, about his rank. Does this count?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 21:31:20 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 07:28:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 09:23:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 12:48:48 EST
>>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

<snip>

>>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:47:23 -0500
>>>>Subject: Sci-Fi's 'UFO Phenomenon: Science Fiction Or Fact?'

>>>>I can't believe the times they've chosen to air this, and missed
>>>>the premiere because there was no promotion of it that I had
>>>>seen.

>>>>See: <http://www.scifi.com/symposium/>

>>>>Participants included

>>>>Dr. Michio Kaku, Dr. Richard Henry, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Dr.
>>>>Jacques Vallee, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Ted Roe and John Callahan.
>>>>Budd Hopkins, Dr. John E. Mack and Dr. David M. Jacobs

>>Dick,

>>Which of these gentlemen do you consider a "skeptic"?

>Answer: They are all skeptics. Everyone is a skeptic, and
>everyone is a believer. We just draw our lines at different
>places. Dick is simply saying, and I agree, that the List is
>balanced because most or all of the individuals "draw their
>lines" at sensible places, unlike some Skeptics (capital "S")
>who draw their lines (and anchor them with cement) at a place
>that only includes Venus, meteors, balloons and pelicans.

Jim,

I never said anything one way or the other about the "balance"
of the panel. I was merely objecting to Bob Young putting words
in my mouth.

Apparently his definition of "balanced" is including someone,
like him, who has meteors flying below an airliner and reversing
direction (observed by witnesses in the plane and on the
ground), and who believes in supersonic pelicans.

However, I appreciate your point. There are many people who take
UFOs seriously who are better and more traditional skeptics than
Menzel, Klass, or Young, including Richard Henry, for example.

- Dick

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Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Kisak

From: Paul F. Kisak <kki@visuallink.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 16:43:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:03:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Kisak

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 00:15:21 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Rendlesham Forest case of 12/1980

<snip>

>In brief, I would like to know what we have to work with the
>Rendlesham Forest case. Does it have good, sturdy legs? And what
>other good, strong cases do we have with enough detail and
>defense intelligence implications to interest a Congressional
>committee?

The case that IMO had the most credibility, documentation and a proper vetting were:

1. Belgium - <http://www.gpgwebdesign.com.au/belquim.htm>
(the above site gives a general overview of the incident)

The USAF Woodbridge Base/Rendlesham has undergone some credible debunking.

Based on my experience within the US Intelligence community, a congressional committee will not produce much more than they have in the past.

What is required is a whistleblower from the proper place at the proper time and with the appropriate credentials and incriminating material.

Best,

Paul

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Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing? - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 14:50:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:05:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing? - Connors

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 16:40:21 -0000
>Subject: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

Joe, etc.,

Strictly from a personal viewpoint I've never been busier or happier working in Ufology than at this moment in time.

Gone are the heady days of the Contactee's. Debunkers are sputtering in the wind and going nowhere. But, on the historical front, things are a 'popping!'

I don't regret or forlorn any of the changes Ufology has endured over the last 56 years. I've been here for every single day of it! Others may rue the current state of affairs in the field, but not me.

From my position I am still finding lost gems of knowledge and sharing them with the field at large. My work on preserving various historical aspects are at full speed and will be there for the next UFO go-around. I enjoy the friendship of others who share the passion of the historical road of Ufology and getting the time to go back and review. It ain't boring!!!

Ufology isn't found on the internet chat lines. It's found by digging into the past and being ready for the future. There will always be the "Good. The Bad and The Ugly" in Ufology just as there are in all fields of endeavor.

The only reasonably good change in Ufology is that the armchair ufologists are getting bored and looking for new pastures. As for everyone else, we grab the gold ring and continue to ride! Here's why!

Famous quotes from Ufology past:

"No man from our planet will land on the moon...ever!" - Alex McNeil at James Moseley's Saucer News, NY meeting of 4/21/67.

"Mr. Keel? Do you think humans, like aliens, reproduce by Binary Force?" Asked of John Keel in a letter from a person in France in 1966. Keel replied at his lecture to a Saucer News meeting audience on 3/17/67: "I dunno, but it doesn't sound like very much fun!"

Wendy Connors

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FOTOCAT News - 12-2002

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 00:44:03 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:09:57 -0500
Subject: FOTOCAT News - 12-2002

PROJECT FOTOCAT NEWS, December 2002

FOTOCAT is a catalog of UFO photo events which presently contains 2800 records. Managed by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and owned by Fundacion Anomalia, a bilingual News report appears at

www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm

and a preliminary content report (in Spanish) can be found at:

www.anomalia.org/infotocat.pdf

We continue receiving various forms of cooperation from specialists located in many parts of the world. For example:

* Mexico is a country which has produced lots of UFO imagery. The critical researcher Luis Ruiz Noguez, much experienced in processing photographic cases, is assisting us by reviewing the Mexican section of FOTOCAT and sending new cases. This help is proving to be invaluable.

* Famous US writer Ronald Story has been kind enough to donate a copy of the CD Rom version of his huge UFO Encyclopedia, which includes a vast number of images of unidentified flying objects.

* Thanks to Patrick Ferryn, from the serious Belgian UFO association SOBEPS, we have received 10 years of old issues of its excellent journal Inforespace, to complete our collection.

* Ole Henningsen, an ufologist from the Danish group SUFOI, has helped by reviewing cases reported in Denmark.

FOTOCAT in the media

A Letter to the Editor describing the project has been published in the Winter 2002 issue of the CUFOS International UFO Reporter as well as in the January 2003 issue of Fortean Times (Great Britain).

Also, an interview by C. Riffo to this compiler has been released (in Spanish) at the Terra portal:

http://www.terra.cl/ovnis/index.cfm?id_reg=3D215500&pagina=3Dentrevistas&cat=egoria=3Dentrevistas

Cases Per Country

FOTOCAT has been tallied by country, and we present the distribution of cases for those countries contributing over 1 % of the total (28):

USA:	795 cases	(almost 30% of the grand total are US cases!)
Spain:	376 cases	(it represents the higher sample ever collected)
Australia:	142 cases	
Argentina:	123 cases	
Italy:	119 cases	
France:	119 cases	
Great Britain:	119 cases	
Japan:	113 cases	
Mexico:	112 cases	

Chile: 95 cases
Poland: 67 cases
Sweden: 66 cases
Space: 55 cases (astronaut cases or footage from spacecraft)
Canada: 52 cases
Brazil: 47 cases
Switzerland: 34 cases (the effect of Billy Meier)
Germany: 32 cases
Russia: 28 cases=09

There are regions of the globe with a good coverage, while there are others still poorly documented in this catalog. The process of extracting cases from mainstream UFO journals like MUFON UFO Journal, Flying Saucer Review, Lumi=E8res Dans La Nuit and many others will balance the equation. We also expect that the contributions from colleagues will generate a representative census of cases worldwide, larger than any other produced before. When it is posted in the internet for free access, we hope it will be a useful piece of information for students of this elusive phenomena.

Help Needed

Readers and investigators are requested to contribute lists of local cases to FOTOCAT by writing to <fotocat@anomalialia.org>. Other ways to participate in this program are by reviewing the case lists we will produce for specific countries on demand, with the purpose to correct dates or location names, add the names of photographers, informing about potential explanations, and sending information on cases unknown to us.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Research Director, Anomaly Foundation (not-for-profit organization)
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Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 00:06:23 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:11:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Pope

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 00:15:21 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Rendlesham Forest case of 12/1980

>I have begun reading Larry Warren's book, "Left at East Gate",
>and so far I have found it very interesting. The MoD files
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<snip>

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>Rendlesham Forest case. Does it have good, sturdy legs? And what
>other good, strong cases do we have with enough detail and
>defense intelligence implications to interest a Congressional
>committee?

Tom and List,

There is indeed much good evidence concerning this case. Aside
from "Left at East Gate", the two best sources of information
about this case are probably the MOD files that you mention, and
Georgina Bruni's book on the case, "You Can't Tell The People".

The official documents can be found on the MOD website. Most of
the papers are public correspondence, but the early ones
concerning the official investigation are the most interesting.
Check out in particular the DI52 document dated 23 February
1981, in which the radiation readings taken by Halt's team at
the alleged landing site are discussed, and the phrase "seems
significantly higher than the average background ..." is used.
See also the 16 February 1981 document from MOD Air Defence
staff, referring to Gen Gabriel being given Halt's tape
recordings of one encounter. Gabriel was C-in-C USAFE, and an
interesting point about this is that when Georgina Bruni and I
met with former Bentwaters CO General Gordon Williams, he stated
that he was unaware of this.

The MOD documents can be found at the following link:

http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf

My commentary on these documents is at the following link:

http://www.nickpope.net/rendlesham_files_reviewed.htm

Georgina Bruni's book "You Can't Tell The People" is based on
interviews with many of the military witnesses, and includes
various USAF documents and photographs relating to the case. It
was Georgina (working with former Chief of the Defence Staff
Lord Hill-Norton) who lobbied the MOD to release the files on
this incident, submitted a request under the Code of Practice on
Access to Government Information, and obtained the documents
early in 2001.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 17:57:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:16:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Rendlesham Forest - 12/1980 - Speiser

>From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 00:15:21 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Rendlesham Forest case of 12/1980

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>together with the information provided by Jim Penniston indicate
>at the very least that something rather exceptional did occur in
>that location on the dates in question, and no plausible
>official explanation has been given.

>From what has been depicted in Larry Warren's account, this is a
>hugely complex case with a host of witnesses. I understand that
>James Easton has concerns about some of Penniston's claims (see
>"UFO UpDate: Re: Rendlesham File... - Easton" dated 12/22);
>however one cannot draw too many conclusions about internal
>consistency in a high-strangeness case such as this. If we try
>to fit all of the witness' accounts into a standard paradigm of
>accepted physical/temporal reality, we might be missing the
>entire point of what is going on.

Tom:

I briefly looked into the Rendlesham Forest thing for a time
back in the eighties, and I came to the conclusion that the
internal inconsistency is the entire point of what's going on.
If I can't even get two gentlemen to agree on the date of a
sighting, I generally give up and move on. Maybe you can make
sense out of this quagmire; I had direct access to a primary
witness, John Burroughs, for over two years, and I still
couldn't figure the thing out.

Good luck.

==JJS==

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Re: *U* Database Images Plagiarized #2 - Lewis

From: SMiles Lewis <elfis@austin.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 20:59:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:19:28 -0500
Subject: Re: *U* Database Images Plagiarized #2 - Lewis

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>,
>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 14:28:12 -0800
>Subject: *U* Database Images Plagiarized #2

>Hello all:

>Again, let me apologize for bringing up such a distasteful
>matter during the holidays.

>There are apparently at least two 'domains' involved in this,
>its rather complex. The first one is DPSTUDIOS.COM with the
>webmistress Seiko <seiko@dpstudios.com>. Seiko is apparently
>Japanese, trying to make her way into the world of sales and e-
>commerce.

>Closely associated, is ELECTRAWEB run by one Richard van Bree
><dick@electraweb.com>. One or both clearly know better, judging
>from the legalese I quoted, and they so blissfully do not
>practice themselves.

Anyone care to comment on the fact that www.dpstudios.com
redirects you to fbi.gov?

SMiles Lewis

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Re: Corso - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 02:13:18 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:40:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 11:45:10 -0800
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 01:51:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Corso

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 13:51:34 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Corso

<snip>

>>All I pointed out is Corso's theory/connection to so-called time
>>machines, either the alleged Nazi or ET types.

>Yes and you were correct, but you seemed to imply that this was
>nonsense and I wanted to emphasize that although it might seem
>like nonsense, Col. Corso wasn't (didn't seem to be) lying,
>although he may have been mistaken. I didn't think his
>mentioning of time machines should discredit his other claims.

He just seemed to have some kind of "time machine" connection so
to speak.

>>>>We know from Corso's military record that what he
>>>>claimed in the book was not in fact correct.

>>>>Which part? The Col.-Light Col issue is unresolved but aside
>>>>from that, what part of his military record do you think he lied
>>>>about. Please be specific and use citations. Did he lie about
>>>>being in command of a nuclear facility. Does the military give
>>>>nuclear commands such as this to liars and psychopaths?

>>The first line of Corso's book is not correct, i.e. that he was
>>the head of/in charge of Army FTD for two years. In fact it was
>>90 days. Of the 90 days he was absent 15. In fact and reality he
>>worked at FTD for a total of 1 year not two.

>Yes that sentence is a little confusing. But there is no doubt
>that he worked the Foreign Technology desk for Gen. Trudeau, and
>that he saw these as "incredible" years.

No doubt that he worked at Army FTD. However I would point out
that other than "Corso said in his book..." there is, and has
been no other verifiable documents that have been released, or
put forth by his family to verify any of the Alien/ET claims.

According to the 1st chapter of his next book he was really
impressed with the personal meeting of ET in a mine at the White
Sands range. That should rate as an incredible year as well.

>>As to being in "command of a nuclear facility" what exactly are
>>we discussing? His service record (signed by him at or around
>>retirement) shows that he was in various command positions such

>>as air defense battalion commander, but that isn't "command of a
>>nuclear facility."

>I too admit to a poorly written sentence. He was commander of a
>Nike battalion. Do they give commands of Nike battalions to
>frauds and psychopaths?

Corso didn't release his book when he was in command of a Nike
battalion, nor did he make any Roswell/meet ET claims until long
after he retired.

As to the general thought of people telling stories that appear
to be sincere, I would suggest that history is littered with
them. Frank Kaufman, Ragsdale's jewel encrusted ET helmet, Bill
"I did not have sexual relations with that woman" Clinton,
Richard "Your President is not a crook" Nixon, not to mention
many alleged Vietnam vets that claimed medals and military
service they didn't have (see the book Stolen Valor).

<snip>

>>Didn't Birnes just publish some Corso stuff in UFO mag recently?

>He may have although I'm not familiar with it.

In the Feb/March 2002 UFO Magazine we had the following article:

"Designer Aliens: Travelers Customized For Space
BY BILL KENT & JAN HESTER

From the Corso Files: Extensive notes on autopsied EBEs outline
a creature pared down and geared up for travel in an extremely
unfriendly environment."

So apparently Birnes still has material from the "Corso Files."

Concerning the Senators forward to the Corso book, according to
Corso in an interview at Roswell with Lindemann/CNI news Corso
claimed that "I also got a note from him [Thurmond] authorizing
Simon and Schuster to print it. Bill Birnes has all that.
Apparently Bill has a signed note from the Senator authorizing
the publication of the original forward.

<snip>

>>By supposed Corso family accounts, allegedly Birnes rushed the
>>book to print before Corso checked the final draft. Supposedly
>>the bogus sections were only in the first three chapters dealing
>>with Roswell etc etc. By other accounts inaccuracies and factual
>>problems were here and there throughout the book.

>Yes I agree that this is the case. There were factual errors
>throughout the book. But the main emphasis of the book is
>accurate: Col. Corso and Gen. Trudeau furnished alien,
>technologically advanced artifacts to US defense contractors who
>were already working on similar projects and they were
>encouraged to research and develop this technology. These same
>companies were assisted in this endeavor through government
>contracts initiated by the foreign technology desk.

So the bottom line is the book has a number of mistakes and
errors in it for various reasons, Corso Sr was constantly
scribing changes and revisions (of the Day After..) in his note
book that he carried, even though according to Birnes that
Birnes accurately reproduced what Corso said either using video
tape and the process of creating the manuscript. Apparently the
so called accurate portions dealt with the concept of ET
technology being "seeded" throughout private industry...even
though in the article you cite the individual comes up with the
fact that the night vision technology ET theory doesn't hold up.
What happened to Phil's notebook that has all the inaccuracies
and corrections he scribed up until he died?

Point is that we seem to be able to verify the fact that Corso
worked for Army FTD, that Corso worked with/on NSC during the
Eisenhower Admin., the POW story and others. That can all be
independently verified. What can't be verified, at this point,
is claims that Corso handled/seeded Roswell/ET technology while
he worked for Army FTD, and or not to mention his personal and
up front meeting with ET in 1957.. "a new world if you can take
it"

My Corso prediction is that 10 years from now (like MJ-12 and AA) it will still be murky as ever.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing? - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 07:57:01 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:47:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing? - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 16:07:36 -0000
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 16:40:21 -0000
>>Subject: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

<snip>

>>So, is ufology dead, or just dozing?

>Slightly disappointed in my opinion.

>The Web is just a new way of getting a lot of data on UFOs to
>people around the world, who probably never had any chance of
>doing so before. It also stinks of 'stuck in the past' ufology.

>How many people wish to go to lectures to hear a ufologist,
>bumbling on about their own opinions? Lecture attendances have
>dropped since the web appeared, simply because of the ease
>which info on UFOs is to get.

There are a few things which I do like about the lecture
circuits-the opportunity to meet people with similar interests,
the opportunities (occasionally) to discuss specifics with a
presenter, the knees up in the bar afterwards. I would hate to
see all of these things totally supplanted by the internet.

>Does the logic that Ms. Randles puts across, also apply to UFO
>writers, and the hype that goes along with that? Or is this
>elitism in its raw form?

I can't speak for Jenny, but my understanding is that her
remarks go deeper than just the effect of the internet; It
includes the procedural and ethical attitudes of groups and
individuals involved in UFO research, for example, the lack of
standardisation, the total absence of a clear focal point for
witnesses to report their sightings to or for the media to refer
to.

Personally, I was more interested in Jenny's suggestion towards a
solution, which included harnessing the benefits of the internet
to nurture a positive effect on ufology and how it is perceived.

>I personally know a hell of a lot of web based UFO researchers,
>who put a tremendous effort into the info on their site, I feel
>they will not be too happy with this cheap dig.

I agree that there are some excellent sites out there covering
ufology, but there is also a hell of a lot of inaccurate,
outdated, and in some cases, totally unfounded articles. I am
also possibly guilty of propagating false stories, not
deliberately of course, but because I have forwarded a story or
a link without thoroughly researching it.

While there are some excellent articles at your web site:

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

They are difficult to find amongst all of the commercial links. On the UFO page, you have a link marketing a Fortune Teller CD..... what sort of impression do you think this gives of ufology?

You also have a link to:

<http://www.AngliaEarthMysteries.co.uk>

You may be unaware, but the "owner" of AEM who goes under various names including Jack/Jac/Steve Solomon/Lassiter/Sheridan and combinations thereof is currently in legal dispute with the Norfolk UFO Society with regard to group assets and other matters. In fact, if you follow the link which is on your site:

<http://www.angliaearthmysteries.co.uk>

there is a brief statement about the matter there.

Another UK site:

<http://www.crowdedskies.com>

by Roy Lake carries an article by Tony Dodd dated June 2002 about the 1970 lightning crash, complete with a fake transcript of the in-flight conversation. This incident recently received a great deal of publicity both on the national media, and in the UK UFO magazine due to the release of the flight accident report by the MOD. The UFO connection has effectively been shown to be an outright hoax, but there is no mention of these details at the site. I am not suggesting that either Tony Dodd or Roy Lake were conscious parties to the hoax, but it is an example of an article with no foundation in reality (and it does raise a questionmark about Dodd's effectiveness as an "Alien Investigator"....).

Yet another infamous UK case is covered at your other site:

<http://freespace.virgin.net/roy.hale>

which, incidentally, I think is much more professional looking than:

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

the Sheffield Incident as put forward by convicted drug dealer, Max Burns. How someone like him can manipulate people into supporting him in spite of his lack of remorse for his crime astounds me! He is definitely one character that ufology would be better off without!

Please don't misunderstand me, I appreciate that operating such a web site soaks up a lot of time, money, and effort, and I wouldn't expect it to be perfect in every way, but perhaps you can see the point about how ufology is often misrepresented on the internet in such a way as to either confuse people about what ufology encompasses, or even scare them away from the topic! I quite like a lot of the content at your sites, there are far worse ones out there.....

Cheers,

Joe

(Not a crystal-ball gazing, drug-dealing, multiple personality parasite of ufology, contrary to the image of ufology on the Net)

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Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 08:37:39 -0000
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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>Subject: Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

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>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology Dead Or Just Dozing?

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>How does one differentiate between good and bad research (or
>information) on the Internet? There are many good researchers
>who have placed their material on the Internet, but how does
>someone new to the field know that one site is better than
>another? Do we take the Art Bell approach and simply let the
>audience decide for themselves?

In my opinion, Ufology needs a credible National - thence
International - authority, a group perhaps elected by the
various local groups, which has the power to set policies and
standards within ufology, and issue - or withdraw! - a
"standards compliance" certificate of some kind.

Of course, this would lead to accusations of "elitism" etc, but
so what? If it does raise standards, and becomes recognised as a
national focal point for the media, the public, and the
authorities, who cares if the 'Alien Spotters of Great Britain'
(membership 5 million worldwide, HQ address flat 3b, 14 Backend
Road, Worthington, Sussex) get the hump and go off in a huff?
Both of the members - sorry, I mean the President and the Vice-
President Global Operations - will continue to be ignored.
Ufology needs to bite the bullet and take hold of the reins,
otherwise it will simply continue to move in circles. Of course
this will take a great deal of time and effort, but I believe it
is achievable.

>The Internet has provided a tremendous forum for networking in
>this genre that has never before existed, but it also has
>created an anarchy that seems to have no foundation and major
>UFO research organizations throughout the world have been
>severely impacted.

I don't believe that all of the blame can be placed on the
advent of the InterNet, this has just accelerated the effect. It
is just that some people's minds have been so open that their
brains have fallen out! The InterNet is simply a convenient
platform for some people who would never be considered viable by
the mainstream media to air their views and gain support from
gullible, or equally "open minded" people. The same effect can
be found in the printed media before the internet was widely
available, for example, Flying Saucer Review.

>Are we in a scientific pursuit of knowledge or do we remain a
>loosely knit group of people who happen to share a similar
>interest and have the ability to communicate with one another.

I think that the answer is both - we are a loosely knit

community, a large part of which deeply desires and strives for the recognition of Ufology by the authorities, academia, and the public as a legitimate area of study. The rational voices of the community are drowned out by the raucous squealing from the sheep-diviners and high priests of the minority which have effectively taken over by virtue of the fact that they make more entertaining subjects for the media.

Cheers,

Joe

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Granisle, British Columbia - It Returns?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 09:56:29 -0500
Subject: Granisle, British Columbia - It Returns?

Howdy,

Hope your Christams was a good one, it looks as if sightings are still taking place around Northern, British Columbia. Was slow for a while, but back at it.

Granisle, British Columbia

Date: December 27, 2002
Time: approx: 2:10 a.m.

HBCC UFO note: It has been an exciting year for me here in northern British Columbia. After a slow start in for the year 2001 (6 reported UFO sightings, my investigation into the Vanderhoof crop circles and a cattle mute), 2002 has been an unbelievable time for a UFO investigator. With this sighting report, this will bring the total cases I have worked on to 120 cases. Most of the cases are for the pacific northwest here in B.C. I have talked to over 200 witnesses for these 120 reported sightings. I still am working on two more still yet to come for the end of this year.

Did the same Golden UFO return to Granisle? (Raw data)

I had a telephone call from a nice fellow who reported that he, and three other co-workers were doing some last minute work around the logging camp which is located across Babine Lake, just across the lake from Granisle, British Columbia. One of the workers gave out a loud cry telling the other workers to look into the direction he was pointing to. Approx: a half kilometer away from their location, which would have been to the north. The men all witnessed a bright, white/yellowish light coming from behind the trees in the distance. At this point all that was visible was a a brightness shinning above the trees.

(HBCC UFO note:) I know the area well as I have spent a lot of time fishing the lakes in the area, and there is nothing out there other than forest, lakes and streams. Of course cut blocks in which are being logged. I asked the fellow if there may have been logging equipment working in the area where the light was seen coming from, using their bight lights to log and harvest the timber. He said NO ! The loggers were making ready the area/camp for logging to start up again after the holiday season was over and done with.

After dropping everything the men were doing, watching and wondering what this glowing light was, to their shock a large glowing golden/orangish disk shaped object with a large halo of white around the craft rose up in the distance and stopped and hovered. I was told they observed the object for approx: 10 seconds at the most, which the fellow said seemed like a life time. As the object moved away from their location, heading roughly to the north they did lose sight of the craft quickly, but after losing sight of the object they still could see the bright light, which they figured was the light which was given off from the object for sometime. (approx: 5 minutes after seeing the object). The light grew faint and disappeared.

HBCC UFO note: I am still gathering information on this case, and the other case at Granisle, British Columbia in which two authorities witnessed a large glowing orange/gold almost saucer shaped (oval?) object hovering right over top the old Bell Copper mine. This took place on October 22, 2002 at 10:25 p.m. This full report is at my website.

I should have a report from Terrace B.C. as well coming quickly, witnessed watched an object on December 27, 2002, 8:35pm. around the hot springs which is a short distance from the main junction heading west towards Kitimat. The witness watched a saucer shaped object with one row of lights with two very bright lights close together.

And another I am working on, and am speaking with the witness, this report came to me from my friends from UFO*BC and is a joint investigation. This sighting takes place in between Kitimat and Terrace, B.C. at Onion Lake. Full reports on these new sightings will be posted soon.

Take care

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2002 Humanoid Reports

From: **Albert Rosales** <Garuda79@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 11:32:05 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 10:14:40 -0500
Subject: 2002 Humanoid Reports

Happy new year everyone

Sincerely,

Albert

2002 Humanoid Reports. It appears to be a slow start for this year with only one recorded case, again from Chile. We will see what develops later on the year. 2001 was pretty busy but it was a decline from 2000. Maybe we will see another down trend again, later to pick up again in the near future. This seems to be the ever-ongoing trend of the phenomena. Will it always stay the same? Time will tell. Following is a list of known 2002 humanoid cases.

1.
Location. Calama, Chile
Date: January 2002
Time: 0300A

An employee at the local Minera Escondida was on his way to the storage freezer in order to pick up some supplies when an unknown creature jumped him from behind. He could only describe it as hairy and dark. He was left with deep scratches and in a state of shock. Terrified he ran away and bumped into two other employees who were able to see a shadowy creature in the dark.

HC addendum
Source: La Estrella del Loa de Calama, ChileType: E

2.
Location. Caracas, Venezuela
Date: January 2002
Time: late night

Late one night in a dream-like state the witness woke up to see seven to eight strange figures in her bedroom. They were dark gray in color and very thin, with three large thick long fingers on their hands. They had large, lipless mouths and large shiny protruding black eyes, their noses were thin and protruding, small ears, the heads was large and pointy. The humanoids appeared to be naked and she was able to see a penis on the humanoids. They were about 1.55 meters in height. She felt dizzy and under the control of the strange entities. She was led out of her bedroom by one of the humanoids that removed her clothing and made her lie down on the floor. The humanoids apparently attempted to molest her sexually and possibly attempted to rape her but were not successful. She apparently passed out and does not remember anything else about the encounter.

HC addendum
Source: Lista Alcione and witness communicationType: E

3.
Location. Fort McMurry, Alberta, Canada
Date: January 2 2002

Time: 2032

Two men were parked on an isolated dirt road when they spotted a large cone-shaped object descend and hover. One of the men exited the car and he vanished in plain sight of the other, the craft then also disappeared. The other man tried to drive away to get help but the car would not start and it was too cold to walk. He soon went to sleep and woke up later to find his friend sleeping next to him. Later they drove back to town. His friend does not remember what happened during those two hours of missing time. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORCType: G?

4.

Location. Paso Lovera, Corrientes, Argentina

Date: January 12 2002

Time: 2030

Gabriela Lencinas, 15-year old and a 19-year old friend were returning home on a bicycle when they spotted a large cloud like object descend from the sky and from it a giant figure emerge. The witnesses stopped their bicycles to see a car approach the giant figure, stop, the driver exit the car and then re-entering the vehicle and driving quickly away. The figure then rose up into the cloud and disappeared. The girls reported that the giant human-like figure had its hair standing up on his head and was extending its arms towards the witnesses that quickly rode their bicycles home. Other in the area reported seeing bright lights that same night.

HC addendum

Source: Pablo Omastott

Type: B?

5.

Location. Villa San Rafael, Chile

Date: January 12 2002

Time: 2345

Two young teenagers, Jean F and Nelson C, were at home at night when Jean noticed that his pet snake had escaped from its cage. Both boys began looking for it outside among the rubble of the parcel. They recalled how half an hour before, their two dogs strangely began to howl and cry; however, it did not seem to be important at that point in time. They searched for the pet snake together when suddenly, about 30 meters from where they stood; they saw what appeared to be a stray dog. They threw rocks at to avoid an attack. However, to their surprise, the animal stood there, motionless and fearless; it did not get scared nor it ran away as ordinary dogs normally do. Shortly, the strange animal began to move towards them. The movements it made as it walked were very strange. It used two legs at a time. It made very small and short leaps like a rabbit. Suddenly, it stopped and it stood up on two legs. The teenagers then began to feel some kind of energy. "It was like an electrical shock in the stomach," they said. It later walked again making a loud dragging noise, making small leaps and only moving one of its legs. They noticed the weird shape of the animal. "It was like a rugby football with legs," one of them said. Jean began to feel frightened and started to move away from animal. On the other hand, Nelson felt a strange need to get closer to the creature; he got to within 2 meters away from it. The creature appear to emit a strange luminosity that apparently, was bright enough to lit a small area around the creature in spite of the nighttime darkness. Nelson was mesmerized as he stared at the strange creature. He described it as having a head like a large dog with a flat nose like a bulldog. Its eyes were slanted and pale-red in color, which could only be seen when the creature turned its head from side to side like a lizard. At that moment, Nelson heard a voice in his head saying, "Don't stare, and just run away." They provided further description, describing the ears as flat, round and large. Its arms were short, it had elbows, and the hands had three fingers. It had hair like the one on a wild pig. Its legs were like the ones of a goat. The feet had also three fingers and a membrane like ducks, but somewhat shorter. On its curved back, they were able to notice a spinal section covered with amounts of even thicker hair. Most of the hair of the animal was gray, but the tail had a white tip. Nelson finally fled, terrified, from the area. He also described how he felt an inexplicable bone-chilling cold sensation.

HC addendum

Source: Jaime Ferrer, Calama UFO Center

Type: E

6.

Location. Not given

Date: January 12 2002

Time: night

Ted Parker was eating some leftover food when he claims the food began to change. The bread of the sandwich turned an orange color and the lamb became a silvery metallic color, sort of like liquid mercury. As he watched transfixed, he saw the orange bread and metallic lamb turn into the figure of an "alien" with the form of a man. It was silver in color and its outfit (smooth pants and shirt, like a jump suit) was orange in color. At this point Parker glanced at the wall clock and it indicated that 2 hours had gone by, even though it felt like minutes only. The alien figure communicated using telepathic means and asked Ted to come with him. They both went outside and there, Ted saw a landed black-colored craft in his backyard. In a split second Ted found himself inside the craft not knowing how he got there. The inside of the craft was pure white in color with strips of the metallic silver that the alien figure appeared to be made of. The rest of the incident is just a blur, but Parker did remember hearing several loud high-pitched rings while onboard the object. A couple of days before while eating dinner with several other people there had been a similar high pitched ring and everybody had just stopped eating and walked out of the room.

HC addendum

Source: I was abducted.com Type: G or F?

7.

Location. Chihuahua, Mexico

Date: January 29 2002

Time: night

Several days before seeing a UFO the witness remembered being in a dream-like state in which he felt very calm and saw numerous disc shaped objects, orange-red in color. A human like figure was talking to him about the objects and their propulsion. The UFO he saw was of an orange color and he felt a sort of ecstasy when he observed the craft. Several of his neighbors also saw the object.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC

Type: G or F?

8.

Location. Near Palmyra, Wisconsin

Date: February 2002

Time: 0200A

Two men reported seeing a creature that resembled a bipedal "gigantic wolf" walking down a road west of the city. They said the creature was at least 7 ft tall with a wolf-like head. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: Linda Godfrey Type: E

9.

Location. West Garo Hills, Meghalaya, India

Date: February 2002

Time: afternoon

Nebilson Sangma reported encountering a scary furry creature on a hunting trip in the jungles. He reportedly took a video of the creature's nesting place. According to Sangma, the creature walked erect like a human, had built a house like nesting place, and would emerge from it frequently to feast on a banana grove. Sangma and his brother observed the gigantic creature for three consecutive days from afar. Officials and villagers have been hunting for the creature in the forest but it seems to have disappeared as furtively as it appeared.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 13

Type: E

10.

Location. Near Dover, England

Date: February 2002

Time: afternoon

The witness had been jogging along a low path by the beach when she noticed a tall, well built being in a black skin tight suit, that stood watching her from nearby. He wore a black helmet with a brown visor pulled down. At first she thought it was a biker but as she approached the figure, it suddenly disappeared in plain sight. As she continued to run she noticed a black craft jutting out of the sand, it was small and oval shaped, matt and ribbed it also disappeared in plain sight.

HC addendum

Source: I was abducted.com Type: E?

11.

Location. Rosario de la Frontera, Salta, Argentina

Date: February 2002

Time: night

A strange creature called by locals "El Pestizo" has attacked several lone pedestrians in the middle of the night. It is described as a dark man shaped shadowy being. A boy riding his bicycle on the way to visit some friends was toppled from his bicycle and found a black shadowy figure facing him. The young man managed to upholster his shotgun and fire two shots. But, when he saw that they had no effect, he promptly drew his knife and stabbed the figure without any apparent harm. Frightened the youth tried to escape but the creature knocked him down without saying a word and began dragging him by the hair to the side of the road. At this point the young man began to scream. A local man, who rushed to provide assistance, only to find a black shadow dragging the boy by the hair, heard his cries. The fearful shape disappeared without a trace after it became aware of the other man's presence. Six other locals have reported being attacked by a similar being and received wounds.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 9

Type: E

12.

Location. Not given

Date: February 2002

Time: early morning

The witness was alone at home and was preparing his breakfast when suddenly he heard a window break; he went to see what had happened. Grabbing a golf club he peeked inside the room where the window broke. He was stunned to see a strange creature climbing on his bed. It appeared to be hurt, because it seemed that it could not move well. Gripping the golf club he went a step nearer and the creature hissed horribly. It shrieked in an unworldly manner. Terrified the witness did not move. The creature was small, about the size of a large rabbit, and it was dark in color and had reddish eyes. It had wings and a spine of quills on its back, and had a semi reptilian face. It appeared to have hair and small legs. The witness raised the golf club and the creature hissed again showing its large yellowish teeth, which appeared to be sharp, like those of a crocodile. It suddenly hopped out of the window and rapidly hopped across the street into the oak trees.

HC addendum

Source: Paranormal About.com, June archive Type: E

13.

Location. Vigevano, Italy

Date: February 2002

Time: 0100A

In the outskirts of this city a witness observed from his vehicle a luminous humanoid entity walking along a roadway. It scurried away into the darkness when approached. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: CISU, Italy Type: E

14.

Location. Corguinho, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil

Date: February 5 2002

Time: night

During a localized UFO flap several witnesses reported seeing a strange creature described as about 1.3 meters in height, having two legs, with a

physique like a human but who moved with a strange fluctuating motion. The creature was seen five times by twenty people in the rural zone around Corguinho. In Rochedo, 6 miles south of Corguinho five Cebu cattle were found dead with a single incision on the side of the throat. The bodies had been drained of blood. (Is there a connection?).

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 9

Type: E

15.

Location. Mount Podbrdo, Bosnia Hercegovina

Date: February 11 2002

Time: morning

Contactee and stigmatic Giorgio Bongiovanni was visiting the shrine on top of the mountain and was praying silently to the Virgin when, to his astonishment, a glowing luminous female figure appeared and touched his forehead with her fingertips. His stigmata scar vanished instantly. The female figure told him to return to Italy and make known what had happened.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 14

Type: E or F?

16.

Location. Payogasta, Argentina

Date: February 11 2002

Time: evening

73-year-old Maria Rufina Cayo, a local shepherd was walking back home with her dogs and the cattle. Suddenly at one point, something spooked the animals, and these began to stampede. Looking around she spotted a bizarre creature standing about 12 meters away. She described it as a humanoid, half animal, half human, about 1.70m in height, with bright red eyes, sharp protruding fangs, and hands and feet that ended in sharp claws. The creature looked at the witness three times then it scrambled away using quick jumping motions with its powerfully built hind legs, she also noticed large pointy ears. The top part of its body seems to have been covered in a shiny white blanket. It somehow resembled a centaur walking on two claw-like feet. Alerted by the shouts of Maria, two men, Santos Jaimés, and Ruben Colque ran out to investigate with their dogs. Suddenly the dogs stopped and began making pitiful howling noises, they refused to move any further. The men heard noises behind some nearby bushes and went to investigate and spotted a bizarre creature that stood staring at them with huge reddish eyes. It then moved quickly away in the direction of Cerro Negro and disappeared from sight. The witnesses noticed very sharp claws on the creature's feet with a very sharp claw that appeared to be pointed backwards. Strange footprints were found the next day.

HC addendum

Source: El Tribuno, Salta Argentina March 27 2002

Also Patricio Parente, Gaceta OvniType: E

17.

Location. Khanpur, Ahmedabad, India

Date: February 20 2002

Time: after midnight

Several local residents reportedly have encountered a person, dressed in black and wearing a mask. Dubbed the "Monkeyman" whom they described as between 25 and 20 years of age, dark skinned and having curly hair can reportedly be seen hopping from roof to roof and also on to trees. Two local youths chased it and the figure reportedly disappeared in plain sight. The two youths have been behaving abnormally since then. The stranger was also chased along the riverbed near the Cama Hotel and it also suddenly disappeared. Others have heard the stranger running on the rooftops. Abdul Hamid another youngster of the local slums described the figure as a tall lean man that carries a sharp weapon. "I saw him from the back. He had a sword in his hand and when I raised the alarm, he jumped to another roof and then on to a tree." Police have searched for the stranger but nothing has been found.

HC addendum

Source: Fortean Times, India Express

Type: E

18.

Location. Prague, Czech Republic

Date: February 23 2002

Time: night

Blanka Slemendova was in her apartment when she saw a "ship" hovering over some nearby woods. It was shining red, white and yellow lights. She then heard telepathic communication coming from the object telling her to go and meet them at an unspecified location. Looking over to her bedroom wall she saw what appeared to be a projection of human like faces looking at her. Later that night she saw luminous figures in her room and a floating red light also in her room. The next night she saw what appeared to be 2 gray suns and around them a golden lights with numerous groups of shiny human-like figures floating about. She interpreted these as being angels.

HC addendum

Source: Direct from witness (Slemendova)

Type: C & F?

19.

Location. Wycliffe Well Roadhouse, Northern Territory Australia

Date: early March 2002

Time: evening

While workers in the area watched unusual lights in the sky an aboriginal woman encountered a triangular sort of object in a paddock and all of the sudden she saw three silvery clad human like figures that began to move toward her vehicle. She turned the vehicle around and took off.

HC addendum

Source: Lou Farcus ABC On-lineType: C

20.

Location. Near Canberra Australia

Date: March 2002

Time: 1700

Several friends were taking a trip to the coast and it was already very dark. They had already entered a tropical forest area and there was a mist rolling along the ground. As they turned around they saw something squatting in the middle of the road. It stared at them, and just as they thought they were going to hit it, it leaped off the road and into the trees. It leaped about 10 meters in the air. The creature was definitely human looking although it wore strange clothes. It was dressed in a green robe of some kind with little pieces of gold on it, and it was either wearing a head crest or it had a row of spikes running from its forehead to the top of its neck. Very frightened the witnesses drove out of the forest and at the same time the mist turned to a thick fog. They pulled over and decided to wait until the fog had cleared, although none of them were too happy about it. As they sat around and waited they suddenly heard a shriek. It sounded like some sort of wild animal and they turned the car on so the headlights would scare it away. The headlights revealed the same creature they had seen earlier. It hid its face from the light and shrieked. Right before the witnesses' eyes, the creature seemed to evaporate into the fog. Within five minutes the fog had gone and the normal rolling mist was back. The witnesses quickly left the area and drove towards the coast.

HC addendum

Source: Paranormal About.com, June ArchiveType: E

21.

Location. Guanica Puerto Rico

Date: March 1 2002

Time: 2345

Reinaldo Rios (involved in other encounters) was in his bedroom that night when a large white light suddenly appeared. It flew around the room several times and then hovered. He heard voices coming from the light, which communicated with him. The voice said: "I am your real father." Soon the light transformed itself into a figure resembling that of a little boy it then vanished in plain sight.

HC addendum

Source: UFOs over America.com

Type: E

22.

Location. Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Date: March 2 2002

Time: 0800A

The witness and his wife were in bed that Saturday morning talking when their 5-year-old daughter came into the bedroom with her baby brother, whose cot is placed under their bedroom window. They heard a strange noise

and some green light came into the window. Their daughter looked out the window and reported seeing a "flying car" with four spinning green lights on top. She saw two windows in the vehicle and saw two dark brown faces looking out. His wife saw the craft flying past through the curtains. That same morning, in a large tree near the witness house a strange structure was found. The branches were arranged in a rectangular pen shape, vertical, each approximately 30 to 40 cm long. They found a few smaller sticks scaling down in size from the structure. A piece of concrete slab was found propped up on one corner. The witnesses had never seen this strange structure before and think is some kind of message left by the visitors. (Some kind of bizarre crop circle?). A few nights before they had heard strange noises coming from the kitchen area.

HC addendum
Source: NUFORC
Type: A

23.
Location. Golasecca Di Novara, Italy
Date: March 2 2002
Time: 2330

Augusto & Maurizia were in their vehicle parked in an open field next to a wooded area having a heated discussion when suddenly a powerful beam of reddish-orange light illuminated the area around them. They rolled down the car window and heard a sharp metallic sound that seemed to be increasing in intensity. They now noticed, behind the beam of light a hovering disc-shaped craft with a central rotating ring, it hovered about a meter from the ground. From the object, a cigar-shaped beam of light emerged; they could see it as the central ring of the craft slowly rotated on its axis. The craft was only about 10 meters away. At this point, and only about 4 meters from the object Augusto saw what appeared to be a gelatinous transparent humanoid-like figure with a visible head, arms and legs. The figure was silvery in color and was very tall, about 3 meters or so. At this point Augusto became concerned and drove away from the area and did not see the object or figure depart. The whole episode lasted about 10 minutes. The metallic noise was heard all throughout the encounter.

HC addendum
Source: Alfredo Lissoni, CUN Milano, Michelle Castellano CUN VareseType: C

24.
Location. Ramsbottom, Lancashire, England
Date: March 3 2002
Time: morning

Helen Diskin went for a walk in the countryside taking snap shots along the way with her digital camera. Returning home she loaded these into her computer and was intrigued by an odd-looking image. It looked like a luminous figure in an area of no sunlight, skulking amongst the trees. She returned to the site of the photo twice afterward and could find no explanation for the figure. The figure resembled a small helmeted figure that she had not seen when she took the picture of an area of the woods she had thought of as "mysterious."

HC addendum
Source: Helen Diskin, UFO Magazine Vol. 22 # 1Type: E?

25.
Location. Near Trenton New Jersey
Date: March 4 2002
Time: night

Several witnesses were camping outside of town and late at night one of them was attempting to put out the bonfire when he heard the most awful and horrifying scream. It resembled that of an injured dog crossed with a scream of a woman. The witness dropped the flashlight and was joined by another witness. Suddenly out of the woods a hideous and gruesome creature appeared. It did not look human, somewhat satyr-like in appearance and walked on two legs. It had a long tail like a dragon and wings like those unicorns in fantasy books. The beast took several steps towards the witnesses and one of them picked up and asked and yelled at it and then shone his flashlight at it. The creature then turned towards the bushes and ran away from the area.

HC addendum
Source: Mystical UniverseType: E

26.
Location. Pichaca, Salta, Argentina

Date: March 9 2002

Time: night

Ceferino Leoncio was cleaning his one room metal shack when suddenly a bright light engulfed the room. He felt a sudden heat as he saw a tiny figure (50 cm) of an angel-like creature materialize in front of him. It slowly moved its small wing-like protrusions and moved around and then suddenly stopped and remained still. It appeared to be a small living human like living being until it appeared to hardened and turn into some type of statue of cherubic appearance. Locals have now built a shrine around the tiny "statue" and call the strange materialization a "religious miracle".

HC addendum

Source: Fabio Picasso

Type: F?

27.

Location. Calama, Chile

Date: March 16 2002

Time: 2215

Mirna, was watching television alone in her room when she began hearing noises coming from outside, at first she thought it was her dogs playing around with some empty cans. But the noises kept getting louder and louder and she decided to go outside to investigate. Once outside she was stunned to see some type creature that had somehow entered the rabbit cage and was attacking the animals that were making loud unearthly screams. Thinking at first that it was one of the dogs she approached the case but realized that it was a gray colored hairy hunched over creature, that was moving quickly inside the cage. She stepped back and could not understand how the creature had entered the cage, since there wasn't any apparent hole or aperture visible anywhere and the door was firmly closed. Afraid she ran inside her home and notified her son, both then ran out but the creature had mysteriously disappeared. Unnerved, they could not understand how they creature had escaped since the door to the rabbit caged was still firmly locked. Later they could only find a small round hole in the wire only several centimeters in width, not large enough for a creature estimated to have been about 70 to 80 cm in height. Several of the rabbits were found injured and one was dead.

HC addendum

Source: Calama UFO CenterType: E

28.

Location. Payogasta, Argentina

Date: March 19 2002

Time: 2000

Young Elizabeth Lera reported seeing a short humanoid with "dark eyes" looking into the building compound from behind a wire fence. It appeared not to have any other facial features and was wearing dark clothing; it wore some type of head covering, which was hard to see because of the darkness. She could only see a pair of large dark eyes on his face that appeared to shine in the darkness. Some more children now arrived and observed as the humanoid move several steps towards them. Another witness, Rene Mamani saw the humanoid run and hide behind some bushes. It seemed to move at very high speed in an unnatural fashion. It seemed to have remained suspended in mid-air for a few seconds. It then seemed to fly through the air and disappeared into some nearby woods. Other students at the school reportedly saw it again on the night of the 20th.

HC addendum

Source: Patricio Parente, Gaceta OvniType: E

29.

Location. Woodburn, Oregon

Date: March 21 2002

Time: 0300A

The witness was sleeping when she woke up suddenly feeling paralyzed. The witness was completely unable to move or speak. Her next memory was of a strange sensation on her left cheek, which hurt a lot. Unseen "beings" were apparently taking skin samples. Her face was left with a pink fleshy scoop down my left cheek, directly on the cheekbone. A teardrop scar was left on her cheek.

HC addendum

Source: Mystical Universe

Type: G?

30.

Location. Bethlehem, Israel

Date: March 21 2002

Time: night

At the besieged Church of The Nativity several awed witnesses have come forward describing the events of Thursday night. That night, a smell of roses filled the sanctuary as the Daughters of Charity held their evening prayers. "The sweet scent was soon followed by a high musical humming sound and a distinct feeling of warmth emanating from the ceiling." Then, the sisters reported, seeing a glowing beam of light gradually forming the likeness of the Blessed Virgin "like a film coming into focus." Tears were running down her face, and she uttered a prophetic warning. "Time is growing short, and the promised Judgment Day is nearly at hand." One week before the apparition, The Church of the Holy Family was the scene of a ferocious firefight between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 17Type: F

31.

Location. Not given

Date: March 21 2002

Time: 2255

16-year old Steven Mizon saw hovering over a street a large oval shaped craft encircled in bright lights and with several lighted windows around its edge. A figure stared down at him from one of the windows. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Watch

Type: A

32.

Location. Cazalla de la Sierra, Spain

Date: March 26 2002

Time: 1500

A pharmaceutical products salesman was returning along a deserted road when he noticed ahead in the distance and in the middle of the roadway an object resembling a shiny pear that was resting on three metallic legs. Somewhat perplexed he approached and noticed two individuals standing on a nearby field. These were over 2 meters in height, wore tight fitting white coveralls and helmets resembling that of the early astronauts. He parked his vehicle and approached the two strange figures on foot. One of the men walked away and entered the shiny pear-shaped craft while the other remained behind. Knowing that these men were "not from this earth" he still asked the remaining humanoid if he needed any assistance. He felt that as he approached the strange pair he had been in some type of a trance and seemed to have floated over the road. The humanoid answered and appeared genuinely happy as to his offer of assistance but said that everything was in order. He also added that the area was very beautiful and also added: "Humans don't know what they have. Where we come from we don't have such beautiful scenes, they disappeared a long time ago." The astounded witness managed to ask the humanoid where he was from and was told that they hailed from another dimension, a concept that humans have not yet assimilated. The humanoid smiled as he answered the question. The humanoid then bid goodbye and walked towards the nearby shiny pear shaped object, he then disappeared inside of it. The craft then emitted a loud whistling sound and disappeared at very high speed towards some nearby cliffs. The witness described the humanoids as about 2.50 meters in height, wide chests and heavy set, thin legs. Generally human features, but somewhat "refined" or sharpened features. The suits were very tight fitting made of an apparent synthetic material resembling plastic. Their eyes were very light almost white and their speech was hesitant & accented. Also their movements seemed kind of clumsy.

HC addendum

Source: J M Garcia, Francisco Padron, SpainType: B

33.

Location. Pringle Lake, Texas

Date: March 28 2002

Time: 1100A

Mark Hakemack and a friend had taken an airboat out on the NW side of the lake to do a little redfish fishing. The day was kind of hazy, with broken cloud cover. They had caught several trout and were just chatting when he

hooked up a large redbfish while playing with the fish, Mark happened to glance upwards and saw a large bird-like creature emerge from a cloudbank. His friend saw it too, after about 20 to 25 seconds it flew behind cloud cover again. The strange creature was grayish in color and the profile of a raptor, short neck/head, no legs sticking out behind, and no long tail feathers. Mark could not take his eyes off it. He estimated the wingspan to have been 10' to 14' in overall. It appeared to be soaring on the wind, although, he did see it give a couple of light "flaps" with its wings. The witness could only relate this to the legendary "Thunderbird" legend.

HC addendum

Source: Cryptozoology.comType: E

34.

Location. Sevilla, Spain

Date: March 30 2002

Time: late night

The witness to the March 26 case was at home with his wife and was getting ready to sleep when he heard footsteps coming from patio area outside his chalet. Armed with a club, he opened the door and was stunned to see the same two tall heavyset humanoids he had encountered 4 days before. One of the humanoids was kneeling on the ground as if inspecting something on the soil, the other one upon hearing the door open, turned and quickly assured the witness not to fear that they were not here to harm him. Stunned, the witness invited the two humanoids in the house for some refreshments (!). These declined the invitation telling that they had to go already. Using the same clumsy movements both humanoids walked towards the rear of the house where the witness noticed the same shiny metallic pear shaped craft on the ground. They entered the object, which quickly left at high speed. The witness's wife awakened by the voices was able to see the two humanoids from a second story window, and described them in the same way.

HC addendum

Source: Francisco Padron, Jose Manuel Garcia, SpainType: B

35.

Location. Los Cipreses, Chile

Date: March 31 2002

Time: noon

During a local UFO congress 24 persons in three groups entered a dimensional gateway that appeared by itself over the terrain. It was kind of a dome, a luminous archway measuring four by four meters. The participants lost their materiality without disappearing completely. Upon entering, they met several human-like alien characters with large baldheads and wearing robes that waited within and received information. According to sources the contact experience was "dimensional" it was like crossing into a different reality. The 24 participants were "all professionals, college students of high intellectual levels, mostly Chileans," and some were members of Grupo Rama, a New Age association.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 16, quoting Camilo Valdivieto

Type: G or F?

36.

Location. Tbilissi Georgia

Date: April 2002

Time: night

A man entered the local St David church and reported that "a phantom with wings" had approached him and predicted an earthquake that indeed took place on April 25 2002, devastating areas of central Georgia.

HC addendum

Source: Pravda

Type: E?

37.

Location. Near Macon, Georgia

Date: April 2002

Time: 2300

Three friends were awakened by loud banging noises and bellowing sounds coming from outside. One of the men ran to the bathroom and looked out the window to see a figure run by and squat in the nearby bushes. He described the creature as about 3 ft tall, hairy with what appeared to be horns on its head and hands; he could not see a face. Others in the neighborhood heard the banging noises.

HC addendum

Source: Cryptozoology.com and direct witness
Communication.
Type: E

38.

Location. Belvedere di Tezze, Italy

Date: April 26 2002

Time: evening

A 20-year old woman was returning home one night when she noticed some bright lights nearby of an unknown origin. She followed the lights in her car until she stopped near a local pizzeria. She saw the light near the ground and within the lights two tall slender human like figures wearing some type of headgear. Since she was carrying a camera she was able to snap a quick picture. The figures then vanished. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: Gruppo Accademico Ufologico Scandicci quoting
"Il giornale di Vicenza"Type: E?

39.

Location. Puente Santamaria, Colon, Argentina

Date: early May 2002

Time: early morning

Two young men observed a dark object descend towards the ground about 100 meters away. According to the two witnesses from the craft descended a small humanoid, orange in color. Very scared they both ran from the area and reported their experience to others.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio Picasso, quoting Semanario ColonType: B

40.

Location. Merceditas, Colon, Argentina

Date: early May 2002

Time: evening

An elderly couple was walking along National Route # 8 when about 800 meters from their location they noticed a very strong light. The light descended next to a puddle at about 70 meters from the witness. Both then saw two very short orange colored humanoids that moved in very agile movements near the object. Terrified they walked away and upon looking back saw a bright glow on the ground.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio Picasso, quoting Semanario ColonType: C

41.

Location. Barangay, Philippines

Date: May 2002

Time: night

Several local residents reported seeing a bizarre creature described as an "aswang" reputed to be a winged vampire type creature, it reportedly had red glowing eyes, long black hair, and was wearing a white flowing gown. It was seen perched on top of a bamboo tree. Residents at nearby Roxas reported seeing a similar creature. The police was called but a search failed to locate anything.

HC addendum

Source: Akasico.comType: E

42.

Location. Alvear, La Pampa Argentina

Date: May 3 2002

Time: near midnight

Several young men were returning home late at night along a deserted roadway when suddenly out of nowhere a female figure wearing a light flowing gown and with long black hair appeared in front of them. The strange figure was very pale and appeared elderly and repeatedly asked for assistance from the men in a strange urgent tone. Terrified the men ran from the area and later returned with additional witnesses but they could find no trace of the strange apparition.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E?

43.

Location. Taralgon Victoria, Australia

Date: May 24 2002

Time: 2355

Walking near the Loy Yang Power station 45-year old Martin Taylor was suddenly blinded by an intense blue light and he felt extremely dizzy. His next memory was of being in a circular room with a variety of lights and buttons scattered about the walls. He was lying on a large table that seemed to be of a very highly polished metal. He was strapped down and his shirt had been removed. There were wires attached to his arms, neck and temples. A four ft tall humanoid figure with very large almond shaped eyes, almost transparent looking skin, ghostly white in appearance examined him. The figure had three extremely long fingers on each hand and spoke in a strange dialect.

HC addendum

Source: UFO WatchType: G

44.

Location. Jacinto Arauz, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: May 29 2002

Time: midnight

Irma Rick watched a rotating luminous object descend close to the ground next to a grain silo; it gave off a powerful bluish light through some openings around its circumference. It hovered close to the ground. Through an opening a strange creature was seen to descend to the ground. It was described as having an elongated semi-transparent white body; it also had an elongated head. She could not see any eyes or legs on the creature as it stood motionless next to the craft. She observed the creature and object for about 5 minutes until she dropped the flashlight she was carrying. Afraid she left the area and did not see the creature depart.

HC addendum

Source: Gloria Raquel Coluchi, El Dragon InvisibleType: B

45.

Location. Lembang Bandung, Indonesia

Date: May 30 2002

Time: 2315

The witness was driving his motorcycle across a highland area when he spotted some flashing lights overhead and then noticed a silvery disc-shaped craft descend low over some nearby graves at a cemetery. The craft had blue and orange flashing lights around its rim. There was no sound as the craft apparently emitted a beam of light towards the ground and levitated what appeared to be some dead bodies onboard the object. (!) The witness was apparently paralyzed and was unable to move. The craft then shot away at a 45-degree angle and disappeared from sight. When that happened the witness left the scene.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORCType: G?

46.

Location. Houston, Texas

Date: late May 2002

Time: afternoon

The witness was at the local electric company in order to pay a bill when she decided to use the restrooms. Sitting in the stall she then noticed on the side of the wall of the stall what appeared to be a face lit up in a dull light. When the witness looked directly at the "face" it vanished. She described it as having large round eyes no visible nose and a slit-like mouth. (A peeping tom alien?)

HC addendum

Source: Unsolved Mysteries.comType: E?

47.

Location. General Acha, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: early June 2002

Time: various

A resident of the Oeste neighborhood informed newspaper sources that a short green-colored dwarf like entity has appeared twice on her property: once in the morning and once in the afternoon. When her husband ran out responding to her screams, the mysterious entity vanished by rapidly climbing up a tree. All versions agree in that the entity is short in stature. Another resident added that it moved so quickly that it was hard

to describe it. In the same area mysterious cattle mutilations have also been reported.

HC addendum

Source: Loren Coleman in UFO UpdatesType: E

48.

Location. Ojo De Agua, Argentina

Date: June 2002

Time: afternoon

Several passengers onboard two farm micro buses reported seeing a very tall dark man like figure that appeared to be wearing a tight fitting diver's outfit standing on a nearby field. Nearby numerous mysterious animal mutilations have been reported. The figure was silent and was quickly lost from sight as the buses moved away.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

49.

Location. Near Tampa, Florida

Date: June 2002

Time: night

A man and three of his friends reported encountering two bizarre chupacabra type creatures one stood about 3-4 ft tall, the other looked to be about 6 ft tall. Both had large glowing red eyes and spikes starting from the head to the back. They scurried away into a wooded area. (They were to have further encounters in August).

HC addendum

Source: Art Bell.comType: E

50.

Location. Antalya, Turkey

Date: June 5 2002

Time: afternoon

Approximately 45 witnesses claimed they saw an UFO in the Santral district landing on the backyard of the Fatma Primary School. Several students including Murat Esici age 11 saw an alien emitting red rays from his eyes come out of the object. His hands and feet were metallic. He had a very big head and was about 1.80 meters in height. Esici temporarily lost her voice immediately after the sighting. Students Zeynep Cpnar and Nalan Donmez also claimed they saw an unusual craft and an alien beside it. "His eyes and hands were red and a red light was emitting from his eyes." The children were overcome with shock after the incident.

HC addendum

Source: Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center Intl

Type: B

51.

Location. Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka

Date: June 8 2002

Time: 2200

Approximately 50 to 70 eyewitnesses saw a UFO flying at about 100 meters above ground level. The object was silent and briefly landed emitting a bright flash like light. When it was close to the ground the object emitted a buzzing sound. Three other witnesses saw three 2 ft tall creatures than when approached ran into the jungle and disappeared.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC and News Sources

Type: D

52.

Location. Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka

Date: June 9 2002

Time: 2012

Two witnesses went to a bath on a nearby river when they heard a loud thundering sound and a UFO appeared. The craft landed nearby and two, 2 ft tall "aliens" emerged from the object. One of the humanoids flung a small fluorescent fireball like object that flew over a house and vanished. Soon the craft and humanoids disappeared.

HC addendum
Source: NUFORC & News Reports
Type: B

53.

Location. Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
Date: June 10 2002
Time: 1900

Witnesses saw a mysterious light in the sky and others saw a large disc shaped object land nearby. Three humanoids only about 2 ft tall emerged from the craft and disappeared into the forest when approached. The object also left.

HC addendum
Source: NUFORC and News Reports
Type: B

54.

Location. Chantilly, Virginia
Date: June 10 2002
Time: night

The witness was awakened during the night with a sense of some presence in the room. Looking toward the door, he saw, fading quickly, something, which almost had the appearance of a hologram. Next, shadows appeared outside the windows in an erratic shape. At first he thought the shadows to be from trees moving in a strong wind. The appearance was of a storm blowing the limbs to create these shadows outside the window. However, there was no storm. He looked at the adjacent window on the side of the house facing opposite and there was no wind at all. In fact there was no trees positioned in such a way to cast a shadow. He opened the blinds to see what might be causing the shadows. He then saw what seemed to be a hologram with the shape of two small eyes moving erratically outside the window. Frightened he closed the blinds. Two weeks later he was awakened by a humming sound and again saw the erratic shadows outside the window. He watched the shadows for 10-15 minutes and then called the police. The police found no signs of any intrusion in the yard. When the police left the witness walked toward the door facing the back porch and saw a large burst of bluish white light. It looked unnatural, almost like a laser. He has not seen the "shadows" again.

HC addendum
Source: NUFORC Type: E?

55.

Location. Ataliva Roca, La Pampa, Argentina
Date: June 11 2002
Time: 1930

A worker at a local drainage project was sitting and guarding some machinery when he noticed a short greenish colored humanoid figure that was approaching his location from a nearby field. The witness became concerned and drove away from the area in the construction equipment and did not see the creature depart.

HC addendum
Source: Fabio Picasso Type: E

56.

Location. Eduardo Castex, La Pampa Argentina
Date: June 12 2002
Time: afternoon

Two girls of a local school encountered a short greenish humanoid figure in the playing yard. The figure was standing up and appeared to be raising its arms up to the sky. Terrified the two girls retreated into the school and watched the figure scurry away into some nearby woods. Around the same time a local farmer found a strangely mutilated hog in his farm.

HC addendum
Source: Fabio Picasso Type: E

57.

Location. Chasico, Bahia Blanca, Argentina
Date: June 12 2002
Time: afternoon

Hugo Deluca and several other workers were parked in a bus in an isolated area when they spotted about 20 meters away a short, 1.20 meters tall,

bipedal figure completely covered in gray hair. It walked upright like a man and then scurried away into some woods vanishing from sight. The area had been hit with animal mutilations around the same time.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

58.

Location. Castex, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: June 13 2002

Time: night

A 70-year old man had gone to his driveway to check on a flat tire in his car when a short light green colored humanoid suddenly appeared next to him. It had large round ears, and two reddish luminous eyes. Its body was thin and almost triangular in shape. The witness attempted to yell out but was suddenly unable to speak and at the same time strange warmth invaded his body. Several seconds later the humanoid vanished and the witness returned to normal. He reported the incident to the police.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

59.

Location. La Laguna, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: June 14 2002

Time: afternoon

Several youngster had gone into the fields in order to obtain some firewood when they saw sitting on a clearing in the woods two human like figures, all dressed in black. They sat facing each other, one looking towards the east the other towards the west, unmoving. Unnerved by the sight the juveniles ran from the area. The next day the father of one of the boys found two dead cows at the site, but could find no trace of the strange pair. Days later a sheep and a horse were found dead and strangely mutilated in the nearby location of El Cardonal.

HC addendum

Source: Gloria Raquel Coluchi, El Dragon InvisibleType: E

60.

Location. De Kalb, Illinois

Date: June 15 2002

Time: 0030A

The witness was sitting in his family room watching TV when he noticed a bright flash of light outside the window. He saw the flash several times and decided to check his backyard there he saw a circular light moving around in circles. The light began to get closer; scared he ran inside his home and called a friend on the phone. He then quickly ran outside and saw the circle getting closer, he noticed that it had a purplish color to it and it began to descend towards the ground. He became nauseous and dizzy and collapsed on to the ground. He tried to crawl to the house but was unable to move. He turned his head and saw the purplish object on the ground and what appeared to be a door opening up. He then heard a squeaking noise and saw a tall and a short figure standing by a door of the object. The two figures started to move towards him, walking in a strange bopping fashion. They were of a dark complexion with a bumpy texture, other than that they resembled normal human beings. The shorter figure approached and picked up the witness' camera and stared at it. He then looked at the taller figure and handed it to him. The taller of the two looked at the camera and then at the witness. The witness then heard loud unpleasant shrieks coming from the taller figure, which then gave the camera back to the shorter figure, which covered the camera with his hand, seconds later a light began to emerge from their hands. Then they stopped, threw the camera aside and began to walk towards the witness. They reached his side and started to examine his body. A dog began to bark from inside the house and the shorter figure put out his hand and the dog stopped barking. At this point the witness began to vomit. After about a minute he began to relax and to breathe better. When he turned his head he realized that the two figures and the purple spherical object were now gone. The next day he had a very severe headache.

HC addendum

Source: Mystical UniverseType: B

61.

Location. San Juan, Argentina

Date: June 20 2002

Time: evening

At a location where the body of a strangely mutilated carcass of a cow was found two witnesses reported seeing a small creature with large glowing slanted eyes and about one meter in height. Later in the same area, members of the Gimenez family after investigating noises and a strong odor coming from a wooded area found a mutilated cow and also watched a short humanoid with glowing eyes scurrying away into the woods.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

62.

Location. Manuel Rodriguez, Calama, Chile

Date: June 22 2002

Time: after midnight

A bizarre creature was spotted at a local housing complex on San Antonio Street. Witnesses reported that it resembled an ape and it jumped all over the roof. It passed right in front of the witness, Maria Gavia's window and then it came back making all manner of noise. The creature was able to make very long jumps, unlike any a human could. It jumped and landed on the neighbor's roof and then it left the area. Neighborhood dogs acted scared and began howling. Others described the creature as about 1.5 meters tall, stocky in build with bright red eyes. It made a lot of noise. Others reportedly chased the creature.

HC addendum

Source: Jaime Ferrer, Calama UFO Center, quoting El

Mercurio de CalamaType: E

63.

Location. Angencia Realico, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: June 23 2002

Time: late night

Several hunters returning to a local ranch spotted about 50 meters away two large glowing reddish eyes staring at them. They turned off their flashlight and approached closer on foot, about 30 meters away they again saw the reddish eyes on a dark creature that appeared to be standing on top of an apparently dead animal. One of the hunters shone its flashlight on the figure again and saw a figure about 40 cm in height that quickly ran from the area at very high speed. The creature disappeared into the brush. At the scene, a dead and mutilated young heifer. Other mutilations were reported in the area.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

64.

Location. Rancul, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: June 25 2002

Time: 2020

Two young men, Nestor Pinto and Daniel Gatica were walking on a field when they encountered a short man-like figure with huge pointy ears and long dangling arms standing near some brush. The figure scurried into the brush and disappeared and at the same time the two witnesses ran away from the area and did not see the strange dwarf again.

HC addendum

Source: Fabio PicassoType: E

65.

Location. Bavaria, Germany (exact location not given)

Date: June 25 2002

Time: night

The witness had stayed up late watching the soccer game as was in his bedroom when suddenly there was a coldness around him that made him shiver. He noticed that his audio capabilities were somehow enhanced and he was able to hear sounds that previously he was unable to hear. He then heard a noise outside his door and went out to investigate. The noise became louder as he approached the door. He then heard footsteps and opened the door. A very small man with a somewhat deformed body that was smiling at him confronted the witness. He looked straight ahead and then stared at the witness. His next memory was of waking up in his bed in the morning.

HC addendum

Source: Unsolved Mysteries.com

Type: E

66.
 Location. Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania
 Date: June 26 2002
 Time: 2105

The primary witness had stepped out on his back porch when his attention was drawn to two huge black "birds" which were approaching from the north. His first impression was they were Herons, but soon realized that the color was wrong, and "they were huge, much larger than any bird I have ever seen." The two huge birds landed at the top of a very tall coniferous tree. The witness stated that the wingspan appeared to be wider than the branches, just below where they had landed. The body size was estimated to be about six feet from head to tail. The oddest feature was the shape of the wings, which according to the witness appeared to be bat-like. The tree where the "birds" landed seemed as though it would break from their weight. The witness yelled for others in the house to come outside to look. Another family member was able to see the huge black birds as they passed overhead, and headed for some woods. After checking the size of the branches where the birds had landed, the witness estimated that the wingspan would have been close to 12 feet or somewhat larger.

HC addendum
 Source: Stan GordonType: E

67.
 Location. Marldon Hill, Paington, England
 Date: June 26 2002
 Time: 2357

A couple were walking near a local historic monument (a windmill) and they drew closer to monument they heard a low whirling noise. The noise progressed to a high-pitched whining, almost out of hearing range. Then they saw a mysterious glow coming from the dark side of the windmill, and then to their astonishment they saw 5 or 6 shadow like figures standing in front of the windmill. Startled the two began to run back towards the main road. The woman looked back and saw the figures become engulfed by a bright light and disappear, and then everything became quiet.

HC addendum
 Source: UFO Sightings UKType: E?

68.
 Location. Adelia Maria, Cordoba, Argentina
 Date: July 3 2002
 Time: 2100

Pedro and Estela Moine had decided to visit the business district of town called Barrio Norte and crossed the old railroad yard through a pedestrian pathway that ran through a pasture area between some silos, old railroad depots and abandoned wreckage. As the couple moved through the premises they suddenly became aware of a strange and incomprehensible conversation between many voices. Startled, they stopped walking moved a few meters more and then heard the voices again which now sounded like strange "O" sounds. Pedro looked toward the silos and was able to see resembling humanoid but lacking upper and lower extremities. Despite the pleas of his wife, Pedro ran several meters toward an inner alley in the silo plant, being able to make out some 45 meters to the west and in profile---the entity, which acting surprised, avoided the encounter and moved again to the north. However, what filled the witnesses with wonderment was that the creature did so as though flying or floating without touching the facilities it passed. Pedro and Estela ran after it. It was thus that the man managed to see the entity apparently hiding behind the control room of the truck scale. Pedro ran toward it and was again startled to see the apparition rising as a plane taking off, flying at an altitude of 5 meters and disappearing behind a large metal shed. Bewildered, both witnesses called out, but were unable to see anything else. Pedro Moine as "a thing with human shape" described the apparition. It had some sort of light, although he could not say if reflected or self-generated, although he tends to believe the latter, since it was a nebulous whitish light, which kept him from making out details. The entire mass of the apparition appeared to be a body covered from head to toe in some sort of mantle, which he described as though it wore a hat, but covered with some kind of long raincoat reaching down to what he took to be its feet. He added that the "conversational sounds" repeated themselves in three separate occasions at various intensities. They were like conversations in a strange language.

HC addendum
 Source: Mario Luis Bracamonte, C.O.R, Rio Cuarto Argentina
 Type: E

69.

Location. Jerusalem, Israel

Date: July 6 2002

Time: night

A remote TV camera picked up images of "orbs seen on the corner to the right of the Wailing Wall." They seemed to have facial features almost like a ghost, reported investigator Charlotte LeFevre. The orbs were described as "sharp and distinct". The orbs were next to the women's prayer area in front of the Wall. Other strange phenomena, has been reported in the area.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 7 # 29Type: F?

70.

Location. Villa Elisa, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: July 13 2002

Time: 2300

A young woman fainted from nervous shock after having an alleged closed encounter with "some sort of green dwarf". This occurred---enveloped in darkness---along Misioneros Salesianos Street very close to several houses. An ambulance was called and apparently transported the witness who was in shock.

HC addendum

Source: Gloria ColuchiType: E

71.

Location. Patna, India

Date: July 21 2002

Time: night

Several residents claim they've been bitten or scratched by a "black monkey-like creature with colored lights flashing from its eyes." Resident Pawan Kumar Niyogi who was sleeping on the terrace of his house claims "a 5 ft tall monkey-like creature" attacked him. He said: "I was terrified and thought my life was going to end but it merely scratched me on the shoulder before jumping off the roof." Local residents are conducting night vigils and carrying torches to guard their homes.

HC addendum

Source: Ananova, Ufoupdates. Type: E

72.

Location. Chajan, Cordoba, Argentina

Date: July 21 2002

Time: 2300

Police officer Guillermo Arias was on routine patrol through a rural area when he heard over the radio that his colleagues in arms over at Achiras were seeing lights in sectors of said community, and that they were heading towards Chajan along National Route 8. At the wheel of the police patrol van, he managed to see a formation of 7 lights in the distance and decided to drive 10 km along a rural dirt road. When he had covered said distance, he noticed, not without surprise, that the engine of his vehicle sputtered and died, causing the police car to strike the edge of a guardrail. Simultaneously, the lights on the van's dashboard began turning on and off randomly, the police radio went haywire and its dial displayed the random shifting of the frequencies while the cabin became filled with an acrid odor, as though of burnt wiring, and the interior lights and stop indicator, which were broken, began lighting on and off. Seized by fear, Arias leaped from the van and walked away a few meters down the road, losing his cellular phone in the escape. The darkness was total, when suddenly, amid the confusing situation; an immense light emerged from a field adjacent to the road as a triangular object rose majestically into the air. Now Arias condition went from fear to abject terror as he saw what he described as a real "floating city" some 200 meters long with a long row of windows (perhaps as many as 100). Arias claims having seen something move behind them, describing the movement as "TV sets which make lines and shadows", which he defined as "non-human", and that many beams of light came out of the giant triangle, aimed at the ground. The event lasted 2-3 seconds, but to Arias it felt like an eternity. The object suddenly rose and sped away, vanishing behind the hills of a local field. As the object moved away, the whole area was lit up like daytime and there was an afterglow that lasted another 20 minutes.

HC addendum

Source: C.O.R., Circulo Ovnologico Riocuartense, Argentina

Type: A

73.

Location. Waconia, Minnesota

Date: July 26 2002

Time: 0300A

The young witness was sleeping in the backyard with his sister when he suddenly woke up. He then noticed that the side of the tent that faced the wetlands and lake was lit up. Looking towards the light he saw a shadowy torso and arm of a humanoid figure that seemed to be moving around within the light. He watched for 30 seconds and saw the figure move the fingers of his hands. The witness became frightened and hid in his sleeping bag. He came out about an hour later and the light and strange figure were completely gone.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC

Type: C?

74.

Location. Sedona, Arizona

Date: July 28 2002

Time: 0310A

In a wooded area the witness saw what appeared to be a figure glowing all white, with black "straight" eyes; and black diagonal/diamond strip of "clothing" on top. He stood staring at the figure for 20 seconds and then left. Prior to seeing the figure the witness had seen lights in a large oval shaped pattern in the sky.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC

Type: C?

75.

Location. Tahmoor, Queensland, Australia

Date: July 28 2002

Time: 1730

Three girls had decided to visit the rooftop as they did the prior evening watching for satellites. It was dusk and the girls had a good vantage point looking towards the east. With them they had a pair of binoculars and a pair of walkie-talkies. The girls noticed that a large orange light appeared approximately 15 degrees above the eastern horizon. The anomaly was noted to have fluctuated in colors of orange, yellow, white and pale blue. At first they thought of an arriving airplane, but then a second light appeared approximately 50 degrees south of the first anomaly, and about 10 degrees above the horizon. This much smaller anomaly began to perform some unusually maneuvering; from a stationary position it accelerated at least 5 degrees closer to the ground surface at an approximate 45-60 degree angle within a matter of a single second. The first anomaly then began to move slowly towards the north. At this stage they partially lost view of it as it moved behind a tree. Then a third anomaly appeared in a valley-like region of the horizon. According to the witnesses, this third object appeared to have "landed" on the ground surface. The object was then viewed through the binoculars and presented in great detail; the object was described as a gray saucer with interchanging colors of green, red/orange, blue/purple and white rotating around the rim. They also noted the trees being slightly illuminated by this extraordinary phenomenon. They were suddenly distracted by someone on their walkie-talkie saying, "Identify yourself." This was followed by some unusual voices communicating in a foreign language. Around 1830 the girls were then called down to have dinner. At about 2030 the girls re-established their places on the roof after dinner. To their surprise, the third ground-based object was still present. Unexpectedly a yellow beam of light ascended a few meters above the object and suddenly deviated its course towards the three girls. "It was like an orange, yellowy bright light shining on us from far away." The light shone on them for a period of about half a minute. At this point, it is not clear how one of the girls ended up on the ground. She became extremely hysterical and ran inside. The other two girls quickly followed her. That evening all three girls had stomach pains. One of them could not sleep and did not go to school the next day. Another of the girls woke up the next morning with her nose bleeding. She also mentioned that she had seen a strange small human like figure in her bedroom.

HC addendum

Source: The Australian UFO Research Network

Type: D or F?

76.

Location. Punta Alta, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

Date: July 29 2002

Time: early morning

Local residents have seen a strange figure, which they described as resembling a "shroud". The apparitions, which always occur in the early morning hours, have become so common that in recent days several neighbors have stayed up late to see them, and it is thus that they were able to confirm the simultaneous presence of up to 2 such beings, as well as red lights flying over the area. All the witnesses whether individuals or in a group, agree that the entities are nebulous and glowing, with a pair of red eyes being clearly identifiable, and glassy faces (as if transparent). Their movements are smooth and they always appear from behind the sand dunes, as though "coming from the Naval Base." Most witnesses agree that they show a great interest in the water tanks located above the roofs, and that they do not flee upon detecting the presence of local residents---rather, they stare at them fixedly for some minutes. Deep silence is perceived during the observations and "the air appears to become still" and neither heat nor cold can be felt---only a sensation of warmth, as if the beings emanated heat. Witnesses also state that things appear to be darker when "the shroud" appears, as though ambient lighting were dimmed. Another curious fact is the large number of cats and dogs who report to the place where the sightings occur and sit down to observe it in silence, in a state resembling a trance. A series of semi-circular prints have been found in the dunes, not very deep, with 15-20 cm separations in some cases and 30-50 cm in others. The locals have identified them as the strange being's footprints. Efforts have been made to photograph the "shroud", but all images, despite the use of different cameras appear exposed. One witness who approached the site to witness the phenomenon took two photos of the prints in the afternoon and decided to stay with the group of people hoping to see the "shroud", managing to take some photos of same and record the new prints which appeared in the dunes after the sighting. A completely uncommon print was found at the site---but the residents aren't sure if it's related to the phenomenon: it has the shape of a five-fingered claw. One witness tried to make use of his carbine's telescopic sight to see the figure in greater detail, but "when he tried to focus on it, he could see nothing_it was a though it could only be seen with the unaided eye."

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, IHU, Christian Quintero and O A Mario

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Type: C or E?

77.

Location. Arroyo Pareja, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

Date: July 30 2002

Time: 0530A

27-year old Mariela Baigorri reported seeing a strange figure that floated in front of her house. She had woken up early that morning and was getting ready to mount her bicycle when she saw behind the fence something floating in mid-air. It appeared to be a figure wearing a flowing white transparent tunic, with bright red eyes and undefined facial features. Feeling no fear she decided to approach it. She felt as if the figure waited for her and was observing her. At this point Mariela felt some fear and began reciting the Lord's Prayer. The figure suddenly moved back and disappeared in plain sight.

HC addendum

Source: Juan Carlos Corrales Morey, Vision Ovni, Argentina

Type: E

78.

Location. Arroyo Pareja, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

Date: July 31 2002

Time: 1845

23-year old Julian Pereyra was in his vehicle when he observed two red spheres flying slowly over some nearby woods, they seemed to descend and disappear behind the trees. 15 minutes later, Pereyra, accompanied by several other witnesses approached the area and observed what they described a tall floating figure wearing a white glowing cape like outfit, it seemed to glide silently over a field. It had what appeared to be a visor at face level and two beams of red light emerged from where the eyes would have been. The witnesses watched the strange figure glide over the fields for about 30 minutes. Curiously numerous local dogs and cats approached and also watched the figure in fascination. The lights and figure disappeared into the distance. In another occasion Pereyra and some of his family members encountered the strange humanoid and felt a strange sensation as if the wind had suddenly stopped, they felt as they were inside a vacuum or "bubble." Strange tracks have been reportedly found in the area also.

HC addendum

Source: Diario La Nueva Provincia, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

Type: C?

79.

Location. La Cienaga, Pocri, Panama

Date: early August 2002

Time: night

Luis Alfredo Diaz reported hearing loud noises coming from the terraced patio where the kitchen was located, going to investigate he found his cat apparently dead with two obvious holes on the neck and some blood on the floor. Before finding the cat he had called his wife, Maria de Los Santos Barrios. As his wife stood in front of him a panic stricken look came over her face, turning around he was confronted by a bizarre 1-meter tall humanoid that had jumped to the center of the patio. The creature was described as thin, covered with dark hair, with large pointed ears that almost covered its face, it had very large eyes and extremely strong hind legs resembling that of a kangaroo. Terrified he ran to his son's bedroom and carried him outside yelling for his neighbors. A search failed to locate anything.

HC addendum

Source: Panamanian Paranormal Forum

Type: E

80.

Location. Near Waterville Valley, New Hampshire

Date: August 2002

Time: night

The same witness involved in a similar encounter last year was again camping in the same area when he again heard a noise. Shining the light in the direction of the sound he again saw the same creature. The creature sat there crouched by the trees staring at the witness. The witness walked slowly towards it, he got to within 20 ft when it just jumped backward and disappeared. He described the creature as about five to six ft in height, gray in color. It was totally naked. It had human features, but more leathery, and its face was very wide, its eyes were huge and even though they reflected light, they still looked black, resembling two intensely black marbles. Its legs were very muscular, but turned backwards, like a bird. Other hikers in the area have reported encountering little brown men on some of the more isolated trails.

HC addendum

Source: Paranormal Story Archives, November 2002Type: E

81.

Location. Jacinto Arauz, La Pampa, Argentina

Date: August 1 2002

Time: late evening

64-year old Raul Dorado was touring some fields when he heard a loud sound on two occasions, like a whirlwind, which drew his attention. The third time he saw something he describes as a green circle with three legs hovering over him. At that moment Dorado fell to the ground, and according to his story, he carried a shotgun, binoculars and a cellular phone, the latter, which was taken from his hand, and he could clearly see being sucked into the object, which was apparently at low altitude. His next recollection was seeing the object disappear toward the east. Dorado remained at the location for an hour before being able to rise and walk back to his car, returning to town in a state of shock. He had to be hospitalized. Later when calls were placed to the (abducted) cellular phone someone would pick up and heavy breathing could be heard. Later on the phone was apparently disconnected.

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, quoting Diario La Arena, La PampaType: G?

82.

Location. Montour Ridge, Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Date: August 2 2002

Time: 1730

A man named Todd Sees went up the mountain to look for pre-season deer. He told his wife that he would be home by noon. He rode his 4-wheeler up the power line behind his home. He never returned. A search party composed of local police, state police and volunteers searched for Sees. The 4-wheeler was found on the top of the mountain near a power-line. Tracking dogs could find nothing to go on around the 4-wheeler. The search went on for 2 days and over 6 miles of mountain was covered from top to bottom. Then, in the

evening of the 2nd day, his body was found in a hard to reach wooded area. He was wearing his underwear. He was emaciated---not bloated. He was pale and had an expression of horror on his face. When he went up the mountain he was fully dressed, boots, camo-vest, hat, socks, pants. 3 people, on one farm, said they saw a large round bright object just above the power-lines at the time of the disappearance. It was silent, it did not move for about 10 to 15 minutes. It suddenly went up and suddenly stopped. A light shone down and something was pulled up into the light. It then went straight up, hesitated again, and then went west over the Susquehanna River and out of sight. More specifically a farmer saw an object above Montour Ridge at the power lines, on top of the mountain, it was round and very still over the lines. Suddenly it moved what looked like a few hundred feet to the east, it stopped and a beam of blue and white light shone to the ground. What was seen next was very unnerving, he saw what appeared to be a man suspended in the light, he was being pulled up head first, he was moving his arms slowly in the light. What looked like a man was pulled up into the bottom of the craft. A few seconds later it started shuddering, then went west very fast, stopped briefly, and then went straight up and out of sight. Also three fishermen saw the craft. The FBI is supposedly also investigating. (Debated as a hoax, who would? and for what purpose?).

HC addendum

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